



The Log

MONOMOY YACHT CLUB

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FROM THE FLAG

Dear Members,

At last the boating, sailing and rendezvous season has arrived. We welcome it with open arms and a host of activities in June to get us into the swing of it. There's a Crow's Pond Raft Out in early June, as well as a weeklong cruise to Woods Hole in mid-June. There are also rendezvous luncheons at Wequassett Inn on June 18th, and at Brax Landing on June 27th. Reservations are required at Wequassett Inn, so be sure to contact Hal Knapp if you wish to attend. Additional information about these events, as well as the regular BYOB's on June 16 and 17, can be found in your Directory or on our Website (www.monomooyc.org). Come enjoy the fun!

The member survey has been completed, thanks to the efforts of the Executive Committee (Dick Evans, Bob Doyle, Ron Follett, Betty Magnusson and Andy Marx) in designing, tabulating and analyzing it. We were pleased with the considerable interest shown, as we received 125 responses. That is substantially more than we received in previous surveys. The Board of Governors is now actively working on determining how to proceed. The report from the Executive Committee summarizing the results is enclosed for your review and information.

Many thanks to Sandy Eldering and Chuck Bartlett for arranging a fine series of Seminars in May. We heard from the Harbormaster and the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and had a wonderful time learning about the adventures of Frank and Joan Ellen Messina and Bill and Anne Westdyk during their recent sail to Florida. Please check with Frank if you want to know how to do good Power Point presentations.

Thanks also to Sidney Harvey for arranging a truly delightful, first class cruise on the Danube, and to the McDowells and the Scarlatellis for putting together a very special spring luncheon and theater event. All who attended had a most enjoyable experience.

Have a great Summer! !

Joe Gagliano, Commodore

Summer has arrived, the boats are, hopefully, in the water and it is time for the cruise and rendezvous to take place. The Fleet Captains have worked diligently to plan the various events and the best way to thank them is by your attendance. A disappointing fact from the Survey (discussed elsewhere) is that although about two third of our members own boats, less than half of them use their boats for club activities. Some boats are not in local harbors but those of you who are local I urge you to join in these activities and see what great fun they are.

Rendezvous involve a cruise and generally end up in a raft out, beach party or at a restaurant. They are listed as "East" or "South" according to availability from Pleasant Bay or Stage Harbor moorings. Check the listings in your Yearbook starting on page 13 and make plans to take part in these events. Also everyone attending a rendezvous should read the information on page 12 of the Yearbook. If you have questions call the appropriate Fleet Captain; East - Dennis Schock, South - Harry Cutts.

The Cruise Schedule will be found on page 10 of your Yearbook. The development of our Cruise Program is the most important step we as a Yacht Club have taken in the last several years. This program enhances our standing as a Yacht Club and its success is a tribute to Len Magnusson, the Fleet Captain for Cruises.

In the early days the Magnussons and the Folletts made up the "fleet" but through perseverance the basic group has grown to about four to six boats. Anyone with a "cruising" size boat, power or sail, is invited to join. The advantage of cruising in a group is obvious. You will be sailing with experienced Captains well aware of local conditions. All the cruises are carefully planned in a Skipper's Meeting before sailing. Call Len Magnusson with any questions.

As the Commodore has stated earlier, the Survey of Members results have been tabulated and analyzed by the appropriate persons. A copy of results is included in this mailing for your information. As far as the *Log* is concerned we read every survey and recorded all the suggestions. Generally people were very kind in their opinion of the *Log* and we thank you for that. There were several suggestions which we will try to incorporate into future publications. The cost of a mailing is a significant expense and we try to keep each mailing under one ounce to avoid extra postage so the content of the *Log* varies in size by what is included in the envelope which sometimes limits our ability to include as much as we might wish. One suggestion was to include obituaries. We do not publish often enough to make this of value, accordingly, we do not as a rule do obituaries. We have on occasion mentioned the passing of persons who have made significant contributions to the Yacht Club.

One of the hallmarks of Monomoy Yacht Club has always been the willingness of all members to "pitch-in" and help where needed. One area that needs a continuing flow of volunteers is hosts for the Clubhouse Parties. This is an easy task and a fun experience. Have you taken your turn yet? Please call Linda or Peter Saunders to volunteer.

Another, always popular, event on the horizon is the Beach Party scheduled for Wednesday, September 3. This is in the early planning stage but volunteers are needed in the following areas: Hospitality/Finance, Social Activities, Publicity, and the important areas Food purchase, Food

preparation, Set-up, Cooks and of course Clean-up. Call the Chairpersons Judi or Rich Clifford - 508-945-0223 - to volunteer. This is a big operation and lots of help is needed. Call early and get you choice of jobs.

One activity that gets little attention is the "Brown Bag Lunch" which has been going on for as long as anyone remembers. The group has varied in size over the years but is has always been an enjoyable noontime. It is a very simple activity, no committee, no volunteers, no agenda. Just good fellowship. Won't you join us. Tuesday at noon at the Clubhouse.

REMINDER!!!!

The Yacht Club has several items of apparel, burgees, mugs, etc. --- all with an embroidered Yacht Club logo --- for sale which would make GREAT Father's Day gifts! For more information please visit the Yacht Club's web-site at www.monomoyyc.org or call Carol or Jim Aaron at 508-9456-7017 or Joyce Sterling at 508-945-4151.

Special Event - Narragansett Bay Cruise - Thursday, September 18,h

We are planning a trip to the charming and historic village of Wickford, Rhode Island, which is a harbor side village with over 50 shops that remains much as it was a century ago. We will have lunch at Tavern By The Sea and then board The Millennium Ferry for a 90 minute narrated cruise on Lower Narragansett Bay. We will view nine of Rhode Island's majestic lighthouses along with a complete Newport Harbor Tour. We will leave Chatham at 8 a.m. and return at 5 p.m. The cost of this trip will be \$80.00 per person and we will need to have a minimum of 40 people. Reservation form and choice of lunch entree will be mailed out in late June and is also available on our web site. For further information, please contact Suzanne Odomirok at 508-945-5052.

A few persons have taken advantage of the reduced membership cost for joining Boat/US available to Monomoy Yacht Club members of \$12.50 as opposed to the regular cost of \$25.00. An advantage of Boat/US membership not mentioned in the last Log was a 10% discount on purchases at West Marine in Hyannis. If you are interested in joining or are currently a Boat/US member paying full price, contact me, George Fisk 508-945-3689.

It is a busy time for the Yacht Club with lots of activities coming along. Check your "Refrigerator Card" or Yearbook and mark your calendar and join us for the fun! Let's make this a super boating season.