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FROM THE FLAG

Commodore Julius Lempner

Heat, humidity, the rain storms from the East dissipating before they reach our area, yet a little fungus attacking our lawns. Yup, we must be on Cape Cod. But none of this affecting the host of Club activities. The seminars have been nothing short of outstanding, sailing in the sound and thereabouts is in full swing, a couple of great rendezvous/raft-outs, and house parties as popular as ever.

And on top of all that, look what's new this year! While not fully organized MYC events, several of our members have been participating in sailboat races with Stage Harbor Marine and Stage Harbor Yacht Club. The Ladies' Bridge group is now meeting regularly every week or so, and Sunday evening Harbor Hangouts are becoming one of the more popular Club activities with a new grill and often over 30 enjoying an evening overlooking Stage Harbor. And of note in the Communications Group are the several announcements appearing in the local press of our events that were open to the public. And I'm happy to say that our wait list for membership is again up to about a one year wait.

Finishing off the season will be more of the above, plus the Annual Meeting at the clubhouse on September 3, the Beach Party at Hardings Beach on September 7, and the Commodore's Luncheon at Chatham Bars Inn on October 12. I hope to see everyone there. Safe and pleasant boating. ■

MYC ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, September 3, at 10:00 a.m. Come to the clubhouse to get the latest information on the state of the club and exercise your right to vote on the important issues affecting our club. In particular, one vote per membership will be sought from all those who attend and all those who submit their proxy, mailed to the memberships on June 30. Your approval of the slate of officers and board of governors is needed as well as your vote on the proposed By-Laws changes approved by the Board of Governors.

It is still not too late to send in your proxy. If your proxy is misplaced, you can get a copy from the website, monomoyc.org, in the Members Only area. An article explaining the rationale for some of the By-Laws changes is included in this Log on page 4.



Safety Inspection Program

AND IT WON'T HURT A BIT!

By Bob Doyle, Vice Commodore

During one of MYC's seminars this year, representatives from both the U.S. Power Squadron and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary gave brief overviews of the Safety Inspection Program currently available to boat owners. The service is free and non-intrusive. In the past, of course, I had heard of this service but had never felt the need to partake of it because I felt any of my boats would be beyond reproach and surely would pass muster should the Coast Guard board any of them.

Sailing/Racing on Nantucket Sound

by Frank Messina

The weather has been mixed for sailing on Nantucket Sound this summer. Although there have been stretches of good weather for cruising to Nantucket, the Vineyard and other points west and keeping many boats active on the water, an "old" MYC yachting activity has re-emerged.

Drew Meincke with Stage Harbor Marine, (SHM), has organized "informal PHRF" * sailboat races in Nantucket Sound off Harding's Beach. A number of MYC boats have joined other Chatham sailors for late afternoon/early evening's races over the summer. Drew has raced a number of FI-GAWI, Newport Race Week and other Cape races and has been assigning PHRF handicap ratings and posted race results on the SHM website. In addition to racing our own boats, there have been a number of MYC members "crewing".

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* Performance Handicap Racing

This July I decided that it might not be a bad idea to have a Safety Sticker displayed on my boats as added insurance to deter the interruption by the Coast Guard of any enjoyable activity I might be having on the water. The Safety Sticker doesn't mean the Coast Guard won't board you for an inspection, but it would seem that if two boats are near each other and one has a Safety Sticker and the other one doesn't, the logic would be for the Coast Guard to board the boat without the Sticker. (I worked for the government for a long time so I know logic doesn't always come into play with the government!) But anyway, I decided to avail myself of the opportunity to have these free inspections. Dave Van Wye is an inspector for the U.S. Power Squadron and Harry Cutts is an inspector for the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. Both are members of MYC. The Safety inspection and the sticker are the same regardless of which agency conducts the inspection.

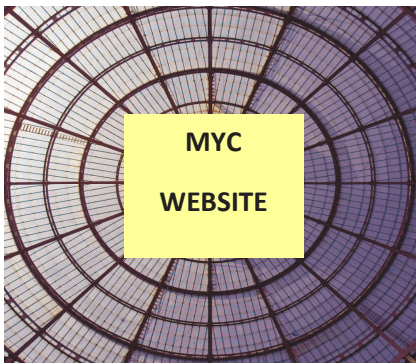
I called Dave Van Wye and he very graciously came out to the moorings in Oyster River. My old Whaler passed with flying colors and was given a Safety Sticker but our Island Packet sailboat didn't fair so well. My forward running light didn't work and the documentation board, although epoxied to the bulkhead, had somehow been dislodged. As with most things electrical the elements had attacked the navigation light bulb and I replaced it. Reattaching the Documentation Board wasn't quite as simple as it sounded but with the help of my wife, Noreen, the board was successfully reunited with the bulkhead. Subsequently, I was issued a Safety Sticker for the sailboat as well.



All in all, it made me aware that even experienced boaters can overlook safety issues especially when you're concentrating on the other issues like painting the bottom or commissioning the engine. Of course,

there is no issue more important than the safety of your boat and your crew. I would encourage all MYC members who have boats to take advantage of these inspections. You can call Dave at 508-945-2435 or Harry at 508-432-1365 for further information. And it won't hurt a bit!

Wishing you safe boating! ■



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Racing continued

MYC has been reaching out to other Yacht Clubs and looking for areas of cooperation -- cruising, racing, etc...we joined Stage Harbor Yacht Club's, (SHYC), Henry T. Woodland Blue Water Race in July and hope for more cooperative efforts.

MYC has a very successful seminar program this year, which focuses on boating skills. We wanted to introduce other members to racing.... learning more about the sport... providing a seminar on racing, rules, regulations, practices, etc.....and are planning to add to the program next spring, which will be taught by SHYC sailing/racing instructors.

