



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

May 5, 2015



Dear fellow members of The North American Station including the Commodores and Governors of GKSS, KDY, KNS, KSSS and NJK,

2015 is off to a **great start!**

In March, Commodores Heffermehl (KNS), Ive (KDY), Salén (KSSS) and Tallberg (NJK) and their colleagues received me royally at their respective Home Clubs for **my report on their North American Station** including luncheons, dinners, a Spring Meeting of members at NJK and dinner with NAS members Hans Drakenberg, Eva Holmsten and Carl and Eva Urban. Commodore Bergström (GKSS) has also communicated in writing. I am encouraged by prospects for 100% Home Club participation in the 2015 Five Club Regatta, Junior Exchange Program and The Atlantic Round and the 2017 Cruise. I was also introduced to a KSSS member who is now a candidate for membership in The NAS and KSSS Representative on our Governing Board.

Angelica Barrows has accepted leadership of the **2015 Five Club Regatta**, for which official invitations have recently been sent. Angelica will need the full support of The NAS; so, if you are able to help her in any way, she and I will sincerely appreciate it. We are particularly in need of accommodations in Newport for the participants and also welcome suggestions for members of The NAS Five Club Team.

We have several potential US Host Families for **Junior Exchange**, one US Junior who will be going to KSSS and another US Junior who has applied. Please let me know if you know of other families or Juniors age 15-17 who would like to participate in Junior Exchange, a life-changing opportunity.

David Tunick is getting his house ready for our **Clambake and Spring Meetings** (members and Governors) on June 6. I look forward to seeing many of you there. We have half a dozen excellent candidates for membership. We will continue to discuss strategic issues including how

to keep The NAS vital while honoring our founding “Objects.” I will also outline some changes that I will propose to our Constitution and By-Laws at the Annual Meeting.

Hiro Nakajima continues to organize what I’m sure will be the best **Atlantic Round** ever. Please volunteer to Hiro to help in providing extraordinary hospitality, e.g. lodging and entertainment, to our guests from the Home Clubs.

I am very appreciative of Tom Chadwick for volunteering to resume his former duties as **Archivist and Historian**. If you have relevant NAS documents, please send them to Tom.

Nick Orem is leading efforts to reprint the **directory** shortly – please let him know if your information has changed.

Several of you, led as always by Michael Geagan, are involved in updating or otherwise improving our **website**. Thank you for your efforts as our website is becoming even more important as a communications medium for members and Home Clubs.

Jennifer Bowden and her committee are well into planning for the **2015 Annual Dinner Dance** – mark your calendars for Friday, December 4!

Thank all of you who are contributing to progress at The North American Station!

I will arrive aboard *Golden Eye* on May 14 in Denmark with plans to visit GKSS, KDY and KNS this summer.

And remember:

“The Gods do not deduct from man’s allotted span those hours spent in sailing.”

Sincerely,



Ernie

PS – A few reminders:

1. **Mark your calendars** and watch for details to follow:
 - ✓ Spring Meeting/Clambake, 1230 June 6, Shippan Point, Stamford, CT
 - ✓ 2015 Five Club Regatta, August 9-14, Newport
 - ✓ 2015 TAR Sept 8-12, Stamford-NYC
 - ✓ 2015 Annual Christmas Dinner Dance, Dec 4, NYYC
 - ✓ 2017 NAS-GKSS Cruise, June 18 – July, 2 West coast of Sweden

2. **Junior Programs:** Please let me know of candidates for Junior Exchange age 15-17 or Host Families and contact Angelica regarding candidates to represent The NAS at Five Club Regatta – wonderful opportunities. We need to firm these up soon.
3. **Dues and additional contributions** – If you have not paid your 2015 dues, please help your volunteer Treasurer by going to the website (or sending a check) today. While you're there, update your profile and add some photos. If you are not sure if you have paid, please contact Nick Orem, Treasurer.
4. **Last Voyages** – please be sure that Nick and I are aware of the passing of any members
5. **The NAS store** – great regalia is available on the website: northamericanstation.com
6. **New member candidates** – Please contact Ove Haxthausen to discuss candidates.