

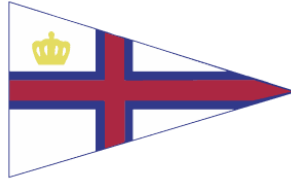
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**North American Station Update, January 2022**

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Dear Nick,

Lots has happened since I last wrote to you about the NAS. So, let's get right to it:

- The big event was of course the Annual Meeting and Christmas Dinner Dance on December 3, 2021. We were very fortunate to sneak in between the Delta peak and the onset of Omicron, had we planned for a week later we would have had a hard decision and two weeks later we would have had to cancel. The Annual Meeting was well attended by both NAS members and the commodores from GKSS, KDY, KNS and KSSS. We had the usual reports and the membership approved a small change to the Constitution Article V, Section 1, where the underlined words were added to the following text: "members may request, to the chair of the Membership Committee, who is authorized to grant such request, that his or her spouse or partner be admitted to membership." We also voted in eight new members. Minutes of the Annual Meeting are

posted on the NAS website.

The dinner dance was one of the best ever. About 130 people attended; just about the limit while allowing some space for social distancing. Dinner this year was duck rather than lamb and the change seems to have pleased nearly everybody. The Muskrat Ramblers got back together just for us and did their usual good job. This year, the Santa Lucia Singers, always a highlight, were really special. One of the visiting commodores sitting close by got a bit teary and I confess to having a lump in my throat.



- Awards this year were limited, but notable. The Ward family along with other contributors, donated the Peter Minton Ward Trophy, to be given at the discretion of the Awards Committee to “the person who is also dedicated to the station, exemplifies a love for sailing in Scandinavia, and furthers existing and/or new and exciting sailing opportunities for the future of the station.” The first award of The Peter Minton Ward Trophy was given jointly to former Post Captain Lars Colliander and recently deceased member Dick Pendleton.



- Also notable, The Royal Gothenburg Yacht Club Medal of Merit in Silver was awarded to former Post Captains Ernest L. Godshalk, III and David P. Tunick. The Royal Gothenburg Yacht Club Medal of Merit was initiated in 1935 on the 75th anniversary of GKSS. The first recipient was his Majesty The King of Sweden, Gustaf V, who was awarded the Medal of Merit in Gold. The award to Post Captains Godshalk and Tunick, given on our

own 75th Anniversary, made it very special. The Medal of Merit in Silver is the highest award to non-members of GKSS, to whom it is only rarely presented.



- Finally, The Post Captains' Trophy, which is “awarded to a yacht ...that has distinguished itself in an extraordinarily outstanding manner in ocean racing or cruising” was given to *Ballad*, the 63' Sparkman & Stephens yawl owned and raced by NAS member and KSSS Commodore Patrik Salén. *Ballad* was built in 1952 and has been in the Salén family since 1962. After the award was announced, I was surprised and pleased to learn that my grandson (and NAS member) Dan Orem had sailed with Patrik on *Ballad* when he was in Stockholm for his Junior Exchange summer.



- Dues notices were emailed to all members within the last week. If you missed yours or it ended up in your spam folder, please let me know. Please pay your dues promptly. Kathleen O'Donnell, our treasurer, is a volunteer with a day job, so please spare her the need for follow-up emails and telephone calls.
- The NAS is hosting the Five Club Regatta and The Atlantic Round in Newport this year. We expect teams for both events from all five Home Clubs. Racing for the Five Club will begin on Friday July 8, 2022 and The Atlantic Round will begin on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Both events will wrap up on Tuesday

the 12<sup>th</sup>. If you know of a junior who might want to sail on the NAS Five Club team, please let Angelica Almlid Barrows know and if you want to sail on the NAS Atlantic Round team, talk to Palmer Sparkman.



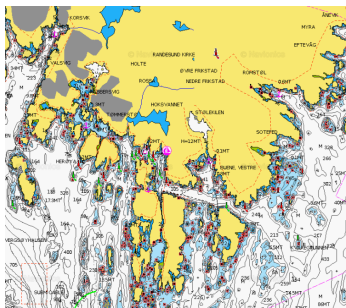
The King of Norway with young sailors, many are former Five Club participants

- The 2023 New England Cruise is shaping up nicely. It will start in Newport, RI on July 2, 2023 with an opening dinner at the New York Yacht Club, then take us to Edgartown, Nantucket, Cuttyhunk and perhaps Hyannisport. Details and a request for deposits will be sent within the next few weeks. More than 160 people have expressed interest and we will be limited by the size of some of the venues, so act quickly when the request for deposits goes out,



- NAS member Carter "Bink" Bacon has returned to US waters with his classic yacht *Solution*. He is offering a set of charts and guides to any member who can put them to good use. They are offered gratis except for cost of shipping. He describes them as:

- Reasonably complete sets of cruising guides and charts covering the following areas:
  - West coasts of Ireland and Scotland, including Hebrides
  - Norwegian west coast from Christianstad to Rorvik
  - East and west coasts of Sweden south of Gisslingö
  - Åland and Finnish archipelago to Helsinki
- Guides published 2013-2017
- Charts (mostly Admiralty & Swedish gov't) are “expired” but excellent for planning and plotting.



That's it from a cold and windy Newbury, MA. Phyllis and I wish you a Happy New Year and hope that, by the time of the clambake in June, we will be able to gather without worrying about Covid-19.

Best regards,

**Nick Orem, Post Captain**

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