



# Under the Rock

Winter 2018

## The Newsletter of the Marblehead Yacht Club

Dear MYC Member,

This issue of “Under-the-Rock” highlights the results of the MYC Annual Meeting including notice of the budget and dues increase approved at the meeting. You are receiving this printed version of the year-end newsletter in an effort to reach all members including those whose email access is not available or does not appear to be working. As we rely on email for Club communications, it is important that we have your correct email address on file. During the past year there have been quarterly newsletters as well as several emails providing details of Club events. If you have not received these please take a moment and check that our emails are not being filtered by your spam filter and send a message with your current or preferred email address to: [marbleheadyachtclub@gmail.com](mailto:marbleheadyachtclub@gmail.com).

Thank you in advance.

### Commodore's Comments

The calendar is a lot like a navigational chart. The approach to a “mark” requires a certain amount of planning and navigation to get there successfully. As we leave Thanksgiving in our wake, and adjust our heading for the New Year, we should take a moment to consider our good fortune here at the Marblehead Yacht Club. I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank our outgoing Commodore, Alan Petersen for his hands-on participation while at the helm of the MYC. As well, a hearty thank you to Ellen McGrail, for her service as Club Secretary and merry leader of the Entertainment Committee.

We are fortunate to live in an area of great natural beauty. Our objectives are to support the community, and continue the tradition of affordable access to our scenic Marblehead Harbor, the waters of the North Shore, and beyond. I wish you all Happy Holidays, as we look forward to the New Year and another great boating season at the MYC.

Fair winds and following seas,  
Paul Mervis  
MYC Commodore

### From the Club Manager

This winter promises to be a busy season for MYC infrastructure! We have a new shower room voted in, dining room upgrades planned and hopefully a new “nonstick” main gate to be installed. Let’s hope we get little to no snow to impede our progress and enable easy access for contractors and volunteers alike.

We give many thanks to those Flag Officers and Board Members who put in an extra year of service this past season. It has been a pleasure working with one and all. The 2019 slate promises to be

another group of excellent folks, ready to take charge and provide yet another productive and trouble free season here at the MYC.

Check the MYC website and your e-mail boxes for upcoming off season MYC Programs. Our Program Committee is hard at work planning this season's "fabulous" winter events.

As always, the Gratuity Fund has been a particular source of pride. The generous contributions from so many of the membership enable this Club to recruit and retain the quality waterfront staff we enjoy each season.

I would like to personally thank everyone for an excellent 2018 season and wish all a safe and pleasantly uneventful winter. Don't forget to check the webcam; you'll be glad you're not boating!

See you in the spring,

Bill

### **Past Commodore's Remarks**

A huge thank you is extended to the entire Marblehead Yacht Club community for allowing me to be your Commodore for the past two seasons. It has been indeed an honor and a privilege, as we continue to hold our Club in very high esteem against any of the other four clubs in Marblehead Harbor. Our launch service is equal to or better in member satisfaction and performance, and is provided at the most reasonable price.

As we have reached our highest number of social and full boating members in recent memory, we have strived to provide an enjoyable social schedule for all of our boating and social members by offering increased galley and deck services which emphasize family and social gatherings throughout the summer months. Our live music with open grill nights will hopefully continue as a strong attraction for all.

All of this has taken place with the strong support of a great group of fellow Flag Officers and Board of Directors. I extend a thank you to Dock Master and Club Manager Bill Kilham and his highly professional waterfront staff. The many Entertainment Committee members always are available to set up, organize and efficiently run our many Club events throughout the seasons.

Welcome to incoming Commodore Paul Mervis and the new Club Officers, as we prepare to implement various physical and organizational improvements leading into the 2019 season. Happy Holidays & Happy New Year. See you on the deck in just 4 months!

Alan Petersen

## **MYC 2018 Annual Meeting Highlights**

Here are the major takeaways from the MYC Annual Meeting **Saturday November 10th**.

The complete minutes of the meeting are available on line [here](#).

The budgets were approved as presented. The operating budget includes a dues increase of \$70 for Active (Boating) Members and \$35 for Associate (Social) Members. The 2019 dues for Active Members will be \$740 and for Associate Members \$370. The budget provides for the hiring of a cleaning service to maintain the Club house and also for hiring an Assistant Dockmaster.

The Capital Budget was also approved as presented and includes funding for the long awaited shower. More detail on the proposed shower is provided below.

The slate of officers presented by the Nominating Committee was approved. Officers and Directors for the 2019 season are:

Paul Mervis Commodore	Alan Petersen Board Member
John Murray Vice Commodore	Gary Siden Board Member
Bill Keyes Rear Commodore	Phil Cameron Board Member
Bert Williams Secretary	Eliot Shanabrook Board Member
Tom Despres Treasurer	Dave Williams Board Member

Congratulations to all.

