

# Under the Rock

## The Newsletter of the Marblehead Yacht Club

December 22, 2017



## Happy Holidays

### *Commodore's Greetings*

Happy Holidays to all of our Marblehead Yacht Club members and their families. It has been a privilege to serve as Commodore of this historic Club during a just completed 2017 season. We all extend much appreciation to our Club Manager and Dockmaster Bill Kilham. He along with a wonderful crew of waterfront launch staff are much appreciated, as reflected in the many Holiday Gratuity Fund donations this year.

The Flag Officers and Board of Directors will be busy as ever in the winter season planning upgrades and improvements in several areas of our Club's operations. Our particular concerns are to address the many recommendations made by club members in our recently completed Survey. This includes a serious re-evaluation of the Club's current Galley service.

I need to emphasize the need for volunteers to come forward to fill positions on our many Committees that manage all facets of our volunteer club. Your participation is a truly rewarding experience for boating and social members alike. Each of you have varying skills that can contribute to improving our Club.

Happy New Year! I look forward to seeing you all at the MYC in 2018.

Alan

## ***Club Manager's Year End Comments***

It is certainly safe to say the 2017 boating season is truly over. The launches are winterized and covered, the floats are on the hard and the main clubhouse spaces are drained and buttoned up. The Cliff Room remains available for the few winter meetings and events scheduled and my list of off season maintenance items awaits me, as always.

Speaking of winter events, we are once again hosting the Boatwise Launch License course here at the MYC on Jan. 13 & 14. Who wouldn't want to drive our tubby little boats? Feel free to contact me via email for more information.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for making this past season successful. The Flag Officers, Board of Directors and General Membership have, as always, made the MYC a great place to hang my hat (yes, I do take my hat off now and again, you've just never seen it happen).

I would especially like to thank those who so generously contributed to the MYC Gratuity Fund this year. The year-end bonus that the staff receives is among the best in Marblehead Harbor and certainly keeps our drivers coming back year after year.

Last but not least, I wish all a safe and enjoyable holiday season, a short winter and an early spring.

Bill

## ***Call for 2018 MYC Committee Volunteers***

The old adage that many hands make light work is also what makes a volunteer Club like MYC possible. Without a strong base of volunteers to perform the various committee functions, things just don't get done. As the Club Officers and Board start planning for the next season this is a great time for you to get involved in any of the standing committees and help shape the Club.

The responsibilities of **MYC Waterfront Committee** touch us each time we use our boats. The committee oversees the operations of the waterfront, launch scheduling, maintaining the launches and floats as well as the waterfront rules. To find out more or volunteer please contact Vice Commodore **Paul Mervis** at 781-631-4567.

The **MYC House Committee's** responsibilities also impact us whenever we visit the Club. This committee oversees the maintenance of the clubhouse, the operations of the clubhouse and galley and maintenance of the MYC house rules. To help with the clubhouse please contact Rear Commodore **John Murray** at 781-632-8828.

The **Entertainment Committee** is always welcome to new members to bring fresh ideas to the Club's activities. This large committee highlights the need for many hands to make light work of our busy event calendar. To join in the planning of our social calendar please call The Entertainment Committee chairperson, **Ellen McGrail** at 781-990-3830.

There is a key role supporting the governance of MYC open this year.

The **Finance Committee** has a major opening as **Paul McCauley** has asked to step down as chair of the Finance Committee after serving in this capacity for several years. The Committee meets monthly to review and make recommendations concerning Club finances, prepares the annual budget and completes monthly reports for the Board. To discuss serving on the Finance Committee contact Commodore **Alan Petersen** at 781-631-1362.

## ***MYC Launch Operator Licensing Class***

MYC is again partnering with Boatwise, a USCG approved marine training organization, to offer a Launch Operators Licensing course on site at Marblehead Yacht Club on the weekend of January 13 and 14. Successful completion of the course meets the requirement for the US Coast Guard examination. Details of the course are available at the Boatwise website. This course is open to the public as well as members. 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. To register, contact Boatwise directly at 800-698 7373 or email [captains@boatwise.com](mailto:captains@boatwise.com).



For members looking to get the training and access to part time work in one of the best work environments imaginable, this is a golden opportunity. MYC 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. Please see Bill Kilham for details.

## ***MYC Board of Directors Announce 2018 Meeting Schedule***

We eagerly invite all Marblehead Yacht Club members to attend the regular monthly meetings of the Officers and Directors, which are held in the Cliff Room on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30PM. As a volunteer yacht club all can attend and participate. You will find that it is a great way to meet fellow members.

January 16

February 20

March 20

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

In addition, the MYC Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday November 18 at 1:00PM in the Cliff Room, which is open to all members and their families.

**The 2018 Officers and Board of Directors**

**Officers**

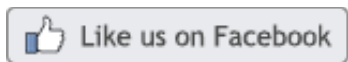
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