

# The Trident

October 2008

The Newsletter of the Manchester Yacht Club

September has been an active month around the Manchester Yacht Club with the Single-handed Race and a strong turnout for the popular Fall Series. The Friday night Gams have started up again and many members enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by the Executive Committee and others. The Entertainment Committee organized the Labor Day Picnic and also a great dance in mid September.

October will hopefully deliver some warm, clear days for fall sailing and boating activities. The Fall Rendezvous has been moved back to Annisquam and you should check the details inside this Trident. The Bang & Go Back Race is a great family event and we hope that you will come out this year and race for a pumpkin! The Decommissioning Chowder is fun for younger and seasoned MYC Members alike and we hope to see you there.

As you pass through the club, in the next few weeks, please join me in recognizing the fine staff that we are so lucky to have at MYC. Jack Fadden and Dave Theriault work hard all season and will be on site for the next three months putting away our docks and boats, sinking moorings and buttoning up the club for the winter. George Vanikiotis, Ron Taylor and Siobhan Collins (who has headed back to college) have driven many miles around the harbor delivering us to and from our boats this season. Carolann Mann has been present at all

our Sunday Socials and in the evenings for late events working behind the scenes and making sure the club is ready to go the next day. Many of you may have heard that Cindy Conway, our Club Administrator, has taken a full-time position and we wish her well with this new endeavor. Going forward we have contracted with a local bookkeeping company for financial details and Carolynn Isham Pitman is overseeing the Club Administration duties. We thank Cindy for her hard work over the last several years and welcome Carolynn into her new role.

Enjoy these fall days on the water!

Mory Creighton  
Commodore



*Narada enjoys some fine late summer sailing*

# AROUND THE CLUB

## **Floats**

Fall days are here bringing clear, crisp air and colorful foliage along the shoreline. It is also a time to prepare for winter. Members with boats on the floats, please remove all boats by Columbus Day, October 13<sup>th</sup> so that the staff can prepare the inside floats for winter storage.

## **Rental Lockers**

If you rented a locker for this season, you should now clean everything out of the locker and return the key to Jack Fadden at the Club before November 9<sup>th</sup>. You will be given priority on renting the same locker again for next season. It is important to get all items out of the lockers to prevent damage to the contents or the locker due to the freezing weather ahead. Any items left in lockers after November 9<sup>th</sup> may be discarded.

## **Yearbook Updates**

Early in the new calendar year we will be sending out a questionnaire asking for updates to your yearbook listing. However, we encourage you to take a look at your 2008 yearbook now and note any changes to your membership or yacht listing. Several members have already submitted changes which will be reflected in the 2009 yearbook. You can submit updates ahead of the questionnaire to Bill Barton at rear-commodore@manchesteryachtclub.org.

## **Clubhouse Rental**

A number of members have used the club for private parties and dinners during the 2008 season. It is a wonderful space and we hope you will consider the club house for a special family function in 2009. You can always request dates early; however, we cannot

confirm dates for the new year until the MYC calendar of club events is finalized in the early spring. So, keep your club in mind for that unique event! If you are interested in renting the club, contact Bill Barton at rear-commodore@manchesteryachtclub.org or 781-820-3267.

## **Entertainment**

The Late Summer Dance was a groovy end to another wonderful summer of events at MYC! Under the skillful leadership of Lisa Lillelund and committee member Paula Filias, over 100 people jammed the night away to the beat of the Evan Goodrow Band. The event was again catered by Bonne Bouche of Hamilton, with not a morsel left. Many thanks to Lisa and Paula who made this event such a success.

The Sunday Socials are sadly over. A big hand goes to this year's hosts: Lisa Lillelund, Anne and Tom Walker, Ed Halsted and Carol Vallone, Tori Macmillan and Deb Bernier, Laila O'Keeffe, Jen Buddenhagen and Janet Jennings Smith, Kitty Crocker Palmer, Lisa Bonneville and George Davis and Tom and Mary Fran Townsend. We already have ideas brewing for next year and look forward to next year's Sunday jamming on the deck. Also from all of us on the committee we thank Carolann Mann who has helped each event be a success.

## **Mark your calendars...**

### **Sunday, October 19 -- Decommissioning Chowder (1200)**

Enjoy a warming chowder and buffet lunch to end the season on a satisfying note. Invitations have been mailed and reservations are due by Wednesday, October 15.

# RACING

## August One Design Series

August 3<sup>rd</sup>, the first day of the August Series, began like the July Series. After a beautiful first race, thunderheads appeared over West Beach, and subsequent races were canceled. The real race was to get in and to put away the boats before the skies opened up. Holly Fabyan, George Putnam, and Leland Wallace took gold, silver and bronze for the day in Megabytes, while Dan Huntoon, Lisa Ginn and Alan Scharfe took the top spots in the Rhodes fleet. Thanks to the race committee of Peter Twining, Paul McMahan and Ed Hand.

