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# Under the Rock

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MARBLEHEAD YACHT CLUB

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## SPECIAL EVENT

The Marblehead Yacht Club is pleased to host the screening of

### **The America's Cup 150 Years in the Making**

Saturday August 17th

5:30-7 Rum Sampling

7-8 Filming

8-9 Social Wrap Up & Raffle

The event is complimentary to MYC members but limited to 80 persons.

Watch the movie trailer at

<http://youtu.be/E9ZgE9J0qPQ>

## COMING EVENTS

*AUGUST 17:*

*AMERICA'S CUP FILM*

*AUGUST 18:*

*FAMILY FUN DAY AND ICE  
CREAM SOCIAL*

*AUGUST 29:*

*FRIED TURKEY NIGHT*

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# COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

August 1st, 2013

Greetings and welcome to another wonderful newsletter assembled by Tom Despres of the Communications Committee. It's so nice to see this resurrected this year. In an ever striving goal of improving the club, the Committee (Tom Despres, Chuck Mara, and Stu Newman) have done a terrific job of improving the website, email communications, and this newsletter. The Board is happy to announce Tom is stepping up to the plate as Rear Commodore, which places him also as chair of the House Committee.

Check out the new chairs on the deck! Marion and Paul McCauley researched sturdier chairs and we were able to fund these through member donations with help from Kim's 4<sup>th</sup> of July raffle proceeds.

The Board is currently working at establishing a working operating budget, based on the past 1½ years of tracking expenses. We have had to spend a significantly larger amount on the launches this year and now know the launches must undergo significant long term improvements. The Board is working with the Financial Advisory Committee and Waterfront Committee in planning a scheduled upgrade plan in order to manage these costs. If you are interested, I welcome you to come to our next Board Meeting on Tuesday August 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm.

Despite the very hot July, it was nice to be on the water. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July cookout and fireworks display was again a sell out and fun event. I wish you all a great summer month of August fishing, boating, sailing, racing, and sitting on the deck.

See you at the club or on the launch!

Kevin

## MYC Committees and Members as of August 1

### Communications Committee

Chuck Mara, Chair  
Tom Despres (newsletter)  
Stu Newman (webmaster)

### Entertainment Committee

Kevin Neumann, Chair  
Barb and John Capellotti  
Nancy and Newt Clemson  
Steve Dugas  
Deborah Gates  
Elaine Greer  
Carol Neumann  
Judy Rawding  
Anne Steadman  
Jean and Rufus Titus  
Bert Williams

### Financial Advisory Committee

Paul McCauley, Chair  
Chris Booth  
Theo Kuliopulos  
Calvin Powers, Treasurer

### House Committee

Tom Despres, Chair  
Kevin Neumann  
Marion McCauley  
Judy Rawding

### Membership Committee

Marion McCauley, Chair  
Sandra Barry  
Karen Brown  
Donald Cahoon

### Race Committee

Bill Betters, Jr. Chair  
Tom Anderson  
Kevin Neumann  
Fred Schmidt

### Waterfront Committee

Bill Betters Jr. Chair  
Rick Cuzner  
Neal Johnson  
Jack Mace  
Chuck Nyren  
Don Stubbs

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# CLUB MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Greetings,

Here's to August; with calm settled weather, light Southwest breezes, and pleasant cruises. Even though sunset creeps earlier by about two minutes each day, there is still plenty of enjoyment in this 2013 season. The Entertainment Committee has planned a number of activities, the launches and drivers are ready to serve and as always the Galley and wait staff are waiting to take your orders for tasty fare. One Galley note: Ginette, our egg sandwich aficionado, has moved on and will no longer be at the MYC. I'm sure I speak for all of us when I wish her well in her future endeavors.

I'm sure everyone has seen our new deck dining chairs. Many thanks to those who worked donating their time and personal funds to complete this much-needed project. We also have four new rocking chairs in place on the second floor deck, paid for by generous donations from our members. Please check out the red donor plaques and take a moment to thank those generous folks. There is also discussion of adding another set of rockers to the main deck; perhaps you and your group could be on the next set of red plaques?

Another addition to the club is a new security camera system, which is being tested for practicality. With the current advancements in video and wireless technology, such systems have become increasingly affordable. The House Committee will no doubt be addressing the implementation and usage of this system very soon, so keep an eye out for that.

Finally, a quick reminder for the summer season: As we all use our boats throughout the season, things like chafe gear, helm tie downs, canvas snaps and hull vents can get taken for granted. Why not take the first trip out in August to give such things a quick check for peace of mind? Unfortunately, September is right around the corner and we all know what is said about "an ounce of prevention". With that said, let's all look forward to a splendid August with refreshing dips in the harbor, boat trips big and small and gorgeous summer sunsets over the town of Marblehead.

See you on the Deck,

Bill



## LAUNCH SCHEDULE

**JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup> TO SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**8:00AM TO 10:00PM MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY**

**8:00AM TO 10:30PM FRIDAY**

**7:30 TO 10:30PM SATURDAY**

**7:30 TO 10:00PM SUNDAY**

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**Sunday August 18th**

**Family Fun Day and Ice Cream Social**

Join the fun with all the kids from 2:00 to 4:00. Make your own sundaes, hot dogs, face painting, a clown and balloon man all on the MYC deck.

