



# Ship to Shore

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## From Commodore Andy Hudson

Hello all:

It's January. As I look at my outdoor thermometer, it reads 7 degrees. It's snowing, and the wind is blowing with gusts of 25. For you lovers of the sound, it's well over 30 at Eatons Neck. Aren't you glad your boat is safely up the Hudson, blocked with the care of our yard committee? It is a good idea to check your stands though, as sometimes they sink a bit with the freeze thaw cycles we've been having.

A big thanks goes to the ice committee for checking the ice buildup every day during this cold weather. It's not an easy thing going out on the docks and fixing what doesn't work.

Most of you don't remember the winter of 1994. We broke a foot of rotten ice at the end of March that year. That was the last time that Croton was sailed by iceboats. All of the piles on dock 1 needed to be straightened. Many needed to be reset on the other docks with the old pile driver. There were docks broken in two. It was an incredible amount of work to get the harbor ready for boats that year. That's the winter we have now. Thankfully, our harbor is protected from the ice flows coming down the river, and we have a new dock system. We have a much better ice system. We may have a few things to fix, but nothing like back then. I'm very thankful to those who worked so tirelessly to re-vitalize our dock system.

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## WANTED

The MYC Jr Sail Fleet is looking for a small boat trailer for their 420 sail boat. The boat is 13'-9" long and weighs under 200 pounds. If you know of a trailer please contact Andy Hudson or Bob Weismantel.

*Donations welcome*

Minisceongo Yacht Club will hold its next meeting on *Friday, February 14, 2014, at 8 P.M.* in the Clubhouse. ♥ *Happy Valentine's Day* ♥

## Report for January 2014 from the Board of Directors

From Senior Director Tony Schweiker

- \* The board of directors met on Tuesday January 7, 2014
- \* The first order of business was the operating budget for 2014 which was approved by the board and will be presented to the membership for a final vote.
- \* Commodore Hudson's committee assignments were finalized and approved.
- \* Dates for the MYC 2014 calendar were approved and secretary Arthur Basely will transmit the information to be included in the MYC website and Ship to Shore Newsletter.
- \* Three associate members' trailer boats were discussed. One for immediate removal by the owner upon payment of delinquent invoice, the second for conveyance of ownership to MYC to satisfy an unpaid balance, and the third regarding a vehicle parked on the picnic area grounds for two months.
- \* Two new associate member applications were approved by the board, for general membership approval.
- \* Two Probationary members, Ray Testasecca and Chris Vicidomini were approved for Regular Membership.



Kevin Silver, Andy Hudson and Wayne Mitts  
MYC Bridge 2014

photo by John O'Brien

**The next Deadline for Ship to Shore is Monday, February 24, 2014.**

## **Commodore**, *continued from front page*

Many thanks to the social committee for a very nice commodore's reception last Sunday. Special thanks go to Bert Rechtschaffer, on keyboard, Martin Keller on guitar, Keira Burtch on flute, and my friend from the band Lou Pappas on bass. They had a wonderful jazz combo. It was very special and appreciated.

The house committee is working hard on plans for our new clubhouse. They look good and it will be a spectacular addition to our club. If you have comments, please let them be known. It will be a project for all of us, in many ways.

Stay warm, and think of the good season to come!

## **The Minisceongo Yacht Club Auxiliary**

*From Captain Dianne Silver:* I just came home from the Commodore's Reception. It was so wonderful to see our MYC friends while we toasted Commodore Hudson, enjoyed listening to a great Jazz Combo, and, of course, feasted like all MYC folks do! I can't wait to see everyone again at the February Pot Luck. Don, what musical entertainment do you have planned for us?

As Spring rapidly approaches (perhaps not really fast enough), plans are already being made for the 2014 season. Mark your calendars for our Annual Installation Dinner to be held on April 11 at Lynch's Restaurant on Route 9W in Stony Point. Join us at 7:00 to take advantage of the opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet new members. For new members, this is a fun way to get acquainted with our crew. The cost remains at \$30 and you can sign up by filling out the form in this mailer and sending it to me.

