



# The Trident

NEWSLETTER OF THE MANCHESTER YACHT CLUB

April 2012

## FROM THE COMMODORE

Spring seems early this year, in this almost snowless winter. Jack and Andy started work on commissioning the Clubhouse and boats a couple of weeks ago. I am making a pledge to spend more days on the water this year than last. I hope you do the same...



In preparation for the season ahead, the Executive Committee has been hard at work since early January. **Rear Commodore Alan Scharfe** has worked with the full Executive Committee to assemble a spectacular schedule of events for 2012. You should have already received the printed copy of the calendar by postal mail; dates and times can also be checked online on our Website at [www.manchesteryc.org](http://www.manchesteryc.org). **Vice Commodore Holly Fabyan** has brought together a House Committee that has planned a variety of Clubhouse improvements, for this year and the future.

**Cruise Chair Charlie Newhall** has put together a marvelous set of events for cruisers and boaters. In hopes of helping more members and families feel comfortable taking part in these events, there are seminars on meteorology and cruising early in the season, followed by the Spring Rendezvous in Hingham. **Race Committee Chair Andrew Sheriff** is in charge of an expanded season of racing. Along with classics like the weekend one design series, Patton Bowl, Crocker Race and Fall Series, there are new Wednesday evening *Twilight Races* followed by a *Sunset Bar & Grill* open to all.

**Grace Babikian** and her **Entertainment Committee** provide the social connection around all our activities. We are members of a club because of a shared interest in the sport. These events give us a chance to share stories and make new friends. The Commissioning Chowder will kick off the season. **Paula Filias** ensures we have events that link us to our **Junior Yacht Club** and **Ladies Sailing**.

With so much going on throughout the year at MYC, it takes a rare talent to get the word out to all of us in a timely

and efficient manner. **George Davis** has taken over as **Communications Chair** and is working with Carolyn Pitman to bring us our newsletter, *The Trident*. George's team also handles the Website, bi-monthly e-newsletters, and "reminder" emails that keep us up to date.

**Noel Johnson** chairs our **Membership Committee**. He has done an excellent job in this role and we continue to have wonderful new people join the Club. If you know of a potential good new member, be sure to contact Noel. Our **Secretary, Mike Maginn**, makes sure the Club functions smoothly and **Treasurer Fred Morris** assembles our budget and watches our finances.

I am thankful for a strong Executive Committee and their dedication in making our Club a focal point of our sailing life. I look forward to seeing you all on the water in the months ahead.

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## 2012 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



*January 9 Executive Committee Meeting.*

*Clockwise, from left:* Bill Barton, Noel Johnson, George Davis, Fred Morris, Alan Scharfe, Paula Filias, Charlie Newhall, Mike Maginn; *front/center:* Holly Fabyan & Grace Babikian. (Missing from the photo is Andrew Sheriff.)

## VICE COMMODORE'S NOTES



As I write this on the first day of spring our staff is busy opening up the Clubhouse and getting ready for the even warmer days of April! With all the fabulous weather we've had, we may be able to start our boating season a little earlier than in previous years. Feel free to use the

MYC dinghies before launch service begins. (Weekend launch service starts on April 21 and weekday launch service begins on April 30.) Club Captain Jack Fadden, his assistant Andy Vanikiotis, and David Theriault are filling their days with getting the floats back into position, painting, and launching the Club boats, as well as reassembling the Clubhouse prior to the Commissioning Chowder on Mother's Day, May 13.

Besides the usual chores for opening and maintaining MYC, there are a few improvements that we would like to implement. *This season we hope to:*

- ◆ Clean out the galley and reorganize the storage
- ◆ Set up a few new outdoor furniture vignettes for the deck areas
- ◆ Upgrade the current benches and folding tables
- ◆ Renovate the bathroom vanities
- ◆ Set up a recycling station for plastic, glass, aluminum, and paper
- ◆ Install shore power and lighting on the docks
- ◆ Purchase new pull carts and hose roll-ups for the docks
- ◆ Re-deck the gangway.

Looking ahead. *projects under discussion for the future include:* (1) replacing the deck railings with a composite material to reduce maintenance and improve the Clubhouse aesthetics; (2) reconfiguring the inside dock racking system for better storage of one design boats and dinghies; and (3) replacing the central main dock.

The House Committee has already had two meetings that allowed a few members to jump into early research so that we can get the ball rolling on some of these projects. Special thanks to Susan Kiley, Tom Walker, Charlie Thomas, and Amy Reilly for volunteering their time and efforts over the winter months!

