



Under the Rock

Summer 2022

The Newsletter of the Marblehead Yacht Club

Commodore's Comments

It's the most wonderful time of the year!! Boats are getting uncovered, projects and cleaning underway, boatyards and launching ramps are bustling!

We had our traditional Kentucky Derby Meet and Greet Party on May 7th. What an upset with Rich Strike coming from far behind with 80-1 odds and winning! We had lots of yummy appetizers, amazing Mint Juleps prepared by John Murray and Kathy Garrigan, and some fun prizes!

The Entertainment Committee closed out the month of May with the official opening of the MYC season and our Memorial Day Weekend Cookout on Sunday May 29. Kudos to all those who helped make it a successful day with picture perfect weather.





Our spring work parties were a great success and I am so grateful to all who showed up. The Club is looking organized and clean. Come down and enjoy the Club before it gets busy!

We have lots of fun events planned for the season, especially the best in the world July 4 party and fireworks! Sign up early! Too many events to list here so make sure to check the website,

follow us on Facebook, and read the MYC newsletters!

Rear Commodore Marcel Nyffenegger and the House Committee have worked hard over the winter to welcome and help transition our new catering service K/C2. Many of you will remember Kevin was the chef last year and the food reviews were 5 star! We are embracing some new technology with a point of sale system and are hopeful this will offer a more streamlined and efficient system. There will also be a hostess to help with seating.

We have some new rules around food on the deck when the galley is open, which are detailed in the house and galley update below and on the website. Also check the website for the new and tasty menu and watch your email for the weekly specials. Don't worry we aren't getting too fancy!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 25th at 9 AM for the annual parking lot clean up. Not only does this look nicer but keeps debris from ending up in our beloved harbor. Bring brooms, shovels, weed whackers, work gloves and a pick-up truck with dump sticker is always appreciated! We will supply coffee and donuts!

Vice Commodore David Williams and the Waterfront Committee under the expert guidance of Bill Kilham have our waterfront up and running. Launches have been serviced, drivers have been hired, skiffs launched, floats floating.....If you see Bill Kilham please express your gratitude. He is our jewel in the crown and keeps us all on track while keeping us laughing.

We are always looking for volunteers for committees and future leadership positions. Specifically we really need someone with IT experience. Our goal is to transition to a paperless system for invoicing and processing. I promise nothing involves a huge time commitment. Many hands make for light work. Feel free to call me if you have questions about volunteering.

Please make sure we have an accurate email address on file. This will be more important than ever as we go paperless!

Last but not least I am honored to serve as your Commodore. Please reach out to me with any questions or input! We are all looking forward to a fun and busy season. Hoping for warm sunny days with just the perfect breeze for the sailors, lots of fish for the fisher people, harbor cruises with friends, and books to be read on the deck.

Hoping to see you all on the deck or the harbor.

Jane

Manager's Minit

Happy Spring to one and all!

I'm pleased to say that the House and Waterfront are ready for yet another great season here at the MYC.

While there will be a few new aspects to your membership in 2022, all the usual pleasures are still in the offing. Check the website for calendar listings of what is happening throughout the upcoming season. The various Committees are hard at work rounding out what promises to be a fun and entertaining spring, summer and fall.

Please do visit the Galley this year as the tasty recipes are returning as well as some new improvements to the dining service.

In response to a number of requests, the MYC is looking to embrace today's technologies to modernize many of the ways we do business. Along these lines, the Club is actively seeking volunteers to work on laying the groundwork for these next steps. If it means I have to retire my Dixon "Ticonderoga" #2 pencil and clipboard, so be it! Takin' one for the Team, don'tcha' know.

As always, if I can be of help in any way, please don't hesitate to let me know. See you soon on the Deck and Dock.

Bill

Galley and Dining Update

The Galley opens for the season this Friday June 3. The schedule for the weekend is:

Friday June 3

Dinner from 4:00pm to 8:00pm

Saturday June 4 and Sunday June 5

Breakfast from 8:00am to 11am

Lunch from 11:00am to 4:00pm

Dinner from 4:00pm to 8:00pm

The beginning of the 2022 season at MYC is particularly exciting as we welcome our new catering service, K/C2 (KC Squared). KC (aka Kevin) and Casey have been working off season to make sure the transition is as seamless as possible with the goal of improving the dining experience at MYC. Some things will be obvious like a new menu and new dishes. Less obvious but more important is their investment in a Point of Sale System to automate processing orders which will improve service.

The House Committee has been working closely with K/C2 to ensure their success and maximize the use of our limited dining facility. In line with that, the House Committee has approved two changes to the House Rules while the galley is open. Bringing your own prepared food, snacks and appetizers is no longer permitted during galley hours. In lieu of that K/C2 will provide complimentary snacks; i.e. pretzels, goldfish, crackers or an occasional house made appetizer. Additionally, the menu will include a selection of appetizers or hors d'oeuvres. The second change is that a table occupancy limit of ninety minutes may be enforced during busy times. These small changes will allow more people to enjoy dining on the deck on those beautiful summer evenings we are all looking forward to.

