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# *Under the Rock*

**Fall 2018**

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

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### **MYC Fall Calendar**

Chowder Party	Saturday October 13	4:00pm – 6:00pm
Final Weekend of Launch Service	Friday, Saturday, Sunday October 12,13,14	8:00am – 6:00pm
<b>Annual Meeting *</b>	<b>Saturday November 10</b>	<b>1:00pm – 3:00pm</b>

**\*Please note change of date**

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**Marblehead Yacht Club Fall Chowder Party**  
**Saturday October 13th**  
**4 to 6pm**

**Come join us for our last social event of the season.**

Chowder (Clam, Fish & Corn)

Corn Bread

## Various Desserts

\$10 per person / Guest Limit of 75

This is a very popular event!

RSVP by Tuesday October 9

to [marbleheadyc@gmail.com](mailto:marbleheadyc@gmail.com)

or see Club Manager Bill Kilham at the Club

Please bring your beverage of choice.

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## Commodore's Comments

We have all experienced a rather bizarre spring, summer and fall with extremes of wet, hot and cooler periods of weather. Unfortunately, the MYC season is quickly winding down for social and boating members alike. The Club Galley service has closed for the year. This allows all of us to now take advantage of family grilling and to picnic on the deck on any warmer day or evening. The grills are available at any time for members, so.....please use them.

Our final social event of the season is our ever popular Fall Chowder Party, scheduled this year for Saturday October 13 from 4–6pm. All are welcome. The MYC Annual Membership Meeting is taking place on Saturday November 10 at 1:00pm in the Cliff Room. Please note the change of date. All members are strongly encouraged to attend and participate. Please read the contents of this issue of *Under the Rock* to get the details on the latest Club activities.

Dockmaster Bill Kilham and his Waterfront Staff are to be commended for providing us the finest and most efficient launch service in the harbor.

I hope you all appreciated the efforts of so many member volunteers who spent many, many hours to make the Summer season such a positive success. The MYC Board of Directors and Club Officers have worked year round toward a great year, and I extend my personal thanks and appreciation to each of them.

We are all very proud of our special MYC “summer playground”!!

Alan Petersen

Commodore

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## From the Club Manager

I would like to take this opportunity to collectively thank the MYC membership for yet another great boating season. As I inevitably talk with visitors, vendors and peers about the MYC, without fail I end up allowing that the best part of my job is the folks I interact with every day. While every job has its downsides, if the people around you are thoughtful and kind, the work “just ain’t so bad”.

A little bit of nuts and bolts:

Please remember during breezy fall days to step lively while transitioning to and from the launch; those of us “vintage launch drivers” don’t hang on like we used to.

As always, take a moment to secure and double check your vessel before you leave; it may be a while before you get back out.

With the Galley now closed, don’t forget our excellent gas grills available for member use. Shrimp on the ‘barby anyone?

And of course check the MYC Website for upcoming events such as the Chowder Party and Annual Meeting.

Who doesn’t love a good Annual Meeting? I know I do!

See you around the Club.

Bill

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## **Gratuity Fund**

Dear Boating Members:

It is never too early to start thinking of your 2018 support of our Annual Launch Driver's Gratuity Fund. It has been a long tradition that our members reward the excellent performance of our waterfront staff with a generous donation to this fund. Most of our drivers return every summer, which provides stability for Dockmaster Bill Kilham and his waterfront staff.

A reminder that a gratuity fund letter will be sent to all boating members shortly. Please consider supporting this worthy cause that serves as a financial reward to each member of our waterfront team.

Sincerely,  
MYC Flag Officers & Board of Directors

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## **MYC 2018 Membership**

The final membership figures as of September were up by a net of 5 members.

Active Members 263, Life Members 7, Associate Members 77

Total 347

### **2017 Membership**

Active Members 262, Life Members 8, Associate Members 72

Total 342

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## **MYC Launch Operator Licensing Class**

MYC and Boatwise, a USCG approved marine training organization, will again offer a launch operators licensing course at Marblehead Yacht Club on the weekend of

January 12 and 13, 2019. Successful completion of the course meets the requirement for the US Coast Guard examination. Details of the course are available at the [Boatwise website](#). If you are interested and can't attend on the January date, Boatwise offers the same program at other locations and dates on the Northshore and it will be offered again at MYC the weekend of April 27 and 28, 2019.

