



Manchester Yacht Club • May 2004

# Announcements

Upcoming Events and Dates to Note

## Commodore's Notes

Weekend launch service began on Saturday April 17<sup>th</sup>, with the outer floats shifting beneath a newly bright gangway in a warm southeasterly, and the Red Sox beating the Yankees. What could be better on a warm spring day? Of course, by the time you read this the Sox could be swooning, but we will be approaching the **Club Commissioning on Mother's Day, May 9<sup>th</sup> at Noon**. The harbor will be filling and a gathering of members and their families and guests will kick off the 112<sup>th</sup> season of the Manchester Yacht Club. Please join the festivities.

The Historical Committee led by Vice Commodore Chet Shuman and past Commodore Gordon Abbott is completing an orderly representation of the many One Design classes raced at MYC over the past century. New half-hull models have been crafted and donated to adorn our clubhouse walls by members who have a passion for a particular class. These new models - Flying Terns, Rhodes 19's and others - will be represented in colors actually sailed by past members as reminders of the fine racing traditions of the club.

The Spring Dinner will be reported on page 6, however due to the Blizzard of December 6<sup>th</sup>, there was one left-over piece of business from the Annual Meeting held that weekend - the presentation of the **Henry Hall Award**. This award is one of the most prestigious awarded by the club and goes to the member who has had the greatest impact on the activities of the club during the past year.

Bill Barton, our 2003 Race Committee Chair, was last year's recipient. Bill was unable to receive his award at the Annual Meeting since he was grounded by snow in Philadelphia while returning from a committee meeting in Bermuda where he is Vice Chair of the 2004 Newport - Bermuda Race.

He did however attend the Spring Dinner where we were pleased to present Bill with the 2003 Henry Hall Trophy for his enormous contribution to our Race Program over the past three years. Bill chaired the committee, running over 19 races per year for the last three years. Under Bill's guidance, monthly one design regattas are being rejuvenated. The Patton Bowl was a great success and the Fall Series attracted more participants than any other Mass Bay PHRF regatta all year. As you see Bill around the club, please join me in congratulating him on receiving the Henry Hall and thank him for his superb leadership in racing for the members of MYC and Mass Bay Sailing.

Please remember, all members may use the four Rhodes 19's owned by the club. Sign up is in the club office and reservations may be made with Jack Fadden, Club Captain or any member of the club staff. For further information contact Jack, or Rear Commodore Mory Creighton.

A new weather station is being installed at the club this season in memory of Mark Maguire who passed away tragically after an accident last year. Generously donated by Ralph Smith and other friends of Mark, it will be a tool we will all use on our way to our boats. When you pass by,

hopefully a smile will cross your face as we fondly remember Mark's hearty laugh and competitive spirit on the water.

Roland Glidden is our unsung Master of the Trophies. Roland has for many years unceremoniously protected and cared for some of the marvelous trophies exhibited in the club house. He has asked me to solicit volunteers to assist in an hour or two of polishing these beautiful pieces of craftsmanship. Should you be interested in helping, please contact Roland directly, Rear Commodore Creighton or me.

Several spring reminders: please have children under 12 wear lifejackets at all times while on the floats, fly the club burgee from the mast top with the star pointed up and sea cocks should be kept in the closed position when launching.

See you on the water.

Respectfully,

Bruce Journey  
Commodore

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### **Rear Commodore Notes**

#### **Look in your mailbox for the new MYC Annual Book questionnaire:**

In years past each member has been sent a postcard asking for information that is printed in the Annual Book. This year, in May, we are trying something new and will be sending you a questionnaire listing your information that is currently on file so that you can review it and make corrections and additions. We are also asking you to take a moment and share your comments, suggestions and interests with us so that we can better serve the needs of the membership. If you have questions or comments about this please contact me; {978} 526-0034.

The Manchester Yacht Club is a wonderful location for hosting a party or a family event. If you would like information on renting The Club, please let me know.

Good luck with all your spring projects, we look forward to seeing you on the water.

