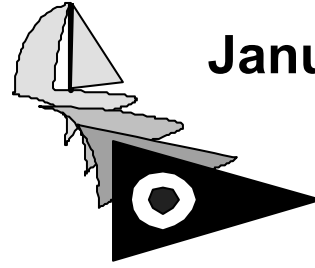


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Superbowl Party!

Feb 1



This day is a Rum Race Day. After Rum Racing, we will light the grill, as normal. But we are also having a 'Chili Cookoff' associated with the Super Bowl Party, for those who wish to participate.

Each couple should either bring an entry for the Chili Cookoff and/or a football snack to share (e.g. potato skins, nachos, wings, etc.)

We're working to make this a no-charge party, but there may be a nominal fee.

Start time: 5:30 (subject to change when the game time is announced). Kickoff is scheduled for 6:45.

Wear your team colors (whether they're playing or not).

There will be a raffle with quarterly prizes and net proceeds going to the MYC youth sailing program.

The Party Line

Christmas! Christmas! Christmas! As always, Betsy's Party was a highlight of the Season. Great food, wonderful singing and a "Majjakal" visit from Santa. What more can we say? As fitting to a yacht club, Santa arrived by water. Thanks to Jack & Marty Bibb, Hasty Miller and Harry Stapor for boating out to the ICW to meet Santa's sleigh and fetching the Merry Elf.

Helping during the evening were Chuck Baird, Paul Henderson (Katelyn & Jordan, too), Paty Henry, Ross Herbert, Susan Kiser, Amy Lacy, Nancy Melfi, Linda Tillman & Commodore Rob VanName. Helping with clean up were Debby Ball, Alice Ahern & Harvey Melfi.

Betsy told me that she knows that she either forgot someone who helped or mentioned someone who didn't, and that it takes a lot of people to make a party, and not only do we know how to party at the Yacht Club, but we know how to pitch in to make it happen. Betsy also said that she is sorry if she forgot to mention you and that if you weren't part of the help and she mentioned you that you probably

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JANUARY

- 18 Winter Rum Race #5 (2pm)
- 24 Entertainment Planning Meeting (9am)
- 25 Small Boat Sunday (1pm)
- 28 Board Meeting

FEBRUARY

- 1 Winter Rum Rce #6 (2pm)
- SUPER BOWL PARTY
- 4 Membership Meeting (6:30pm)
- 8 Small Boat Sunday (1pm)
- 15 Spring Rum Race #1 (2pm)
- 22 Small Boat Sunday (1pm)
- 25 Board Meeting



The membership voted to approve the rate increase. Thanks to Brent Saunders, Chris Reynolds and Hasty Miller for their presentations prior to the vote.

The membership also voted in the following slate of officers for

2004 MYC Board:

Commodore: Rhonda Delmater
Vice Commodore: Ross Herbert
Rear Commodore/Docks: Gary Smith
Secretary: Rochelle Yates
Treasurer: Will Garvey
Director Youth: Simon Koumjian
Director Fleet: Jim Edwards
Director Bar: Jay McClure
Director Entertainment: Dolores Miller
Director Membership: Bob Hughes

Please give the 2004 Board your support in the coming year.

Jack Bibb is proceeding with the construction of four new purpose built dock carts. One is nearing completion. Thanks to our club coatings expert, Jim Edwards, for donating a durable two part coating for the carts.

Gary Smith has successfully identified all items in dry storage at the club. I'll be doing the bi-annual re-lighting at the docks shortly.

I hope everyone had a good holiday. Maria and I enjoyed visits by our son and daughter. The weather cooperated and we even got some sailing in between shopping, trips to Orlando and to the beach.

One last discovery (in a year of many): we've exceeded our 2003 budget on the Tell-Tale/Directory by about \$1000. If you would like to forgo receiving a paper copy of the Tell-Tale, please let me know.

As standard operating procedure, a copy of each month's Tell-Tale is placed on the club's web site each month, and can easily be viewed on line with Adobe Acrobat viewing software.

