

# MRYC *Tidings*

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## *View From the Bridge*

By Jay McKernan

Ahoy, Comrades and Friends! Well, we came through the Blizzard of 2015 which hit eastern Connecticut especially hard. It's a good thing that most all of us have our boats put away and winterized. Two of our members still had boats in the water as late as November, and these represented MRYC in the Lighted Boat Parade on November 29<sup>th</sup>: Mike Ryan's *Dream Maker* and Dick Dixon's *Bantam* (and *Bantam*, by the way, lives in the water all year round).

We had an exciting summer in 2014, though our last two cruises were scarcely attended due to many family and dear friends' obligations. Your board will work diligently in developing our 2015 calendar. My plan for this year is to have a few Saturday evening events as well as Fridays. Our Junior sailing program ran for seven weeks without a hitch. We had one student who, to his delight, received individual training. We also had another student but she only attended one or two classes. Next year we will advertise much earlier with the hope of having enough students to use the entire fleet of JY-15s.

Our annual meeting was held on October 26<sup>th</sup>. I was happy to announce that we have approximately \$3000 in our account largely due to the events and fundraising, including a wine tasting that netted approximately \$1100. Also, we recruited six new members over the course of the year: Bob and Jennifer Sampson; Bill and Lorraine Boyko; Steve Tavares and Elizabeth

Alina; Tom Holmgren; Shannon Cavanaugh; and Chris Silvestrie and Kiki Grethel. I am

challenging all members to recruit more candidates for membership in 2015. My hope is to increase the membership by 10 or so new members.

We held our second fundraiser on November 14<sup>th</sup> which was a whiskey tasting. It was well attended and the food was plentiful and delicious. We had Irish whiskey, which I'm a huge fan of, as well as Scotch and Bourbon whiskeys. We also raffled off a bottle of Irish whiskey and a bottle of Bourbon. We sold 27 tickets for this event. We haven't figured our exact net yet, but I estimate our net will be \$250 on the low side to \$500 on the high side. Next year we hope to double the attendance. We had enough whiskey in each bottle for another 25 to 30 tasters. We'll plan to start early and advertise further in advance.

At a recent monthly social, we worked out most of the 2015 social calendar, and we'll be getting to work on developing a season of cruises to some familiar destinations and some that hopefully will be new. Your Board of Directors would appreciate your feedback on cruises that *you'd* like to take part in. In the meantime, I hope that we're all looking forward to the yachting season to come.



## **BANTAM AWARDED BEST IN CLASS**

*By Philip A. Shreffler*

Dick Dixon's and Anne-Marie Foster's 1932 32-foot John Alden-designed cutter *Bantam* is a head-turner whether in or out of competition. In 2011 *Bantam* garnered the Judge Emeritus Award in the Mystic Seaport Antique and Classic Boat Rendezvous. But during summer of 2014, during that same annual event, held on July 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, this beautiful vessel achieved an even greater honor by being voted the Best in Class for sailboats under 40 feet. Unfortunately, as noted in the two following photographs, due to the threat of thunder storms and intermittent rain squalls, there was no parade this year, but there were still dockside activities at the Seaport and *Bantam's* return voyage to Schooner Wharf. MRYC's congratulation go out to Dick and Anne-Marie for their cutter's looking so good—and in the process, making us look good too!







## THE SAGA OF *FREE-FLOAT* OR FIRE ON FLAT HAMMOCK

*By Richard D. Dixon*

It all began with an email in October of 2013 from past Commodore Bill Volmar to the MRYC board members. The club had been offered a FREE float for use as a platform for our JY-15 fleet. We had to hurry to claim it or it would be gone. MRYC member, local waterman and our landlord was assisting the town recreation department in their acquisition of a new float and the old one was available for the taking, with no strings attached except that it would become our responsibility. We thought it was on the moorings just west of the channel near the Wooden Boat Yard in West Mystic so a couple of board members took a quick look as they passed by and deemed it serviceable and in fact in quite suitable,



even if perhaps a bit larger than expected. So the answer was yes and it became ours on a hand shake and the good reputation of MRYC.

