



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



23 February 2018

Dear Members of The North American Station,

In my last letter, I neglected to include some of the fabulous photos from 2017 cruise taken by Gale Sherman, which are posted on our website in the Photos tab – thank you, Gale!

At the Annual Meeting, Jennifer Bowden, Ove Haxthausen and Nick Orem accepted the roles of treasurer, secretary and membership chair, respectively - thank you for your past and future service! Nine well-qualified members were elected. The NAS remains healthy. Minutes of the meeting have been posted to the website.

The Christmas Gala Dinner, again organized by Laretta Bruno – thank you! - was a full house in the Model Room and many thought the best ever! Stefan Holmgren received The Pehr Sparre Award (encomium attached) and I was honored with the Blunt White Trophy.

Junior Exchange was limited last year although we did have a Junior from GKSS visit Camden, Maine thanks to Doug and Dale Bruce. Photo by Isa Olsson. Please see a note from her, attached. **I**

really need your help to revitalize Junior Exchange. Here is advice from past Junior Exchange leader, Viveka Kjellgren:



You don't have to have children who are junior sailors in order to be in charge of the Junior Exchange program (I did not) as there are two aspects to the program

1. The contacts with the Scandinavian Club, which needs continuity on both sides of the Atlantic. No need to have your own junior sailors!
2. Finding junior sailors and host families in the US. I did not really know anybody in the yacht clubs here (was not even a member of any American yacht club at that time) my first years as junior exchange chair, BUT I had a lot of support from our members who worked with their respective clubs. Yes, quite a few of them had kids in the age group, but you don't have to. Our club, Cedar Point YC, have participated because the boat next to our slip had an "age appropriate" daughter (who is a great sailor and a wonderful person) and I asked her if she would like to be an exchange sailor, to which she said yes!!! She went to KSSS and her family hosted a junior sailor from Scandinavia.



The trick is to keep your eyes open in your own club and talk with people, not only the Junior Sailor chair.

You can easily help by contacting the junior sailing leader at your local yacht club, and/or by putting an article like the draft attached in your club's newsletter, and referring interested Juniors and Host Families to me.

As I reported in October, Angelica Barrows recruited and sent The NAS Five Club team (L-R: Sonia Lingos-Utley, Oscar Madzio and Chloe Madzio) to compete at KSSS. The 2018 5C will be hosted by KDY in early August. Angelica will again organize our team.

The 2018 Atlantic Round will also be hosted by KDY later in August.

Two excellent social events were organized this winter by Jennifer Bowden and David Tunick: a visit to the Munch exhibits, lunch and reception; a presentation by NAS member Dario Segre regarding the building-in-progress of his superyacht.

David Tunick and Hiro Nakajima are organizing a *Safety for Cruising Couples* seminar May 20 at Stamford Yacht Club along with NYYC and CCA. Please see the flyer attached.

Golden Eye is presently in Stockholm. This summer, I will do further exploration of the Stockholm archipelago, in anticipation of our 2019 Cruise there, then head for Savonlinna (the opera capital of Finland), in the interior lakes of Finland, reached through Russian waters, and return to Stockholm for the winter. *Night Watch* will be in the archipelago, too – anyone else?

I hope that you, too, have adventuresome cruises planned this summer and would love to hear about them.

Our 2019 Cruise has just started accepting registrations for members' boats; then, we will open registration to members who wish to charter or join a mothership.

The 2019 12 Metre worlds will be held in Newport in 2019. Several boats from KDY and KNS will participate. The NAS is assisting.

2020 will be an exciting year for The NAS: our 75th anniversary, TAR and 5C. I hope that many of you will join us in making 2020 memorable!

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. Allan Heyward, Christina Spellman and Jennifer Bowden have been hard at work on this. We need about \$10,000 per year to fund our roughly-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 2018 donation.**

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

I look forward to seeing many of you at our Spring Meeting and Clambake, June 2!

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:**
 - ✓ Spring Meeting and Clambake, June 2
 - ✓ Christmas Gala, Friday, December 7, 2018 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 Ove Haxthausen 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 Membership Committee chair Nick Orem nickorem@gmail.com to discuss candidates.

THE PEHR SPARRE AWARD

2017

PRESENTED BY POST CAPTAIN ERNEST GODSHALK AND
PAST POST CAPTAINS DAVID TUNICK & DAVE BROWN

THIS YEAR GIVEN BY A GRATEFUL MEMBERSHIP TO STEFAN HOLMGREN. COME FORWARD PLEASE, STEFAN.

STEFAN, THIS AWARD WAS DONATED BY OUR FOUNDER'S FAMILY, PEHR SPARRE, 33 YEARS AGO, TO BE AWARDED FROM TIME TO TIME TO A MEMBER OF THE STATION WHO BEST PERSONIFIES COUNT SPARRE'S IDEALS, STANDARDS, AND SENSE OF HUMOR. THIS YEAR OUR SELECTION WAS UNANIMOUS. YOUR CLUB, THE NORTH AMERICAN STATION, IS GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR YOUR EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP AS CHAIRMAN OF OUR CRUISE THIS PAST SUMMER ON THE WEST COAST OF SWEDEN.

