



# *Under the Rock*

Spring 2018

## **The Newsletter of the Marblehead Yacht Club**

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### **Commodore's Comments**

Congratulations MYC members, we may have made it through another New England Winter!

Bill Kilham, the BOD, and various committee members have been very active with projects to enhance our facilities. The first of our spring work parties is just around the corner, and we look forward to seeing many of the regulars, as well as anyone else with the time and energy to lend a hand for a day.

Staff scheduling for the waterfront is underway, and we can look forward to superior launch service from our returning veterans with the addition of a couple new people. Arrangements with Kim of Diamond Catering are being fine-tuned for your dining on the deck. Also, please check the MYC website "events" tab to view some of the Club social events that we are planning for this season.

Let's hope for a mild spring, to make all of our spring preparation work a bit easier.

Thank you and we'll look forward to a great boating season!

Paul Mervis

MYC Commodore

PS: The 1st of our spring work parties is just around the corner.

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### **From the Club Manager**

At the request of many on the Board (you know who you are), I will once again start the season without my usual witty, pithy and cogent commentary regarding the upcoming season. That said; here's a short list of what's been done in the off season and what's new for 2019.

- Please check out the improvements in the Dining Room; a long wait, but well worth it.
- The upstairs shower will be in service by opening day. Don't forget your towel!
- As always, stop by the MYC website. New features every year.
- We have a newly minted Assistant Dockmaster this season; most of us just know him as Andy. He's promised me he'll be very professional, we shall see...
- Sailing with Townies
- Associate Member Harbor Tour
- Nautical Yard Sale
- Clemson and Downeast Races

These are just a few of the items happening in conjunction with our perennial favorites; be sure to ask about more at the up coming Meet-and-Greet.

Well... I'm getting troublesome looks from the Board, so I guess I've said enough for now!

See you soon on the Deck and Docks.

Bill

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### **Upcoming Events April and May**

**Work Party Weekends:** April 6 & 13 from 8:00am to 4:00pm, April 20 rain-date. It is not too late to sign up. Click [here to register](#).

**Sailboat Racing for the Non-Racer:** April 25 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. This is the third in the MYC Winter Program series. [Register here](#). Presented by Chris Howes of Doyle Sailmakers this session is intended to reduce the mystery and anxiety for those who would like to try their hand at racing.

**Safe Boating and Launch Drivers Course:** April 27 and 28. On Saturday April 27 MYC and Boatwise will again offer a boating safety course for boaters 12 years of age and older concentrating on the equipment and operating guidelines needed to enjoy boating in a safe and responsible way. The course is also a prerequisite for the launch driver course which will be offered on Sunday April 28th. Register directly with Boatwise at 800-698-7373 or [captains@boatwise.com](mailto:captains@boatwise.com).

**Meet and Greet:** Saturday May 4 from 4:30pm to 6:30pm. This annual event is the "soft" opening of the Club. Watch for emails with more details.

**Riverhead Beach Clean-up:** May 11 from 10:00am to 12:00pm. More details to follow.

**Nautical Yard Sale:** Saturday May 18 from 8:00am to 10:00am. This is a new event this year. For more details check the waterfront update in this issue.

**Unraveling Paper Charts:** May 23 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. The fourth of the MYC Winter Programs. MYC member Bert Williams will explain the use of nautical charts and their cryptic symbols as a backup when we lose our electronic devices. [Reserve](#) your seat now.

**Opening Day Cookout:** Sunday May 26 12:00pm to 2:00pm. Mark your calendar as more details will follow.

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## Waterfront Update

Our waterfront will see several exciting enhancements this season thanks to the off season work of the Waterfront Committee. Kudos to the Committee: John Murray, Chair, Chet Mazer, Eliot Shanabrook, Dave Williams, Tip O'Neil, Nate Burke, Paul Mervis, Bill Kilham, Bill Keyes and Tom Anderson.

***Launch Schedule:*** The [2019 Launch Schedule](#) is available on line with a simplified and expanded schedule that runs from May 4 to October 20.

