



MAY 2013



Under The Rock

THE NEWSLETTER OF MARBLEHEAD YACHT CLUB

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MEET AND GREET SOCIAL AND RUN FOR THE ROSES

Mark your calendars for May 4th, 4:30 to 6:30 and come to the Cliff Room for the first MYC social event of the season, the Meet and Greet Social and catch the 2013 Kentucky Derby on the wide screen. It is a great opportunity to reacquaint with old friends, talk about plans for the upcoming season and meet new and prospective members as well.



This is a casual event. Bring your favorite hors d'oeuvres to share. Set ups with soft drinks will be available or BYOB.

COMING EVENTS

**MAY 4:
MEET AND GREET SOCIAL**

**MAY 11:
LAUNCH SERVICE BEGINS**

**MAY 17:
GALLEY OPENS**

**MAY 26:
OPENING DAY COOKOUT**

**JUNE 22:
SUMMER SOLSTICE WINE
TASTING**

COMMODORE'S WELCOME

It's May and spring is finally here. For me, it's always mixed emotions to see a ski season come to an end and to begin to retool my mind to think about working on the boat. But, like magic, I take the cover off, the sun shines ever so bright and warm and I long to be back sailing and boating in Marblehead. Of course, I have the extra worries of making sure the clubhouse, the docks, and the launches are all in working order so we are ready to serve you. I am fortunate to have such a wonderful family at the MYC, made up of hardworking volunteers and those with the institutional knowledge to know how this club gets put back together. I am also lucky to have experienced it all last year as my first year as Commodore. The part I forgot was that it's only supposed to be Commodore for one year, not two! Well, when asked to repeat, I agreed to step up to the plate to serve again.

It is wonderful that this club is made of men and women who continue to step up to make our club better and to mentor those new members who so much want to get involved at work parties to ready our facilities and to learn a little more about other members. I, personally, truly enjoy the work parties, especially the aspect of meeting new (or more mature) members and learning about their boating interests and their stories of how they got involved in boating.

The Marblehead Yacht Club is off to an exciting start. Our new Dockmaster/Club Manager Bill Kilham has been working with the volunteer teams to get the club ready for opening day. We have updated our website at www.marbleheadyc.org and we have added a FaceBook link "marbleheadyc" for all to share stories and photos club related. We have given a rebirth to the club newsletter and will be sending these out on a regular basis. We will be posting membership lists on the club bulletin boards so you can see the names of fellow members and more importantly their boat names. We have instituted a membership recruitment drive for this season where you as a member will receive \$50 cash as a thank you for recruiting a new member.

Best of luck to each of you as you ready your boats and I look forward to seeing you on the water and on the deck. If you would like to serve on one of the committees, please let me know!

Keep fair winds behind you, calm seas ahead of you, and plentiful fish below you.

Kevin Neumann, MYC Commodore
S/V Home Run

MYC Committees and Members as of May 1

Communications Committee

Chuck Mara Chair
Tom Despres (newsletter)
Stu Newman (webmaster)

Entertainment Committee

Kevin Neumann, Chair
Barb and John Capellotti
Nancy and Newt Clemson
Deborah Gates
Elaine Greer
Carol Neumann
Judy Rawding
Anne Steadman
Jean and Rufus Titus

Financial Advisory Committee

Paul McCauley, Chair
Sue Byors
Theo Kuliopulos
Calvin Powers, Treasurer

House Committee

TBD, Chair
Marion McCauley
Judy Rawding

Membership Committee

Marion McCauley, Chair
Sandra Barry
Karen Brown
Donald Cahoon

Race Committee

Bill Betters, Jr. Chair
Tom Anderson
Kevin Neumann
Fred Schmidt

Waterfront Committee

Bill Betters Jr. Chair
Rick Cuzner
Neal Johnson
Jack Mace
Chuck Nyren
Don Stubbs

CLUB MANAGER'S GREETING

Greetings 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. The reputation of the MYC as the truly friendly club in the harbor seems to be well earned.

In this transitional period, 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 2013 boating season. The launches have some particulars to address, but what boat worth having doesn't? Our floats have had some minor repairs and upgrades and should serve well for yet another season. Many of our seasoned "Pros" are returning this year to pilot our stout Crosby launches and I hope to recruit some new faces as well.

