



Under the Rock

Summer 2019

The Newsletter of the Marblehead Yacht Club

From the Commodore

After a long, damp spring, we are fortunate that Summer is officially here! The weather forecast is trending towards warm and sunny days to enjoy the Marblehead area waters.

The waterfront is buzzing with boating activity and the launches are busy shuttling us to our boats. The MYC is sponsoring the Annual Clemson Chase Race on Sunday the 30th. There is still time to sign-up for this fun pursuit-style race.

The Club hosted a "wine tasting of lesser-known area" with Shubies that was enjoyed by all who attended. A big "Thank You" to Patti, Kathleen, Anne, and all of the other members who organized and produced this event.

Please check the website and the message boards for additional fun-filled events being planned for your enjoyment.

Get out there and have some fun!

Paul Mervis
Commodore

From the Club Manager

July Fourth is surely sneaking up on us!

With this year's less than lovely spring behind us, we can finally start to focus on the summer boating season.

Please take a moment to check out the simplified launch schedule if you haven't already; 8-10 every day all summer (even I can remember that!).

Don't forget to check the information posted on the board at the base of the deck stairs for upcoming events. Our Committees have been working overtime to put together a fun filled season here at the MYC. Grill Nights with music seem to be a theme this year, so pack up your cooler and come down for a nice evening on the Deck.

I would be remiss if I failed to use this forum to express my (and I bet yours) gratitude to David Gardner and David Clark for our new and ever so outstanding Main Gate! The 'Dave and Dave Syndicate' went above and beyond anyone's expectations with the work of art that now greets us as we enter the Club. Thanks again, fellas!

Please feel free to welcome our newest driver Connor as he learns the ropes this year. He's a bit of a legacy, but you'll have to figure that out with him, as he takes you in and out (a hint: his grandfather is a Life Member).

As always, please let me know if I can help out in any way. I guess you all know how to hunt me down by now, thanks.

See you on the Deck and Docks,

Bill

Upcoming Summer Events

Clemson Chase Race: Sunday June 30 with a 12:00pm start at the Marblehead Bell Buoy. Complete information and registration materials are available [here](#). Please see note below regarding June 30 Galley hours.

July 4th Cookout by Diamond Catering: 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Enjoy the fireworks and a traditional cookout menu. Cost is \$16.00 per person and seating is limited. Speak to any of the servers to make reservations.

Grill Night: July 17, 6:30pm to 8:30pm with music on the deck by the *Melody Makers* and harbor launch rides available for Associate Members.

Downeast Challenge Skippers' Meeting and Rumson Rum Tasting: August 1, 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Open to race skippers and Club members. Sample Rumson's products while enjoying steel drum music by *Captured by Sound*.

Downeast Challenge Start: August 2 with first signal at 10:00 am.

Ice Cream Social by Diamond Catering: Sunday August 4, 2:00pm to 4:00pm. Ice cream sundaes on the deck for kids of all ages. Watch your email for details.

Grill Night with Music on the Deck: August 14, 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

Labor Day Brunch by Diamond Catering: September 1, 9:00am to 1:00pm.

Waterfront and Regatta Update

The waterfront is up and running despite the rainy spring.

We have held three successful waterfront events this spring including the Nautical Yard Sale, USCG Auxiliary Safety Check, and the 'Sail a Townie Day' – thanks to all

who participated.

The sixth Clemson Chase Race is planned for Sunday June 30. This is a fun sailing race where the slower boats start first and the faster boats start later – first one to the finish wins! Skippers will receive a free T-shirt and the after-race party is sponsored by Rising Tide Brewery with trophies provided by Rumson's Rum. We are looking to have as many MYC boats on the line as possible, so please visit the [web site to register today](#).

Downeast Challenge Race from Marblehead to Boothbay Harbor, Maine will start Friday Aug 2. This is a fun 100 mile race in cooperation with Boothbay Harbor YC where sailors challenge themselves with overnight long distance sailing. For complete information on the race and to register [click here](#). There will be a Steel Drum party and Rumson's Rum tasting at the MYC on Aug 1 at the skippers' meeting. Rising Tide beer and Rumson's Rum trophies donated for the awards party.

We are looking for MYC boat owners who can help with guest moorings for out-of-town boats on Aug 1. If your mooring will be available, or if you will let a boat raft to yours, please notify Bill Kilham.

July 4th Launch Service

Due to increased holiday traffic, the MYC launch service will adopt our Harbor Zone policy shortly after noon on July 4 and continue until closing.

The three launches will service three separate zones exclusively and members will be required to use only the launch which services the zone for their mooring location. Launches and assembly areas will be clearly marked to minimize confusion.

The zones are roughly defined as:

- Inner Harbor: between the causeway and a line from the MYC docks to “Rocket’s House”.
- Mid Harbor: inside of a line from the Glover landing Docks to Bowdoin Point to the Inner Harbor line.
- Outer Harbor: our service area beyond.

Please consolidate crew and guests to minimize extra trips. This is our busiest day of the year but with Patience, Consideration and Cooperation from all, we can ensure a safe and pleasant holiday.

Thank you for your understanding,
The Waterfront Staff

Parking

Parking at MYC and the area is a challenge on nice weekends and holidays. This year there is increased demand as the dry-sailing club that used the old Parker's boatyard crane will be sailing from Marblehead Trading. There are roughly 6 to 8 Vipers and Rhodes 19s that are using the facility. When the lot is full on weekends parking at the Municipal Light Company is available as well as the neighborhood streets. As always when parking on the street be considerate of the neighbors and their driveways.

June 30 Galley Hours

To accommodate the Clemson Chase Race participants and after-race party the Galley will close at 2:00pm on June 30th. The deck and grills will be open for members and race participants throughout the evening.
