

# Ship to Shore

# special web edition

# Stony Point, NY 10980

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#### **Director's Report** for January 2016 From Director Bob Tamagny:

The Board met with R and reminded a member of his work requirements and commitments to MYC. The Board was given assurances that all commitments would be met.

R The club will again give one night free dockage to members of other Hudson River Clubs that are members of the HRBYCA and they in turn will give reciprocity to MYC members.

P Probationary member Jessie Fitzgerald was unanimously approved to regular member status.

The club was given a gift B of \$1000 in the name of Aage J "Chubby" Jorgensen. The donor's preference is for the money to be used for the youth sail program.



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Minisceongo Yacht Club will hold its next meeting on Friday, February 12, 2016, at 8 P.M. in the Clubhouse.

# From Commodore Wayne Mitts:

So here we are in the dead of winter. While early winter was very mild, we are now getting the worst of winter. Of course I want to thank the deice committee and those that volunteer for their diligence in protecting our basin from damaging ice. It's not an easy task, but it's one they do well.

I would also like to thank the Social Committee for providing the food and beverages for the Commodore's Reception. Everything was excellent, which I'm sorry to say is what we've come to expect. I think that's their fault for always doing such a great job. And a special thank you goes to all those that

attended. You certainly made it a very special day for me.

The dock 4 bulkhead project is progressing quickly toward completion. By the time you read this it may very well be done! For those that have not been to



Commodore Mitts with Board and Bridge Members

the club and have not seen it, it looks great. I think it's a big improvement over what we had, and it's something that we will not need to worry about for a long, long time - Certainly not in our lifetimes.

I've always said that if you give our members a project, they will step up and accomplish amazing things. Such is the case with the dock 6 replacement project. The first day the water and electric were disconnected, the fingers were removed and tied up by dock 1, the main dock was removed and taken away, and the replacement cement docks were floated into position. The fingers were then moved back over by dock 6 and tied up temporarily. John Kime and his committee, Frank Covino and the electric committee, and the many regular and associate volunteers have done an amazing job. This in spite of the fact it was a holiday weekend. They continue to work towards the completion of this project before spring. They all deserve our thanks for taking on this project and getting it done with the least amount of disruption to our club, and without interfering with our members' boating season. Joe Paccione and Sea Tow deserve a special thanks for the use of the Sea Tow boat to remove the old docks.

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#### **The Minisceongo Yacht Club Auxiliary** From the MYCA Bridge

Welcome to February – winter is finally here. But the good thing about that is spring is right around the corner and with it comes thoughts of getting our boats ready for another season.

It was great to see so many people at the Commodore's Reception last month. Everything was wonderful; the weather, the food and the company. We're all looking forward to another great year at MYC.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone to send in their dues for the auxiliary. Everyone is welcome to join and we look forward to meeting new members and making new friends.

For those of you who are not familiar with the Auxiliary, we meet from May through October in the Snack Shack on the same night and at the same time as the membership meeting. (See coupon).

Mark your calendars for the Annual Installation Dinner on Friday, April 8, 2016. It will be held at Lynch's on 9W in Stony Point, NY at 7PM. Reservations should be sent to Janice Romano. It is the first event of the season and it is a great time to see everyone and catch up on all the news. (See coupon).

*Please* join us as we continue to make this the Best Yacht Club on the Hudson.

# Sail Fleet and Regatta Schedule

For all of you die hards in need of something to look forward to, here are a few dates to mark on your calendar:

- ▷ MYC Organization Meeting Feb 27th 10AM
- Kingston Sailing Club Maritime Cup Regatta: June 4 and June 5
- ➢ Chelsea Yacht Club Chelsea Open Regatta: June 11 and June 12
- Hudson Cove Yacht Club Annual Hudson Cove Regatta: June 25 and June 26
- ► MYC Sail Camp July 9th-23rd
- ▷ MYC JR Sail Camp Out July 15th
- ▷ Women's Regatta: August 6th. Location is TBD
- Shattemuc Yacht Club Annual Shattemuc Regatta: September 10 and September 11
- Minisceongo Yacht Club Sutherland Regatta: September 17 and September 18
- Nyack Boat Club Last Chance Regatta: Tentative for Oct 1 (based on calendar of other regattas which may already be taking place)





Sail Fleet From Chairman Jessie Fitzgerald

Did you know it's only 100 days until boating season? Don't get too excited, there is a bit to do before it gets here. Join us on Saturday, February 27th at 10AM for our annual Sail fleet Organization Breakfast where we try to plan as much time on the water as possible. Items on the agenda include the Weekend Racing Series, the Sutherland Regatta, HRYRA Events, Laser Sailing, the Junior Sailing Program, and adult sailing education. Please join us, new faces and ideas are always welcome!

**JR SAILING UPDATE:** Registration is now open for 2016 camp. This year camp runs from July 9th -23rd. (See attached flyer). Space is limited so make sure to sign up early and start practicing those knots!

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#### *Commodore*, continued from page one

The new clubhouse committee has selected one architect from the 3 they were considering. Degenshein Architects has been selected, and we hope to have Jan Degenshein make a presentation at our February membership meeting. Mr Degenshein is very knowledgeable about boating and boat clubs, and he is very excited to work with us. Having viewed some of his previous projects, and listening to his ideas and suggestions, we believe he is the right fit for our club. We believe he and his staff can design the new clubhouse that we need and want.