A few weeks later a work crew with Mike Ryan on his Whaler and Mike Friedman in his Zodiac showed up at the West Mystic Woodenboat Boatyard and discovered that the float we looked at was actually the town's replacement and the one we now "owned" was tied in shallow water alongside the dock. Perhaps saner sailors would have said "don't think we can move it" and be done with it, but we had committed. It was floating, but we could quickly see why it had been "decommissioned" by the town. The "grass" carpeting still looked good, but I think daisies could have easily taken root in a few spots that were well on the way to being

compost. And besides, we were all here and it was too early to just adjourn for a beer or dark and stormy, so the adventure began in earnest.

First, where to move it? It was decided it was not a good idea to push her up past the bridges to Schooner Wharf, especially without consulting with the landlord and facilitator of the gift. As we needed to further assess how to make repairs and reduce the size, it was decided to take Mike Friedman up on his offer to temporarily beach her on a friend's property on William's Cove. There we could reduce its size to a more useful configuration, cannibalizing the good stuff to replace the compost. With Mike R. pulling, and Mike F. pushing, we set off and slithered across the channel into William's Cove. Bill Volmar, Ron Beerbaum, Commodore McKernan and Rear Commodore Dixon manning the lines, adjusting them to set the right angles to (just) avoid the channel markers and other obstacles, we succeeded in getting her to the other side and relatively secure. By now we were all thinking we should have just had that beer even if it was too early in the day.

We will skip the rumblings of the neighbors and later the harbor master (who actually was very understanding) and simply state that the error of our ways was quite apparent by spring. But now what to do? Jeff Marshall of Mystic Ship Yard did consider helping us haul to see if repairs could/would be made but this time



saner heads prevailed as we did not want to add



our error to his burden. Finally Geoff Jones (MRYC member, local waterman and our landlord) was "hosting" a club rendezvous and cook out on Flat Hammock at the time of the full moon in August, 2014 and thought a good bonfire would be just the thing. He had already begun



collecting wood, piling it on "Can-Do", his work barge/float, to tow out to the island and suggested that if club members would dismantle *Free-Float* into sufficiently small parts it too could become part of the bonfire. He would tow it out for us.

Word got out that Geoff was looking for "suitable" bonfire "wood" and soon "Can-Do", tied up at Schooner Wharf, looked like the town land-fill, scrap wood section. The date was set, the Coast Guard duly notified (so no one would think it was the *Mary Celeste* come back ablaze and



send the new town fire-boat or create an "international" incident with Fisher's Island). *Anne*, Geoff and Steve Jones' 1884 oyster boat, dragged the barge and float down river and across the sound without incident. Club members who rode the float really did not think it would make it

as it seemed more like riding a water snake as it undulated over the waves and through the current.

When *Bantam* (Dixon-Foster) arrived



about 1730, the crew and passengers from *Irish Sea* (Jay McKernan, Gail McGuinness, Bill and Joan Volmar), and *Nebula* (Walt Lincoln and Lynn Noyes), as well as Mike Ryan in his whaler, as well as friends of Captain Jones, were busy off-loading the many tons of wood from *Can-Do*. The dismantling of the "Free-Float" began in earnest and it proved to be an all evening and into the next day affair. I am sure the blaze could be seen



from Watch Hill to Millstone under the lovely full moon. The final scraps were sufficiently ashed by about noon the next day and the Island could be safely returned to nature (after club members "patrolled" the beach and fire area for the unburnables which were later disposed of in the dumpster on shore.)

As someone once said "All's Well that Ends Well"!

## West Harbor Raft Up

By Joan Volmar

Does the same thing happen to you? Whenever I go on Google to search for restaurants to try (usually within a 10 mile radius) it comes up with restaurants in New York as well as Connecticut. It can take two or more hours to reach the NY ones by car but we have a distinct advantage of being able to get there faster by boat because from the Connecticut shore to Fishers Island shore it is only four miles. Our chosen destination was The Pequot Inn on Saturday, August 19, 2014.