We are working with Kim to set up for another summer of Galley Goodness and Deck Delights at the MYC. I'm sure the menu will serve up some new treats as well as the old favorites the membership has come to expect. 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! With over 35 years of marine experience in Marblehead Harbor, I know many of the "classics" and I am just nosy enough to snoop out anything new that may appear each year. 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.

Yours in boating,

Bill Kilham



LAUNCH SCHEDULE FOR MAY AND JUNE

MAY 11TH TO MAY 19TH

CLOSED MONDAY (MAY 13, 2013)

10:00AM TO 6:00PM TUESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

8:00AM TO 7:00PM SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

MAY 20TH TO JUNE 16TH

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

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GALLEY NEWS

Welcome to the Marblehead Yacht Club for the 2013 season. All of us at Diamond Catering and the galley staff are looking forward to greeting members old and new as we begin the summer. We are excited about several changes, which we hope will provide you with better service and a more comfortable dining experience. Many of the changes were highlighted in last year's member survey and we are grateful for the responses. Your feedback is welcomed throughout the season and one of the changes you will notice is a survey card on each table for suggestions, comments or changes that you think will be helpful to insure the Galley is providing you with an enjoyable dining experience.

Because the season goes by so quickly we have extended the Galley's operating hours.

Opening Day for the Galley will be Friday May 17, 2013 at 4:00 PM. The regular hours of operation during the season will be Friday 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM, Saturday 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM, Sunday 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM. Beginning June 20, 2013 Thursday dining will be available from 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM.

We are also pleased to announce there will be wait-staff available during breakfast, lunch and dinner. With this change, window service will only be available for members ordering take out. Diamond Catering has a telephone in the Galley (781-631-9771) to accept take out orders; please feel free to contact us with your order or to inquire about specials being offered.

"Early Bird Dinner Specials" will now be offered on Friday and Saturday from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM. This will be subject to change based on member response. Please stop by and let me know your thoughts. It is your feedback that helps us evolve and meet your needs.

Again, based on member comments, some changes have been made to the menu. There will be several new menu items providing healthy eating options. Please check them out.

In the near future we will be posting the season's calendar of events. Thursday evening will remain "theme night", in addition to the regular menu selections. Please let me know your ideas for themes you think may be fun.



As in the past, Diamond Catering will be hosting the Fourth of July bash held at the club. Your comments or suggestions will add to the success of these events. Remember tickets are limited, so keep your eye out for the posting, or see Kim and reserve your tickets in advance.

The Galley dining card that each member receives is non

transferrable and non replaceable. This card is your benefit; be sure to come to the club and dine with us, using your dining card during the season. If you have not received your food card, notify a board member or Kim Diamond.

Thank you once again for having Diamond Catering as your food service provider. I am excited about the upcoming season and welcome your feedback. Any questions or comments can be communicated to me through the survey card or by email at alexdiad@verizon.net.

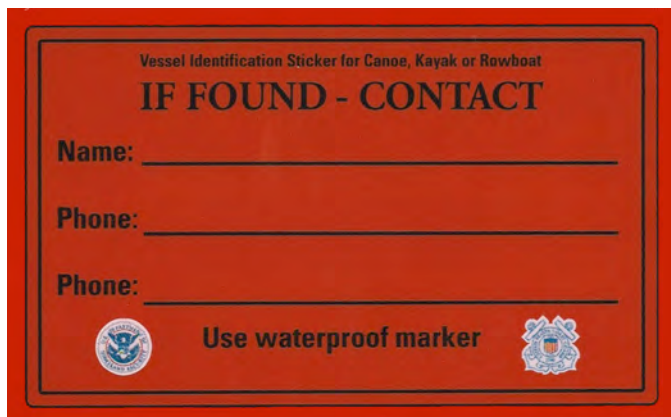
I wish you all a happy and safe boating season.

Kim Diamond, Manager
Diamond Catering

KAYAKERS' CORNER

Kayak Identification Stickers

The United States Coast Guard has launched Operation Paddle Smart to bring greater awareness of paddle safety throughout the United States. The northeast is ground zero for this need with double the national average of paddle sport fatalities. As part of the effort ownership identification stickers are being provided to help with the recovery of lost vessels but also to help boating authorities determine if an unoccupied kayak, canoe or rowboat indicates the need for a search and rescue or is simply a boat adrift. Stickers and additional information are available at the clubhouse.