Last but not least, think spring! Remember in 4 or 5 weeks we can start to think about removing the covers from our boats and getting ready to go boating. That is after all what we are here for.

#### **Cruising Fleet** From Chairman Don Rubin:

The annual potluck lunch will be held at the clubhouse on Sunday, February 21 at 1pm. There is no cost to join us, just bring an appetizer, main dish or dessert and drinks. If you haven't already done so, please let me know. The preliminary dates for the *winter cruise are March 18, 19, and 20, 2016.* We are still checking out lodging in Cape May. We will get back to you when we have more information.

Several years ago we went on a road trip to Solomons Island on the Maryland western shore of Chesapeake Bay. The destination was Zahniser's Yachting Center at the mouth of the Patuxent River for the annual Catalina Rendezvous. The late 1700s and early 1800s, local economy of Solomons was based on the fishing fleet, harvesting oysters and boatbuilding. Now the local economy is based on tourism.

Zahniser's Yachting Center is located on Back Creek. From the south, the Yachting Center is to port just past green buoy #5. There is approximately 14-15 feet in



# Sunshine

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From Andy Hudson for MYC and Miriam Raber for MYCA

◆ Georgann Hafner, beloved wife of Joe Hafner, died on Monday January 25, 2016. Our sincere condolences to Joe, their three children and their family and friends.

◆ Tedd Hardman is home and recuperating from emergency coronary bypass surgery. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

their channel and at the docks. Zahniser's is truly a full service marina, with engine repairs, fiberglass work, electronics, carpentry, and practically anything else that can go wrong "out there". The marina has nicely maintained restrooms, showers and laundry facilities. You can keep in touch with WIFI. Pets are welcome in the Pet Walk Area. There is a Pool Bar and Grill on their patio and the Dry Dock Restaurant overlooking the water for seafood and steaks. The on-site ships' store has marine supplies, parts and hardware. For the sailor, Quantum Sails provides service.

One of our friends showed up at the dock for the rendezvous on his 42-foot Catalina with a hole just above the waterline at the bow of his boat. He had set the GPS and autopilot for the next buoy while he went forward to furl his mainsail. He couldn't have hit the buoy any better if he were steering by hand. It is my understanding that the buoy did not move an inch!

There are a couple of sites that should not be missed if visiting Solomons. The Calvert Marine Museum presents the maritime history as well as the natural history of the area. There is also one of the few remaining screw-pile lighthouses you can tour. If you are trying to soak up some culture you can visit the Annmarie Garden Sculpture Park and Arts Center. This is a public garden and arts center with outdoor artwork along the walking paths.

That summer seemed to be one of the hottest on record so we spent the entire weekend in the pool! Except for the time spent on the local dealer's air-conditioned boat where they just happened to be serving margaritas and frozen strawberry daiquiris. Zahniser's also prepared an excellent party for the rendezvous with buffet breakfasts, barbeque lunches and catered dinners. It's always about the food!

The Clubhouse after the storm

#### Grounds Committee Report From Chairman Chris Vicidomini

With all the work going on between dock 4 & 6 we will have a busy spring. On Saturday, January 9, we had a great crew of volunteer workers from the club to help cut up a couple of trees that were taken down by dock 4. The decision was made to clear up all along dock 4 in one shot. By 1pm, after many trips to the town dump, dock 4 was all clear for the contractor to finish the rock wall. Thank you to everyone who helped.

I plan to have a meeting in March with the grounds committee to go over the work to be done for the spring and our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. See you all then.

## Yard Committee Report

From Chairman Roger Wieland

The winter is half over and it's time to think about and plan those boat projects you want to complete before we launch your boat. The boats that are stored in the aisles must be launched first. We will start launching in April.

As a reminder when working on your boat, secure your ladder and be sure to unplug your electric before you leave.

If your boat is shrink wrapped, it is your responsibility to remove it. Take it home, do not put in one of the dumpsters at MYC.

Thanks for your cooperation, Rog

**PS** "Mike" and I want to thank our MYC family for their thoughts, prayers, cards and calls, and the gift basket from the Auxillary. You Guys have always been there for us. Thanks and God Bless You .

## Membership Committee Report

From Chairman Gurran Kane

We currently have three small slips available for boats of about 16' to 22'. Two slips are located inside dock 4, and 1 inside dock 5. If you know of someone interested, please have them contact Gurran Kane.



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## A Look at the Future

Tuesday, February 9 Friday, February 12 Thursday, February 18 Sunday, February 21 Wednesday, February 24 Saturday, February 27 Friday, April 8 Weekend of April 9-10 Saturday, May 28

- Clubhouse Clubhouse Clubhouse Clubhouse Keira Burtch Clubhouse Lynch's Clubhouse and grounds Clubhouse and grounds
- Executive Committee Meeting MYC Membership Meeting Coast Guard Auxiliary Meeting Cruising Fleet Potluck Ship To Shore Deadline Sail Fleet Breakfast MYCA Installation Dinner Work Weekend Opening Day and 75th Anniversary

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# New Dock 6 Installation - photos by Mark Hechinger



# Dock 4 Bulkhead Repair - photos by Art Basley









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# Commodore's Reception - photos by John O'Blenis



























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