



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



24 March 2016

Dear Members of The NAS,

The Annual Meeting was held on December 4. Minutes are posted on the [NAS website Docs page](#).
Highlights:

- GKSS Commodore Rasmus Bergström, in attendance, presented a riveting account, with many excellent photographs, of GKSS's 2015 activities.
- Revision of our Constitution and By-Laws as proposed was approved. This has also been posted to the [NAS website Docs page](#) (along with revised Rules of the Membership Committee that were approved by the Governing Board)
- Allan Heyward was re-elected to a three-year term as Governor
- Seven well-qualified new members were elected. Brief summaries of their qualifications have been posted to The NAS website.
- All Home Clubs and nearly all Committees presented detailed reports

The Governors also approved a proposal, per By-Laws Chap. I.1, to charge members elected after 2015 an entrance fee equivalent to the new member's first year's dues.

The Christmas Dinner Dance was again spectacular – just [look at the photos posted on The NAS website!](#) In attendance were GKSS Commodore Rasmus Bergström and his charming wife, Elaine, and Past Post Captain Øivind Lorentzen for our celebration of his 50 years as a member of The NAS. The Blunt White Trophy was awarded to Nick Orem for his years of exemplary service in several roles. The Paul W. Adams Award was presented to Angelica Barrows, Dave Brown and Sheila McCurdy for organizing an outstanding Five Club Regatta. The Pehr Sparre award was presented to Hiro and Yuko Nakajima and Ove Haxthausen for organizing a week of activities including The Atlantic Round and Stamford Denmark Friendship Weekend. A special award was presented to Jennifer Bowden in recognition of her seven-year leadership of the Christmas Dinner Committee.

I am very pleased to announce that our fellow member, **Lauretta Bruno, has graciously agreed to chair our Christmas Dinner Committee**, succeeding Jennifer. Lauretta has been a member of The NAS since 2007, participated in the 2011 Finnish Archipelago Cruise, and has attended many NAS events, including our annual formal, gala Christmas celebrations. She is also a member of New York

Yacht Club, has run many events there including major dinner events at 44th Street, and is well connected with its flag officers, committees and staff. Lauretta is extremely well qualified to chair the Christmas Dinner Committee, and we all look forward to working with her in maintaining the traditions of The NAS.

2017 Cruise Co-Vice Chair Nick Orem reports that well over half of the 80 participants' spots have been reserved with deposits. For more information and to sign up, details on the NAS website at [2017 Swedish West Coast Cruise](#).

The NAS, with NYYC, Indian Harbor YC and CCA, is running CCA's *Safety for Cruising Couples* seminar on May 21 at IHYC – details on the [CCA website](#). Having almost reached its limit of 60 attendees, it is certain to be a huge success!

Five Club Regatta 2016, led again by NAS and KNS member Angelica Barrows, will be held at KNS Wednesday-Saturday August 10-13. TAR 2016 will be held at KNS Saturday-Sunday August 13-14. Not surprisingly, led by our dear friend, Ragnar Klevaas, KNS plans many social events starting Thursday, August 11 through Monday August 15 for members of The NAS who wish to spend time before and after TAR with friends and in Oslo, so **this will appeal to many NAS members**. We will all be invited to a dinner with the 5C racers, which should be a special treat (at least for the adults!). TAR 2017 and Five Club 2017 will be held at KSSS – planning in progress already!

You will recall my email in December asking for tax-deductible donations to The Atlantic Round, Inc.: we need about \$10,000 per year to fund our triennial expenses of hosting TAR and Five Club Regatta. Response has been generous: 44 members (18% of the membership) have donated a total of \$6,425, an average of about \$150 per donation, which ranged from \$25 to \$1000 with most in the range of \$100-250. **I hope that you will consider a 2016 donation.**

The Junior Exchange Program, ably led by Sandy Markham, will have a strong summer. We have four or five candidates in each direction so far. **Please let Sandy know of candidates for Exchange or Host Families. She is particularly eager to learn of NAS families or friends with appropriately-aged children and who are members of yacht clubs along Long Island Sound.** Our goal is, over the next two summers, to have all Home Clubs participate in either direction.

The Clambake, Spring Meeting and Governors' meeting will be held at David Tunick's on Saturday June 4 – **mark your calendars** for another great NAS event!

Michael Geagan and David Tunick have collaborated to create a "Cruising and Passage Plans" section under the "Forum" tab on the website. **Please post your plans there and respond to requests from members.**

Secretary Nick Orem reports that 32 members have not yet paid their 2016 membership dues. **If you are one of the 32, please send in your dues right away.** If you're not sure, ask Nick by sending an email to nastreasurer@gmail.com.

I wish you great sailing in 2016!

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

And remember:

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ernie".

Ernie Godshalk, Post Captain

PS – A few reminders:

1. **Mark your calendars** and watch for details to follow:
 - ✓ *Safety for Cruising Couples*, IHYC, May 21
 - ✓ 2016 Clambake and Spring Meeting, David Tunick’s, June 4
 - ✓ 2016 Five Club Regatta and The Atlantic Round, Oslo, August 10-14.
 - ✓ 2016 Annual Christmas Dinner Dance, NYYC, Dec 2
 - ✓ 2017 NAS-GKSS Cruise, June 18 – July, 2 West coast of Sweden
 - ✓ 2017 Atlantic Round and Five Club, KSSS, TBD
2. **Junior Programs:** Please let Sandy Markham know of candidates for 2016 Junior Exchange age 15-17, or Host Families, and contact Angelica Barrows regarding candidates to represent The NAS at 2016 Five Club Regatta in Oslo – wonderful opportunities.
3. **Last Voyages** – please be sure that Nick and I are aware of the passing of any members
4. **The NAS store** – great regalia is available at [Team One Newport’s NAS Store](#).
5. **New member candidates** – Please contact Ove Haxthausen to discuss candidates.