Mory Creighton  
Rear Commodore

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### **Race Committee News**

#### **Racing & Ratings Workshop**

Wednesday - May 19, 2004 at 1930

The Race Committee will again be hosting a Racing and Ratings workshop. Stop by the MYC for a fun gathering and learn some racing rules to help you get around the course this season. We will be paying particular attention to starts and mark roundings. If you are interested in competing in the MYC Cruising Canvas races, Mass Bay events or One Design races – please join in what promises to be a lively discussion. If you want to crew on someone else's boat, this is a great place to meet skippers looking for crew.

In addition, we will be answering rating questions and can help you fill out an application for a PHRF rating. If you are tired of people questioning your rating, get the answer! Support the system that lets us race! Once you have a certificate, you can also enter other events in Mass Bay including non-spinnaker cruising races. Schedules for Mass Bay races will be available. All of these races have a Cruising Class and MYC members are encouraged to participate. You can race and win!

Refreshments will be served!

### **Tiller Trophy Race**

Monday - May 31, 2004 at 1030

It seems like spring has just begun, but it is time to race! For the first race of the season, start small and sail in an Optimist. Don't miss out on the annual Tiller Trophy race. This event is a little friendly competition between young and old, sometimes with a little comedy thrown in. Stop by the Club before the start and sail in this series of short match races that start right off the Club's floats. Junior members (who tend to fit into the boats better) race against adults. The final races take place as the Memorial Day Picnic begins, so everybody gets to share a sandwich after the fun on the water.

### **Gear up for Summer One Design Racing**



*Schuler Glidden (245) shows his form while Marc Porirer reacts to a gust in pre-start maneuvers.*

To all sailors young and old, please mark your calendars for the FIRST ANNUAL MEGABYTE Summer Regatta to be held on Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup> and Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

This past winter Schuyler Glidden and Marc Poirier ventured to sunny Florida to compete in the Palm Beach Yacht Club's Mid-Winter's Regatta, held over Washington's Birthday. This is an annual event and sailors came from as far away as England. USA sailors were from Tennessee, Boston, and one drove 11 hours from the Florida panhandle just to race. In response to the success of those races, the MYC will host a similar regatta.

The Manchester Yacht Club will host sailors from all over the USA to race the August 21/22 weekend. Sponsors for the races include Sturgis Boat Works of West Yarmouth, Ma. Sturgis will provide two extra Megabytes for charter for those of you who wish to compete for trophies and bragging rights. As one design makes a come back in the sailing world, the MYC is proud to announce that we are home base to the US Eastern Fleet, the second registered fleet in the USA. A plaque will be mounted in the club at some point this spring.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with Megabytes, please stop down on the docks and look over these fast, speed of the wind boats. Alternatively, from the comfort of your armchair, you can research the boat on the web at [www.ps2000.ca](http://www.ps2000.ca) and click on the "Megabyte" area. On the site is a on-line forum and discussion group. The MYC officers have supported this fleet and have bought a club boat. This Megabyte is available to anyone with small boat sailing experience. Schuyler Glidden, the current Fleet Captain, is your contact point to schedule use of the boat. He can be reached at 978-290-1589 (cell) or home at 978-526-7522 or work at 978-922-4299. His email is : [sglidden@sgidirect.com](mailto:sglidden@sgidirect.com) .

A full schedule of the events of August 21 /22 will be sent out well in advance of the race date. Please encourage everyone to come out and participate. These boats are truly fun when the wind is blowing and fast enough in light air for tactical sailing.

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Race Committee

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## **Clubhouse News**

Welcome new member: Ellen Bishop O'Brien

The Salem Willows Yacht Club cordially extends to the Officers and Members of the Manchester Yacht Club and their guests, the privileges of its Club House and Anchorage at Salem Willows Park for the 2004 season.



*Neko Barton - Waiting for the First Launch ride of the Season!*

## **Cruising Committee News**

This issue will focus on our cruising plans for the summer, so finish that brightwork and reach for your calendar! We hope that you will find the opportunity to join us for many or most of these welcoming events.

