



The Trident

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The Newsletter of the Manchester Yacht Club

COMMODORE'S LETTER

Wow, what wonderful yachting weather so far this season. Our mooring field emptied out on warm August days as boaters took to the water. Members have been on the water and at the Club taking advantage of all this sunshine.

It was a big month for One Design Racing. The One Design Weekend at the beginning of August was a great success, attracting 22 boats sailing twelve races over two days. There were also two days of One Design racing later in the month. Ladies sailing held their regular Wednesday events and capped off their season with four races at the Crocodile Cup. The Manchester Junior Yacht Club had an active month including their Summer Dance. The Sunday Socials were very well attended all month.

August fishing has been good, day sailing excellent, and boating overall had a fine month. Cruisers were especially pleased with a warm relatively fog-free season. Two Maine Rendezvous attracted members cruising east. Twenty five people attended the second one, held at Commodore Shuman's lovely home on the Sheepscot River.

Our September starts off with an active Labor Day weekend. There is a gam on Friday. Members with remote controlled lasers will be doing some racing that evening too. One Design Series 2 racing is Monday afternoon, and the traditional Labor Day Picnic is later that afternoon. Two big events occur the following weekend -- an Executive Committee Cooks Gam on Friday and the North Channel Challenge Race with Hingham Yacht Club on Saturday. The race

destination is Manchester, and we're hoping for a big turnout of MYC boats. The Singlehanded / Doublehanded Race and the Late Summer Dance happen the following weekend. On the final weekend in September, we are holding the 2nd Annual MYC Fishing Derby and the MYC Fall Series Race, and again we're encouraging members to participate in these fun events.

More details about these and other events are found below in Trident. Rumor is the nice weather will continue and make this September another wonderful month for boaters. Looking forward to seeing you on the water and at the Club.

Sincerely,
Tom Johnson
Commodore
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VICE COMMODORE'S NOTES

Launch Service

Please keep in mind that summer launch hours are still in effect through the Labor Day weekend. Following the holiday, the launch hours scale back as they do every season as the days grow shorter. So after the holiday weekend, the hours through October 15 are as follows:

Sunday – Thursday: 0830 to 1800
Friday & Saturday: 0830 to 1900

Bill Barton
Vice Commodore
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RACING

Vaughan Challenge – Junior / Senior Team Race

The Junior team handily dusted off the Seniors in the Vaughn Challenge, a team racing event named after former Junior Yacht Club commodore Joanie Vaughn. This year's Challenge took place on Sunday, July 25 in 420s in sparkling 10 to 12 knot breezes.

The Junior Team consisted of Andrew Glidden and Sam Creighton plus Mimi Leggett and Andy Creighton. The Senior Team consisted of two family boats, Mory and Sarah Creighton and Tony and Antonia Leggett. Scheduling conflicts with Marblehead Race Week kept down the number of Seniors, while the Falmouth Regatta drew off much of the Junior talent. Nevertheless, the two-on-two format led to very exciting team racing as either team needed to win first place and force one opponent into last place to secure a victory.

After a brief chalk talk to go over the rules (team racing rules are very different from the normal rules, making for interesting tactical maneuvers throughout the race), the teams headed out into a rather uninspiring Southwesterly. But shortly after Principal Race Officer Steve Hall took up position on the starting line, the breeze began to build, and Steve whistled for the first of eight triangular courses.

The Juniors got a jump in the first race with a "1,2" finish, but then the Seniors settled into their tactics, and the next several races were very evenly matched with a number of them ending in ties. However, the momentum shifted again, and the Juniors managed two more victories to take a three to one lead after eight races.

The race committee called for the final two races to be triangle–windward–leeward courses. As the wind continued to build, the 420s became lively and difficult to handle on the dead down wind legs, with a few near capsizes. Speeds increased, making for hazardous mark roundings, but allowing for exciting downwind planing.

In these last two races, the Juniors' familiarity with the 420s and their increasing aggressiveness, combined with the Seniors' gradual fatigue (there had already been eight races after all), led to two straight Junior wins. By the end of the final race, the Seniors graciously admitted defeat and decided to head back to the Club for the Sunday Social.

One Design Weekend

The weather gods conspired to provide two perfect days of sailing for Megabyte and Rhodes racers over the One Design Weekend, July 31 and August 1. Sixteen Megabytes showed up on the starting line, hailing from such distant ports as Montreal, Stuart FL, Valley Forge, Annapolis, Atlanta and southern Massachusetts, in addition to the local boats. The Rhodes fleet had smaller numbers, with six boats, but no less fierce competition.



