



The Trident

NEWSLETTER OF THE MANCHESTER YACHT CLUB

June 2012

FROM THE COMMODORE

The Commissioning Chowder was a great success thanks to the efforts of Grace Babikian and her Entertainment Committee, including Lena Noble, Arlene Maginn, and Martha Mayne. With the Clubhouse, floats, launches, dinghies and our Race Committee boat all in commission it is time for us to think about our own boats and summer sailing plans.

It is my hope that each of you will take part in one or more of the Club's on the water events this month. First on the docket is the June 16 Rendezvous in Hingham – I hope to see many of you there. June 17 is the first day of one design racing followed by the Tiller Trophy and the Father's Day Gam. The weekend has something for everyone.

Ladies Sailing starts meeting on Wednesday afternoons on June 20. Next will be the Patton Bowl race on June 24. At the end of the month we also have two Junior Dances.

Vice Commodore Holly Fabyan provides more details on new staff inside this issue. I urge you all to thank them for all they do to make the MYC a special place. Much of the efforts by the House Committee and others bring us improvements that make the facility both serviceable and inviting. A new clock above the harbor side entrance to the Clubhouse built by Past Commodore Mory Creighton is a welcome addition. Lisa Bonneville took the lead on renovations to the restrooms; Susan Kiley selected some new deck furniture to be enjoyed by all; and Rear Commodore Alan Scharfe worked with staff on new lighting and electrical service for boats on the floats. Kirsten Page has polished and displayed the handsome trophies in the Clubroom. More is on the way.

Education is one of our themes this year at MYC. I am thrilled that the Meteorology Seminar with Frank Bohlen organized by Ann Noble-Kiley was a smashing success with 45 participants, and the Boating Safety course taught by our launch driver Ron Morin is filled to capacity. I hope you will take advantage of other offerings throughout the season. And, of course, I urge us all to think about safety in our sailing and boating activities.

Be sure to check the Club website and our regular email communications to stay up to date on all events throughout

the season. You will soon be receiving your annual book with the membership roster, and I encourage you to reach out to other members and committees. Volunteering for a committee is a great way to be involved and keep the MYC a vibrant part of our lives.

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2012 COMMISSIONING CEREMONIES

On Mother's Day, May 13, the Manchester Yacht Club was officially commissioned for the 2012 season. The booming of the cannon and raising of the flags was followed by remarks from Commodore Bill Barton, Vice Commodore Holly Fabyan, and Rear Commodore Alan Scharfe.

Also participating in the commissioning ceremony were Ann and Jean Harrison. The American flag raised for the occasion was the one presented to the Harrison family by the U.S. Navy upon the death of Ann and Jean's mother, Julie Harrison. Julie had served in the Waves from 1941–1946, retiring as a Lieutenant Commander in the Supply Corps. Following Julie's death in 1989, her husband John donated the flag to MYC to be flown on Mother's Day each year. Julie and John were long-time members of MYC and sailed many miles aboard their beloved sloop, *Strider*.



*Jean Harrison, Ann Harrison, Jack Fadden,
Andy Vanikiotis, Alan Scharfe & Holly Fabyan.*

VICE COMMODORE'S NOTES



The House Committee has been busy. We have actually managed to already accomplish most of the items on our to do list! A huge thank you to the wonderful group of volunteers that made it all possible. A special mention should go to the Galley clean-out team spearheaded

by Lexanne Anderson-Bell, with proficient help from Martha Chayet, Paula Filias and Grace Babikian. These dynamic women tore apart the kitchen, cleaned, reorganized, recycled, and pitched three truckloads of unnecessary stuff that had accumulated over the past 10 years. What a whirlwind it was! Please note the clean space we now have and let's try to keep it that way.

The Amazing Staff. Club Captain Jack Fadden will be celebrating 25 years with MYC this Fall! Assistant Club Captain Andrew Vanikiotis will be back for his fourth summer. The ever helpful Dave Theriault and the super efficient Carolann Mann round out the Clubhouse staff.

