



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



15 September 2018

Dear Members of The North American Station,

It was with very mixed emotions of sadness and fond memories that we celebrated the life of our late Past Post Captain (twice), Peter Minton Ward, who left us on June 3. Peter, and his wife, Audrey, have been members of The NAS since 1956, among the five longest serving members. He sailed transatlantic with our founder, Count Pehr Sparre, in 1955 aboard *Arabella*, which he later bought and cruised with Audrey for 37 years. Peter was central to the vitality of The NAS and brought both humor and direction to the Station.

The Spring Meeting and Clambake were again a huge success, thanks to the hospitality of David Tunick, a large turnout and excellent weather. You may access the minutes on the website but here are some highlights: We elected ten wonderful new members; Allan Heyward reported on plans to recruit Team NAS at The Atlantic Round at KDY in early September as well as funding for The Atlantic Round, Inc.; Angelica Barrows reported on plans for Team NAS at the Five Club Regatta at KDY in early August; David Tunick and Hiro Nakajima reported on the very well-attended *Safety for Cruising Couples* seminar that they organized on May 20 at Stamford Yacht Club along with NYYC and CCA; planning has commenced for our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2020; Hiro Nakajima has succeeded Ove Haxthausen as Secretary of the Station.

Our 2018 Junior Exchange Program included three Scandinavian Juniors (a fourth had to cancel) who came to the US and one US Junior who went to Scandinavia. The US Junior reported: "I had a really amazing time, I really, really enjoyed it and can't thank you enough for providing me with this experience. I was able to truly get a feel for the way of life in Sweden by living with the Löhr family, something I never would have seen by just vacationing and won't take for granted." A host family in Stamford reported that they were very happy with their guest and would be delighted to host again. Reports from two Scandinavian Juniors are copied below\*. I continue to request assistance from members on this program as I will not have time to run it myself next year. **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 or my successor as chair of Junior Exchange.



5C Regatta, 2018, KDY

The Five Club Regatta was held at KDY last month. Angelica Barrows again organized both the team and the coach, who represented The NAS very well. Thank you, Angelica! It is encouraging that KDY hosted and that six teams participated (see photo).



NAS Team in safe leeward position

The Atlantic Round was held earlier this month, also at KDY. Henrik Andersen did a great job organizing it. All six clubs were represented, each by its commodore/post captain. The NAS was represented by Allan Heyward, who led Team NAS, Palmer Sparkman, Angelica Barrows, Lars Sørbo and yours truly – our finishes in The Swope Trophy and TAR were respectable. See photo. All six clubs are eager to compete again next year in Gothenburg.

We also had a Commodores' Meeting with all clubs represented. Of note, we agreed to a six-year schedule for 5C and TAR (The NAS hosts again in 2020) and the idea of a cruise in the US in 2021 or 2022. I expect to see multiple commodores at our Dinner this December and at our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations in 2020. As you can see from the photo, the mood of the meeting was very positive.



Commodores' Meeting 2018



Sparre coat of arms, Riddarhuset, Stockholm

*Golden Eye* has been underway in the Baltic this year. In May, en route to board *Golden Eye* in Stockholm, NAS member Ann Noble-Kiley and I stopped in Copenhagen and had dinner with KDY Commodore Lars Ive and his wife, Kirsten, Henrik Andersen and Lena Brinks, discussing their plans for hosting 5C and TAR this year. In Stockholm, we had dinner with new KSSS Commodore Patrik Salén and his wife, Katja. We also got together several times with members Hans Drakenburg and Eva Holmsten (viewing our



With new member Robert Hansson





Golden Eye at Sandhamn, May, 2018

founder, Pehr Sparre's, coat of arms in "Nobles House" – see photo); Carl and Eva Urban; new member Robert Hansson and his wife, Åse (see photos); and KSSS Committee member Stefan Löhr and his wife, Jenny, who hosted a US Junior this summer (and whose son, Ludvig, was to be on Exchange to the US but had to cancel due to illness). For a week, we cruised in the Archipelago, researching harbors, restaurants, marinas, hotels, motherships, charter boats and cruising guides for our 2019 Cruise (see photos).

We continued on to the Åland Islands, the Finnish archipelago including dinner with Past NJK Commodore Gunilla Antas (see photo); visits to the Rooses' (see photo)(along with Past NJK Commodore Claes



Crayfish party at Hanssons'

Tallberg) and NJK Commodore Welins' homes; eight NJK harbors; the Finnish Lakes including a return visit, this time by boat, to Savonlinna; St. Petersburg; Tallinn, Estonia; and a return to Stockholm for further Cruise research with *Night Watch* before putting *Golden Eye* up for the winter.

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

Planning has begun for the 2018 Christmas Dinner on Friday, December 7 at NYYC in NYC – mark your calendars!

Regarding our 2019 Cruise, a double cabin on mothership *Loyal* has just become available and there is still a single berth available. Otherwise, the Cruise is fully booked but accepting applications to the wait list. Information may be found at [stockholm2019.com](http://stockholm2019.com) or contact David Tunick or me.



