

Syttende Mai Regatta Skit

Scene: Viking boat with a captain and seven crew manning the “oars & tiller”. All are rowing, looking hot and tired.

Song playing: Neil Diamond’s **America** as curtain opens with the ‘Captain’ at the helm

When the song hits “My country tis of thee” , Akemi walks across the stage from right to left, holding a sign: **STOP! YOU’VE REACHED NEW YORK.**

Everyone exits the boat

Joe I told you we’d make it to New York in time for the Syttende Mai Regatta
Phil **NEW YORK! NEW YORK!** (Play song “New York, New York”
Knut Vell, let’s head on over to da docks and get signed up for the big race and check
(captain) out those medals ve are goin to vin.

Aud Helen and John start walking towards group

Sandy Look, I see a couple of crew members from Sarasota and Jacksonville. Uh oh,
 they’re comin this way.
Aud Helen Hi, I see you made it in time for the race.

John and Sandy walk to front of stage

John Vell, I don’t think you have much of a chance to vin.
Sandy Oh yah! Anything you can do we can do better.
Joe Helen – you can’t do it that way!
Helen Joe (hands on hips) Yes I can!
Joe (Hands of hips) No you can’t!
Helen (On tiptoes in Joe’s face) Yes I can!

Song: **Anything you do**

Joe & Helen

John & Sandy

Aud Helen and Carol

Aud Helen & John walk away – and yell “Good Luck”

Knut We better win. I sure don’t look forward to rowing back to Norway.
Carol But what if they’re right. Maybe we don’t have a chance to win.
Phil Don’t sqy that – I’m getting good vibrations from our lady Solkyst here. Let’s get
 her cleaned up.

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Song: **Good Vibrations** (all sing)

Narrator Chris Taylor – As soon as music ends

Good afternoon everyone and hello Sons of Norway members. Welcome to Brooklyn's Syttende Mai Regatta. The finalists today are Gateway to Florida, Sarasota and the Solkyst team from Norway. Crews please take your positions for the race! All boats to the line.

Aud Helen and John to the back right of Solkyst – get ready for race – use signs as oar and sail for race.

Carol I sure wish we had a secret weapon
Knut Don't worry, I greased the bottom of the boat
All YOU GREASED THE BOTTOM OF THE BOAT?

Horn blows and music starts. Song: **Greased Lightning**

Akemi walk on with sign "FINISH LINE"

ALL: Out of boat – WE WON/High 5's, etc.

Aud Helen & John: (Congratulates winner and present medals)

All sing: JA VI ELSKER

Sandy You know, I'm thinking we should move to Florida with the other crews. We could host our own Syttende Mai Regatta and have fun all year long.
John Hey, that's a good idea and we could host Springfest
Knut OK team – all in favor
Team Aye! Aye! Captain – let's go to Clearwater (everyone puts on sunglasses and hats)

Music: **CELEBRATION**

Carol does a wrap up and introduces the players;

Note: Akemi – Hold up "APPLAUSE" sign after each song – unless there is applause – Hold up applause sign for introductions.

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This skit was written by Carol Anderson and was performed for the Suncoast Lodge 30th Anniversary and Syttende Mai Regatta on May 12, 2007. This was a lot of fun to be in and the audience also had a good time.

Music credits:

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| 1. AMERICA | Neil Diamond |
| 2. NEW YORK, NEW YORK | Frank Sinatra |
| 3. ANYTHING YOU CAN DO | Irving Berlin |
| 4. GOOD VIBRATIONS | Beach Boys |
| 5. GREASED LIGHTNING | from the musical GREASE |
| 6. JA VI ELSKER | |

Original Suncoast Cast, in order of appearance in skit:

Knut Berland
Akemi Berland
Joe Skodje
Phil Nelson
Aud Helen Hliviak
John Hliviak
Sandy Inman
Helen Skodje
Carol Anderson
Chris Taylor

