



# UNDER THE ROCK

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE MARBLEHEAD YACHT CLUB

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Welcome

## Coming Soon The 2014 Season



The 2104 season is nearly here with much on tap at MYC. This issue of *Under the Rock* contains the calendar of events, our launch and galley schedules, a call to volunteering, as well as invitations to participate in a race and cruise sponsored by MYC.

All that is needed now is warm weather and time to take the boat covers off.

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## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Greetings and welcome to the 2014 Season,

The first day of Spring is just two weeks away and the Polar Vortex appears to have taken up residence at the Cliff Street Shipyard. Nonetheless, this offseason, the club has remained very active with several big-ticket repair and upgrade items that could no longer be deferred. The launches are undergoing major repair work and this will continue over the next several years as they cycle through the planned engine and structural upgrades. The clubhouse has also undergone significant upgrades to the sliders and loft window to make it once again tight to the weather. Changes to the galley are being made as well to meet permit requirements. All of these changes are being done to keep up the high standard of quality service we've come to appreciate from the club operations. Our goal is to have these projects wrapped up and roll into the 2014 boating season flush with new events to enhance our on the deck and on the water experiences.

Aside from all of the regular excellent topside events hosted by the entertainment committee volunteers and Kim and the Galley Crew, we have a few other highlights in the works:

- In May the Finance Committee will be hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meet and Greet event to continue to keep the club's membership options in the public eye;
- The Race Committee has been working on a chase race event scheduled for July 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Board members will be organizing a member cruise for sometime during the latter part of the season
- And we will also be working with best selling local author Michael Tougias and the Traditional Small Craft Association for a jointly attended speaking event.

In the meantime, we'll be looking to get volunteers and committees in full swing over the next couple months. It's remarkable how much this club has to offer for the value and it's all possible because of the spirit of volunteerism. It's not only a great way to get better acquainted with your fellow MYC members but also an opportunity to broaden your own experiences and learn more about other waterfront activities and social events you may not normally undertake. So please consider getting involved with one of the committees or think about pitching in with a particular event to help make this another fulfilling season at the club.

I look forward to seeing you on the deck and on the water!

Best Regards,



*Bill Betters, Commodore*

## MYC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### *MYC Officers and Directors*

#### **Officers**

Commodore	Bill Betters, Jr.	781-631-1013, 617-504-0047
Vice Commodore	Tom Despres	617-650-4669
Rear Commodore	Marion McCauley	781-631-7569
Secretary	Doug Burgess	781-596-3874
Treasurer	Chris Booth	781-631-5132

#### **Directors**

Jay Michaud	781-639-0001
Kevin Neumann	781-631-3139
Chuck Nyren	781-631-6318
Brian Schanning	781-631-2417
Dick Steadman	781-631-5116

#### **Staff**

MYC Manager	Bill Kilham	781-631-9771
MYC Dock Master	Bill Kilham	781-631-9771

### *MYC Board Meetings*

Meetings of the Marblehead Yacht Club Officers and Directors are held monthly in the Cliff Room at 7:30 on the third Thursday of each month. MYC is a volunteer club and these meetings are open to club members with all invited to attend and participate.

Scheduled Meetings for 2014 are:

March 20	August 21
April 17	September 18
May 15	October 16
June 19	November 20
July 17	December 18

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## 2014 EVENTS

### Marblehead Yacht Club 2014 Events Calendar

House and Waterfront Work Parties	Saturdays, April 5, 19 and 26
Meet and Greet (Pot Luck) Social 4:30pm-6:30pm	Saturday, May 3
Opening Day Cookout Party 12:00pm-2:00pm	Sunday, May 25
Galley Dining Opens for Season 4:00pm-9:00pm	Friday, May 30
Summer Solstice Wine Tasting 6:00pm-8:00pm	Saturday, June 21
Independence Day Cookout 4:00pm-6:00pm (Presented by Diamond Catering)	Friday, July 4
Chase Race	Sunday, July 20
Ice Cream Social 2:00pm-4:00pm (Presented by Diamond Catering)	Sunday, August 17
Fishing Tournament and Cookout	Sunday, September TBD
Chowder Party 4:00pm-6:00pm	Saturday, October 11
Annual Meeting	Sunday, November 16

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## CLUB MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Greetings Everyone,

I'm sure I am not the only one who is ready to put this past winter behind me! Almost all of the outside tasks that can be accomplished on a pick-a-nice-day basis are still awaiting attention. The doors I put in the shrink-wrap launch covers have seen darn little use so far this winter.