Godshalk and Antas



Roos and Godshalk

The 2019 12 Metre Worlds will be held in Newport in 2019. Several boats from KDY, NJK and KNS have expressed interest but are encountering logistical challenges. The NAS is attempting to assist.

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

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



Cruise Committee hard at work.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our Dinner on December 7!

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 2018-2019 calendar:**
  - ✓ Annual Meeting and Christmas Gala, Friday, December 7, 2018 at NYYC.
  - ✓ Spring Meeting and Clambake, Saturday, June 1, 2019 at David Tunick’s house in Stamford, CT
2. **Junior Programs:** Please let me know of candidates for 2019 Junior Exchange age 15-17, or Host Families, and contact Angelica Barrows regarding candidates to represent The NAS at 2019 Five Club Regatta in Gothenburg – wonderful opportunities. Please consider assisting in leading Junior Exchange and placing an article in the newsletter of your local yacht club.
3. **The Atlantic Round:** Contact Allan Heyward regarding joining The NAS TAR team to race at Royal Gothenburg Yacht Club in 2019.
4. **Last Voyages** – please be sure that Hiro Nakajima and I are aware of the passing of any members.
5. **The NAS store** – great regalia is available on the website: [northamericanstation.com](http://northamericanstation.com)
6. **New member candidates** – Please contact Membership Committee chair Nick Orem [nickorem@gmail.com](mailto:nickorem@gmail.com) to discuss candidates.

**\*Report from Eric Welin, son of NJK Commodore Mats Welin:**

Junior Exchange in US

The starting point for my exchange was when I travelled with my parent and my brother to New York in December 2016. My father had been invited to participate in the Annual Meeting of NAS and we all were invited to the NAS Christmas Dinner at NYYC. Dan Orem, who is one year younger than me, took care of me and my brother for a day in New York. With Uber we saw the town. I remember especially One Trade Center and Ground Zero. Dan was a great host and guide.

During the summer of 2017 i took part in the Five Club Regatta, as sole participant of my club Nyländska Jaktklubben "NJK" (est. 1861). There I had the opportunity to meet and learn to know the Americans in NAS team. That was inspiring. When I travelled home with the beautiful old trophy, I started to hope I could have the opportunity to take part in a Junior Exchange to USA.

During spring this year my father was contacted by Dan's father Nick Orem jr, who offered to have me at their summer cottage in Hull, Boston. We agreed this would happen after my Matriculation Exam, during the first three weeks of July.

I flew with Icelandair from Helsinki via Reykjavik to Boston. Changing flight in Reykjavik was easy as it is such a small airport. Due to a delay at the first leg I missed my connection flight. Icelandair offered my great service and rebooked me on a flight one hour later than the original flight. I was upgraded to Business Class. Not a bad start on my adventure!

In Boston the Orem picked me up at the airport and drove me to their summer cottage in Hull, Boston. I had a really nice time with the Orem's and Dan was great company.

During three weeks we sailed 420 and Laser at the Hull Yacht Club (Est. 1886). Tide and very salty water were unfamiliar for me. We don't have that on the Baltic Sea. Everything was well organized, so there were no problems although the conditions were different from home. I learned that 420 dinghy is the main junior class after Optimist and that is also used at school.

The highlight of my exchange was on 4th of July. I celebrated it with the Orem's and their neighbors. We visited many people, enjoyed good food and beautiful fireworks over the skyline of Boston. I will never forget that!

I am happy to warmly recommend the Five Club Regatta and Junior Exchange. I would like to express my gratitude to the Orem family, NAS and NJK for the exchange. Hull Yacht Club got the NJK burgee, which is in good company with all American burgees they have.

Eric Welin

## **Report from KSSS Junior Tim Nyllinge:**

My experience in the US was incredible! I was received with open arms and I felt like everyone, especially the Gardner family, was trying to make me feel welcome and make my stay as good as possible. I got to meet a few amazing people during my stay. First of all, Susan, Alex and Chris who made me feel like part of their family for a couple of weeks. Thank you guys so much! At the club I met a lot of people, too many to name, who wanted to talk to me and had me out sailing with them, which was great. I also hung out with the sailing instructors, especially the Irish guys, who made me feel part of their squad. Also, I would like to thank the NAS members for having me and throwing the pool party during my stay.

I am very happy I was able to have this experience and I really hope I will meet some of you guys again! Please let me know if you for some reason have your ways by Sweden and we'll go out for a sail.

Lastly, I am working on the article for the KSSS Newspaper, which I hope will draw attention to your club and maybe get you an even nicer swede on exchange next year! Kind regards, Tim Nyllinge

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For your local yacht club [your yacht club] newsletter

### Scandinavian Junior Programs

The North American Station of the Royal Scandinavian Yacht Clubs (northamericanstation.com), of which [your yacht club] 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 [your yacht club] juniors and host families.

In addition, **The NAS will send a team of juniors** to the annual "Five Club Regatta" in 2019 in Gothenburg, Sweden. The NAS team will compete in dinghies against teams from the Scandinavian yacht clubs. [your yacht club] juniors will be considered for the team.

Interested [your yacht club] juniors or families may contact [your name] at [your email address] or [your phone number].



Royal Swedish Yacht Club instructors including US Junior Gillian Winn.