



MONOMOY YACHT CLUB

The Log

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FROM THE FLAG

I look forward to serving the Membership of MYC as Commodore for another year with pleasure. Our great activities continue to be often and include most of our members.

The sailors ("the Monomoy Navy") had damp trips in June and July, but they were enthusiastic!! July and August found our sailors in Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard with great fellowship. Many thanks to Frank Messina and Sam Winsper for their organizing these adventures and to the Members who participated.

Our power boaters' rendezvous found challenges with all the rain but many were held with wonderful times and even producing the "MYC Water Ballet Team" of Karen Schwalm, Blanche MacMullan, Bill Schwalm, John Brooks, John MacMullan and Hal Knapp. The lobster roll lunch at Jackknife Cove was a terrific hit! Many thanks to Harry Cutts and Dennis Schock for great organization and to the Members who participated in the Rendezvous this year.

The Flares Safety Exercise, handled by the Coast Guard, was a great experience for us to use our expired flares with safe instruction. Many thanks to Charles Morgan-BM1, Sherwin Baldwin-BM3 and Senior Chief Johanson for sharing their expertise with us.

The picnic was another great success with a huge turn out. Many thanks to Chairmen Jack and Suzy McDowell, the volunteers who planned, conducted the games, Jim and Carol Aaron who sold Stores Items and the Members who cooked and to the Members who came and brought such tasty foods

Our boaters are busy winding down with voyages here and there, pulling out their boats and planning for next year!

We look forward to our marvelous Fall Luncheons and Committees are being formed so make that call and volunteer for a Committee where you can serve. See your Directory for names and Committees to call. Members who are here in the summer only, look at the activities and volunteer to help when you are here.

A Committee has been formed to address the "sound problem" at the Clubhouse and will present a plan to the Board of Governors for their consideration. More information to come!

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With the Annual Meeting on September 5, 2009 the new Yacht Club Year begins. The Flag Officers remain the same for a second year but three members of the Board of Governors are replaced each year. Retiring from the Board were John Bain, Hal Knapp and Joyce Sterling. Our thanks to these people for their years of service to the Club as members of the Board. I'm sure they will all continue to be involved in the future in some capacity. Joining the board as new members are Charles Bartlett, Judy Doe and Edward Fouhy. Welcome and thank you for accepting the call to serve the Yacht Club.

The Board of Governors is composed of the Flag Officers, the two most recent Past-Commodores and nine other members. The nine members are elected, three each year, for three year terms. This provides a measure of stability to the Board but also insures a constant induction of new talent and ideas to the body. The Board of Governors is the ruling body of the club having complete authority in all matters except those specifically requiring a vote of the membership. It is a system that has served us well.

With the new club year will come new committees all of whom will soon be hard at work planning activities for the new year. If you are interested in serving on any of these committees please make this known to a member of the Board of Governors or specifically to the Commodore. Don't say "I was never asked!" We are asking now. Monomoy has a long history of having "willing workers". The more you involve yourself in the work of the club the more you will enjoy your membership.

Looking back it has been a wonderful year with a variety of activities. As the Commodore mentioned the weather did limit some activities but those that were held were great. The Beach Party was a huge success! This has become an annual event that everyone looks forward to - a celebration of the end of summer.

The sailors were very active this summer, again in spite of the weather. Following is a report from Ron Follett chronicling some of their voyages.

Again this summer the MYC Burgee has been on the move. The activity started in May when Senior Moment traveled to Nantucket to be at the finish line of the Figawi race that Ron Follett and the Seasholtz were participating in on two different boats. This put Anne and the Van Wyes' on the beach and at the crews celebration.

In June Senior Moment, Golden Fleece and Ledger II were seen in ports of Oak Bluffs, Nantucket, Edgartown, Cutty, Padanarm, Quisset and Hyannis.

July was to be the big cruise to LI Sound, but the weather had different plans, so the plan was changed. Senior Moment, Golden Fleece and Wyeknot moved in and out of Edgartown, Tashmou, Cutty, Newport, 3rd Beach, Wickford, East Greenwich, Potters Cove, Westport, Marion, Quisset, Hadleys Harbor, and

Hyannis. Many of these stops included visits to other Yacht Clubs. In general the long cruise was a good time, but we spent a lot of time looking at radar and fog.

August sent the cruisers (including Rejoice, Chattitude, Ledger II and others) off again with visits to Edgartown, Nantucket, and Tashmou. Much of this was more of a rendezvous than a cruise.

Several of the club boats have also made overnights to some of the Nantucket Sound ports, and will continue to do so in September. In September MYC members did host a Cape Cod Power Squadron rendezvous in Stage Harbor on the 12th and 13th.

Be assured the ports in the Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket, Buzzards Bay and Narraganset Bay area know the MYC boats and burgee!

The Executive Committee consists of five members of the Board of Governors no more than one of whom shall be an officer. Their function is strictly advisory; they initiate or investigate new policy matters and make recommendations to the Board of Governors. That said, the following is a report from Past Commodore Joe Gagliano, Chairman of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee is actively working on developing the Long Range Plan for MYC. Work has been done on defining the Club's mission, as well as exploring the Club's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. The next step is to determine the long range objectives for the Club, along with the attendant action plans and initiatives, based on the SWOT's.

If you have any thoughts, suggestions or input on any of the above, please contact any member of the Executive Committee. Thank you.

Croatia 2010 sailing charter on the Dalmation Coast:

Its not too late to reserve your place on the MYC Sailing Charter on April 29, 2010 for 12 days. Besides wonderful sailing, we'll see many UNESCO World Heritage Sites including the old walled city of Dubrovnik and the Diocletian's Palace in Split. So plan to join your fellow MYC Members for a wonderful trip you will always remember. Call Len Magnusson 508-945-1106 or email magnulbch@verizon.net.

Included in this mailing is a notice from the Entertainment Committee for the Fall Champagne Brunch. We expect another elegant affair so be sure to join us. As usual please respond promptly as this aids the committee in their planning.

In the report on the Log for the annual meeting we asked the Board of Governors to consider the future of the Log. They did this and agreed the Log should continue in its present form.

We will publish four times in the coming year. Where possible the dates will be adjusted to coincide with mailings of the Entertainment Committee to save on postage costs. If you have items you wish included in the Log please contact me, George Fisk. As I do not have email I will need a hard copy. We do need some lead time on these items as production takes several days after the Log is written. Once a schedule is set up lead times will be indicated, or call me with any questions.

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