Holly Fabyan  
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## REAR COMMODORE'S NOTES

First I would like to thank the Nominating Committee and the membership for granting me the privilege to serve as a Flag Officer. We all know that MYC is a special place and I am looking forward to the next few years of providing careful stewardship to a grand institution.

**2012 Schedule of Events.** My first task was to navigate the Executive Committee through the process of creating the *2012 Schedule of Events*. All committee members have worked hard in planning a full schedule of diverse activities on shore and at sea. Our traditional events remain on the calendar and a few new ones have been added.

In May, in conjunction with the Harbormaster's Office, MYC is hosting the *Massachusetts Boating Safety Course*. It will span 5 evenings (4 classes & 1 exam) and is being taught by Capt. Ron Morin. Registration is required.

On Wednesday evenings in July and August, the Entertainment and Race Committees have created two new activities for the membership. Each week, following the Ladies Sailing Program, informal *One Design Races* will be held starting at 1800 for any classes that show up. Before and after the races, the *Sunset Bar & Grill* will provide a midweek moment to relax and bridge the gap between weekends. The bar will be set up as on Sundays and the grill will be out for members to prepare whatever they choose to bring while watching the sun settle over Misery Island.

**Clubhouse Rentals.** Now that the 2012 event calendar is complete, it is my responsibility to schedule any Clubhouse rentals. Yes, the Club – one of the finest venues in the Northeast – is available for members to rent for private parties, as long as the date requested doesn't interfere with events already on the Club calendar. If you would like to rent the Clubhouse for a special event, please contact me.

**Locker Rentals.** The lockers in the Club entry decorated with code flags are available for rent. They are a great place to leave all the stuff that rattles around your car until you get back to the Club the next time. If you are interested in renting one of the lockers, let me know.

**Annual Book Update.** Soon to be arriving in the mail will be your Yearbook Update Form. Please review the form carefully, mark any changes needed, provide missing information (e.g., dates of birth and email addresses), and return the form as soon as possible in the envelope provided.

As I write this, spring is in the air. I can't wait to remove the shrink wrap and get out on the water.

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## 2012 CRUISING ACTIVITIES



**Some Members of the 2012 Cruising Committee.** Front row: Tom Townsend, Mike Maginn, Roy Mayne, Ann Noble-Kiley. Back row: Jens Kure-Jensen, Bill Barton, Chet Shuman, Maudy Barton, Nick White, Ranny Barton, Jim Starkey, Augusta Ayer, Charlie Newhall, Evelyn Shuman.  
(Photo by Tom Johnson)

The Cruising Committee has a diverse cruising agenda planned for this season. Here are some of the highlights. (See the *2012 Schedule of Events* for a complete list.)

**Gams.** Gams are informal get-togethers. In days of old they were held at sea, when 2 or more boats gathered to exchange news. Here at MYC they are held in the evening, usually at the Club. Families bring their own refreshments and dinner to cook on the grill. Some members also bring appetizers to share. No matter what, come to our Gam evenings for a relaxing and fun time. Bring your friends and family for an evening by-the-sea! This year, the first Gam of the season will be on Friday, June 1.

**Executive Committee Cooks Gam.** Twice a year an informal barbeque (including dinner and drinks) is held at the Clubhouse. Everything is provided at a nominal fee. No need to sign up — just show up and enjoy the Executive Committee at work cooking and serving you a meal in the casual elegance of our deck and Clubroom. This year ECC Gams will be held on Saturday, June 23 and Saturday, September 8.

**Local Rendezvous.** Our traditional Spring and Fall Rendezvous are opportunities for a cruise and get-together with Club members at the beginning and end of the season. On June 16 Hingham Yacht Club will host us on moorings in their protected harbor. Green Watering Cans will be served.

The Fall Rendezvous will be held in nearby Gloucester Harbor on September 29 at the Maritime Heritage Center. This is one week earlier than normal in hopes of better weather and greater attendance.

**Father's Day Gam – June 17.** At 1700 on Father's Day everyone is invited to come down to the Club floats to honor all the fathers in the Club and have a great social time. We look forward to a large attendance – perhaps enough to put one corner of the new floats under water. Green Watering Cans and snacks will be provided.