Several members met in West Harbor, N.Y.: Jay and Gail were kind enough to bring Bill and me with them on *Irish Sea*; Lorraine and Bill Boyko rafted up with us on *Manhattan Project*. Next Fred and Sue Allard arrived on *Seascope*; Dick and Anne Marie sailed in on *Bantam*; and Fred Riebold and Denise Overbeck pulled up portside on *Wilma-Fred*. And the party began.



yard. We shared flashlights and stories on our walk to the restaurant through the quiet, dark lanes on Fishers Island. After an enjoyable dinner at The Pequot Inn, we carefully back-tracked, glad to find our dinghies where we left them. Fred Allard led the fleet out of the cove we were in.



We had a comical time getting to shore in our dinghies. Dick and Anne Marie led our parade of dinghies to a new spot in an old, quaint lumber

Each boat held the painter of the one behind it while Fred powered all the boats as Jay's engine refused to start and Dick had rowed over. Fred looked like a mother duck leading her ducklings home. We laughed all the way back to *Manhattan Project* where Bill and Lorraine hosted an after-dinner party under a magnificently colored sky. Sunday was a delightful day to just relax and enjoy the views and sailboat races off Fishers Island before heading back to our homes in Connecticut.





## Greenport Maritime Festival

By Joan Volmar

The annual Greenport Maritime Festival is hosted in the charming Village of Greenport, N.Y. The Festival, which attracts over 40,000 people annually, features nautical arts and crafts, classic wooden boats, activities for children and families, music, pirate shows, local produce and seafood, wines and craft beer, fireworks, and excursions to Bug Light. We have traditionally done the Wine Cruise in September and occasionally it has coincided with the Maritime Festival. This year, we decided to do the festival instead, on September 19 through 21, 2014, and were not the least bit disappointed.



This was our maiden voyage on *Miracles* after being in dry dock for six weeks at the height of the summer. With better than new hulls, we headed out through The Race into Gardiner's Bay on a favorable tide. It was particularly exciting because there was a submarine going through Long Island quite close to us. On the way into Greenport we watched S/V *Brilliant* from Mystic Seaport in full sail along with two other graceful wooden boats making their way to Greenport for the festival.

The weather was nearly perfect on Saturday and Sunday in Greenport as we took the ferry over from Shelter Island to the village into the crowds of people. A fireboat greeted us at the ferry landing shooting water all over the harbor and offering tours of the boat along with onboard libations. On the beach, there was a canoe



building contest. We watched as teams of people scrambled to assemble all the parts together and be the first to launch their canoe in the water.

Mitchell Park was full of antique boats along with costumed volunteers demonstrating how they were used. Music filled the air and irresistible aromas drew people in to this carnival-like atmosphere. The parade was awesome with a great variety of entrants both young and old. It took approximately two hours for all the groups to pass by the park. As soon as it was over, the streets were lined with vendors and people flooded the roadways to see everything from folding electric bikes for your boat to lobster trap furniture for your home.

We wandered down to the water to see some of the beautiful boats on display. There was a graceful wooden yawl named *Annie* that caught my eye. Down the dock a short way was another boat named *Anne* with our fellow MRYC members Geoff Jones and Harley Segall on deck. Geoff invited us aboard and told us the story of why *Anne* gets invited to the Maritime Festival each year as one of the exhibitors. *Anne* was originally from Greenport and spent 60 years there as an oyster boat before Geoff acquired her and refurbished her from top to bottom. *Anne* shines again, no longer having to work the oyster beds, but able to relax and enjoy her retirement, cruising the waters from Maine to Florida with Geoff as Captain.

Food vendors with every ethnic variety possible made it hard to decide what to eat. It all smelled so good! I didn't even miss having dinner at one of my favorite places, Shelter Island Yacht Club. Sunday the festival continued but we reluctantly had to leave for home.

Greenport is a great destination any time. Since it is a short drive from the Orient Point Ferry, it is accessible by car as well as by boat. We will definitely plan on taking in the festival next year and hope that you will cruise along with us.