As my watch as 2003 Commodore winds down, I'd like to thank the 2003 Board and the Membership for

all their efforts this year - I couldn't have done it without all of you. Special mention goes to the LRPC for a year of extraordinary activity and accomplishment. We all learned more than we probably cared to know about the state of our dock pilings but with that knowledge MYC has developed rational and affordable plan to refresh them over time.

- Rob Van Name, Commodore

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helped sometime or other. (I say that if she mentioned you and you didn't help, YOU OWE US!!! She truly is nicer than I am!

The Silver & Blue Gala was hosted by Pat & Gabe Denes, Faye & Edan Bitzer and Bill & Rose Baker. We danced, drank, ate, drank, sang and drank the year away. At midnight, Bill Baker gave 2004 a sparkling greeting. Judging by the amount of aspirin going around the club Thursday morning, we all had a great timee

January will be a little quiet. Time to get back into the swing. On Saturday morning, January 24th at 9:00 we will be having our annual planning meeting. This is the time that we try to schedule the entertainment calendar for the coming year. Everyone is welcome. New faces are greatly appreciated! We love ideas, no matter how far fetched you think they might be. It is amazing how a crazy, stupid, impossible, totally undoable idea can be talked around to a doable party. Just ask Rachele & Me!

On February 1st, Rhonda will be hosting the Super Bowl Party. There will be a rum race that day, the grill will be lit and the bar will be open. Right now plans are to try to find a big screen TV or some system so we can all watch the game (or at least the commercials). She is planning a chili cook-off for half time. Those not wanting to bring their famous or infamous chili could bring some cooling side dishes. If we end up renting a system, there might be a slight charge for this.

- Jacki Leahy

Reminiscing

The letter below was submitted by Michael Barile, Tony Barile's son, who put these words on paper in honor of his Dad's 70th birthday. Bob Erickson followed up with a few words of his own, and I got a short correction by Tony on some details. I hope you enjoy these reminiscences as much as I do! - Ed

The crew at MYC told me to get the Coconut Telegraph going regarding my dad's birthday next week. Tony Barile is turning 70 on January 13!

We also believe he's holding the record for continuous membership at MYC as he joined sometime in 1962 or '63-- so he's got 40 years in as a dues paying member. Rachele Ross said you could get the word out carefully via email to the board and membership without a message being sent to Tony. Anything you could do, our family would appreciate.

On a personal note, MYC has been an important part of Dad's life since he came to Melbourne with Radiation, Inc. in June of 1962. Back in those days, the club was a block house with a few dock slips on Front Street. The biggest boat docked there wouldn't have been more than 30 ft. in length... as kids, we'd admire the "big boats," Columbia 29s in the MYC fleet. Dad raced the O'Day with Skip Seiler as crew against many others in the club such as, Lock Young, Jack Bibb and others whom I cannot remember now. Regattas at MYC meant many dinghies: Fireball, Moth, Daysailer, Flying Scot, Thistle, Snipe, and other popular fleets of the day.

By the mid 70's I was old enough to accompany Dad to MYC monthly meetings. The hardest part for me was sitting in a chair for an hour or two! One of the best I remember included a slide presentation by Hasty Miller when their family spent a summer sailing Moonspinner up to New England and back. Mostly the meetings featured a room full of 35 year old sailors debating the service life of gas stoves, dock improvements and upcoming races. As a kid, it was kind of fun to see the adults get fired up about such things.

Pram classes were scary... if you can imagine Melbourne Harbor as scary! MYC was a place of adventure for kids and if there was a race on out on the river, there were up to 20 of us scrambling about the club, sneaking prams into the water, bugging parents for a quarter for glass bottles of "Frosty Root Beer" the club machine dispensed.

MYC then had one room with a window A/C unit, a neat lamp on the bar with Johnny Walker in full stride, I think his hand or a leg was missing. And over the bar, that reprint of the Winslow Homer watercolor "The Gulf Stream." The shark in that illustration sort or represented what might be out there... just beyond the Indian River (Mom didn't call it "the lagoon" yet!).

I was most proud to realize at age 9 that Dad was in line to become Commodore for 1975. The club was bustling and simply full of people. Front Street was a dirt road... and driving up to the club on a weekend meant cars parked all along the street. in shrubs, at WMMB, under boats on stands at the boatyard next door. Just south of MYC were four single story homes... these folks did not like sailors parking on their grass! The place was as crowded as a movie set... and when it rained... pretty much mud everywhere!