YOU PREPARED FOR THREE YEARS, PLANNING EACH OF THE 14 DAYS IN METICULOUS DETAIL. YOU LED US FROM YOUR HOME CLUB, THE ROYAL GOTHENBURG YACHT CLUB, OF WHICH YOU HAD BEEN COMMODORE, TO THE NORWEGIAN BORDER AND BACK TO MARSTRAND IN A VARIETY OF CONDITIONS INCLUDING NEAR-GALE WINDS THAT THE FLEET NAVIGATED WITHOUT INCIDENT THANKS TO YOUR WISE LEADERSHIP, YOUR DEEP KNOWLEDGE OF THE AREA WE SAILED, AND YOUR CONSUMMATE SEAMANSHIP. TO THOSE OF US ON THE CRUISE, IT SEEMED WE WENT FROM ONE ISLAND SPLENDOR TO THE NEXT. YOU MADE APPEAR EFFORTLESS WHAT WAS IN FACT A MAMMOTH UNDERTAKING. YOU ACCOMPLISHED IT ALL WITH EXTRAORDINARY GRACE, ELEGANCE, AND HUMOR - THE LAST EXEMPLIFIED IN YOUR PLAYING THE SWASHBUCKLING PIRATE IN PERFECT MAKEUP AND COSTUME REplete WITH RED BANDANA, BLACK EYE PATCH, 18TH CENTURY SWORD, & FLASHING CANNON.

STEFAN, WE ARE PROUD TO HAVE YOU AS A MEMBER OF THE NAS AND PROUD TO PRESENT YOU WITH THIS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD.

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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].



KSSS instructors including US Junior Gillian Winn.

From Isa Olsson, GKSS, Nov 2017

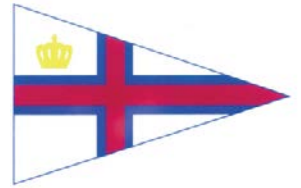
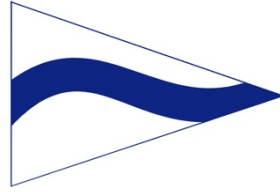
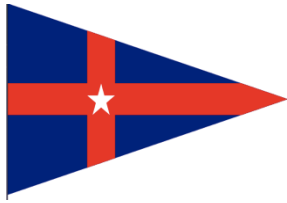
Summer sailing exchange in Camden, Maine 2017

This summer, I was given the opportunity to go on one of the greatest adventures of my life, through GKSS with the NAS Junior Exchange Program. Two years ago, my family heard about this sailing exchange program within GKSS. We offered to host Brooks Daley from Connecticut when he came to Gothenburg in summer of 2016. From the beginning we did not know what this exchange program was all about and what we needed to provide from our family. But as we have now understood, it is just a great way for sailors in Scandinavia to get in touch with sailors in the United States and vice versa.

I was very lucky when I, on quite short notice this summer, received the opportunity to go to Camden, Maine. We had been in contact with Ernest Godshalk during spring time who worked hard to find someone who would like to host me. After getting a positive answer from CAYSP they spread the word within the club and the the Maguire family volunteered to host me.

The Maguire family is a great family who are very involved in the sailing program at CAYSP (Camden Area Youth Seamanship Program). During my stay in Camden, I was able to join the CAYSP summer program as a sailing instructor. It was a fun experience and I felt very welcomed by all the instructors I spent my days teaching sailing in the program and the afternoons were spent with my lovely host family. They showed me the small but very charming town and also the amazing scenery and nature around the area.

I am very grateful for this opportunity which I received through GKSS and NAS. The exchange was a great learning experience and I met people with a common interest in sailing and outdoor life which created, I hope, long lasting friendships. I can really recommend this exchange program and I would like to thank everyone who made it possible! Special thanks to Ernest Godshalk for all initial help, Dough and Dale Bruce for the warm welcome and all the great help with my travels, CAYSP for giving me a great learning experience and a fun time when working with you, and of course a great thank you to Allison Maguire and the wonderful family for hosting me!



Safety for Cruising Couples

A safety-at-sea **hands-on** program for cruising couples and short-handed cruisers

Sail & power, coastal and local waters

Based on the acclaimed “Suddenly Alone” seminars

The goal of the one-day training seminar is to build the confidence of the “less” experienced crew/partner in the event the “more” experienced person is occupied with a repair, becomes incapacitated, or falls overboard.

Sunday May 20, 2018 0830 – 1700 hours

Stamford Yacht Club

Stamford, CT

Presented by

New York Yacht Club

Stamford Yacht Club

The Cruising Club of America

The North American Station of the Royal Scandinavian Yacht Clubs

A team of highly experienced instructors will cover:

Morning Session - classroom discussion:

Fundamentals of VHF radio

Man overboard recovery

Basics of navigation

Medical issues

Safety equipment

Afternoon Session - on the water, hands-on training:

Chart plotter fundamentals

Engine instruction

Man overboard with Life Sling demonstration

Tuition: \$155 per couple or \$85 per single person

Includes: Lunch and "Safety for Cruising Couples" workbook

Registration deadline: May 12, 2018

For further information or to enroll, contact: Hiro Nakajima or David Tunick

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Early registration encouraged – the last three seminars were sold out.