# MYSTIC RIVER YACHT CLUB ANNUAL MEETING 2014

By Philip A. Shreffler

The 2014 Annual Membership Meeting and Flag Officers' Cocktail Party was something of a milestone for the Mystic River Yacht Club, even if it wasn't quite touted as such. For this year's meeting marked MRYC's *tenth* anniversary (though the club was actually founded in the Spring of 2004).



The formal meeting got under way with Commodore Jay McKernan's call to order, followed by the approval of last year's minutes and the report by Treasurer Michael Friedman, whose budget for 2015 was projected to be only \$200 above 2014's.

The Commodore then touched on the highlights of the last year including March Madness doings; the highly successful and extremely elegant *RMS Titanic* Black Tie Dinner Party; the Wine Tasting get-together, which netted \$1,100 for our Junior Sailing Program; the Junior Sailing Program itself (with thanks to Vice Commodore Mike Ryan for his hard work on the program); the fact that the club had grown by half a dozen members over the past year; and the fact that MRYC has secured the use once again of the swimming pool at Mystic Shipyard for our members.

The election of the Flag Officers and the new Board of Directors saw something of a departure from the past in that there were actually nominations from the floor for two new Directors, which the nominees accepted. The Board for 2015 comprises commodore Jay McKernan, Vice Commodore Mike Ryan, Rear Commodore

Richard Dixon, Past Commodore Bill Volmar, Treasurer Mike Friedman, Secretary Joan Volmar, and Director Anne-Marie Foster and new Directors Fred Riebold and Ron Beerbaum. Our gratitude goes to all of these officers, both those returning to the Board and those new to it.

Under the topic of New Business, a lively and lengthy discussion ensued over the critical question of increasing membership on which, simply put, 2015's budget depends. As anyone who belongs to a private club of any sort knows these days, maintaining and increasing membership is a challenge and a necessity. Mike Friedman called for advertising for crews aboard club boats together with trial membership as means to accomplish this. M.E. Rich argued for an emphasis on senior sailing. Other ideas included encouraging those who do not own boats to take advantage of joining and sailing with those who do, as well as highlighting the truly excellent social aspects of membership.

One conclusion was implicit: MRYC needs every existing member to endeavor to bring new members into our family. We are indeed the Friendliest Yacht Club in New England, and we're certainly totally inclusive, not exclusive. Anyone who joins will find a happy home in MRYC, and we surely look forward to increased membership in 2015.

With the adjournment for the formal meeting, it was time to cut our Tenth Anniversary cake and move on to the food, the bar and the exemplary fellowship that is the hallmark of MRYC.



## GILLIGAN'S YACHT CLUB—HALLOWE'EN AT MRYC

By Philip A. Shreffler

Hallowe'en fell conveniently on a Friday in 2014, and that was pretty sound encouragement to MRYC for a Hallowe'en party. But what to do for a theme? Of course, it had to be nautical enough for our gang of mariners but whimsical enough (that is, goofy enough) to be fun. So it was natural for Anne-Marie, one of the hosts, to jump at the suggestion of her old friend Jeri Desantis, to choose the old TV comedy *Gilligan's Island*, about a group of castaways in a yacht club...er...make that a desert island. And Jeri, playing a cross-dressing Gilligan, and her beau, Gale, who played one of our Skippers, even brought the desert island!



There were any number of Skippers, Gilligans, Mary Anns, Gingers, and Thurston Howells the Third as well as a rogue castaway — but notably no Professor, either because the Professor hadn't actually survived the *Minnow's* shipwreck, because your faithful correspondent wasn't able to attend the bash, or because the Professor costume would not have been a costume for most of our members and was frankly considered too dull for our fun loving group! But the photos below make it clear enough that being stranded on Schooner Wharf definitely beats, oh, say, an Amelia Earhart theme and also how hard it was to pick the winners of the gift cards that were awarded, courtesy of the Engine Room Restaurant.











## MRYC **WHISKEY-TASTING** FUNDRAISER

*By Philip A. Shreffler*

On Friday, November 14, 2014 MRYC held a fundraiser devoted this time, instead of to a wine-tasting as we've done in the past, to an exemplary whiskey sampling (though there was wine for those who, unaccountably, do not favor whiskey).