Safety Course Offered

Paddlesports America is the official paddle course of the USCG AUX designed to meet the needs of the paddling community. The Paddlesports America course is an exciting safety course taught by a USCG AUX instructor. The course includes a five-chapter student manual covering these topics:

- Know your paddle craft
- Before you get underway
- Operating your kayak safely
- Legal requirements of boating
- Boating requirements and What to Do

The course is taught locally at the Jubilee Y/C on Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 8:30 and is twenty dollars for the three nights. Completion certificate is awarded and pre-registration is required.

- May class 8, 15, 22
- June class 5, 12, 19
- July class 10, 17, 24
- August class 7, 14, 21

Contact Bob Amiro, USCG AUX ADSO
Paddlesmart Instructor: 781 246 6714 or
robert.amiro@comcast.net

MARBLEHEAD YACHT CLUB FLAG OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

FLAG OFFICERS

COMMODORE	KEVIN NEUMANN
VICE COMMODORE	BILL BETTERS, JR.
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SECRETARY	DOUG BURGESS
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SAFETY NOTICE

The Neptune LNG Deepwater Port

Neptune LNG is a liquefied natural gas (LNG) deepwater port about 10 miles off the coast of Cape Ann. It is one of the most modern and technologically sophisticated offshore LNG ports in the world.

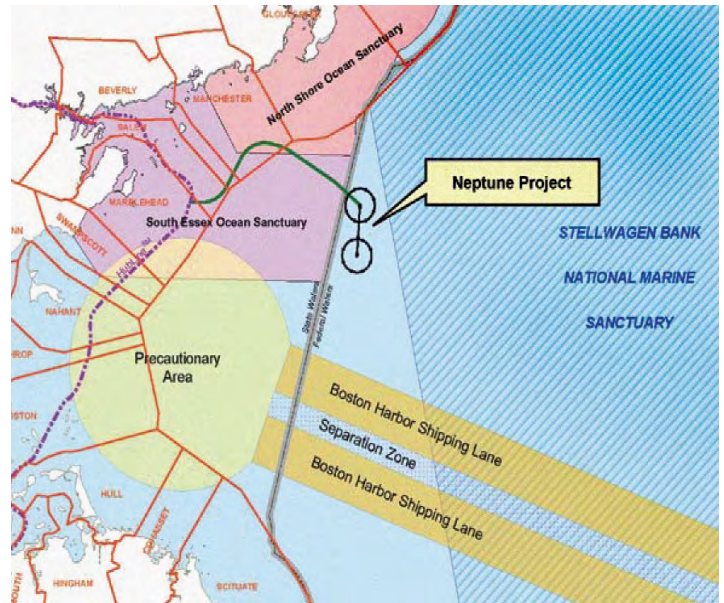
When boating in the area, if you:

- Smell natural gas (rotten egg smell)
- See bubbles rising to the surface of the water
- Or see anything unusual along the pipeline route or in the vicinity of the buoys

Immediately:

- Vacate the area
- Call the U.S. Coast Guard in Boston at 617-223-5750 or Neptune LNG at 978-465-4500

Be prepared to describe the situation and location.



CLASSIFIED ADS

DO YOU HAVE A BOAT OR GEAR THAT YOU WANT TO SELL, SWAP OR BUY? OTHER MYC MEMBERS AND FRIENDS ARE YOUR PRIME MARKET. SEND AN EMAIL TO MARBLEHEADYACHTCLUB@GMAIL.COM WITH THE DESCRIPTION OF YOUR ITEM FOR A LISTING IN THE NEXT EDITION OF *UNDER THE ROCK*.

Under the Rock

Welcome to the first 2013 edition of **Under the Rock**. What is with the name? Several generations of the club newsletter have used the name yet the origin has been a bit of a mystery. There must be a story with great significance. Welcome Jack Mace with his storehouse of MYC history. Years ago the club newsletter was published on paper and left in a stack at the clubhouse for members to pick up. To keep the pile of papers from blowing around, it was placed under a rock. The newsletter was "Under the Rock." The tradition continues in an electronic format with a periodic update of upcoming events in addition to our great new website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Membership Committee

As of April 15 we have 296 members for 2013. This is approximately 80% of the 2012 membership and is consistent with last year for this time. Financially, we are slightly ahead of 2012 revenue, but anticipate significantly greater expenses in 2013. These are as follows:

- ✓ Rebuilding 3 transmissions (\$4,300)
- ✓ Sub-contracting the float preparation (\$3,200)
- ✓ Increased insurance requirements (\$1,500)
- ✓ Replacing deck furniture (\$2,500)
- ✓ Deck work on 1 launch (\$10,000)



The total cost of these items, without taking into account other unforeseen costs, will result in negative earnings for the year. If they cannot be offset by other revenue sources, the finance Committee may recommend a special assessment and/or a dues increase to cover the expenses. The actual revenue picture will be clearer in June once we know where we stand on new members and our Accounts Receivables are sorted out.

