



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

November 1, 2011

Dear Fellow NAS Members,

I wish all of you could have joined the Finland Archipelago Cruise this past summer. It was fantastic. We had about 100 sailors on eighteen boats in mostly fine weather. Organized by the NAS with Lars Colliander as Cruise Chairman, the New York Yacht Club crossed burgees in participating with us. After the cruise 30 participants continued on a sightseeing trip to the Lake District north of Helsinki and went to a memorable performance of Tosca in the Renaissance castle at Savonlinna.

In a similar spirit of cooperation with other clubs some 80 members and guests of the NAS and the CCA attended the June clambake on Shippan Point in Stamford under the bluest of skies. Next up: the highlight of our year, the annual meeting and dinner in New York on Dec. 2nd. If you can, come to feast, Skål, dance, and listen to the beautiful Sta. Lucia singers. There is no more festive way to inaugurate the Christmas season.

CALENDAR and GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. **December 2nd Christmas Dinner Dance & Annual Meeting:** The dinner this year is taking place in its usual splendid setting, the New York Yacht Club. You should have received a reservation form by now, but if not, find another enclosed. To be certain of a seat, please fill out the enclosed yellow form, email, or call dinner Chair, Jennifer Bowden jbowden@stribling.com, 917-405-4305.

The Governors encourage members to attend the Annual Meeting, preceding the dinner, at 1600. My second term as Post Captain will come to an end, and the membership will vote at the meeting and by proxy for a new slate of officers. (See the enclosed report of the Nominating Committee.)

We will also take up the question of Life Memberships. If there is anything you would like to see on the agenda, please advise Dave Brown or me: davidc.brown@verizon.net, 401-847-0051; David Tunick, dtunick@tunickart.com, 212-570-0090.

NB: We are particularly eager for this year's new members, proposed new members, and their sponsors to come.

2. **March 3rd Safety-at-Sea Seminar, "Suddenly Alone":** The NAS, together with the New York Station of the Cruising Club of America, is sponsoring its first safety-at-sea seminar. The seminar will be geared to couples that sail as a pair whether along the coast or overnight. What does one do if the other goes overboard or one of you suddenly gets sick or injured and has to take over? It will be moderated by our member Sheila McCurdy, who is also Commodore of the CCA. It will be at SUNY Maritime College in one eight-hour session, with lunch. Enrollment will be limited, details to follow by email. If interested, contact Anne Glenn, adglenn@optonline.net, 516-676-0562, or me, David Tunick, dtunick@tunickart.com, 212-570-0090.
3. **June 2, 2012, Annual Family Clambake & Spring Meeting:** Shippan Point, Stamford, Conn., the first Saturday in June, rain or shine, come by boat or by car. Details to follow.
4. **August, 2012, Five Club Regatta:** Newport. The regatta for juniors hosted by us every third year, with teams from the NAS and the Home Clubs. Specific dates to be announced. Junior racers and adult volunteers required.

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Newport in August is fun for everyone. If you can help with the Five Club Regatta or have a candidate for the NAS team, please contact our wonderful and energetic Junior co-chairs Angelica Barrows or MaryPat Whitmyer: angelicabarrows@aol.com, 401-847-4450, 178 Green End Avenue, Middletown, RI 02842; marypat@whitmyer.org, 203-274-5868, 72 Fernwood Drive, Stamford, CT 06903.

This past August the NAS sent a team of four juniors from the Newport area to Oslo to compete in the Five Club Regatta, hosted by the Royal Norwegian Yacht Club. The kids had a great time, thanks to KNS, and even had the thrill of a personal meeting with His Majesty, King Harald V.

Junior Exchange: This year we had five generous families that volunteered to host kids from abroad. In the end two young people from The Royal Swedish Yacht Club (KSSS) stayed with the McGillivray family in Newport. Thank you to the family and thanks to Sail Newport again for allowing the sailors to coach and do their own sailing.

If you have access to a junior sailing program in your area and would like the enriching experience of having a young Nordic sailor in your home or on your boat while racing or cruising, please contact Angelica or MaryPat: angelicabarrows@aol.com, 401-847-4450, 178 Green End Avenue, Middletown, RI 02842; marypat@whitmyer.org, 203-274-5868, 72 Fernwood Drive, Stamford, CT 06903.

Applications to go to Scandinavia close on April 1st.

5. **September 1-4, 2012, The Atlantic Round:** To be hosted by The Royal Danish Yacht Club (KDY) in Copenhagen. If you are interested in participating, please contact Atlantic Round Chairman: David Tunick, dtunick@tunickart.com, 212-570-0090.

The Atlantic Round is an annual regatta for adults, which the NAS hosts every third year. In the intervening two years the Home Clubs take turns hosting.

6. **Denmark Cruise 2014:** Although three years away, we have begun preliminary scouting of potential harbors and meeting with harbormasters. We will keep you informed as plans develop. We have contracted as the mothership the LOYAL, which accompanied the Norwegian Fjord Cruise in 2008 and the Finland Archipelago Cruise this past summer. The private cabins go first; so, if interested, please let me know: David Tunick, dtunick@tunickart.com, 212-570-0090.