August 17<sup>th</sup> was the start of a new weather pattern with a brisk westerly blowing 15-20 knots. In the Rhodes the Huntoons battled it out with the Scharfes, trading 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place with a deciding third race won by Dan Huntoon, so Alan Scharfe settled for 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Charlie Thomas finished 3<sup>rd</sup>. In the megabytes the heavy hitters were excited to be able to throw their weight out on the rail for once and get their boats on a plane. Yes, Megabytes are two person boats, and Holly, along with her daughter Alyssa, did a horizon job on the fleet with three 1<sup>sts</sup>! Leland Wallace finished the day in second with Sandy McIntyre in third. Thanks to the race committee of Mary Fiske and Jerry Jodice with Dave McCue in his crash boat.



August 31<sup>st</sup> was the best race day ever! Not a cloud in the sky with 18-25 knots out of the north, directly off shore, so the seas were

relatively flat. In hindsight it would have been a good idea to have a crash boat to monitor the many capsized Megabytes. As I sailed by Marc Poirier trying to right his capsized boat at a jibe mark, I pulled his son, Brian, out of the water and kept him as crew for the rest of the race. The added weight helped me pick up three places on the last couple of legs. Of the nine megabytes racing only three completed all the races. Holly Fabyan racing with Emmett Snyder managed to keep her boat flat and fast to win, followed by Schyler Glidden in 2<sup>nd</sup> with the father and son team, Marc and Brian Poirier in 3<sup>rd</sup>. Alan Scharfe ran away from the Rhodes fleet with four bullets followed by Dan Huntoon in 2<sup>nd</sup> and Alex Felton in 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thanks to the race committee of Carl Doane, John Bradley and Ed Hand.

The August One Design Series awards were handed out at the August 31 Sunday Social to:

	<b>Rhodes</b>	<b>Megabytes</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Alan Sharfe	Holly Fabyan
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dan Huntoon	Marc Poirier
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Charlie Thomas	Leland Wallace

## North Channel Confrontation Race to Hingham

Originally scheduled for September 6<sup>th</sup>, this event was canceled at the last minute due to the remnants of hurricane Hannah.

## Single-Handed Race -- September 13<sup>th</sup>

Since the North Channel race was canceled, the Race Committee expanded the Single-Handed race by adding a Double-Handed Class to the event. Nine boats started the race at can "5" in a gentle 5 knot southeasterly breeze. John Ledbetter clearly won the start. The course was a triangle course twice around, with Newcombs and Gales as the turning marks. It was a beautiful sail out around Newcombs which brought the fleet very close to the barges building the offshore LNG terminal. Peter Tarr's new boat Cavalier and George Putnam's new Larus quickly

moved to the front of the pack challenging Dave McCue's speed in Redwing with an extra set of hands. Unfortunately, the wind on the way back to Gales allowed only four boats to finish before the time limit. Thanks to Tom Johnson and Ed Hand for their Race Committee work and an extra special thanks to Pat Kozak and David Ellrich for hosting an impromptu awards social for the racers under the tent.

	<b>Single-Handed</b>	<b>Double-Handed</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Cavalier	Redwing
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Larus	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Silkie	

### **Fall Cruising Canvas Race -- September 20<sup>th</sup>**

Eight boats sailed out to the 1100 start of the Cruising Canvas race at Gales Ledge in a dying easterly breeze. Instead of postponing and waiting for the breeze the race started on schedule with Eastern Point as the windward turning mark. After two hours mainsail slapping with the hope that an afternoon sea breeze would arrive, the race was abandoned. Thanks to Peter Twining and Ledyard McFadden for their race committee work.

### **MYC Fall Series -- September 21<sup>nd</sup>**

34 boats raced in eight classes in this year's Manchester Fall Series which succeeded in completing two races in light and variable conditions. In an attempt to maximize the race time for all classes the race committee, with the help of a windward mark stake boat manned by Alex Felton and Dan Huntoon, laid out three variable length courses. Sailing in Cruising Canvas Class F, the last fleet to start, Jim & Linda Hosking's Ares took line honors in both races, and won the overall trophy for the series. The six Class A boats with ratings as low as -6 were given a longer course to compensate for their earlier start time and speed. The real excitement was in the very aggressive J/105 fleet which had a couple of boats over early at the start. Watching the

leeward turning mark was rather entertaining as boats from all classes converged together asserting their right-of-way.



