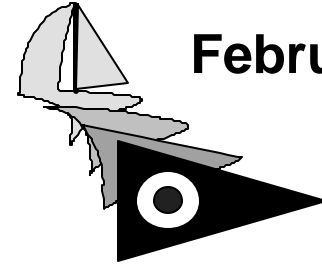


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The Party Line

January is the month where we all seem to stop, take a deep breath and then jump back into the swing again! MYC is no different. After birthdays we didn't really have anything else for January except the 2004 Planning Meeting. Not enough for Rachele. She planned a burn-it, which was planned in about two minutes and about 74 people ate on Friday night. Thanks to Rachele's crew, which consisted of Charlotte and Bill Parker, Patty and Mike Henry, Jackie Herbert, John McNeil and Jack & Jacki Leahy.

Speaking of party planning, a group got together on Saturday, January 24 at 9:30 a.m. to help our this new party chairman set up next year's calendar. A great year is planned. There are still a few parties that need a hostess/host, and lots of hosts need committees. Please say yes to helping when someone asks. It is a great way to get to know different people.

We started February off with a Super Bowl Party and a chili cook off, hosted by Rhonda and Chuck Delmater and Debbie and Jeff McGreggor. Great attendance and chili was had by all who attended. A birthday celebration was held on Friday the 6th. On Sunday, February 15th, in celebration of Valentine's Day, we have a couple's rum race. The grill will be lit for a burn-it. The weekend of February 28 and 29, we plan a cruise to Cocoa Village for the Mardi Gras. Come by boat and spend the evening or just come by car and have a good time with your Melbourne Yacht Club friends.

I need to mention an event of importance. On March 20th, the Commodores Ball will take place at MYC. The theme for the evening is Moondance. Chuck will host it and further details will be coming. Please keep this date in mind and plan to attend. We hope to have a full house.

You may want to mark your calendars for upcoming activities in the club. The calendar is posted in the breezeway. Here are a few highlights: a toga party, bon voyage party, cruise to Lake Shepherd, casino night, art gallery-wine, cheese/champagne, and boat parade viewing at club members homes.

This wraps up some events for now. Any ideas/or suggestions, please share them with me. A great big thank you to Jacki for a wonderful year and all her help. Thank you.

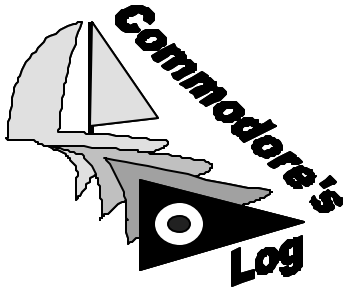
- Dolores Miller, Entertainment Director

FEBRUARY

- 1 Winter Rum Race #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
- 28-29 Cruise to Cocoa Village
- 29 Spring Rum Race #2 (2pm)

MARCH

- 3 Membership Meeting (6:30pm)
- 7 Small Boat Sunday (1pm)
- 11-14 International Sunfish Masters
- 14 Spring Rum Race #3 (2pm)
- 20 Commodore's Ball
- 21 Small Boat Sunday (1pm)
- 28 Spring Rum Race #4 (2pm)
- 31 Board Meeting



Change of Watch

Going through the ranks of board member and rear and vice commodore positions definitely helps prepare a person to serve as Commodore, and yet I still expect there will be a few surprises this

year. I have to admit that I learned more than I expected to during the past year (both bad and good) about the club and our members. I appreciate the efforts of Rob, Brent, Floyd, and Chris as well as other board and LRPC members to put us in a position to be both fiscally and physically (docks) viable. I am proud to have the opportunity to lead a club that can handle disagreements in a constructive manner and move beyond them.

I am more than happy to turn over the house responsibilities to the capable hands of Ross Herbert. It was a frustrating year with the funding crisis and there are several projects that I'm regretful were not completed. Thanks to all who participated in our spring and fall work days. I plan to work by your sides in the coming year.

Annual Planning

Thanks to a suggestion from an out-going board member, our new board will be having an annual planning meeting on Wednesday February 18 to discuss our goals for the upcoming year. If you have ideas for improvements or opportunities we should consider, please let one or more of the board members know. Our phone numbers and e-mail addresses are listed on the front cover of the newsletter. (Personally I prefer email, as we're seldom home to take your calls.) We have a fairly inexperienced, but talented board this year. I'm expecting many fresh ideas as well as receptivity to input from long-standing club members.

SCIT Appointed

As announced at the general meeting, we are forming a Special Committee on Information Technology (SCIT) to consider computing and communication infrastructure and information systems issues. The members who have accepted appointment to this committee are Chris Gates, Sherry Beckett, Karen Knockel, Brent Saunders, Will Garvey and

Ross Herbert. The committee is chartered to make recommendations to the board regarding current and future information technologies. This includes improving capabilities such as streamlining and enhancing processes and services at the least on-going expense. I'm looking forward to their recommendations.

