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FROM THE FLAG

By Julius Lempner, Commodore

So many empty moorings everywhere! Some of the larger sailboats from Stage Harbor are already perched along side the marina. And I can count the boats still moored in Pleasant Bay on one hand. The protected waters of Ryder's Cove and Round Cove, however, still have several of the stalwarts hanging on pretty much until the snow flies. Including me. Maybe a couple of weeks more.

I guess it is time to acknowledge the virtual end of another great boating season. And a wonderful year of activities in the yacht club. The rendezvous, the sailing trips to the islands and other nearby destinations, sailboat racing in its embryonic stages, the many excellent seminars and training session, the Kentucky Derby party, the beach party, Harbor Hangouts, the Commodores' Luncheon, the Atwood House Tour, and the house parties that will continue on into the next millennium.

It is also time to give a big thank you to the chairs and members of all the Club's committees that made this past year's activities so successful. I am delighted that so many of the folks are continuing on. And to those that are not, again, my sincere thanks for your excellent service to the Club. A huge welcome to the new committee chairs and their new members. Please feel free to call upon me or any members of the Board or other committees for help in another successful year.

And on behalf of the entire Club, a special thank you goes to retiring Governors John Brooks, Regina McDowell and Ali van der Burg for their many contributions over their three years of service on the Board. They will surely be missed. We all welcome new Board members Harry Cutts, Pinky Scarlatelli and Dennis Schock.

Last but certainly not least, my sincerest gratitude to Dick Lyman for his *many* years of service as the Club's Treasurer. Dick's praise year after year by the Audit Committee for his conscientious attention to detail not only in managing the Club's day-to-day finances and investments, but also in helping to set realistic annual budgets, is certainly echoed by me and the entire Board. Thank you, Dick, and a hearty welcome to Alan Sachtleben, our new Treasurer. The Club is fortunate to have so many capable and enthusiastic members. ■



CLUB NOTES



Personal Use of the Clubhouse

From J. Lempner

One of the benefits of Club membership is the availability of the clubhouse for any exclusive personal/private events at a time that is not already reserved for either a Club function or at the request of another member.

To reserve the clubhouse, Judy Chesley, House Reservations, must be contacted either by e-mail (kenjudy214@aol.com) or by phone (508-945-7546). At that time Judy will reserve the clubhouse, provide the combination to the door lock, and for security and safety reasons, provide the written protocol for opening and closing down the facility. The protocol is also posted on the bulletin board in the clubhouse. ■

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GET WELL AND SYMPATHY CARDS

From J. Lempner

Custom Monomoy Yacht Club Get-Well and Sympathy cards have been designed for sending to those who are or have been ill, or in the event of a member's passing. The cards are mailed by Lorraine Canavan, chair of the Club's Sunshine Committee (a committee of one). If any member is aware of a situation where a card would be appropriate, please contact Lorraine at 508-945-2916, or e-mail (lorraine-bob@comcast.net). ■

Purchases from the Club Stores

From J. Lempner

The holidays are coming. Be sure to check the great selection of items in the Club Stores. Usually someone will have access to the Stores at all the social functions in the clubhouse. Or at any time should there be an urge for shopping, contact Joe or Pinky Scarlatelli at 508-945-3832, or by e-mail (josephscar@verizon.net), or Eric or Lynne Hartell at 508-945-2960 (e-mail: ehartell@gmail.com). ■

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Did You Hear the One About...?

An old sea captain was sitting on a bench by the wharf when a young man walked up and sat down. The young man had spiked hair and each spike was a different color...green, red, orange, blue and yellow. After a while the young man noticed the captain staring at him.

"What's the matter old timer, never done anything wild in your life?"

The old captain replied, "Got drunk once and married a parrot. I was just wondering if you were my son"!