**Flotilla Cruise – July 7.** In early July we're having a cruise to the Castle Neck River. Boaters among us with shallow drafts – our power squadron – will be hosting the cruise for MYC members who want to explore the Castle Neck River. Shallow draft – please come by boat. Deep draft – watch for the crew sign-up program.

**Maine Rendezvous – August 13.** This year's event is an evening rendezvous at Ranny and Maudy Barton's home on Fosters Island at the head of John's Bay. It should be a great event and you'll have the opportunity to explore the often overlooked but lovely Mid-Coast of Maine as a destination or on the way to/from Downeast Maine.

**Cruising Class Races.** The MYC Race Committee makes special efforts to offer racing opportunities to cruising boats. *The Crocker Memorial Race* on July 14 is especially suited for cruisers who don't have ratings. The *North Channel Race* comes to Manchester on September 15, so we are looking forward to a large MYC contingent participating. There will also be Cruising Class starts in the *Patton Bowl* (June 24) and *Fall Series* race (September 23). Both of these events are run under PHRF rules, so remember to send in for your handicap ahead of time. Finally, don't forget to go out for the fun *Bang & Go Back* race the morning of Decommissioning (October 14). For those unsure of the racing rules or want a refresher, there will be a **Racers & Cruisers Meeting/Social on May 24** where the rules will be reviewed.

**Power Squadron Events.** All vessels that float are invited to all cruises and rendezvous. Plus, we've scheduled two major activities that feature power boats: the *Castle Neck River Flotilla Cruise* (mentioned above) and our *Fourth Annual Fishing Derby* on September 15.

**Seminars.** We have a robust seminar schedule this year. See article on Page 4 for those being held in early May, and review the *2012 Schedule of Events* for those to come over the course of the summer.

Details on all of these events will appear in subsequent issues of *The Trident*. Also visit [www.manchesteryc.org](http://www.manchesteryc.org) and check your email for details and updates.

## ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE GEARS UP FOR 2012

The Entertainment Committee has once again organized a full calendar of social events for the 2012 season, starting with the Spring Dinner and continuing through the first week of December when we will hold our Annual Meeting & Dinner Dance.



During the intervening months, chowders, Sunday Socials, cocktail parties, picnics, a Potluck Dinner, and dances are planned to allow you plenty of opportunities to socialize with your family, friends and fellow MYC members. In order to keep abreast of the full schedule, please read the bi-monthly emails that land in your inbox. The e-newsletter will include the who, what, where, when and cost of each event. If an RSVP is required, an email address will also be included.

Since Sunday Socials are so popular, we thought why wait until Sunday to be social — let's start on Wednesday! So beginning July 11, and continuing through the end of August, every Wednesday evening the bar will be set up and the grill lit. You may join the One Design Twilight Races or just come to the Club for the beautiful view. Either way, we hope you will enjoy our new *Sunset Bar & Grill* evenings to help you sail through your work week.

The Entertainment Committee is made up of a very talented and committed group of volunteers. Please thank these members for their time and energy: Augusta Ayer, Katherine Bonaccorso, Lisa Bonneville, Jen Buddenhagen, Paula F. Filias, Ed Halsted, Maria LeStage, Arlene Maginn, Martha Mayne, Lena Noble, and Carolyn Pitman.

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## COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

First let's acknowledge the work of my predecessor, Marc Poirier, and his committee. In taking on Marc's role, I see what a marvelous organizational job he did. For 2012 it is great to have returning committee members Michael Enright, Tad Goltra, Louisa Mackintosh and Ledyard McFadden, as well as new members Bill Donnelly and Karla Kaneb.

Looking forward our goal, naturally, is to continue to evolve and enhance the Club's communications. We have some ideas of our own but we encourage you to share your ideas with any of the committee members or Flag Officers, or send a note to [communications@manchesteryc.org](mailto:communications@manchesteryc.org).

As we strive to make Club communications ever more interesting, we also want them as effective as possible. We recognize the trend toward more electronic communications

and we intend to support and leverage the trend. In line with that goal, we're looking at how we can deliver *The Trident* electronically, mindful that electronic delivery isn't best for everyone. We intend to continue the periodic and occasional emails which have already been vital for announcing a few events early in the year. We will also be looking at making [www.manchesteryachtclub.org](http://www.manchesteryachtclub.org) a more valuable resource.

We have email addresses for almost all member households. Sometimes we have only one email address, even when there are multiple people in the household with their own email addresses. Feel free to provide as many as you'd like. Returning the Yearbook Update Form that will be sent to you soon is a good way to get email addresses to us.

