

Under the Rock

The Newsletter of the Marblehead Yacht Club

September 30, 2017



Upcoming MYC Events

Chowder Party, October 14th

Annual Meeting, November 19th

Launch Driver Training, January 13th & 14th

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Commodore's Comments

How ironic that the 2017 season is winding down the same way it started. We experienced severe weather waterfront closings in June, and just finished a three-day tropical storm threat this month. With all that, we had a very successful July and August, with great services provided by our MYC Launch Staff and Dockmaster Bill Kilham.

Please read the Newsletter to get a rundown of the final weeks of the waterfront schedule, as well as the ever popular Fall Chowder Party. I also want to remind members of the MYC Annual Meeting to be held on Sunday November 19th from 1PM to 3PM in the Cliff Room. Two weeks before the meeting all MYC members will receive a notice of the meeting including reports, proposed budgets and a recommended slate of officers.

On a personal note, we are all saddened by the recent passing of 86 year old John Newhall. Not a weekend has gone by that members of the Newhall family have not been seen on the MYC Deck with friends and members. Over a span of more than 60 years, twin brothers John and Jim have been an important part of nearly every Club project.

This is also an important time of the year for boating members to consider making a generous contribution to the Annual Gratuity Fund for our launch drivers. Your donation to this fund serves as a reward to the launch drivers for a 2017 season of great service to our members. A mailing to boaters will be sent out shortly.

I extend a "thank you" to the MYC Board of Directors, Flag Officers, and to the large number of members who volunteer many, many hours to our Club throughout the entire year. These are the people that make our organization so successful!!

Alan

Club Manager's Comments

The Fall Newsletter already? Once again I'm asked to put pen to paper (what a quaint notion!). One more successful year at the MYC for sure, weather not withstanding; and I might guess a good time was had by all.

I would like to thank yet another excellent Waterfront Staff who managed to make it all look so easy. Hopefully most will return next year, and of course, we are always looking for new faces.

Longstanding projects still in the works include the concrete pier work and the revamped entry gate. "Good things are always worth waiting for." Room rentals continue to augment our income and satisfy our members' needs. The new MYC logo hats are a big hit and more MYC Swag adorned as such is in the offing.

Racing, Dining, Singing, Grilling, all have made 2017 a remarkable season, with events still to come. The Flag Officers and Committees continue to work behind the scenes to put forth a varied and inviting program for all. As I so often say, the membership is what makes this Club the best place to be and I'm thankful for the opportunity to be a part of it.

See you on the grounds,

Bill

Remaining Waterfront Schedule

Launch service will end on October 9th, Columbus Day and the waterfront will be secured the following Monday October 17th. After that date, there will be one of the Club skiffs available for use at the town docks until the launches are hauled for the season. To use the skiff please contact Bill Killham as it will be locked for security.

September 18th to October 8th
Closed Monday and Tuesday
10:00 am to 6:00 pm Wednesday through Saturday

October 9th Columbus Day
10:00 am to 6:00 pm last day of launch service

Removing Dinghies: The gangway will be raised for the season Monday October 17th. Dinghies must be removed prior to that date.

Please note all personal property including kayaks must be removed from the Club by Nov 1st.

Marblehead Yacht Club 2017 Fall Chowder Party

Saturday October 14th, 4 to 6 pm



Say goodbye to the 2017 boating season and your MYC friends at our annual chowder party.

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 10th
to marbleheadyc@gmail.com
or see Club Manager Bill Kilham at the Club

Please bring your beverage of choice.

MYC Member Survey

Thank you to all who completed the recent member survey. The comments and suggestions received are great information about what works well at the MYC and highlight opportunities for improvement. The results are being reviewed and will be incorporated in planning for next season.

MYC Launch Operator Licensing Class

MYC and Boatwise, a USCG approved marine training organization, will offer a Launch Operators Licensing course at Marblehead Yacht Club on the weekend of January 13th and 14th. 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.