FOR YOUR ENTERTAINMENT

By Bette Hahner

Group Chair, Social Activities

The annual Commodore's Luncheon was held at the Chatham Bars Inn on October 12th and attended by 147 members. At exactly 1:00 P.M., under semi-cloudy skies, the club's cannon announced the beginning of the presentation of officers to the membership. Following bagpiper Bill Burley, five past Commodores led the procession into the Beach House followed by the Flag Officers and Commodore.

This traditional event is the only event subsidized by the club and is our largest formal gathering. Usually held earlier in the season, this year it was moved to after Columbus Day to take advantage of contracting for exclusive use of the facility. At present, we are limited to three locations large enough to hold our group with water view properties as one of the priorities. While operating within a budget we have tried to vary menus to accommodate all tastes. The Entertainment Committee is always looking for new venues and dining options and would appreciate hearing from members with constructive thoughts and ideas.

Because the holiday season is filled with so many commitments, we have limited our activities to just the BYOB's for November (11/17) and December (12/14). Each of these events will be held at the South Chatham Village Hall so that members and guests can comfortably attend.

Plans are underway for a January "Chowder Cook Off." This will be the very first event of this type, and we look forward to many members participating. Details will be forthcoming. ■

Club House Parties
October 19 & 20
5 to 7 pm
BYOB (Bring Your Own Buddy)

Bring an appetizer to share

Prospective Members and
Interested Friends are Welcome

It is a great opportunity to invite your neighbors and friends who are boating enthusiasts to preview our club and to apply for the waiting list.

Membership applications are available online at the MYC website, (For Members Only) or by email from Membership Chair Joan-Ellen Messina, (je.messina@verizon.net.)

Interested applicants will be eligible to attend the next interview sessions at the end of November.

SAVE THE DATE!

MYC House Parties

📍 Thu., 11/17 - SCVH

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FROM THE QUARTERDECK

On Tuesday, Sept. 27th, club members visited the Atwood House Museum for an exclusive museum tour. MYC members, who are regular tour guides at the museum, were the tour docents who shared their knowledge in their respective areas: Jo Schaller (The Mural Barn), Barbara Donald (Old Atwood House), Dick Pears (Galleries), Rose Pears (Beach Camp).



Of particular note were two special exhibits – “From Chatham to China – *Acculturation, Encounter & Trade 1850-1900*”; and “The Raptor’s Eye: The Natural Works of Robert Verity Clem”. This newly-added exhibit commemorates the late artist’s life and works featuring Clem’s stunning paintings of wild birds and the natural landscape of his beloved Chatham. Afterwards a box lunch was served on the museum grounds. Thanks to all involved for their coordinated efforts and preparation which made for a very enjoyable and impressive day. ■

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The club’s seminar series for September featured the following:

On Wed., Sept. 14th “Putting Your Boat to Bed – What to do Before the Shrink Wrap Goes On” was presented by the managers of the Oyster River Boatyard. Cliff & Kegan Berner provided step-by-step instructions for preparing your boat for the winter season so as to avoid any damage and to help make the spring work-up easier. ■

On Sept. 21st Dick Hosmer presented “Cold Water Boating” at the MYC clubhouse. The seminar provided some useful information and safety tips. The topics covered various subjects including personal flotation devices (models and uses), as well as an educational video dealing with cold-water submersion. Handouts and reference material were distributed to the club members in attendance. ■

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Accomplished marine biologist, underwater explorer and photographer, aquarist and author, Dr. Greg Skomal presented “Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about Sharks” at the Community Center on Sat., Oct. 1st. Dr. Skomal researches the shark’s behavior through tracking data obtained from satellite tags. His program also provided the latest information regarding the Atlantic white sharks tagged off of Chatham.



This club-sponsored special event was arranged by Communication’s Chair, Jeff Hahner. The program was offered to members and the public. Approximately 90 people attended this excellent program. ■

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ON THE RADAR

“Rod & Reel” Seminar

Tues., November 8th

at the clubhouse

9:30am

THE PHOTO LOG

ANNUAL BEACH PARTY – Sept. 8, 2011



COMMODORE'S LUNCHEON – October 12, 2011



Photos courtesy of Stu Tuchinsky