



# Under The Rock

July 2015

## The Newsletter of the Marblehead Yacht Club

### *Life Saving Training*

Marblehead Yacht Club has purchased a new upgraded Automatic Electronic Defibrillator (AED) which will be put into service in the Cliff Room very shortly. The Marblehead Fire Chief and his Emergency Services Committee is providing the installation and will offer a free 2 hour course to interested club members and their families covering Basic CPR and AED response. This is a perfect opportunity for all of us to review emergency medical response procedures which may save the life of a loved one, friend or fellow club member.

Please sign up by sending an email to:  
Rear Commodore Alan Petersen  
[alreepetersen@verizon.net](mailto:alreepetersen@verizon.net)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **Ice Cream Social**

**Sunday August 16th  
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm**

#### **Chowder Party**

**Saturday October 10th  
4:00 pm to 6:00 pm**



## ***MYC Racing***

On July 19th MYC held the Clemson Chase Race, named for Newt Clemson a long time racer out of MYC and EYC yacht clubs. 17 boats registered, and 15 crossed the starting line. The course was from Marblehead Channel Bell to Tinkers Rock Gong and back to the finish line at the Channel Bell. It was sunny and a 9-13 knot breeze. The first finisher was Hoff Stauffer in Amazing Grace, an Alerion 38 from Gloucester, second was Rob Gorman in Vida Zee, and third was Tom & Lisa Anderson in Nonpareil. After the race everyone enjoyed a reception in the Lavender Room and the dedication of the new Clemson Chase Race trophy.

## ***Harbor Cruises***

Dear MYC Member,

As a benefit of MYC membership, particularly for non-boating members, the Club is offering an opportunity for you to get on the water for a tour of the harbor.

From now through August 12th we're offering members free Wednesday evening harbor tours on our club launches. This is a new program. We haven't worked out all the kinks yet, but this is how we think it will work.

On Wednesday evenings we usually have three launches in operation. After all the racers get out, we have about a 30 to 45 minute slot open on one of the launches before that driver's shift ends. We plan to use that time to take up to 15 people on a leisurely harbor tour. Bring your favorite beverage and a snack and enjoy a slow ride through one of the East Coast's great yachting harbors.

We're able to offer this membership benefit through the generosity of Club Manager Bill Kilham. There is no expense to the Club.

Here are the rules (they may change as we get experience with this new program):

- The rides are offered at no cost - no tipping. Remember the drivers with the annual gratuity fund.
- Each member may bring one guest (more if spaces are open at sailing time).
- No advance reservations. First come first served. Mid afternoon Wednesday you may leave your name at the launch driver's shack.
- No glass containers on the launch.
- Leave the launch as clean as you found it.

We hope you enjoy your harbor ride.

MYC Board of Directors

## ***Save the Date, Possible Beer Tasting***

A beer tasting featuring beer from the Sam Adams Brewing Company is being explored as another event on the MYC calendar. The tentative date is August 14th. Stay tuned as more details will follow.

## ***Commodore's Comments***

Greetings,

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer and lots of boating time. The deck and Galley seem busy every night that the weather has cooperated, with a good crowd enjoying our great corner of the harbor.

At the recent Board of Directors Meeting, Vice Commodore Marion McCauley reported the 2015 membership figures through July 20<sup>th</sup> indicating a rise in the popularity of the club. We currently have 334 total members including 270 Active or boating members and 64 Associate or social members. This total is up from 325 for the 2014 season. Welcome aboard to all of our new members.

For the past few seasons a membership roster has been provided in the Cliff Room and is now available on the website [at this link](#). We hope you will find it interesting and helpful. The link and the paper roster in the Cliff Room do not provide addresses or any other contact information. The information is limited to member name, membership and boat name. That is the security that we all have to live with today.

While we are all enjoying the boating and warm weather the Board of Directors has started discussions on the 2016 budget. That, unfortunately, is the first sign that fall is coming. It is always an interesting exercise with a great deal of give and take as the Club strives to provide the best service possible and the best value in the harbor. As always MYC board meetings are open to all members if you would like to provide your input.