So it came to pass that MYC bought property across the harbor and

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Bulletin Board

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...

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Fleet Report

This will serve as my final report as fleet captain before handing the reins over to Jim Edwards (what a lucky guy!), who I am sure will do a wonderful job during 2004.

On the actual sailing front, we have only a couple rum races left in this series on the 18th and the 1st. ECSA spring racing starts February 21st and our first spring rum race is set to go on Sunday, February 15th.

The latest news is that Jim Yates and Jim Henry have agreed to purchase *Creole Cookin'* from Hampton, Virginia, and bring it down to race in what will be a Lindenberg 28 class of 4 boats. Just in case anyone is interested, the one that has been racing on Lake Lanier is for sale right now in ready-to-race condition and sitting on a nice trailer for \$13,900.

The guy that has Tiburon down on Biscayne Bay is talking about coming up to sail the spring races here which would make a fleet of 5. This is pretty exciting for this old Lindenberg sailor.

Women's racing kicks off Sunday, January 25th, weather permitting, with an ECSA race.

The Sunday Dinghy Racing is going strong (see John MacNeill's report)

As we discussed at the January general meeting, the big one that we have coming up is the Sunfish International Masters Championship scheduled for March 11th through the 14th with an expected 70-odd boats showing up.

This will be one of the biggest regattas that Melbourne Yacht Club has hosted in quite a few years. This is going to require a lot of volunteers to step forward and help out, especially out on the race course. Handling this many boats will require a lot more boats and personnel out on the water performing the various duties as mark boats, chase boats and safety boats.

There were a few people who stepped forward right after the meeting to say they would be willing to help out. This is great but we need a lot more. I figure we are going to need at least 6 safety/mark boats as well as the start boat and finish boat with crews enough for all. I figure we need 20 to 30 people out on the water to man the various boats. So far I have a handful of volunteers. If you are able to

help out, please email me here during the next week or so so that we can include you in the planning stages and any outgoing emails. I know that we are going to be able to do a great job with this regatta and further enhance MYC's reputation as a great place to come sail. It will require a pretty hefty time commitment from volunteers as there are 4 days of sailing involved. Thursday, the 11th, is practice day for both the competitors and the race committee. If you can see your way to help out for all 4 days, that's wonderful, but we will take part-time help, too. The problem I see right now is getting coverage for Thursday and Friday, the 11th and 12th.

Once again, thanks to those people who were on my fleet committee for 2003 and to all those volunteers who helped out to make our regattas the success that they were.

- Gary Smith, Fleet Captain



Thank y'all so much for the opportunity to serve MYC as the Director of Youth Sailing for the last two years. I was rewarded when I saw the light bulbs go off as students acquired the skill of sailing. My bonus was when a few of them would actually say, "Thanks, Mr. MacNeill - I understand sailing now!"

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A treat is when I see my students sail in the Sunday Small Boat Races and crew on keelboats. I hope my legacy will be that I opened up the classes to adults. This was in response to the demand of parents, crew members of big boats, and others.

Thanks to the help of Kurt Nicholls, Richard Robecki, Paul Henderson, Shawn Adams, Larry Etheridge, Steve Clendenin, Liz Tottingham, Paula Enoch, Bill Haberland and others, we have expanded the class size to 20 students.

A reward for me was that I took this same class in 1961 from MYC when I was 9 years old. It helped me go on to sail a Sailfish, a Flying Saucer (I named it "Swamp Gas"), a 505 with my dad, my Force 5s and keelboats with Hasty, Sherry, Rick, Stuart, Eckart and others. The world does indeed come full circle because I've had the chance to pass along my love of sailing to the children of others.

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Whispers from the Grog Locker

We started the New Year off with an unannounced Pizza Lovers Dine-in. We served 20 members their choice of several different Pizza Hut Lovers style pizzas. The most popular appears to be the Supreme, closely followed by Meat Lovers and Pepperoni Lovers, then Vegetable Lovers and lastly the Cheese Lovers.