Waterfront Update

Under the capable direction of the dockmaster, Bill Kilham, the Waterfront is up and running. All three MYC launches are in the water, and the waterfront staff is ready to drive our members safely from the MYC dock to their vessels. Beginning Monday June 6, the waterfront will be running Summer Hours, 8 AM to 10 PM seven days week, through Labor Day. Remember launch service "Last Call" is 15 minutes prior to closing. Please check the website www.MarbleheadYC.org for any important news and updates on Waterfront activity including closure due to inclement weather.

Summer Calendar

These events are confirmed but watch your email and check the MYC website and Facebook for more to come.

MYC Galley Opens for the season

Friday June 3 serving dinner from 4:00pm to 8:00pm

Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday June 21, 6:30pm to 7:30pm, MYC Cliff Room

Parking Lot Clean-Up

Saturday June 25, 9:00am

Fourth of July Cookout

Monday July 4, 6:00pm to 8:00pm, MYC Deck

Reservations are required

Downeast Challenge Skippers' Meeting and Party

Thursday July 28, 6:00pm to 8:00pm, MYC Deck

Downeast Challenge Start

Friday July 29, 12:00pm

Board of Directors' Meeting

Tuesday August 16, 6:30pm to 7:30pm, MYC Cliff Room

Clemson Chase Race and Party

Sunday August 28, 12:00pm to 5:00pm, MYC Lavender Room

New Members

Welcome aboard to MYC's newest members!

Scott	Alexander		
Erin	Anderson	Kathryn	Mahaney
Paul	Blando	Hugh	Mulligan
Chuck	Blood	John	Prindville
Gene	Bova	Claire	Regan
Kimberly	Breier	Anne	Remington
Diane	Canty	Donna	Rice
Deborah	Dyer	Thomas	Scioletti
Diane	Gow	David	Weber
Robert	Hulefeld	Lawrence	Willard
Robert	Kipp	Elizabeth	Worster

Regatta Committee Update

Calling all sailors! Join the fun at both MYC's annual regattas – the Downeast Challenge and the Clemson Chase Race! In addition to our beer and rum sponsors (Rising Tide Brewing and Rumson's Rum) we have added a new sponsor that makes electric outboard engines called Pure Watercraft – if you are thinking about an electric outboard, please check them out. To register for the races, visit www.regattaman.com

Downeast Challenge

Marblehead to Portland, July 29–30, 2022

This year we changed up the Downeast Challenge with a finish to Portland, ME not the traditional Boothbay. We hope the shorter 90nm distance and new venue will draw more participation. This exciting long distance overnight sailboat race will have a skippers' party on July 28 and Awards party in Portland on July 30 at Forepoint Marina.

Clemson Chase Race

Marblehead, August 28, 2022

This is a fun, low key event for captains who have little or no racing experience, as well as the seasoned racer. You will be given your own individual starting time based on your boat's handicap. The slowest handicap boats go first and the faster boats go later. The object is for slower boats to get to the finish line before faster boats. Trophies, Beer, Caps! Register at www.regattaman.com

History Committee Update

Lavender Room Plaque

Many members may know that the upstairs lounge is called the Lavender Room, but most do not know why. It was named for William Lavender who was elected Commodore of the MYC for six years between 1938–1944. Before joining the MYC he was the Commodore of the Beachcomber Dory Club (located near Fort Sewell) and reputed to be a dory sailing 'Ace'. When the Beachcomber Dory Club failed, he and others joined the Marblehead Yacht Club and bought Townies (another sailing dory), helping establish the Townie as the longest running one-design sailboat in Marblehead (since 1935). When Lavender died in 1945, the members named the upstairs lounge the Lavender Room in his honor.



At this year's Opening Day Cookout, the History Committee hung a plaque in the Lavender Room with a blueprint of a sailing dory similar to the type Lavender raced. The dory blueprint was graciously donated by a John Lightbody who came across it in an estate sale, and reached out to the MYC since the blueprint mentioned the dory was designed in Marblehead. The

plaque reads: 'William Lavender Room. Commodore 1938–1944. Dory Sailing Champion'. Next time you are upstairs, take a look at the plaque and ask your guest "would you like to know why we call this room the Lavender Room?".

MYC History Book

The history committee thanks the volunteers who helped review the 2nd Draft of the history book. It is a whopping 250 pages filled with interesting stories about the MYC, its members and the surrounding neighborhood. We are targeting the 3rd (and near final) draft of the book in September with publication at the end of the year. We have two sections where we need your help.

Member stories. We know there are hundreds of funny or interesting stories that our members like to tell to friends. We need those stories to help add color to the book. We already have stories about rescues at sea, a boat speeding ticket in Marblehead and a shipwreck off Marblehead (and many more). Please take a moment and write up a story (it can be a few sentences or a full-blown short story) and email to jmurray97@yahoo.com.

Boat Photos. We want as many boat pictures from our members as possible. We have about 30–40 now but need more! We are charging a modest \$20 per boat photo. Please send in a photo of your boat and a brief description (owner, year, type of boat and name of boat...and any little tidbits you would like to include). If you don't have a boat photo, no problem. On a nice day this summer, we can take a photo of the boat on your mooring (Bill Kilham knows where your mooring is!). Please email jmurray97@yahoo.com with the information and send a check to Marblehead Yacht Club with notation to Bill, the Club Manager.
