



THE NORTH AMERICAN STATION
OF THE ROYAL SCANDINAVIAN YACHT CLUBS
AND NYLÄNDSKA JAKTKLUBBEN

May 1, 2011

Dear Fellow NAS Members,

The summer calendar is full of great events. Every third year we plan a cruise, and this year Cruise Chairman Lars Colliander has a terrific itinerary for us in the Finnish Archipelago, beginning in Mariehamn, the westernmost port in Finland, east to NJK's historic island clubhouse in Helsinki on Blekholmen. Lars has been working on the details for three years, and it should be a fantastic experience. We are crossing burgees on the cruise with the New York Yacht Club, to be followed by an optional bus trip north from Helsinki to the opera festival at Savonlinna.

CALENDAR and GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1. Annual Family Clambake & Spring Meeting, Saturday June 4, 2011, Shippan Point, Stamford, Conn.**
Meeting and Aquavit, smorgasbord, 1200, to elect new members, discuss the Finland cruise, and vote on a new bylaw (bylaw details and proxy enclosed). Clambake 1300 - lobster, swimming, tennis. Come by boat or by car, rain or shine, until the food and drink run out. To reserve space, return enclosed form or contact me, David Tunick, dtunick@tunickart.com, 212-570-0090, 19 East 66th Street, New York, NY 10065. A crossed burgee event with The Cruising Club of America. Always a great afternoon.
- 2. Finland Archipelago Cruise, July 2-13, 2011:** In celebration of NJK's 150th anniversary. Cruise Chairman Lars Colliander reports that approximately 85 people and fifteen boats have signed up. He has planned a spectacular 250 nm itinerary beginning in Mariehamn, Åland, with an opening dinner on board the barque POMMERN. The route will proceed up and over the top of Åland and continue east winding through the archipelago, including stops at two of NJK's private islands, and end in Helsinki at NJK's clubhouse on the island of Blekholmen. We have booked the LOYAL, the same mothership we had on the Norway Fjord cruise in 2008, an 85-foot brigantine built in Norway in 1877, and it will take on cruise participants who want a ride to Mariehamn in Stockholm on June 30th. For charters we are working with Midnight Sun Sailing. There will be an optional four-day bus trip at the end of the cruise with tours of Helsinki and a visit to Savonlinna, the world famous opera festival in the lake district north of Helsinki, with stops at historic sites along the way. If interested, contact Lars Colliander, lcolliander@aol.com, 3 Blueberry Hill, Irvington, NY 10533. If you do not hear back from Lars right away, it could be during a period when he is in his native Finland, in which case contact me, David Tunick, dtunick@tunickart.com, 212-570-0090, 19 East 66th Street, New York, NY 10065.
- 3. Junior Program:**
 - A. Five Club Regatta, August 17-20, 2011, Oslo, Norway, Royal Norwegian Yacht Club (dates might change)** From Co-chair Angelica Barrows:

"We will be working on getting a team together for the Five Club Regatta in Oslo. I will be there, and so I hope to be helping with the regatta."
 - B. Junior Exchange 2010:** Our Junior Exchange Co-Chairs MaryPat Whitmyer and Angelica Barrows are actively recruiting US junior sailors fifteen to seventeen years old to go to Scandinavia this summer for a few weeks for the Junior Exchange to live with host families, and we have Scandinavian kids coming here, a different program from the Five Club Regatta. A report *re* the exchange follows from MaryPat and Angelica:

“We have heard from KNS, KSSS and NJK, and they will participate. KSSS will be sending two sailors. From NJK we have already gotten the bio of the chosen candidate. They have also offered to have an American sailor come stay with a Finnish family for some weeks in the end of June. We are very excited about having an opportunity for someone to go to NJK, especially since the club is also having their jubilee anniversary this year. We are still looking for some more host families here in the US, as we believe there will be more sailors coming.”

If you know young candidates to go abroad, or if you can offer your home to a young sailor from Scandinavia, please contact either MaryPat: marypat@whitmyer.org, 203-274-5868, 72 Fernwood Drive, Stamford, CT 06903, or Angelica: angelicabarrows@aol.com, 178 Green End Avenue, Middletown, RI 02842. The kids do not have to be expert sailors, but we are looking for first-rate ambassadors.