Returning launch operators are Ron Taylor and Ron Morin, with Susan Snyder filling in when needed. We have also hired two new launch operators for this season — Wells Howe and Emmett Snyder.

Wells is from Marblehead, and is finishing his junior year at Boston College. He will be joining us June 24 after he finishes a study-abroad program in Italy. Wells grew up in Marblehead sailing at Pleon and ran the launch for Boston Yacht Club for the 2010 season. Last summer he was a launch operator at Great Harbor Yacht Club on Nantucket so he comes to MYC with some nice experience on the water.

Emmett grew up in Manchester. He is graduating from Manchester-Essex Regional High School this June and will be headed to UNH this fall. A talented musician and actor, Emmett is also active on the water. He went through the MSA program and was with the 420 race team for a few years so is well versed on the local waters and knows our beautiful harbor.

In addition to his launch duties, Emmett will act as the liaison between MYC members and the MSA. He will be in charge of taking requests for MYC member use of the MSA Rhodes for pleasure sailing, reserving a boat for a race day, and coordinating private lessons. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Club office for these types of requests.

Float Space: Dinghies and Small Craft. If you wish to store your boat on the racks, the dock, or tied to the inner float, please make sure you stop by the office to obtain a sticker from the Club Captain. *If you do not have a sticker, then your dinghy or boat may be removed from the dock.*

Sailing Clinics – June 30 & July 21. These clinics are designed to help our members sharpen their sailing skills. The June 30 clinic will be focused on more learn to sail issues; the July 21 clinic will be a refresher lesson on more advanced sailing skills that could encourage and enhance your racing techniques.

Please note these dates and send an email to me at the address below if you have an interest in attending one or both of these clinics. In your email, please indicate what skills you would like to work on, so we can plan accordingly and make these sessions a valuable tool for you to build your confidence on the water!

Holly Fabyan
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REAR COMMODORE'S NOTES

It has been great watching MYC spring into action this past month. The Clubhouse is in great shape due to the hard work of the staff and the careful stewardship of our Vice Commodore Holly and her House Committee.

The enhancements could not have had a more pristine day to be displayed than the day we were blessed with to hold the Commissioning Chowder and celebrate Mother's Day. The deck was full of happy faces as everyone enjoyed stealing a summer day in early May.

The month of May also displayed the Club's interest in providing education opportunities for the members. There were seminars hosted by the Cruising Committee and the kick-off social for both Cruisers and Racers. The Boating Safety Course offered in conjunction with the Harbor-master's office was fully subscribed, and it was great to see the Clubhouse filled with those interested to learn the details of how to enjoy activities on the water in a safe manner.

The month of June is fast upon us and the Club will be even more active as the schedule picks up. Of special note is the Executive Committee Cooks Gam on June 23. We hope all try to make this event – an evening when your Executive Committee really gets to serve the membership.

As a reminder, the Club is available for private rentals when the schedule allows. If you are interested in using our unique venue for your personal purposes, let me know and I'll see if we can fit it into the schedule. The Clubhouse is set up quite well for these events and the process is quite simple.

For any who may be interested, there are still some lockers available for rent. Let me know and I can help with an assignment.

Hope to see you all on the water!

Alan Scharfe
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RACING NOTES

Submitted by George Putnam

ONE DESIGN RACING

One Design Series Begins Sunday June 17

The first day of one-design racing will be Sunday June 17, beginning with a tuning and strategy clinic at 1000 on the dock followed by racing at 1300. At the clinic, veteran racers will share tips on tuning, strategy, rules, après-race partying, etc. The races will be held in the outer harbor (generally between Misery Island and Can 5) with several races each afternoon. All Megabyte and Rhodes 19 sailors are encouraged to come out. Optis and 420s are welcome too. If you don't have a boat, talk to one of the fleet captains (below) – they can probably find you one.