*Mark rounding is always exciting*

The second race started at 1340 after a last minute 60° course adjustment to compensate for a wind shift from 200° to 140°. The starting line stake boat single-handed by Mory Creighton did an outstanding job setting and adjusting the starting line to be square to the wind. The afternoon sea breeze was much more consistent in the second race keeping the fleet even closer together. The classes were spread evenly throughout the race course with Ares winning first to finish line honors in cruising canvas class at 1433 and the last to finish being another cruising canvas boat at 1506, only 33 minutes later. John Bradley's Frolic was the top MYC boat taking second in Class F. Many thanks to Lisa McNamara, George Davis and Jerry Jodice, the Race Committee crew on Trident.



*Emmett Holt awards the Series First Place Trophy to Ares skipper Jim Hosking*

## Fall Series Awards and Chowder

A very special thanks to Louisa Mackintosh for her help in taking full responsibility for running the Fall Series and the Patton Bowl chowders for the last two years! Over 100 people came from six to eight Marblehead boats and many more came by car. I can't tell you how many skippers and crew members came up to me to say what a nice post race event MYC sponsors for the racers. Many thanks to Louisa Mackintosh, Roland Henneberger, Dee Christensen, Pat Kozak, Gwen Holt, Ledyard McFadden, George Putnam, Carolann Mann, Jack Fadden, and Carl Doane (with his Incentive crew manning the grill) for making MYC so hospitable. Barb Elliot and Kirsten Page did a fantastic job selecting, ordering and showcasing the trophies for the series, and for that matter, all of this summer's racing events.



*Competitors fresh from the race course*

## ZOT Competes in Local Racing

Frank McNamara had a busy and fun summer with family and friends racing *ZOT*, his J24. Below is an accounting of his racing successes over the course of the summer.

*ZOT* participated in Marblehead Racing Association's Saturday racing every weekend from Memorial Day to Labor Day, with the exception of the two weekends he was away doing the Bermuda Race with Paul McMahan. Paul reciprocated by crewing on *ZOT* several

times this season as did MYC Race Committee Chair, Emmett Holt.



Frank won MRA's first series in May and early June and placed second in the third MRA series which consisted of 13 races over a number of Saturdays in July and August. In addition to Paul and Emmett, Frank's crew often included son Billy, wife Lisa, MSA instructor Chris Vetter and a rotating cast of friends including Yati McMahan and Holly Fabyan.

The big event of the summer, however, was three days of racing at the end of July in the Marblehead Race Week "NOOD" Regatta. The J24 fleet is very competitive and brought out 17 J24s. *ZOT* started strongly in beautiful weather and light to moderate breeze on Day One with finishes of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, good enough for second place going into Day Two. *ZOT* continued its strong showing on a second beautiful day of light to moderate breeze with finishes of 2-3-5 to hold onto second place going into Day Three. The final day saw slightly heavier air, and *ZOT*'s 10<sup>th</sup> in the first race became its "throw-out." *ZOT*'s final race was a fifth place, still good enough to come in 3<sup>rd</sup> after the tie-breaker with the second place boat.

In late August *ZOT* sailed on a handicap basis in a class of 8 boats for the PHRF New England Regatta. Both days of the regatta featured crystal clear air and moderate wind. *ZOT* clinched its class with finishes of 1-2-3-1-2. There were three other classes on the same starting line, so *ZOT* had plenty of opportunities to gam it up with Carl Doane's

Incentive and other boats between races. In some of the races the classes overlapped and ZOT found itself in the middle of the relatively majestic J/105s and other larger boats. A beautiful sight!

The two-day MRA Labor Day series brought out a total of 8 J24s and fall-like weather with a moderate southeaster on Day One but a shifting and blustery 20 knot Northwesterly on Day Two. After a rather disappointing first day for ZOT due to a case of the "slows" that may have been brought on by a rig that was too loose, ZOT was in for a wild ride on the second day. The high wind required the smaller blade jib and cautious downwind sailing. ZOT's rig was tightened, it played the shifts well and it was able to finish a successful 2008 season with two firsts against four of the better J/24s in the area. In addition to the good memories to take into the winter, these races put ZOT in second place overall for the full summer of MRA J/24 racing!

### **Bang & Go Back Race -- October 19th**

Sunday at 1000 is the season finale with much coveted pumpkins awarded as trophies at the Decommissioning Chowder following the race.

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## **CRUISING**

### **The Gams Continue**

On the first Friday in September, despite the sheets of rain and the impending weekend storm, a hearty group gathered at the Club. Inside kids played the piano and board games. Outside under the canopy, members gathered to watch the sky and make bold predictions about the amount of wind and rain coming our way.

