

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MONMOUTH BOAT CLUB

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MONMOUTH BOAT CLUB ON THE NAVESINK RIVER, RED BANK, N.J.

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(left) Congratulations to the Nautigals on a successful completion of yet another season. Kudos to Lee Davidson (above), who won the women's championship on August 24.



(above) Doug and Kay Marsh spent a couple of weeks in October 2018 in New Zealand. While they were in Auckland, they took a ride on the 1992 Japan yacht that competed for The America's Cup. AND they got to drive it both upwind (Doug) and on a reach (Kay) which, I suppose, was a slightly different ride from their HAPCO Albacore.



(above) Happy Anniversary to Commodore Markoff and his wife, Carole. May you have many more years together!

FROM THE BRIDGE

COMMODORE BOB MARKOFF

With the summer of 2019 coming to an end, we can reflect back at many enjoyable shared experiences. Our summer and Tuesday race series provided many hours of competition despite the challenge of ever changing wind and weather conditions. The Labor Day Cocktail Party attracted an impressive turnout with many new members attending with everyone enjoying an evening with spectacular weather. The Junior Sailing Program under the able guidance of Kerri Harrington and her young staff of excellent sailing instructors completed a very successful season with our young MBC sailors compiling a Great showing during Sweeps week. Under the able marketing skills of Matt Letinski our total membership number continues to grow at a healthy rate. The Club's Supervisors and Officers have been effectively managing their operating budgets. This careful monitoring of our expenses has been enabling the Club's financial reserves to grow and remain sound.

The one area that has to be given a negative review is parking. Unfortunately, this is a problem that grows more troublesome as our total membership number grows. As everyone is aware, the Club grounds are configured to provide the boat and trailer spaces necessary to accommodate our members' boats, the Junior Sailing fleet and the Club owned Scots. The few spaces that are not spoken for should only be used for members who are volunteering their personal time for activities such as Race Committee and Adult Sailing Instruction. Members are requested to park their cars outside of the Club's grounds, especially when Union St parking is available. On Sundays and holidays parking meter fees are not required. Recently there have been several occurrences of members parking cars in what appeared to be vacant spaces. However, those spaces were assigned and paid for. When the members who had rented those spaces attempted to return their boat and trailer, they were forced to leave their boats in another empty space further compounding the situation. The designated Fire Lanes must never be blocked. There is no excusable reason for that to occur. In fact, the Club can receive a significant fine for that violation. We all have to recognize the existing situation of limited Yard space and accept the reality that parking outside the Club's Grounds is unavoidable.

Back to good news. The Club dodged the bullet and escaped any damage from Dorian. During the next seven weeks remaining before Floats Out (October 26), our unique access to the beautiful Navesink should enable everyone to participate in many of the activities that MBC offers. The Club proudly continues to successfully support its 140-year-old mission and tradition, as stated by our founders in 1879, "the enjoyment of the Navesink River through boating."

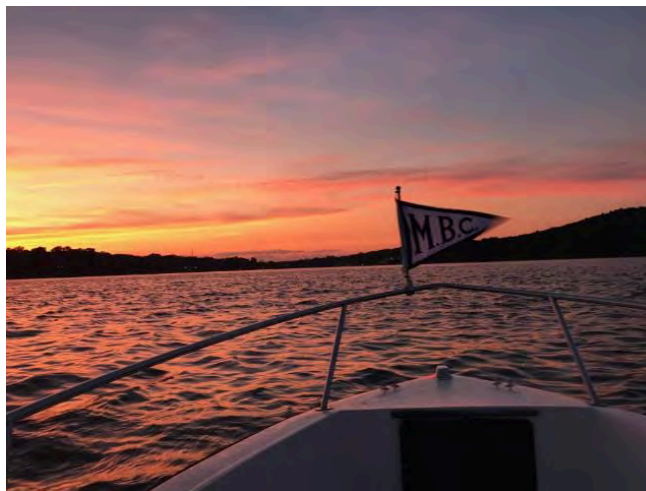


Photo by Matt Marciano



MONMOUTH BOAT CLUB
GENERAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 3, 2019

There being a quorum established, the meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM.

MINUTES: The minutes for the August 5 meeting were amended to reflect a change suggested by Joe Burns, and approved as such.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Dave Ottignon addressed the Treasurer's report for August 31, which notes \$372,000 being held in reserves. Net Income is meeting the budgeted goal year to date, with net positive contributions made by new membership, the CBA rack rentals and virtually all the self-funding programs, including Junior Sailing, Adult Sailing, Social and Ship's Store. Genie Zangle presented a report that Junior Sailing has generated revenue of \$33,383 vs. 16,820 in 2018, an increase of 98.4%. Adult Sailing has generated \$6,176 vs. \$4,883 in 2018, an increase of 20.9%, while membership initiation fees have generated \$22,750 vs. \$17,550 in 2018 for an increase of 23%.

CORRESPONDENCE: Keith May presented a burgee for the Austin Yacht Club which had been provided to Chris Henkel in an exchange at a Laser regatta.

MEMBERSHIP: Membership Chairman Matt Letinski reviewed the current membership totals as follows: 140 Regular, 14 Senior (20-year category), 12 Senior (30-year category), 2 Junior, 6 Associate and 5 Honorary. New candidates applying for membership and read-in were Peter and Christine McCarthy, Steve Traut, Ameer and Jaclyn Whitmyer, and David Barlow. Voted-in and approved for regular membership are Andrew and Jennifer Catalan, sponsored by Tish Sandrock, Greg Bubel and Karen Gerstenmeier; Kurt Guenther, sponsored by Bob Markoff and Leigh Bugbee; Michael Siegfried, sponsored by Dan Vought and Andre Moriea. Andrew dos Reis is rejoining as a young adult member. Matt feels there is still a healthy pipeline of those interested in joining despite the time of year.

