



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



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Dear Members of The North American Station,

The NAS is enjoying a very active 2019!

In reverse chronological order:

Looking forward to the **Annual Dinner Dance**, Friday, 6 December, NYYC – We expect many Home Club guests and possibly a sell-out and waiting list. Likely overseas guests include KSSS Commodore Patrik (and Katja) Salén; KSSS board member Robert (and Åse) Hansson; KSSS members Hjalmar and Britt-Marie Schibbye, Carl and Eva Urban and children, Per and Anne-Charlotte Säve and Hans and Eva Drakenberg; KDY Commodore Carl Erik Kjærsgaard (and his wife, Annegrete Warrer) and Past Commodore Lars (and Kirsten) Ive; GKSS Commodore Robert Casselbrant (and his daughter); KNS Rear Commodore Nils (and Marie) Klippenberg; NJK Commodore Mats (and Catarina) Welin; and NAS members Peter (and Lena) Lyth. David Tunick is again Dinner Chair – thank you, David! Invitations will go out next month.



BREAKING NEWS! Close NAS friends Hans Drakenberg and Eva Holmsten are now Mr. and Mrs. Drakenberg!

Sailing aboard VEMA III – KNS Commodore KC Agerup very kindly invited The NAS aboard his 12 meter, VEMA III, earlier this month. What a fabulous invitation and day! Thank you, KC!



Godshalk and Agerup.

Commodores' Meeting – We met in Marstrand in August aboard the yacht owned by GKSS Commodore Robert Casselbrant. Thank you, Robert, for hosting 5C, TAR and the Commodores' Meeting!



KDY Commodore Carl Erik Kjærsgaard, KNS Rear Commodore Nils Klippenberg, KSSS Commodore Patrik Salén, GKSS Commodore Robert Casselbrant, NAS PC Godshalk, NJK Commodore Mats Welin.

Each Home Club was represented by its commodore (except that KNS Commodore KC Agerup was aboard his 12 meter, VEMA III, in Newport, and was represented by Rear Commodore Nils Klippenberg). We re-confirmed that The NAS will host 5C and TAR next year (dates TBD) and also that we will plan the next NAS Cruise in the US in 2022. Chace Anderson has agreed to chair the cruise – thank you, Chace! The Home Clubs remain very enthusiastic about The NAS.

Five Club – GKSS held 5C in Marstrand in early August. Each club – including The NAS, thank you, Angelica! - fielded a team. The elegant 5C trophy was taken home by GKSS.



5C Team NAS at Marstrand

The Atlantic Round – GKSS also hosted TAR later in August in the spectacular Marstrand “sailing amphitheater.” Again, each club fielded a team. The Swope Trophy (everyone’s favorite event) and Atlantic Round Trophy went to host club, GKSS.



TAR Team GKSS at Marstrand



KSSS very graciously has provided a replacement for The Atlantic Round Trophy, misplaced years ago. GKSS has offered to replace the misplaced The Adams Cup, originally established by GKSS, possibly with a modified criterion.

The 2019 12 Metre Worlds were held in Newport. Four Scandinavian boats – owned or chartered - including *Vema*, owned by KNS Commodore Karl-Christian Agerup, and *Blue Marlin*, owned by a member of NJK, participated. The NAS assisted where possible and provided unlimited moral support.

Junior Exchange – While we had only two exchanges this year, they were each unqualified successes according to the Juniors and their Host Families: the KSSS Junior on Exchange to Camden Yacht Club has been invited to return next year to a full time instructor position; the NJK Host Family and Commodore told me that they were very happy with their American Exchange Junior. Thank you, Doug and Dale, Jennifer, Henrik, Mats, Susan and others who helped with these successful Exchanges! I am encouraged by these successes, Susan Gardner's commitment to help again and the Home Clubs' strong enthusiasm.

Golden Eye cruising in Scandinavia –



We again had a full summer, starting in Saltsjöbaden in May; participating in the 2019 Cruise; then a leisurely cruise south along Sweden's east coast, north in The Sound to Helsingør, south to the German coast and back to Svendborg on Fyn in Denmark for the winter. Next summer will likely see her leave Scandinavia, bound south.

2019 Stockholm Archipelago Cruise – Forty-four members of The NAS and their guests and 14 members of Founding Club KSSS (including Commodore Salén and several board members, each of whom was actively involved in planning the Cruise) and their guests, were joined by members of The CCA and their guests for a 16-day cruise in the archipelago that David and I co-chaired with Nick as treasurer and a lot of help from many others. Highlights included dinners at Vasa Museum – attended by KSSS Commodore (and Katja) Salén and Past Vice Commodore Hans (and Eva) Drakenberg, NJK Commodore (and Catarina) Welin, NAS Past Post Captain Johann (and Ninoue) Kahm, KDY Commodore Carl Erik Kjærsgaard, KNS Past Commodore Ragnar Klevaas (and his granddaughter, Pauline Jahren), NAS Governor Henrik (and Marina) Roos, GKSS Past Commodore Per (and Karin) Settergren, 2017 Cruise host Lars Spongberg (and Ulla Osterman) and NAS member Fredrik Wallenberg – and also at Sandham and Saltsjöbaden. The Cruise was applauded as a success and also yielded a surplus to The NAS.



NAS members Hjalmar Schibbye and Fredrik Wallenberg with KSSS Commodore Salén during one of the quieter moments before things really got rolling.

Spring Meeting and Clambake – The Governors met before the Spring Meeting of members:

Richard West was appointed Secretary – thank you, Richard!; six members were elected or reinstated* - thank you, Nick! - and it was noted that our Treasurer had persuaded nine members to convert to “couples” status – thank you, Jennifer! Minutes of the Spring Meeting are on the website. Thanks again to David Tunick’s hospitality, NAS and CCA members enjoyed another wonderful clambake – thank you, David!

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Bengt Erik Hellstrom, Brisbane, Australia
Robert B. Rodgers, Stonington
Rolf M. Lundström, New York, NY
Peter Lyth Danderyd, Sweden
Joseph W. Vencil, Lawrence, NY
Douglas M. Ward, Sollentuna, Sweden

Royal Norwegian YC - I was honored to receive the following email:

Dear Ernest

I write to you on behalf of RNYC, hence it is great honour for me to announce that the AGM the 14th of march 2019 unanimous decided to have you as a new “invited member” of RNYC.

The motivation is the work you have done in keeping the 5club and TAR alive.

Next time you be around we will have the official handshake and nonetheless the pin which follows the honour. However you are now lifetime member of the club.

Welcome anyway 😊

Med hilsen / best regards

Anders Kristensen
Secretary General/Generalsekretær
Royal Norwegian Yacht Club



Looking ahead to 2020:

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.

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. **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.

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!

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 Dinner on December 6!

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 6, 2019 at NYYC.
2. **Junior Programs:** Please let me know of candidates for 2020 Junior Exchange age 15-17, or Host Families, and contact Angelica Barrows regarding candidates to represent The NAS at 2020 Five Club Regatta in Newport – 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 2020 TAR team to race in Newport.
4. **Last Voyages** – please be sure that Richard West and I are aware of the passing of any members.
5. **The NAS store** – great regalia is available on the website: northamericanstation.com

New member candidates – Please contact Membership Committee chair Nick Orem nickorem@gmail.com to discuss candidates. Nick requests that all proposals to be acted on at the Annual Meeting be submitted by October 16, 2019.

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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.