



Manchester Yacht Club • June 2003

Announcements

Upcoming Events and Dates to Note

Commodore's Notes

On May 11, approximately 200 Members participated in the commissioning of the Manchester Yacht Club for its 111th season. The Entertainment Committee planned a splendid event and even arranged for sunshine, which we have not witnessed on commissioning day for many years.



The christening of the *Henry E. Hall* was held immediately following the commissioning of the Club. Henry's son, Ralph, reminisced on his



father's dedication to the Club. He and his family were the first passengers to enjoy a harbor cruise aboard the *Henry E. Hall*.

Jack Fadden and David Theriault, with little cooperation from Mother Nature, have done an excellent job preparing the Club and the launches for the season. We are fortunate to have last year's entire Staff returning and look forward to another safe season at the Club. Please remember that all children under 12 years of age (including infants) are required to wear lifejackets on the floats and in the launches. Your cooperation in following this policy will be greatly appreciated.

Continuing a tradition initiated last year, at the Club Cooks Gam on June 20, we will introduce new Members to the Club. We hope as many new Members as possible will be able to attend this event. The Membership Committee is hard at work, and I encourage any Member who is considering proposing a candidate for membership to contact Membership Committee Chair Alex Felton.

Halftide is for sale. A flier containing the details is posted at the Club.

I wish you a safe and enjoyable summer at the Club and on the water.

Peter B. Tarr
Commodore

Clubhouse Notes

Welcome to new members

Jens & Lise Kure-Jensen
Jeff & Susan Melamed
Andrew & Mandy Sheriff

Lockers

Several lockers are still available for the season. The fee is \$125 per season. If you would like a locker for the upcoming season or if you had one last year and have not yet renewed, let Rear Commodore Shuman know. Email Chet at rear_commodore@manchesteryachtclub.org, or phone 978-468-5216.

Club Rentals

The Manchester Yacht Club building is a beautiful facility and one of the privileges of membership is being able to rent it for special occasions. Executive Committee rules regarding rentals attempt to balance this privilege with the inconveniences rentals place on the staff and on other members. The Committee recently reaffirmed its policy that rentals be limited to events hosted by a member and to not permit parties where the member simply provides the entrée for a non-member to host an event. Reservations for club rentals are made with the Rear Commodore.

Galley

Mel Cole, a member of the House Committee, has graciously agreed to help bring some order to the galley this summer. For the most part, Mel will be organizing and maintaining the inventory of supplies and utensils we use for gams, club parties, and the like. (We have over 3300 plastic spoons on hand, probably a ten-year supply.) If you use the galley, you can help by cleaning up after yourself. If you are responsible for a club event and will need supplies or if you use any supplies, let Mel know. His email address is mel@shore.net.

Radio-Controlled Model Laser - Fleet Formation

Hone your racing skills in a big way on a small scale by helping to form a model Laser fleet at MYC. The RC Laser is a radio-controlled, ready-to-sail, quarter-scale (42 inch) model of the Laser one-design sailing dinghy. Not a toy, she has a strong pedigree, having been designed by Bruce Kirby of original Laser fame and sanctioned by the American Model Yachting Association as a one-design class. Unique among model yachts, the RC Laser can be rigged/unrigged in just a few minutes and packed away flat in



a soft carrying case. This means that the little Laser can literally be berthed, say, on the spare quarter berth of one's big boat, and therefore be readily available for cocktail hour amusement or "away regattas" when on MYC cruises. She is crash resistant, self-righting, and purportedly unsinkable, making her suitable for racing rules training, use by small children, lobster buoy pinball, and watering can events. Class association is online at www.amya.org/rclaser.html. Members interested in forming the fleet should email Dave Fish at dfish@shore.net or phone 978.590.3632.

Ladies Sailing Program

The Ladies Sailing Group would like to start on Friday July 11th at 1:00 p.m. All women of the club are invited to come out and enjoy the pure pleasure of sailing. For our first meeting, we will plan a sail to Marblehead and back. In order to make sure we have enough boats and space for everyone interested, please call Dee Christensen (603 964 6194) before July 6th.

RACING

News in Brief: The Racing and Ratings workshop on May 21 was well attended with over twenty people learning more about the Racing Rules of Sailing, better starting techniques, other racing opportunities and how to get a PHRF certificate.

