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# RIVER VIEWS

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Our lovely members and some of the delicious meals they enjoyed for the Christmas Voyage Dinner.



# A NOTE FROM THE COMMODORE

**COMMODORE BETH BACCARO**

## **Volunteer of the Month: Danielle Donnelly**

It is with great pleasure that Manasquan River Yacht Club has selected Danielle Donnelly as January's Volunteer of the Month!

Danielle is a valuable asset to the WAUX Committee, both heading up our club merchandise coordination, as well as all set up for our Boatique pop up sales and events! She co-chairs the Women's committee and she embodies the true spirit of volunteerism - ALWAYS willing to take charge and help out when the opportunity arises. She is a true leader among our fabulous group of WAUX Ladies!

Danielle, her husband Pete, and their 3 children Delaney, Petey, and Patrick have been members since 2017 and are active swimmers, bluffs enjoyers, and party go-ers! Danielle can usually be found working hard on WAUX responsibilities while also finding ways to ramp up her tennis game!

We are so grateful to Danielle and thank her tremendously for all of her efforts for MRYC and wish her and her family a fabulous 2022!



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

THIS COLUMN EACH MONTH WILL LOOK BACK TO THE PAST -- THE PEOPLE, PLACES AND EVENTS THROUGH MRYC'S 120-YEAR HISTORY. YOU'LL SEE THAT SOME THINGS HAVE CHANGED... WHILE OTHER THINGS HAVE REMAINED QUITE THE SAME:

### Our Home on the River— A promise of permanency (Part 1)

Number "405" Riverview Lane was not always our home base. While it appears MRYC functioned without quarters its first season, 1900, our very first clubhouse didn't come along until the next year. In fact, this original "clubhouse" was a former wheelhouse for cyclists and ice cream parlor, called "Wheelman's Rest." It was located about a fifth of a mile east of our present site, on the west side of the old iron and wood plank bridge to Point Pleasant and next to the current Bogan's Basin. A dock in front of the building was available to Club members. All for a lease of \$30 a year, plus a promise to paint the building! And so we had our first clubhouse in that 1901 summer season.

The small frame ice cream parlor was situated where once stood Brown's Inn, a large riverfront hotel built in 1890 and destroyed by fire sometime that decade. Brown's Inn was one of the many hotels that lined the Manasquan River in the late 1800s, all thriving with the arrival of train service to the area in the 1870s. In fact, train service in the late 19th/early 20th centuries was not much different from today—with six arrivals and departures daily between Brielle and New York, and a one-way commute of about two hours. One major difference was that following the trip, a bath and change of clothes were imperative.

A new location for the clubhouse came under discussion as early as December 1903, when a committee was appointed to explore expanding the ice cream parlor or finding another site. Several locations were considered, including ones to the east of the bridge and across the river in Point Pleasant. In June 1905, MRYC moved upriver, leasing a narrow strip of land immediately west of our current property, for \$75 a year for 3 years. The job of building a new clubhouse there was awarded to the lower of two bids, for \$895. Construction was completed in 1905, and the club and the Board decided to immediately pay off \$600 of the Club's \$900 indebtedness. MRYC now had a home, if not the land under it, of its own.

As further evidence of the promise of permanency, MRYC's Certificate of Incorporation was officially recorded at the County Clerk's office that same year, in September 1905. This is the first record of the club's stated purpose, which was later incorporated in our Constitution and remains there today: "The purposes for which the corporation is formed are to promote yachting and other sports on the Manasquan River (and adjacent waters) and to provide social entertainment for the members."

So how did we get from there to "405 Riverview Lane"? To be continued next month...

# Dock & Harbor Winter Update

We are 100% complete with dredging and this project has increased our harbors water depth to 6 feet below mean low tide. The access channel to the river has been dredged and widened. We do not anticipate needing to dredge for the next +/- 12 years. This was a massive undertaking and the State contractors are continuing their work up river towards Clarks Landing. In the end 15 pilings had to be removed from the our east and west docks. The pilings with worm holes will be reinserted upside down so we will have to reposition those cleats, tide slides, ropes holders, etc. At this point we do not have a date for this work to be performed by marine contractor Kramer & Sons . Additionally, our four sections of floating dock will be reinstalled and the aluminum ramps power washed.

The 18 Northcoast had the steering upgraded to hydraulic and all instructors boats have been winterized and shrink wrapped. We will purchasing new dock carts in 2022 as our current carts have exceed their useful life.

Both the 18' and Hawk patrol boats will return to the club next week having been docked at Garden State for the last month to patrol for the Pram races.

The golf cart had the suspension, all bushings, bearings and leaf springs replace plus reinforced the hitches.

As a reminder, anyone looking to be placed on the Slip Waiting List MUST be an Active member prior to requesting to be placed on the list.

Kevin M. Carton  
Fleet Captain

# Membership Updates

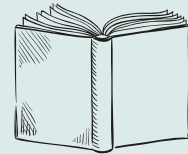
We hate to see you leave us, but if you're thinking about resigning from MRYC it's time to send in your resignation, According to our Constitution, Article XII. A resignation in writing must be sent to the Membership Committee before February 1st. If received after February 1st the member will be liable for dues, assessment and other fees and charges payable by member for the year commencing on January 1st.

Welcome to new member couple, Mike DePinto and Margaret Spaziani! We are looking forward to getting to meet you around the club.

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## 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.

### 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](mailto:scborgatti@gmail.com).

Santa told us that he had a great time visiting MRYC for breakfast! Thank you to all of his elves who helped make the event such a success for our younger members.



# ENTERTAINMENT UPDATES

## January Entertainment Schedule

Friday, January 7th - music by Tom Vincent

Thursday, January 13th - Quizzoholics Trivia

Friday, January 14th - music by Brenden Brophy  
(ENJOY)

Friday, January 21st - music by Sean Tobin

Friday, January 28th - music by Geoffery Meyers

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## TENNIS UPDATE

The nets on the tennis courts were taken down recently but before they were, some of our tennis gals got in a session of "Winterball".

From left is Chris Blunda, Gerri Venino, Kathie Parker and Denise McDonald.



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Early Ruth Vail prints 15X21 \$50 each:

Commercial fishing 1923 Manasquan Beach, Manasquan Inlet (looks to be about a 1944 era),  
And Barnegat Light

Lucile Geiger prints 8 X 10 \$20 each:

Glimmer Glass Bridge, Manasquan Inlet - Trawlers in and approaching the inlet,  
Manasquan Inlet - Across from Coast Guard station, Sea Girt Lighthouse

Retired hunting decoys \$40 to \$65, Canada Goose Mail Boxes \$75

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