We also hope to start a Racing Committee at MYC next spring. If you are interested in participating in the remaining 2011 races or to be part of a MYC Race Committee in 2012, call or e-mail Frank Messina (Malabar). ■

By-Laws Revisions—Rationale

By Commodore Julius Lempner

This message is in response to inquiries received regarding two of the proposed changes in the By-Laws.

Article VI, Sec. 5 and Article XV, Sec. 3 (currently Article XVI)

Current article:

Expenditures of funds by the Club including Capital Funds up to \$20,000 shall be by authorization by the Board of Governors. All appropriations for Capital expenditures in excess of \$20,000 shall be made by a 2/3 vote of the membership.

Proposed article:

All expenditures by the Club shall be authorized by the Board of Governors. In addition, expenditures in excess of \$25,000 require a three-quarters vote of the members present or voting by proxy at a meeting convened in accordance with Article XI, Sec. 4.

Rationale for the change:

(a) \$20,000 was defined at least 11 years ago. \$25,000 is proposed solely due to inflation.

(b) In the past the Club has interpreted "2/3 vote of the membership" to mean 2/3 of all 200 members, and any member not voting was counted as a vote against. This practice required the Board to phone all members who did not vote in person or submit a proxy. The number of calls often approached 100, logistically a difficult, time-consuming and impractical chore.

A survey of the by-laws of over a dozen local and other yacht clubs around the country revealed that all but one counts only the votes made either in person or by proxy at a duly convened meeting. The number of votes required for passage varied from 2/3 to 3/4. The one exception counts votes only from those present and does not count proxies.

The situation is akin, for example, to residents voting on a town warrant. Typically, the only votes counted are from those present at the town meeting, or those collected at the polls (including proxies). Residents not attending the meeting or voting at the polls are not counted as "no" votes.

(c) The percentage of favorable votes is changed from 2/3 to 3/4 to assure a higher consensus of opinion regarding major financial matters.

Article XVII (currently Article XV)

Current article:

The By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Club by a two-thirds vote of the membership provided the proposed amendment is submitted in writing to the Board of Governors thirty days in advance of the meeting.

Proposed article:

The By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Club by a two-thirds vote of the members present or voting by proxy, provided the proposed amendment is submitted in writing to the Board of Governors thirty days in advance of the meeting. Notice and posting of this meeting would follow the same procedure as an Annual Meeting as specified in Article XI, Sec. 4.

Rationale for the change:

The same as Item (b) above.

I hope that this clarifies the proposed changes and the rationale for the changes. Again, the Board of Governors has approved these changes, and urges you to cast your vote. Should you still have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me, and I hope to see you at the Annual Meeting. ■

Up and Coming for August and September

Harbor Hangout



Our Sunday afternoon Harbor Hang-outs are continuing to gain more and more participation. We've had some beautiful weather to help us along, and the new BBQ grill has easily stood up to the number of people cooking. We're having lots of laughs; a nice mix of new members & long-time members and guests. Remember it is every Sunday around 5pm. Stop in and check it out.

Decommissioning Seminar



Go back to school on September 14 with Cliff and Kegan Berner of the Oyster River Boatyard at the MYC Club House. You'll

learn how to get your boat ready for its long winter nap, and what new products and technology are available to make the job easier. See the website for more information.

Commodore's Luncheon



Our annual Commodore's Luncheon will be held Wednesday, October 12th, at noon. After many

years we are returning to the Chatham Bars Inn. This event will be held at their Beach House facility. Thanks to Hal Knapp and Roger Donald, the club's cannon is now ready to start this function with a "bang."

A big thank you to all the committee members who supply the wonderful activities and events for the Monomoy Yacht Club!

MYC Ladies Bridge Group

About twenty ladies from the club have been getting together to play a friendly game of bridge on Tuesdays from 1 - 4 PM at the clubhouse. We rotate after four hands and have been using Chicago (party) scoring. It's a great chance to meet other club members. We welcome new players. Just e-mail Carol Aaron at ipacapecod@aol.com or Ann Hosmer at ahosmer@aol.com, if you'd like to join us.

Boating Activity

- * **Aug 19**
Poker Run - South
- * **Sept. 10**
Oyster Pond Raft Out
- * **Sept. 12**
Crow's Pond Raft Out

MYC House Parties

August BYOBs are on Aug. 16 and 18, and September BYOBs are on September 20 and 22, Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 5 pm to 7 pm.

Movie Night

Movie Night at the Monomoy will resume on September 23. The film genre will be an animated movie sure to entertain even the oldest adult that attends. Bring something for dinner, and a favorite beverage. We supply the movie, the popcorn, and the background factoids on the movie.



MYC Summer Beach Party

Our annual beach picnic will be held at Hardings Beach on **Wednesday, September 7th**. Members and guests will be rewarded with great food and hopefully good weather (rain date is the 8th!). This event is being chaired by Ron and Rita Broman who will need all the help they can get. Come be a part of the fun at the largest group activity of the Club. Please contact either Rita or Bette Hahner to volunteer. See the flyer at <http://monomoyyc.org/2011MYCSummerBeachParty.pdf>

Welcome our New Members

Nine new members joined MYC after interviews in June. Please welcome them when you see them at the activities and events!

- Noble (Terry) and Paula Hansen
- Rick and Betty Hann
- Peter and Kathy Watts
- Whitney and Leslie Burr
- Bernie and Elaine Pfeiffer
- Bob and Winifred Lear
- David and Nancy Wilber
- Bob and Peg Black
- John and Ilene Bendas