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Under the Rock

Summer 2018

The Newsletter of the Marblehead Yacht Club

Commodore's Summer Welcome

Finally, we are having some warmer sunny days to make it feel like the 2018 Summer Season is arriving!

For the first time in recent memory our Opening Day Cookout on Memorial Day Weekend was delayed by one day due to cold inclement weather, but this did not dampen the spirits of a large gathering of attendees. An Appreciation Plaque was unveiled to honor longtime member John "Jack" Mace. In addition the Newhall brothers, known to all of us as the "Twins", were honored by the naming of our Launch #3 as the "J & J Newhall". Daily launch service is back in full operation, and the 2018 Galley is now open Thursday through Sunday.

We are happy to announce that the 2018 membership numbers for both full boating and associate social memberships appear to be on the rise, and our Club is in an overall strong position.

Please check our recently upgraded MYC website for all the latest information on Club activities, launch schedules and the events calendar. Our website serves as the principal method the Club uses to relay important service updates to all of our members. It is imperative that you provide us an accurate email address so that you can be properly informed of the latest announcements.

Take a few minutes to read this latest edition of our newsletter “Under the Rock” for details of the many upcoming yachting events and social happenings at MYC.

May we meet on the Deck to share a friendly “Hello” amid good times and great weather!!

Alan

From the Club Manager

How many days 'till the Fourth?!?

By now we should all be getting use to the notion of summer and of course that means heading down to the MYC. With everything up and running, we're off to a great start to the 2018 season.

This year brings us a large number of new members, both Boating and Associate, so be sure to say “Hi” to those new folks and make them feel welcome as only the MYC membership can.

Yes, the fourth of July is right around the corner and as always the Waterfront will be running with “Holiday Rules” and zones as in previous years. Be sure to look for postings around the Club to find out what's up.

At this time 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 Bowden Point to the Inner Harbor line.
- Outer Harbor: our service area beyond the mid-harbor line.

This season we welcome Robbie and Thomas to our Waterfront Staff. I believe they will make fine additions to the crew and will fit in right away. I'm willing to bet they'll find the newly christened “J&J Newhall” their favorite boat to drive. Hap and

Dutchy would be proud.

As always, look me up or hunt me down if there's anything I can do to make your MYC experience better.

See you on the Deck and Dock,

Bill

Upcoming Summer Events at MYC

Wednesday, July 4th	MYC Independence Day Cookout, 6 PM – 8 PM (Presented by Diamond Catering)
Sunday, July 8th	Clemson Chase Race Starting gun at 12 PM
Wednesday, July 18	MYC Grill Night on the deck with music by Three Sheets to the Wind, 6 PM to 8 PM
Thursday, July 26	Down East Challenge Skipper's meeting with Rum tasting sponsored by Rumson Rum. More details will follow
Friday, July 27	Downeast Challenge Race Start, First warning signal at 10 AM
Wednesday, August 1	MYC Grill Night on the Deck, 6 PM – 8 PM Join us for our last open grill night of the season.
Sunday, August 5	MYC Annual Ice Cream Social, 2 PM – 4 PM (Presented by Diamond Catering)
Wednesday, August 15	2nd Annual Lobster on the deck, 6 PM – 8 PM Lobsters are back! For MYC Members who missed this popular event last year, we will again be

hosting the 2nd Annual Lobster on the deck.
Event details will be announced shortly after the
4th of July.

MYC New Members

Welcome aboard to our newest Members

Active Members

Michael Brockhurst
Jeremy Bumagin & Rebecca Kenneally
Tucker Cohen
John & Laura McDonough
John & Danielle McGrath
Jason & Suzanne Maher
Steve & Faith Quintero
Peter & Deborah Nathan
Richard & Paula Pearce
James Regis
Dona Rice & Joe Deon
Reese & Betsy Richards
Ryan & Stephanie Siden
Andrew & Susan Stone
Myles White
Jerry & Peipel Wishnow

Associate Members

Douglas & Paula Burdick
Sharon Doliber & R J Richard
Peggy Farrell
Dorothy Foley & Moira MacDonald
Cheryl Henderson
Michael & Marion Keating
Philip & Carol Moran
Brendan & Melissa O'Brien
John & Kathy St Clair
Daniel & Linda Sullivan
Leanne Thurman
David & Holly Willsey-Walker
Helaine Walker

MYC Race Information – July 4

This year Marblehead Yacht Club is sponsoring two sailboat races, the Clemson Chase Race and the Downeast Challenge. More information is available in this

newsletter but there also will be an information table set up on the deck July 4th from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Please feel free to stop by.

Clemson Chase Race – July 8

The 2018 Clemson Chase Race is fast approaching with the starting gun scheduled for Noon on Sunday July 8th at the Marblehead Channel Entrance Bell. This is the fourth year that the Club has sponsored the race with participation growing each year as the word gets out that is a great event and after race party.

