



Under The Rock

September 2015

The Newsletter of the Marblehead Yacht Club

2015 Fall Chowder Party Saturday October 10th, 4 to 6 pm



Bid farewell to the 2015 boating season while
sharing great food
with great friends

Chowder (Clam, Fish, & Corn)
Corn Bread
Various Deserts

\$10 per person / Guest Limit of 75

This is a very popular event
RSVP by Thursday October 8th
to
marbleheadyachtclub@gmail.com
or see Club Manager Bill Kilham at the Club

Please bring your own beverage

UPCOMING EVENTS

Chowder Party
Saturday October 10th
4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Annual Meeting
Sunday November 15th
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Launch Driver
Licensing Course
Saturday and Sunday
December 12th -13th

Remaining Waterfront Schedule

Sadly all good things must come to an end including this great MYC season. Launch service will end on October 12th Columbus Day and the waterfront will be secured the following Monday October 19th. After that date, there will be one of the Club skiffs available for limited use at the town dock until the launches are hauled for the season. To use the skiff please contact Bill Kilham as it will be locked for security.

The remaining schedule:

September 21st to October 11th
Closed Monday and Tuesday
10:00 am to 6:00 pm Wednesday through Sunday

October 12th (Columbus Day)
10:00 am to 6 pm last day of Launch Service

Removing Dinghies. The gangway will be raised for the season Monday October 19th. Dinghies must be removed prior to that date.

MYC 2015 Nominating Committee:

The MYC Nominating Committee has prepared the following list of nominations for the officer and board member elections to be held at the MYC Annual meeting on November 15th.

Commodore	Marion McCauley
Vice Commodore	Alan Petersen
Rear Commodore	Paul Mervis
Treasurer	Glen Kewley
Secretary	Ellen McGrail
1 year Board Position	Carol Kent
1 year Board Position	"Tip" Arthur O'Neil
3 year Board Position	Tom Despres

Current Board Members who do not need to be re-elected		
3 year Board Position	2015-2017	Bill Betters Jr
3 year Board Position	2014-2016	Kevin Neumann

We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting.

MYC Nominating Committee (Dave Gardner, Ellen McGrail, Kevin Neumann)

Gratuity Fund

Dear MYC Member,

With the great weather we have had it is hard to believe that the end of the 2015 MYC season is just around the corner. Like it or not, cooler weather is on the way, boats are being hauled and we are looking back at a great summer of boating activities. Marblehead Yacht Club prides itself on providing smooth running launch service. This season was no exception and was again due in large part to our excellent MYC staff.

It has been our tradition to reward the excellent performance of our waterfront staff with a gratuity at the end of the year. Our members have always been generous in this regard and all collected monies are distributed to the waterfront staff on a prorated basis of hours worked. In addition, if you have any input on driver commendations or on suggested areas of improvement, we can use that in our planning for next year.

Our drivers work for modest wages, and while running a launch during the summer in Marblehead Harbor may be a labor of love, the gratuities given by MYC members are a reward for a job well done. Additionally, they are an important part of being able to manage some of their expenses during the long off-season. Most of our drivers return every summer, providing consistency and stability to the MYC waterfront.

If you are not certain of a reasonable gratuity, there are several ways to think about it. Fifteen percent of your dues is approximately \$90. Another way to look at it is if you were to tip one or two dollars for every trip that is made to your boat: if you made 24 trips in a season and gave \$2 for each trip (a drop off and a pickup), that would amount to 48 trips for a total of \$96. For reference, the average donation by club members last year was \$91. From this you can adjust accordingly, based on your use of the launch service. Ultimately, we want to reward the great service and encourage the staff to return.

We are asking that you think about the service you received from your Club's staff, write a check to the "MYC Gratuity Fund" and mail it to the address below prior to December 1, 2015. Thank you again for your time and consideration and we look forward to seeing you on the deck next year!

