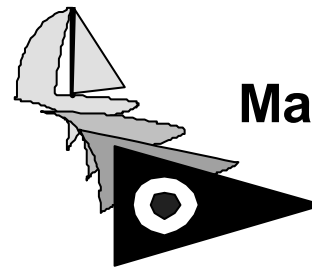


MELBOURNE YACHT CLUB

TELL-TALE



May 02

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Event Calendar:

MAY

- 10 Spring Rum #6
- 10 TGIF Dine-In (Lasagna)
- 12 Wet Sunday Dinghy Race
- 18 Chinese Festival
- 24 Summer Rum #1
- 25-27 Memorial Day Cruise
- 29 Board Meeting

JUNE

- 5 MYC Membership Meeting
- 7 June Birthdays, Rum Race
- 8 Bunko Party
- 14 June "Carry-In" Dinner
- 16 Father's Day Burn-It
- 16 Generation Race
- 21 Rum Race
- 22 Ballard Park Cruise
- 26 Board Meeting
- 28 Burn-It

Second Half 2002 Social Calendar *(tentative)*

July 4, 2002 Dock Party (Fireworks)

July 5, 2002 Birthday Celebration

July 12, 2002 "Carry-In" Dinner

July 19, 2002 Burn-It

July 27, 2002 Pizza Raft Up

August 2, 2002 Birthday Celebration

August 9, 2002 "Carry-In" Dinner

August 17, 2002 Hurricane Party

August 23, 2002 Burn-It

Aug 31-Sept 2 Labor Day Cruise

September 6, 2002 Birthday Celebration

September 13, 2002 "Carry-In" Dinner

September 14, 2002 Mermaid Regatta Dinner

September 20, 2002 Burn-It & Full Moon Sail

September 21, 2002 Rain Date for Pizza Raft Up

October 4, 2002 Birthday Celebration

October 11, 2002 "Carry-In" Dinner

October 18, 2002 Burn-It

October 26, 2002 Fall Regatta Dinner

November 1, 2002 Halloween & Birthday Celebration

November 8, 2002 "Carry-In" Dinner

November 23, 2002 Charity Auction Dinner

November 28, 2002 Thanksgiving Dinner

Nov 29-31 Thanksgiving Cruise

December 6, 2002 "Carry-In" & Birthday

December 7, 2002 Holiday Brunch

December 13, 2002 Holiday Dinner

December 31, 2002 New Year's Eve w/ Karaoke

May 02



The Commodore's LOG



April was certainly a long and busy month. I'm sitting here trying to reconstruct all things that happened:

Rhonda's birthday parties on the first Friday night: all who got a year or so older, congratulations, you made it again. Thank you, Rhonda for your thoughtfulness.

Ross' Friday night dinner. Thank you Ross for feeding us all, as we get older (see above). The nourishment is needed.

The big event: The Spring regatta. Twenty plus boats on one course, twenty plus boats, each on the other, all having a good time. The weather gods cooperated and the race was a success. Thank you, Gary and crew for the wonderful event. I am sure the news of our hospitality and success in racing will go far and wide, and the fall regatta will be even better.

The other big event: Hasty's raft-up. Way over a hundred hungry sailors in 24 boats. A record, I am sure, to be broken next year. And the parties after: the wine, the rum, and the ensuing spirited conversations about topics I cannot remember: Pat dragged me home at 1 am, during my very sober soliloquy about what to do with the far east situation (wherever the far east is).

Tony Barile, our able Membership Chairman, informed me, that we now have 135 full time members, and it's growing. Each month we are adding at least four members to our roster. The clubhouse is bursting. LRPC needs to hurry up with our plans.

May will be a quieter month: many boats are leaving for the Bahamas, and Pat and I are leaving for a three week bumming in the Old Country so I won't pester you for at least a month.

Progress: a fence will be erected, with the hopeful blessing of the Melbourne planning department, around our property. It will match the next door condo fence. The Melbourne Board of Adjustment is scheduled to meet on our issue of a 10-foot setback on the 20th of May. The planning department is in favor of our request.

Hasty: Thank you for the elegant way you solved our Sunfish storage problems, and thank you for your construction crew to implement it

We are still having some problems with security: the gate is there to protect our interest, please keep it closed. Check the doors and locks when you leave the house, and keep them locked.

To those leaving for the islands and beyond: Have a good trip and a safe return. Those staying home, take care of the fort.

- Gabe Denes, Commodore



May Birthdays

We will be celebrating March Birthdays at MYC on Friday, June 7th.