While you've got your checkbook out to sign up for the dinner, you might as well fill out the membership form and write that check too, sending it to Janice Romano.

In addition to fulfilling our purpose of supporting MYC, we have interesting programs, enjoy spending time with our boating friends and share lots of laughs. We meet once a month in the Snack Shack at the same time and date as the membership meetings from May to October. Join us!

If you have some ideas for programs this summer, please share them with Miriam Raber or Captain-elect Karen Hudson.

## **MYC Auxiliary Installation Dinner**

**Friday, April 11, 2014, at 7:00 P.M.**

**Lynch's Restaurant**

**79 S. Liberty Dr. (Route 9W), Stony Point NY**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send check (\$30) payable to MYCA,  
c/o Dianne Silver, 493 Summit Ave,  
Oradell, NJ 07649

## **MYC Auxiliary Dues Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send check (\$10) payable to MYCA,  
c/o Janice Romano, 45 Cherry Ave.,  
Cornwall on Hudson, NY 10956

## **Sail Fleet News**

*From Sail Fleet Captain Dennis Doyle:* Spring is on the way, with warmer weather and great sailing winds. One of the best ways to start the sailing season is to attend our sailing breakfast on Saturday, February 22, 2014, at 10 AM in the club house. All sailors are welcome. Breakfast will be available, and we will talk about the upcoming regattas (Laser, Women's, Opti, and the Sutherland).

In addition, plans for the Junior Sailing Camp and scheduling of our weekly club races will be discussed. Also, if you have ideas for the season, bring them along. Mark your calendar for Saturday, February 22. A donation of \$5.00 per person is suggested to cover the cost of the breakfast.

It's that time of year! Watch for:

**JR SAIL CAMP registration!**

July 12-25 and Regatta July 26 - \$35/Sailor

Must swim, have a life jacket and like to have FUN!!!!!!

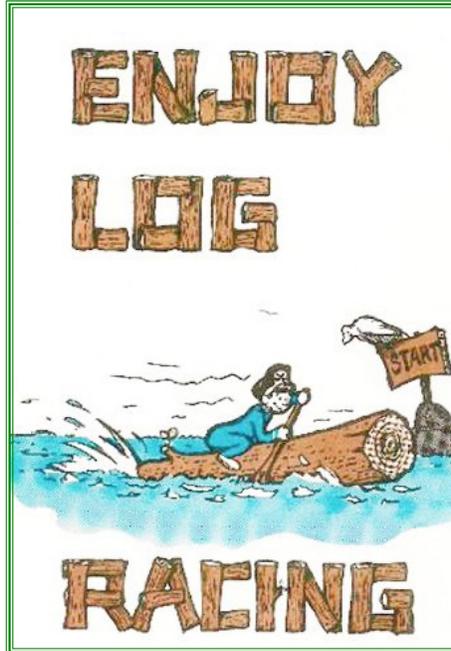
# Cruising Fleet News

*From Cruising Fleet Chairman Keira Burtch:* The Cruising Fleet is looking forward to a relaxed weekend in Cape May Friday March 21 thru Sunday March 23. We will be staying at the Cottages at the Virginia Hotel (800-732-4236) in the center of town. Check out [www.caperesorts.com/hotels/capemay/cottages](http://www.caperesorts.com/hotels/capemay/cottages). We have twelve couples signed up so far, and more are always welcome. Contact me for further information.

## Predicted Log Competition

A Predicted log competition is a great way to get to know your boat and to develop your navigational skills. Contestants are given a course that has a start and finish line, with several buoys or check-points in between. The skipper needs to predict how long it will take the boat to travel to each check point and the finish line. The boat that is closest to their predicted time is the winner.

