



# Under The Rock

March 20, 2016

## The Newsletter of the Marblehead Yacht Club

### Welcome to the 2016 Season

#### *Commodore's Comments*

As Spring slowly begins, I want to welcome returning and new members to the MYC's 138th season in operation on Marblehead Harbor!

We are fortunate to have our competent and industrious Club Manager/Dock Master, Bill Kilham, on board and working diligently to ensure that the Club facilities and launch service operations are staffed and running smoothly. Kim Diamond and her staff will be returning this year and offering new menu items and experienced wait staff, Thursday-Sunday beginning Friday, June 3rd.

The MYC House, Waterfront and Entertainment Committees are convening in April to plan the season's events, schedule work parties, and prepare the Club house and waterfront for a busy season. Membership packages will be mailed out to renewing and new members in late April.

Our first gathering, the "Meet and Greet", will take place in the Cliff Room on Saturday, May 7th and members are encouraged to invite neighbors, family and friends to join them at this informal and lively event.

If you are on Facebook, please follow our [page](#) to keep up with Club events, post photos and comment about Club activities during the season. Our website, [www.marbleheadyc.org](http://www.marbleheadyc.org), has been updated to include 2016 information about Club events, committee work, the launch schedule and other important items.

Many thanks to the Board and Committee members and Bill Kilham for their support and hard work during the Winter months in preparation for a great 2016 Season.

Enjoy the Spring!

*Marion*

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## ***Club Manger's Comments***

Hi, All,

In an effort to combat my unrelenting tendency towards extreme and exhaustive verbosity, I offer this Spring's missive in a non-traditional leap year punch list format. Please enjoy its brevity.

- The Program Committee has met with ongoing success in terms of past and future monthly programs. Congrats and thanks to all involved!
- In order to keep costs down in regards to our new picture windows in the Cliff Room, this project may take a while to button up. Please forgive any inconvenience and/or unsightly appearance. Thank you.
- A new, Board of Health approved, Galley freezer has replaced our old noncompliant unit at a cost well below budgeted amount. Well done team Petersen/Belinfante!
- Five new (slightly larger, yay!) tables will replace the oldest of our deck furniture. Please spread out and enjoy.
- To ease the overdue (eight years) increase in food card cost, balances will now be transferable among members. Seasonal limits continue to apply. Let the free market reign!
- The Launch #3 engine rebuild is nearly complete and is on schedule for reinstallation. This finalizes the mechanical aspect of our budgeted three year capital plan for MYC launches. A personal and grateful thank you from me to our Finance Committee and BOD.
- Devilled Eggs and Good Friends! Don't forget the upcoming Meet and Greet. As always, check out the MYC website and Facebook page for all that is going on at your Yacht Club.
- Kudos, Complaints, Concerns and Questions: Please find me for any and all; that's what I'm here for.

See you soon,

Bill

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## ***MYC Meet and Greet Event***

**The FIRST Social Event of the 2016 Season!**  
**Saturday May 7, 2016**  
**4:30 PM to 6:30 PM**

Watch the Kentucky Derby by the fire while getting re-acquainted with old friends. Check out the new windows in the Cliff Room and other improvements. It's a great way to start the 2016 Season after a long, cold winter!

Members are encouraged to bring family and friends to acquaint them with the Friendliest Yacht Club on Marblehead Harbor. Information and Applications will be available to those interested in joining.

Admission for Members: Bring a light appetizer to share and your choice of alcoholic beverage. Soft drinks will be provided!

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## ***Spring Work Parties Schedule***

It has been a long standing MYC tradition to offer members the opportunity to work off their \$100.00 Work Assessment by volunteering eight hours of labor at the Spring work parties. This year's work sessions will be held on **Saturday April 9, 16 and 23rd.**

Members interested in participating should send an email request to [marbleheadyachtclub@gmail.com](mailto:marbleheadyachtclub@gmail.com) indicating their work skills or contact Bill Kilham (who may have assignments that require a specific expertise).

Members will be contacted by a House or Waterfront Committee person to provide confirmation of date/time. Those participating will be reimbursed the \$100 Work Assessment by check within 60 days of completion of work assignment.

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## ***MYC Winter Programs***

The 2016 Educational Programs have been very well received, with the first two sessions completed: Suddenly in Command in January and Chartering in the Caribbean in February. Attendees of the recent session on cruising in the Caribbean received information from member Carol Kent on details to consider when chartering a boat, along with island music and samples of specially mixed drinks of Caribbean rum to get into the island spirit. Bareboat, captained and fully crewed charters were explained to the audience and how to select the best option for your ultimate enjoyment.

The upcoming **March 24th** Seminar, Cruising the Maritimes, by members Brian and Susan Schanning, has proved to be very popular and all the seats have been reserved. To add your name to a wait list, should there be any cancellations, please call Bill Key at 617-901-2558 or email [marbleheadyachtclub@gmail.com](mailto:marbleheadyachtclub@gmail.com).



Seminars are running throughout the winter months and into June. Future sessions will include diesel engine tune-up, kayak and SUP (stand up paddle board) safety and learning to sail. Check the [web site calendar](#) for details and to register. Sessions are free but seating is limited so register early and plan to join us for an enjoyable way to await the boating season.

