



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



5 March 2019

Dear Members of The North American Station,

At the Annual Meeting, held on December 7, Richard West was elected a governor, replacing Peter Vranum, who had served with distinction as a governor and KDY representative for many years, and Allan Heyward was re-elected. Earlier, the governing board had appointed governor Ove Haxthausen as KDY representative. Guests of honor included KDY Commodore Lars Ive and KNS Commodore Karl-Christian Agerup, who reported on their club's affairs. The members approved a change in the club's fiscal year to December 31.

The governing board also discussed at length our dues and initiation fees and decided to raise dues and initiation fees modestly, after a hiatus of several years. Important considerations were: a desire to continue a substantial subsidy to the annual dinner, which has increased due to increased attendance; a desire to continue regular hosting and participation in TAR and Five Club Regatta; anticipating additional expenses during our 75th anniversary year; a desire to keep dues and initiation fees at levels which will not be a burden on members, especially younger members. The new dues are: Couple (\$175.00); Single (\$125.00); Couple <40 (\$100.00); Single <40 (\$50.00); initiation fees continue to be one year's dues; initiation fees waived for any returning NAS member who had left in good standing.

We will host both TAR and Five Club Regatta in 2020 at considerable expense to The NAS. **Please consider a generous donation** to The Atlantic Round, Inc. – you may do this easily on our website.

The annual dinner, led by Past Post Captain David Tunick, was attended by a record 143 members and guests and received rave reviews. Awards were presented: Blunt White Trophy - Angelica Barrows for her years of service, in particular in support of our Junior Programs; Paul W. Adams Award - Allan Heyward, for his years of service in support of The Atlantic Round; a Certificate of Appreciation to Lars Spongberg and Ulla Osterman, who so graciously hosted the 2017 Swedish Cruise on Midsummer.

Junior Exchange continues to be under-resourced although Susan Gardner, a member of Stamford YC and recent host family, and our own Angelica Barrows have offered to help. **We continue to need the help of all members.** I continue to request assistance from members on this program as **I will not have time to run it myself this 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. I have asked for help at these yacht clubs from these members:

Club	Member
American YC	Colin and Cristine Foster
Barrington YC	Dave Macfarlane
Camden YC	Doug and Dale Bruce
Cedar Point YC	Viveka Kjellgren
Ida Lewis YC	Dave Brown and Sheila McCurdy
Indian Harbor YC	Nancy Dickinson
Larchmont YC	Maureen Koeppel
Manchester YC	Ernie Godshalk
Noroton YC	Palmer Sparkman
Riverside YC	Nancy Dickinson
Seawanhaka YC	Larry and Anne Glenn
Stamford YC	Ove Haxthausen and Richard West
West Dennis YC	Bill Corney

I was recently honored to have received the following from KNS Commodore KC Agerup: "the KNS Council - on the recommendation from the KNS Board of Directors - has recommended to our Annual Meeting being held in the beginning of March that you be awarded an Invited Membership to KNS...Thank you for your strong support for KNS and our Nordic - North American relationship over the years!"

Lars Ive, who has been a great friend to The NAS during his tenure as KDY Commodore, and organized hosting of TAR and 5C Regatta at KDY in 2018, has stepped down, being replaced by Carl Erik Kjærsgaard.

By the way, when I visited NJK's Blekholmen facility this past summer, I was pleased to see the NAS award on prominent display in the members' dining room:



The Atlantic Round and The Five Club Regatta will be hosted this year by GKSS on August 16-18 and August 5-8, respectively, in the fabulous sailing center of Marstrand.

Our 2019 Cruise is fully booked but we are accepting applications to the wait list as there will undoubtedly be cancellations. Information may be found at stockholm2019.com or contact David Tunick or me.

The 2019 12 Metre Worlds will be held in Newport in 2019. At least five Scandinavian boats – owned or chartered - including *Vema*, owned by KNS Commodore Karl-Christian Agerup, and *Blue Marlin*, owned by a member of NJK, will participate. The NAS is attempting to assist.

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!

I have proposed to our Home Club commodores a cruise in the US in 2021 or 2022 and await indications of interest.

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

I will be flying to Stockholm in mid-May to continue working with David and our KSSS friends planning the Cruise.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our Spring Meeting and Clambake on June 1!

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:**
 - ✓ Spring Meeting and Clambake, Saturday, June 1, 2019 at David Tunick’s house in Stamford, CT
 - ✓ Annual Meeting and Christmas Gala, Friday, December 6, 2019 at NYYC.
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 Marstrand – 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 Marstrand.
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
6. **New member candidates** – Please contact Membership Committee chair Nick Orem nickorem@gmail.com to discuss candidates.

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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.