Work is ongoing inside the clubhouse with some slight modifications within the Galley space as well as trim and paint around the new sliding doors on the second floor.

Launch #1 has had its deck work completed and is in the process of being painted as I write this. The rebuild of the engine from #2 is well underway and right on schedule. The plan is to have it back in place before the USCG Dry Dock Inspections of all three boats this April.

The Gangway re-decking project moves ahead slowly (see "pick-a-nice-day" above) with young Mr. Sullivan doing yeoman service for the club. The new decking is primed and ready for non-skid paint and installation whenever Mother Nature decides to cut us some slack. Mr. Mace has renewed sections of our hoist system and is more than ready to help get us back in business come springtime.

I'm happy to report that along with most of our returning Launch Drivers we will have Sarra Newhall-Tubbs back with us this 2014 season. In addition, I'm looking forward to training two brand new Drivers who specifically sought out the MYC as their employer of choice. They should round out the Waterfront Staff nicely.

As the weather warms (perhaps I should say, *if* the weather warms), I will be spending more time at the club. If you can't find me on the property and wish to talk to me, please contact me via email or leave a message on the club phone and I will get back to you as soon as I can. Please check the website as well, as more and more pertinent information gets posted each season.

See you on the Deck,

Bill

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# LAUNCH AND GALLEY SCHEDULES

## 2014 Launch Schedule

May 10 <sup>th</sup> to May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Closed 10:00am to 6:00pm 8:00am to 7:00pm	Monday (May 12, 2014) Tuesday through Friday Saturday and Sunday
May 19 <sup>th</sup> to June 15 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am to 9:pm 9:00am to 10:00pm 8:00am to 10:00pm 8:00 to 9:00pm	Monday through Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday
June 16 <sup>th</sup> to August 31 <sup>st</sup>	8:00am to 10:00pm 8:00am to 10:30pm 7:30am to 10:30pm 7:30am to 10:00pm	Monday through Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday
Labor Day September 1 <sup>st</sup>	8:00am to 7:00pm	Monday (Labor Day)
September 2 <sup>nd</sup> to September 21 <sup>st</sup>	10:00am to 7:00pm 8:00am to 8:00pm	Monday through Friday Saturday and Sunday
September 22 <sup>nd</sup> to October 12 <sup>th</sup>	Closed 10:00am to 6:00pm	Mondays and Tuesdays Wednesday through Saturday
October 13 (Columbus Day)	10:00am to 6:00pm	

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 made available. Hours of service will depend on weather conditions.

## 2014 GALLEY SCHEDULE

Opening Day	Friday, May 30
Friday Evenings	4:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Thursday Evenings	4:00 pm - 9:00 pm (June 19 – September 11)
Saturday	8:00 am - 9:00 pm
Sunday	8:00 am - 9:00 pm
End of Season	Sunday, September 14

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## VOLUNTEERING

*Want to have some fun? All it takes is some time and energy!*

As you will read in this edition of *Under the Rock* and on the website, eight events are scheduled for 2014 beginning in May. In past years, the members of the Entertainment (Events) Committee, have provided a significant amount of *time and energy* (organizing, recruiting and attending) to make these events happen. Kim Diamond of Diamond Catering and her crew have provided the backbone (food, service, etc.) for several events. Last year, Bill Kilham took the helm as Dockmaster/Club Manager; his contributions to MYC have been welcomed.

Still, this represents only part of our membership. MYC needs more of its members to carve out some time during the next six months. Your energy will undoubtedly contribute to a successful year at MYC. How and where do you start? How can you contribute? There are at least three ways and all of these can count toward your Work Assessment Fee of \$100; members can split (share) the eight hours with their spouse or partner. For example:

Contribute by participating in a Work Party.

