



Ship to Shore

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Message from Commodore Schweiker



Photo by Ginger Weismantel

Commodore Tony Schweiker at
Opening Day 2008.

My congratulations go to Dave Tonneson for an excellent year as Commodore. Our club is better than ever thanks to his and Debbie's hard work. As your new Commodore, let me wish all who read this a healthy and safe 2009.

The winter months are an opportunity for most of us to relax with our families and think of other things besides boating. A vacation from our very active avocation, this is a time for most of us to get on to other chores and relaxation since our boats and facilities are dormant for the next few months. However I must mention, in appreciation, the continued efforts of our De-Ice Team headed by Dan Adler, and Security overseen by Hector Miranda, both of which will

be watching over Minisceongo for us this winter.

A few of my goals for the upcoming year: with your help, we will focus on maintaining our buildings; and initiate the process of replacing our bulkheads at the Gap and Dock 5—more on this in later issues.

By Opening Day, the Harbor and the Wednesday Crews will have finished installing safety ladders on all docks. Our Clubhouse porch repairs should be completed too.

Another project, started last year, will be completed soon. I refer to what we affectionately call the East Bank Dock, or Dock 6, which when finished will bring in new Associate members and help assure our financial future for years to come, the work accomplished so far has involved virtually every committee and many multiple days of our members' efforts. Thank you all very much.

Our defibrillators have been acquired. Instruction on their use will be offered for those of you that attended the training last year or anyone else who is certified in their usage. The date of this Sunday afternoon in-service will be announced shortly.

Minisceongo Yacht Club will hold its next meeting on Friday, January 9, 2009, at 8 P.M. in the Clubhouse.

Our 2009 budget is set, and I assure you that our Finance Committee and Board of Directors will remain strong in their efforts to continue a fiscally conservative policy and keep MYC on an even keel.

On the social front—thank you all for the terrific turn out at the Change of Watch dinner. Lori and I would like to give special kudos to the Social Committee for all of your help pulling this event together, especially the hands on tasks undertaken by Joe and Janice Senackerib. The team effort paid off in an enjoyable evening for all.

Lori and I had a lovely day with other MYC members and their families at the Winter Holiday Party. This annual event, hosted by the Ladies Auxillary, featured a wonderful array of tasty dishes, and a Santa with something for all of the children in attendance. With a Clubhouse bursting at the seams, a good time was had by all.

The winter months mean something different to all of us. For me, it's a Sunday fire by the fireplace at home with family and friends watching the Giants try for another championship, others (sorry) it may be the Jets.

My priority and resolution for 2009 is simple—let's have safe and enjoyable boating season.

See you at the Commodore's Reception!

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Check Those Jack Stands

Remember to check your jack stands and those of your neighbors after every freeze and thaw cycle—they do loosen. Also, never tie the cover to a stand, billowing covers can pull the stands out from under your boat!

Board of Directors Report for December 2008

From Director Roger Wieland

- The Membership Committee presented to the Executive Committee a draft proposal of a procedure to evaluate regular member work performance. The key for this to work, will be for the Committee Chairmen to keep accurate records in terms of hours worked. A meeting with the Committee Chairman and their Assistants will be scheduled early next year.
- Commodore Tonneson reported that when working on some of the boats around the perimeter of the Yard, the beam path is too close. This results in the alarm being set off. This issue will be discussed with Security and Yard.
- The Commodore informed the Board that the new fuel tanks would be delivered on December 10. [They were delivered and are stored in Jerry's.]
- The Board will require at least two people be present when shrink-wrapping a boat and that they have a fire extinguisher.
- Commodore-Elect Schweiker presented the MYC calendar for 2009.
- Commodore-Elect Schweiker presented a revised draft of the Committee assignments for 2009.
- Senior Director Basley reported that work will begin on the yard expansion after a boat is moved. This has been discussed with Yard Chairman Andy Hudson.
- Senior Director Basley requested and received approval from the Board for funds, not to exceed \$500, for the installation of sheet rock to enclose the existing insulation in Jerry's ceiling.
- Director Drago presented a motion, which was approved by the Board, to bring to the Membership next year, a bylaw change to increase the Membership dues by \$75 for all classes of Membership except Life Membership. The last dues increase was in 1999. This change, if approved will take effect January 1, 2010.
- Director Wieland discussed and received Board approval to extend our contract with Perrillo Sanitation for 2009. We will be paying \$444 per month, April 1 to September 30, and \$375 per month, October 1 to March 31. This is a net annual increase of \$34.50 per month. This is our first increase since 2005.
- Director Wieland reported that Robert Kamisaroff contacted him about certain initiatives that could be taken to reduce our energy usage, thereby reducing our utility bills. Commodore-Elect Schweiker will consider appointing a committee to look into this in 2009.
- Director DeHayes suggested that all shrink-wrapped boats be vented to prevent fuel vapors from building up.
- Director Martin reported that the grant for a new pumpout has been submitted to the State. The submission includes: A new pumpout, a 40' dock, a ramp, pilings and plumbing.
- Director Martin discussed the encroachment of our neighbor's fence next to the Club entrance. It appears that there is encroachment both on the county road and our property. Tom Austin has been assigned to look into this further.
- Director Martin reported that all emergency dock ladders have been received. The Wednesday Crew will start to install the ladders as weather permits.