Additionally, there are some revenue increasing initiatives being considered geared to increasing membership. We have a “Meet and Greet” event scheduled for May 4th and the Board has approved a \$50 cash “finders fee” for current members who bring in a new member.

Waterfront Committee

The Waterfront Committee has been busy readying the club for the spring opening. Much of this work was done by member volunteers during the April 13 Work Assessment. This year, along with the normal preparation of the launches, floats, deck and gear, some additional tasks have been completed to improve the function of the club.

- ✓ Thanks to Manager Bill Kilham and Alan Liebowitz, all 3 launches transmissions have been rebuilt and reinstalled. One was in need of significant repair but all are now in good shape. In addition, three new 3-stage damper plates were purchased to put less strain on the transmissions. It has been noted that parts for these transmissions are becoming increasingly hard to come by. Also, in the upcoming off season, some deck work will be necessary to Number 1, as well as basic re-wiring and upgrades to steering on Number 2
- ✓ The floats needed several new leader chains and some of the floatation tubs had to be reattached.

This year, the spring preparation of the floats was turned over to Marblehead Marine Construction. This is chiefly due to increasing environmental controls needed for work being performed in a wetland/waterway resource area on Town property and the club not being in the position to manage that at present time. This will be evaluated periodically.

- ✓ The dinghy rental rings were repositioned for better fit and new eye-bolt rings were installed for added security. The Committee is looking into a “Use it or Lose it” policy for continued rentals. The Committee will also be looking into alternate arrangements for additional ring space. There are a number of other tasks to be done over the 2013 season, so please do not hesitate to let the Committee know of your interest and availability and thank you to all who assisted on April 13, our first work assessment day.

Regards,
Waterfront Committee

CALL OUTS AND NOTICES

A Salute to Stu Newman who with Chuck Mara redesigned and updated the MYC website. Check out our new look and up to date information. www.marbleheadyc.org

WANTED, NEW MYC MEMBERS

THE BEST PROMOTION FOR THE CLUB IS THE RECOMMENDATION OF EXISTING MEMBERS. TO ENCOURAGE ALL OF US TO SPREAD THE WORD, MYC IS OFFERING \$50 IN CASH TO ANY MEMBER WHO RECOMMENDS A NEW MEMBER WHO JOINS THE CLUB FOR THE SEASON.

MARBLEHEAD YACHT CLUB IS THE BEST KEPT SECRET AND DEAL ON THE MARBLEHEAD WATERFRONT. THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO GET THE WORD OUT AND HAVE A LITTLE CASH FOR A NEW BOAT WIDGET.

Volunteers

MYC is a volunteer club. Without the work of many folks who give their time and share their skills much more of the work necessary to open up and maintain the clubhouse, launches and waterfront would become an additional expense.

Two work groups led by Bill Betters and Dockmaster Bill Kilham prepped the launches and other waterfront work in April. Thanks to Seth Berman, Tony Bonjorno, Carlos Calixto, Peter Crawford, Joe Darci, Chuck Nyren, Mike Obelski, Linda Regis, Bill Walsh-Rogalski .

Two additional workdays to prep and clean the clubhouse were led by Marion McCauley and again Bill Kilham. Thanks to Bob Burns, Rebecca Magoon, Marion McCauley, Paula Melanson, Kevin Neumann, Mary Lou Silverman, Arthur Talbot, Ted Tobey, John Vigneron, Alan Waldman.

WATCH YOUR MAILBOX.



MEMBER PACKETS WITH 2013 ACCESS CARDS ARE SCHEDULED FOR MAILING THE SECOND WEEK OF MAY. THE BOATING SEASON IS COMING!

Crossing the Bar

Sadly, we announce the death of longtime Marblehead Yacht Club member Merrill Feldman. Merrill and his wife, Avis, were active sailors until a year ago when, at age 86, they sold their 36' Catalina. He served on the board of MYC and was an active member of the Club. His counsel and insight will be missed by all who knew him.