



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

October 21, 2013

Dear Fellow NAS Member,

Except for intrepid frostbite racing sailors, for those of us residing in the Northeast and our Home Club friends in Scandinavia, the sailing season is drawing to a close. But there is much sailing-related activity scheduled throughout the winter, highlighted by our **Annual Meeting and Black Tie Dinner Dance** at the New York Yacht Club on Friday, December 6. Our event chair Jennifer Bowden and Secretary Nick Orem will be sending the formal invitations and response forms by email paperless post and traditional mail to the membership, and we expect to fill the N.Y.Y.C. Grill Room for a evening of Scandinavian food and drink, singing, skoaling, dancing, and being entertained by the Santa Lucia Singers and the Muskrat Band. As always, this is a not-to-be-missed gala!

Much has happened since my last letter. Our **Spring Meeting** was held on June 8, followed by our joint **Family Clambake** with the New York Station of the Cruising Club of America at David Tunick's home in Stamford, CT. NAS sent a team to Helsinki in August, joining KSSS, KNS, and NJK to participate in the **Atlantic Round Regatta**, hosted this year by NJK. Racing in J-80s, the NAS team, skippered by Henrik Andersen, with Dan Colliander, Ove Haxthausen and Allan Heyward as crew, finished in second place in a very competitive fleet. The **Five Club Regatta** for juniors was hosted by NJK simultaneously, and the NAS team consisting of Singne Brown, Julian DelGuidice, George Moss and Sylvia Skerry, and coached by Theo Gustavsson, son of our KNS Home Club Representative Angelica Barrows, took third place racing the challenging J-80s for the first time. On September 8, NAS members Palmer Sparkman and Michael Geagan joined the crew of the Farr-30 "Raven" sailing under the NAS burgee to win their class and place second overall in a very large fleet in the 48th **Valeur-Jensen Stamford-Denmark Race** at Stamford Y.C. Well Done to all of our NAS sailors! And finally, two of our Home Clubs, KSSS and NJK, were invited to participate in the New York Yacht Club's bi-annual Invitational Regatta in Newport in September, featuring two dozen clubs from the U.S. and around the world, for a week of highly competitive racing in the Club's Swan 42 one-design class boats. It is a special honor to be invited to participate in this prestigious event featuring top rate sailors and all-amateur crews exclusively from the invited clubs and nations, and it was great meeting and talking with the KSSS and NJK teams.

Planning for the 2014 **Denmark Islands Cruise** is being finalized, with the preliminary itinerary and schedule promulgated to those who have expressed an interest in the cruise. The cruise will begin July 6 in Kerteminde, with boarding of chartered boats, provisioning, bus tours and the opening dinner, and conclude in Kerteminde July 18 with a closing dinner. Other group activities, in addition to dinners and tours at several of the islands and ports to be visited, are still in the planning stage. A four-day **after-cruise land tour** is also being planned, to conclude in

Copenhagen with a Farewell Dinner July 22. These popular features of our Scandinavian cruises are well researched and organized to provide participants with a broader exposure to and appreciation for the culture, cuisine, history, and hospitality of the country in whose waters we have sailed. We have reached our boat limit for the cruise, but a few cabins and berths in the common room are still available on the **mothership LOYAL**, which served us so well on the Norway and Finland Cruises. If interested, contact Cruise Chairman David Tunick (dtunick@tunickart.com or 212-570-0090).

Many thanks to Secretary Nick Orem for updating our **Directory** and getting it to the membership this spring. And if you have not visited our new, improved, and updated **Website** (www.northamericanstation.com), please take the opportunity to check it out and contact our webmaster, Michael Geagan, to share any items, stories, photos, or other data that would be of interest to other members, and Michael will be happy to post it. In addition to Michael, several other members have volunteered to assist in our efforts to improve communications with our members and others interested in the Station's activities through various media, including reactivation of our newsletter, but they cannot do anything without input from you.

The Following **Candidates for Membership** will be presented to the Governors for consideration at the Annual Meeting on December 6. Any members desiring to comment on a candidate's suitability for membership should contact Membership Committee Chairman Thacher Brown at thacherbrown@gmail.com.

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Secunder</u>
Thomas H. Haythe, Charlestown, SC	Philip McKnight	Rusty Kellogg
Peter deZwart, Mystic, CT	Nicholas Orem	Nicholas Brown
Stephen Wolfe, Boston, MA	Edward Kane	Juan Corradi
Hjalmar Schibbye, aboard <i>Flying Penguin</i> in US waters	Nicholas Orem	Mark Nordenson

I look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting and Dinner Dance December 6, and remind you to remember always our guiding principle as expressed in the ancient Phoenician proverb: ***"The Gods do not deduct from man's allotted span those hours spent in sailing."***

Sincerely,



David C. Brown
Post Captain

Addendum to Post Captains Letter
November 7, 2013

The following additional **Candidates for Membership** will be presented to the Governors for consideration at the Annual Meeting on December 6. Any members desiring to comment on a candidate's suitability for membership should contact Membership Committee Chairman Thacher Brown at thacherbrown@gmail.com.

Candidate

Proposer

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Hana & John J Lane, Fairfield, CT
Gino Bottino

Peter Flinch
Ove Haxthausen

Aavatsmark-Andersen
David Tunick