

# Marblehead Yacht Club

## August 2011 Newsletter

We're experiencing some great mid-summer weather, so I you're getting plenty of time on the water. The Club committees have been active!

### Down East Challenge Race

This year because we followed the biannual Halifax Race by two weeks there were nine boats at the starting line. There were five single-handed sailors, a difficult task in an overnight 120 mile race. The Race Committee, aboard Commodore Steadman's boat "Eider" lucked out with a lovely freshening breeze for the start of the race. The committee was made up of the Commodore, Bill Betters, Chuck Mara, Denise Minsky, Art Talbot, John Read and Newt Clemson. The Entertainment Committee put on an excellent dinner the night before and the racers were treated to lobster on arrival in Rockland, Maine. Submitted by Newt Clemson, Committee Chair

### Club Cruise Committee

Five boats and fifteen members enjoyed the hospitality of the Rockport port harbormaster and downtown Rockport. After touring and shopping on Saturday afternoon, we all enjoyed a cocktail party on tow of our boats docked in the serene inner harbor of Rockport. A delicious dinner at the Fish Shack Restaurant was followed by a relaxing walk around historic Bear Skin Neck. Club submitted by Jack Counter, Committee Chair

### House Committee

During the month of July the House Committee continued to make subtle improvements to the club. Such improvements included a window replacement, expanded cable for both media rooms and purchasing and installing window treatments in the Cliff Room. The committee also met with Kim (Diamond Catering) to do a mid-season service review. There has been a significant level of improvement in food service from last year to this year. The House Committee will continue to research improvement initiatives such as improving the club entrance, replacement alternatives for the deck railing system, improving lighting on the deck, initiate a membership drive initiative, evaluate shower alternatives along with HVAC upgrades and improve club maintenance.

The House Committee had prioritized the above initiatives and has broken them into short range, mid range and long range. Each initiative will be addressed based upon priorities set and available funding. Any ideas from club members are welcomed and should be addressed with Steve Waldman, the Rear Commodore and Chairman of the House Committee or other House Committee members. Submitted by Paul McCauley

### Waterfront Committee

Greetings from the waterfront! The Waterfront Committee is glad to see the dinghy racks have been a success so far this year. We explored the idea of putting dinghy racks on the float similar to those at the BYC. You may have seen the blue tape on the float last month. It was an outline of how five racks would impact the use of the floats. I think you can all agree with the committee that it didn't make much sense with our current float configuration. If you are interested in dinghy rack space, please contact me and if there is enough interest we can explore some other options.

Kudos to Steve Karger and the launch operator crew who have provided great service this summer. Soon some of these drivers will be returning to school so please remember to thank them for great service. Steve Karger has been quick on his feet dealing with several issues with the launches, many of which were probably never evident to most members. If you have any ideas or suggestions for us to consider, I would love to hear from you. I have already received a suggestion to add a ladder to the float so that kayakers can more easily disembark and suggestion to add sun protection to the launches.

Enjoy the late summer and fall boating season. I look forward to hearing from you. Submitted by Kevin Neumann, Vice Commodore and Waterfront Committee Chair

### Entertainment

Kim and her crew continue to get great reviews for quality food served and efficiency of service.

Other scheduled events to add to your calendar

August 18 <sup>th</sup>	A lean cuisine night
August 27 <sup>th</sup>	An early Thanksgiving feast
August 28 <sup>th</sup>	MYC Fishing tournament
September 4 <sup>th</sup>	Labor Day Party
September 17 <sup>th</sup>	Pig Roast
October 1 <sup>st</sup>	Chowder Party

Hope to see you on deck! submitted by Bill Betters, Entertainment Committee Chair

Dick Steadman  
Commodore

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