



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

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Dear Members of The North American Station,

What a fantastic summer for The NAS!

The 2017 Swedish Cruise was universally praised, due primarily to Stefan Holmgren's and his family's efforts along with Cruise Co-Vice Chairs Nick Orem and Michael Geagan. Participants included NAS members (and, as noted, their *boats*) Doug (and Susan) Adkins, Henrik Andersen, Chace (and Josie) Anderson, Carter (and Peggy) Bacon (*Solution*), Jennifer Bowden, Dave Brown, John Brown, Nick Brown, Doug (and Dale) Bruce, Michael Coady, Pieter and Joanna Miller de Zwart, Hans Drakenberg, Dianne and Jeb Embree, Elaine Falkenberg, Jim (and Lynne) Gage, Anne and Larry Glenn, Ernie Godshalk (*Golden Eye*), Ove and Neda Haxthausen, Maria and Stefan (and James and John) Holmgren (*Penélope*), Eva Holmsten, Ed Kane, Elisabeth and Larry Lavers, Dave (and Pam) MacFarlane, Sheila McCurdy, Phil and (Kathy) McKnight, Bob (and Sally) Medland, Nick and Phyllis Orem, Torben Pind, Paul (and Marty) Rogers (*Canty*), Will Schoettle, Karin and Per Settergren (*Kia Ora*), Gale and Steve Sherman, Walter Szot (and Dawn and Aneilia), David Tunick (*Night Watch*) and Steve Wolfe. *Loyal* again served well as "mothership." The Cruise started with a gala dinner at GKSS that featured Commodore and Mrs. Casselbrant and Past Commodore Per and Mrs. Settergren. The route took the Cruise almost to Norway; included an extraordinary Midsummer party at the summer home of friends of the Settergrens and a layday at Käringön; and ended with a layday and fabulous Closing Dinner in Marstrand.





Mothership LOYAL

Past Post Captain Tunick and I proceeded – *Golden Eye* via the Göta Canal and *Night Watch* via the southern route – to the east coast, where we explored harbors, restaurants, etc. for our 2019 Stockholm Archipelago Cruise. We met with KSSS Commodore Staffan Salén aboard *Ballad* and NAS Past Post Captain Johan Kahm aboard *Anitra*.

The Five Club Regatta had been held at KSSS while we were on the Cruise - Angelica, thank you for organizing The NAS Team again! NJK again claimed the beautiful Five Club Regatta Trophy.

Golden Eye and *Night Watch* participated in The Atlantic Round and Swope Trophy Regatta also held at KSSS. In a unique and very exciting new format, Eva Holmsten arranged for TAR participants, including Commodore Casselbrant and NJK Commodore Welín, to sail aboard KSSS classic boats as well as on *Golden Eye* and *Night Watch* in the Crayfish Regatta from Saltsjöbaden to Sandhamn, join the Crayfish Dinner that night, and race again in the Hangover Regatta the next day. This novel format worked well. NJK won TAR aboard the classic *Beatrice Aurora* and KSSS won the Swope Trophy.



Earlier in the summer, David Tunick again hosted a great Clam Bake, with Governors' Meeting and Spring Meeting of members. Thank you as always, David! Draft minutes of the Spring Meeting are posted on the website.

We had (only!) one Junior Exchange this summer, a young lady from KSSS who was invited (thanks to the persistence of and investments of time by Doug and Dale Bruce) to Camden, Maine – a new geography for Junior Exchange and a very successful beginning. Doug and Dale were able to meet her and her parents while on the 2017 Sweden Cruise. Thank you, Doug and Dale! I was also able to meet a 2015 Junior Exchanger and her family. As I mentioned in my prior letter, our Junior Exchange Program is functioning – but I need your help! **YOU can help by contacting your local yacht club, perhaps publishing a letter, like the draft attached, in its newsletter and offering to put prospective Juniors or Host Families in touch with me.** Ove Haxthausen and David Tunick have recruited part-time help from Suzanne Malloy Zaleski of Stamford Yacht Club. The Exchange Program is a highly visible and appreciated tie between the Home Clubs and The NAS. Ideally, we should have exchanges with each of the Home Clubs in both directions every year.

Incorporation and tax-exempt status: As I mentioned in my prior letter, we are proceeding to incorporate The NAS. Progress on this is behind schedule - I hope to announce its completion at the Annual Meeting.

Looking ahead:

- ✓ Christmas Gala, Friday, December 1, 2017 at NYYC. Laretta Bruno will again run this wonderful event which may sell out. Guests will include KSSS Commodore Salén and Mrs. Salén; Stefan, Maria and John Holmgren; Lars Spongberg and Ulla Osterman, who hosted Midsummer during the Cruise; and new members CCA Commodore Jim Binch and CCA Vice Commodore Brad Willauer.
- ✓ As explained in my prior letter, we will celebrate Finland's centenary; a member of Finland's New York Consulate will be our guest.
- ✓ 2018 Atlantic Round and Five Club Regatta, KDY, dates TBD
- ✓ The Stockholm Archipelago Cruise, 2019, June 27-July 13 – Crossed burgees with CCA and KSSS. Approaching being “sold out.” Contact David Tunick or me if you are interested.



You will recall my emails asking for donations to The Atlantic Round, Inc., a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) and a valuable and significant supporter of our Atlantic Round and Five Club Regatta efforts. We need about \$10,000 per year to fund our triennial expenses of hosting TAR and Five Club Regatta and occasionally for Junior Exchange, so we encourage you to be generous in your support of The Atlantic Round, Inc. Response from NAS members has

been strong, 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 2017 donation before year-end.**

Treasurer Nick Orem reports that some members have not yet paid their 2017 membership dues. **If you are one of them, please send in your dues right away.** If you're not sure, ask Nick by sending an email to nastreasurer@gmail.com.

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

I look forward to seeing many of you at our Annual Meeting and Christmas Gala!

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 2017 calendar:**
 - ✓ Christmas Gala, December 1, 2017 at NYYC.
2. **Junior Programs:** Please let me know of candidates for 2018 Junior Exchange age 15-17, or Host Families, and contact Angelica Barrows regarding candidates to represent The NAS at 2018 Five Club Regatta in Denmark – wonderful opportunities.
3. **Last Voyages** – please be sure that Nick Orem and I are aware of the passing of any members.
4. **The NAS store** – great regalia is available on the website: northamericanstation.com
5. **New member candidates** – Please contact Ove Haxthausen ovehax@hotmail.com to discuss candidates.

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For local yacht club ("XX YC") newsletter

Scandinavian Junior Programs

The North American Station of the Royal Scandinavian Yacht Clubs (northamericanstation.com), of which XX YC member [your name] is a member, organizes **sailing-related home stays** in Scandinavia for American juniors aged 15-18, and in the US for Scandinavian juniors. The stays are usually about two weeks.

The Scandinavian yacht clubs are located in Oslo, Gothenburg, Stockholm, Copenhagen and Helsinki - first class locations for sailboat racing and cruising.

Participating juniors are usually strong sailors who often become guest instructors at their host family's yacht club.

These exchanges make friends for life.

The NAS will consider including XX YC juniors and host families.

In addition, **The NAS will send a team of juniors** to the annual "Five Club Regatta," in 2018 in Denmark in early July. The NAS team will compete in dinghies against teams from the Scandinavian yacht clubs. XX YC juniors will be considered for the team.

Interested XX YC juniors or families may contact [your name] at [\[email address\]](#) or [phone number].



Royal Swedish Yacht Club (KSSS) instructors including US Junior Gillian Winn.