



Under the Rock

Fall 2022

The Newsletter of the Marblehead Yacht Club

Commodore's Comments

Well we might want to deny what is happening but there is a cool crispness in the air, the days are definitely shorter, and the summer is coming to a close. That said what a summer we had! The weather was amazing. Sunny, warm, sometimes crazy hot and humid, decent breezes for the sailors, and I heard there were lots of fish to be found.

The MYC ran like a well oiled machine, thanks to Bill Kilham and our awesome crew of launch drivers. We had no major mechanical challenges and the launches got the job done! The galley run by the K/C2 crew was a huge success. The food was yummy, the table management and service was great. Feedback from members was 4 star!

Our traditional social events were sold out and very successful, thanks to the hardworking and organized social committee. The wine tasting was an Italian themed event and for the first time catered by K/C2. The full harvest moon rising over the Neck with yummy food and wine was perfection! These successes are the result of our flag officers and committees.

They don't just happen! Don't forget to register for the Chowder Party coming up on Sat. Oct. 8!

Please make sure as you take your last few launch rides to express your gratitude to our waterfront staff and be generous with your year end gratuity!

I can't help but take this opportunity to ask for your time. Please volunteer for a committee! Our club has a strong tradition and history of volunteerism. Lets keep that alive! Most importantly mark your calendars for the Annual Meeting on Sunday, Nov. 20 at 1 PM.

Serving as your commodore has truly been a pleasure with lots of laughs, tons of mistakes, but always trying to honor the tradition of our very unique club. We have a great team of flag officers and a strong Board of Directors but we need to keep that flow going.

So, as we bring our boats ashore and start buttoning down the hatches for a New England winter, I thank you all for your support.

Manager's Minit

By now we all know of my plans to step down as Dockmaster/Manager at the end of this year. After almost a decade's worth of Newsletter entries, I'm not sure where this missive should land. Long Goodbye? Thankful Reminiscing? Witty Haiku? Sooo many options! Perhaps I'll simply say "Thank You" to everyone who has been so gracious and helpful to me during my time as the MYC Dockmaster/Manager, and I look forward to seeing you all on the launch next season.

As always, this late season message needs to offer some timely

notifications.

- Don't forget to secure your boat every time you leave it as reduced launch hours may make it difficult to access it before stormy fall weather.
- Feel free to use the grills and deck throughout the month of October, after which the outside amenities will be put away for the winter.
- All member items (including Kayaks and Paddleboards) must be removed from Club premises by November first.
- And of course check out the MYC Website for upcoming Winter Programs, Events (chowder anyone?), Board of Directors Meetings (all members welcome!) and certainly the MYC Annual Meeting (gotta have a quorum dontcha know!!).

Best Regards,

Bill

Fall Calendar

Annual MYC Chowder Party

Saturday October 8, 4:00pm to 6:00pm

Board of Director's Meeting

Tuesday October 18, 6:30pm to 7:30pm, MYC Cliff Room

MYC Annual Meeting

Sunday November 20, 1:00pm to 3:00pm, MYC Cliff Room

<h3>Remaining Fall Launch Schedule</h3>
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<p>September 19 – October 10 (Columbus Day)</p>
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Closed
10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Day

Monday and Tuesday
Wednesday – Sunday & Columbus
Day

October 11 – October 16

Closed
10:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Tuesday – Thursday
Friday – Sunday

The last day of launch service is October 16th.

Annual MYC Chowder Party

Saturday October 8th

4:00pm to 6:00pm

Rain or Shine

Cost \$12/person



Menu

Chowder: Clam, Fish or Corn

Corn Bread

Gingerbread

This is the last MYC social event of the season and always a sellout. The deadline to make reservations is Oct 5th, but with a guest limit of 75, don't wait. Make your reservations now.

For Reservations Contact Nancy Proulx

at NancyProulx@comcast.net.

**Cost \$12 per person.
Make checks out to Marblehead Yacht Club
and give to Bill Kilham.**

Save the Date, MYC 2022 Annual Meeting

The date of the MYC Annual Meeting has been set for Sunday November 20 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm.

This is the Club's business meeting and the agenda sets the course for the next season. The meeting allows members to hear from and vote for the incoming MYC officers and board members proposed by the Nominating Committee, hear the reports of the various committees and most importantly to vote on matters like the annual budget that come before the membership for approval. Members will receive a formal notice of the Annual Meeting in the weeks prior to the event with the full agenda for review.

Gratuity Fund

Dear Boating Members:

This was a special season with ideal boating weather for nearly every weekend. We got to use our boats more often than usual and our Launch Drivers were there providing excellent launch service throughout the busy season. It is time to start thinking of rewarding the waterfront staff with your support of the 2022 Annual Launch Driver's Gratuity Fund. It has been a long tradition that our members show their appreciation of the excellent performance of our waterfront staff with a donation to this fund and this year certainly warrants a generous recognition.

A gratuity fund letter will be sent to all boating members shortly.

Sincerely,
MYC Flag Officers & Board of Directors

Regatta Committee Update

The **Downeast Challenge** was held on the last weekend of July with a new course from Marblehead to Portland, Maine this year (we previously went to Boothbay Harbor). The race had 17 participants and all skippers received a complementary T-shirt. The first leg of the race started with a parade of spinnakers sailing from Marblehead to Thatcher's Island. At that point the wind weakened, the small flies came out and started nipping at everyone's ankles. After many hours of drifting slowly off Cape Ann, 5 boats dropped out. The rest of the fleet raised and lowered spinnakers several times as the wind picked up, dropped and changed directions for the remainder of the course. Much of the fleet arrived after sunrise and some staggered in to the finish in the early afternoon. The finishers were rewarded with a fun filled sausage BBQ awards party at the Forepoints Marina hosted by Rising Tide Beer and Rumson's Rum. MYC's Eliot Shanabrook won 1st place in the Spinnaker Division, Dave Carlen from Marion won the Cruising Division, and Portland's Gregg Carville won in the Shorthanded Division.

The **Clemson Chase Race** was held on the last weekend in August and had a whopping 30 participants, all getting a complementary cap. The weather was great with SE winds and racers sailing a triangle course. The race was the largest Chase Race in the Marblehead area this year. After the race the sailors converged on the MYC deck to enjoy pizza and beer. Awards were Rumson Rum bottles for the first three winners in each

class. Winner for the Spinnaker Division was Gary Weisberg in Heat Wave and the Jib and Main winner was Peter Engel in Goldeneye.

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History Committee Update

The History Committee is finalizing the MYC History Book. We plan to publish a detailed book of over 300 pages and a shorter condensed booklet later this year.

There is still time (Deadline Columbus Day) to submit a photo of your boat or a story you want included in the history of Marblehead Yacht Club.

(email jmurray97@yahoo.com).

On to Fiddler's Green

Sadly, we share the news that our good friend and long-time member, Bill Whalen, passed away at his home on September 18th. Bill was a fixture at the MYC and he will be missed. The family will share a celebration of life next summer.



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