- June 2 Sandra Moskowitz
- June 3 Susan Oliver
- June 3 Daniel Sassaman
- June 8 Linda Tillman
- June 8 Steve Shippee
- June 12 Marlene Sassaman
- June 21 Tom Whitaker
- June 22 Judith Moores
- June 22 Dennis Scott
- June 25 Jerry Kowalski
- June 28 Kathryn Kowalski
- June 28 John Drawe
- June 30 Jacki Leahy
- June 30 Paul Alexy



The Party Line

Thanks to Hasty Miller and committee (Jack Bibb; Harry Stapor; Bob Sowden; Ned Buck; Chuck Delmater; Harvey Melfi, Jack Leahy) and their able assistants for organizing and provisioning the Annual MYC Seafood Raftup. Everyone (close to 140 skippers & crew) had a terrific seafood dinner even though our socializing opportunities were cut short due to deep drafts, high masts, and strong winds. Better luck next year!

Our big event for May is the Chinese party on May 18. With Rachele Ross coordinating this event, it's bound to be another gala affair. (Please see page 8 and party flyer for more information.)

We still need "volunteers" to help out with the following planned events:

Memorial Day Cruise May 25

Father's Day Burn-It June 16

Pizza Raft Up July 27

Charity Auction Dinner November 23

Thanksgiving Cruise November 29+

Holiday Brunch December 7

So, if you have interest or suggestions (nominations), please let me know!

Please note the Bunko party date has changed from June 1 to June 8 - mark your calendar and plan to attend, this is a great opportunity to mix with other members. John and Judy Drawe will be hosting the event.

See you at Chinatown!

- Rhonda Delmater, Rear Commodore and Entertainment Chair



May 02

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Your Mother Doesn't Live Here

Remember the sign in your college dorm that said "Your Mother doesn't live here—please clean up after yourself?"

Please keep that in mind when you're leaving a table in the bar—take a minute to clean up after yourself and your friends...

Got a contribution for the newsletter?

⇒ (Preferred) E-mail it to:

**tell-tale@
melbourneyachtclub.com**

- ⇒ Drop it off in the box marked 'Newsletter' in the MYC kitchen
⇒ Bring it to the membership meeting (PC format floppy or print-out)

Please include name & phone number.

Membership News

New Nominations for Membership:

Peter and Elizabeth Vente

Sponsored by Nancy Melfi
218 A E. Eau Gallie Blvd.
Indian Harbor Beach, Florida 32937
(941) 269-6687
pvente@vmguys.com

Elizabeth is the daughter of Harvey and Nancy Melfi. Peter has his own software company in southwest Florida, but keeps his sailing cruiser "Calm Seas" in Melbourne Harbor, and spends most weekends with Melfis and his own family in the Melbourne Area.

Peter, has a degree in Microbiology from Penn State, and worked for the National Cancer Institute, in Maryland, after his University years. He learned to sail with Melfi's on the Chesapeake Bay, when he was engaged to Elizabeth.

The Ventes later moved to Florida, and now have their own cruiser, a 37' Hunter Cutter. They have been enjoying sailing on the Indian River Lagoon, and now wish to enjoy the cruising and social activities of the Melbourne Yacht Club.

Andrew Burke

Sponsored by John MacNeill
459 Port Royal Blvd.
Satellite Beach, Florida 32937
(321) 773-9575
andyburke@cs.com

Andy is a pilot with Northwest Airlines, since 1982. He started sailing very young in Butterflies, Thistles, Snipes, Windmills, Lightnings,, M-20s, Flying Dutchman and Flying Scotts, and mostly at the Lake Lanier Sailing Club, near Atlanta, Georgia. Late he sailed Daysailers,, Cal 20s, and Lindenberg 24,28,30.

He moved to the Melbourne Area in 1997. He Kept an Erickson 35' in the Bahamas for a number of years, and is now in the process of restoring it.

Andy has sailed with and against a number of Melbourne Yacht Club members and now wishes to enjoy a closer relationship with the friends he already has.

Let us welcome new members:

John C. and Linda Garaci
Richard and Corrine Robecki
Jim Edwards / Lynde West
Kurt E. Nichols (Corinthian)
William H. and Nancy Garvey

Please make sure that you are using the latest nomination forms . The new forms have \$385 for the initiation fee. There are a number of old forms from last year floating around and have caused some embarrassment because of the incorrect initiation fee.

-Tony Barile, Director of Membership



Gus and Mary Williams prepare to christen their new Caliber 40 at the club on April 26th. More than 50 turned out.

New members: Some new members may have not yet received their 2002 membership cards. They will be sent out with the membership directories this month. Sorry !

Whispers from the Grog Locker



The next Dine-in dinner will be in June on Friday, 14 June 2002. I am planning an Pork Rib dinner consisting of Ribs with choice of sauce, Cole Slaw, Beans, garlic bread, and a dessert. I'm still working on the price, but it will be listed on the signup sheets. I will put a sign up sheet in the bar about two weeks prior to the Dine-in date. Dinners will be served to those who sign up and if there are extras they will be on a first come basis.