Subsequent race days in the first one design series will be July 1 and July 15. Juniors are especially encouraged to come out on July 1 and 15, and they will be eligible for special prizes. The second one design series will take place on August 12, August 26 and September 3. Racing each day begins at 1300.

Save the Date: One Design Weekend. There will be a one design racing weekend – with accompanying social events – on Saturday July 28 and Sunday July 29. All one design racers are encouraged to participate in what has become a great MYC tradition and one of the highlights of the racing season. We hope to be joined by Megabyte and Rhodes racers from other clubs. More details on this event will appear in next month's issue of *The Trident*.

For more information on one design racing, see the Club website under Racing. Or contact the fleet captains:

Megabytes – Schuyler Glidden at sglidden@sgidirect.com

Rhodes 19s – Charlie Thomas at cwgt@comcast.net

Wednesday Evening One-Design Racing

In a throwback to the 1960s and 1970s, the Race Committee is bringing back the Wednesday night racing series. The Megabyte sailors are gung-ho about participating, and Rhodes and 420s are welcome too. The Twilight Series will take place every Wednesday evening from July 11 through

August 29, with a first start around 1800. Megabyte fleet captain Schuyler Glidden recommends Monte Christo cigars as the wind instrument of choice.

On these Wednesday nights a bar will be set up like the Sunday Socials with chits. The bar is expected to open by 5:30 to offer pre-race fortification. There will be no food provided, but the grill will be out and ready for BBQs.

Tiller Trophy: Sunday, June 17

Competition for the Tiller Trophy will take place in Optis (or whatever other vessels the Race Committee may designate) off the Club dock on June 17, immediately following the one design series races. This trophy has been hotly contested for decades. It is awarded to the MYC skipper who wins a series of match races conducted in full view of the Club membership.

The actual tiller came from the 55' center-board ketch *Alice*, owned by Henry Howard of Marblehead. It was donated to MYC in 1991 by Mr. Howard's grandson, long-time MYC member Tom Townsend.

Two elimination series will be run to determine the top representatives from the Junior and the Senior Yacht Club. The trophy and bragging rights will be awarded to the winner of the final match. Senior members are particularly encouraged to participate to defend their hard-earned (and rare) victory last year.

PHRF RACING

Patton Bowl: Sunday, June 24

On Sunday June 24, MYC is the host club for the Patton Bowl Regatta – named after the trophy that was originally presented by the Patton/Ayer families in 1953 in honor of General George Patton. The start will be in the vicinity of Gales Ledge (Nun 6) with a first gun at 1100.

There will be fun, competitive racing for both cruising canvas and spinnaker class sailors. As always, the racing will be followed by a great party at the Clubhouse! Valid PHRF certificates will be required, so skippers are encouraged to get their 2012 certificates well in advance of race day.

More PHRF Races

Other highlights of the Club cruising/racing season include the Crocker Race on Saturday July 14, the Single/Double-Handed Race on Sunday September 16, and the MYC Fall Series on Sunday September 23.

In addition, from early June through late September there is handicapped racing on one or both days of just about every weekend somewhere in Massachusetts Bay. For more information, go to massbaysailing.org.

MOTHER'S DAY COMMISSIONING CHOWDER

Submitted by Martha Mayne

This summer's boating season got off to a perfect start on Sunday, May 13, when the traditional MYC Mother's Day Commissioning Chowder took place on a glorious, sunny day without a cloud in sight. Anticipation levels were high as friends greeted friends not seen in months, and hungry "Chowderees" gathered around Tim Hopkins' spectacular buffet of salads, chowders, muffins, breads and desserts to



Martha Mayne at Check-In

shore up energy for the new season. Arriving guests were greeted at the sign-in table by committee members Lena Noble, who gave each lady a beautiful rose, and "registrar" Martha Mayne. Arlene Maginn's lovely decorative table plants were highly

appreciated and went home with delighted families. It was agreed that this event was an auspicious good start for the Summer of 2012.

Some of the Happy "Chowderees" included . . .



