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## Bosun's Whistle

By Ron Reinsel, Commodore

### A Change of Season

It is that time of year when change is upon us. We see it in the color of the leaves and feel it in the briskness of the air. We begin to pack away the charms of summer and prepare for the joys of holidays with family and friends, and soon a new year. As the season changes, we at MVYC are also looking forward to many changes.

With the boating season at an end, we are, at long last, about to undertake substantial improvements to our Marina facilities that will serve us well in the years to come. Later this month we will begin the removal of the aging C and D docks. Their replacements have been constructed and will be ready for delivery in early December (or whenever we are ready to begin their installation). In the meanwhile, with the Marina empty of the old docks, and with as many boats as possible on the other docks moved from their existing slips, we will begin the Big Dig to dredge the entire Marina basin.

The objective of the dredging effort is to deepen our entire moorage, including the Outer W area, the internal slips and fairways, and the Inlet Channel within the Marina to a depth of 4 ½ feet at Mean Low Water. We will also offer our neighbors further up the Canal an opportunity to also participate in the dredging effort at their expense.

The dock reconstruction and dredging effort is anticipated to take about 6 to 8 weeks (perhaps a bit longer depending on the extent of the participation of our Canal neighbors in the dredging portion of the work). It will also involve the necessary, but temporary, relocation of most of the boats in the Marina and many, many trucks coming and going from the Club grounds to dispose of the dredge spoils. In the short term it will be messy and inconvenient; however, by the first buds of spring, it will be a fading memory and the results will be well worth it. By next Commissioning Day we will proudly have a Marina that is not only bigger and better, but more importantly, deeper.

As we prepare for the work, and as it progresses, the Marina Committee and project managers will coordinate any necessary boat relocations. Please give them your cooperation, support and sympathy. Our great thanks goes to everyone who has made these important improvements possible, most particularly Jim Borches, Bill Gard and Jeff Kirkland who have spirited the project for more than a year.

November also brings us to Club elections and a new Board of Directors and Club Officers who will take their offices as of December 1st. We are extremely fortunate for having a superb group of Club members who selflessly offer to give their time, their efforts and commitment to serve and enrich our fine Club for the benefit of all of its members. I wish them all the best of luck, smooth sailing and fair weather as they lead us over the coming years.

As we approach the Club elections, and I reach the end of my term, I reflect on the honor that the membership has given in allowing me to serve as Commodore for the past two years. It has been both a challenge and a great pleasure for which I am truly humble. My great thanks go to everyone who has my job so gratifying and most particularly to my wife Claudia who has graciously put up with me and the occasional moments of frustration when I when I have said "you know, I just wanted to join this Club, not run it." But those moments of frustration have been few, the joys have been many, and I am eternally grateful for both the opportunity and the support that you have given me. Now, I heartily look forward to joining the ranks of those who hold the very best job in the Club, Past Commodore.

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## Upcoming Meetings...



### Membership Meetings

November 1  
December 6  
at 8:00 pm  
1st Thurs of the month

### Board Meetings

November 19  
December 17  
at 7:30 pm  
3rd Mon of the month

### Social Committee Meetings

November 12  
December 10  
at 7:30 pm  
2nd Mon of the month

## HOUSE REPORT

*From the House Guy, Pat McCarthy*

Now that we are planning to soon put our boats to rest for the winter, there are many events scheduled to take place within the confines of our beautiful club house. In anticipation, the heat has been turned on, door handles and knobs have been tightened or replaced, and the outdoor stair lights on the west side have been upgraded with brighter bulbs. Hopefully we will all find that nighttime climbing of the stairs is now a little safer. Please continue to treat the house as if it were your own and take the utmost care of the amenities it provides. If you wish to provide me a recommendation, please send it to [house@mountvernonyachtclub.com](mailto:house@mountvernonyachtclub.com).

## MVYC Oktoberfest 2012: a "gute Zeit" was had by all!

*Submitted by Peter Esser and Stefan Tahmassebi*



Once again, the Oktoberfest spirit (and spirits) filled the MVYC house. On Saturday, October 13, 85 guests descended upon the club to partake of traditional German Oktoberfest beer and plenty of traditional delicacies lovingly prepared by the Oktoberfest Committee volunteers. Guests to the "festwies'n" feasted on fine European cheeses, savory snacks, salted "radi" (long white radishes, guaranteed to instill a thirst for quenching festbier), fresh Bavarian Brezen (pretzels), roast pork, bratwurst, knackwurst, sauerkraut, spätzle, potato salad, and much more, all topped off with fresh-baked strudel. And all of this was accompanied by the volks-y Oom-pah-pah music provided by Dale Wise and his trio.

A major "dankeschön" to Chris "poster boy" Bazel, Bill (always ready to lend a hand and a smile, and already signed up as a volunteer for 2013) Benz, the Givenses (noted for the duo's extreme decorating prowess), Maureen Mason (known for her strong back and ability to hoist a stein), the Mutnicks (Mitchell, especially, as Wurst-Chef and Wurst-Taster par excellence), Jean (Jane's sister, and no, we can't tell them apart as they are both equally lovely!), Rob ("Suds"; need we say more?) Sudhoff, Harriet Singleton (bring back the dirndl next year!), the Donocks, (Kim, thanks for keeping Steve in check!) the Bakers (Bear the Bouncer and Barb the best armwrestler, bar-none), the Nesbitts (there in "spirits" this year, if not in person), LuAnn Kirkland (dangerous with a kitchen knife!), Tom "the Ice Man" Kline, the Martinezes (showed up early for the party and let themselves be drafted!), and Tina Bak-Brevik (what was that about a pay-at-the-door surcharge!?) and all the others who we may have left out for the massive efforts both before and after the Oktoberfest.





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 8:30 am Yacht Haven Garden Club 8 pm Membership Mtg	2 9 am Yoga Class 7:30 pm TGIF	3  9 am Fall Clean Up Day
4	5 AM Closed for Cleaning	6 9 am Yoga Class	7	8	9 9 am Yoga Class 7:30 pm TGIF	10  6 pm Commodore's Ball
11	12 AM Closed for Cleaning 7:30pm Social Cmte Mtg	13 9 am Yoga Class	14	15 7:00 pm Coast Guard Auxiliary Mtg	16 9 am Yoga Class 7:30 pm TGIF	17
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9  2pm Kids Holiday Party	10 AM Closed for Cleaning 7:30pm Social Cmte Mtg	11 9 am Yoga Class	12	13	14 9 am Yoga Class 7:30 pm TGIF	15
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23	24 AM Closed for Cleaning	25 Merry Christmas! 	26	27	28 9 am Yoga Class 7:30 pm TGIF	29



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## Save the Date! Yacht Club Fall Clean-up Day

Saturday, November 3, 9:00 AM -12:00 PM

Come join other members for our best chance to get the club facilities spruced up after a busy summer and the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy.

All levels of ability and effort are needed (mark your tools with ID)

*\*\*This fall we need a few chain saws for driftwood\*\**

Rakes – lawn or garden (lots of these)  
Shovels/spades  
Hoes  
Weed trimmers

Wheelbarrows/garden carts (need several)  
Pitchforks  
Trowels  
Miscellaneous other tools