As you can see in other parts of this newsletter, there are many fun things happening at the Club. We'll do our best to let you know about them in advance and enable you to share your Club or boating experiences.

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## MAY CRUISING SEMINARS

The Cruising Committee is planning to run a series of seminars this year on a variety of essential cruising topics. Plan to join us the *first two Saturdays in May* to get ready for the season.

**Saturday, May 5 (at 1100) – Meteorology.** It is our great, good fortune to have W. Frank Bohlen, Professor



of Oceanography in the Department of Marine Sciences at the University of Connecticut, as our instructor for this seminar. Frank has served on the Newport Bermuda Race Organizing Committee, presented at the Safety at Sea Seminar at

M.I.T., and has been studying ocean and nearshore currents and transport for the last 40 years.

Frank also won the *Mixer Trophy* as navigator of the winning yacht in the 1986 Newport Bermuda Race. The seminar will include a light lunch.

**Saturday, May 12 (at 1000) – Learn to Cruise.** This seminar is designed to introduce the fundamentals of cruising to new sailors, and to teach skills that all can practice on the Spring Rendezvous to Hingham in June.

If you have ever wondered about local destinations, what to do before departure, enroute, and when arriving, this seminar is the place to start. Novices and new cruisers are strongly encouraged to join us! Mike Maginn is coordinating this seminar.

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## MYC MYSTERY FROM THE PAST: THE SKIPPY TROPHY

Last year I received a plain cardboard box in the mail. It was addressed to Secretary, Manchester Yacht Club. Inside was a tarnished pewter jug with an MYC raised seal and an inscription which reads:

*Manchester Yacht Club  
1936  
2nd Prize  
Skippy*



The top opening of the jug is about an inch and a half round with the remains of a wide cork stuck firmly in place. From the hole in the center of the cork, you can tell there was a top fixture attached at one point, but which is now lost to the ages. As you can see from the photo, there is a handle and a spout. On the bottom is the inscription from the artisan that made it: "Poole's Pewter, Taunton, MA." There are no dents or scratches on the surface, so we have to assume someone took pretty good care of this for many years. There was no letter, note nor anything else in the box except Styrofoam to cushion its ride.

The box did have a name and a return address. A certain M. Muffler, Greensboro, NC, with a PO box, took the time and expense to send it back to us. At least, it looked like "Muffler" – the handwriting was a little inscrutable. When I looked up the name and town on Google, I did get some muffler shops but no one named Muffler in Greensboro. I did write a letter to M. Muffler thanking him or her for sending the trophy to its home port and inquiring as to how it came to be in his/her possession. I received no response.

So, here we have a fine old MYC trophy from the midst of the "dirty 30s." Let your imagination go for a while and picture what MYC might have been like in the Depression. Obviously, some people were racing boats. And, a second place trophy was given to Skippy's owner with the name specially inscribed. It must have been a fairly important race to have such a prize. Was it a one design championship series? Manchester 17s were being raced back then. Was *Skippy* one of those handsome boats?

I can imagine the owner walking across the deck to pick up his or her prize to the applause of the members, perhaps even bringing along a youngster who might have been crew for the series. (If it was a series, that is!) We can imagine the gratitude for winning second place, especially if *Skippy's* owner wasn't used to bringing home the pewter. Or, was it a bitter loss, squeaking out second place by yards to a long-time rival. Perhaps we will never know.

Or will we? Gentle members, if you know anything about the *Skippy* trophy, or if you know someone who knows something, please send a note to me. We would love to find out its history and restore it to its former glory.

And, in addition, if you can think of any MYC achievement for which this trophy would be a suitable reward, also let me know. The *Skippy* trophy came back to us for a reason; we just haven't figured it out yet.

Michael D. Maginn  
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## 2012 RACING AT MYC

The kickoff event for the 2012 racing season will be the *Racers & Cruisers Meeting/Social* on Thursday, May 24 at the Clubhouse, starting at 1930. Refreshments will be served and the schedule for the 2012 season will be discussed.

**One Design.** One design racing starts on Sunday, June 17 with a pre-race tune up at 1000, followed by racing at 1300. Dust off your life jacket, rig your boat and go sailing!



**PHRF.** The first PHRF event this year will be the *Patton Bowl* on Sunday, June 25. There will be both Racing and Cruising Canvas Classes, so round up your crew for a great event! (Pre-registration and a PHRF certificate are required.)



