



# The Log

## MONOMOY YACHT CLUB

Betty Magnusson, Commodore

George W. Fisk, Editor

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### FROM THE FLAG

Dear Members,

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as your Commodore over the past two years. The Monomoy Yacht Club is very special to me with its warm, wonderful, caring people and its spirit of togetherness. It is a unique year-round boating and social organization with a proud history. It is a pleasure indeed to be part of this convivial, active and upbeat group.

The activities of MYC are many, varied and constant, and it takes the time, interest and support of many people to keep it all going. I want to personally thank all of the people who help in contributing to the success of MYC: the Officers and Board of Governors; the Former Commodores; the Fleet Captains; the Committee Chairs and Committee Members; and the Club Volunteers. We are grateful that they have all so willingly stepped forward to serve and deeply appreciate their efforts, support, commitment and good work. The ongoing activities of the Club – Luncheons, BYOBs, Rendezvous, Cruises, Seminars and Beach Party – continue to be well run, successful and enjoyable. Our traditional communications to the Membership, the Directory and The Log, are thorough, timely and informative. In addition, communications have been expanded with an ever increasing e-mail distribution list and our new, state of the art Website. Finally, the Clubhouse Redecorating Committee is actively at work with exciting new ideas for updating our Clubhouse Room. All of these worthy endeavors give testimony to the excellent attitude of co-operation and enthusiasm that exists within MYC. Now, with the election of extremely able new and continuing Officers and Governors, and admission of a terrific group of new members, a promising, healthy future of MYC is assured. Bon Voyage!

Joe Gagliano, Commodore

Greetings! I look forward to serving you as Commodore as we continue to be an active year round Yacht Club.. As Joe states, we have many activities for all and look forward to our "new look" with the Redecorating Committee busy at work.

The boating season is winding down, but we look forward to the neat season with Cruising and Rendezvous plans being made. Those newer members with power boats take note: we'll have an informational meeting to make plans for the 2009 Rendezvous schedule and anticipate input

from our new members. If you will be away this winter, call Harry or Dennis, our Fleet Captains for Rendezvous, to add your suggestions

**Gift time is coming! !!!!!** See our "stores" list for great buys (at cost!!!) on jackets - hats - shirts - vests and much more. We have the keys at BYOB's or call Joyce 508-945-4151 or Betty 508-945-1106.

### **Reciprocity works two ways !!!**

Monomoy Yacht Club hosted the New Bedford Yacht Club from Padanaram in August. Many thanks to Ron Follett for contacting them and gathering information about Chatham for them. There were 30 boats – sail and power. We opened our Clubhouse for them for two days. They had a BYOB and supper one night and several of us stopped by while they were here. We have received a note of thanks for our generosity and welcome.

Our Cruisers (the "Monomoy Navy") were guests at their grand facility in July. Our cruisers have enjoyed reciprocity privileges at many Yacht Clubs to many destinations. Reciprocity can also provide an opportunity for members to visit "Registry of American Yacht Clubs" members in your winter travels. Take your membership card along. The Commodore can also provide letters to those Yacht Clubs who request it.

### **Picnic!**

The MYC Picnic at Hardings Beach in September was a huge success. Thanks to the many volunteers and chairs – Judy & Rich Clifford, Donna & Bill Jordan, Rose & Dick Pears and any others I've forgotten. The games were great fun, the food was marvelous and ample and the company of fellow members and guests was superb! The weather held and improved to a sunny finish!

Betty Magnusson, Commodore

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We have completed another "Club" year, and a very successful year to be sure. Commodore Gagliano is to be commended for his two years at the helm. The club is prospering, many fine activities have taken place and many still remain on the schedule. We have a waiting list for new members and we are financially solvent.

Of particular significance to me is the growth of our cruising program. Our sailors are taking the Monomoy burgee far and wide both in organized cruises and in individual trips. Further on in the Log will be more on these cruises. Commodore Gagliano should be justifiably proud of the growth of activities under his leadership. We salute you Joe for a job well done!

You have already noticed the two "From the Flag" articles. Given the timing of the publication date it seemed appropriate to have an article from both Commodore Gagliano and Commodore Magnusson. Congratulations and best wishes for a successful year to the new Commodore, Betty Magnusson.

We spoke earlier of the cruises undertaken by MYC members: Liz Van Wye has graciously given us a report on the June cruise which follows. Thanks Liz!

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## June Cruise

"Provincetown or bust!" could have been the theme of the first trip of the MYC cruising season. In mid-June, a trio of club boats, including Senior Moment (with Anne and Ron Follett), Golden Fleece (crewed by Gary and Sharon Seasholtz) and Wye Knot (with Dave and Liz Van Wye) set out to finally reach the destination that eluded the group (due to foul weather) last June. After stopping in Martha's Vineyard and Marion, MA (a reciprocal courtesy of the Beverly Yacht Club), the group cruised smoothly this time up the Cape Cod Canal and across the glass-like Cape Cod Bay to P-town, where good food, showers and camaraderie were had by all.