It seems that there's a theme developing in terms of our fundraisers. But then why not, when the



result is an opportunity to imbibe in first-rate potables, enjoy excellent camaraderie, and put



some always-needed funds into the kitty earmarked for our Junior Sailing Program?

At this event, there were three separate vendors each of whom provided at least three different labels of whiskey. Among these were bottles of Scotch, Irish whiskey and Bourbon, demonstrating that MRYC members are ecumenical and equal-opportunity drinkers. To keep us from falling off the bar stools, there was a good assortment of heavy appetizers. And, of course as always, the great MRYC spirit of fellowship and commitment to the club brought out a goodly number of members who made the whole evening a roaring success.





## ANNUAL MYSTIC LIGHTED BOAT PARADE

By Philip A. Shreffler

The Mystic Lighted Boat Parade for the past few years has been the kick-off to MRYC's own holiday season. Accordingly, on November 29, 2014 some of us assembled at the clubhouse and others on the water at Schooner Wharf to undertake the day-long rigors of decorations both within the cozy confines of 14 Holmes Street and aboard the two club vessels that would take part in the parade.

The Social Committee, with some help from spouses and even the Commodore, seemed to have got the Christmas Tree up in record time and the whole clubhouse bedecked in greenery, lights and candles.

Meanwhile, down on the wharf, Dick Dixon and Anne-Marie Foster wrestled all day long with a bewildering tangle of wires and lights to be hauled up on halyards and secured along booms, shrouds and stays of their Alden 32 *Bantam*. Not far away, a team aboard Mike Ryan's SeaRay 39 *Dreamaker* worked to get their lights distributed from bow pulpit to stern, including a light Christmas tree on the foredeck.

M.E. Rich and Philip Shreffler, using the head of our St. Patrick mannequin and sort of semi-stuffing an old, red foul weather suit, endeavored to produce a St. Nicholas for the stern of *Dreamaker*, but St. Patrick was transformed only into a rather underfed-looking St. Nick. Nevertheless, Philip and Ron Beerbaum carried the pathetic old elf down the dock to *Dreamaker*, where Mike generously—but probably against his better judgment—allowed it to be taken on as supercargo in the stern.

Unfortunately, none of our night-time photos of the two MRYC yachts in the parade came out as anything but blurs, but at least we were able to document the decorating process. The parade of boats itself seemed rather shorter than last year's, possibly owing to the fact that the boats were travelling at a greater speed downriver.

But it didn't make any difference. MRYC was well represented, our yachts looked great, and we had a delightful party afterward with hot toddies around the fireplace. In all, the opening of the holidays couldn't have gone more smoothly.



We'd note that one fine benefit of the boat parade is that Dick and Anne-Marie always keep *Bantam's* decorative lights on every night during the season—a truly welcome and welcoming sight to those driving down Holmes Street to the clubhouse.









## MYSTIC DOWNTOWN HOLIDAY STROLL & MRYC OPEN HOUSE

By Philip A. Shreffler

Since we had decorated the clubhouse for the Season of Yule on November 29<sup>th</sup>, we were in good shape to host a number of Mystic area businesses during the Downtown Holiday Stroll on Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014. And as we always do, we opened our doors to the community not only to peruse the various local wares for sale

landmarks (again, M.E. and I dropped some cash here); Denise Page, owner of Namaste by Paige Manning (featuring lavender eye-pillows, soy candles and guest room gift baskets); Mary Julliet-Paonessa of Connecticut QuiltWorks; and Lisa Saunders, author of *Mystic Seafarer's Trail* and *Ever True: A Union Private and His Wife*.



but to reacquaint folks outside our club with all that MRYC has to offer.