***Nautical Yard Sale:*** On Saturday May 18, MYC will be hosting a Nautical Yard Sale at 8am–10am. MYC members are invited to rent a table for \$20 to sell their nautical items to members and the general public. We have about 15 tables so get ready to sell your extra lines, anchors, electronics or fishing gear. Contact Bill Kilham to reserve your table today.

***Coast Guard Auxiliary Courtesy Inspections:*** On Saturday June 15 at 9:00am – 12:00pm the Coast Guard Auxiliary will be offering courtesy boat inspections at the MYC dock. Just bring your boat to the dock and they will let you know if your boat has the recommended safety equipment; if so, you get a Safety Inspection Sticker!

***Townie Sailing:*** Also on June 15 from 12:00pm to 2:00pm the Townie sailboat class is hosting 'Sail a Townie Day'. Townie skippers will take interested members for a sail on a 16-foot Town Class sailboat in the harbor. If you are curious about small boat sailing or what it is like to sail or crew on a Town Class sailboat, please come to the dock and ask for a ride! For information about any of these events, please visit the web site for details.

***Racing Schedule:*** MYC will sponsor the Clemson Chase Race on June 30 and the Downeast Challenge August 2–3. More details for each race are outlined in specific articles in the newsletter.

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## House Update

The House Committee has been active implementing the improvements approved at the Annual Meeting as well as getting the clubhouse ready for the upcoming season.

***Shower Project:*** As approved at the Annual Meeting the Club engaged a contractor to repurpose one of the Lavendar Room heads into a shower. This project is nearing completion and will be ready well before opening day.



***Dining Room Ceiling;*** This project has been deferred from prior years is now complete. A new ceiling and environmentally friendly LED lighting have been installed giving the area a fresh new look.



***Remaining 2018 Projects:*** A new new entry gate and ramp are still to be completed but are on target.

***Flowers for the Deck:*** Elaine Greer and Judy Rawding have graciously offered to plant and maintain the flowers for the deck again this year. Planting is expected to begin in early May, weather permitting.

***Spring Work Party Projects:*** Much remains to be done during the upcoming work party weekends. Please get in touch with Bill Kilham if you can lend a hand.

Current House Committee members are Bill Keyes, Chair, Elaine Greer, Judy Rawding, Alan Petersen and Gary Siden. More members are always welcome.

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### **Entertainment/Activity Update**

The Entertainment/Activity Committee is meeting on Monday April 8th at 6:30pm

to review the list of 2019 events posted on the MYC [website](#). Come join us at this meeting if you have the time and energy to help with these fun activities for the upcoming boating season!

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### **Marblehead Yacht Club Clemson Chase Race**

The sixth edition of the Clemson Chase Race will be Sunday June 30 at noon. The starting area is right outside the mouth of the harbor at Marblehead Channel Entrance Bell. This year we are encouraging more of our own Club boats to register and race. No matter what kind of sailboat you own, or what condition your sails are in, you should come out and try this pursuit race. The start is easy since you are given your own individual starting time, and with the pursuit format the object is to get to the finish line ahead of everyone else. Last year we had 32 boats register, start the race and finish. Afterwards there will be a party held in the Lavendar Room with refreshments and race awards. So put the race on your calendar and plan to join in on the fun!

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### **Downeast Challenge**

We will be running the Downeast Challenge race on August 2-3 this year. This is a 100 mile long distance overnight race from Marblehead to Boothbay Harbor Maine. We are co-hosting the race with the Boothbay Harbor Yacht Club who will manage the finish and awards party. Sailboats with a PHRF certificate that are 26 feet or longer are encouraged to join. This is a great way to sail up to the Maine coast in the company of other sailors. We will be holding the skipper's meeting with sponsor Rumson's Rum tasting on Thursday night Aug 1 and starting the race Friday Aug 2 at 10am. If you are interested in helping out with Race Committee duty, or have a mooring that will be available Aug 1 for a guest boat or for rafting with a guest boat, please contact John Murray or Bill Kilham.