New launch driver Emmett Snyder, Vice Commodore Holly Fabyan, and Holly's parents, Charlie & Karen Helliwell from Stone Horse Yacht Club in Harwichport, MA.



Nora Maginn (right) with visitors from Alexandria, VA Erin Church and her daughter Maryam.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING JULY EVENTS:

Sunday, July 1 — *Sunday Social* at 1600
Wednesday, July 4 — *July 4 Barbeque* at 1700

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LADIES SAILING STARTS JUNE 20

Ladies . . . Remember to mark your calendars to meet at the Club docks for the first afternoon of Ladies Sailing on Wednesday, June 20 at 4:00 pm!



Aralia rounding mark in the 2011 Crocodile Cup race.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

By our club administrator's close reckoning, we are now sending electronic messages to all but 23 of our member households and, in many cases, sending to more than one individual in a household. Some of you may have a strong preference for receiving communications electronically now. Some may see a lot of value in the printed pages, like *The Trident*. In the near future you will see a short survey arriving in your e-mail. It will ask you to provide your views on how you prefer that your Club communicate with you. Your feedback will be important and will be read closely. Thanks in advance for giving the survey your attention.

Our Commodore last month made an invitation for members to share some old photos of the Club or Club events to help build a photo archive. A few we've gotten are shown on Page 6.

In addition to older photos, we also welcome photos you may take as the season progresses. For both old and new, this is an on-going, open invitation.

If you have images in electronic form you can send them to photos@manchesteryc.org. For the older, printed photos, please drop them at the Club office in an envelope marked "Photo Archives." They will be scanned and returned.

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LEARN TO BUILD A DINGHY!

This summer George Vanikiotis, former launch driver and father of Andy Vanikiotis, will offer a course on boat building here at Manchester Yacht Club. George is an accomplished boat builder and teaches boat building during the academic year.

The course will start the last week of June, and the class schedule will be flexible – offering times to meet during the week, in the evenings, and during the weekends. This is a great opportunity, and no experience is necessary!

We are looking for a minimum of 14 members to sign up to make the class happen. The cost is \$500 per person to cover materials and instruction. If you are interested in learning more or would like to sign up, please email me at CLNewhall@gmail.com or call 978-744-1626.

At the end of the summer, the dinghies built (we hope to build two) will be sold to cover the remaining costs of the course.



METEOROLOGY SEMINAR RECAP

Submitted by Charlie Newhall

In the Sunday *New York Times*, Charles McGrath writes about the recent tragedies during ocean racing off the West Coast: “The main factor, as is so often the case, was the weather.” As sailors, we need to know how to read the sky and the waves. We also need to know how to take advantage of the wealth of technology available to us to help predict what we are facing offshore.

In just that spirit, more than 40 MYC members gathered on the first Saturday in May for an informative and enriching seminar on marine weather, sea state analysis, and forecast-



ing presented by Frank Bohlen, a University of Connecticut professor. Frank educated the group on weather systems from the large scale

(northern hemisphere) to small scale (Massachusetts and Gulf of Maine) with great enthusiasm, practical know-how, and humor.

Explaining the turbulent exchange of moisture and heat, with the ocean serving as the “fuel,” Bohlen described the effects of atmospheric pressure, the Coriolis force, and polar and subtropical jet streams. Moving to the small scale, he demystified high and low pressure systems, cloud classifications, and reading weather model data.

While it was reassuring for those present to know we can educate ourselves about the weather and sea state, Bohlen reminded us of the constant need to be careful and stay aware of what is going on around us. In his *Times* article, McGrath, too, alludes to the dangers of the sea. He concludes: “As anyone who has ever been on a sailboat knows, the way to be comfortable is to go slow. Racing, and ocean racing especially, can be cold, wet and stomach-churning. It’s one of those activities – like mountain climbing or sky diving – that some people engage in because it makes their lives at the moment seem more precious, and it feels even better when it’s over.”