4. **The Atlantic Round, Aug. 27-Aug. 30, 2011, Copenhagen, Royal Danish Yacht Club:** For the adults, to be hosted by KDY, which is arranging for visitors to stay in private homes owned by members of KDY. All five Home Clubs are sending teams. If you want to race in J/80's or join in any of the activities that KDY event chairman Henrik Andersen has planned, please email or call me as soon as possible: David Tunick, dtunick@tunickart.com, 212-570-0090.
5. **Christmas Dinner Dance & Annual Meeting, Friday Dec. 2, 2011:** At the New York Yacht Club. We will elect a new Post Captain and a new slate of officers at the meeting. The dinner was a smash hit last year with more than 100 booked, pushing us to our limit. To reserve early, please contact Chair Jennifer Bowden jbowden@stribling.com, 212-794-9470, 3 East 66th Street, New York, NY 10065.
6. **Website:** Our new member, Michael Geagan, has taken over, so, take a look at www.NorthAmericanStation.org and click away on the tabs. The content is only as good as what Michael is fed by the membership. If you have anything, please contact Michael at mgeagan@me.com. Our aim is to make the website a useful tool, posting information about events, membership application forms, cruise registration forms, membership directory, etc. It will take time; so, please bear with us.
7. **Hälsningar**, our twice-yearly newsletter: If you have photographs, favorite anchorages in Scandinavia, stories to relate, etc., to share with your fellow NAS members, please send to: Editor Nancy Eills: echonancy@nyc.rr.com, 212-489-9118, 2 Columbus Avenue, New York, NY 10023-6921.
8. **Club Store:** Dave Brown in charge of NAS gear available to us. In addition to clothing items, belts, caps, etc., and burgees in various sizes, we have neckties and bow ties in either blue or burgundy with the NAS burgee, and blazer patches with the NAS burgee. Go to www.northamericanstation.com (click on Club Store), call 800-847-4327, or contact Secretary Dave Brown: davidc.brown@verizon.net, 401-847-0051, 81 Morrison Avenue, Middletown, RI 02842. An especially popular item is the burgee lapel pin, available for \$10.
9. **Finances:** 2011 dues notices were sent in January, and most of you have responded with payment. For those who have not yet done so or have mislaid the notice, another is included in this mailing (yellow sheet). Please take a moment to make out your check, and mail it to Secretary Dave Brown today. Your dues, along with voluntary contributions to our junior exchange program and The Atlantic Round (as well as unrestricted gifts) allow us to conduct those activities and other Station business at a level of excellence that best serves our members and fulfills our mission. This can only be accomplished with the generosity of those capable of making contributions at any level they deem appropriate. **Be aware that gifts made to The Atlantic Round are tax deductible. It is a 501(C)(3), and the funds in it are not restricted to The Atlantic Round. They can be used for international sailing activities, including junior exchange.** The membership has exhibited exemplary widespread support the last few years. If you can add something to our modest dues, know that your contribution is especially critical. **If you are uncertain as to whether you have paid your dues, please contact Secretary Dave Brown:** davidc.brown@verizon.net, 401-847-0051, 81 Morrison Avenue, Middletown, RI 02842.

10. **Membership:** Membership Chairman Nick Orem posts the following candidates, to be voted upon at the Spring meeting in June:

Candidate

Proposer

Second

**James D. Bishop, Sr.
Frederick H. Bloomer, Jr.
Ernest L. Godshalk
Ove & Neda Haxthausen
David Rockefeller, Jr.**

**David C. Brown
James W. Vaughn
Ross Sherbrooke
Peter Flinch
Edwin G. Fischer, M.D.**

**Lawrence Glenn
Nancy S. Dickinson
David C. Brown
Erle Aavatsmark-Andersen
George R. Hinman**

Please propose qualified new members to the membership committee as early in the year as possible. If any questions, contact Membership Chairman Nick Orem: nickorem@gmail.com, 603-255-1309, 27 Green Street, Newbury, MA 01951. We are especially keen on adding people to our roster who are actively engaged in yachting in Scandinavia. There are sailors appropriate to the NAS who are unaware of us and what we are about.

11. **December 4, 2010 Annual Meeting**, synopsis:

- A. State of the Station & Treasury:** Excellent - 256 active members; treasury in good shape, donations up, our bank account augmented to a small extent by a royalty from the sale of Station goods. Goal still to see The Atlantic Round and Junior Exchange each with \$100,000+ in the bank.
- B. New Members:** Tom and Ingrid Flynn, Michael Geagan, Ed Kane, Tom and Patti Meyer, Ray Nord, Scott Piper, and Michael Spicer.
- C. Last Voyages announced:** Britton Chance, Edmund H. Kendrick, Robert A. Mossbacher, Thor Ramsing, Edward M. Scheu, and Werner Valeur-Jensen.

Please let us know if any of you will be in Scandinavia this summer. I myself plan to sail all of July in Finland and in Sweden and Denmark in August. I know many of you will be on the cruise, and I would love to hear from others of you who might be in the area in the hope we might rendezvous.

As the summer approaches, recall the Ancient Phoenician Proverb that is our motto:

"THE GODS DO NOT DEDUCT FROM MAN'S ALLOTTED SPAN THOSE HOURS SPENT IN SAILING."

Yours,



David P. Tunick
Post Captain

Enclosures