The MYC Program Committee has been conducting this free monthly winter seminar series on boating topics available to all. The Programs usually include a media presentation and the Committee has had to borrow a projector. If anyone has an LCD projector to donate to the MYC it would be a big help and much appreciated.

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## ***Riverhead Beach Cleanup***

Marblehead Yacht Club along with Salem Sound Coast Watch, SUP (stand up paddle board) East Coast Style and the Marblehead Health Department will again be sponsoring a spring beach clean along Riverhead Beach. Mark your calendar for Saturday morning May 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. More details to follow.

The beach cleanup is family oriented and a great way to help keep our harbor beautiful and maintain the sensitive natural habitat of our shoreline. Last year the group collected an amazing pile of trash from what is virtually our back yard.

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## ***Expanded Kayak Storage Now Available***

Thanks to the efforts of Jack Mace and the support of the Harbor and Waters Board, MYC was recently able to secure the ability to accommodate up to twelve additional kayak storage spaces for the upcoming 2016 season, directly adjacent to the Club property, and very close to float access.

Full and Associate members will be able to reserve rack space on a first come-first serve basis. If you are interested, please contact the Club Manager: by emailing [marbleheadyc@gmail.com](mailto:marbleheadyc@gmail.com) or calling Bill Kilham at 781-631-9771.

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## ***MYC Racing***

### **Marblehead Yacht Club Clemson Chase Race**

The second running of the **Clemson Chase Race** will be **Sunday July 17** at Noon. The starting area is right outside the mouth of the harbor at Marblehead Channel Entrance Bell. This year we are encouraging more of our own yacht club boats to register and race. No matter what kind of sailboat you own, or what condition your sails are in, you should come out and try this pursuit race. The start is easy since you are given your own individual starting time, and with the pursuit format the object is to get to the finish line ahead of everyone else. Last year we had 17 boats register, start the race and finish. Afterwards there was a party held in the Lavender Room with refreshments and race awards. So put the race on your calendar and plan to join the fun!

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## ***MYC 2016 Finance Committee***

The MYC Finance Committee continues to meet on a regular basis in 2016. Current committee members are Paul McCauley, Glen Kewley, Theo Kuliopulos and Dick Steadman. Various MYC Board Members and Flag Officers attend the meetings on a regular basis, as does our Bookkeeper, Frank Hart. The Committee monitors the Club's expenses and revenue through the Profit and Loss Statement and monitors the MYC's cash position through the Club's balance sheet. These reports are generated on a monthly basis. The main objective is to make sure the revenue and expenses are tracking to plan. Any anomalies are discussed and researched, if need be. The Finance Committee reports their activities to the Board on a monthly basis. The Committee works with the Board to formulate the Operating Budget for the next upcoming boating year.

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## ***MYC Cruising***

Reserve a spot in your summer plans for the MYC cruise to Portsmouth, NH the weekend of **August 6 & 7**. Tie-ups will be at Prescott Park just a couple of blocks from the lively downtown area. The adjacent park is a wonderful facility with a bandstand featuring music and theatrical performances on summer nights. A schedule of this summer's events and what can be expected during our trip will be posted later. There are maps of Portsmouth at the clubhouse now and more information will be forthcoming.

After Tom and I visited the site, Michael Wardhurst, Park Supervisor and overseer of the slips, agreed to hold 10 slips for our August 6 & 7 visit. More space is available with enough notice. As of this writing we have 7 participants, 4 power, 3 sail. Make your plans to join us. We will be planning cocktail parties at the slips, dining options and other activities as the time gets closer (think warmer weather).

Please contact me, Chuck Nyren: seenyren@gmail.com to hold your spot. We need your name, boat name, sail/power, length and number on board. Please also provide your telephone contact as well.

Chuck Nyren  
781-631-6318

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## ***Classified Ads***

### **For Sale: Snorkel and prescription mask**

This snorkel gear was used in the Bahamas, maybe 5 times. The prices listed below are what I paid. I will accept a reasonable offer. Susan Schanning, sschanning@comcast.net

Aqua Lung Impulse 3 snorkel (\$45)

Deep See Clarity blue mask with custom prescription lens (\$250)

The base prescription for the lens was:

Right eye, +4.50 spherical, -2.00, cylindrical. Left Eye, +4.25 spherical, -2.25 cylindrical.

### **Help Wanted: Launch Drivers**

MYC has openings for full time launch drivers for the upcoming season. If you or someone you know has a current USCG license and would like to work in a beautiful location with great people, please contact Bill Kilham at marbleheadyc@gmail.com or 781-631-9771.

### **Boating Courses:**

The Marblehead-Beverly Sail and Power Squadron offers numerous boating courses that may be of interest to members or family members. Check out their [website](#) for details and schedule.

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## ***MYC Board of Director Meetings***

Meetings of the Marblehead Yacht Club Officers and Directors are held monthly in the Cliff Room at 7:30 on the third Tuesday of each month. MYC is a volunteer Club and these meetings are open to Club members with all invited to attend and participate.

### **The 2016 Officers and Board of Directors**

<b>Officers</b>		
Marion McCauley	Commodore	781-631-7569
Alan Petersen	Vice Commodore	781-631-1362
Paul Mervis	Rear Commodore	781-631-4567
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Bill Betters		781-631-1013
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Staff		
Bill Kilham	Dock Master/Club Manager	781-631-9771

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