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Under the Rock

Spring 2023

The Newsletter of the Marblehead Yacht Club

Welcome to the **Spring 2023** issue of *Under the Rock*!

Don't miss these highlights in this issue:

- Greetings from the Commodore
 - Spring work party dates from Mike Mentuck
 - Link to the Launch Schedule from the Waterfront Committee
 - News of a new digital food card, Galley and House improvements from the House Committee
 - MYC Regatta Schedule
 - Winter Program remaining events and recap
 - Upcoming Events from the Entertainment Committee
 - A welcome to new MYC members
 - News on the fresh new look for our MYC website – launching soon!
 - And much more! **It's a long one...so keep scrolling :)**
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Commodore's Comment

Can you feel it? I know I can! I'm talking about Spring... meteorologists say that Spring begins on March 1st, astronomically it begins on March 20th and as I'm writing this today the temperature is nearly 60 degrees. It's at this time that my yearly boating rituals turn from indoor to outdoor work. Moving sawhorses from the cellar to the yard, bringing the spars and seats outside to prep for this year's varnish, trundling cushions and other items from the house to the boat, scheduling the mechanic for engine service, and organizing and ordering all the essential bits and pieces I need prior to launch. Yes, YES! I'm getting excited at the prospect of finally getting back on the water.

While busy getting things ready for my personal boating season, we at the Marblehead Yacht Club have been prepping for another fun-filled season for our members. As you know, over the winter we hired a new Manager and Dockmaster, Mike Mentuck, we revamped our membership renewal process, and soon we'll release a redesign of the MYC website. Rear Commodore Dave Weber and the House Committee have been busy working with our caterer and galley and getting the House in shape to open. Vice Commodore Marcel Nyffenegger and the Waterfront Committee are readying the waterfront, soon the docks will arrive, and the launches will be waiting to serve our boating members. Finally the Entertainment Committee is planning several social events for the season including our first "Meet and Greet" event on Kentucky Derby Day (Saturday May 6th).

Check the website www.Marbleheadyc.org and your email for events coming up in April including our annual member work parties.

Finally, remember that the MYC runs on volunteers so PLEASE

consider joining one of the committees that keep this Club operating, as a special plea from your Commodore if you like planning parties we need you on the Entertainment Committee.

Keep dreaming of that warm weather!

David Williams

Manager's Minit

Hello to all and here's hoping for an early summer! As the new Dockmaster/Manager, I am looking forward to getting to know the Marblehead Yacht Club, its membership and their boats. So far I have received nothing but good wishes and kind words from those of you that I have met already. I realize I have some big shoes to fill yet with the help of the Board of Directors and the Flag officers we should be in good shape for the 2023 boating season. I've spent the last few months getting acquainted with the Club and learning all the ins and outs. Many of our seasoned "Pros" are returning this year to provide the top notch launch service the MYC has to offer. We are also happy to have Bill back for the summer driving launch so we don't have to miss out on all his witty jokes.

A big part of the MYC from what I have learned is volunteerism here at the Club. Coming up on **Saturday April 8th and Saturday April 15th** we will have our volunteer days where members can give back and help out around the Club to get things ready for the upcoming season. There are many tasks to accomplish from cleaning, painting, moving things around, and getting the Club and waterfront organized and ready. If you are interested in helping out you can sign up on the MYC webpage

under the “activities” tab. Also, if you are interested in volunteering on one of our committees they are always looking for volunteers. Don’t hesitate to reach out to the committee chairs to join or learn more about each committee.



We are happy to have K/C² back for Galley service this year and excited to begin implementing the new “Dining Cards”. From what I heard last year they were a huge success and people were raving about their food. I’m sure the menu will serve up some new specials as well as some favorites from last year. Don’t forget to share this hidden treasure with your friends and guests, as you use your dining room minimum to support this wonderful MYC resource.

Please feel free to introduce yourselves to me. I’ll do my best to remember your name, but I guarantee I’ll remember your boat! If I can be of help in any way, please don’t hesitate to let me know. My goal is to insure the continuation of the Marblehead Yacht Club spirit, which has allowed folks to simply enjoy the

gift of boating in Marblehead for so many years.

