



Under the Rock

September 2019

The Newsletter of the Marblehead Yacht Club

MYC Fall Calendar

Chowder Party	Saturday October 12	4:00pm to 6:00pm
Final Weekend of Launch Service	Friday, Saturday, Sunday October 18, 19, & 20	10:00am – 6:00pm
Annual Meeting	Sunday November 17	1:00pm to 3:00pm

Fall Chowder Party Saturday October 12th 4 to 6pm



Come join us for our last social event of the season.

Chowder (Clam, Fish & Corn)

Corn Bread

Various Desserts

\$10 per person / Guest Limit of 75

This is a very popular event!

RSVP by Tuesday October 8

to marbleheadyc@gmail.com

or see Club Manager Bill Kilham at the Club

Please bring your beverage of choice.

Commodore's Notes

As the summer of 2019 and the MYC boating season start to fade, we ask ourselves “where does the time go?”

It's never too soon to show our appreciation for our excellent waterfront staff and their superior performance throughout the season. Please keep their diligent service in mind when making your contribution, to the Launch Drivers' Gratuity Fund. These are the people who are always ready and willing to shuttle us back and forth, in good weather and bad.

We the Flag Officers and Board of Directors appreciate the year-long work of our Dockmaster Bill Kilham and his newly appointed assistant Andy Creighton. Their attention to the needs of membership, along with the time & effort of member volunteers help to keep the MYC running as smoothly as any club on Marblehead Harbor. Keeping that in mind, please consider how you might assist the Club next season by volunteering some time and becoming actively involved with one of our various committees. Details of each MYC Committee can be found on our [website](#), or by asking any Flag Officer or the Club Manager.

We look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming Chowder Party on the 12th, and at our Annual Meeting, scheduled for Sunday, November 17th!

Your grateful Commodore,
Paul Mervis

Manager's Minit

As this 2019 boating season comes to a close I'd like to once again thank everyone who helped to make this a successful year on the waterfront. The Staff, Membership, Flags and Board of Directors all came together to ensure a great season all around.

Our new shower has been well received with few if any issues and many fine compliments on construction and layout. Thanks again to all who made this possible.

Our Launches held up well and are looking forward to some needed drivetrain maintenance as well as a long overdue professional survey to assess long range concerns (McKay is over 40 years old!).

Our floats are scheduled to have the decks renewed this winter. Fingers are crossed for no surprises.

A few quick reminders:

Launch service ends 10/20. [Detailed schedule](#) is available on the website as well as the dockhouse window.

All member property must be removed from Club premises by November 1st. After this date, tables and grills may be put away for the winter and Clubhouse access will be reduced.

Check our [website](#) for upcoming events throughout the off season and don't forget to attend your Annual Meeting.

Thanks again for another great season,

Bill

Save the Date, MYC 2019 Annual Meeting

The date of the MYC Annual Meeting has been set for Sunday November 17 from 1:00 to 3:00pm.

This is the Club's business meeting and the agenda sets the course for the next season. It provides you with an opportunity to meet 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:

It is never too early to start thinking of your 2019 support of our Annual Launch Driver's Gratuity Fund. It has been a long tradition that our members reward the excellent performance of our waterfront staff with a generous donation to this fund. Most of our drivers return every summer, which provides stability for Dockmaster Bill Kilham and his waterfront staff.

A reminder that a gratuity fund letter will be sent to all boating members shortly. Please consider supporting this worthy cause that serves as a financial reward to each member of our waterfront team.

Sincerely,
MYC Flag Officers & Board of Directors

Waterfront and Regatta Update

This year we were blessed with great weather and a well maintained fleet of launches driven by a crew of great launch operators. Special thanks to the waterfront staff for managing the July 4th services and for assisting with the post-squall chaos in early August when a micro-burst went through the harbor and blew some of our deck furniture into the water and capsized several Townies.

MYC also hosted two successful regattas, both sponsored by Rumson's Rum and Rising Tide brewing (be sure to support our sponsors on your next trip to the liquor store!).

The **Clemson Chase Race** was held on Sunday June 30 and had 19 registered boats. The Clemson Chase Race is a staple regatta in the MassBay Sailing Association's Pursuit Race series and drew boats from the Marblehead, Gloucester and Boston areas. To add to the excitement, after the race there was a surprise hail storm pelting the MYC deck with raisin-sized hail during the awards party.

The **Downeast Challenge** held August 2-3 was a 100 mile race to Boothbay, Maine with a record number of 22 registered boats including the largest fleet of Short-Handed racers in northern New England with 11 boats. MYC's own Fred Schmid not only won the Racing class in Whistler, but his crew Matt Gershun won the new 'Broken Spreader Award' for being hoisted up a halyard

in a make-shift bosuns chair to unwrap a twisted spinnaker mid-race. The Downeast Challenge perpetual trophy 'Broken Spreader Award' was presented to us by Paul Leddy of the Portland, Maine fleet, after he broke his spreader before last year's race and had it fixed in time to participate. Special thanks to members who lent use of moorings or rafting for out of town boats, and the waterfront staff for assisting them, and the MYC Race committee for running the 2 successful regattas.

Sailing Lecture This is not an MYC event but may be of interest to club members.

FREE SAILING LECTURE!



Brian Hancock, lifelong ocean sailor and prolific author, will share his racing adventures in a free illustrated lecture at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6 at Abbot Public Library. A born storyteller, Brian has sailed a quarter of a million miles over 40 years, including two Whitbread Round the World races, and survived a capsize at Cape Horn. He lives in Marblehead. The lecture is sponsored by the Friends of Abbot Library and follows the Friends' annual meeting at 1:30 p.m., which is open to the public.

Triangle, Inc. at MYC

Through the generosity of the Newhall family, participants from the Salem office of [Triangle Inc.](#) share an annual day at Marblehead Yacht Club with lunch and a harbor cruise on a Marblehead Yacht Club launch. This year's event was held on August 8th with over 20 students enjoying a day at MYC. Recently, John Newhall, an employee at Triangle, was recognized for his work and contribution with this commendation which cites Marblehead Yacht Club.

"John Newhall has been working at Cape Cod Polishing as a sealer for several years. John is always eager to work and has many skills that serve him well at CCP. John also hosts an outing for the Salem Triangle Program at Marblehead Yacht Club each year. Because of John's generosity everyone enjoys a boat ride and pizza party on the dock....."



Photo of 2018 Triangle harbor cruise
John Newhall at bow

MYC Offers Launch Operator Licensing Class

MYC and Boatwise, a USCG approved marine training organization, will again offer a launch operator licensing course at Marblehead Yacht Club on the weekend of January 11 and 12, 2020. 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.

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.
