



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



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Dear Members of The NAS,

Many great things have happened since my last letter:

- ✓ Several members of The NAS attended KDY's 150th anniversary celebration, with the royal family in attendance, at Copenhagen's elegant opera house
- ✓ The NAS, along with CCA, NYYC and Indian Harbor YC, ran a sold-out and very well received Safety for Cruising Couples seminar in May. Look for a magazine article about it early next year
- ✓ The Clambake and Spring meeting again drew a big crowd to David Tunick's sunny waterfront home
- ✓ KNS, led by NAS members Angelica Barrows and Ragnar Klevaas, organized a very successful overlapping Five Club Regatta and Atlantic Round in Oslo. The sturdy NAS Team represented us very well. More photos below.
- ✓ The Home Clubs and The NAS have agreed to a 5-year schedule for 5C and TAR: 2017 - KSSS; 2018 - KDY; 2019 - The NAS; 2020 - GKSS; 2021 - NJK
- ✓ The Junior Exchange Program had a successful year with two KSSS Juniors coming to the US and three Americans going to KSSS and GKSS. I have attached some testimonials at the end of this letter - gratifying reading! We already have a strong inquiry from NJK and an offer from an American host family for next summer. I would very much appreciate a volunteer to assist in Junior Exchange.



PHOTO CAPTION CONTEST!: The winner

will receive free aquavit at The NAS dinner on Dec. 2. (Shown are members of The NAS Ann Noble-Kiley, and The NAS TAR Team (L to R) Henrik Andersen, Allan Heyward and Bjorn Johnson in Oslo.)

And more great things upcoming:

- ✓ Concert at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine: Rautavaara's Vigilia, Nov 15
- ✓ [Weather seminar](#), led by Michael Geagan, Nov 19, Larchmont YC
- ✓ The [NAS annual meeting and Gala](#), at which we will meet KNS Commodore Heffermehl, NJK Commodore-elect Welin and our new NJK governor representative, Henrik Roos; elect new members; and present awards to members with 25-49 years of membership (we recognized 50+ members last year).



2015 Gala – what fun!

- ✓ The Swedish Cruise, June, 2017



Mothership LOYAL

The [2017 Sweden West Coast Cruise](#) is shaping up nicely. We have 17 boats and 71 people signed up for the cruise, which will begin with dinner at the Royal Gothenburg Yacht Club on Sunday June 18, 2017. On Monday the 19th we will begin our sail up the west coast, visiting some picturesque small towns and islands along the way. Our northernmost point will be Strömstad, just south of the border with Norway, whence we will head back south visiting different places on our return.

The Lonely Planet Guide describes Sweden's Bohuslän coast as "dramatic, stark and irrepressibly beautiful...caught between sky and sea." We still have a few places left on the mothership Loyal so act quickly by contacting Nick Orem or David Tunick.

- ✓ The Stockholm Archipelago Cruise, 2019, tentatively June 28-July 12 – Crossed burgees with CCA and KSSS. Likely to sell out quickly. Contact David Tunick or me.

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 with an average of about \$150 per donation, ranging from \$25 to \$1000 with most in the range of \$100-250. **I hope that you will consider a 2016 donation before year-end.**

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

I look forward to seeing many of you at our Dinner on Dec. 2 – which may set a new attendance record so we have decided to have cocktails in the Grill Room and dinner in the Model Room.

And remember:

"The Gods do not deduct from man's allotted span those hours spent in sailing."

Sincerely,



Ernie Godshalk, Post Captain

PS – A few reminders:

1. **Mark your calendar:**
 - ✓ 2016 Annual Meeting and Christmas Dinner Dance, NYYC, Dec 2
 - ✓ 2017 Clambake and Spring Meeting, David Tunick's, June 3
 - ✓ 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 me know of candidates for 2017 Junior Exchange age 15-17, or Host Families, and contact Angelica Barrows regarding candidates to represent The NAS at 2017 Five Club Regatta in Stockholm – wonderful opportunities.
3. **Last Voyages** – please be sure that Nick Orem and I are aware of the passing of any members **before Dec 2.**
4. **The NAS store** – great regalia is available on the [website](#):
5. **New member candidates** – Please contact Ove Haxthausen ovehax@hotmail.com to discuss candidates.

Junior Exchange testimonials:

1. Lukas Dahlstedt, Stockholm to Markhams', Darien, CT

We were lucky enough to be able to host a another sailor this summer from KSSS through the North American Station. We have been involved with the program since 2014 and have had such great experiences, both hosting and having our daughter visit with a KSSS family in Sweden.

This summer we hosted Lukas Dahlstedt. We are not sure who had more fun, Lukas or our family. He spent his days coaching at Noroton Yacht Club, paddle boarding or sailing. He was always on the water.

He was an absolute pleasure and we hope to stay in contact with him.



The Markham Family

The family Markham: from the left Peter, myself, Sandy and Libby at the Norton Yacht club

Lukas trip to the USA, NAS-scholarship

Hi,

My name is Lukas Dahlstedt, and in July 2016 I had the great honor to get selected for the North American Station (NAS) scholarship. NAS is a society that works to develop and enhance the alliance between North American and Scandinavian sailors. The trip to Darien in Connecticut was an exciting experience, as well as it was a very educational. Also, I had the incredible luck to be staying with the wonderful Markham family.