~Mike Mentuck

House Committee Report

The View from the Rear

From my perspective as the new Rear Commodore, it's been a busy winter and early spring already! With many thanks to Bill Kilham on his way out the door last fall, and Mike Mentuck, who hit the ground running in January, the MYC Clubhouse and Galley have seen numerous improvements and repairs already completed. We have also implemented a few improvements on the technology front, with more underway for the opening of the season. For example:

- Galley sink and dishwashing area has been rebuilt.
- Leaky roof has been temporarily repaired and will be replaced by the town in spring.
- WiFi and phone service have been upgraded (New Password: 4Cliffst!).
- Refrigeration capacity in galley area has been significantly increased.
- Online events/functions calendar has been implemented on the MYC web site.
- Paper galley "punch cards" have been replaced by digital galley cards.

We are delighted to welcome K/C2 back to the galley again for the 2023 season. After a great "maiden voyage" after taking over the business last year, including the installation of a new

Point of Sale system, they have partnered with us on the new digital galley cards which will function just like credit cards or gift cards. As in the past, the \$75 galley credit is usable for food and beverages (not including gratuities) and any unused credits after Labor Day will not be refunded. These cards should improve efficiency for both K/C2 and our members. As with the new electronic membership payment system implemented this spring, we appreciate your patience on the “shakedown cruise” of this new system as well!

We have also contacted a half dozen contractors about repairing/replacing the outdoor stairway and deck planking off the second floor of the clubhouse. Based on the feedback, the MYC Board has decided to defer this project to the end of the season.

With many thanks to our continuing House Committee members, we are always looking for new volunteers!

Dave Weber

Waterfront Report

The floats are being prepared, the launches are being worked on and we can't wait to welcome all members back on the water! Our dockmaster Mike Mentuck has been busy working to get everything ready for the season.

For increased safety, we have added 2 retractable stainless-steel ladders to the float. They are clearly marked and visible from the waterside should one need them. The launch schedule has been finalized and you can find it here.

2023 Launch Schedule

Marcel Nyffenegger

Regatta Committee

Calling all Sailors – MYC Regatta Dates set

The MYC holds two regattas each year and we hope that all sailors can participate. **The Downeast Challenge** is an overnight 80-mile race from Marblehead to Portland, Maine on **July 28–29**. This is a good race to challenge your long-distance sailing skills or a fun way to get to Maine for summer cruising. If you will be away cruising in late July and will have an open mooring, please notify **Dockmaster Mike Mentuck** when your mooring will be available for a visiting Downeast Challenge boat to use (needed anytime between **July 23–28**).

Downeast Challenge 2023



A satellite map showing the coastline from Marblehead, MA to Portland, ME. A red line indicates the 80-mile race route. Red stars mark the start and end points. The text '80 miles' is written along the route line.

July 28-29
**80-mile Overnight Race from
Marblehead, MA to Portland, ME**

- ✓ Complementary moorings in Marblehead
- ✓ Rumson's Rum Tasting at Skippers Meeting Party
- ✓ Free T-shirts for Skippers
- ✓ BBQ Awards party sponsored by Rising Tide Brewing
- ✓ *Trophies & Fun for all ages!*



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Register on www.regattaman.com

Next MYC holds the **Clemson Chase Race** on **Sunday August 27**. The Clemson Chase Race is a fun race where we encourage all MYC sailors to participate, whether or not you have raced before. The race is ideal for new racers as you are assigned a start time and no handicap certificate is needed (we will assign

a rating based on your boat type). Both races are sponsored by Rising Tide Brewery and Rumson's Rum and you can register on <http://www.regattaman.com>. If you want to help out on the Race Committee boat, or take photos of the races, please contact Eliot Shanabrook at eliotshanabrook@gmail.com add text to your template.

