



The Trident

September 2006

The Newsletter of the Manchester Yacht Club

Please Note the Following Calendar Changes

The Single Handed Race has been moved to September 9, 2006
The Hingham Race has been moved to September 16-17, 2006
The Late Summer/Fall Dance will be held on September 23, 2006

Commodore's Notes

The days are shorter, the heat wave is over, and there's a chill in the air, but there is still a lot going on at the Manchester Yacht Club. September brings the annual "North Channel Confrontation" race between MYC and the Hingham Yacht Club. Despite the name, this is an excellent opportunity for cruisers to do an easy and very informal race. This year we race to Hingham and overnight there. MYC hosts two area-wide PHRF races each summer – the second of these is the Fall Series in late September – even if you don't race you are welcome to the post-race chowder and party. And, there's the Early Autumn Dance and the ever popular Executive Committee Cooks Gam to look forward to.



Host boat Amazon holding fast in the mud during the Perry Creek rendezvous.
This technique makes for a very stable and solid platform during cocktails!

Many thanks to Jim and Nancy Bildner for hosting several Maine cruisers for cocktails the evening before the Perry Creek rendezvous. The Perry Creek rendezvous on *Amazon* was a great success. Thanks to Betsy Winder for hosting us. Thanks also to Bill and Ann Kiley for housing and transporting several “boat-less” yachtsmen and women for the Bildner’s party and the rendezvous.

See you on the water.

Chet Shuman

Commodore

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Vice Commodore’s Notes

This summer, we cruised south to Buzzards Bay and well beyond. We stopped in many yacht clubs some casual and others formal. Talking with people, along the way, we would frequently hear “.. Oh Manchester, what a lovely little harbor..” and “... we had a wonderful time years ago at the Manchester Yacht Club ...”.

As you pass through the club, stop for a moment and take a look around. Imagine yourself coming in for a night or two on your way heading east. Go up to the roof deck and view the harbor and the club from above and notice all the boats flying burgees or sit in one of the rocking chairs and watch the boats and launches coming and going. Our club is a truly unique place.

House Committee Notes

The House Committee has been busy around the Club this summer. Bill Canty and Hazel Spence have been keeping an eye on the galley, utensils and supplies. Anne Walker has coordinated the repair of several of the Club’s rocking chairs which are now back and ready for use. The piano is been fixed and tuned and now ready for music at a fall gam. A new canon has been purchased and can be heard prominently saluting colors at sunset on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings. This fall work we will begin on the deck rebuilding and other general projects around the club. We are always looking for help on the House Committee and for volunteers to get involved – is anyone out there interested in helping organize the Club Library? Call Mory Creighton (526-0034) to get involved and join the group.

Mory Creighton

Vice Commodore

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Rear Commodore’s Notes

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. The Executive Committee wants to encourage members to rent this wonderful clubhouse while at the same time limit rentals to events hosted by a

member and not permit parties where the member simply provides the entrée for a non-member to host an event. There are still late summer and fall days and nights available for member rentals. If you plan to hold a private event or meeting at the club you must make a reservation. Reservations for club rentals are made with the Rear Commodore via 978-590-8858 or the email address below.

Tom Johnson

Rear Commodore

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Racing Committee

Racing Results

One Design – Series I – Day 3

The 3rd and final day of the One Design Series I had the Megabytes and Rhodes 19's competing in 4 races. The wind was light and shifty, but finally filled in out of the west. Marc Poirier won the day by winning 2 races and also taking a 2nd and a 4th. This gave Marc a 3rd place finish for the series. Holly Fabyan won 2 of the 4 Megabyte races and sealed up 1st place for the series. Phil King was near the front of the fleet all day with two second place finishes and a 3rd. This gave Phil 2nd overall for the series. The Rhodes 19 racing was dominated by Dan and Mary Huntoon who won all 4 races. This gave the Huntoon's the series win by a large margin. Charlie Thomas took second in two of the races and finished second for the series. Jeff Bistrong had a second and a third on the final day of racing in Series I, and took third for the series.

One Design – Series II – Day 1

The Rhodes 19's brought 5 boats to the line to kick off the second series. Alan and Leigh Scharfe and won 3 of the 4 races. Dan and Mary Huntoon beat the Scharfe's in the final race and finished second in the other 3 races. The Megabytes got in 5 races and Holly Fabyan won 4 and took a second as well. Phil King had 4 seconds and a first. It looks like Series II is off to a good start.

Upcoming Races

September brings a full month of racing! Please note the dates for the Single Handed Race and North Channel Confrontation have changed. The Single-handed Race is a race not to be missed, and you will not need to find crew! Veteran and novice sailors compete in this annual race which starts off of Gales Ledge. Sign up on the clipboard at the Club or just show up at the 1100 start. A description of the North Channel Confrontation is in the Cruising Committee section.

