

RIVER VIEWS

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE MANASQUAN RIVER YACHT CLUB

Fall Clean Up

Thank you to all who attended!



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A NOTE FROM THE COMMODORE

COMMODORE BETH BACCARO

Volunteer of the Month: Trisha Brown

Long overdue recognition is due for Trisha Brown who has been volunteering with the MRYC Swim Team for the past 8 years. Trisha began volunteering with the swim team when her son, Donovan, was 6 years old. She started by timing at every meet because it was a great opportunity for her to watch Donovan up close and also learn how swim meets were run. From the very beginning, Trisha and her family grew a deep love of the MRYC Swim Team. She didn't stop at timing the events, she then began to write ribbons at the meets, helped organize the team parties, helped out at club clean-up days, acted as the team photographer, organized swim team clothing sales and really learned how to run the swim team. After a few years, Trisha thought MRYC should have its own team name to brand themselves and create a sense of pride in how much the team was continually improving and making a presence in the league. After creating a survey and gathering valuable input, the MRYC Sailfish name was created!



Trisha sent us the following heartfelt comment about her years leading the MRYC Sailfish Team: *"This team has meant so much to me and my son. He grew to love swimming so much that he competed on a club team and is now looking forward to swimming for Manasquan High School. I have loved every minute of my time with the team and its participants. As a former teacher, it made me so happy to see our swimmers improve at every age level, and we all had so much fun while working at improving! From our oldest to our youngest swimmers, everyone has always supported each other. Since Donovan has now aged out of the program, I will be passing on my duties to someone new, but I will always love and support this team. GO MRYC SAILFISH!"*

When Chuck Drawbaugh, Pool Trustee, nominated Trisha for Volunteer of the Month, the Board unanimously agreed that Trisha Brown is indeed a model of volunteerism at MRYC and we thank her for all her hard work throughout the years. Thank you, Trisha!!

ROOTS...A Look Back Through MRYC's History

COLUMN BY NANCY MCFADDEN

This column each month will look back to the future -- the people, places and events through MRYC's 120-year history.

You'll see that some things have changed: our Clubhouse and Club life until the mid-1960s were summer only. Brielle's streets were dirt roads in the earlier years. And when MRYC was founded in the Fall of 1899, the world had not yet suffered two World Wars. There were barely any telephones and cars, let alone telephones in cars and email. There weren't any airplanes, let alone humans in space. There was no such thing as income tax. Boats and tennis racquets were made of wood, sails were cotton. You'll also see that other things have remained quite the same: MRYC was created with the stated purpose "to promote yachting and other sports on the Manasquan River, and to provide social entertainment for the members." Boating and racing—sailboats and motorboats—as well as tennis and socializing were the heart of the Club from the very beginning. Sound familiar? And throughout the evolution of day-to-day life, MRYC as an institution has played a part, small and large, in the lives of its thousands of members over the last century-plus.

If you've been down to the docks or the Bluffs lately, you know that dredging is a very current event. The early docks, prior to the 1930's, had four-inch by four-inch pilings supporting sections of decking. This decking was taken up each Fall and laid on the lawn to protect it from the elements, especially ice, as the river was not as salty or subject to tides as it is today.

In 1932, MRYC constructed its first bulkhead and permanent dock. We also undertook the first dredging of the basin and approach channel "to be four-feet deep at mean low water" according to permits with the NJ State Board of Commerce and Navigation and the US Engineer Office of the War. Years later, a member would recall that because this was during the Great Depression the need for the dock and dredging, and how to pay for it, sharply divided the club. "It had to be built or no claim to a yacht club name. Good heads prevailed, the work was done and slip rentals over the years certainly repaid the cost as well as saved the Club."

For sure, during these Depression years, MRYC struggled with many other issues just to keep the Club open. Most of the membership was above average means, and could manage to get there. But as in the war years past and those that would follow, just about anyone was allowed to come to social events. "Friends of members not personally accompanied to the clubhouse but properly introduced by members, will be admitted to dances for a fee of \$2 for gentlemen, attending alone or with a lady," according to the 1934 club handbook. During the Depression also, the initiation fee was reduced in half to \$25, and a season fee of \$4 for tennis privileges, plus \$1 for Invitational and Annual Club tournaments, was instituted. The Club Secretary and his daughter even hand addressed and wrote postcards as the "inexpensive" newsletter of the day.

It's Interesting to think that, although smaller in scope than today's dredging, the first of our many dredging projects was during the Great Depression, some 90 years ago! Next month we'll explore the evolution of our home on the River -- MRYC's Clubhouses and properties.

~Nancy McFadden

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LADIES NIGHT OUT!

LNO is Back
@MRYC!

See you
there?!?!?

Thursday, November 18
6 - 9 pm
Over a dozen
fabulous vendors!

Stay tuned for
event registration



REGATTA COMMITTEE UPDATES

REAR COMMODORE ED FLYNN

The Regatta Committee would like to thank all the sailors and Patrol volunteers who made Fall M-Scow series possible. Thanks to Quinten Danish and Dave Kuykendall for their extra effort to keep this series alive.



Winter Pram Series

Winter Pram races will try to begin Nov 14. The schedule will be impacted by the ongoing dredging project. Race updates will be posted as soon as we know the basin and dock area is clear.

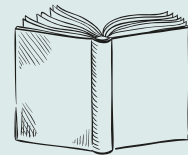
TENNIS UPDATES

Congratulations to Team Canada on winning the Davis Cup! Here are some members celebrating their win and having a great time on the Upper Deck. Thank you to all who showed up to Fall Clean Up to help keep the courts in tip-top shape.





MRYC BOOK CLUB



MRYC Book Club meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 where we share a light meal and adult beverages while discussing some awesome books. Everyone is welcome! Depending upon weather, we meet on The Bluffs or in the Clubhouse.

November

The Girl Who Wrote in Silk by Kelli Estes

December

The Lager Queen of Minnesota by J. Ryan Stradal

January

The Midnight Library by Matt Haig

Lots of great books to curl up with! Join us to talk about them! For more information contact Sharon Borgatti at scborgatti@gmail.com.

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ENTERTAINMENT UPDATES

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER



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The Entertainment Committee Presents:

NEW YEAR'S EVE

2021

FEATURING:

THE JOE BARACATA BAND

SAVE THE DATE - 12/31/21 - DETAILS TO COME!



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