For more information on racing at MYC, contact Andrew Sheriff, Race Committee Chair at [race@manchesteryc.org](mailto:race@manchesteryc.org).

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **Where Can I Get A Burgee & How Should It be**

**Displayed?** Club Bugees may be purchased from the Club office. Sizes available are small, medium and large. Proper display of the burgee is outlined in the Annual Book under Executive Committee Rules.

### **Where Can I Park My Car & Tie Up My Boat?**

A small number of parking spaces are available in front of the Club, but parking is limited to 4 hours; MYC parking stickers are available at the Club office. If you plan to be out on the water for longer than 4 hours, please park in the field next to the MYC barn. If you are a Manchester resident and have a resident parking sticker, you may park in the Tuck's Point field. (If you do not have a resident sticker, your car may be towed!)

You may tie up your boat at the Club floats for a "reasonable" amount of time – usually considered to be one-half hour. Float Regulations are posted at the Club.

### **Can I Store My Kayak at the Club?**

Kayaks, Megabytes, Lasers and other small craft can be stored at the Club on the racks located on the outer end of the harbor float. For space availability and charges, check with Club Captain Jack Fadden or Andrew Vanikiotis. Also check with Jack or Andrew regarding float space for your dinghy. *Before putting any boat on the rack or on the dock, you must sign up with the office and obtain a sticker for the boat.*

**Where Does One Find Ice?** An ice machine is located in the room just around the corner from the Club office. Chits for ice (\$1.25 per bag) are provided above the ice machine. It is important to fill out the chits in order to be in the running for the coveted Ice Award which is given out at the Annual Meeting & Dinner in December. *Please print legibly!*

**How Does the Reciprocal Benefit Work?** There are no secret handshakes or passwords required! Reciprocal privileges at other yacht clubs are at the discretion of the host club and vary widely. Your best bet is to contact the destination club and ask them in advance about the benefits they may offer to MYC members. For proof of membership, MYC membership cards are mailed to all members in June. Please remember that when visiting other clubs you are representing the Manchester Yacht Club and must follow the rules and regulations of the host club. *Note: MYC requests you pay your bill at the host club by cash, check or credit card at the time of service.*

**What Is A Sunday Social?** These events, held every Sunday afternoon in July and August (and this year on Labor Day, too!), were started in 2004 to encourage camaraderie among Club members after a weekend on the water. Sunday

Socials are held on the Club deck, beginning at 1600 and ending promptly at 1800. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and soft drinks are provided, and a cash bar is available. (Drinks will be billed to your account.) No reservations are required, and guests are welcome. Sunday Socials are a terrific way to meet your fellow Club members. (In the event of inclement weather, Sunday Socials are held in the Clubroom — so come on down!)

**What Is the Tiller Trophy?** This trophy is awarded to the skipper – both juniors and seniors are eligible – who displays superior helmsmanship by winning a series of one design elimination races in Manchester Harbor in full view of the membership. This is a great family event and will be held this year on Sunday, June 17.

**Who Can Sail In the Crocker Race?** Sponsored jointly by MYC and the Manchester Harbor Boat Club, the Crocker Race is traditionally a fun race for the skipper with little or no racing experience, as well as the seasoned racer. For more information, visit [www.sscrockerrace.com](http://www.sscrockerrace.com).

**Who or What Is the Vaughan Challenge?** Established in 1973 by Joanie Vaughan (current member and Junior Yacht Club Commodore, 1970-1971), the Vaughan Challenge Trophy is competed for annually in team races between junior and senior members of the Club. Over the years, these races have been run in everything from the Club dinghies to Optis and Rhodes 19s. It is a fun and laid-back event which everyone is encouraged to attend. The date for this year's Vaughan Challenge is Sunday, August 5.

**Bang & Go Back – Is This a Family-Friendly Event?** Otherwise known as "the sandbaggers race," the Bang & Go Back is most definitely a family-friendly event. Run in conjunction with the Decommissioning Chowder in October, the race starts somewhere outside Can 5 and generally requires that boats race around Misery Island (skippers have the choice of deciding which way they prefer to round the island). When the gun is sounded by the committee boat, skippers must decide the fastest route back to the Finish Line (i.e., either turn around or continue their circumnavigation of Misery). Amazing trophies are at stake – usually misshapen pumpkins – and the stories are legend.

