



Under the Rock

Summer 2020

The Newsletter of the Marblehead Yacht Club

Message from the Commodore

This season is sure to go down in MYC history as one not to be forgotten. With all the Covid-19 concerns and restrictions I am happy to report that our members have been very patient, cooperative and accommodating. We truly appreciate this - thanks!

Special thanks to Bill Kilham and the Covid Advisory Committee led by Rear Commodore Jane Clayton for recommending and setting up social distancing protocols, sanitizing stations, signage at the Club and dealing with the ever-changing guidance rules. Thanks also to Marie and Alan Peterson for hanging the July 4th buntings to make the deck festive in spite of no fireworks or harbor illumination this year. Things seem to be running about as smoothly as we can expect under the current situation. If you have any concerns or suggestions, please feel free to contact me anytime.

Despite our social calendar being canceled for the foreseeable future, our members are still finding the time to enjoy the deck for a meal with friends, or cocktails with small groups. Galley service has adjusted to the guidance of fewer tables, and the meals and specials are all available. We encourage everyone to be sure to use up your dining card while you can. The Galley is open Thursday to Sunday and hours are posted on the website.

Deck seating is now available when the galley is not serving so that you can enjoy a bottle of wine and snacks. The Lavender Room is now open with a limit of 10 people and, of course, with masks and proper social distancing. Please be sure to clean and wipe down your area before you leave.

Bill Kilham and the MYC waterfront staff have been great! The launch drivers have been religiously wiping down the launches after each trip, and politely reminding riders where to sit. I can personally attest that even with reduced seating capacity on the launch, I have never had to wait long for a ride to or from my boat. I always feel that the summer seems to wind down faster once we pass July 4th weekend, so please make the most of what time is left.

As we enter the dog-days of summer, we recognize that this year we may not have large parties on the deck or as much comradery on our boats. But we can heed the saying “you can not control the wind, but you can adjust your sails” and find new ways to enjoy the summer at 4 Cliff St.

John Murray
Commodore

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I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all who have been so patient and understanding during this very exceptional season.

As always, those involved with MYC have stepped up and shown what good folks can do when faced with uncertainty. Please continue to bear with me as I reluctantly scold people about masks and social distancing; as it looks like they may be the norm for the rest of the season (hopefully not... at least the scolding part).

If there is anything I can do to help work through this, please don't hesitate to track me down and let me know.

Bill

Regatta Committee Update

The Regatta Committee cancelled MYC's annual Clemson Chase Race in compliance with the MA guidelines of Phase 1 and 2, but in an attempt to fill the void created a self-timed event from Marblehead around Bakers Island and back called the **Bakers Light Time Trial**. This is open to any sailboat for free and can be sailed anytime in July and August. This is a great way to get some sailing in with family, practice short-handed, or just give you a destination to sail on a sunny day. For more information and to register [click here](#).

The **Downeast Challenge** overnight race from Marblehead to Boothbay is back on schedule August 7 – 8 now that racing is allowed. There are already 7 registered boats, so if you are on the fence, please consider joining! The NOR is available [here on Regattaman](#).

If you will be away the week of Aug 5 and will have an available mooring or are OK with rafting, please let Bill Kilham know so that we might offer guest moorings to any out of town boats. Unfortunately, we will not have the infamous pre-race Rumson's Rum and Steel Drum band party this year.

This is a great way to jump start a Downeast cruise, so if you are interested in sailing from Marblehead to Boothbay Maine departing Aug 7, register now.

Club Membership

Welcome aboard to our newest MYC members

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| Jane Carrite | Philip McCarthy |
| Wayne Chandler | Patrick McCauley |
| Andrew Coffin | Stephen O'Malley |
| Frederick Cuzner | Philip Pavlovich |
| Peter & Laurie Jane Dragonas | Cameron and Diane Sears |
| Douglas Ford | Candice Sliney |
| Steven Harvey | Dale Smith |
| Randy Hitchcock | Anne Waymouth |
| Mike Kennedy | Dana Weeder |
| Mark Libon | |

July Board Meeting Cancelled

With a limited summer time agenda the July MYC Board meeting scheduled for Tuesday July 21 has been cancelled. The next Board meeting is scheduled for August 18th.

HarborMoor

HarborMoor is a new addition to the local boating scene and the first online directory of the 2000+ boats in Marblehead Harbor. Created by a couple of local boaters it is free to register and add your boat.

If you have ever been curious to know more about the boats that dot the harbor, you can now explore Marblehead's HarborMoor directory to check out

new and familiar boats. There are many other features and more information being added daily. Check it out at [HarborMoor.com](https://www.harbor Moor.com) and register your boat.