Moondance, March 20

Chuck and I are in the process of pulling together plans for a Commodore's Ball to take place at MYC, featuring fine dining, awards celebration and extraordinary entertainment. Chuck is usually good for a few novel ideas. (Mark your calendar!) There will be a price increase to help cover expenses – but the evening will still be a great entertainment value for an elegant dinner plus fabulous music and dancing with a group of your sailing pals. What could be better?! Watch for your invitation around Valentine's Day. There will be a box at the bar to deposit your RSVP – so you can save the 37 cents to mail it back.

Congratulations Sea Turtle

In case you hadn't heard, Jim Miller, with a crew including several MYC members on his 38-foot Beneteau, *Sea Turtle*, won one of the most prestigious titles in ocean racing, the East Martello Trophy, for taking first place in the 29th annual Fort Lauderdale-to-Key West Race. Jim has competed in the 160-mile ocean race since its inception in 1975, and has come within striking distance. Congratulations to Jim and crew.

Condolences

Sadly, as the month came to a close we lost a faithful member in Joe Ann Erickson, who had faithfully served MYC as our bookkeeper for many years. Please keep Bob, and Joe Ann's daughter in your thoughts during their time of grief.

See you 'round the club,

- Rhonda Delmater, Commodore



News from the dockmaster

Plans are afoot to replace a dozen or so pilings as soon as we can get the contractor on the job. You may have noticed a dozen or so pilings, mostly close to shore, that have been marked with spray paint by Rob Van Name. These are the ones identified for replacement during a survey by Jack Leahy and the previous piling replacement committee.

I have been fortunate enough to have Rob Van Name volunteer to be my assistant dockmaster with his responsibility being managing the wet slips and dock rental. Rob has already updated the waiting list for slips so if you have any question about what kind of wait time there is for a slip, you may view the wait list either at the club or on the MYC website. One or two slips may be coming available in the next month or so. These are in the 30-feet-or-less range. I have a dock committee made up of Jack Bibb, Jack Leahy, Harry Stapor, Hasty Miller, Larry Etheridge and Floyd Bryan. If you wish to be on the dock committee, just give me a call. There is a plan being formulated to test some of the pilings being removed for breaking strength to give us an idea of how long we may expect out of the other dock pilings. The ones being replaced have been identified as having less than 50% of the original piling left below the water.

A number of visiting boats have been seen at MYC's docks over the past couple of months. This is fine. However, if you know of somebody who is planning on visiting with us, please let me know ahead of time or have the visitor call me upon arrival so that we can keep tabs on who is visiting with us.

Lastly, if you are planning on being out of your slip for an extended period of time, please let me know so that we may use it temporarily for a visitor or otherwise. This is important especially during the piling replacement process.

Please note I have a new email address. I can now be reached at:

Fivespeed05@cfl.rr.com My cell phone is 321-698-4351

- Gary Smith, Rear Commodore/Docks

House Report

Well it is a new "Club Year", and a new job for me. I am working out a basic schedule of events for the year, and identifying a set of budgetary items that the house needs for the board to review and authorize for this "Club Year".

I am forming a House Committee and would like to thank Charlotte and Bill Parker, and Mike Henry for agreeing to serve. I am still looking for a couple more members to join the group. If you would like to help, please let me know.

Well that is all for now. More later, as I get a handle on the job and see what needs to be done. Meanwhile, if there is anything, "around the house", you see that we need or need to do, please send me an email at ross2629@bellsouth.net (the best way), or let a House Committee member know.

- Ross Herbert, Vice Commodore

A message from the secretary

It is an honor to be given the opportunity to serve as MYC's Secretary. I look forward to working closely with the new board and our club members. Last year's board members have certainly set a positive example, one in which I plan to follow in the coming year.

If there are any members who have changes that affect the club roster, please forward them to me no later than February 28th so that our new directory is up to date. Thanks.

- Rochelle Yates, Secretary

Got a contribution for the newsletter?

E-mail it to:

**tell-tale@
melbourneyachtclub.com**

Please include name &
phone number.

Fleet Report

I am really looking forward to the upcoming year as fleet captain. Racing participation has grown at all levels over the last few years and I want to do everything possible to help this growth continue.

Gary did a great job during his tenure as fleet captain and I want to build on his success.

I am going to need input from the racers as well as potential racers. We need your thoughts, ideas and suggestions on how and what to do to continue this increase in racing. Do we want longer cruiser races, point to point races, more races, fun races?

Any and all suggestions will be appreciated.

With this growth of racing we also need more people to help with race committees, mark and crash boats. This is a great way to get a front row seat to all the racing and learn at the same time. You don't need experience, we provide OTJ training.

Again I am looking forward to a great year of racing at MYC.

- Jim Edwards, Fleet Captain



Due to popular demand, the youth sailing program will host four five-week classes this summer. One class will start on Thursday, June 3 and another parallel class will start on Saturday, June 5.

The third and fourth classes will start on Thursday, July 8 and Saturday, July 10. These classes will be held on each respective day from 10am to 2pm.

We have to squeeze our youth sailing classes into the ever-shorter summer school vacation allowed by the teacher's union. When I was in school we got out in the first week of June and went back in the first week of September. Students now have to go back in early August.

