

# Miramar Mainsheet

February 2020

## *Miramar is Upgrading its Facilities*

### **Minutes of the January 16th , 2020 Meeting of the Board of Governors (Synopsis) submitted by Secretary Danielle Ruttman**

The regular meeting was called to order at 8:08 pm. A quorum was present. Voting members present were: Lucy Cannizzaro, Pattie Cunningham, Alex Dunajski, Kathleen Higgins, Richard Lubell, Mike Obel, Josh Reder, Danielle Ruttman, Nasim Shamailov, David Shin and Joe Vega. Also present were past commodores: Jerry Borell, Felix Pustylnik, Irving Shapiro and Ernie Wasserman. A quorum was present.

**Secretary's Report:** The Minutes of the December 19, 2019 meeting were approved as corrected. Correspondence was received noting that Marty Sokolinsky and Audra Avery will not be members in 2020.

**Treasurer's Report:** Arnon Ben-Ari was unable to attend. Pattie Cunningham reported for him that that the club is in good financial shape, even with two fewer members. (continued on page 2)



Seven Past Commodores from sail in 1995 aboard Lelani. Can you name them ?

**Commodore's Report:** Pattie Cunningham noted that Arnon is in the hospital. She and Nasim are doing their best to fill in but still learning much of the job. She noted the passing of Maddie, Ernie's significant other. She offered the Bridge's condolences to Ernie. Pattie obtained a quote from a paper goods vendor that can provide the Club the same goods at a significant savings. So far the Board has also decreased the costs in the cable bill, phone bill, and with the new regulated temperature control, the heating costs. She again thanked both David and Nasim for all their efforts. They are working on Club matters on almost a daily basis. The Club is looking at replacing the East docks instead of trying to refurbish them. The downstairs phone system is now also set up to go into the menu if not answered and will be directed accordingly like the office number. Boris Kesselman requested Miramar join in once again with the United Regatta, which will be held 7/11/20. Aside from Club members participating in the race, they would like to use the club for the Captains' Meeting and Post Race Trophy Dinner. More information is needed before a decision can be made. Pattie is beginning to work on the calendar. This year she will split the one calendar into an Event calendar and a separate Race calendar. With all of the functions that Alex and Rima are putting together, it would be more appropriate that way. She needs a volunteer to assist with preparation and printing of the Log book this year. There is already a good data base that only has to be updated to include new members. She thanked Alex and Rima for hosting the New Year's Day celebration. It was a big success! Over 40 members joined the fun, none of whom went out sailing. She reminded everyone to send in their half dues before 1/31/20. No one wants a bill for late charges, but it will happen if payments aren't timely. The club will have some slips available this season. If any members are interested in a slip, please contact David. The slips are assigned by seniority, but there are some available. Also members are reminded that if they wish to use a slip for an overnight, the cost is only \$20 per night.

**Vice Commodore's Report:** David Shin began by thanking Dmitry Kuperschmidt for the information he provided on possible purchase of docks in Haverstraw, NY. David went there, with others, and checked it out. It was rejected because it didn't appear that the structures would last very long. He noted that Alston Van Putten offered his trailer. At Stonepoint, he saw 4 aluminum docks (5' x 20) that were offered for free. He noted that it the cost to remove the docks is very high, and aluminum is slippery and not suited for salt water. Jerry Borell suggested checking with Kingsborough College because they have concrete docks.

**Rear Commodore's Report:** Nasim Shamailov reported that the ballroom is very busy on weekends and it is not costing any extra money on electricity or gas, according to the bills. He also noted that the Club is already financially ahead by reducing other costs. He mentioned that there is nothing scheduled on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, Superbowl Sunday. Discussions followed and there will most likely be something at the Club for this event. He noted that the new thermostat that is telephone controlled seems to be working well. The Suggestion Box is being worked on. Nasim will start soon replacing the lights on the building and docks. He distributed a proposal on the replacement which was approved by the Board. The Club will have much more light for much less money! Jerry thanked the Bridge for their great work. Eugene Kharlamb has put together a Captains' class in the ballroom beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Tender Operations:** Tender Chair Joe Vega thanked David and Nasim for covering the Tenders. The Tenders are winterized, covered up and good until spring.

