

# The Mariner



## Miamogue Yacht Club, Inc.

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From the Commodore

July 2021

Hello Everyone,

It's hard to believe that it's already the fourth of July and nearly all of the boats have been launched. I feel that the yard, docks and club house are in good shape but as always there is work to be done all around our club. Members that need work hours should be contacting the dock master, yard master, and our house chairman for projects that we need to accomplish. Work hours will be strictly enforced this year so please don't wait until November to fulfill your obligation to your club.

I would appreciate it if more members used common sense and respect other members when parking their vehicles in the yard. If you have a large vehicle, have friends coming down, or you are going to be on the water for a long period of time to kindly use the back lot and not the black top. Also on the note of common sense and respect for others, when using the fuel dock it is imperative not to tie up in the middle of the fuel dock prohibiting other members from tying up. It's very irritating and we hear about it constantly. One other note on common sense, fireworks are illegal and should never be lit on our docks!

Please be advised that no one is allowed to access the club after hours for any reason. By doing so sets off our alarm system and the alarm company calls your commodore and others in the middle of the night as well as the Bridgeport Police. If the clubhouse is locked do not enter!

We are part of the boating community in this area and I ask that you be polite and respect members from other clubs as well as the boating public in general. You never know when we will need a helping hand from others.

**Upcoming events; July 11<sup>th</sup> Black sea bass and Porgy contest. Sign up at club! Galley is open Tuesday Thru Sunday including Friday Night Dinners. Come on Down!!**

Let's have a safe and happy boating season. Next general body meeting 7/27@ 7pm

Your Commodore,

Scott Gorton

## From the Rear Commodore:

Let's us all hope the rain gods will give us a break! Two Holiday weekends washed out.

Boats are slowly clearing the yard. The new gate appears to be working fine. There are no major yard work parties scheduled. However, if you want to do some work for your hours, please give me a call (203-592-1719) or Bob Cole (203-676-3618). There are a couple tasks that can be done by one or two people. We can give you the details if requested.

Enjoy the rest of the summer on the water and in the sunshine (let's hope).

Peter Aiksnoras

Rear Commodore

## *From the Vice Commodore*

Dock repairs are needed urgently, Many repairs are for safety. Please text Chris at 203-209-7805 or call Bruce at 203-788-5441.

*Chris Tearne*

We, the Maguire Family (Phil's) and the Walter Family (Melanie's), are very thankful for the generous support that members and their families and friends provided to make the benefit for our beloved Finnie a great success. There are way too many supporters and contributors to mention individually but we must thank Karen and Pat Gregory. They started the ball rolling and worked tirelessly to see the benefit through to its success. Also, we want to thank Scott Gorton, the officers and BOG for their support.

We are truly humbled by the amount of love and support we have received from our Miamogue family.

Thanks, Phil

## *Secretary's Message*

The gate is fully operational and the majority of cards are now functioning. I know there are still a few cards that need to be restored. If you find your card will not open the gate please leave your card with your name in my drawer.

## **Good & Welfare**

*Welcome to July everyone!!! Boating is in full swing. The long 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend wasn't a total washout & many of us got a great weekend out of it with partly blue skies. There is nothing better than being on the water.*

*We have a few more students to recognize this month for academic achievements. If you have someone you would like to recognize, please reach out to me. There is still time.*

**Congratulations to Alexis Torri**, daughter of Max & Marla Torri! Alexis graduated from Stratford High School where she was a member of the Cheer & Lacrosse teams. Alexis will be attending Gateway Community College in the fall and will be pursuing a degree in Nursing.

**Congratulations to Victoria Lehman**, daughter of Sara Lehman! Tori graduated from ACES ECA (Educational Center for the Arts) where she attended the dance program and Seymour High School. Tori will be attending AMDA (American Musical & Dramatic Academy) in NYC come this Fall.