Though I am not sure I fully agree with McGrath, I feel better knowing that Bohlen is out there helping sailors learn to read the weather and the sea, important safety skills even for a day sail in Massachusetts Bay.



Tom Walker, Charlie Kellogg and Frank Bohlen.

Weather Resources. Frank Bohlen recommends the following as great sources for weather information:

www.wunderground.com

www.passageweather.com

www.weather.bm (Bermuda Weather)

www.weatheroffice.gc.ca (Environmental Canada)

www.nws.noaa.gov

www.rucool.marine.rutgers.edu

William G. Van Dorn’s *Oceanography and Seamanship* (2nd Ed.)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING CRUISING EVENTS:

Saturday, June 16 – *Hingham Rendezvous* (depart at 1000)

Sunday, June 17– *Father’s Day Gam* (1700)

Saturday, June 23 – *Executive Committee Cooks Gam* (1830)

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FLASHES FROM THE PAST

JULY 1997 – MARBLEHEAD HARBOR



In the background of this photo is the *USS Constitution*, just abeam of Marblehead Light, heading into Marblehead Harbor. In the foreground is *Trident*. She would serve as a launch to the *Constitution* that evening, shuttling dignitaries from the ship, moored to a barge in the center of the harbor, to the shore. The yellow flag signifies *Trident's* role on this historic day.

This photograph captures the firing of a salute from *Constitution* on passing the light. You can see the smoke from the cannons drifting down her port side. On board *Trident* that day were Club Captain Carl Magee and Forbes Barber – a lucky teenager who Carl invited along as crew.

*July 20, 1997 – Two great vessels at a moment of glory.
(Photo courtesy of Club Secretary Michael D. Maginn.)*

CIRCA 1945 – MANCHESTER HARBOR

This photo of *General and Mrs. George Patton* was submitted by MYC member Joanne Patton, who wrote: *We understand this photo was taken when the General came home, briefly, shortly after the war in Europe concluded. He is supposed to have been sitting with his wife, Beatrice, on the deck of the When and If, near Manchester Yacht Club. We were told by family members that he did not have time for a sail, but got to sit on the boat anyway, dreaming about that retirement which was to come in a few months. Perhaps some other MYC members will be able to add more to the tale.*



AUGUST 2011 – MANCHESTER YACHT CLUB



*Margo Villa saves the day as
Dave, Ron & Jack stand by.*

Hurricane Irene had left Cape Ann unscathed, but now the Club needed to get “back to normal” for the balance of the season. One big project to be done was securing the top of the awning. Seems, however, our Club staff was a wee bit scared of heights. Thankfully, Club member Margo Villa just happened to come by and save the day!

Photo Submissions: Send via email (jpeg files preferred) to photos@manchesteryc.org. Please submit only one photo per email. Printed photos may be dropped off at the Club Office in an envelope marked to the attention of “Photo Archives.” (Printed photos will be scanned and returned.)

OCTOBER 2004 – MANCHESTER YACHT CLUB



*October 20, 2004 – Rear Commodore Mory Creighton,
Vice Commodore Chet Shuman, and Commodore Bruce Journey
prepare for the big “Boom” during Decommissioning festivities.
(Photo courtesy of Mike Maginn.)*

ANNUAL SAFE BOAT INSPECTION DAY Saturday, June 23: 0800 – 1200

The Cruising Committee has again arranged for the Coast Guard Auxiliary to visit the Club to conduct free and risk-free inspections. These well trained volunteers will come aboard your boat (of any size) at your invitation only and check for basic safety equipment.



