



Ship to Shore

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Message from Commodore Schweiker

February was a cold one indeed! Our De-ice Committee members, consisting of regular members and volunteer associates, performed their rounds and maintenance under tough conditions. Even our grounds were iced in due to snow and then freezing rain early last month. Their efforts have saved MYC money and time in making repairs that otherwise would have occurred. It looks like with a little luck the coldest weather is behind us.

I would like to mention that we had an electrical problem in our Boat Yard last month. It was reported we had a voltage spike that damaged

two boats' inverter/chargers. O&R Electric Company checked out the problem and made repairs accordingly. John Kime and Barry Martin, whose boats were damaged, were on premises and alerted our electricians of the problem. However, if those boats were not being watched, more problems may have occurred. It's important to all of us that we do not leave our boats plugged in during our absence.

Upcoming meetings of our **Ways and Means** and **Bylaws Committees** are scheduled for **regular members** on March 7 and March 26 respectively. Please be sure to attend; this is an opportunity for your input to help manage and improve our organization.

Our upcoming **Work Weekend** is scheduled for April 4-5, which admittedly is a little early this year. This is the most important club activity of the year, and I am asking that all hands pitch in to accomplish quite a few projects which I have scheduled. Vice Commodore Ed Gutierrez is coordinating the work crews, and he will be able to answer all questions you may have. One question new members often ask is, "Will there be a weather cancellation?" Almost never is the answer, only if there

Minisceongo Yacht Club will hold its next meeting on Friday, March 13, 2009, at 8 P.M. in the Clubhouse.

is severe weather and working outside becomes intolerable.

This is a time when most associate members are really able to contribute and work with other members. A great lunch will be provided by our Social Committee and served by the Ladies Auxiliary on both days, so try to attend.

Reminders for Regular Members

Bylaws Review Meeting

Note Change of Date

Next meeting:

Thursday, March 26, 2009
7:00 P.M. in the Clubhouse

Subject:

Spousal/joint membership

Call J. Kime or J. Funk for review materials, or pick up at next membership meeting.

Ways & Means Meeting

Saturday, March 7, 2009
9:00 A.M. in the Clubhouse

Work Weekend Reminder

April 4-5

**Sign in at
Clubhouse
7:30 A.M.**

Sunshine

*From Dominick Ferrara for MYC and
Mike Wieland for MYCLA*

Get well wishes go to Jim Nachstein, recovering from knee surgery.

Good to see Lew Dunham driving around the club recently. Continued get well wishes to him, Joe Senackerib, Barry Martin and all the others who have been ill with various afflictions this winter.

The Ladies Auxiliary of MYC

From Captain Linda Ferraro: The sun is brighter, days are warmer...**spring** is on the way. As we do every year, the MYCLA will be kicking off the 2009 season with our **Annual Installation Dinner**. The date is Friday, April 3, 7 P.M. at Noel's Irish Pub & Restaurant in Stony Point. Dinner is \$30.00 per person and includes an appetizer, salad, several entree options and a dessert. Just to clarify, April 3 is not Good Friday, so we hope many of you can join us. Please send in the coupon below to sign up, and of course, remember your dues as well. Both can be sent to Janice Senackerib (save a stamp!). Looking forward to seeing you on the 3rd and at our second home...MYC.

Board of Directors Report

for February 2009

From Director Roger Wieland

- The 2009 Change of Watch will be held at the Nyack Seaport Restaurant in Nyack on November 14, 2009.
- The Commodore is looking for members who are qualified to operate our truck to plow snow.
- Rear Commodore gave a report on the meeting of the Ways and Means Committee.
- The Secretary gave an update on his negotiations with our neighbors concerning the fence that they installed, which creates a line of sight hazard when exiting the Club. If the negotiations are not successful to have the fence relocated, we will contact the County since Grassy Point Road is a county road.
- The Board approved a request to host 15 underprivileged children and their mentors for a picnic and boat ride this summer. This will be presented to the Membership for their approval.
- The owner of *Gypsy Rose III* spoke to the Commodore and stated that they will not be wintering with us in the future.
- The Board discussed concerns about Members sending e-mails about perceived problems at the Club. As a result the Commodore requests that the Committee heads contact him directly by phone or in person if there is a problem or concern. In the event you are unable to contact the Commodore, you can call anyone on the Bridge or Board.

Ladies Auxiliary of MYC Installation Dinner Reservation Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone/e-mail: _____

Please send check (\$30) payable to MYCLA,
c/o Janice Senackerib, 319 Castle Drive, Englewood Cliffs NJ 07632

Ladies Auxiliary of MYC Dues Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone/e-mail: _____

Please send check (\$10) payable to MYCLA,
c/o Janice Senackerib, 319 Castle Drive, Englewood Cliffs NJ 07632

Launch Schedule for Early Spring 2009

From Yard Chairman Andy Hudson: Here is the schedule for members who are in locations at MYC that block other boats and need to be launched early in the season. Problems should be addressed to the Yard Chairman. E-mail is best, [see hard copy for e-mail address]. He will be as flexible as he can.

