



Manchester Yacht Club • May 2003

# Announcements

Upcoming Events and Dates to Note

## Commodore's Notes

The commissioning of the Club for its 111th season will take place on Mother's Day, May 11. The festivities will begin at noon. As reported at the Spring Dinner, we will also christen our second new launch, the *Henry E. Hall* on that date. We have invited Henry Hall's son, Ralph and his family, to join us for this memorable event.

On behalf of everyone who attended the Spring Dinner on April 4, I thank the Entertainment Committee (with special thanks to Chair David Martz, Heather Dalton and Jon Jaques) for organizing a most pleasant evening. Robbie Doyle spoke on the America's Cup and the *Mirabella V* project.

The Historical Committee met on April 11 to continue planning changes to the clubroom. The Committee will meet as needed throughout the summer. No work will begin until after the season is completed in order to avoid disruption of Club functions.

*Trident* is in dry dock undergoing repairs to her hull. We expect work to be completed before the beginning of the racing season.

The Membership Committee under Alex Felton's leadership has been extremely busy this spring. I encourage all Members with suitable candidates for membership in the Club to contact Alex in order to begin the membership process.

Jack Fadden and David Theriault have been preparing the clubhouse and launches for the season. Despite the endless winter of 2003, Jack reports that we will be ready to begin weekend launch service on April 18. Please remember that all children under 12 must wear life jackets on the floats and in the launches. We appreciate your cooperation in making this season a safe one.

I look forward to seeing you on May 11 when we commission the Club and christen the *Henry E. Hall*.

Peter B. Tarr  
Commodore

## **Clubhouse Notes**

### **Welcome New Members!**

Andy Harris & Kate Culhane  
Manchester, MA

Ed & Cathy Sullivan  
Beverly Farms, MA

### **Yearbook**

The Yearbook, with its lists of officers, committees, members, their boats, and past awards has been printed and is being mailed to all members. As in the past, the Yearbook has a reply card on the last page for corrections and comments. If you find errors or have comments, please let us know.

### **Schedule of Events**

The annual calendar has been completed and two copies mailed to each member, one for home and one for the boat. Since schedules sometimes change, it's a good idea to check the club web site for up-to-date verification of events and for more information about the club's activities.

### **Locker Rentals**

Several of the club's lockers are still available for the season. The fee is \$125 per season. If you would like a locker for the upcoming season, let Rear Commodore Shuman know. Email Chet at [rear\\_commodore@manchesteryachtclub.org](mailto:rear_commodore@manchesteryachtclub.org), or phone 978-468-5216.

## **Entertainment Committee**

### **Lobster Bake and Harbor Tour**

Thursday, June 12, 2003 marks the kickoff of the MYC's dinner series with a repeat of last year's lobster bake. This will be a joint event with members of the Essex County Club and will include an added attraction this year—an inner harbor tour.

A traditional New England lobster bake will be provided by Dick Lysiak. Your tour guides for the historical inner harbor tour will be MYC members Reg Foster and Dan Senecal who will describe historic properties and sites as well as interesting harbor and town facts.

This is sure to be a fun evening. Look for your invitation and be sure to RSVP by June 8<sup>th</sup>. **Reservations are absolutely necessary! No guests.** Essex County Club members who also belong to the Yacht Club should sign up for this event as MYC members.

Questions? Call Sue Geer (978)526-4337 or Heather Dalton (978)526-8309

## **Racing Committee**

### **Racing & Ratings Workshop** **Wednesday - May 21, 2003 at 1930**

Stop by the MYC for an fun gathering and learn some racing tips and rule basics from Paul McMahon, MYC member and third place winner in last season's Mass Bay Season Championship. So, you have fun sailing in the MYC Canvas Class races but want to pick up a few tips on starts, mark roundings and how to get the silver? Or, maybe you want to know if your Megabyte broke the rules at the starting line? Come learn the answers from Paul. Also, Race Committee Chairman, Bill Barton, will be on hand to answer rating questions and help you fill out an application for a PHRF rating. If you are tired of people questioning your rating, get the answer! Support the system that lets us race! Once you have a certificate, you can also enter other events in Mass Bay including non-spinnaker cruising races. Schedules of other area cruising races will be available. You can race and win! Refreshments will be served!

### **Tiller Trophy Race** **Monday - May 26, 2003 at 1030**

It seems like spring has just begun, but it is time to race! For the first race of the season, start small and sail in an Optimist. Don't miss out on the annual Tiller Trophy race. This event is a little friendly competition between young and old, sometimes with a little comedy thrown in. Stop by the Club a 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. The final races take place as the Memorial Day Picnic begins, so everybody gets to share a sandwich after the fun on the water.

### **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, free if you have 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 with a 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!

### **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.

## **MYC Cruising Canvas Class News**

MYC is fortunate to have an active and growing group of canvas class racers. This year, the Club has made a few additions and changes to the activities calendar, including an early season workshop for both experienced and prospective racers, and several new race days that have been added to encourage broader club participation.