**Congratulations to Jack Vitale**, son of Joe Vitale Jr! Jack graduated from Coleytown Middle School in Westport and will be entering Central Magnet High School this Fall.

*Congratulations to Jeff & Kelly Lobo on the birth of their beautiful daughter, Oakley. I got a chance to see their little mermaid up close and she is gorgeous! Proud grandparents are Carlos & Susie Lobo.*

*We offer our deepest sympathy to the family of Al Ciotti on his passing. We also send our sympathy to Wayne Champagne on the passing of his father. As always, please remember to keep our friends and family that are ill or have fallen on hard times in our thoughts and prayers.*

*If you have any news for Good & Welfare, please contact me at 203-394-7122 or [kah1370@aol.com](mailto:kah1370@aol.com).*

***Here's to the tall ships, the small ships, but most importantly to the friendships!***

*Karin Hope, Good & Welfare Chairman*

From the Rear Commodore

Reminder to ALL members: trailers, jet skis, dinghies, etc. that are brought to the yard MUST have owner's name visible AND have received the approval of the Yard Master or myself. NO trailer can be locked. The yard crew must have the ability to move trailers around the yard if necessary. Lastly, requests made to the Yard Master must be in writing.

Peter Aiksnoras, Rear Commodore

MYC LAX Insert for Newsletter

A BIG thank you to all the Miamogue LAX Ladies and Men helpers who came to help prepare the salads for Opening Day. We had much help in the kitchen that it made the tasks go smoothly and quickly--and very tasty too! There was lots of fun in the kitchen too. Many helped on Opening Day but a special thank you to Robert and Penny for their time manning the LAX raffle table for the fire pit. The money made goes to support all the events throughout the year. THANK YOU ALL!

As a reminder there will not be a July nor August LAX meeting, as per our By Laws. We are gearing up for Family Day to make it a very fun and exciting day for the children of Miamogue. We will again have the Face Painter, the Bouncy house and Water slide, games and we are working on a few new fun items. Of course, Penny's Popcorn will be a big hit as usual.

The LAX is also working on planning a date for the Meatball Cook Off in the Fall and some other events being discussed now that restrictions are lifted. Save the Dates...We are scheduled for Kid's Halloween Party on Saturday, Oct 23 and Christmas Party on Dec 11. Stay tuned for more information as we get closer to those dates.

It is an honor and pleasure to be working with the great ladies who are always eager to help out in any way they can to get the tasks done and also having their input on all items to help all go smoothly.

Wishing all are enjoying the Summer thus far.

Respectfully,

Karen Kolenda Gregory

President LAX

Benefit for Finley/Remembering Finley Maguire

Words cannot express the overwhelming feeling of thankfulness to all who attended the Finley Benefit. Thank you to the members of Miamogue who attended, bought tickets, donated raffle items, money, time and effort...some who don't even know the family that well. The outpouring of love, support, prayers, concern, tears and emotion that this Miamogue family gave to support the Maguires is what I love about being a Member. The Club was packed with love and support. The benefit was a huge success in its self and then with the generous donation orchestrated by Miamogue Member, John Dunn, who is also a volunteer with The Umbrella Club, located in Stamford, we exceeded all expectations to be able to help this family going through the most difficult time. Prayers are still needed for their healing going forward.

I do have to single out a few people who gave their time above and beyond to make this happen and a success. Janet Martino, who always steps in and asks...What can I do to help, What's next? Stephanie Polke who took a day off to help organize raffle items. Jeanne Shannon who was extremely helpful in the kitchen, setting up, helping that night. Jim Warner who made sure the food was properly watched over. Nicole and Shannon Gregory, Ralph DeMasi and his wife, Mary Ann, Bernadette and Phil Maguire, their daughters, Cristina and Adrianna and cousin, Ro and Pat Gregory, the Gopher, for whatever was needed. The BIGGEST thank you to all.

Please keep this family in your prayers.

Karen, friend of the Maguires