The Early Summer Weekend Cruise is Saturday & Sunday, June 19 & 20. Weekend Chairs Mike & Arlene Maginn are contemplating a rendezvous at Peddock's Island or a nearby venue. When this newsletter went to press Mike was off running the Marathon, so plans are not yet set in stone, but we'll update you next month (and are you already launched?). Meanwhile, June 19 is just perfect for a shakedown cruise so please think about joining us. We'll have a Green Watering Cam Gam on Saturday at 1800 hours.

This July, we have a new event, a Mid-Week 2-day Cruise, Wednesday & Thursday, July 21 & 22. The Isles of Shoals lie just 20 miles north of Cape Anne, offer a combination of exotic habitats - rustic, academic, and spartan resort - and afford a delightful, historic harbor. Join us mid-week, when it is actually possible to find an available mooring. Green Watering Cans at 1800 hours (the Inn ashore, which is now open to yachtsmen, is dry - in many ways). The Madsens are officers of the days.

Join MYC for our Maine Rendezvous on Saturday, August 7. Whether you're heading East for August or enroute home, perhaps because you left early to escape the DNC, organizer Tom Townsend has arranged a wonderful noontime luncheon ashore at Otter Island in Muscle Ridge Channel, between Tenant's Harbor & Rockland in Penobscot Bay. RSVP's will be required for our host, who has generously offered to entertain us and who also requests that all guests make a donation to one of his favorite charities, the Island Alliance or the Farnsworth Museum of Art.

Later in August, on Saturday the 21st, join the Power Fleet Rendezvous at Hog Island in Essex. We'll meet at 1400 hours at the dock for a BYO shore party in time to return to Manchester by light of day. High tide is at about 1530 hours, so many of the vagaries of the Essex & Annisquam Rivers should be of limited consequence.

Our Late Summer Weekend Cruise is combined with the North Channel Challenge Race vs. Hingham YC on Sept 11 & 12. The race begins Saturday at noon, destination Hingham. Upon arrival, expect the usual fine hospitality, evening entertainment, and excellent mooring amenities. September is wonderfully reliable cruising weather - commit to this now and you'll be very grateful later on.

October 9 is not too late for one last gasp, but from the number of cars on River Road in the last few years, you'd never know. Join us for the Fall Rendezvous, graciously re-hosted by Alex and Dick Norton at their Annisquam River home at 1800 hours. In recent years, the stalwarts have found both moorings and great dinners next door at Annisquam YC. BYO hors d'oeuvres & Green Watering Cans.

**Alert #1** - The Power Fleet, led by Chris Abbott & Bill Kneisel, are again planning to host a Whale Watch. Last year, weather and the whales' moods conspired to create a disappointment on the pre-ordained day. Building on our knowledge, this year we will consult with the whales, the Oracle of

Delphi, & a seasoned Gloucester whale watch captain and produce this event on fairly short but well-advertised notice. If you want to attend, make sure Alida has your current e-address.

**Alert # 2 - Gams @ MYC :**

Fri, May 28, 1830 hours, BYO

Sun, June 20, Fathers' Day, 1800 hours, Green Watering Cans

Fri, June 25, 1830 hours, Safety at Sea, Exec Committee Cooks

Fri, July 30, 1830 hours, Boats on Floats, BYO

Fri, August 27, 1830 hours, BYO

Fri, September 24, 1830 hours, Exec Committee Cooks

**Alert #3, Panama Canal Cruise, Jan 15, 2005** - If you want to attend, hopefully you've already signed up - desperadoes can whine to Dave Truslow.

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Cruising Committee

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## **Entertainment Committee News**

### **Spring Dinner**



*Commodore Bruce Journey introduces the guest speaker  
Brad Van Liew at the Spring Dinner*

The MYC officially kicked off the 2004 season with the Annual Spring Dinner at the Tavern on the Harbor in Gloucester. For this event, we were very fortunate to hear a presentation from celebrated yachtsman Brad Van Liew. Brad competed as an underdog in the 1998-99 Around Alone race finishing third. In the 2002-03 Around Alone, Brad swept an unprecedented all five legs of the race, and is the first American to have won the prestigious event since the late Mike Plant in 1986-1987.