The Stroll was the best yet for our club with, thanks to our personal vendor sleuth, Lisa Saunders, no fewer than six separate vendors, live entertainment, cider and a variety of comestibles. Those with booths in the clubhouse included Matt and Jill Beaudoin's Mystic Knotwork (M.E. and I couldn't help but make a purchase); Stephen Sisk with his photographs of Mystic and southeastern Connecticut; Matthew Goldman (a.k.a. The Constant Waterman), purveyor of his own pen-and-ink prints of nautical subject and local

In addition, Debra Lynn Alt beautifully played guitar and sang through enough sets to consume most of the evening. Our hats are off to her for her talent and endurance. It seemed that we had a very good flow of outside traffic through the clubhouse, shopping for the holidays and occasionally collecting membership packets for the club. The Stroll, as we know, has traditionally been good for welcoming new members to MRYC, but as important as that is, it's also one of the most enjoyable social occasions of the holiday season.







## TRULY THE **FRIENDLIEST** YACHT CLUB IN MYSTIC

By Anne-Marie Foster

In August, 2014, our Commodore sent around the following email from a gentleman in Illinois and asked if anyone could help: *"I found your email on the Mystic River Yacht Club website. My wife and I are traveling with my parents to celebrate their 50th anniversary and will be in Mystic on September 12th. Since this is a once in a lifetime trip as we celebrate their 50th anniversary I am trying to make the trip very special for them and line up surprises for each of them."*

*"My Dad has been in love with sailing since he was a child in the 40's and would help a neighborhood doctor clean his sailboat in return for rides on the boat. He has never owned his own boat and it has been years since he was sailing and I'm trying to find someone in your area that we could pay to take us out for a short sail on September 12th. This would truly make this trip extra special for him and give him a memory that he would never forget."*

*"I'm sure you have plenty to do as we all have but if you could take the time to let me know if there are any possibilities for sailing on that day it would be greatly appreciated. I know there are larger ships that you can buy a seat on but I'm looking for something that would be more personal for him. Thank you in advance for any help that you can provide."*

Given a fabulous opportunity to make a



wish come true by sharing our *Bantam*, having an excuse to steal away on a weekday, while at the

same time raising some much needed cash for the dishwasher fund for the club, we of course emailed back in the affirmative, leaving the details until closer to the date.

The chosen Friday morning started out sunny and stayed that way. We met the various members of the Jocius family at Schooner Wharf, and sprung the surprise that Kevin had arranged. His dad was suitably surprised and very pleased.



Apparently Mrs. Jocius has never shared the love of the sea that her son was gifting to his dad, but shopping with her daughter-in-law was an equal treat for her, so everyone was happy. We stashed lunch onboard, wished the Jocius women happy shopping and arranged upon which bridge opening we'd return to meet them. We headed up to the Seaport and then out through the bridges, taking advantage of a mild wind to have a gentle sail. Mr. Jocius took the helm for a time and seemed quite comfortable at the task. We were forced to tell the abridged tale of our adventures bringing *Bantam* down from Maine and later sent them links to the *Points East* stories, so they could read them at their leisure. Kevin shared the accompanying photos and that sailing on *Bantam* was an absolute highlight of their trip and it is now a memory that he and his Dad will always have to share. All round, we had a fabulous day making new friends, new memories and confirming that MRYC is truly the friendliest Yacht Club in Mystic!!



## 2015 Calendar of Remaining Events

### April

- 11<sup>th</sup> – Saturday - 7-9 p.m. – “2<sup>nd</sup> Wine & Rum Tasting” Social - Host: Jay McKernan  
13<sup>th</sup> – Monday – 6 – 7 p.m. MRYC Board Meeting – Hosts: Jay McKernan  
25<sup>th</sup> – Saturday – 6- 9 p.m. – Commodore’s Dinner – Social Committee

### May

- 8<sup>th</sup> – Friday – 7 to 9 p.m. “Rhode Island Independence Day” Social – Host: Philip & M.E.  
9<sup>th</sup> – Saturday – 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Work Party – Setup JY15s for service – Fleet Captain  
11<sup>th</sup> – Monday – 6 – 7 p.m. – MRYC Board meeting – Hosts: Jay McKernan  
25<sup>th</sup> – Monday – 2 – 6 p.m. – Memorial Day BBQ – Hosts: Social Committee