For an overview of USCG safety requirements, check out the vessel safety website (www.safetyseal.net/what_is_vsc.asp), then sign-up to have your boat inspected. The inspection will take about 30 minutes per boat if equipment is set out beforehand. By passing this inspection, your boat receives a sticker visible for the Coast Guard. There is NO RISK to being inspected. Should your boat be missing any requirements, only you and the inspector know that and it will not be reported to the Coast Guard. The idea is to promote boat safety. To sign up for a time, email Charlie Newhall at CLNewhall@gmail.com

MANCHESTER JUNIOR YACHT CLUB Junior Dances

Age 12 & Under: Thursday, June 28 at 1830

Age 13 & Over: Friday, June 29 at 2000

At the end of June the MJYC will rock the club with two dances. On *June 28 the 12 and under dance* will be held with our own Junior Commodore, Jacob Martz, as DJ. The next evening, *June 29, the 13 and older group* will keep the beat with Jacob spinning the tunes again.

*Invite your friends to these dances –
they are not just for members!*

Junior Race Series

Sunday, July 1 at 1300 & Sunday, July 15 at 1300

This summer the Juniors will have their own race series where they can pull their boats off the dock and join the fun on the water racing with their friends! After the races we will have Ice Cream Sundae Socials for everyone to enjoy.

The Manchester Junior Yacht Club committee welcomes any input, feedback or willingness to join our fun organizing and volunteering for these events. If you would like to help, please contact Paula Filias at paula@filiasmanagement.com.

Paula Polo-Filias
Executive Committee Member at Large

MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC

What a great picnic! We had wonderful weather, great music, a fabulous turnout and lots of young families taking part in all of the activities.





UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

June

Date	Event	Time
Fri, June 1	Gam at the Clubhouse	1830
Sat, June 16	Spring Rendezvous to Hingham	1000
Sun, June 17	One Design Pre-Race Tune Up	1000
	One Design Race: Series 1/Day 1	1300
	Tiller Trophy	1600
	Father's Day Gam on the Floats	1700
	Ladies Sailing	1600
Wed, June 20	Ladies Sailing	1600
Sat, June 23	Boat Safety Inspection (until noon)	0800
	Executive Committee Cooks Gam	1830
Sun, June 24	Patton Bowl Race	1100
	Patton Bowl Awards & Chowder	1630
Wed, June 27	Ladies Sailing	1600
Thurs, June 28	MJYC Dance: Age 12 & Under	1830
Fri, June 29	MJYC Dance: Age 13 & Older	1830
Sat, June 30	Sailing Clinic	1300

July

Date	Event	Time
Sun, July 1	One Design Race: Series 1/Day 2 (with Juniors)	1300
	Sunday Social	1600
	MJYC Make Your Own Sundae	1600
Wed, July 4	Independence Day Barbeque	1700
Fri, July 6	Gam at the Clubhouse	1830
Sat, July 7	Castle Neck River Flotilla Cruise	1000
Sun, July 8	Manchester Model Sailing: RC Laser Racing	1430
	Sunday Social	1600
Wed, July 11	Ladies Sailing	1600
	Sunset Bar & Grill	1730
	Twilight Race – One Design	1800
Sat, July 14	Crocker Memorial Race	1000
Sun, July 15	One Design Race: Series 1/Day 3 (with Juniors)	1300
	Sunday Social	1600
	MJYC Make your Own Sundae	1600
Wed, July 18	Ladies Sailing	1600
	Sunset Bar & Grill	1730
	Twilight Race – One Design	1800
Sat, July 21	Seminar – Marine Diesel Engines	1000
	Sailing Clinic	1300
Sun, July 22	Manchester Model Sailing: RC Laser Racing	1430
	Sunday Social: Introduce a Potential New Member	1600
Mon, July 23	Marblehead Race Week – Junior Div.	1000
Wed, July 25	Ladies Sailing	1600
	Sunset Bar & Grill	1730
	Twilight Race – One Design	1800
Thu, July 26	Marblehead Race Week – Senior Div. & Offshore	1000
Sat, July 28	One Design Weekend Regatta: Race Day 1	1000
	One Design Weekend Dinner Event	1800
Sun, July 29	One Design Weekend Regatta: Race Day 2	1000
	Sunday Social	1600

For Updates & More Information: www.manchesteryc.org