Tom Despres, Commodore

## ***MYC Cruising***

The 2015 MYC Mini Cruise took place the weekend of July 10-12. With destinations of Eastern Point Yacht Club and Rockport Harbor, this became more of a mini cruise than expected as several boats were out of commission leaving two boats to make the cruise by sea as intended.



Chuck and Tere Nyren and Jay and Sue Michaud hosted cocktails on their boats joined by the landlocked boaters Brian and Susan Schanning, Anne and Dick Steadman, Larry and Nancy Proulx and Tom and Judy Despres.

## ***Club Manager's Comments***

It appears we finally have some summer weather upon us, and I can hardly remember the ten foot snow bank against the Cliff Room door. Well almost hardly.

It doesn't seem possible that we have already put the Opening Day Cook-Out, the Summer Solstice Wine Tasting, the July Fourth Festivities and now the Clemson Chase Race behind us. Many, many thanks to all who have worked so hard to make these MYC Special Events so successful!

The outside Galley dining is picking up in response to the warmer weather; please don't forget to call ahead and give a heads up if your party is a large one. Check out Thursday's theme night specials, as well as Robin's tasty desserts. Haley is working hard to manage our classic deck dining as well as our newer take-out service (call ahead 781 631 9772 and have your meal ready to go). Try not to spill on your cockpit cushions!

If you like what's happening at the MYC, please consider talking to a Board Member or one of your Flag Officers in regards to joining this great group of folks for this year and the next. Although I'm proud of our Waterfront, the Marblehead Yacht Club will be so much more with the input and participation of our strongest asset, our Membership. Please feel free to speak to me if you would like to become more involved; I'm more than happy to track down any of our folks to get you started. As always, the Board of Directors meets every third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm in the Cliff Room, and all members are welcome to attend.

I must admit, this has become way too long and is likely taking up time better spent relaxing on your boat. That said, enjoy the rest of this overdue summer weather and I'll see you all on the Deck, the Dock and the water.

Bill.

## ***Halifax Race***

Congratulations to MYC member Eliot Shanabrook for skippering his J109 Hafa Adai to second place finish in the Halifax race PHRF 2 division.

## ***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:

August 18

September 15

## ***MYC 2015 Committees***

### **Waterfront Committee**

Marion McCauley, Chair	
Jack Mace	Tip O'Neil
Don Stubbs	Paul McCauley

### **House Committee**

Alan Petersen, Chair	Tom Anderson
Nate Burke	Kevin Conwell
Elaine Greer	Chet Mazer
Marion McCauley	Judy Rawding

### **Finance Committee**

Paul McCauley, Chair	Chris Booth
Theo Kuliopulos	

### **Capital Planning Committee**

Tom Despres, Chair	Bill Betters
Chris Booth	Ernie Greer
Glen Kewley	Kevin Neumann
Bob Zarelli	

### **Race Committee**

Tom Anderson, Chair	Bill Betters
Jack Caunter	Dave Gardner
Ernie Greer	Paul Mervis
Kevin Neumann	John Vigneron

### **Entertainment Committee**

Tom Despres, Chair	Doug Burgess
Jeannine Camarda	Jack Caunter
Nancy Clemson	Pat Charbonnier
Judy Despres	Carol Fullerton
Deborah Gates	Elaine Greer
Ed Mackey	Ellen McGrail
Carol Neumann	Tere Nyren
Becky Parry	Judy Rawding
Judy Scrymgeour	
Anne Steadman	
Rufus and Jeanne Titus	

### **Communications Committee**

Tom Despres, Chair	Stu Newman, Webmaster
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## ***Passages***

Sadly we announce the recent passing of former Commodore and Life Member, William McKay. Dutchy, as he was known to many, was MYC's oldest life member and served as Commodore in 1966.

The MYC family extends our condolences to his family and friends.

## ***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**

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