Eight hours of work at the Club can result in a “rebate” of \$100. For those who have returned their Membership renewal check, update form, and work Assessment form (due March 1) you can count on hearing from either Bill Kilham or one of the Committee Chairs. As a reminder, Work Parties are scheduled for April 5, 19 and 26.

Contribute by getting involved in an event.

Nearly every event requires someone to lead, organize, and gather a few other members to make the event happen. Most events also require coordination with Diamond Catering (food) and Dockmaster/Club Manager Bill Kilham (facility). Many of the eight scheduled events have taken place in prior years. Here is opportunity for YOU to add a twist, shake things up, and contribute to the success of MYC.

Contribute by participating in a committee.

It is never too late to join a committee. A current list is included in this edition of *Under the Rock*. If you are interested in serving or chairing a committee, there are several opportunities.

Spring is nearly here and that means it’s almost time to uncover the boat. In the meantime, if you are interesting in having some fun by contributing some *time and energy* to MYC, please contact Commodore Bill Betters at [wjb1013@gmail.com](mailto:wjb1013@gmail.com) or Dockmaster/Club Manager Bill Kilham at [marbleheadyc@gmail.com](mailto:marbleheadyc@gmail.com).

Susan Schanning  
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# COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

## Communications Committee

Tom Despres, Chair  
Bill Betters  
Stu Newman (webmaster)  
Bill Whalen

## Entertainment Committee

Bill Betters, Chair  
Carol Fullerton  
Elaine Greer  
Ellen McGrail  
Carol Neumann  
Judy Rawding

## Financial Advisory Committee

Paul McCauley, Chair  
Chris Booth, Treasurer  
Theo Kuliopulos

## Capital Planning Subcommittee

Ernie Greer  
Kevin Neumann

## House Committee

Marion McCauley, Chair  
Judy Rawding  
**Help Wanted**

## Membership Committee

Marion McCauley, Chair  
Karen Brown  
Donald and Cindy Cahoon  
Sandra Barry and Gary Ward  
Ellen McGrail  
Bert and Jane Williams

## Race Committee

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

## Waterfront Committee

Tom Despres, Chair  
Rick Cuzner  
Neal Johnson  
Jack Mace  
Becky Magoon  
Chuck Nyren  
Tip O'Neil  
Don Stubbs  
Bert Williams

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## NOTICES AND CALLOUTS

### *MYC Racing*

#### **Marblehead Yacht Club Chase Race, July 20, 2014**

MYC will be running a chase race this July so save the date. It will be a fun, low-key event for captains who have little or no racing experience, as well as the seasoned racer. You will be given your own individual starting time based on your boat's handicap. This often eliminates the crowded and intimidating starting line. 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. Any questions please contact Tom Anderson at [65jersey@gmail.com](mailto:65jersey@gmail.com).

### *MYC Cruising*

In a previous article in this newsletter I wrote a proposal for MYC Cruising. Since that time, I have become a member of the Board of Directors. At our January meeting 3 of us volunteered to make up a committee to plan such an event and the board volunteered me as the "point person".

The committee has not been able to meet as a group yet, but, in an effort to get the word out early, we have exchanged emails with the following suggestions: For the first year we should plan one 2-day event either to Boston Harbor or Cape Ann. Labor Day weekend was suggested as a good date.

We will be meeting shortly after you read this bulletin and would like to hear from any of you who may have an interest in joining such a group. Both sail and powerboats are welcome. We will keep you informed as we firm up plans.

In addition here is an invitation for you to cruise as a group, but not as an MYC group. We, the Nyren's, are planning to cruise to warmer waters to our near South. We plan on leaving on July 26<sup>th</sup> and returning to Marblehead on August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

We would have any one interested in joining us do so. Our itinerary will be flexible, taking advantage of weather, tides, harbor facilities and availability. We are open to suggestions from anyone who joins us for all or any part of the cruise. Simply let me know if you would be interested. Contact Chuck Nyren at [seenyren@gmail.com](mailto:seenyren@gmail.com) or 781-631-6318.

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# THE OTHER SEASON AT MYC

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