Starting line for the Rhodes 19 fleet during the One Design Weekend (photo by Marion Hall)

Day One started with light breezes building to 15-20 knots by mid-day. The race committee did a spectacular job making the races interesting and working hard to move marks and the line to keep the races tight and square. Late in the day, several Megabyte racers found their boat-righting skills tested after being blown around by the gusty breezes. The chase boats were also kept busy by mounting equipment failures. John Rouse of Stuart FL dominated the Megabytes on Day One, followed by Tony Leggett. In the Rhodes fleet Dan Huntoon had a perfect day with six firsts, and Bill Foye and Alan and Leigh Scharfe were close behind.

At 6pm the shore activities began with a live steel band and an open bar with scrumptious catered food from Petri Catering. By 9pm, however, most racers were feeling their age and had retired for the night.

Sunday brought everyone back to the starting line, but the wind accommodated the tired racers and only built to 10 to 12 knots for the day. In the Megabyte fleet, James Hogg of Montreal and Holly Fabyan performed particularly well, while on the Rhodes side the Scharfes turned the tables on the Huntoons and captured the day's honors.

By 4pm Sunday everyone was off the water and enjoying an early Sunday Social. Race Committee Chair Peter Twining announced the overall winners with great panache. In the Megabytes, John Rouse took first, with James Hogg in second and Leland Wallace, who had sailed consistently throughout the weekend, in third. For the Megabyte sailors, the One Design Weekend also served as the class North American Championship. In the Rhodes, Dan Huntoon edged out the Scharfes for top overall honors, while Bill Foye took third.

Thanks to the support of many members of the Club, the One Design Weekend was a great success. Special kudos go to Megabyte fleet captain Schuyler Glidden for getting sixteen boats to participate. It has been quite some time since the MYC has seen that many one design racers on the starting line.

Ladies Sailing – Crocodile Cup

The 34th annual Crocodile Cup race was held on Sunday, August 22nd. See full article at right.

Racing Awards Ceremonies – New Policy

The Race Committee, in conjunction with the Executive Committee, has decided to hand out more of the awards immediately following the conclusion of the particular race or series rather than waiting for the December Dinner. This provides more immediate gratification for the racers, as well as speeding up the formal proceedings at the December Dinner.

As a result, the awards ceremonies following the last race of the One Design series on Labor Day will be for the first series, the second series, and

for the overall season results. Similarly, the Brewer Cup and other awards for the Single/Doublehanded Race will be handed out on Saturday, September 18 after the completion of the race.

Peter Twining
Racing Committee

LADIES SALING

The Crocodile Cup race continues a sailing tradition at MYC that began in 1976 by Mrs. Uriel Haskell Crocker, an accomplished sailor and an enthusiast of women in sailing.

On August 22nd, four Rhodes set out to the course under light rain, with winds 4-5 knots from the SSE. With the loss of wind toward the end of the first race, there was some discussion of trying to re-schedule the event. However, just as the racers began to sail off of the course the wind rallied, and they decided to continue racing. Andrew Sheriff skillfully set each course, and officiated four races with assistance from Andrew Vanikiotis, Michael Enright and Don Seitzinger. Thank you to Michael Enright for taking photographs to document the day, and capturing photos of a young harbor seal that appeared to be cheering all of us on as we rounded the reach mark.



Taking top honors this year was Alyssa Fabyan, with her able crew and Mom, Holly Fabyan, in *Color Me Gone*. Placing second was *Day Tripper* sailed by Lisa McNamara and her fine crew Paula Filias. Third place honors went to *Aralia* raced by Pat Kozak and her able crew Louisa Mackintosh. Fourth place went to *Wildflower* raced by Dee Christensen and her fine crew Patti Mitchell.



Participants in the 2010 Crocodile Cup

It was an afternoon of good-spirited racing, with the fun continuing back at the clubhouse with the presentation of lovely etched glass pitchers for the top three skippers, and engraved picture frames for their crew. A special thank you to Kirsten Page for coordinating the beautiful awards and award ceremony, and to Andrew Sheriff and his team for making another Crocodile Cup a success.

Pat Kozak, Chairman Ladies Sailing/Racing

Dee Christensen
Executive Committee/Ladies Sailing

ENTERTAINMENT

By the time this goes to press, the Sunday Socials will sadly be over. These popular get-togethers continue to be welcomed and enjoyed by members coming from and going to the water and by those who come down just for this event. I know MYC members will join me in thanking the hosts of these events for their culinary and creative contributions and for making this a festive and welcoming occasion. This year's hosts were: *Anne and Tom Walker, Lisa Bonneville, Ed Halsted, Constance Leahy (with her able assistant Philip), Jen Buddenhagen, Janet Jennings Smith, Laila O'Keefe, Pam Nelson, Cathleen Moore, Lena Noble and new member Paula Filias.* Thanks also to *Carolann Mann* whose bartending skills and friendly presence are always appreciated at any event.