Program Committee Updates

The Program Committee organizes several Winter Programs each year as a way for members to stay engaged with the Club in the off-season, and for new prospective members to check out our Club. We have had 3 successful programs already.

Jan – Boat and Seascape Photography Tips – Bruce Durkee

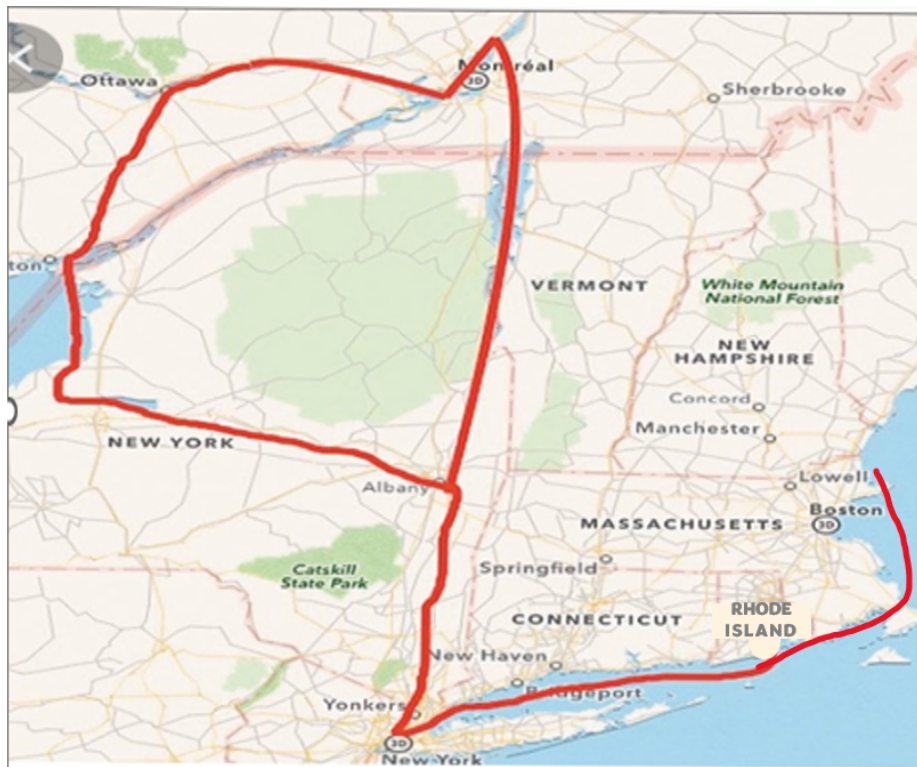
Feb – Marblehead Myths, Legends and Lore – Pam Peterson

Mar – Marblehead Yacht Club and Shipyard History
– John Murray

The next two programs are listed below. **Please RSVP on the MYC website so that we have a headcount going into the program.**

April 5 at 7pm – A Special Journey, The Triangle Loop – Peter Evans

Apr 26 at 7pm – Getting the Most out of your Sails, Tips on Sail Trim – Stan Schreyer



The Next Program: April 5, 2023 7PM

A Special Journey, the Triangle Loop
presented by Peter Evans

History Books are Available

As many people may know, the MYC History Committee has recently published the book entitled *Marblehead Yacht Club and the Shipyard Waterfront*. The book chronicles the history of the MYC and its many members who helped the Club survive and thrive. In addition to learning about your Club, the book provides background on the many rowing clubs, dory clubs, and yacht clubs in Marblehead and the history of the unique Shipyard neighborhood in Marblehead, Mass. The book also covers the history of boating life in Marblehead from the late-1800s to the present day. Since many members are mentioned, and the book includes many color boat photos of members, we encourage all members to purchase a book – you may be

included in the book!

To place an order for the book, go to the MYC website SHOP ([SHOP | marbleheadyc](#)) to place an order and arrange a time to pick it up. All sales are cash or check payable to Marblehead Yacht Club.