SUPERVISORS' REPORTS:

Yard- Brian Dellett stated that he was addressing a couple of issues, including a pothole and the fading and peeling of painted yellow lines on the yard's surface. In preparation for the possibility of Hurricane Dorian, all members with boats in the yard were reminded to ensure boats are properly strapped to their trailers as required by the yard and club rules.

Boats- Ron Kudile stated that all power boats remain in working order. A proposal has been obtained for a signboard that will be attached to the port and starboard sides of the RC pontoon boat, which will be completed prior to winter storage. The design of the signs prominently displays the MBC burgee.

Docks- Larry Niciolo reported no issues with the docks.

Moorings- Tim McCarty reminded those with moorings to check their pendants and shackles prior to the possibility of Dorian's impact. Skip Bugbee suggested that members survey the mooring field when they go out to their boats and report back on any irregularities noticed.

House- On behalf of Greg Bubel and Bob Hill, Paul Lucyk reported no issues.

FLEET: No report.

RACE: First Rear Commodore Thom Lee stated that he continues to look for ways to boost race participation. He suggested the possibility in 2020 of Thursday evening novice sessions to help encourage those new to sailing and racing to learn the ropes. Andy Zangle suggested that the club invite US Sailing in to present a race committee instruction session for members who are interested in racing but are perhaps unknowledgeable about their responsibilities on race committee. A discussion ensued about possibly modifying the club's current policy that requires two people per chase boat. The requirement has been in place for many years, and club members were cautioned to consider the pros and cons of adjusting it, including the liability insurance implications. Vice Commodore Lucyk stated that this issue would be thoroughly vetted prior to frostbiting season.

WAYS AND MEANS: Second Rear Commodore and Chair of Ways and Means Brian Steib stated that the Finance Committee is working on the preparation of the budgets for 2020 scheduled to be presented at the November meeting.

JUNIOR SAILING: Supervisor Kerri Harrington submitted a written report, stating that the Junior Sailing Program, which concluded on August 19, also held a very successful Haul-Out Dinner with 70 attendees, including many parents. Kerri estimates that the Junior Program will have generated \$36,000 when all deposits have been made. Paul Lucyk asked Keith May to follow up with Kerri on the status of the Perpetual Awards winners for the Juniors, which will then be published in the Binnacle.

INSURANCE: Insurance Supervisor Jules Borrus discussed an incident that occurred with a junior instructor who sustained a facial injury when a clubhouse window that she was attempting to close slipped inward unexpectedly. If club members in the future become aware of similar incidents, Jules requested that he be made aware immediately. Jules also stated that he has received all of the certificates of insurance for club boats, and that the club's general and liability provisions remain intact.

SOCIAL: Social Supervisor Brian Bugbee highlighted the success of the Labor Day cocktail party with 100-120 attendees. Brian stated that there will be two more Social events this year, including a Seafood Party on September 21 and a wine-tasting event.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Stephen Smith stated that the Trustees are in the midst of preparing their report as required by the club's bylaws, and this will be presented at the November meeting.

BINNACLE: No report.

YEARBOOK: No report.

HISTORICAL: No report.

DATA PROCESSING: No report.

NJYRA: No report.

ADULT SAILING: Bill Jaeger reported that in 2019, the Adult Sailing program thus far has enrolled fifteen students for a total of 55 lessons conducted. In addition, four more students have signed up for the four-lesson series.

OLD BUSINESS: Nominating Committee Chairman Leigh Bugbee reviewed the slate of officers for 2020 that was presented at the August 5 General Meeting. The slate was presented for a vote of its acceptance and was unanimously approved. It will be published on the website and in the Binnacle.

Commodore Bob Markoff stated that parking by attendees at this year's social events has violated several important safety codes, including the serious offense of parking in the fire lane and the blocking of access to the Clubhouse. It was pointed out that the fire lane must not be blocked under any circumstances, nor should parked cars impede the movement of MBC members' trailers and boats. There have been several recent occurrences when a member has parked a car in what appeared to be a vacant yard space, preventing a member returning his or her boat and/or trailer to its assigned space. It was further noted that even at the conclusion of the Monmouth Junior Rowing season and removal of the shells, parking in the yard remains very limited. Members are requested to park their cars outside of the club's grounds, especially when Union St. parking is available. Bob stated that even with limited yard parking availability, members need to recognize and accept the reality that parking outside of the club's grounds is unavoidable.

NEW BUSINESS: Commodore Bob Markoff stated that he had contacted the town of Red Bank in order to present MBC's donation in lieu of a tax payment. The town will let him know when the presentation can be made at a regular town meeting. Membership Chairman Matt Letinski agreed to print a list of current club members to be posted on the billboard. Les Hathaway thanked Paul Lucyk and Bob Markoff for the condition of the grills, which are clean, with the tanks full of propane. Ron Kudile stated that a new dock cart had been purchased by the Cruising Fleet and is now available for member use. Commodore Bob Markoff stated that a committee had been appointed to explore the feasibility of participation fees for the frostbiting season. The committee is tasked with conducting an objective review of the negative and positive impacts to the club and frostbite fleets if a potential fee is required.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9.30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Keith H. May