Tiller Trophy Race – RESCHEDULED DUE TO WEATHER

Sunday - June 15, 2003 at 1630 – followed by Father's Day Gam at 1800

On Memorial Day, heavy rains led to a postponement of the annual Tiller Trophy Race. So, you didn't miss out! The event has been rescheduled to coincide with the Father's Day Gam on June 15th. The racing will begin at 1630 and the final matches will take place during the Father's day Gam which starts at 1800. For the first race of the season, start small and sail in an Optimist. This event is a little friendly competition between young and old, sometimes with a little comedy thrown in. Stop by the Club before the start and sail in this series of short match races that start right off the Club's floats. Junior members (who tend to fit into the boats better) race against adults. Come race and stay for the Gam.

Patton Bowl Weekend

Saturday & Sunday – June 21 & 22, 2003 at 1030

On Saturday get your crew on the water for the MYC Canvas Class race. Sign up on the clipboard outside the Club office to sail in this non-spinnaker event. The starting line will be in the vicinity of Gales Ledge with the first gun at 1030. This race has been growing in popularity and new-comers and seasoned sailors alike turn out for fast paced fun. Sailing instructions will be available at the head of the gangway early in the morning. There is a \$25.00 entry fee charged to your account, the entry fee will be waived if you submit a valid PHRF rating.

On Sunday you can compete in the Patton Bowl in either a racing class or the cruising class without spinnakers. This year the Patton Bowl has been changed to two races on Sunday only so that MYC boats can compete in Saturday's Cruising Canvas race and Sunday's PHRF event. Keep in mind that there is a prize awarded at the MYC Annual Dinner each year for the MYC boat that has the best combined results in the Patton Bowl and Fall Series. So, extend the fun and sail both days of the weekend. Entry forms are available at the MYC. Valid PHRF certificates are required – if you need one, contact Bill Barton at 781-820-3267 or bill@culturalsolutions.com for information. First gun at 1030. Chowder and prizes are served after the racing at the Club.

NOTE: This year MYC boats that submit a valid PHRF certificate will have their entry fee in the Sunday Patton Bowl waived for the Sunday PHRF cruising races! So, try it out. You can win!!!

Spring One Design – Day One

Sunday – June 29, 2003 at 1300

Get your Megabyte, Rhodes, Optimist or 420 to the outer harbor for the start of the racing season! The Spring One Design Series begins on June 29 with other race days on July 13 and 27. Laughter and on-the-water camaraderie prevail, but you never know who might win. For any class with two or more boats on the line, Trident will run a start. Sailing Instructions are available before hand at the Club; these include starting sequences and courses. Come out and sail fast!

Spring One Design – Day Two

Sunday - July 13, 2003 at 1300

The series continues with another day of racing in the outer harbor for all one design classes.

Crocker Memorial Race

Saturday - July 19, 2003 at 1030

What is Mass Bay most popular day race? The Crocker Memorial Race, with good reason! Crocker Race Chairman, Carl Doane, and his Committee have planned another great day on the water. This is one race where everybody seems to turn out in boats new and old. It is a pursuit style race that creates excitement because the staggered start means the first boat across the line wins it all! History shows that anything from a Rhodes 19 to a forty-foot ocean racer stands an equal chance of winning. Set the date aside for racing and a great awards party back at the MYC. End the day with the MYC's Hot Summer Night's Dance at 1900

Other Racing in Mass Bay:

Date	Event	Club	Contact
Jun 15	Hospice of North Shore Regatta	EYC	www.hns.org/regatta.htm
Jul 4	EYC Annual Regatta	EYC	Jack Wells 781-631-7307
Jul 21 - 23	Marblehead Race Week – Juniors		www.mheadrace.org
Jul 24 – 27	Marblehead Race Week – Seniors		www.mheadrace.org

Cruising Committee News

June Events

Executive Committee Cooks Gam and Float Boat Show, June 20, 6:30

Mark this MYC milestone event on your calendar. Not only do we have an Executive Committee Cooks Gam--one of the most popular of all the Gams-- we also have a boat show of notable MYC vessels. Dressed in impressive, sparkling white haute cuisine attire rather than their usual nautical togs, Executive Committee members will be flipping burgers, hot dogs and chicken for the club multitudes at this very special event. Salads, condiments and dessert are included in the price. Again, no need to sign up, just show up. The price will be charged to your MYC account.