The chase or pursuit race format is simple and easy encouraging many to try their hand at racing. This year the Race Committee is encouraging more MYC members to come out and try pursuit racing. If you have raced before, you know how much fun it is or if you haven't raced before this is a good time to try it out. Either way, mark July 8th on your calendar for some fun time on the water and check out the [details online](#) or stop by the information table on the MYC Deck on July 4th.

Downeast Challenge – July 27–28

The Downeast Challenge is back by popular demand!

MYC sailors – grab your crew and join this exciting 100 mile overnight full-moon race to Boothbay Harbor Maine. It is a great opportunity to sail to Maine in the company of other sailors. Rumson Rum is sponsoring the Skippers meeting on July 26 at 7 PM with a rum tasting for racers and MYC members, and providing bottles of rum for the winners! The Boothbay party is sponsored by Rising Tide Brewery who is providing complimentary Spinnaker Beer for all sailors at a lawn party at Hodgdon Marina. Classes include PHRF Racing, Cruising and Single/Doublehanded with 1st and 2nd place trophies.

Please visit <http://www.marbleheadyc.org/yachting> to register before July 20. If you can let an out-of-town boat use your mooring or raft up on July 26, please let Bill Kilham know. If you have any questions or would like to help out, contact John Murray at jmurray97@yahoo.com, as we are still looking for helpers on the race

committee boat at the start, and a person to collect finish times.

MYC Waterfront Staff

To help us know our great waterfront staff better here is a bit of background.

Cole is returning from last year and attends UMass Amherst majoring in Animal Science. If your puppy is looking for somebody to slurp, Cole's the Man.

Chris continues to be our long term guy. This is Chris' sixth year driving spring, summer and fall and is routinely voted "most likely to know members' names".

Tom will continue to fill in, as needed, when he's not (once again!) running the Clemson Chase Race. Take care around his dog Harry; he's a giant!

Hale is back for his third year at the MYC Waterfront. As always, he's as likely to be chasing stripers as he is driving launches.

Andy returns this year complete with hat and smile. If only he wasn't so quiet...

Reid is returning for a few shifts when he's not in charge of the next generation of sailors over at the Pleon. He'll no doubt be a tough taskmaster judging from the tight ship he regularly races on.

Hadley is back! She will, no doubt, keep us all in good spirits with her great attitude and ready smile. If not, her grandfather will most likely have a word with her. Yikes!

Robbie is new to the MYC waterfront staff this year. He's been boating in M'head all his life and has taken to our Crosby Launches like the proverbial duck to water.

Thomas is also new to the team this year and promises to turn into one of our next great drivers.

As always, our patience and kindness with the new folks will ensure the excellence of our driving staff will continue for years to come.

Emergency First Aid – AED Refresher Training

The Marblehead Yacht Club is again offering a free 2-hour training course to interested Club members, employees and their families to review Basic CPR and AED (Automatic Electronic Defibrillator) response in an emergency.

The Marblehead Fire Chief and his Emergency Services Committee is providing this training course to interested persons. This is a perfect opportunity to review emergency medical response procedures which may save the life of a loved one, friend, or fellow Club member.

This important training supplements the Club's regular maintenance program of providing the latest version of a portable AED machine, which is easily accessible in any emergency. **It is clearly mounted with signs in a Wall Cabinet between the Galley Dining Room and the Cliff Room.**

Interested persons please sign up by sending an email to Commodore Alan Petersen at alreepetersen@verizon.net or use the signup sheet posted near the AED in the MYC Clubhouse. Please provide your name and contact information and you will be notified as to available dates and times for this training.

From the Harbormaster's Office

Unfortunately the Marblehead pump-out station is down indefinitely as the underground lines were compromised during the storms this year.

We will have a pump-out boat and crew starting around July 1st and they will take waste to Salem until our station is up and running. The new system is to call them on Channel 9 on Friday, Saturday and Sunday between 8 AM to 5PM. You will have to be on the vessel during the pump out and no advance appointments will be taken.

Shower Committee Forming – July 19

Believe it or not, there has been a lot of discussion this past winter over adding a shower to the Club. While there were lots of ideas, we think it is best to form a shower committee with interested members to help assess and recommend shower options to present to the membership. If you are interested in a shower, or have skills related to shower design & construction, or want to join a committee to meet new people, we welcome you to the Shower Committee! There will be an open meeting for interested members on Thursday July 19th at 6:30 PM in the 2nd floor Lavender Room.

Please contact John Murray at jmurray97@yahoo.com with any questions.

Fred Sullivan

It is with much sadness that we pass along the news of the recent death of longtime Club member Fred Sullivan, age 78. Fred has been a constant fixture at the Marblehead Yacht Club for over 40 years, serving in numerous Board positions and Committees, and as Commodore in 1989. He was a longtime elementary school teacher in the Marblehead Public Schools, and was an active member of the Marblehead Conservation Commission at the time of his passing.

There are no announcements of funeral arrangements at this time.



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