The return trip down the canal proved to be another story, as all three boats bounced around in 6 to 8 foot waves exiting the canal into Buzzards Bay. Final stops on the Cruise included Quisset Harbor, Pandanarum (otherwise known as the New Bedford Yacht Club), Cuttyhunk, Tarpaulin Cove and Vineyard Haven Lagoon before safely returning home after a total of 11 days of cruising. With surprisingly good weather and both new and familiar ports of call, everyone agreed it had been a great cruise.

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Vice Commodore Julius Lempner has prepared the following response to some questions posed in the recent survey:

- 1. Use of the clubhouse for personal use**  
When not in use for Club functions, the clubhouse may be used by members for personal functions of not more than 50 people (e.g. birthday party, cocktail party, meeting) by making a reservation with the House Reservations Committee (Hal Knapp).
- 2. Non-boat owners participating in rendezvous**  
All members are welcome at all rendezvous. Any member wishing to participate may do so by contacting the corresponding Fleet Captain (Dennis Schock, East; Harry Cutts, South) who will arrange space on another member's boat. Check the Handbook for schedules.
- 3. Procedure to participate in rendezvous using other than power boats**  
While it may not be practical at some of the events, sailboats and kayaks are more than welcome and have appeared on occasion at raft-outs. Check the schedule in the Handbook for the type of rendezvous listed, and contact the appropriate Fleet Captain accordingly.
- 4. Availability of privileges at other yacht clubs**  
Monomoy Yacht Club is listed in the Yacht Club of America Register and as such enjoys reciprocity with many of the clubs listed throughout the country. Should you be traveling to other areas, don't miss the opportunity to take advantage of some of the amenities other clubs offer including, temporary docking or mooring, and particularly dining.

Since some clubs have special requirements for admission, or limitations on amenities offered to reciprocal clubs, you should contact the club in advance for details. For example, some clubs specifically require a letter FAXED from the Commodore of a visiting club, indicating the visiting member's name and good standing. In such a case, our Commodore can be contacted to issue the introductory letter.

Check the copy of the Register in the clubhouse for the club(s) you may want to visit, and for the person to contact to determine their requirements for admission. Or, check the MYC website (Monomoyyc.org) and look for "Yacht Clubs" under the "Reference" section.

#### **5. Boating and sailing courses offered by other local organizations**

Links to websites of organizations offering courses will be installed on the MYC website in the near future.

#### **6. Featuring members with special interests or significant accomplishments in the Log and on the Club website.**

Feature articles are planned to appear in the near future.

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With the growing use of e-mail to speed info to the membership we have uncovered a problem; those members who do not have e-mail. If you are one of this group would you please call Betty Magnusson at 508-945-1106. We will be developing a telephone chain to solve this problem.

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An informal group of MYC members who are interested in fishing have started to meet and communicate. At an initial meeting last month, e-mails and radio call signs were exchanged. The goal is to share information about fishing techniques, conditions, and results, and to find ways to join together for fishing trips. Periodic meetings will be called and topics based on group interest will be discussed. If you have an interest in being an active member in the group, send an email to [info@monomoyyc.org](mailto:info@monomoyyc.org).

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The MYC survey showed that some of our members would be glad to volunteer for Committees, but have never been asked!! We are asking!!!!!!

We need a volunteer or volunteers for chairing the BYOB Committee for next year 2009 Feb through Jan (2010). Please call Pat Russo for details 508-945-5012. It is a great way to get acquainted with members!!

The proceeding announcement brings to mind a bit of Club history. The first of what was to become a very popular and well-attended activity, the regularly scheduled BYOB parties was held on October 19, 1994. The hosts and hostesses were Past Commodore Dorian Hull and his wife,

Betty with Eleanor and Ben Kirk. It was obviously a hit and you know what followed. It was also Ben Kirk who organized our small collection of Yacht Club Burgees and strung them along the ceiling. Ben then worked at swapping with other Yacht Clubs to increase our collection. Ben would be amazed to see the number of burgees today. They give the Clubhouse a true "Yacht Club Decor!" Ben and Eleanor are still members of Monomoy but they reside in Florida.

Speaking of firsts, the first newsletter was published in September of 1994. The purpose then as now is to maintain an informed membership. To that end if you have information you wish to publish please contact me - George Fisk at 508-945-3689. We do need some lead time to get your info in the newsletter. The submission date for the December Newsletter is December 13, 2008.

Included in this issue of the Log the invitation to the Fall Luncheon. Once again Bette & Jeff Hahner have prepared a unique announcement of the luncheon. It has been a great year for the Entertainment Committee. Congratulations and thanks for all your hard work! Again your prompt reply helps the committee!

### **Coming Events:**

#### Club House Parties

October 15/16	Clubhouse
November 13	South Chatham Village Hall

#### Special Event

September 18	Naragansett Bay- Cruise
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#### Fall Luncheon

November 5	Eastward Ho Country- Club
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