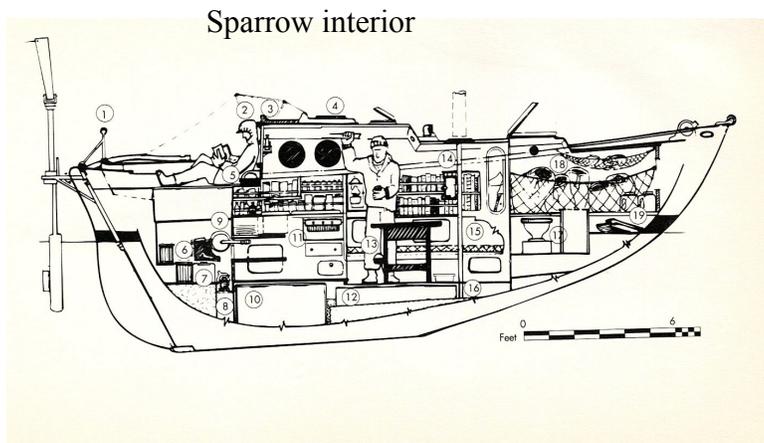
**Race Committee:** Chair Rich Lubell encouraged racers and all members to get involved with the Race Committee.

**Website:** Nasim Shamailov reported that the new website will start up in February.

## My Old Man and the Sea

The book had remained on my desk shelf for over 20 years, keeping company with other sailing texts and references. I happened to notice it while preparing for a two week trip to the quiet hilly countryside of Jamaica where I'd be joining my wife, Selena. I was looking for a book that I could escape with, a road trip memoir. I picked out this paperback of 223 pages, My Old Man and the Sea, about a father and son facing the ultimate sailing challenge: a yearlong voyage from Long Island Sound, through the Panama Canal and around the base of South America, Cape Horn, and back. What I discovered through the book was a universal narrative about a father and son's relationship, and the bonds they form by challenging each other to adventure.

David Hays and his son build their 25 ft. sailboat, Sparrow, from a fiberglass hull of an English Sloop, designed for heavy weather, and they outfit it for safety and comfort for over two years to prep for their trip. And we easily relate to this magnificent journey because of the small size of the craft and fact that the feat is accomplished without the aid of a motor.

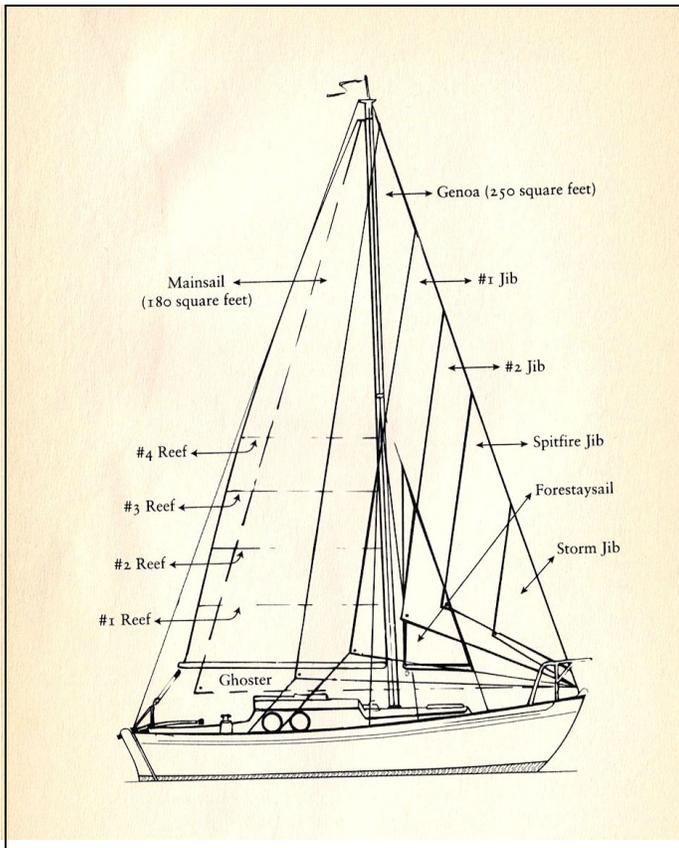


Three generations of the Hays family enjoyed the pleasures of sailing, largely around the coasts of Long Island Sound and New England. The patriarch of the Hays family was a Manhattan executive who exposed his children to long summer cruises to Cape Cod and Maine. Back in that era, prior to the post war development of New York's suburbs, yachting was a more exclusive fraternity. Larger vessels that cruised between various clubs and harbors were com-