Andy and Ann Devereaux and a team of Executive Committee members rallied well over 100 members and guests for another successful **Executive Committee Cooks** Friday evening. Again, despite the rain, the gathering was spirited and the Club alive with talk of the summer and fall season events. The highlight of the evening, besides the salmon burgers, was Stephen and Liz Loutrel's sailboat. Adelle is a 30-foot (27 on the water line) Concordia-built hull, fitted out by the Loutrel's. She has seven water-tight compartments and is self-righting. The Loutrels gave tours and told stories about cruising in Labrador in Adelle, including daily climbs up some previously unscaled peaks. Thank you to all the cooks and to the Loutrels for a wonderful evening!

### **Upcoming Cruising Events...**

#### **Fall Rendezvous – October 11th**

Roy and Martha Mayne have organized the annual Fall Rendezvous which will once again be back in Annisquam at Alex and Dick Norton's home. The event is on Saturday October 11th at 1800. Alex and Dick Norton have graciously invited their fellow MYC members to celebrate the final Rendezvous of the 2008 MYC Sailing Season at their lovely home on the Annisquam River! Many of us fondly remember this wonderful event at their home in years past, and are eagerly looking forward to enjoying their warm hospitality again this year.

One highlight of this event is that all who attend bring a delicious hors d'oeuvre to share. The result is such a fabulous feast that no one even thinks of going out to dinner afterwards! (Note: the Annisquam Yacht Club next door will be closed to non-members that evening.) The feast will be washed down with the contents of our famous Green Watering Cans -- no need to BYO unless you don't care for rum, bourbon, wine or beer. The Nortons live at 21 River Road, right next to the

Annisquam Yacht Club. If you are coming by sea and would like to pick up a complimentary mooring at the AYC, please contact Waterfront Manager John Herrick at (978) 283-4507, as kindly arranged by Dick Norton.

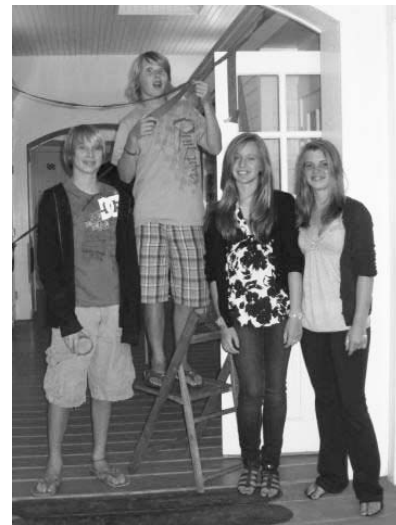
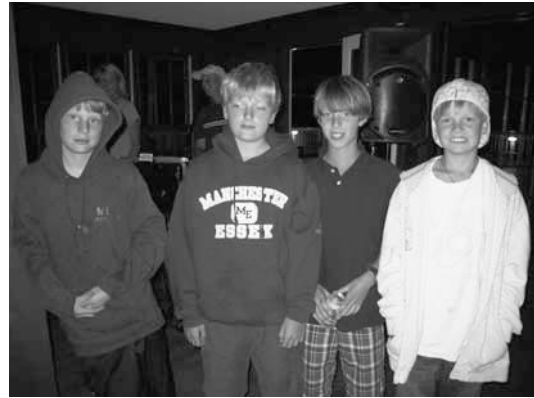
RSVPs are not necessary for this popular event -- see you there -- and we all convey our heartfelt thanks to Alex and Dick for welcoming their fellow club members back into their beautiful home!

## Halloween Gam

Join us on Friday, October 24th at 1830 for a Halloween Gam hosted by Tom Mitchell. Come and enjoy the fall evening with fellow members around the fire. Feel free to dress in costume and bring along a ghost story!

## JUNIOR YACHT CLUB

Over 65 junior members and their guests attended the year-end dance on Saturday August 28<sup>th</sup> despite the prediction of strong evening thundershowers. The event had to move indoors which turned out to be a lot of fun and encouraged much more dancing. The DJ was well received and the kids had a great time. It is great to see the momentum of the Junior Yacht Club growing and we look forward to seeing everyone next year.



## OCTOBER & NOVEMBER EVENTS

Date	Time	Event	Committee
Sat, Oct. 11	1800	Fall Rendezvous in Annisquam	Cruising
Fri, Oct. 17		Weekday Launch Service Ends	
Sun, Oct. 19	1000	Bang and Go Back Race	Racing
Sun, Oct. 19	1200	Decommissioning Chowder	Entertainment
Fri, Oct. 24	1830	Halloween Gam	Cruising
Sun, Nov. 2		Weekend Launch Service Ends	

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