The plan is that we can accommodate more total students with four five-week classes this summer. Hopefully, we can reduce the number of students we saw last summer from 20 per class to 14-16.

Submitted by John MacNeill for

- Simon Koumjian, Youth Director

Sponsor responsibilities when nominating a prospective member for resident membership.

No member should nominate anyone for club membership unless they know and can vouch for that person. Point the person to the membership director for club information and a nomination.

Member sponsors should:

- Present nomination paper work to membership committee.
- Make sure prospective member understands the fee schedule for the nomination and club dues and has check payable to Melbourne Yacht Club attached with the nomination form.
- Introduce prospective member to club at two club functions.
- Inform prospective member of club rules and regulations/constitution and bylaws.
- Present prospective member to membership committee for review.
- Inform prospective member of privileges of a provisional member and in the use of house chits for the bar and events.
- Explain to prospective member that this club runs by the efforts of all the member pitching in and helping on events and even clean up after yourself at TGIF's. They are also expected to pitch in and help with regattas, parties and other events as a new member.

Membership News

Welcome to New Members

**Steve Schultz sponsored by Sherry Beckett
Michelle & Chris Erickson sponsored by Gary Killian.**

Farewell to a Long Time MYC Member -- Joe Ann Erickson

Joe Ann Erickson passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, January 31. She is remembered for her many years of service as MYC's bookkeeper. Joe set up the original bookkeeping and billing system for the club, shortly after we moved over from the other side of the harbor, and ran it all until she retired about three years ago. Bob Erickson survives her. Bob & Joe joined the club in July 1967.

Joe Ann Erickson's Memorial Service was held at the Melbourne Yacht Club for all members and friends who wished to attend. I hope everyone was able to pay his or her respects to Joe Ann.

Memories of Joe Ann Erickson as remembered by Rose Baker

As you all know Bob Erickson and Melbourne Yacht Club recently lost one of the classiest ladies that we have known.

Joe Ann was very special to both Bill and myself and to many members of the club especially those who, over the last twenty years or so, tried their hand at running the Club. She became bookkeeper about 1982 and continued into the new millennium. During that time she managed to train and help more Treasurers than we care to count and attended most of the Board and General meetings until she retired due to deteriorating health. She was always there, keeping the club's books in excellent order, and providing friendly and helpful wisdom from her vast experience of the club's operations, and previous experience as a bank loan officer.

We didn't realize what a great help Joe could be to us personally, until we both began to serve on various Boards during the early and Mid 1990s. On the many occasions when we needed quick background history of any club operation or personality, Joe's great memory would quickly provide the answer or enable us find it from the club's records. She made our jobs at the club so much easier as she did for many of the past Commodores and Treasurers.

Joe's real love was horses, after Bob of course. She would tell our daughter wonderful stories about her experiences riding and showing. Lara would be in horsy heaven listening.

We will miss our good and constant friend. They don't come much better.

A glimpse of Joe Ann Erickson as remembered by Debbie Ball

Joe Ann took care of our personal business while Grant and I worked on four yachts, in the 1988-1999 timeframe. She kept up with the details of payments, forwarded our mail when asked, and, when possible, alerted us to any situation that required our attention. Since we were frequently out of convenient touch with civilization, many times she would simply solve a problem.

Case in point was one year when I wrote a check to the IRS from a checking account that was set up to draw from savings. Evidently the checking account was also set up to close if there was no activity for a year. As you may have already guessed, the checking account was dormant, and then was closed, and the IRS check bounced sky high. It was months later that we heard the story and how she managed to rectify it. Let's just say that on that day, the words "identity theft" were good ones!

We'll miss Joe Ann, her love of life and the outdoors, and her good humor.

- Bob Hughes, Membership Chairman

It was a SUPER Bowl Party ! !

Debbie and Jeff McGregor know how to put on a great party (with a little help from Ross Herbert, Rhonda Delmater, and the Chili Cook Off contestants). More than fifty people attended to cheer on their teams and watch the commercials and halftime show on a large screen TV. There were scores of fabulous snacks and ten chili entries.

The winners of the Chili Cook Off were:

Best Hot Chili – Bill Parker’s “Fire Chili”

Most Unusual Chili - Delores Miller’s “Sea Turtle Express Chili” (isn’t that illegal?!)

Best Over All - Bob Sowden’s “Lost Recipe Chili”

The raffle raised about \$150 for the MYC Youth Sailing program and included the following prizes:

Light from West Marine won by John MacNeill

Smoky Bones \$25 certificate won by Maryanne Holden (guest)

Bunky’s \$20 certificate won by Mark (Cathy’s boyfriend)

Foreman’s \$25 certificate won by Karen Knockel

Ichabod’s \$25 certificate won by Amy Lacy

Indian River Soap basket won by Eileen

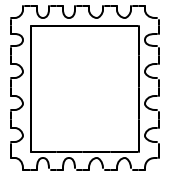
Bethel Marine t-shirts won by Sue Reynolds and Rochelle Yates

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