### June

- 8<sup>th</sup> – Monday – 7 – 9 p.m. – MRYC Board Meeting – Host: Jay McKernan  
12<sup>th</sup> – Friday – 7 to 9 p.m. – “FLAG DAY” Social – Hosts: TBD  
20<sup>th</sup> – Saturday – MRYC/SU4 Cancer Regatta First gun @11:30 a.m. – Hosts: Bob & Karen Davis  
27<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> – Saturday – Sunday – WATCH HILL Cruise – Fleet Captain

### July

- 5<sup>th</sup> – Sunday- 2 – 6 p.m. – 4<sup>th</sup> of July BBQ – Hosts: Social Committee  
Junior sailing – Friday Nights – Tentatively runs July 17<sup>th</sup> til August 14<sup>th</sup> 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. @ MSY-W  
10<sup>th</sup> – Friday - 7-9 p.m. – Friday “Bastille Day” Social – Hosts: Richard Dixon & Anne-Marie Foster  
13<sup>th</sup> – Monday – 6 – 7 p.m. - MRYC Board Meeting – Host: Jay McKernan  
17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Junior Sailing – Mike Ryan  
17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> Friday - Sunday Cruise to Niantic Days Celebration – Fleet Captain  
24<sup>th</sup> – Friday 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Junior Sailing – Mike Ryan  
31<sup>st</sup> – Friday 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Junior Sailing – Mike Ryan  
26<sup>th</sup> – Sunday - 1-4 p.m. – Antique & Classic Boat POT LUCK OPEN HOUSE – Hosts: Social Committee

### August

- 7<sup>th</sup> – Friday 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Junior Sailing – Mike Ryan  
8<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> – Saturday- Sunday – CT River Cruise – Fleet Captain  
10<sup>th</sup> – Monday - 6-7 p.m. – MRYC Board Meeting – Host: Jay McKernan  
14<sup>th</sup> – Friday 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Junior Sailing – Mike Ryan  
14<sup>th</sup> – Friday 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Junior Sailing Class Picnic & Awards @ MSY

### September

- 12<sup>th</sup> – Saturday – 2 - 6 p.m. – Saturday “CLAM-BAKE” Social – Hosts: Fred Riebold & Denise Overbeck  
14<sup>th</sup> – Monday- 6-7 p.m. – MRYC Board Meeting – Host: Jay McKernan  
18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> Friday - Sunday Cruise to Greenport, NY – Fleet Captain

### October

- 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> – Saturday to Sunday Cruise to West Harbor, NY- Fleet Captain  
12<sup>th</sup> – Monday- 6-7 p.m. – MRYC Board Meeting – Host: Jay McKernan  
24<sup>th</sup> – Saturday – 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. – MRYC Work Paty – put JY15’s away for the winter  
24<sup>th</sup> – Saturday – 6 to 9 p.m. - “Annual Membership Meeting & Party” Social – Hosts: Social Committee  
31<sup>st</sup> – Saturday – “Halloween Party” Social – Hosts: TBD  
26<sup>th</sup> – Sunday – 5 – 9 p.m. - Annual Membership Meeting & Catered Dinner – Host: Jay McKernan  
31<sup>st</sup> – Friday – 6 – 9 p.m. – Halloween Pot Luck Social for members & friends – Hosts: RD Dixon-AM Foster

## November

9<sup>th</sup> – Monday- 6-7 p.m. – MRYC Board Meeting – Host: Jay McKernan

13<sup>th</sup> – Friday - 7-9 p.m. – Friday “Lucky Day” Social – Hosts: Bill & Joan Volmar

28<sup>th</sup> – Saturday – 2 pm – 9 pm – Club House Decoration Party & Holiday Lighted Boat Parade

## December

8<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday – 6 – 9 p.m. – Mystic Stroll Pot Luck Open House with local vendors

14<sup>th</sup> – Monday- 6-7 p.m. – MRYC Board Meeting – Host: Jay McKernan

18<sup>th</sup> – Friday - 7-9 p.m. – “Yankee Swap” Pot Luck Social; bring a dish & wrapped bottle of booze, limit \$20

### All Events Subject to Change

Details can be found on the website calendar page: [www.mysticriveryachtclub.com/calendar.html](http://www.mysticriveryachtclub.com/calendar.html)

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