



# Under The Rock

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The Newsletter of the Marblehead Yacht Club



SEASON'S GREETINGS  
FROM MYC

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

As incoming Commodore, I look forward to serving the MYC membership in the 2017 season. For most of us, participating in boating activities is a very significant part of our lives. What better place to enjoy our boating hobbies than being among the many friends and acquaintances at MYC.

I am so fortunate to be following in the footsteps of past Commodore Marion McCauley, and supported with the help and guidance of an energetic Board of Directors. Stepping down from the 2016 Board are Kevin Neumann, Tip O'Neill and Carol Kent. All have been invaluable to the MYC management team. A sincere "thank you" to each of you. Fortunately, the 2017 Board retains Marion as a Director. New Board members include Jamie Ferreira as Rear Commodore, with Rick Cuzner and David Mackey filling Director positions. Each of these members have unique skills to assist the new Board, and we welcome them.

In the past year MYC was successful in stabilizing Club membership, and finished the season with sizable increases in both full boating and associate memberships. Our goal in 2017 will be to offer the best service to all of our members. We welcome Diamond Catering and Bill Kilham back for the 2017 season. We are already hard at work during these winter months planning for a great upcoming season for all.

I look forward to seeing each of you around our Club in 2017!

Alan Petersen

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

As I look back on a beautiful summer of boating and social activities at the MYC, I would like to thank our members and staff for making the 2016 season at the MYC so fulfilling and enjoyable. Thank You to Bill Kilham, Dock Master and Club Manager, and his skillful staff of Launch Drivers for their time and energy this season.

The MYC Annual Meeting was held on Sunday, November 20th and was attended by about 50 members who listened to committee reports, voted in the new slate of officers and approved the 2017 budget followed by a lunch buffet. I would encourage new members to attend next year to learn more about Club operations and finances.

I would like to thank the MYC Board of Directors, Flag Officers, and Members who volunteer countless hours to keep the Club running so well and for their encouragement and friendship during my time as Commodore. Thank You for the opportunity to serve as your Commodore! Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for the New Year!

Regards,

Marion

## ***Call for 2017 MYC Committee Volunteers***

There are several openings for new committee members in 2017 including:

MYC Finance Committee meets monthly to review and make recommendations concerning Club finances, prepares the annual budget and completes monthly reports for the BOD. This Committee is appointed by and reports directly to the BOD.

The Membership Committee is expanding to provide more administrative support to the Club Manager, and continues to welcome new members. The Committee works with other Committees and the BOD to build our Club membership. The committee reports directly to the BOD and its members are appointed by the Board.

Other Opportunities include the Waterfront Committee, House Committee and Entertainment Committee, all chaired by the Flag Officers. New members are appointed to these committees by the Commodore annually.

For more information, contact a BOD member or Flag Officer.

## ***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 14 and 15. 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 Gratuity Fund Thank You***

Thanks to all who contributed generously to the MYC Gratuity Fund. This year's total contribution was the largest ever and a tangible statement of how much we all value the service provided by our waterfront staff.

# ***Annual Meeting Summary***

The MYC Annual Membership Meeting was held on November 20th with 50 Club members plus family members in attendance.

Commodore Marion McCauley called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Reports by the Secretary and Treasurer were approved as written. These were followed by the Club Manager's report and reports from the various committees.

## **Committee Reports**

**Club Manager Bill Kilham** noted several improvements at the Club: the new Cliff Room windows were installed this summer, a new galley stove is in place replacing the aging appliance, the sewer ejector pump project is complete and all three launches are hauled and all transmissions will be rebuilt this winter. On behalf of the waterfront staff, Bill thanked the officers, board members and the Club members for their help and cooperation throughout the season.

**Communications Committee Chair Tom Despres** acknowledged the ongoing support of web-master Stu Newman. Tom pointed out that the Club increasingly relies on email and the website for communications and stressed that if a member is not receiving Club communications, to send an email to newsletters@marblheadyc.org. For those without email, paper copies are provided in the Cliff Room under the white rock.

**Capital Planning Committee Chair Tom Despres** reviewed the efforts of the committee. The capital expenditures budgeted for 2016 had been held back until revenue was determined. As a result, all the budgeted items were deferred and the capital expenses for 2017 remain the same. Committee discussion this year focused on the need to set aside funds in a launch account to assure that funds are available when our rebuilt engines again need to be refurbished. This will require that the Club develop a strategy to manage our financial assets as well as our plant and equipment.

**Finance Committee Chair Paul McCauley** provided an overview of the objectives and functions of the committee. Committee Objectives: monitor P&L statements and Balance Sheet, flag and help resolve any anomalies, monitor the Club's financial performance against Annual Operating Budget, participate in establishing Operating Budget for following year. A summary of Boating Year 2016: revenue tracked according to Plan, expenses tracked according to Plan, accrued payroll tax Issues identified and resolved, helped establish Operating Budget for 2017. Goals for the 2017 Boating Year include: move to a third party payroll provider, recruit new committee members and identify new chairperson for 2017.