Tickets are \$6.00 per person.

**Upcoming Event**

Back by popular demand!  
The annual Thursday night fried turkey special

**Thursday August 29**

**The Galley is open with regular hours for the season:**

**Thursday from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM**

**Fridays from 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM**

**Saturdays 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM**

**Sundays 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM**

**End of Season Sunday, September 15**

**Early Bird Specials: 4:00pm to 6:00pm Fridays and Saturdays**

# BAKER'S ISLAND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you have never been on Baker's Island and want to visit, you now have an opportunity to do so. Don Bates, member SWYC, is looking for volunteers to do general type maintenance work on the Island. Don anticipates that each trip to and from the Island would be no more than 5 hours. It will take about ½ hour to get to the Island, tour the property, perform general maintenance such as painting, cutting grass, clean-up, etc. for 2-3 hours, relax a little bit and then return to SWYC.

Don plans to leave at 9AM and return by 2PM for each trip. These trips can be scheduled 7 days a week provided the seas and weather cooperates.



This trip is an adventure since there is no pier or docking available for use. Volunteers will be ferried onto the Island by an inflatable that lands on a rocky beach. Volunteers need to be physically up to this challenge. It's not for those who have physical conditions that limit their flexibility. Also, volunteers will get somewhat wet landing and exiting the Island. Normally the water is no more than knee deep.

If you would like to take a trip to the Island, please contact Don at the below e-mail address and he will coordinate with you. This invitation is not limited to only Yacht Club members. If you know of others who would like to visit the Island and can form a group of 3 to 5 individuals to take the trip, please let Don know when your group would be available and he will contact you with specifics.

Ten of the 60 acres of Bakers Island is Federal Government Property that will soon be deeded over to the Essex National Heritage Commission - [www.essexheritage.org/](http://www.essexheritage.org/). On these 10 acres there are two houses, a few large sheds, a lighthouse and super views of Salem, Beverly, and Marblehead as well as Boston. The houses, sheds and lighthouse all need maintenance and cleaning up. The goal this year is to paint one of the houses. The other house was painted last year.

Over the next few years, it is anticipated that the general public will have controlled access to these 10 acres but work needs to be done to get the Island ready for this public access. Please visit the Essex Heritage website for information on their organization. Also attached is a job description for a 2013 house keeper(s) for the Island. The volunteer job has been filled for 2013 but the job(s) may be available for 2014. It's an opportunity to spend a summer on Baker's Island if you have the time and desire to do so.

If you want to take a trip, please contact Don Bates @ [don@batescpa.comcastbiz.net](mailto:don@batescpa.comcastbiz.net).

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# BAKER'S ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER

## Seeking Volunteer Lighthouse Keeper Summer 2014, Salem, Massachusetts

**Property:** Bakers Island Light Station, 10 acres on Bakers Island in Salem Sound, MA. The station includes the Bakers Island Light, the Keeper's House, the Assistant Keeper's House, Lantern House, Fog Horn Building and Oil House. <http://www.newenglandlighthouses.net/bakers-island.html>

**Job summary:** Volunteer keepers for 12-14 week summer season from June - September (couple preferred). Require 35-40 hours per week of maintenance, repair, painting, mowing and brush clearing. The house is not suitable for children under 6 because there is lead paint.

**Location:** Bakers Island in Salem Sound is approximately 16 miles north of Boston, MA. The island is 3 miles from the City of Salem and 1 mile from Manchester-by-the-Sea. Adjacent to the light station property, there is summer colony with 55 homes. The summer residents are protective of their privacy, and the island is currently not open to the public.

**Lodging:** The volunteer light house keepers will be given the full use of the Main Keeper's House – a rustic 3 bedroom Victorian house operating 'off the grid' with solar power. There is limited electricity but it is sufficient to run a small refrigerator, LED lights and it will charge cell phones and computers. There is no WiFi. Well water is available in kitchen and in the cold water shower. All drinking water must be brought to the island. There is one slow flushing toilet and a septic system. House is lightly furnished but with enough chairs and beds for 4 people.

**Duties:** The work includes basic landscaping, maintenance and repairs. Exterior and interior work is needed on the Keeper's House. The Assistant Keeper's House needs considerable interior work. The pathways and area around the houses and lighthouse must be regularly mowed and the brush trimmed. Skills in carpentry, painting and basic landscaping are required. Skills in plumbing, masonry, electricity, plaster and a good aptitude for mechanical systems are highly desirable. During the summer Essex Heritage volunteers will be available to assist the Volunteer Keepers - although primarily just on weekends.

**Access:** To transit the 1-3 miles between the mainland and the island, there is a 16' Whaler with 50hp outboard motor. To reach the island, the Whaler is moored and all goods and passengers must transfer to small dinghy and row ashore to land on the stone beach. Volunteer keepers must have boat handling experience, must be comfortable navigating on the open water, and must be agile enough to handle landing on the beach and hauling the dinghy above high tide.