Sun, Sep 3	1300	One Design Series II Day 3
Sat, Sep 9	1100	Single Handed Race
Sat, Sep 16	1200	North Channel Confrontation
Sat, Sep 23	1100	Fall Cruising Canvas
Sun, Sep 24	1100	Fall Series

Paul McMahon

Race Committee Chairman

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The Tiller Trophy

The most unusual trophy, by far, to be found among the many awards of the Manchester Yacht Club Racing program is the Tiller Trophy. An actual tiller, it stands on its base over five feet high. The plate reads “Emblematic of Superior Helmsmanship in Match Racing”. Its origin was functional as the working tiller for the 55’ Centerboard Ketch, yacht “Alice”. She was owned by Henry Howard, a noted yachtsman, who is credited with initiating “pleasure cruising” in 1892. His trips from Marblehead to Halifax at that time were in contrast to the typical voyages of “commercial intent”. He also played a significant role in the establishment of international races in the early 1900’s, including those for Sonder Class boats.

Inspired in his grandfather’s enjoyment of racing and cruising, our own Tom Townsend has continued both traditions. Tom acquired the tiller and donated it to MYC in 1990, establishing the Tiller Trophy Race. Paradoxically, this race between MYC Juniors and Seniors in boats of equal speed (often Optimists and/or Megabytes), is undoubtedly the most “for fun” of our races, yet it often attracts and honors some of our finest Junior sailors. After a brief hiatus, the Tiller Trophy Race was held again this year with 15 participants and was won by... The Juniors, of course!

The Tiller Trophy currently resides in the library of our clubhouse and is scheduled for a updating this winter. Come by and take a look!

Barb Elliott - Awards



Yacht “Alice” – whose tiller became the Tiller Trophy

Cruising Committee

Gam, Friday, Sept. 8, 1830 hrs

BYO everything for this one. We provide grills and ice.

Note Exchange of dates on the next two:

Single-Handed Race, Saturday, Sept. 9

See description in the Racing Committee Section. A related change moves the

North Channel Race to Hingham, & Overnight, Saturday Sept. 16

The dates shown here reflect a change requested by Hingham Y.C, our host this year for the annual North Channel Race & post-race party. You will note that this postpones the event a week. Every year, we have a race against Hingham in September, assuring us of pretty reliable winds. In even years, the race is to Hingham. They are planning a festive evening ashore for us. We need a minimum of three boats to win, but are hoping for much broader participation this year. Please plan on coming! Sign up on the clipboard at the Club. The start is at 1200 at the North Channel.

Executive Committee Cooks Gam, Friday, Sept. 22, 1830 hrs

Join us for the second of these gams this summer. We provide a grilled dinner for you, along with wine & beer. Just show up and sign in – we'll bill you \$12 for adults, \$5 for kids.



Social gathering before the Buzzards Bay and Newport Cruise Dinner at the New York Yacht Club in Newport

Buzzards Bay & Newport Cruise Summary

Twenty boats and about sixty people participated in our one-week cruise. There were two themes - wonderful wind & weather , and mechanical breakdowns. We had five shore events, including two beach parties, two dinners, and a tour of an oyster farm. The race from Cuttyhunk to Newport was in brisk wind, and we had a magical circumnavigation of Aquidneck Island. Many thanks to all who helped organize this cruise, notably Austin Hoyt, Tom Townsend, and Betsy Winder.

Peter Madsen,

Cruise Committee Chairman

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Entertainment Committee

August Sunday Socials

Many thanks to Lisa Bonneville, Lisa Lillelund, Cass Linchan, and Janet Smith & Amy Reilly for hosting the August socials!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS . . .

Saturday, September 23 — Fall Dance (1900-2300)

Back by popular demand, Barrence Whitfield & the Savages will have MYC rockin' on the first day of autumn — so put on your dancing shoes and invite your friends! Watch your mail and the MYC Web site for details.

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Entertainment Committee Chairman

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Junior Yacht Club



The JYC/MSA August Dance brought another fun and successful summer to a close!

September Events

Date	Time	Event	Committee
Sun, Sep 3	1300	One Design August Series: Day 3	Racing
Mon, Sep 4	1700	Labor Day Picnic	Entertainment
Fri, Sep 8	1830	Gam	Cruising
Sat, Sep 9	1100	Single-handed Race	Racing
Sat, Sep 16	1200	North Channel Race - to Hingham - overnight there	Cruising/Racing
Fri, Sep 22	1830	Executive Committee Cooks Gam	Cruising
Sat, Sep 23	1100	Fall Cruising Canvas	Racing/Cruising
Sat, Sep 23	1900	Late Summer Dance	Entertainment
Sun, Sep 24	1100	Fall Series PHRF	Racing
Sun, Sep 24	1630	Fall Series Chowder and Awards	Racing

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Ten interesting and useful things that you can find on the Club website

1. The latest copy of the Trident (in case you had lost yours) and with the pictures in color if the originals were. In addition to the "web" version, there is also the ability to see and print the "print" version.
2. Old copies of the Newsletter (Announcements and Trident) back through 2003.
3. The history of the Club, and how it evolved.
4. How to display flags, both the club's and others.
5. Extensive links to other yachting websites..all categorized and organized.
6. Weather, tide and wave information for Manchester and environs
7. A full, and current, calendar of club events for the year. There is also a printable version.
8. Names and Email addresses for all the club officers.
9. Racing, Entertainment and Cruising announcements and bulletins.
10. Pictures of you and your friends at many of the MYC events!