Brad treated us to video promos of the media coverage of the event and a trailer for the upcoming documentary that is being produced about his participation in the event. Brad shared pictures and stories about his experiences in the 2003 event, as well as providing tremendous insight into the complexities, strategies and logistics involved with a nine-month solo circumnavigation. A hearty

“thank you” to MYC member Sam Byrne from all who attended, for arranging to have Brad speak at this excellent event.

### **No Crabs Allowed!**

Join us for a lobster dinner at MYC on Thursday, June 10, 2004 at 1800 hours. This will be the first, and most informal of three opportunities this season to enjoy a catered dinner at the club. Dick Lysiak will again this year be serving up a casual lobster dinner, with all the fixings. Put this date on your calendar now, and look for the mailing with all the details in May.

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Entertainment Committee

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### **Manchester Sailing Association**

Manchester Sailing Association (“MSA”) is now accepting registrations for its summer sailing program at Tuck’s Point, Manchester, MA. MSA teaches students ages 8 to 18 in classes ranging from beginner sailor to advanced racer. The Learn-to Sail part of the program operates four two-week sessions, starting June 23 this year. We still have openings in most of our classes, although many are filling up quickly. One class that still has openings in all sessions is the Ensign class, which is conducted in 420 sailboats and is geared to middle school students who want to learn how to sail. Highlights of this summer include a Friday Race Series, with end-of summer prizes, Misery Island Day on July 30 and the Mass Bay Junior Olympic Regatta on August 2,3,4. Also this year, MSA has several surplus, well-used dinghy sailboats and parts for sale. Come look and make an offer on May 15 from 11:00-1:00 at Tuck’s Point. To see a full description of all classes, and to download registration forms, go to [www.manchestersailing.org](http://www.manchestersailing.org).

### **Junior Yacht Club**

Summer is rounding the corner and the excitement of school’s end is building up. Fortunately this year a formalized Junior Yacht club will hold a number of activities that scream fun and excitement for children of all ages. Meghan Golden, Mary Golden, and Jordan Evans are planning the activities for this coming summer, and are hoping that this summer’s efforts will pave the way for following Junior Yacht Club activities.

They have plans for two dances, one on the 14<sup>th</sup> of July, and one on the 28<sup>th</sup> of July. All ages are welcome to come and dance the night away to the sweet tunes of summer. Dances will begin at seven o’clock and run until ten o’clock, however nine o’clock is the time that younger members, ages ten and under, are encouraged to depart. Dances will be open to the MSA members, but Junior Yacht club members are able to bring a guest as well if they would like. There is a cover charge of five dollars. This will also include a beverage as well.

In addition, there two other dates that will have events that are not yet determined. Possibilities for the remaining events consist of: an ice cream sundae party, pizza and a movie, game night, a pet contest, talent show, and more! The dates for these activities are scheduled for July 9<sup>th</sup> and August 6<sup>th</sup>.

In order to have a smooth operation this summer, the Junior Yacht Club committee is requesting the help of a few willing parents. If you would like to volunteer at an event, please e-mail Meghan Golden at [mgbysea@hotmail.com](mailto:mgbysea@hotmail.com), or call her at 978-526-8652.

We are hoping this summer will be a success so that the Junior Yacht Club can provide entertainment for the younger yacht club members for many years to come.

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Junior Yacht Club

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### **Events for May 2004**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Committee</b>
Sun, May 9	1200	Commissioning Chowder - Mother's Day	Entertainment
Wed, May 19	1930	Racing & Ratings Workshop	Racing
Fri, May 28	1830	Memorial Day Weekend Gam	Cruising
Mon, May 31	1200	Memorial Day Picnic	Entertainment
Mon, May 31	1030	Tiller Trophy Race	Racing

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