**Entertainment Committee Co-Chair Ellen McGrail** thanked the 30 plus volunteers and noted that six well-attended events were run by the committee this year. Two additional events, the Independence Day cookout and ice cream social, were run by Diamond catering in coordination with the committee.

The introduction of the grill nights on Wednesdays in July and August were noted as very well received.

**House Committee Chair Paul Mervis** reported for the committee with the following projects completed in 2016: Spring work parties, new treads on stairs to Lavendar Room, window installation in Cliff Room, new commercial freezer for galley kitchen, five new pedestal tables and umbrella stands for the deck, new stove for galley.

Paul also acknowledged the annual planting and maintenance of the flowers by Judy Rawding and Elaine Greer.

**Waterfront Committee Chair Alan Petersen** reported on the highly successful season at MYC. Spring work parties completed the annual maintenance of the launches. Launch 3 received an engine rebuild completing our three-year program. MYC was able to reactivate our 4th mooring for Club use under the direction of the Dockmaster. Increased kayak and paddleboard storage has doubled our capacity as well as provided an additional source of revenue. This winter or early spring it is expected that the town will be making repairs to our cement pier and deck supports.

**Membership Committee Chair Marion McCauley** reported that final 2016 membership numbers showed a net increase of 8 Associate Members and 2 Active Members. This is the first time since 2012 that there has not been a decline in membership in either category. We ended the season with 266 Active Members, 7 Life Members and 72 Associate Members for a total of 345.

**The Race Committee Report by Chair Tom Anderson** was presented by Marion McCauley. The second running of the Clemson Chase Race was held Sunday July 17 at noon. Once again the race exceeded the number of entrants from the previous year with 21 boats registered and 20 competing. The first place boat in the spinnaker division was MYC's *Hafa Adai* and the first place boat in the cruising division was *Vida Zee* from Eastern Yacht Club. The event couldn't have been done without the help of Tom Despres and the Entertainment Committee who helped organize the food and drink and Bill Betters who generously donated the use of his boat *Doxy* as the Race Committee boat.

## Old Business

Jack Mace was thanked for building the kayak racks which provided an additional \$800 in storage fees.

Bill Whalen thanked the MYC Officers, Board and Staff for all of their hard work this past boating season.

## New Business

**2017 Budget Presentation:** Bill Betters, Jr. presented the proposed MYC 2017 Budget. It was announced that there would be no increase in membership dues for the 2017 season. The proposed budgets were approved.

### **Nominating Committee Presentation and Member Vote:**

Marion McCauley presented the slate of candidates prepared by the MYC Nominating Committee for 2017 for consideration:

#### **Officers:**

Commodore	Alan Petersen
Vice Commodore	Paul Mervis
Rear Commodore	Jamie Ferreira
Secretary	Ellen McGrail
Treasurer	Glen Kewley

#### **Directors:**

Bill Betters, Jr.  
Rick Cuzner  
Tom Despres  
David MacKey  
Marion McCauley

Marion McCauley made the motion to accept the slate of candidates for the 2017 season, Bill Betters, Jr. seconded, and all were in favor. Alan Petersen, newly elected Commodore, and Bill Kilham, MYC Manager, distributed pins and applicable flags to the 2017 officers and the 2016 Commodore.

### **2016 Commodore Final Remarks**

Marion McCauley thanked the MYC Officers, Board Members and MYC Members for a successful 2016 season.

### **2017 Commodore Remarks**

Alan Petersen introduced Jamie Ferreira, our new Rear Commodore, along with Rick Cuzner and David Mackey, our new board members, for the 2017 season. He discussed the pier project (cement footings installation on the pier) which is currently in the permitting process with its cost being absorbed by the MYC landlord. He also asked the members to consider volunteering for the 2017 season. All MYC members are invited to attend the monthly Board Meetings which are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm in the MYC Cliff Room.

### **Meeting Adjournment**

Prior to the meeting being adjourned, Kevin Neumann was thanked for his several years of service to the MYC. Tom Despres presented a chair to Marion McCauley for her service as MYC Commodore for the 2016 season. Ellen McGrail made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Paul Mervis seconded and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 pm.

## ***MYC Board of Director Meetings***

Meetings of the Marblehead Yacht Club Officers and Directors are held monthly in the Cliff Room at 7:30 p.m. 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.

### **The 2017 Officers and Board of Directors**

<b>Officers</b>		
Alan Petersen	Commodore	781-631-1362
Paul Mervis	Vice Commodore	781-631-4567
Jamie Ferreira	Rear Commodore	781-631-0291
Ellen McGrail	Secretary	781-990-3830
Glen Kewley	Treasurer	617-957-4374
<b>Directors</b>		
Bill Betters		781-631-1013
Rick Cuzner		781-631-6705
Tom Despres		781-631-8158
David MacKey		978-578-0167
Marion McCauley		781-631-7569
<b>Staff</b>		
Bill Kilham	Dock Master/Club Manager	781-631-9771