



**Under The Rock**

**May 2015**

**The Newsletter of the Marblehead Yacht Club**

## **MYC EVENTS THIS WEEKEND**

### **Riverhead Beach Clean-Up**

Saturday 9:30 to 12:00

More Details Below

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### **The Annual MYC Opening Day Cookout This Sunday May 24th from 12 to 2:00 pm**

Rain date Monday May 25th 12 to 2:00

\$5 per person / \$3.00 for those 12 and younger

Includes hamburgers, hotdogs, potato salad, baked beans, cole slaw,  
cookies

iced tea, lemonade and water will be available

BYOB of your favorite beverage if desired.

No reservations are required for this event, just show up and enjoy the food and company.

## ***MYC Beach Clean-Up***

The MYC sponsored Riverhead Beach Clean-Up is this Saturday May 23rd from 9:30 to 12:00. This has become a community event with the Marblehead Health Department, Salem Sound Coastwatch and SUP East Coast Style all joining MYC. The beach clean-up is family oriented and a great way to help keep our harbor beautiful and maintain the sensitive natural habitat of our shoreline.

A representative from Salem Sound Coastwatch, a local environmental group, will give a short presentation describing the sensitivity of the shoreline habitat and the impact of seemingly insignificant amounts of debris. The Marblehead Health Department is providing bags, gloves and trash removal. We are providing people power. Bring the family and a rake, if you have one, and join in. There will be refreshments back at the club

## ***Commodore's Comments***

### **Greetings,**

With opening day this weekend, the 2015 season is finally here. The preparations for the season are detailed throughout the newsletter and are the result of many volunteers pitching in to make MYC work smoothly. Thanks to all who have helped out. As with our own homes, there is always stuff to do around the "house." If you would like to contribute some time to help the Club look better or keep the Club running, just speak to Bill Killham or any of the board members.

In the last issue of Under the Rock, I highlighted the formation of the Capital Planning Committee to develop a five to ten year view to maintain the momentum of improvements to the Club and plan what members want. To date the committee has prepared a comprehensive "wish" list of items that we would all like to see at the Club. Some of these are must haves: completing the plan to refurbish the launches, for example. If the launches don't run we can't function. Other items are less critical but still important to how we function as a Club. Adding a shower to our facility is a good example. Is it critical to our function? Arguably not, but to many members it is an important amenity that would improve their enjoyment of the Club. The capital planning process will balance the must haves and the desirables within the resources of the Club. Resources is a nice word for money. Over the past two years we have been able to budget around \$30,000 annually for capital improvements to the launches. Assuming the Club can continue with that budget and there aren't any unforeseen expenses, the capital plan will begin to address some of the items on the desirable list. The committee's goal is to provide a timeline and plan for the budget process this fall.

Looking forward to seeing you on opening day.

Tom Despres

## ***Club Manager's Comments***

As we ramp up for the 2015 Boating Season, I'd like to welcome everyone back to the Club and wish a speedy spring prep to all. With many upgrades to the Club's infrastructure, the hard work and planning by your Flag Officers and Board of Directors may not be immediately noticeable but will certainly assure another fine season here at the Marblehead Yacht Club.

Some noticeable items include a full rehab of the second of our three launches, subtle yet effective "avian deterrent systems" (to minimize that annoying crunch underfoot), early morning entry through the Galley/Deck door, an early season Adult Sailing Program and new menu items as well as call ahead service from the Galley. These and other improvements have kept the committees busy all winter long.

The Waterfront is in great shape. We have lost some drivers and gained some drivers, as is usual. I would like to wish Steve Lalonde the best of luck in his new job as Dockmaster for the Dolphin Yacht Club (don't forget to wave). Launch Service Hours are posted on the MYC Website as well as at the Clubhouse and in the Dockhouse window. The hours have changed very little, as last season seemed to go very well.

While you're at the website, don't forget to check out MYC Events. Many of the classics are still there and you should check for new items as well.

As always, should questions or needs arise, please seek me out and let me know what's up. Let's all plan on an excellent 2015 Boating season at the MYC.

See you on the deck and dock,

Bill Kilham

## ***Spring Work Parties***

The MYC Clubhouse and Waterfront areas have undergone a thorough spring cleaning during the three work party weekends that were held in late April.