**Background:** Essex Heritage manages the Bakers Island Light Station. Essex Heritage is a regional non-profit whose mission is to preserve and promote the historic, cultural and natural resources of Essex County, a congressionally designated National Heritage Area. For information about Essex Heritage go to [www.essexheritage.org](http://www.essexheritage.org)

**For contact about the position:** call 978-740-0444. Send or email resumes and reasons for interest to: Annie Harris, Essex Heritage, 221 Essex Street, Salem, MA, 01970; email: [annieh@essexheritage.org](mailto:annieh@essexheritage.org)

# SET SAIL WITH THE AMERICA'S CUP

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# WATERFRONT COMMITTEE REPORT

The Waterfront Committee held a meeting on June 26. The agenda items included expansion of dinghy rings, launch repair and maintenance and additional work assessment tasks, among other items.

*Dinghy Rings:* Several proposals were made for possibly expanding dinghy rings and were evaluated based on criteria of cost, practicality, safety and security, and return on investment. After discussing numerous configurations, it was resolved that the most practical solution may be to add 3 to 4 rings to the NE side of the gangway float on a trial basis. This option was presented to the Board of Directors at the July 16<sup>th</sup> meeting along with proposing a recommended policy on ring usage. After consideration, the Board tabled the additional rings until further evaluation could be made on their overall impact to temporary and transient tie-up at the rear of the floats.

*Launches:* The overall condition of all 3 launches remains an issue. Presently, it appears the most immediate need is to take #1 out of service at the end of the season and have the deck core repaired which may cost on the order of \$6,000 to \$8,000. The next issue is the low oil pressure in #2 which may be as simple as lifting the engine and replacing the pump, or as complex as a full rebuild. Pricing for both of the options will be evaluated and reported on by the committee for consideration by the BoD. The hydraulic steering system in #2 requires replacement at an approximate cost of \$750.

*Work Assessment:* A work assessment party was coordinated by Chuck Nyren which involved the straightening of the gang-way hand rails and preparing and coating the cable-winch frame that lifts the gangway. Many thanks to all who participated!

Finally, The Committee would like to recognize all of the members who have participated in the various work details, and the great work by the Dockmaster and all of the launch operators over the first half of the season. Thank you all for your efforts!

## MARBLEHEAD YACHT CLUB FLAG OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

### FLAG OFFICERS

COMMODORE	KEVIN NEUMANN
VICE COMMODORE	BILL BETTERS, JR.
REAR COMMODORE	TOM DESPRES
SECRETARY	DOUG BURGESS
TREASURER	CAL POWERS

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DIRECTOR	BRIAN SCHANNING
DIRECTOR	MARION MCCAULEY
DIRECTOR	CHUCK MARA
DIRECTOR	DICK STEADMAN



# NOTICES AND CALLOUTS

## CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Welcome aboard to Marblehead Yacht Club's newest members.

### Full Members:

John and Nutcharee Murray                      Tyrannicide  
Christopher & Tracy Cohen

### Associate Members:

Ann Kaufman  
Daniel & Betsy Gillis

## MYC Membership Figures

Full Members	286
Associate Members	52
Life members	10
Total	348

For your reference a binder with a complete list of members and their yachts is available in the Cliff Room.

## INTERNET UPGRADES AND MYC LOFTCAM IN THE WORKS

**New Wireless Access Point:** The club is in the process of upgrading its internet access capabilities. Many of you may have seen the new wireless access points called "MYC-Guest" and "MYC-Guest\_5G". You may see this show up as two different frequencies, depending on your computer or mobile device and should increase the ease and speed of the connection. The next phase is to strengthen the signal on the deck and to the dock house. Presently, the access is unrestricted (no password needed) but if non-member traffic becomes a problem, we'll provide club members login information.

**Club Access and Security:** Over the past few years, club members have talked about a way some of the club amenities can be accessed after hours: i.e., the restrooms and lockers, when there are no employees on duty. There is some concern that unrestricted access could result in theft or damage or other liabilities that may not be subject to insurance coverage. The club is working on a plan to reasonably increase after-hour access and provide an appropriate level of security. ***We welcome and encourage member input on this subject. If you have any thoughts or concerns, please send your comments to [marbleheadyachtclub@gmail.com](mailto:marbleheadyachtclub@gmail.com)***

**MYC LoftCam:** As part of the increased club amenities, the club has installed a webcam in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor loft. The cam is in beta-test right now, but appears to be working very well. While it offers a very nice view of general conditions in the harbor beyond the club dock, it's not a substitute to routinely venturing out to your boat to check your bilge and chafe gear. We anticipate this being available to members within the next few weeks and an email will go out with access instructions.



### FACEBOOK GROUP

Yes, you can join our facebook group to post photos and memories, and see what's happening at the club. Go to [www.marbleheadyc.org](http://www.marbleheadyc.org) for the link.

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DESCRIPTION OF YOUR ITEM FOR A LISTING IN THE NEXT  
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