



Under The Rock

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The Newsletter of the Marblehead Yacht Club

Happy Spring



Opening Day is Coming Soon

Commodore's Comments

Greetings and welcome to the 2015 season,

Despite the lingering snow piles in front of the Clubhouse, the calendar says it is Spring and we can begin to look forward to another wonderful boating season at Marblehead Yacht Club. It has been a busy off-season at the Club as **Bill Kilham** notes in his comments. The net for all of us is that the launches and clubhouse facilities will be ready with a new lease on life.

The first MYC events for 2015 are the house and waterfront work parties on April 11, 18 and 25. The work by volunteers on these days is key to the success of MYC. There are two benefits to participating. The first is obvious, all the volunteer efforts go a long way to the maintenance of the club and keeping costs down. The second, and in my mind more important benefit, is the opportunity to get involved, meet other members and gain a sense of community. It just isn't a "club" unless you feel part of it. Your time commitment doesn't have to be great. Even an hour or two will get you involved.

We are adding two events to the Calendar this year. Marblehead Yacht Club will sponsor an adult sailing program during May. It is an exciting initiative for MYC and we all owe Board Member, **Bert Williams**, a debt of gratitude for driving this concept and volunteering his time. The second event is a volunteer beach clean-up at Riverhead Beach. Read further in this newsletter for more details.

Finally, I feel very fortunate to be serving as Commodore while we are enjoying the benefits of the long term planning and capital commitments made over the past few years. There has been a great deal done to the clubhouse and two launches have been refurbished and are sporting fresh paint and rebuilt engines. To keep that momentum going and plan what we as members want from the club over the next 5 to 10 years, we have formed a Capital Planning Committee consisting of **Bill Betters Jr., Chris Booth, Ernie Greer, Glen Kewley, Kevin Neumann and Bob Zarelli**. The initial step is to list all the items that should be considered. From conversations on the deck, I know there are many ideas out there. We welcome your input. Please let me or any of the committee members know your thoughts.

Looking forward to warm days on the deck,

Tom Despres

Club Manager's Comments

As we all recover from our record setting winter, we can finally set our sights on the upcoming 2015 MYC season. The Meet and Greet will soon be upon us, and following that we can look forward to time tested favorites and recently created events that should make 2015 a year packed with great times at the Marblehead Yacht Club. The Committees that make it all happen are coming together and regular planning is well under way. Check with your Flag Officers regarding any committee spots still available if you wish to serve this year.

This past winter has seen some major, if not highly visible, improvements at the MYC. Structural work to the Galley floor and sills by the Harbormaster Department will lead to long overdue new flooring in the Galley. This has also allowed for assessment of the existing equipment, providing input to the Capital Planning Committee regarding long range Galley plans. The new gas fired roof top heating and cooling unit has been trouble free throughout this terrible weather. The installation team of **Steve Waldman** and **Dick Steadman** are to be continually commended. Early morning access to the Clubhouse will be ready with the issuance of the 2015 membership cards. The dining room door to the deck will be accessible by key card much the same as the main gate is now. Launch #2 will have had deck work, epoxy barrier coating, as well as paint inside and out. Launch #1 continues its budgeted maintenance program with a total engine rebuild. Due diligence from the MYC Finance Committee "Budgeteers" has kept these and other costs well within reason and spread over a number of years.

That's enough of looking back, let's all turn our gaze forward to warmer weather, painted bottoms, steady breezes and baited hooks. As always, if there is something I can do for the membership and their guests, please let me know.

We've paid dearly with this winter, we deserve a truly fantastic summer!

Yours in Boating,

Bill Kilham

MYC Beach Clean-Up

MYC in conjunction with [Salem Sound Coastwatch](#) and the Marblehead Health Dept. will hold a beach clean-up along Riverhead Beach on Saturday May 23rd from 9:30 to 12:00. Thanks to **Pam Evans** and **Krista Finigan** for getting this on the docket. More details will follow but save the date, this is a great opportunity for the Club to give back to the town and clean up our own backyard.

MYC Sail Training

In an exciting new initiative Marblehead Yacht Club will sponsor an adult sailing program on weekends during May. The response from the member survey a few weeks back was positive and we hope to fill the classes with existing and prospective members. The program will assume no prior knowledge of sailing and appeal to beginner and intermediate sailors. It is an excellent brush up for crew members, those who have been away from sailing for a while, or for self taught sailors with gaps in their sailing knowledge. The orientation is toward day sailing and near shore cruising and is not a racing course.

The course will consist of two 2-hour classroom sessions at Marblehead Yacht Club, and four 4-hour on-the-water sessions sailing from MYC floats. The classroom sessions are on two consecutive Friday evenings. The first course will start Friday May 8th with the on the water sessions on May 9, 10, 16 and 17. The second course will start on Friday May 22nd with the on the water sessions following on May 23, 24, 30 and 31.

Fees for the course are \$255 for MYC Members and \$295 for non-members.

[Click here for course details and an enrollment form.](#) For more information contact Bert Williams at 978-369-7601 or email manager@marbleheadyc.org.