On a note of a more serious nature, last month during the Spring Regatta, I found that after the bar was closed for the day, some of the people using the Bar area let their children go behind the Bar. This can not be allowed. Minors whether accompanied or not are NOT to be behind the Bar. If could cost us our Liquor License. To this end, I have requested that the bartenders start locking the door to the bar when they are leaving the bar area. If you need to know how to get into the bar after hours, please see me.

The next rotating keg will be Michelob Honey Lager, once we have consumed the Killarney's Red. The choice of beers available in the smaller keg size are: Budweiser Light, Michelob, Michelob Light, Michelob Honey Lager, Michelob Hefeweizen, Michelob Black & Tan, Redhook, Redhook Seasonals, Kirin Ichiban, "Doc" Otis, and Killarney's Red. If one of these beers interests you, let me know.

A couple of notes to party planners. I have a Sam's Club card that is designated as a Tax Exempt purchasing account. Should you need supplies from Sam's, let me know and I can either pick them up, or we can arrange to go together and we will get the purchase minus the tax.

Additionally, I was approached about re-selling beer purchased for a party through the bar. Please note that the Bar can only sell alcoholic beverages purchased through state licensed wholesale distributors. If you have the bar purchase the beer for your party, then we can arrange to resell the leftovers through the bar; otherwise, the leftovers can not be sold through the bar.

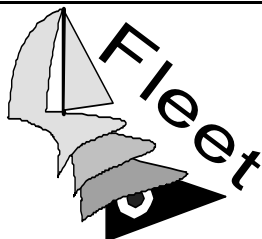
As usual, if there is anything, Bar or Kitchen, you see that we are out of, please send me an email at ross2629@bellsouth.net (the best way), or let me know at the next TGIF.

- Ross Herbert, Director of Bar & Food

HOUSE REPORT AND OTHER RAMBLINGS

1. Received three fixed perimeter fence quotes: Nations Fence, East Coast Fence and American Fence. Selected the low bidder, Nations Fence and signed contract with them.
2. Upon filing for the building permit, our fence contractor was told there was a 10 foot set back requirement for fencing on commercial property along US-1. After discussions with the planning board, our Commodore and ace surveyor filed for a variance on 4/22/02. The planning board wants to improve the area so hopefully they will grant us the variance. The hearing is scheduled for May 20, 2002, 6 PM at the Melbourne town hall. Club member support at this hearing would be appreciated.
3. Jack Leahy serviced the three club house air conditioners. Please let me know if he has solved the "after one hour roast" in the great room. He also reattached the men's room sink to the wall after the regatta and replaced a broken Annex toilet seat.
4. We had to postpone the lock combo change until May 30 because I skillfully selected a combination that wouldn't work in the door locks. New letters with the 2002 numbers will be sent out with the directories. Until then, the old numbers are in effect. Jack was able to restore the Annex code lock to operation. This allows guest usage of the Annex bathrooms without access to the clubhouse. The Annex code will be posted on the bulletin board in case you have a senior moment.
5. A plain paper copier (an old fax machine) is now available for club member use. It is located in the kitchen under the microwave. Please use it for small quantity copying only as it uses a film type "toner" cartridge that only lasts for 100 sheets.
6. The Rum Race clock on the bar received a new battery and a master clear. It seems to be working again. I've added a sticker to the clock which reminds users that the four arcs must be displayed in the upper left corner or the time is not slaved to the standard.

- Rob Van Name, Vice Commodore/House



Fleet Report

Spring Regatta is behind us and what a success it was. We had almost 40 boats sailing south of the causeway including PHRF, multihulls, Melges and SR Max classes. North of the causeway we had two dozen boats in the following classes: Portsmouth, Laser, Sunfish and Flying Scots.

Melbourne's facilities were taxed to the limit with a flurry of launchings at the ramp like I had not seen before. Financially the weekend was successful in that we came out well to the positive. Thanks to all the volunteers and committee members who helped out, both on and off the course.

The results may be found on the Melbourne Yacht Club website.



Upcoming events: Several of our boats will compete at Cocoa Beach Yacht Club's Spring Regatta May 4th and 5th. Friday night, May 10th, is the final race of the Friday night spring rum race series, race #6. Overall trophies will be awarded after the race. If you hadn't already heard, the Brevard Challenge was canceled for the weekend May 18th and 19th. Coming up May 25th is the Memorial Day distance race, this time to Ohio Shoals out of Cocoa Beach Yacht Club. A number of the boats doing the Ohio Shoals race will stay over at Cocoa Beach Yacht Club for their mermaid regatta scheduled for June 1st. MYC's Rainbow Chaser will participate as one of the committee boats, and welcomes members aboard who would like to watch the ladies in action. Contact rchaser2@pocketmail.com or call 795-2156 to arrange. The summer Friday night rum race schedule at Melbourne begins May 24th.