Best of all, the Cruising Committee will have a line up of some of the club's more interesting boats, both old and new, large and small, grand and simple, for your inspection at the dock. Owners have graciously agreed to have open house on their yachts; stocking feet only please.

Patton Bowl Cruising Class Race, June 21, 10:30

Join MYC's prestigious around the buoys classic. You will need a PHRF rating to compete in the official racing classes. If you want to have an informal bash, join the Cruising Class race on the 21st. We urge all boaters to come out to encourage sailors with horn toots, cheering and other gestures of support both at the start and the finish line. For more information, contact Race Committee Chairperson Bill Barton or Cruise Committee Race Representative Brian Owen.

Gam, June 27, 6:30

This gam precedes the Early Summer Weekend Cruise to Peddock's Island that is featured below. This gam will most likely involve sailors and boaters comparing courses and waypoints for the next day's outing across Mass Bay. Even if you are not cruising this weekend, a gam is still a special event. Throw whatever on the barbie and relax with us.

Early Summer Weekend Cruise, June 28-29

This cruise will take the MYC fleet to Peddock's Island for Saturday afternoon and Sunday and the new mooring field located just off its northwestern shore. In case you didn't know, Peddock's Island is one of the few harbor islands to yield evidence of possible prehistoric habitation: in the late 1960s, a summer resident digging in her garden unearthed a male skeleton that carbon dating established to be 4,100 years old. It is the oldest skeleton ever found in New England. At 188 acres, Peddock's is one of the largest, most diverse islands in the harbor. With the longest shoreline of any harbor island, Peddock's is composed of four headlands, connected by sand or gravel bars called tombolos.

Peddocks features a new pier and hiking trails that pass a marsh, a pond and coastal forests. These varied environments allow visitors to experience a wide range of natural beauty. If you are interested in joining this cruise, please advise Jay Bothwick of your intention. It is extremely important to make your reservation by June 15 for MYC to hold the number of mooring reservations we are requesting; see the sign-up sheet at the yacht club. There will be a sign-up sheet at the club; the \$25 fee for the mooring will be billed to your club account. Members deciding to go on the cruise after that date may not have a mooring guaranteed and will have to deal with the mooring provider directly. You can pay by credit card by calling Keith McClearn at 617 241-9640. You may also contact him by e-mail, km@bosport.com.

Summer Cruise Ahead August 2-13

The Cruise Committee continues to make plans for the Summer Cruise. If you have not advised Peter or Betsy Madsen or John Kiley of your intention to join the cruise, please do so as soon as convenient. The committee needs to provide numbers of participants for the various events planned up and down the shore. The deadline for registration for the summer cruise is July 7th. About 35 boats have expressed interest in taking part in either the one-week version of the cruise or the two-week version.

In addition, if you want crew or want to offer yourself as crew, please give your name to Peter or Betsy Madsen.

Events for June 2003

Date	Time	Event	Committee
Thu, Jun 12	1800	Lobster Bake	Entertainment
Sun, Jun 15	1800	Father's Day Gam	Entertainment
Thu, Jun 19	1700	MSA Orientation - Learn to Sail	MSA
Thu, Jun 19	1900	Patton Bowl Skipper's Meeting	Racing
Fri, Jun 20	1830	Exec Comm Cooks Gam / Boats at floats	Cruising
Sat, Jun 21	1000	MSA Orientation - Race Team	MSA
Sat, Jun 21	1030	Spring Cruising Canvas	Cruising
Sun, Jun 22	1030	Patton Bowl	Racing
Sun, Jun 22	1600	Patton Bowl Awards and Chowder	Racing
Mon, Jun 23		MSA First Session Begins	MSA
Fri, Jun 27	1300	MSA Junior Race Series	MSA
Fri, Jun 27	1830	Gam	Cruising
Sat, Jun 28	0900	MSA Saturday Morning Sail	MSA
Sat, Jun 28		Early Summer Weekend Cruise - Sat. & Sun.	Cruising
Sun, Jun 29	1300	Spring One Design: Day 1	Racing

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