monly known to sailors, and when a boat changed hands the broader community would know. Mr. Hays purchased one of the better known yawls, a 65 ft. named Sunbeam. But he was Jewish and so he found membership in clubs very exclusive and prohibitive. Only the Manhasset Yacht Club admitted him. They had a handful of Jewish members.

David Hays, his son, grew up around this nautical environment in the 40's and 50's and acquired the skills and craft of sailing, maintaining and repairing a variety of sailboats. He became an expert at outfitting and equipping boats, and eventually passed these skills to his son Dan. David and Dan had already tested themselves by sailing a 22 ft. Catboat for 1,000 miles from the Bahamas to Connecticut. David would be 54 years old for this Cape Horn adventure and his son, Daniel, 25 years.

Daniel, the 3<sup>rd</sup> generation of the Hays family, grew up under his father, David's tutelage acquiring the skills of sailing and the craft of maintaining ships. However, unlike his father and grandfather who both attended Harvard, Daniel was a restless child, very intelligent but ill suited to traditional schooling, barely surviving a boarding high school. Consequently, his father, David encouraged his son's resourcefulness and ingenuity by creating building projects. And, eventually this led to their decision to build a sailing craft capable of taking this epic voyage.



The story is written in alternating voices, as we hear from David and Daniel's journals.

You will hear much about their navigation skills(celestial) and sailing acumen. They carry a multitude of sails including 4 jibs and a Genoa, a forestay, and a mainsail with 4 reefing points. And every sail is changed and adjusted manually. Their boat and skills will be tested under every variety of sailing condition including times they are facing near hurricane force 8 and 9 seas when crossing through the roaring 40's, with following seas that threaten to engulf their boat.

It's a story of survival, triumph and deliverance. After sailing in days with blinding visibility, they finally site their goal, The Horn of South America, an indigo steely rock which sits steady as the fast moving clouds sea and sky fly around it.

By this point in the reading, you feel as though you can survive more than you ever imagined. In our own modest lives, our setbacks and struggles seem less catastrophic. And this is one of the great virtues of sailing. Even when our lives "on the land" become complicated and overbearing, the confrontation and mastery with the forces of the sea and nature reaffirm our spirits.



West Docks in slumber.

West Slips are available for the coming season. Please inquire with David Shin or Pattie Cunningham.

Photo by David Douek

## Miramar Film Series Continues:

( arrive at 3:30 pm. Films start at 4 pm)

**Sunday, Feb. 9th** Maiden Voyage  
**Saturday, Feb. 22nd** Captain Ron  
**Sunday, March 8th** Pestilence  
**Sunday, March 22nd** Captain's Courageous



## Super Bowl Party

Join Us to watch the Super bowl, this  
**Sunday, Feb. 2nd**  
In Miramar's Dayroom  
from 3:30 to 7:30 pm



## Birthday Party

On the occasion of Leon Paley's birthday, Barbara & Leon invite the membership to join them in celebrating all Miramar's February birthdays: Leon 2/21, Ruth Witztum 2/2, Briana Healy 2/24, Ben Leo 2/25, and Jay McDonald 2/28. In addition Barbara's daughter Sharon's (Jill's sister) birthday is on 2/20.

Please let Leon or Barbara know if you are a February birthday  
The Festivities begin **7 pm on Friday night, the 21<sup>st</sup>**.

There will be light fare, wine and beer, birthday cake and fun.  
(BYOB).

Please let them know if you will join the fun.

RSVP: 917 306 5745.

Happy early birthday to all!



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