The Ladies Auxiliary of MYC

From Captain Linda Ferraro: Let's start with a special thanks to *Santa!*



Santa has just arrived at the Holiday Party on December 7, 2008, and is distributing his gifts.

The smiles on those little faces said it all at our Holiday Party. Thank you to those who joined us.

Things are quiet for now...we wish you all a very Happy Holiday and a wonderful New Year. Looking forward to the Commodore's Reception, so we'll see you then.

In addition, the Sunday after New Years (January 4, 1 P.M.), we will be "un-decorating" the Clubhouse—so again, any help would be appreciated.

Stay Warm!



Santa with the littlest child at the party.

[More pictures from the party can be seen linked to our web page at www.designinc.com/myc.htm.]



Commodore's Reception

Sunday, January 18, 2009
at 2 P.M.

Hors d'Oeuvres

Cold Buffet

Cake and Coffee

Adult Beverages

Reservation Deadline—Monday, January 12, 2009

Enclosed check for \$ _____ made payable to:
Minisceongo Yacht Club

for _____ persons to attend at \$18.00 per person.

Name: _____

Mail to: Joe Senackerib
319 Castle Drive
Englewood Cliffs NJ 07632

Cruising Fleet News

From Chairman Dick Myers: After almost seven years of writing this article, I finally missed one. Take my advice, while standing on your swim platform, don't step back to admire your boat. The next step is a doozy. This is especially true if you're on land and your boat is all blocked up.

Congratulations, Bob and Ginger Weismantel for being this year's Cruising Fleet Award recipient. Your help to the Cruising Fleet and your long boating trip last summer was an inspiration to us all, and hopefully more of the MYC fleet will head out to open waters next summer.

Ask Captain Dick

Actually, this month's answer to the question "Why Mayday, not help?" comes from Ask Marilyn from the *Parade Magazine* in the Sunday newspaper. She says mayday is a phonetic spelling of the French term *m'aider*, meaning help. In use since the 1920's, the word is now an accepted international signal for extreme distress. By the way, Mayday is used only in extreme situations when there is a threat to life or eminent danger of sinking or crashing.

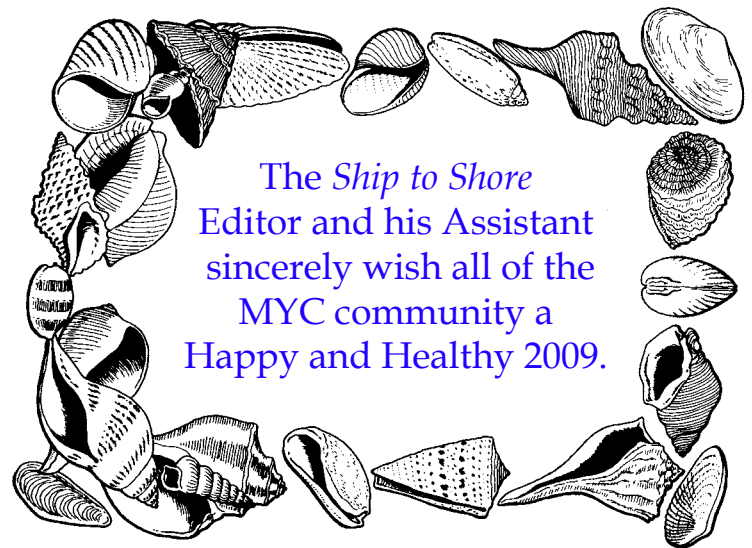
Mark Hechinger wants to know what the various tide designations mean. I don't really know, but I guess if you hit a rock at low tide, the rock will eventually sink and you can float free, but if you hit a rock at high tide that rock is going to keep rising into the bottom of your boat.

Till next time

Important Notice

All members having work done on their boats will be responsible for acquiring a copy of their contractor's insurance **before** they can work on MYC property. The insurance certificate can be faxed to John Kime at [see hard copy], or given directly to John Kime or Roger Wieland. There will be a list of approved contractors posted on the former fuel dock building.

It is imperative that we all follow this rule. If there are any questions, John can be reached at [see hard copy] and Roger at [see hard copy].



A Look at the Future

Sunday, January 4	1300	Clubhouse	Clubhouse "Un-decorating"
Tuesday, January 6	1930	Clubhouse	MYC Directors' Meeting
Friday, January 9	2000	Clubhouse	MYC Membership Meeting
Monday, January 12		Joe Senackerib	Deadline for Commodore's Reception Reservations
Thursday, January 15	2000	Clubhouse	Coast Guard Auxiliary Meeting
Sunday, January 18	1400	Clubhouse	Commodore's Reception
Thursday, January 22		Bob Weismantel	<i>Ship to Shore</i> Deadline
Saturday, March 28	TBA	Clubhouse	Sail Fleet Spring Planning Breakfast/Meeting
April 4-5	0800	Entire Club Property	Spring Work Weekend
Sunday, May 31	Noon	Flagpole & Pavilion	Opening Day Ceremonies
Sunday, June 21	TBA	Pavilion	Father's Day Brunch
Saturday, August 22	TBA	Pavilion	Annual Picnic
September 26-27	TBA	Pavilion & River	Sutherland Regatta
October 24-25	TBA	Entire Club Property	Fall Work Weekend
Saturday, November 14	TBA	TBA	Change of Watch