



Under the Rock

Spring 2020

The Newsletter of the Marblehead Yacht Club

Commodore's Comments

MYC Coronavirus Update

While the coronavirus has caused a run on toilet paper along with school, restaurant and bar closings, things at the MYC continue with a few adjustments. Concerned about our members' safety, we will follow the government mandates to eliminate gatherings of 10+ people for the next 60 days. We have canceled events through mid-May including the *Alaska and Antarctica Wildlife* and *Sailboat Race Starting Strategies* Programs, *Nautical Yard Sale*, and *Pot-Luck Meet-n-Greet* event.

We will continue with the April Work Parties but have added 2 more days (4 days total) to facilitate volunteers working in smaller groups (<10) in different areas of the Club; we will not congregate for lunch this time (sorry – no pizza!) There is also a provision to contact Bill Kilham, Club Manager, to arrange a mutually agreed upon time to do some work if you prefer to work on your own. As

the Club is usually empty (except for Bill) we feel the 60 day mandate will have little effect on the normal spring activities at the MYC.

Our March 17 board meeting was held as a conference call. Unfortunately, we can not open up the conference call to all members, as there are technical limitations, and we have invited only the flag officers, board members and Club Manager this time. We will make the minutes of the meeting available to any who request them.

We will continue to monitor the coronavirus situation and the board will re-evaluate every couple of weeks. Rest assured that we plan to open the Club with launch service as usual and will make contingency plans as needed. If you have any questions or comments, feel free to reach out to me anytime.

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Reminder

MYC dues are due March 31st to avoid a late fee. If you haven't done so already please pay your MYC dues as soon as possible.

Up Coming Events and Cancellations:

Work Parties:

There will be a boating season this year despite the impact of the coronavirus. Additional days have been added to allow volunteers to maintain the appropriate social distance while completing the annual Spring tasks.

Friday April 3rd – 8am to 4pm

Saturday April 4th – 8am to 4pm

Friday April 10th – 8am to 4pm

Saturday April 11th – 8am to 4pm

You can register on line [here](#) or contact [Bill Kilham](#) directly.

Cancellations:

Sailboat Race Starting Strategies – April 23rd

Annual Meet and Greet – May 2nd

Nautical Yard Sale – May 16th

Still Hopeful:

Opening Day Cookout May 24th

Launch Drivers Needed

Bill has recruited a good crew for the season but there are still openings for one or two more drivers.

If you, a family member or friend is interested in having the best job in Marblehead, please contact Bill Kilham, MYC Club Manager at marbleheadyc@gmail.com for details.

Approaching Season

Anticipating brighter days ahead, preparations for the MYC 2020 season are well underway. This winter's major project, to rebuild the floats, is nearing completion. The transmissions for the launches have been rebuilt and are ready to be reinstalled. Bill Kilham, as always, is performing myriad maintenance tasks. Throw in the enthusiasm of a few work parties and the Club will be ready.

