



Under the Rock

Spring 2018

The Newsletter of the Marblehead Yacht Club

Work Parties Coming Up:

Each Spring MYC organizes volunteer work parties to prepare the clubhouse and waterfront for the season. This year's work sessions will be the first three Saturdays in April: the 7th, 12th and 21st. These dates provide a great opportunity to meet fellow Club members, participate in the maintenance of our volunteer Club and earn a refund of your work assessment fee. Tasks generally include a lot of washing and polishing of the clubhouse, cleaning and painting the launches, and minor repair work to the floats and gangway. In addition, Bill Kilham usually has a few featured surprise tasks in mind.



It is easy to sign up [online](#), by [email](#) or simply call 781-631-9771. Please sign up in advance so we can be ready to make the most efficient use of your time and skills.

2018 Commodore's Spring Welcome

Stay positive: the late winter Nor'Easter storms will shortly give way to warmer sunshine, snows will melt and Spring 2018 will arrive as we all welcome a new season at Marblehead Yacht Club. Boat covers are soon to be unwrapped and clean-up activities will be under way as our clubhouse and waterfront are being prepared for the summer!

Your Officers, Board of Directors and a core group of dedicated members have been working hard this off-season planning for upcoming activities. We have strived to implement the many 2017 Member Survey comments and recommendations that you provided to us. Please read this entire Newsletter as we discuss the plans,

schedules and activities for 2018.

The Spring Work Parties are already upon us for the first three Saturdays in April. Come down to the Club and lend your fellow members a helping hand and get back \$100 bucks for all the fun. Our annual Meet & Greet and the Opening Day Cookout are scheduled and ready to go. Please see all of the dates and hours for Galley, Launch Service and Events on our brand new and revitalized Club Website. All Club information is so easy to find.

I extend a sincere thanks to the Board, our many committee members, and especially Bill Kilham. The strong support of all of you is what will lead the Marblehead Yacht Club into a successful 2018 season!

Alan

From the Club Manager:

Spring Is Here! ...'kinda

Assuming we are done with NE storms, here's a short list of what's going on at the MYC this Spring:

- The Waterfront Committee is monitoring the status of our two main floats that were tossed about the beach parking lot along with so many others this month. With roughly two feet of Devereux Beach piled around them right now, we will do our best to open on time. Please watch your email for Waterfront updates.
- The Harbormaster and Town Engineer hope to reinforce our outermost pier early this spring. The effort will be centered around the Dockhouse and we may have to work around them

for a day or so. This inconvenience will be well worth the effort in the long run.

- Spring work parties are approaching. Come on down and help get your Club ready for the season. I hear the Commodore is baking scones....
- We're looking at one or two new Launch Drivers this season, with many old favorites returning as well.
- Here's an early heads up. Along with the many tried and true MYC events to be held this season, the MYC Race Committee is bringing back "The Downeast Challenge Race". If you don't race, you might consider hopping on as crew or perhaps planning a cruise to view the finish. Check our shiny new website for more info.

As always, look me up if you have any questions or concerns. I may look busy, but that's really all just an act!

See you on the Deck and Docks.

Bill

Dues:

Whoops! Before you can enjoy the 2018 season, if you haven't done so already, it is time pay your dues. Payment of 2018 MYC dues is due March 31st. Payments should be mailed to Marblehead Yacht Club, P.O. Box 943, 4 Cliff St, Marblehead, MA 01945.

As noted in the MYC Invoice sent out in February, a late fee of \$50.00 may be assessed for payments received after the due date. For inquiries or questions, send an email to marbleheadyachtclub@gmail.com, or contact Bill Kilham, Club Manager at 781-631-9771. If you are missing your invoice, send an

email and a copy will be emailed directly to you.

Galley Update:

The Galley Committee spent a lot of time reviewing feedback from our survey last year, and we are pleased to announce several positive changes for the 2018 season. We will continue to use Diamond Catering to run the Galley operations for the 10th season, and we will have more staff coverage to handle the peak times and improve service. The menu will be focused on the most popular dishes, plus a new selection of 'Weekly Specials' which will be publicized on the web site and the message board each week. We will also try some new things including a Sunday Buffet Brunch and an Express Menu for quick take-away food for our boaters on the go.

House Update:

The House Committee has been busy with several meetings to plan improvements for this year. We plan to upgrade the webcam and encourage members to check out the web site's webcam link to see activity on the deck, and the weather on the waterfront. We will also install a Wi-Fi range extender to extend the Wi-Fi coverage further into the harbor for members who use the internet from their boats. These and other improvements along with the usual house maintenance and planting flowers are all part of a plan for a great 2018 season.

The House Committee is also actively reviewing options to install a shower at MYC. Considerations of costs and permitting requirements are being collected prior to scheduling an open meeting with interested Club members in the early part of the season. The goal is to have a viable proposal to present at the

annual meeting next Fall.

MYC Events:

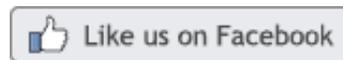
The 2018 MYC Calendar is full of activities, some familiar some new. All MYC events are posted and available on the [Events Calendar](#).

Here is a sampling of what to expect in the next two months:

- *Work Parties*
April 7, 12 and 21st. See above article for details.
- *Trouble in Paradise, Winter Program #3*
Thursday April 26th 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
For details and to register click [here](#) or register by [email](#).
- *Safe Boating Course*, Presented by Boatwise
Saturday April 28th 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Register directly with Boatwise at 800-698-7373 or captains@boatwise.com.
- *MYC Meet and Greet*
The First social event of the 2018 Season
Saturday May 5, 2018, 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM
Watch your email for more information.
- *First day of Launch Service*
Saturday May 5th 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM
- *MYC Riverhead Beach Clean-up*
Saturday May 19th 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
More information to follow.
- *Reeling in Stripers, Winter Program #4*
Thursday May 24th 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
For details and to register click [here](#) or register by [email](#).

- [Opening Day Cookout](#)
Sunday May 27th 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM
- [Galley Opens for the season](#)
Friday June 1st 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM
The complete [Galley schedule](#) is available on the website

[MYC WEBSITE](#)



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