If you or someone you know is looking for launch license training this is a great opportunity. MYC is always eager to hire both full and part time drivers and offers a reimbursement program for the course and licensing fees paid out over three years for those who make a commitment to work at MYC. The Club is especially interested in recruiting drivers who can fill in before the regular season starts and in the fall. To register and reserve a space contact Boatwise directly at 800-698-7373 or [captains@boatwise.com](mailto:captains@boatwise.com).

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## 2018 MYC Race Results

In addition to the annual Clemson Chase Race, this season the Club reintroduced the Downcast Challenge ocean race to Boothbay Harbor, Maine. Thanks to all those who participated and a special thanks to Tom Anderson, John Murray and Eliot Shanabrook, the primary drivers behind the events.

**The Clemson Chase Race** on July 8 had a record 32 boats registered. The first three finishers in each division were:

### Jib and Main Division

Peter Engel	Golden Eye	Dolphin YC
Ralph Carlton	Corsair	Boston YC
Brian Pitt	Harrier	Savin Hill YC

### Spinnaker Division

John Wells	Sheldon J	Marblehead YC
Eliot Shanabrook	Hafa Adai	Marblehead YC
John Murray	Torch	Marblehead YC

**The Downeast Challenge** on July 27 – 28 had 16 boats registered with representation from several New England clubs. Results:

### **Fully Crewed Cruising**

Bill Walsh Rogalski	Lady of Sail	Marblehead YC
Paul Leddy	Sea Glass	
William Malone	Resolution	

### **Fully Crewed Racing**

Eliot Shanabrook	Hafa Adai	Marblehead YC
Pat Cerundolo	Cattiva	New Bedford YC
John Biermann and Sam Maloney	Quixotic	Centerboard YC

### **Single/Double Handed**

Jonathan Green	Privateer	IYAC
Richard Pedone	Talisman	Hingham YC
Elke Backman	Saraband	Eastern YC

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## **Engine Repair at Marblehead High School**

*John Payne, Marine Mechanics Instructor, at Marblehead High School has a been key part of MYC's successful Winter Program series for 3 years and offers the services of the Marine Tech program to MYC members.*

Do you have a small marine engine that may need general maintenance, i.e. oil change, tune-up or minor repair issues? Then maybe **Marine Tech** can help! This year the Marine Tech program at Marblehead High School has expanded, and we now offer two Marine Tech II classes to our students. Because of this expansion, we can now offer our services beginning this fall, into the winter and early spring.

We are looking for boats or engines that may require minor repairs and/or general maintenance for our Marine Tech students to work on. PLEASE NOTE you will be required to pay for all parts for the repairs, and a minimal equipment usage fee will be charged. Any usage fees will go back into the Marine Tech program and help defray costs for class materials, i.e. tools, etc.

This is a unique opportunity for both you and our students. Students will provide labor and will apply the basic skills they have learned through our program. If you (or someone you know) would like to take advantage of our program, please email John Payne at [Payne.john@marbleheadschoools.org](mailto:Payne.john@marbleheadschoools.org).

We welcome the opportunity to show you what Marine Tech students have learned in just a short period of time, and would appreciate your consideration!

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## Save the Date, MYC 2018 Annual Meeting

The date of the MYC Annual Meeting has been changed to **Saturday November 10 from 1:00 to 3:00pm** to accommodate travel and family plans around the Thanksgiving holiday.

This is the Club's business meeting and the agenda sets the course for the next season. It provides you with an opportunity to meet and vote for the incoming MYC officers and board members proposed by the Nominating Committee, hear the reports of the various committees and most importantly to vote on matters like the annual budget that come before the membership for approval. This year's Capital Budget will include a proposal for a new shower installation as well as other items for consideration. Members will receive a formal notice of the Annual Meeting in the weeks prior to the event with the full agenda for review.



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