MYC Racing

Marblehead Yacht Club Chase Race, July 19, 2015

It is with great excitement that we announce the 2015 MYC Chase Race in July will now be part of Mass Bay Sailing's Pursuit Championship. What this means for the club is the race should attract some out of town boats for the event. Last year, we had 18 boats register, and 15 cross the starting line. The race format won't change, the slowest handicap boats go first and the faster boats go later. The object is for slower boats to get to the finish line before faster boats. And afterwards, we will all gather at the club for a great party and prizes. For more information please contact **Tom Anderson**

MYC Board Meetings

The 2015 meetings of the Marblehead Yacht Club Officers and Directors will be held 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. Drop by for one or more meetings; it is a great way to meet fellow members.

Upcoming Scheduled Meetings for 2015:

April 21
May 19

June 16
July 21

August 18
September 15

Club Membership

Welcome aboard to Marblehead Yacht Club's 2015 new members.

Full Members

Jennifer and Jonathan Lederman

Associate Members

Margaret and Richard Bowen

Jill Chamberlain

Mary Landry

Peggy and Chuck Loudon

Sheri and Whitney Shattuck

From the Capellotti Family

Thank you for your love and prayers

The support that was shown by the membership of the MYC will always be remembered by the Capellotti Family. Barbara enjoyed every minute while at the Club; either as a volunteer or party goer at the functions with many of her friends.

John Capellotti and Family

Passages

David Robbins, a former long time MYC member and commodore passed away on Dec 9, 2014 in Cape Neddick, Maine. He leaves 4 children: David Robbins Jr. of Kansas City, Kansas, Gregory Robbins of St. Johnsbury, Vermont, Douglas Robbins of Hamstead, NH and Meredith Mehra now living in India.

He worked for GE and other engineering companies developing medical devices as well as marine equipment. As an active member of Marblehead Yacht Club he did much of the rehab on the clubhouse as well as floats and gangway construction. He loved to sail his boat "Magic Dragon" and both of his sons David Jr. and Gregory were launch drivers for several seasons. Some may remember his daughter Mehra driving her bike from North Reading to MYC to clean the club and help her dad work on the club.

Jeff Howlett, a long time launch driver at Marblehead Yacht Club, died on March 1st. Jeff and his wife Joan made their home in Marblehead after his service in the US Navy. He was very proud of his experience in the Submarine Service and was cofounder of the Submarine Veterans Marblehead Base.

Jeff was employed for many years at Hood Sailmakers, co-owned Wilson & Silsby Sailmakers in Marblehead, and was also a ferry-boat Captain for Boston Harbor Cruises. He will be remembered by many MYC members as the early shift launch driver on weekends.

2015 Events Calendar

House and Waterfront Work Parties	Saturdays, April 11, 18 and 25	
Riverhead Beach Clean Up	Saturday, May 23	9:30am-12:00pm
Meet and Greet (Pot Luck) Social	Saturday, May 2	4:30pm-6:30pm
Opening Day Cookout Party	Sunday, May 24	12:00pm-2:00pm
Galley Dining Opens for Season	Friday, May 29	4:00pm-9:00pm
Summer Solstice Wine Tasting	Saturday, June 20	6:00pm-8:00pm
Independence Day Cookout	Saturday, July 4	4:00pm-6:00pm
<i>(Presented by Diamond Catering)</i>		
Chase Race	Sunday, July 19	
Ice Cream Social	Sunday, August 16	2:00pm-4:00pm
<i>(Presented by Diamond Catering)</i>		
Fishing Tournament and Cookout	Sunday, September TBD	
Galley Dinning Ends for Season	Sunday, September 13	
Chowder Party	Saturday, October 10	4:00pm-6:00pm
Annual Meeting	Sunday, November 15	1:00pm-3:00pm

2015 Launch Schedule

May 9th to May 17th	Closed Monday	(May 11, 2015)
	10:00am to 6:00pm	Tuesday through Friday
	8:00am to 7:00pm	Saturday and Sunday
May 18th to June 14th	9:00am to 9:00pm	Monday through Thursday
	9:00am to 10:00pm	Friday
	8:00am to 10:00pm	Saturday
	8:00am to 9:00pm	Sunday
June 15th to September 6th	8:00am to 10:00pm	Monday through Thursday
	8:00am to 10:30pm	Friday
	7:30am to 10:30pm	Saturday
	7:30 to 10:00pm	Sunday
Labor Day September 7th	8:00am to 7:00pm	Monday (Labor Day)
September 8th to Sept. 20th	10:00am to 7:00pm	Monday through Friday
	8:00am to 8:00pm	Saturday and Sunday
September 21st to Oct. 11th	Closed	Monday and Tuesday
	10:00am to 6:00pm	Wednesday through Sunday
Oct. 12th (Columbus Day)	10:00am to 6:00pm	Last Day of launch service

Please note: if there is a forecast of extreme weather on any Monday or Tuesday, that the Club launch service is not scheduled to run, launch service may be available. Hours of service will depend on weather conditions.