Starting this month I have decided to give Michelob Ultra a go on the rotating keg tap. I talked with Melanie and there seems to have been a brisker level of sales than I thought there would have been after watching the Michelob Ultra bottle sales. If you haven't tried Michelob Ultra on draft, stop on by and buy a mug.



Some of our accomplishments during the past year include instituting the Post-Sunday Run Race Bar and Flaming Grill events where we open the bar and supply the fuel for the grill while the attendees supply the food. This is something of a throwback to when my parents were members of the club on the other side of the harbor, we would race in the afternoon and have food afterwards. Also, the Post-Dinghy Race Bar and Flaming Grill is coming along very nicely. Because the liquor distributors shuffled their brands, we have been able to purchase additional name brand liquors for the club. The addition of the Blackstone California Merlot after the Wine Tasting in August, has been a big hit. In general, I would have to say it has been a good year.

After two years as the Director of Bar and Food, as of the February General Membership meeting, I will be moving on and Jay McClure will be taking my place. I hope you will give him as much help and understanding as you have given me. I have really enjoyed working with the membership and hope to continue that relationship as the Director of the House. I would especially like to thank my 2003 Bar Committee members Jack Leahy, Jacki, Leahy, Lynde West, and Beverly Drysdale for the effort they put into the job. They made the job go much smoother through their efforts. I could not have done the job with out their support. Thank you!

As usual, if there is anything, Bar or Kitchen, you see that we need, please send me an eMail at ross2629@bellsouth.net (the best way), or let a Bar Committee member know at the next TGIF. -
Ross Herbert, Rear Commodore

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Since I never had kids of my own, I really appreciate the opportunity to (in the words of Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young) "Teach Your Children Well." I didn't have a chance to teach everything to kids of my own, but I've had the chance to teach one thing I know well to many kids. I sleep with a smile, now.

Teaching how you can make wind, water, boat, tiller, and sail give you a free ride is very satisfying. I know why so many of you take new crew on your boats to spread the gospel of Mother Nature.

I look forward to continuing as an instructor and part of the committee under the the direction of the new Director of Youth Sailing, Simon Koumjian. I will do my best to pass along the high standards of instruction I inherited from Dave Noble, Jan Crawford, Charlotte Tuttle, and other former instructors.

- John MacNeill, Youth Director

Reminiscing, continued...

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prepared to move. Dad wasn't the most popular fellow for being part of that move... I think to this day! But he and Skip Seiler, who followed Dad as Commodore pushed it through. The new property was mostly wooded, with the block structure that stands today on the US-1 edge. The building had been occupied by homeless folk for quite a while. The underbrush on the rest of the property was thick. Dad took us along on some of the work parties to clear the land and make improvements. I'd guess there were two dozen adults and half as many children out there on Saturdays making the property more civilized.

I headed for college in 1983 and have been out of the loop until fairly recently. It has been great to see the club grow and recognize how important it has been to my Dad through most of his life. I miss some of the old fellows who taught us how to sail or told those wild stories and it is great to see new members find a "home base" for their sailing adventures. MYC is more of a "bluewater" club than it was in the old days... and it will continue to be a real gem in the community for decades to come.

- Michael Barile, Jan 2004

Tony's comments were that Michael was off by a year in his Commodore-ship. Tony was commodore in '76, not '75. And he followed Skip Seiler as Commodore, rather than vice versa. Below are added comments from Bob Erickson, who somehow managed to be a member for nearly as long, without serving as Commodore (but served many other positions over the years).

"Young Mike" had it all about right! I'm now in my eighties, and go back about that far. Steve Batchelor, Hasty Miller, and Bill Thon do, too... Those truly were the days, my friend, and we really thought they'd never end. The Club docks were built by us members on work parties, and the biggest slips managed to squeeze in about 25 feet of boat. Hans "Charlie-Nelson" had about the biggest boat at the Club docks! Many of us had larger boats, but had to rent slips next door or at the old Melbourne city docks. I miss those days and the old Club...