April 25

Dock 4 Road

Dick Myers
Jim Sheehan
Joe Paolina

Snack Shack

Albert Valetutti
Dave Hoskins
George Saba

Aisle 2

Barry Martin
John Verrengia

Aisle 4

Manny Fanarjian
Fran Demase
Joe Senackerib
Ted Mehlig

May 2

Dock 4 Road

Mike Diliberto
Al Aversa
(Peter Kelly will stay)

Snack Shack

Osman Kurtulus
Ed Smith
Joe Cangelosi
Neil Liquori

Aisle 2

John Kime
Ron Linhart

Aisle 4

Gil Snowden
Kevin Silver

Please plan to attend the

Annual Sail Fleet Breakfast Meeting

**Saturday, March 28
in the Clubhouse.**

**Breakfast at 10:00 A.M.
Annual meeting at 11:00 A.M.**

As is our tradition, the Sail Fleet gourmet chefs will prepare a full American breakfast to start the sailing calendar for 2009. So come hungry and armed with any suggestions to help make 2009 a roaring, albeit a smooth sailing, success. Any one who can guarantee constant winds will be eligible for an improved PHRF rating if correct.

If you have any suggestions for the upcoming sailing season, please contact me [see hard copy for e-mail address].

Agenda

- Time and dates for Laser races
- Set spring and summer series
- Set plan for after race picnics or BBQs
- Topic for a spring presentation or any interest in MYC continuing to have new boat/equipment demos
- Sutherland Regatta
- Any other business

Security Update

From Security Chairman Hector Miranda: Please remember to approach both the Yard Gate and Main Entry Gate slowly as to allow the car sensors to detect your presence. We recommend speeds no greater than five miles per hour. This precaution is especially important when you find the gate up. Slower is better than faster to prevent damage to your vehicle and damage to the arm.

Also remember when in the Yard, the perimeter is armed and crossing the guard zone protected by

a line will trip the alarm. Do not duck under the gate to enter the Yard. You will trip the alarm. Gain entry by use of your clicker or the side gate using your access card.

The Clubhouse has been frequently found unarmed this winter with no one around. Please remember to reset the alarm when entering and leaving the Clubhouse.

Thank you for your support in maintaining our premises security.

Cruising Fleet News

From Chairman Dick Myers: The Spring Meeting of the Cruising Fleet will be held on May 30, 5 P.M. at the Clubhouse. The major items on the agenda will be the date and theme for the **Annual Dock-Go-Round**. A free dinner will be served, so I will have to have an approximate number of attendees – more on this later.

In June there will be a celebration on the Hudson River, the **Quadricentennial Anniversary** of Henry Hudson's trip up the river on the *Half Moon*. This celebration, called River Days, will take place from June 5 to June 12, passing by Minisceongo Yacht Club on the 7th of June. Our club has been asked by HRBYCA (Hudson River Boat and Yacht Club Association) to participate by providing an escort for a portion of this historic event. If you would like to join this escort from Nyack to Newburgh or any points in-between, please contact me [see hard copy for contact information]. Your request must be in by April 4. You can always drop out, but might not be able to participate if you don't respond.

Incidentally, <http://hudsonhappenings.com> has a very good story of the *Half Moon's* Journey up the Hudson 400 years ago.

Ask Captain Dick: If you don't count the kind you eat or read about, there are two major categories of current: ocean and tidal. Ocean currents are a continuous directed movement of ocean water, influenced the earth's rotation, moon, wind, temperature, salinity, and a host of other factors that make up our ocean currents.

Tidal currents are the result of the rise and fall of water in and out of a bay, harbor or sound. There are quite

For Sale

2 - 4' x 8' sheets of 3/4" high quality
teak-faced marine plywood, new.

Half price... \$125 each.

Dick Bracken

[See hard copy for contact information.]

a few terms used to describe current at any particular stage in the tide cycle. Some of the more notable ones are **set**, the direction that it is flowing, also stated as **flood** or **ebb**. The **drift**, how fast the current is moving, **slack water**, the point between ebb and flood. This is not the same time as stand, when the tide is no longer rising or falling. Then there is **maximum current**, the normal maximum speed of the current during ebb or flood. It's interesting to note that on our Hudson River ebb current will always have a greater maximum due to the natural flow of the river. Since water has viscosity (the resistance of a fluid to flow), we have different points of tidal drift and set up and down the river. That is why high and low tide will always come sooner at the mouth of the river and work its way up. Due to the river's width changing at various points, we get various maximum current points on the river, and at the wider portions we get eddies that can actually cause the current to flow in two different directions.

I received a call from Jaidin wanting to know how to stay on the right side of boys. I told her I didn't know, that this is a nautical newsletter, and that she should write to Dear Abby.

'til next time,

A Look at the Future

Saturday, March 7	0900	Clubhouse	Ways and Mean Meeting
Tuesday, March 10	1930	Clubhouse	MYC Directors' Meeting
Friday, March 13	2000	Clubhouse	MYC Membership Meeting
Thursday, March 19	2000	Clubhouse	Coast Guard Auxiliary Meeting
Thursday, March 19		Bob Weismantel	Ship to Shore Deadline
Thursday, March 26	1900	Clubhouse	Bylaws Review Meeting
Saturday, March 28	1000	Clubhouse	Sail Fleet Spring Planning Breakfast/Meeting
Friday, April 3	1900	Noel's Irish Pub & Restaurant	MYCLA Installation Dinner
April 4-5	0730	Entire Club Property	Spring Work Weekend
Sunday, May 24	Noon	Flagpole & Pavilion	Opening Day Ceremonies
Sunday, June 7	TBA	River	Escorting <i>Half Moon</i> for Quadricentennial Celebration
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	Nyack Seaport Restaurant	Change of Watch