Sincerely,

Marblehead Yacht Club
Flag Officers and Board of Directors

Marblehead Yacht Club, P. O. Box 943, Marblehead, MA 01945

MYC Launch Operator Licensing Class

To help alleviate the shortage of launch drivers MYC is 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 Dec 12 and 13. Successful completion of the course meets the requirement for the US Coast Guard examination. Details of the course are in the flyer below and available at the [Boatwise](http://Boatwise.com) website. If you are interested and can't attend on the December date, Boatwise offers the same program at other locations and dates on the Northshore.

USCG Approved

2-Day Launch License Classes

\$295 ~ 2-day class, materials & test

Marblehead Yacht Club

Dec 12, 13, 2015

Avoid Approval Delay!

Call today to reserve your spot!



Boatwise Marine Training
800.698.7373

Captains@Boatwise.com
Boatwise.com

Many more classes listed on website

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.

Commodore's Comments

Greetings,

It has been a great summer boating season capped off by one of the finest Septembers I can remember. Unfortunately as I write this the forecast looks like that is about to come to an abrupt change with NE winds in excess of 20 MPH forecast for the next few days. All that puts an exclamation point on the fact that the season is winding down and it is time to put our summer toys away and start to focus on the fall activities at the Club.

Our next social event, the annual Chowder Party, doesn't need any press as this is always a sell out. The flyer for the event is included in this newsletter and my only advice is to reserve your space early.

The other remaining item on the 2015 calendar is the MYC Annual Meeting to be held on Sunday November 15th. This is the Club's business meeting and the agenda of this meeting sets the course for the next season. It provides you an opportunity to meet and vote for the incoming officers and board members proposed by the Nominating Committee, hear the reports of the various committees and of course is your opportunity to vote on matters that come before the membership for approval. In short, it is an afternoon well spent and an opportunity to see how the Club is running. You all will receive a formal notice of meeting in the next few weeks with the full agenda. Consider this a save the date notice. The meeting is historically well attended but despite its importance it never is a sell out crowd. Of course with this plug for participation that might become an issue but we will deal with that problem should it arise.

Finally this issue of "Under the Rock" contains the annual letter asking for support of the MYC Gratuity Fund. I think you all will agree that the Waterfront has run smoothly and contributed greatly to our boating experience this season and I hope you will be as generous as possible in thanking our waterfront staff for a job well done.

Tom Despres
Commodore

Club Manager's Comments

As yet another successful boating season winds down, we can look back and enjoy the memories of the many fun filled experiences the Marblehead Yacht Club has provided its membership. Breakdowns were few, activities and events were completed and the weather, on the whole, was top notch. The MYC rooms were rented out on more than fifteen occasions and goodwill was afforded to our neighbors on a regular basis. We should all thank the Flag Officers, Board of Directors and those on the many committees for their excellent work (and many nighttime meetings) for their efforts that provided us with a full and enjoyable summer.

In the upcoming off season the MYC plans to continue to improve the House and Waterfront. Weather and time permitting, the Landlord has budgeted for new picture windows in the Cliff Room which would allow summer breezes to enhance that space. Work continues on the launches with regular maintenance as well as some still needed upgrades. There is also interest in reworking the main entry gate to provide easier and more reliable access to the Club.

As always I would like to thank the Waterfront Staff and entire MYC Membership for making my job one of the best I've had in a very long time. The overall spirit of friendliness and "what can I do to help" continues to make the Marblehead Yacht Club (in one man's opinion) the best club in town.

See you around the Club,

Bill

MYC Board Meetings

The 2015 meetings of the Marblehead Yacht Club Officers and Directors will be held in the Cliff Room at 7:30 pm 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.

The remaining Scheduled Meetings for 2015 are:

October 20th

November 17th

December 15th

MYC 2015 Committees

Waterfront Committee

Marion McCauley, Chair	
Jack Mace	Tip O'Neil
Don Stubbs	Paul McCauley
Alan Petersen	Donald Cahoon

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
Rufus and Jeanne Titus	

Communications Committee

Tom Despres, Chair	Stu Newman, Webmaster
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