If you would like to help out with a Sunday Social next year or pair up with someone, please do let me know. Helping out with a social or other event is a fun way to get involved and meet other MYC members.

Mark Your Calendars....

Monday, September 6 -- 1600: ***Labor Day Picnic***

This is the second year of a new format for the Labor Day Picnic, which was very popular last year and the brainchild of Jane Stirgwolt. A cash bar and light fare will be offered **at 1600.** At **1700,** the grills will go on. This is a nice way to blend the atmosphere of a Sunday Social with a traditional family picnic. The awarding of prizes for the One Design Racing Series will also be taking place at 1630, so this promises to be an active afternoon. Do bring family and friends down for a relaxing and enjoyable way to usher in the labors of September.



The Booty Vortex Band

Saturday, September 18 -- 1900: ***Late Summer Dance – Rock the Dock***

Kick up your heels to the ever popular rocking retro/funk tunes of the Booty Vortex Band. A bar and light fare will be there to sustain you. Look for your invitation in the mail, and bring your friends!

Ann Noble-Kiley
Entertainment Committee

MANCHESTER SAILING ASSOCIATION

MSA -- In Need Of Boats

Manchester Sailing Association is completing another successful season teaching local children the "joy of messing about in boats". It takes many vessels of all types to keep everyone safely out on the water. Several of our hard bottom motorized vessels are nearing the end of their useful life for MSA due to on-going expensive maintenance problems with engines and hulls. If any MYC members become aware of boaters who would be interested in donating either a motorboat with good years of life remaining that MSA could put to use here, or a boat that MSA could sell and then put the proceeds towards a purchase, please know that MSA is a non-profit entity and any and all such donations would be much appreciated by MSA and tax deductible for the donor. If interested in making a donation, please contact Lisa McNamara at 978-468-4762 or president@manchestersailing.org.

MSA R19 Boats Are Available For MYC Use

Want to go sailing? The MSA Rhodes 19s are available for sailing by the MYC membership on weekends from the end of June to mid-September.



Contact Alex Felton for details at 978-468-4850 or afelton@comcast.net

SHIPS STORE

MYC Burgee Pin

If you are allowed to buy only one accessory to update your look this season, what should you get?

We would recommend a MYC Burgee Pin. Many of you have been asking for this signature piece -- a must have this season. It's something that would update your boating gear and your Little Black Dress. This enameled burgee pin is a signature accessory that would give your regular outfits a new lease of life. At the same time, this very piece is something you can wear for many years to come and possibly pass down as an heirloom for future generations.



MYC's Ships Store has recently received a shipment of enameled burgee pins. They are now on sale for \$10 each. To order yours before supplies run out, contact Debbie Ledbetter at shipsstore@manchesteryc.org or (978) 526-1662. Also, consider other MYC fashion items for you and your family – belts, hats, shirts, neck ties, etc.

CRUISING

Buzzards Bay and Narragansett Bay Cruise – July 24-30

For those of us enamored by the beautiful coast of Maine, the Southern Coast of Massachusetts, offering warm waters and predictable winds in Buzzards and Narragansett Bays, was a most pleasant discovery. Surprisingly uncrowded harbors, friendly people, and wonderful beaches made us “northerners” very glad that we had dared to venture south for a change.

The first event was a delicious raw bar and barbecue on Monday, July 26 at the gorgeous home of Felicity and Austin Hoyt on the Slocum River in Padanaram. This feast featured Austin’s famous recipes – including wonderful ribs – and Felicity’s equally famous hospitality, and was a most auspicious start to the cruise.



MYC Cruisers at the home of Felicity and Austin Hoyt

The next day, most of us sailed on towards Bristol, with several boats pulling into Third Beach off of the Sakonnet River. The highlight of this improvised rendezvous was an hors d’oeuvres/cocktail party aboard *Walkabout*.

Our visit to Bristol on Wednesday, July 28 was both breezy and brilliant, with fascinating educational tours of the Herreshoff and America’s Cup Museums. That evening we enjoyed GWCs and an excellent steak tips-plus-plus dinner under the museum tent, with so much fabulous food that the leftovers continued on with us and made an encore at our final gathering at Buzzards Yacht Club in Pocasset Harbor.

Pat and Tom Foley were the gracious hosts of this seaside GWC event on Friday, July 30, with Pat’s spectacular hors d’oeuvres banquet, featuring a colorful and tasteful presentation of fresh fruit shish-kebabs and other treats. It is safe to say that a good time was had by all, and we “northerners” are happy indeed to have expanded our cruising horizons. Many thanks go to cruise coordinators Tom Walker and Roy Mayne.