Coming up in June, we have the Titusville Annual Regatta on the 8th and 9th and then Melbourne Yacht Club's Father's Day race on the 16th.

- Gary Smith, Fleet Captain

For Sale: Catalina 22 #7833 Built 1976, with Bimini top.
In great shape, ready to sail.

Mercury 4.5 Hp outboard, little used
Bill Baker 674-0614

Dockmaster

All 42 slips continue to be rented and we have 24 applicants waiting for slip openings. A special thanks to the Leahy's for re-arranging residual Spring Regatta boats in order to accommodate Mary and Gus Williams' boat Christening.

On the maintenance front, fluorescent dock lights have been replaced putting an end to the "flickering light" syndrome that has recently plagued us.

- Dave Nesbitt, Dockmaster

Junior Sailing

Youth Sailing Program:

1 - The club Prams and Sunfish now have "MYC" lettering and individual numbers on each sail, thanks to the work of Warrick Smith.

2 - The first beginner's class started May 2. I need an assistant to drive the club skiff and instruct the main fleet of students while I use a (gasp) Sea-Doo to herd the stragglers and provide individual intense instruction. You don't need to know the names of each student to help teach (see above item.) You can just holler, "Boat 5, pull the tiller towards you."

I don't need the same person to help during the whole five weeks of each class. Please contact me if you can help at any time. I'll work out a schedule of assistants for each day.

Sailing Class Schedule

Here's the calendar for the Melbourne Yacht Club's youth sailing classes for 2002:

(Thursdays from 6-8 pm, Saturdays from 9 am 12:30 pm for five weeks. Cost \$35.)

May 2 to June 1 - Beginner's class (Prams)

June 13 to July 13 - Beginner's class (Prams) - The usual Thursday class that would be on July 4th will be held on Wednesday, July 3rd.

July 25 to August 24 - Intermediate class (open to first-timers - Prams, Sunfish and Snipe)

September 5 to October 5 - Advanced class (Sunfish and Snipe)

3 - Three new "quick-use" markers (18-inch "ball-fenders" provided by a consortium of Scott Bell, Chris Gates and Gary Smith) were used last Sunday to mark the sailing course for the dinghy races. They will be used during the youth sailing classes to set practice courses.

- John MacNeill, Youth Director





CHINESE FESTIVAL

Saturday, May 18, 2002

Bar 6 p.m. – Dinner 7 p.m.

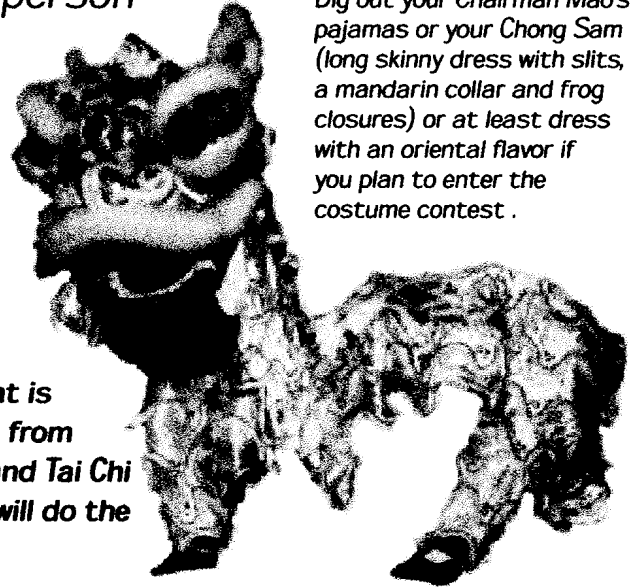
\$11/person

THE FESTIVAL WILL FEATURE

- Chinese buffet including soup, eggrolls, main dishes, rice, dessert, fortune cookies, and Chinese tea.
- Rachele's usual silly games and costume contest w/prizes
- A dancing Chinese dragon
- Martial arts demonstrations

Please make reservations by
Wed., May 15. Contact Rachele Ross
(254-8326 or rross@fit.edu).

Pictured to the right is
the Chinese dragon from
Wah Lum Kung Fu and Tai Chi
of Melbourne that will do the
Lion Dance for us.



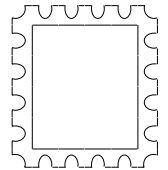
Dig out your Chairman Mao's pajamas or your Chong Sam (long skinny dress with slits, a mandarin collar and frog closures) or at least dress with an oriental flavor if you plan to enter the costume contest.

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