***Please note:** A copy of the corrected map and other corrections can be found in the "History" section of the MYC Website – click to view/obtain a printable pdf. (Most books have the corrected map in them – however some pre-orders may not)

News from the Entertainment Committee

Greetings! The entertainment Committee has been busy planning an exciting number of events for the upcoming season.

Our first event will be the ever popular Kentucky Derby Day potluck on **Saturday May 6th from 5 to 7 PM**. Bring your favorite dish and beverage. We're planning some fun things during the race and plan on having the signature Mint Julip for tasting.



Kentucky Derby/Meet and Greet 2022

We're still planning for our other events: The Memorial Day Cookout (**Sunday May 28th from 12 to 2/ Raintdate Monday May 29th**), Dinner and Fireworks on the Deck for the Fourth of July, The Chowder Fest and Wine Tasting later in the season. Plus, we hope to have some member Grill Nights on the deck.

Watch your email, the MYC webpage and Facebook pages for details and announcements of other events.

Oh! If you like to plan as well as party, we need help on the Committee for fresh ideas and future fun events.

David Williams

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Communications Committee

Happy 10th Anniversary to our digital Under the Rock
The Official Newsletter of the MYC

Thank You, Tom!

The above image was designed by our one and only Tom Despres back in **Spring 2013**. It was then that Tom removed the Newsletter from under the rock and brought it to your fingertips...for all these long **10 years** Tom's fingertips have kept the membership informed of Club news and important updates. While things are in transition – Tom continues with the Newsletter/Club emails imparting his knowledge, skills and his **Priceless "2 cents."**

EXCITING NEWS: MYC Website Gets A Fresh New Look!

With Communications Chair John Murray at the helm,
Lisa Palmer's expert navigating
and a hardy crew reviewing and proofreading,
you will soon see a new and improved MYC Website.
Get out your spyglass...it's on the horizon!

Growing Up in the Shipyard @ the Marblehead Museum
Don't Miss this Exhibit

**It is a "Slice of Life" – A beautiful presentation!
MYC's neighborhood, the Shipyard, is full of memories and history
Get there Today – before the Exhibit ends!**

Membership Committee Report

The Membership Committee is pleased to introduce the following new members:

John Crowley
David Hark
Lisa Hull
Neil McCann
Steven Miller
Valerie Pearson
Susan Randall
James Smallcomb
Karl Spitzer

Welcome aboard!

Thanks to everyone who has paid their MYC dues, especially those who responded to the email invoices with the ability to pay online. This was a goal set out by Jane Clayton in her opening remarks as Commodore. Once in place, the ability to pay online was readily accepted and successful as over half of us took advantage of this option.

The actual number of MYC members for 2023 is a moving target as there are some open invoices, and new members

continue to join MYC. At this point we have 287 members including the new members above.

Town of Marblehead Municipal Shipyard Resiliency Improvements Project

As storms intensify and sea levels rise, the Light Department and Hammond Park need more protection as does Parker's Boatyard, Marblehead Yacht Club, and the Cliff St. Boatyard. Marblehead, with funding from the MA Office of Coastal Zone Management, is developing measures to address coastal flooding and expand public access and water-related activities. Included in these measures are repairing and adding to the height of the seawalls, adding fill where necessary, and constructing a walking trail from Redstone Lane to the MYC that will include a boardwalk. Informational meetings have been held and a zoom presentation was offered by Salem Sound Coast Watch on Monday, March 20th. The **next information session** will be held on **Monday, April 10, 2023 4:30pm – 5:30pm at Hammond Park**, weather permitting (**Raindate:** Wednesday April 12 same time). It would be very helpful if interested parties would take a few minutes to complete a survey that will provide information for improving waterfront public access and recreation. **The online survey link**. If you have any questions or would like to learn more ways you can participate, contact Barbara Warren at barbara.warren@salemsound.org

In Memoriam

On a sad note, we share the news that MYC Member, Chet

Mazer, succumbed to cancer on November 19th, 2022. Chet served on the Waterfront Committee and could often be seen sitting and enjoying the harbor or fishing off his boat “Instead” His presence will be sorely missed.



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