Mid-Coast Maine Rendezvous

On Wednesday, August 18, twenty five members and friends converged on past-Commodore Shuman’s lovely home at the southern tip of Westport Island overlooking Sheepscot Bay for a seafood lasagna lunch. Hardy thanks go to Chet and Evelyn for organizing the event and providing the sumptuous lunch.



Eva Johnson, Maudy Barton, Ranny Barton, and Ann Noble-Kiley arriving at the Shuman’s

Mid-afternoon we climbed back aboard our boats and cruised up the Sheepscot River on a rising tide and following breeze to the Cross River and through the Oven Mouth. Currents running three to four knots through the narrow Mouth deposited us in the still tree lined bay inside. We anchored that evening in what has to be one of the most pristine bays / hurricane holes on the Maine coast -- lots of room to anchor and not a building in sight. That evening we held a traditional green watering can gam with shared hors d’oeuvres aboard rafted *Orion*, *Sarsaparilla*, and *Myra*.



Relaxing on the lawn at the Shuman's

The next morning, some of us dingied to the south shore of the Ovens Mouth where we found many miles of woods and waterfront trails to walk.

Mark Your Calendars....

See the calendar of events on the following page for additional Cruising Committee events.

Charlie Newhall
Cruising Committee

MEMBERSHIP

The health and viability of any organization such as the Manchester Yacht Club is dependent upon the recruitment of suitable new members. The Membership and Executive Committees encourage you to identify and nominate new people to our club. Although the nomination process set out below for election of new members is a formal one, it is not designed to be cumbersome or protracted. All questions about procedure and status should be directed to the Membership Committee Chair. To initiate the process, you as a prospective sponsor should do the following:

1. Contact the MYC Membership Committee Chair or MYC Secretary to inform him/her of your intention to nominate. You will be asked to complete and return a brief form, identifying the proposed candidate(s) and MYC members who know the candidates. After the Membership Committee has made such inquiries

as it deems appropriate, its Chair will advise you when step two, below, is appropriate.

2. Provide an opportunity for the Membership Committee members, flag officers and members of the Executive Committee to meet the proposed candidate. (Frequently, several sponsors will jointly host an affair such as a cocktail party for this purpose.)

3. Although not required, it is requested that you attend several MYC events with your candidate, introducing them to the general membership.

4. After steps one through three have been completed, the Secretary, when so directed by the Membership Committee, will provide you as the sponsor with the Proposer and Seconder forms. Proposers and Seconders must have been members in good standing for at least three years. Make sure that the Proposer and Seconder forms are filled out completely. In addition you must secure at least four letters of recommendation from members other than the Proposer and Seconder, which specifically detail experience that the writers have had with the prospective member(s) both on and off the water. All persons writing letters must have been members in good standing for at least one year.

5. Manage this process to ensure timely completion. Forward the complete package to the Secretary for forwarding to the Membership Committee. Incomplete folders will be returned.

6. Once the complete package is reviewed and accepted by unanimous action of the Membership Committee, the name(s) of the proposed candidates will be posted to the entire membership.

7. Any adverse comment from the membership will automatically refer the candidacy back to the Membership Committee for investigation and deliberation.

8. The Membership Committee Chair will notify the Proposer of the outcome of the entire process and successful candidates will be notified of their election by the Secretary.

9. Once notified of such election, the Proposer should introduce the new members to the Club Captain and the general membership.

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER EVENTS

Date	Time	Event	Committee
SEPTEMBER			
Fri, Sep 3	1830	Family Gam - Remote Controlled Laser Racing	Cruising
Mon, Sep 6	1300	Series Two - One Design Race - Day 3	Racing
Mon, Sep 6	1700	Labor Day Picnic	Entertainment
Fri, Sep 10	1830	Executive Committee Cooks Gam	Cruising
Sat, Sep 11	1200	North Channel Race with Hingham to Manchester	Cruising/Racing
Sat, Sep 18	1300	Single-Handed & Double-Handed Race	Racing
Sat, Sep 18	1900	Late Summer Dance	Entertainment
Sat, Sep 25	0900	Second Annual Fishing Derby	Cruising
Sun, Sep 26	1100	MYC Fall Series	Racing
Sun, Sep 26	1630	Fall Series Chowder and Awards	Racing

Date	Time	Event	Committee
OCTOBER			
Sat, Oct 2	1000	Fall Rendezvous	Cruising
Fri, Oct 15		Daily Launch Service Ends	Club
Sun, Oct 17	1000	Bang and Go Back Race	Racing
Sun, Oct 17	1200	Decommissioning Chowder	Entertainment
Sat, Oct 23	1830	Gam - Season's Adventures	Cruising
Sun, Oct 31		Weekend Launch Service Ends	Club

Please contact the appropriate committee member if you'd like any additional information on the events above.

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