### **Racing and Ratings Workshop**

A hot topic over the winter has been how to continue to grow our fleet of racers and maintain a spirited and competitive environment, while easing race administration. We also want to maintain an appropriate emphasis on education, insuring the safety of our boats and crew. The Racing Committee will be hosting an important event on Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, (see detailed write-up elsewhere in the newsletter) to encourage greater racing participation and offer a ratings workshop for all MYC boats. Join us for a refresher on the rules of racing and start procedures. And for those that do not have a current Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) rating, club members will be on hand to assist you in completing the one page application for your boat. This year, MYC is strongly encouraging all Cruising Canvas boats to get a PHRF rating. There are many obvious benefits to adopting a consistent and independent race handicap and scoring system, including the ability to streamline race administration. As always, currently valid PHRF ratings will be required for both MYC sponsored PHRF races, the Patton Bowl on Sunday June 22 and the Fall Series on Sunday, September 21. So you might as well come and join us on the 21<sup>st</sup> to complete your forms and get them submitted early in the season. To encourage everyone to join the PHRF New England chapter, MYC will forgo the \$25 standard entry fee for the MYC Cruising Canvas races on 6/21 and 9/20... and if you enter the PHRF Cruising Canvas race on 6/22 or 9/21 the normal \$45 entry fee will be waived for those races, more than offsetting the cost of PHRF dues. If you have any questions about PHRF-NE, or what it means for us all, visit [www.phrfne.org](http://www.phrfne.org).

### **Expanded Racing Calendar**

The Club has extended our racing calendar by reviving an old-favorite racing day. This year, our season will begin with the Memorial Day Tune-Up Regatta, on Sunday, May 25th. John Lind, former Crocker Bowl Chair, has agreed to assist our racing committee with race administration as we head out around Gales Ledge, Newcombs and Eastern Point in a Crocker-style staggered start race. John has also agreed to invite fellow Manchester Harbor Boat Club racers to join us at the line. Please sign up for the race on the clipboard at the Yacht Club, or email me at [owen@shore.net](mailto:owen@shore.net) (preferred) providing information about your boat including type, length, and current PHRF rating (if known), so we can make sure you start in the appropriate class. This race is fast approaching, so start lining-up your crew!

You will also note that the racing calendar now includes two days of racing for the Patton Bowl and the Fall Series weekends. We will now hold our traditional canvas class races on Saturday, allowing you the chance to capture additional silver on Sunday by joining the canvas class in our hosted PHRF events.

## **Cruising Committee News**

### **May Events**

#### **Memorial Week End Gam, May 23, 6:30**

With the martial events of this spring freshly in memory, this Memorial Day will be a significant reminder that we owe our good fortunes, freedom and liberty in large part to the skills and courage of our Armed Forces. Join us on the deck at 6:00; grills, tables and ice will be set up. With any luck, we may be able to shed our jackets and sweaters to toast and remember those who participated in wars past and present.

#### **Tune Up Race, May 25, 11:00**

This race is an informal trial of sea legs and equipment. Come out for bash around the buoys to see if all your cotter pins stay in the right place. We urge our power fleet to provide support for the MYC sailors. Of course, there is a party after on the porch to herald the winners. Contact Brian Owen for more information.

#### **Gam, May 30, 6:30**

The last Gam in May should be the first that starts and ends in warm-ish weather. To paraphrase Wind in the Willows, there is nothing, absolutely nothing as much fun as coming home from work, heading straight to the yacht club, and having a TGIF cocktail on our beautiful porch. There is no sign-up, just show up. And loosen those ties.

#### **Summer Cruise Ahead August 2-13**

A committee of dedicated volunteers, headed by Peter and Betsy Madsen, is finalizing plans for the Summer Cruise. The Cruise Orientation Meeting held on August 6<sup>th</sup> was a huge success; if you missed the event, here is a snapshot of the cruise. Remember, the intention of this cruise is to provide an opportunity for those who are short of time to join us for the first week, starting in Portsmouth/Kittery on August 2 and moving to Sebasco Estates in Casco Bay on August 4 and the Barton's home on John's Bay on the 5<sup>th</sup>. There is plenty of time to work your way back to Manchester, giving you an efficient one-week cruise in Maine. Others can elect to head down east for additional events at Tenants Harbor on the 7 and a finale Gam in Gilkey Harbor, Isleboro, on the 13<sup>th</sup>. There will be informal races with very creative handicapping, events for children, green watering cans, and, of course, the magnificent coastline we have all grown to love.

Incidentally, to date, 35 boats have expressed intentions of joining the cruise. If you have not yet taken your boat to Maine, this is the cruise to take. Even if you are an experienced boater or sailor, we'll be stopping at places you probably rarely get to. Contact Peter, Betsy or John Kiley for more information.

## **Events for May 2003**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Committee</b>
Sun, May 11	1200	Commissioning Chowder - Mother's Day	Entertainment
Wed, May 21	1930	Racing & Ratings Workshop	Racing
Fri, May 23	1830	Memorial Day Weekend Gam	Cruising
Sun, May 25	1100	Cruising Canvas Race	Cruising
Mon, May 26	1030	Tiller Trophy Race	Racing
Mon, May 26	1200	Memorial Day Picnic	Entertainment
Fri, May 30	1830	Gam	Cruising

### **Manchester Harbor Boat Club announces the 2003 Auction!**

Thursday, May 1 at the American Legion (behind Town Hall). Come one, come all! MYC members and friends welcome! Bring cash! Buy and sell! More action than ebay! Hors d'oeuvres, Cash bar, Free admission. No RSVP necessary, but a sense of humor is required for attendance!

Our very own Skip Seward, Auctioneer Extraordinaire, will wheedle and cajole the money right out of your pocket, so bring plenty! You'll go home richer than you arrived, with great bargains from local businesses and your neighbors' bulging garages!

To Donate or Sell, or For More Information Contact: Alida Bryant, Auction Committee Chair (978) 526-9530 [alidalb@gis.net](mailto:alidalb@gis.net)

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