Somewhere in the 'annex' lockers there should be some scrapbooks with pictures, newspaper clippings and stuff from those days, if they haven't all been 'cleaned out'. The 'move' across the harbor was a big thing, as the old Club was paid for and ran smoothly. We were kind of forced out when the marina next door was sold to developers who wanted the whole harbor. Attorney Jackson Vaughn owned the property where the Club is now, and sold it to us for about \$65,000, with nothing down! The money from the sale of the old Club gave us enough to build the current docks and thus provide income to finance the new building.

Clearing all that old woodland was a major chore, as was grading a dirt road down to the new docks. It was mostly done by us members on weekends, thus earning a kind of "sweat interest" in the place. The "annex" was dilapidated and condemned by the city, so we had to raise enough money to put on a whole new roof, structure and all, until it became the temporary Clubhouse until we could arrange financing for the new one, now in use.

There were a lot of hard feelings and disagreements among members about what to do and how to do it, but we still all pulled together, got it done, and most of us lived to enjoy it... Hard times, good times, interesting times, now all history!!

- Bob Erickson

House Report

Those on the 2003 and 2004 boards certainly appreciate that the membership has recognized the need to fund on-going maintenance and improvements that include house activities. The budget was extremely scant this past year, and there are several items that need to be accomplished in the next twelve months including maintenance of the parking lot and trimming of our tall trees.

Thanks to those many faithful members who continue to participate in our spring and fall work days year after year. We look forward to your support in 2004!

- Rhonda Delmater, House Chairman

Membership News

We have two new applications for membership this month:

Steve Schultz Sponsored by Sherry Beckett

The ocean and boating has been a major part Steve's life since his youth. His family always had different types of boats at any given time while growing up. He was introduced to sailing by his father at about 12 years of age, but didn't have any formal training until recently, when he successfully completed courses with South Florida Sailing and Cruising School on Basic Sailing, Basic Coastal Cruising, and Bare Boat Charter.

He was introduced to sailboat racing by Sherry Beckett on her boat Fast Lane. He has since purchased a Lindenberg 28 to race. He says that the folks that he has met at the MYC have been both friendly and helpful. He now looks forward to sharing new experiences with them as well as meeting more members and flying the MYC burgee from the rigging of his boat, "Starstruck".

Michelle and Chris Erickson Sponsored by Gary Killian

Michelle is currently a sales and proposal manager with GE Power System in Melbourne. Chris is a software engineer with Harris Corp. Michelle is also a Captain in the US Army Reserves and recently spent 22 months on active duty in Kuwait and State side.

Chris and Michelle just recently got into sailing when they bought their Vagabond Montego 20 ft sailboat. They both have been through the ASA Sailing course and have rented sailboats on vacations.

They are interested in joining MYC to meet others interested in sailing and someday hope to find dockspace there. They are friends with Gary and Louisa Killian and other MYC members.



- Tony Barile, Membership Chairman



A little crazy Karaoke at the New Years Eve Party

US Sailing Level One Instructor Class May be Offered by MYC/US Sailing

MYC might be hosting a US Sailing Level One Instructor Class on March 27, 28 and April 3, 4. This class is the first step in becoming a certified US Sailing instructor.

There are details to be worked out regarding insurance, and usage of the MYC Fleet to accommodate this event. After I found out that US Sailing is charging students \$300 for the class, I want them to cover the cost of the use of our sailboats and powerboats.

I was initially thrilled by the opportunity to host this course and wanted to be first in line to take it until Dick Allsopp supplied the details regarding the costs. I can't afford to take it, but will be happy to help host it. US Sailing must pay for the fuel for the MYC powerboats and provide a valid insurance policy to cover the use of the clubhouse, grounds and fleet sailboats and powerboats. MYC members must operate the powerboats as per our bylaws.

The cost is \$300.00 plus the \$50.00 fee to become a US SAILING member. There is a \$20.00 discount for those signing up 4 weeks in advance. Basically it is a 4 day 40 hours course with a lot of on-the-water time. For detailed information go to www.ussailing.org/training and select Small Boat Level 1 from under Instruct and Coach in the right column. From there select Detailed Course Information.

If you are interested in taking this class, please email me or call me, ASAP.

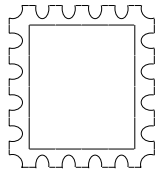
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