Sounds easy... Drive up to the buoy, wait until the time you predicted and then pass the check-point. Well, the thing that makes it a challenge is that the skipper can't have a clock, GPS, auto pilot or speedometer. Your tools consist of



*graphic from North American Cruiser Association*

a compass, a tachometer, a chart, tide/current predictions and the weather report. Only the contest's official observer on board has access to a time piece and marks the exact time the boat passes each marker.

*The following is an excerpt from the United States Power Squadrons (USPS) Predicted Log Guide:*

"Predicted log contests allow a skipper to sharpen piloting, speed control, and boat-handling skills. These competitions provide opportunities for a skipper to learn about the contest boat and to learn how it performs under various conditions. Predicted log contests are tests of piloting, navigation, and boat de-

pendability, not tests of speed. Key factors to success are careful piloting, accurate determination of boat speed, and application of currents, sea conditions, and turning times."

## Potluck Affair

**Sunday, February 16, 2014, at 2 PM**

Bring your choice of appetizer, main dish or dessert! Please let us know what you will be bringing. MYC will provide beer, wine, soda, water and paper goods.

**RSVP by Monday, February 10, 2014**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\$5.00 per person. Enclosed check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ made payable to: *Minisceongo Yacht Club*

I/we will bring: \_\_appy\_\_ main dish\_\_ dessert

I/we will help with \_\_\_\_setup \_\_\_\_cleanup

Mail to: Don Rubin  
7 Prides Crossing,  
New City, NY 10956

## Sunshine

*From Dominick Ferrara for MYC  
and Miriam Raber for MYCA*

- \* Congratulations to Frank and Sandy Tonneson who joyfully welcomed their new granddaughter to the world last month. All are doing well.
- \* Continued get well wishes to Gary and Fran Kahn after their double surgeries. Both are doing well and are recuperating. They wish to thank everyone for the cards and well wishes.

## The MYC Elektrik Band

*The Commodore's Reception* was a great success. We had a good crowd, excellent food and drink, and the debut of the MYC Elektrik Band led by Bert Rechtschaffer on Keyboard, with Martin Keller on Guitar, Keira Burtch on Flute and guest artist Lou Pappas on Bass, (from the West Point Band with Andy Hudson).

Sorry I had to "Toot" my own horn.



photo by John O'Blents



photo by Tony Schrecker

*From left to right:* Predrag Knezevic, Bert Rechtschaffer, Wayne Mitts, John Moreno, Bob Tamagny, Eric Schreck, Jessie Fitzgerald.  
Not pictured: John Nonenmacher.

## HRYRA Awards

MYC was well represented at the HRYRA (Hudson River Yacht Racing Association) Awards Ceremony.

Congratulations to these MYC sailors who were honored for their winning achievements during the 2013 racing season at the annual awards ceremony at the Hudson Water Club on January 12.

## A Look at the Future

Monday, February 10		Don Rubin	Deadline for Potluck Affair
Tuesday, February 11	1930	Clubhouse	Board of Directors' Meeting
Friday, February 14	2000	Clubhouse	MYC Membership Meeting
Sunday, February 16	1400	Clubhouse	Potluck Affair
Thursday, February 20	2000	Clubhouse	Coast Guard Auxiliary Meeting
Monday, February 24		Keira Burtch	Ship to Shore Deadline
Weekend of March 21		Cruising Fleet	Trip to Cape May
April 12-13	800	All Club Facilities	Spring Work Weekend
Sunday, May 25	Noon	Flag Pole and Pavilion	Opening Day
Sunday, June 15	1100	Pavilion	Father's Day Brunch
July 12 thru July 26		Pavilion and River	Junior Sailing Camp
August 16 and 17		Kingston	ACBS Show
Saturday, August 23	Noon	Pavilion	Annual Picnic
August 20 and 21		River and Pavilion	Sutherland Regatta
Saturday, October 18	800	All Club Facilities	Fall Work Day
Saturday, November 22	1830	Nyack Seaport	Change of Watch

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