



The Log

MONOMOY YACHT CLUB

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FROM THE FLAG

As we are flying home from Croatia from our MYC Sailing Trip, I must report that 24 of us experienced marvelous sailing and adventures in quaint small villages as well as tours of Split and Dubrovnik. Our hotels in Trogir and Dubrovnik were first rate with many thanks due Sidney for arranging the details which went off without a hitch. Our Croatian Captains were extreme! Well qualified and we ended with new sailing skills learning their method of Med Style approach to bulk heads. Our four boats all experienced great comradeship and enjoyed dinners ashore with "our own" boats and also mingling with the other boat crews at times. The people we met from Croatia and other nations were very friendly and delightful to meet.

We look forward to plans for another overseas sailing adventure in the future. If you missed this one, get information and consider joining us in them. Some are interested in sailing this coast again going to different islands since we only visited six out of three hundred!!

Thanks to Len too for his help in organizing this trip with Sidney.

We look forward to the boating season hoping for better weather than last year. Participate in the rendezvous if you are a boat owner. Call the Captains, Dennis and Harry and call them also if you would like to participate, but are not a boat owner. The Cruise Schedule will be put together in June, July and August by the skippers who want to participate. Call Len at 508-945-1106; he will set a meeting date for skippers to plan each month.

Let's make this years' participation the best yet!!

Betty Magnusson, Commodore

Spring has arrived, April was not its usual raw cold month. With a run of good weather we hope your boats are launched and the season is underway. The Monomoy Season is certainly under way. A group of our members have returned from sailing in Croatia. See From the Flag.

The seminars are taking place this month. These were well planned and, we hope, well attended.

The Entertainment Committee has again come up with new activities which have been very enjoyable. The Chinese New Year's Banquet was great fun and a good introduction to Chinese cuisine beyond chow mem. The Kentucky Derby Party was a great change in a super venue. The projection TV put us right in the center of the action. The food was great and reflected a lot of hard work on the part of the committee. The "betting" and prizes made for a great afternoon, Jeff and Bette Hahner and their committee deserve lots of praise for the great job they have done and are doing. On a personal note their help with the production of the Log when our dates coincide has been tremendous. Thanks!

We are a co-operating group with Boat U.S. Boat U.S. is the largest group pushing for the rights of recreational boaters and is deserving of our support. As a member of a co-operating group you are entitled to join for half price - \$15. Your membership includes a subscription to the Boat U.S. magazine. This is a great magazine packed with informative articles for the boater. Also included with your membership are Member rewards for shopping at West Marine, \$50 on water and on the road towing, with the option of increasing the amounts, discounts at marinas of fuel, overnight slips and repairs plus several other benefits.

If you are currently a Boat U.S. member and are not paying the reduced rate, on your next renewal under "Group ID" on the application enter the number "GA 83578Y" and Monomoy Yacht Club on the next line. Or call me, George Fisk, and I have applications already marked. Also call with any questions.

As a Yacht Club our main activities are on the water and our Fleet Captains, Dennis Schock and Harry Cutts, have planned a great series of rendezvous for our pleasure. Check your yearbook for dates and join in the fun. In most cases these end with a picnic on the beach or in a raft-out. Any questions, call Dennis or Harry but plan now and get out on the water with your friends.

Dennis has noted below two popular East Side Rendezvous which require reservations. Please note the dates.

Wednesday, June 23 Cruise to the Wequassett Inn for lunch. Come by boat or by car, beginning at 11:30, Open seating and buffet lunch offish & chips, grilled Kobe burger, grilleid chicken ceasar salad and curried chicken salad. \$25 per person, includes tax and tip. Please send your check made out to Hal Knapp, 332 Riverview Dr., Chatham, MA 02633-1114. Send by June 14th - no reservations or cancellations after this date. Any questions call Hal at 508-945-5067. Boaters, please discharge passengers at Wequassett dock by 11:30.

Friday, Aug 20 Lobster roll on the beach, again catered by Chatham Fish and Lobster. This year we will be adding a turkey club wrap. Jackknife Beach Cove at 12 noon. Come by boat or by car. More information to follow. Any questions call Dennis Schock at 508-945-3128.

A FEW REMINDERS:

BYOB

Now that the season is here, the MYC BYOB's are 2 times instead of 1 each month. Take your turn to sign up to host. It is easy; you only need to bring ice, open and tidy up. Call or email Sally Foster to volunteer!!! 508-945-4821 bJakejSalujiiJnit_edu

MYC Docks and Moorings - Spring 2010

Just a quick reminder, the Club maintains a floating dock for convenience of members and visiting guests, at Stage Harbor Marine launch dock. It is to be used for securing small boats and used only for tenders to access moorings. All boats must be registered with the Docks and Mooring Committee and pay a \$25.00 for a sticker to be affixed to the inside transom of the tender. (Please see details and requirements in current year book).

The Club also maintains two moorings in Stage Harbor for Club members and visiting guests.... (Details on reserving moorings are in the year book or call Frank Messina, 508- 432-4933, Docks and Moorings Chair)

E-MAIL REMINDER

MYC sends out e-mail reminders for periodic functions. If you have an e-mail address and are not receiving MYC messages, please send your name and e-mail address to - CLJONBRKS@ comcast.net ^Thanks, John

In the January⁷ issue of the Log we told of the work of the Life Saving Service and I made reference to a book by William P. Quinn, Shipwrecks Around Cape Cod. Another great book by Mr. Quinn, Cape Cod Maritime Disasters, tells more of the story of the Life Saving Service. I also learned Mr. Quinn still resides in Orleans and many of his books are still in print as is The Outermost House by Henry Beston which I recommended as required reading for all "Washashores",

One of the tools of the Life Saving Service was the Breeches Buoy whereby survivors on wrecked ships could be brought to shore without launching a surf boat. A line was fired across the vessel from a special gun developed at the Springfield, MA Armory. The main

line was made fast to the ship and secured to a rigging ashore. A second line was used to pull the "breeches buoy" from ship to shore. The breeches buoy was a sack like device with two holes for a seaman's legs much like pants or breeches. The breeches buoy was used until the coming of helicopters.

During the months of July and August at 6:00 P.M. on Thursday evenings there is a demonstration of the use of the Breeches Buoy at the Provincetown Visitors Center of the National Seashore. It is interesting to note that the grandfather of the man who conducts this drill, Richard Ryder, was a member of the Life Saving Service in Chatham. I suggest you call the Visitors Center 508-487-1256 for directions to the site of the demonstration.

I want to thank Connie and Dick Lyman for arranging the printing and mailing of this issue of the Log. All of us involved in the Log took vacations at different times.