**What Is a Green Watering Can (GWC)?** GWCs are drinks provided by the Club for various events – and poured from green, plastic watering cans. The contents include: lots of ice and either (a) Mount Gay Rum (plus other secret ingredients) or (b) Bourbon. In the last few years, another GWC has been added which includes white wine and ice. No one is quite sure how this tradition got started, but GWCs are a great way to please a thirsty crowd of MYC sailors.



## LADIES SAILING

Ladies Sailing officially begins on Wednesday, June 20, but we need to update our contact list before we kick off the season. If you are new to this program, and would like to receive periodic updates regarding Ladies Sailing, please email your contact information (name, phone, and email address) to Pat Kozak at [madymorgan@aol.com](mailto:madymorgan@aol.com) (or call Pat at 978-526-8626).

## MANCHESTER JUNIOR YACHT CLUB

**Mark Your Calendars.** The following MJYC events are planned for 2012:

- Monday, May 28 – Memorial Day Picnic
- Thursday, June 28 – MJYC Dance: Age 12 and under
- Thursday, July 5 – MJYC Dance: Age 13 and over
- Sunday, July 1 – One Design Race for Juniors (Day 1)
- Sunday, July 1 – Make Your Own Sundae Social
- Sunday, July 15 – One Design Race for Juniors (Day 2)
- Sunday, July 15 – Make Your Own Sundae Social

The Junior Flag Officers for the 2012 season are: Jacob Martz – Commodore; John Newhall – Vice Commodore; Nikki Filias – Rear Commodore. They are all working on ideas to make these great events for our MJYC members.

Jacob is also our dance DJ. He says, “I can’t wait to DJ this summer. Everyone should be excited about another awesome night of fun, friends, music and more!”

For more information about MJYC and how you and your children can get involved, please contact Paula Filias at [paula@filiasmanagement.com](mailto:paula@filiasmanagement.com)



## WOODEN BOATS AND STORYTELLING

*Submitted by Charlie Newhall*

Sailor’s stories have a way of taking on a life of their own. For anybody who has cruised, particularly with family, the stories we tell about passages completed, people met, squalls survived, and harbors discovered are the real gift of sailing. David H. Roper brought many of these stories back to life for about 50 members who gathered at the Essex Shipbuilding Museum on March 16. Thanks to Lee Spence, who is on the Board of the Museum and coordinated the event, we were in the perfect environment for stories of wooden boats, cruising and the lure of the sea.



Many of us know Roper from his column in “Points East” magazine. Now he has published a collection of stories organized along the lines of Thomas Cole’s famous “Voyage of Life” Hudson River paintings: childhood, youth, adulthood, and old age, with an additional chapter called “somewhere in between.”

Roper read three stories, all of which involved his father, Joe, who some in attendance knew well. “When No One Else is Watching” captured the group’s attention right away with Roper’s description of coming into the Cow Yard in thick fog. I remember inching *Samoset*, our 27’ sloop, in with my Lawrence University classmate Mark Johanson who had never cruised before. There we were in that pea soup fog, and only one other boat was there. You guessed it, the boat was flying an MYC burgee. We went over and, small world, among the crew were two young men both headed off to Lawrence, in Wisconsin, for college! That’s my story, but Roper brought it back for me with his.

Roper also read “The Magical Mystery Cruise” and “The Last Sail.” I won’t tell you his stories because I can’t possibly do them justice. Suffice to say, buy the book. It’s called *Watching for Mermaids* (2012). The evening was a treat.



## UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

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### April

Sat, April 21 — Weekend Launch Service Begins

Mon, April 30 — Daily Launch Service Begins

### May

Date	Event	Time
Sat, May 5	Meteorology Seminar	1100
Sat, May 12	Learn to Cruise Seminar	1000
Sun, May 13	Commissioning Chowder	1200
Mon, May 14	Boating Safety Seminar Begins*	1830
Sun, May 20	Commodore's Cocktail Party	1800
Thurs, May 24	Racers & Cruisers Meeting/Social	1930
Sat, May 26	Gam with Blue Water Sailing Club	1830
Mon, May 28	Memorial Day Picnic & MJYC Activities	1200

### 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
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
Sat, June 30	Sailing Clinic	1300

**For Updates & More Information:**  
[www.manchesteryc.org](http://www.manchesteryc.org)

\*To register for the Boating Safety Seminar call the Harbormaster at 978-526-7832 or email [harbormaster@manchester.ma.us](mailto:harbormaster@manchester.ma.us)