On the 18th of July, I flew to NY in the company of three other sailors from St. Francis Yacht club, whom I had gotten to know through an exchange program that KSSS arranged in San Francisco last summer. When we got to the airport JFK, we all went in different directions as we were all going to different places. At the exit, a happy Sandy waited to take me home to Darien. During the drive to Darien, I got a good insight in regards to what was planned

for us during the upcoming weeks. With a lot of talk and laughter during the car trip, I couldn't wait to meet the rest of the family! After Sandy had shown me the house, she took me down to Noroton Yacht Club to see how things worked, as I was going to be there during the days to help out.

The Markham family also hosted Nic Baird at their home, so he and I drove together to the club in the morning. Nic, who is a successful Laser Sailor, gave me some great advice that will be of great use in my own sailing training.

During the days we had about 30-40 degrees Celsius and clear blue skies. So when we weren't at the club, we took the boat to go swimming in some awesome bay. Or went to Rowayton, which is a neighboring town where there are several nice places to eat. Because of the heat, I only needed to wear swim wear and a lifejacket when I was sailing or was helping out as an instructor at the club, which of course was very nice. But as usually, I forgot the sunscreen every single day – and this in spite of the fact that my new family reminded me over and over again.

During my visit in Darien, the Yacht club had arranged a two week long camp during which two sailing sessions a day was planned. In the morning the participants sailed Optimists, and in the afternoon they sailed both Optimist and Laser. I was working as a Junior Instructor during the camp together with (amongst others) Thomas, Will, Emma, Brendan and Jake from the club, and they were all so much fun to work with. Also, they were all so competent and nice, and the atmosphere at the club was fantastic. I enjoyed very much working with both sailors and coaches! The new experience for me during the camp at Noroton was that the dinghies were privately owned, and after every session the coach vessels were taken out of the water with a lift crane to be cleaned. The club took great care of their property!

When the winds were blowing briskly, one often went out on a boat called Ideal 18, which is a type of boat that is similar to the C55 that is used during KSSS camp facilities on Lökholmen in Sweden. On Noroton Yacht club, several different types of boats were used such as Optimist, Laser and 420 but also Bics, Pixels, Ideal 18 and Sonar. Some of these boats I had never heard of previously – little alone sailed on. But they were nice boats that were foremost used by those who had not sailed that much before. On the weekends there were big boat races, but even dinghy sailors were allowed to join in order to compete and learn more about what it is like to race the bigger boats. I was invited to sail aboard a big ship during an entire day, and that was very exciting and also an educating experience. In the future, I would for sure like to sail on a big ship again!

I experienced a fantastic 13 days in Connecticut with such a nice family, that I enjoyed everything from boat trips, New York visits, concerts and shopping with. The job as a Junior Instructor at the Yacht club was very rewarding, and I met a lot of nice people thanks to the experience – I have already had good use of my experience at Noroton as an instructor at

Lökholmen in Sweden. The fantastic weeks in Darien will be a great memory for the rest of my life!



2. Gillian Winn, Manchester, MA to KSSS



Gillian is left of center.

Some words about the exchange: I had a wonderful time traveling to the Royal Swedish Yacht Club and helping at one of their summer camps. It was amazing connecting with other sailors and being able to share knowledge and experiences amongst each other. It was an unforgettable trip!

I'm even writing my college essay on the trip to Sweden!

I will definitely be an ambassador in getting kids to apply to the NAS program. I would love to host a Scandinavian!

3. Brooks Daley, CT to KSSS

When I first came to Sweden, it would be unrealistic to say that I wasn't intimidated. Everyone spoke a language that I didn't understand a word of, the winds were incredibly strong, and more than ever I felt alone. Though these anxieties quickly faded as I began to feel the immense hospitality of Olsson family. Mats, Christina, Isa, and Mons were all huge benefactors in allowing me to feel comfortable in their nation and helped make the experience one I will never forget. I cannot thank them enough for welcoming me into their home and doing anything possible to make sure that I enjoyed my stay in Sweden. This ranged from bringing me out windsurfing (something I had not

attempted prior), showing me the countryside of which they lived, and introducing me to GKSS.

GKSS was not like a yacht club I had ever seen before and probably unlike any I will see again. The venue was simply amazing as the clubhouse and the island protected water created the perfect combination of what dinghy sailing should entail. The great wind didn't hurt either! Regarding the club, I feel obliged to mention and thank the head coach Daniel. Daniel was able to put me into a very competitive laser training camp and all the way through worked to defeat the language barrier by re-explaining drills and debriefs in English to me personally. I can't thank him enough for granting me with everything he possibly could, right down to the hat on his head!

Sweden is a country that was completely foreign to me a month ago, yet by the end of the trip, I felt as if I had experienced every aspect of the country that I had imagined seeing. Marstrand, to which we sailed on the Olsson's Beneteau 27.7, could not have been a more beautiful place. As we left the island all I could think about was returning, but this time for some sailing, not just sightseeing! Gothenburg, the city with which our endeavors were based, proved to be equally amazing. The Olsson family and GKSS are the ones I need to thank for my incredible journey.

So I thank you

Brooks Daley

More TAR and 5C photos:



The NAS TAR Team (993) underway



.....after an unconventional start.



Cocktails aboard Night Watch.....followed by dinner.



5C winning team: NJK, with NJK Commodore Tallberg



NAS 5C Team Coach Julian DelGiudice presents a gift of appreciation to KNS Commodore Heffermehl