Over thirty members completed tasks that ranged from power washing decks, general cleaning, painting trim, to window and floor washing.

A special "thank you" goes out to all of the many volunteers for all of their hard work to ready our Club and Deck for opening day!

## ***MYC Sail Training***

Marblehead Yacht Club's sail training program has seen one class complete its training. A second class is scheduled to begin Friday evening, May 22 at 7:00 pm. There are still three spaces available for any late comers.

Of the ten sail training participants enrolled so far, 8 are MYC members and 2 non-members. The first group to complete their training was very enthusiastic about the course. The club will make every effort to achieve the same results with the second class. Anyone interested in the program will find details on the Club website, or may call Bert Williams at 978 369-7601.

## ***MYC Racing***

### **Marblehead Yacht Club Clemson Chase Race July 19, 2015**

MYC's Board of Directors is pleased to announce that the Chase Race has been named in honor of Newt Clemson who passed away in 2014. Newt was an avid and well accomplished racer for many years in different sailboats. MYC will purchase a perpetual trophy that will reside at the Club and we will begin to add winners of the race in both spinnaker and jib & main classes to the trophy each year.

The Clemson Chase race registration is now open at [www.regattaman.com](http://www.regattaman.com). This is an easy way to register for the race, view the Notice of Race and also see who your competition might be. Or you can also register the old fashioned way by downloading the entry form from the Club's website and mailing it in. Also be sure to check out the race's Facebook page and see results from last year's race, look at pictures and lots of other fun stuff. As I write this it is only about 60 days until the race, but who is counting!

For more information please contact Tom Anderson at [tom@nonpareilracing.com](mailto:tom@nonpareilracing.com)

## ***MYC Board Meetings***

The 2015 meetings of the Marblehead Yacht Club Officers and Directors will be held in the Cliff Room at 7:30 on the third Tuesday of each month. MYC is a volunteer club and these meetings are open to club members with all invited to attend and participate. Drop by for one or more meetings; it is a great way to meet fellow members.

Upcoming Scheduled Meetings for 2015:

June 16  
July 21

August 18  
September 15

# ***MYC 2015 Committees***

## **Waterfront Committee**

Marion McCauley, Chair	
Jack Mace	Tip O'Neil
Don Stubbs	Paul McCauley

## **House Committee**

Alan Petersen, Chair	Tom Anderson
Nate Burke	Kevin Conwell
Elaine Greer	Chet Mazer
Marion McCauley	Judy Rawding

## **Finance Committee**

Paul McCauley, Chair	Chris Booth
Theo Kuliopulos	

## **Capital Planning Committee**

Tom Despres, Chair	Bill Betters
Chris Booth	Ernie Greer
Glen Kewley	Kevin Neumann
Bob Zarelli	

## **Race Committee**

Tom Anderson, Chair	Bill Betters
Jack Caunter	Dave Gardner
Ernie Greer	Paul Mervis
Kevin Neumann	John Vigneron

## **Entertainment Committee**

Tom Despres, Chair	Doug Burgess
Jeannine Camarda	Jack Caunter
Nancy Clemson	Pat Charbonnier
Judy Despres	Carol Fullerton
Deborah Gates	Elaine Greer
Ed Mackey	Ellen McGrail
Carol Neumann	Tere Nyren
Becky Parry	Judy Rawding
Judy Scrymgeour	Anne Steadman
Jean and Rufus Titus	

## **Communications Committee**

Tom Despres, Chair	Stu Newman, Webmaster
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## ***Club Membership***

Welcome aboard to our newest Marblehead Yacht Club members.

### **Full Members**

Alex Finigan V

Steve Lalonde

Marcel and Carol Nyffenegger

Janet Swaysland

### **Associate Members**

Melanie Biggar Andrews

Kenneth Downey

Paula and Gregory Keller

Judy and Bruce Krasker

Ann Larsen

Jim and Karen Oppenheim

Richard Taylor

Stoddard and Patti Vandersteel

## ***Passages***

It is with much sadness that we announce the very recent passing of our former Commodore and longtime Board of Directors member **William Betters Sr.** We remember the many contributions Bill Sr. has made to this Club.

The MYC family extends our support to his loving wife Norma and son Bill Jr., and the entire Betters family.