If you or someone you know is looking for the launch license training this is a great opportunity. The course is offered at \$275, a \$20 discount for MYC members and family. 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. To register and reserve a space contact Boatwise directly at 800-698-7373 or captains@boatwise.com.

Newhall Community Service Fund

Over the past few years Jim and John Newhall Sr. along with John Newhall

Jr. have quietly established a community service at MYC, treating participants from Triangle Inc. to a harbor cruise and lunch at MYC. The day at the water is highly popular and a big event on the calendar for many of the participants. One of John Newhall Sr.'s last requests was that the family set aside a fund to ensure that this program would continue. This was presented to the MYC Board at the September meeting and approved unanimously.

Triangle Inc. offers employment programs that empower people with disabilities in the workplace. More information about their work is at their [website](#).

The photo below is a thank you card from the participants of this year's outing.



Waypoints

On the Race Course:

Several MYC Members earned success on the race course this season. Congratulations to all and hopefully we haven't missed a first to finish somewhere.

Eliot Shanabrook sailing *Hafa Adai* placed 3rd in class in the Marblehead Halifax Race; First in Class B of Edgartown's Round the Island Race; and 2nd in class A in the Hull YC Great Chase Race.



Hafa Adai & crew ready for Halifax

Tom Anderson sailing *Nonpareil* took first place in Class C for the Hull Great Chase Race and is currently in first place in the Mass Bay Sailing Association Pursuit Race Championship with one more race to go.

Town Class sailor Peter Maitland sailing *Jean* took first place in the Town Class East Coast Championship; finished 3rd in the Town Class Nationals and 3rd in Marblehead Race Week.

Quinn Vaillancourt sailing *Rozi* in the Corinthian Classic Yacht Regatta won third place in his class.

Social Events:

MYC members enjoyed a variety of social events over the summer.

August 2nd was a special evening with an open grill night and music by Three Sheets to the Wind, a sea chantey group from Gloucester providing entertainment.



Three Sheets to the Wind at MYC

The MYC deck was the scene of a lobster bake on **August 16th** prepared by C&C Caterers. Over 30 MYC members enjoyed a beautiful evening and feast with lobster, chowder, steamers, mussels, baked potato, corn on the cob, salad, rolls and dessert.

September 9th was all about creativity as several members lead by Seascape Creations tried their hand at creating a sea glass window.



Creativity in Progress

September 27th was literary day at MYC as members enjoyed a presentation and reading by Brunonia Barry from her most recent novel, *The Fifth Petal*, followed by wine and light refreshments.

Marine Technology Program at Marblehead High School

The Marblehead High School Marine Technology Program may be of interest to MYC members needing engine work on their boats. The program provides Marblehead students with an understanding of marine engines, both gasoline and diesel but also offers a "customer" repair program which utilizes the Marine II students to repair customer engines, both inboard and outboard. Available are a complete range of services from basic oil changes up to complete diesel and gasoline engine overhauls. The costs are nominal and revenues generated go towards class supplies, while customers receive quality work at an attractive price.

The instructor, John Payne, has significant experience in the troubleshooting and repair of marine engines, having worked in the marine diesel engine repair business for 32 years locally.

For more information on the program or to inquire about having your marine engine repaired, please contact John Payne at payne.john@marbleheadschoools.org.

MYC 2017 Membership

The final membership figures as of September provide a snap shot of the health of the Club. The 2017 Club membership remains at a solid level with a modest decrease of 2 members.

2017 Membership

Active Members	263
Life Members	7
Associate Members	72
 Total	 342

2016 Membership

Active Members	266
Life Members	8
Associate Members	72
 Total	 346

MYC Board of Director Meetings

Meetings of the Marblehead Yacht Club Officers and Directors are held monthly in the Cliff Room at 7:30 pm on the third Tuesday of each month. The MYC is a volunteer Club and these meetings are open to Club members with all invited to attend and participate.

The 2017 Officers and Board of Directors

Officers

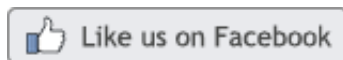
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