

# The Log

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## FROM THE FLAG

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The Ballots on the Renovation Project are in and recorded. As of December 20, five days beyond the December 15 deadline, the vote count of Ballots received stands at: For the Project - 37; Against the Project - 114. Forty Nine (49) Ballots were not submitted. As previously indicated, these unreturned Ballots are counted as "No" votes, for a final tally of 37 For and 163 Against. It is important to note that the Ballot specifically referred to the Renovation Project as described in the Board of Governors letter of November 15, 2007 to the membership. Thus, the vote does not in any way prohibit the consideration and implementation of any other re-decorating or facilities renewal activities, as distinguished from any renovation.

A great many people participated in the planning, development and evaluation of the Renovation Project: the Renovation Committee; the Officers and Board of Governors; and many interested and concerned members. Thanks, appreciation and gratitude are extended to all these people for their hard work, perseverance, support and interest in preparing the Project for a vote by the membership.

As this is being written, the Executive Committee is working on a membership survey to assist the Club in planning for a Club future that will be more responsive to the desires and expectations of the membership.

The survey will, of course, include opportunities for the membership to express ideas and preferences concerning the redecoration and/or renewal of our facilities, and you are urged to participate in the survey when it is released. The information obtained from the survey, plus input received from the meetings and conversations of the past several months, will put us in a good position to determine the best alternatives for the future. The Board of Governors, Committee Chairs and Committee Volunteers for the current Yacht Club year are now fully in place and working to assemble an interesting and exciting schedule of social, educational and boating activities for the year. Thanks to all of these people for stepping forward to help. Their energy, support and enthusiasm are very much appreciated. Thanks and gratitude also go to the outgoing members of the Board of Governors, and to the outgoing Committee Chairs and Committee Volunteers for their participation, effort and good work. Monomoy Yacht Club is indeed fortunate to have so many people who so effectively and diligently serve for the good of the Club.

On behalf of the Board of Governors, as well as myself, we hope your Holiday Season has been happy and fulfilling and that the New Year brings you peace, joy and good health.

Joe Gagliano, Commodore

This is the time of year when it seems that not much is happening as far as the Yacht Club is concerned; however, as the Commodore has noted it is a very busy time. All the committees are in place and working hard to plan programs for us to enjoy in the coming year. It is difficult for the uninitiated to realize the vast number of hours the various committees will spend to put a year's program in place. How can we show our appreciation to these folks - by participating in the many programs offered.

Included in the Log is a notice of the first luncheon of the year, The Valentine Luncheon, to be held Monday, February 4, 2008 at Ardeo Grille at King's Way Country Club in Yarmouth Port. As usual your prompt response will aid the committee.

Also in place are two cruises, the Danube River Cruise which was previously announced will be in April. If you have not signed up but wish to go please contact Len Magnusson (508-945-1106) for information. If you are interested please hurry, time is getting short on this one.

The second cruise is a Windjammer Cruise on the Victory Chimes. Past Commodore Ron Follett is doing the work on this one and his notice follows.

If you have ever wondered what it was like on those very large sailing ships, now is your chance. MYC is planning a week long sail on the Victory Chimes windjammer next September 8-13. We have done this twice before, and it is a wonderful time, with good sailing, good food, relaxing, and visits to some of the quaint Maine villages on the Penobscot Bay.

The Victory Chimes is a registered national treasure that is a noble representative of the Age of Sail: a three-masted schooner that sails out of Rockland, ME. There is considerable information on the internet under [VictoryChimes.com](http://VictoryChimes.com).

This trip was announced at the December 18 BYOB. An information night is scheduled on 1/5/08 and will require a quick decision if we are to get on. The ship accommodates up to 40 people, but a few spots are already reserved.

It is the dull time of year for boaters. The boats are safely stored for the winter - not much to do but read the catalogs and boating magazines. We continue to hear horror stories about the effects of ethanol in our fuel. It is a good time to read what you can on this subject. With the coming of our website perhaps members could post their experiences with an eye to helping other members solve or avoid the same problems.

The boat shows will be coming and also the new catalogs - time for dreaming. It is also a time to plan ahead for next season. Assess your last year's problems and get ready to solve them so you don't waste a precious day of sailing time.

On to business, have you forwarded your dues to the Treasurer yet? Remember they are due by February 1st. Your prompt response saves lots of unnecessary work. Thanks!

Those persons who have not as yet recorded their e-mail address with the Club, would you please forward it to John Brooks at [clionbrksgcomcast.net](mailto:clionbrksgcomcast.net) or 508-432-2940. While on the subject of computers please note that a Monomoy Yacht Club website is being developed and should be operational soon.

The Log is published four times a year and publication dates are set to coincide with the Entertainment Committee notices to save mailing costs. If anyone has a notice or information he wishes to place in the Log please contact me, George Fisk, at 508-945-3689. Also we are open to comment or suggestion concerning the Log - its content and style.

As has been said many times we do not normally list a necrology because of the danger of overlooking someone. However, we would be remiss not to mention the passing of Past Commodore Karl Metz. Karl was a long time member of Monomoy Yacht Club who served the club on many committees before becoming Commodore. Karl was an avid boater and an active member of Monomoy. Our condolences to his wife Betty and family.

#### Coming Events

##### Board of Governor's Meetings

Tuesday, January 8, 2008

Tuesday, February 12, 2008

Tuesday, March 11, 2008

##### Clubhouse Parties

Thursday, January 17, 2008

Wednesday, February 20, 2008

##### Valentine Luncheon

Monday, February 4, 2008