The NAS sponsors a cruise in Scandinavian waters every three years.

7. **New Membership Directory:** The next directory will be published this coming year, probably in the spring. If your entry requires update (emails frequently change), it is important to advise Dave Brown now by return of the enclosed form to 81 Morrison Avenue, Middletown, RI 02842; or davidc.brown@verizon.net.

The plan is to publish an updated directory every two years.

8. **Website:** Michael Geagan, Web Chairman, is doing a great job. 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. Our aim is to make the website a useful tool, posting information about events, membership application forms, cruise registration forms, membership directory, photographs, etc. Please contact Michael at mgeagan@me.com.
9. **Hälsningar:** The club newsletter, issued twice a year, is between editors. Editor Nancy Eills, who has done a fantastic job for several years, is stepping down. Stand by, though: we have someone well qualified in the wings about to assume the watch as editor.
10. **Last Voyages:** If you are aware of any NAS members who have passed away in the last year, please advise our Secretary Dave Brown so that the proper announcement can be made at the Annual Meeting. davidc.brown@verizon.net, 401-847-0051, 81 Morrison Avenue, Middletown, RI 02842.

11. **Archives and History Committee:** Our new chair is Susan Kline, M.D. She is accumulating documents and photographs pertinent to the Station's 60+ years. She encourages members to send material to her: Susan Kline, M.D., SusanKline4@gmail.com, 203-259-2384, 8561 Pequot Avenue, Southport, CT 06890.

12. **Membership:** Posted for your consideration are:

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Second</u>
Thomas Boserup Klok S. Harwich, MA	Nicholas Brown	David C. Brown
J. W. Robert Medland Toronto, Canada	Lawrence R. Glenn	Jeb N. Embree
Torben Pind Copenhagen, Denmark	David P. Tunick	Carl Dila, M.D.
Amity Wallace Darien, CT	Nancy Eills	Audrey M. Ward

If you have comments on any of the above candidates, positive or negative, we welcome them. All comments are kept strictly confidential within the Membership Committee. Please contact any one of the committee members before the Dec. 2nd annual meeting:

Nicholas R. Orem, Chairman, nickorem@gmail.com, 978-255-1309, 27 Green Street, Newbury, MA 01951
Jennifer P. Bowden, jbowden@stribling.com, 917-405-4305, 3 East 66th Street, New York, NY 10065
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Please propose qualified new members to the membership committee as early in the year as possible. If any questions, ask Membership Chairman Nick Orem (co-ordinates above). The application form is on our website www.northamericanstation.com. We are especially keen on adding people to our roster who are actively engaged in yachting in Scandinavia. There are racing and cruising sailors in Nordic waters who are unaware of the NAS.

13. **Finances:** The ship of state is sound, as Treasurer Palmer Sparkman will report at the annual meeting. Nonetheless, we need to build our slim reserves. The NAS could use your help from general funds to Junior Exchange. Remember that The Atlantic Round is tax-deductible under Section 501(c)(3) of the Federal tax code. Contributions should be made out to The Atlantic Round or to the NAS and sent to Palmer Sparkman, Jr., 7 Tory Hole Road, Darien, CT 06820. If questions, palmersparkman@optonline.net, 203-722-8673.
14. **Club Store:** We have clothing, belts, caps, etc., and burgees in various sizes, as well as neckties and bowties in either blue or burgundy with the NAS burgee, and blazer patches with the NAS burgee. One popular item is the burgee lapel pin. Find a brochure and order form enclosed. Online go to Team One at www.team1newport.com or call them at 1-800 VIP Gear (800-847-4327). (We are in the process of constructing what we hope will be user-friendly access to the club Store on the NAS website.)

NB: If you make a contribution to the NAS of \$150 or more, you have your choice of a belt, hat, or tie as a complimentary gift.

This is my last letter to you after six years as Post Captain. Term limits are merciful, and new blood is good. It's been tremendous fun, and I have loved the nearly daily involvement with the NAS and with so many of you. I have loved the involvement with our home clubs in Scandinavia. I have loved having the best imaginable excuse for keeping my own boat in Scandinavian waters, as if any is necessary. Night Watch is now in Denmark, and next season the plan is to sail there and in Norway. This past summer it was a blast re-visiting Sweden, Finland, and Denmark - there is always something new to see and pals with whom to rendezvous, met over the years via the NAS.

I wish all North American Station members, their families, and friends a happy holiday season and a healthy, great year ahead. I hope in 2012 that you sail, motor, or just float somewhere on a boat, especially if you have the chance to enjoy the unique beauty of the fjords, islands, coastline, and harbors of Scandinavia.

Best of luck to the incoming Team! If you the membership elect the proposed slate, we're going to be in great hands and have superb leadership in the years ahead.

Meanwhile, keep in mind 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