## **MYC Offers Launch Operator Licensing Class**

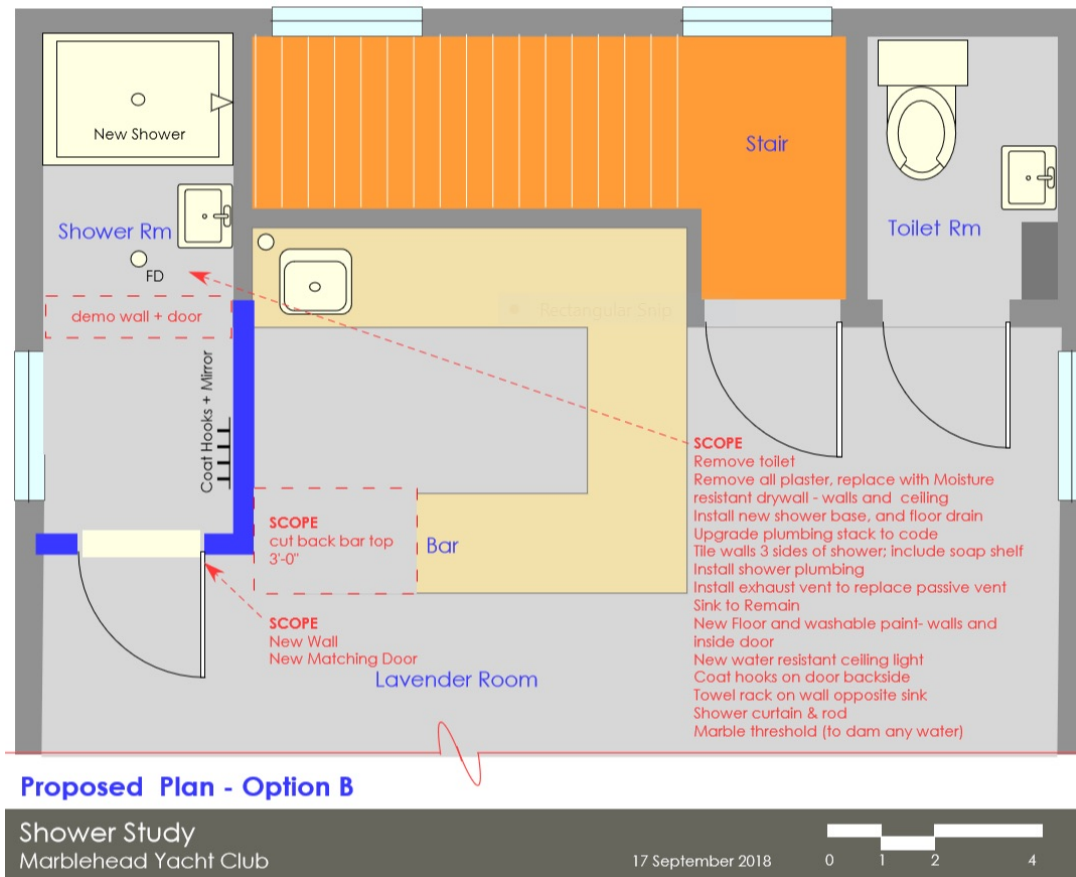
MYC and Boatwise, a USCG approved marine training organization, will again offer a launch operators licensing course at Marblehead Yacht Club on the weekend of January 12 and 13, 2019. Successful completion of the course meets the requirement for the US Coast Guard examination. Details of the course are available at the [Boatwise website](#). If you are interested and can't attend on the January date, Boatwise offers the same program at other locations and dates on the Northshore and it will be offered again at MYC the weekend of April 27 and 28, 2019.

If you or someone you know is looking for launch license training, this is a great opportunity. MYC is always eager to hire both full and part time drivers and offers a reimbursement program for the course and licensing fees paid out over three years for those who make a commitment to work at MYC. The Club is especially interested in recruiting drivers who can fill in before the regular season starts and in the fall. To register and reserve a space contact Boatwise directly at 800-698-7373 or [captains@boatwise.com](mailto:captains@boatwise.com).

## A Shower at MYC

As noted in the Annual Meeting recap, the shower committee successfully prepared a plan and proposal to add a shower facility at MYC by repurposing one of the toilets on the second floor in the Lavendar Room. The estimated cost of \$17,500 was approved at the Annual Meeting and will be funded from Club savings. The next step is the selection of a contractor as soon as possible with the goal of having the shower available by the beginning of the 2019 season.

This working drawing shows the location and details of the approved proposal.



## MYC Announces First Winter Program

Cruising the Snake and Columbia Rivers, the first of the popular MYC winter programs is scheduled for February 21st at 7:00pm.

Brian and Susan Schanning recently took an American Queen Steamboat Co. cruise down the Snake and Columbia Rivers. Brian will take us aboard the "American Empress" from Clarkston, WA to Astoria, OR and share pictures of the unique scenery, river lore and of course an occasional mention of Lewis and Clark. [Click here to reserve your seats early.](#)