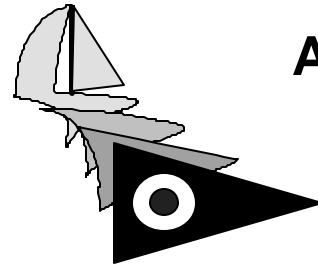


# MELBOURNE YACHT CLUB

# TELL-TALE



April 2004

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## The Party Line

Birthdays for the month of April were celebrated on Friday the 2nd. We hope all those celebrating birthdays in April attended.

April is a full calendar. We have Easter and the start of Spring Regatta. The weekends in April are all taken up.

We have a busy schedule for the month of May. Please mark your calendar for Saturday, May 1. It will be the Seafood Raft-Up. We are planning a 50's party for Saturday, May 15. So start looking in the closets and dig out all those clothes you have been hanging onto. It should be a fun time. We have a D.J. for the evening. His name is R.L. from the East Coast Sailing Association. His wife C.J. will also be attending. We hope to have a fun time. So get out your dancing shoes and let's rock the evening away.

Also, in the month of June we are planning a casino cruise. It will be on the Sterling Casino Lines and it is set for Saturday, June 19. The bus will be picking us up at the Melbourne Yacht Club. I will have a sign up sheet posted in the lounge. So please sign up early and reserve your spot. Look for details to follow.

We are in the start of a fun spring and looking forward to summer activities.

- Dolores Miller, Entertainment Director

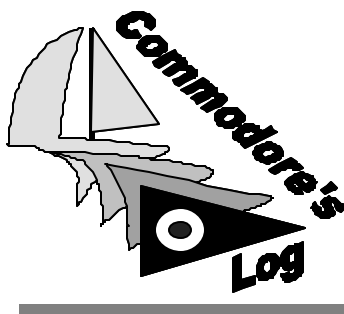
### APRIL

- 4 Small Boat Sunday (1pm)
- 7 Membership Meeting (6:30pm)
- 9 FIRST FRIDAY RUM RACE 6pm
- 17-18 Spring Regatta—Dinghies
- 23-25 Spring Regatta—Big Boats
- 28 Board Meeting

### MAY

- 1 Seafood Raft-Up
- 2 Small Boat Sunday (1pm)
- 5 Membership Meeting (6:30pm)
- 7 Last Spring Rum Race
- 15 Fifties Party
- 16 Small Boat Sunday (1pm)
- 21 First Summer Rum Race
- 26 Board Meeting
- 30 Small Boat Sunday (1pm)

## We Had a "Ball!"



Although this is our one event of the year when we get lots of "professional help" in terms of catering and wait staff, there is still much to be done and Chuck and I are grateful to be in such a supportive club. Our thanks below are interspersed with a recap of the gala 2004 event with the theme of Moondance.

Rachele Ross, Faye Bitzer, and Sue Reynolds, provided plenty of creative input (that unfortunately we ran out of time to capitalize on) and moral support. Hopefully, a number of members helped Ross get the furniture out of the way for the floor to be waxed and look tip top. Will Garvey and Jim Miller set up tables and chairs on Thursday evening, Rose Baker helped with table setting on Friday evening. And Jack and Jacki Leahy helped make sure the club looked it best on Saturday, and helped with my personal hair styling crisis. Thank you, all!

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### [ Commodore's Log from page 1 ]

Ross and Jackie Herbert arrived early and were indispensable in taking care of last minute details, while I left to take care of things that had been planned to be accomplished earlier in the day. The board, their spouses, and some other generous folks brought delicious hors d'oeuvres including Port Canaveral shrimp cocktail, mini quiches, sausage in pastry, and a wonderful array of fruits, vegetables, meats and cheeses. Daniel Delmater served as DJ during our cocktail and dinner hours. Thank you, all! We heard several compliments for the caterer, who was Mandy Merritt of "For Any Occasion Catering" on Courtenay Parkway.

Our recognitions started with congratulations to Jim Miller, Dave Silverman, and the Sunfish fleet for their recent sailing accomplishments. Next we introduced the new members in attendance and thanked their sponsors: Mike & Jacqueline Bruning; Tonya Meister; David & Joan Lister; Bill & Charlotte Parker; John & Nancy Fox; Simon Koumjian; Ron & Pam Vanderveer; and Chris & Michelle Erickson. We also recognized the 14 past commodores in attendance: Skip Seiler (1975), George Behnke (1977), Jack Bibb (1978), Betty Thon (1984), Jerry Ross (1985), Bill Baker (1991), Gary Killian (1993), Al Waschka (1986 & 1994), Rose Baker (1996), Gus Williams (1997 & 1998), Chuck Baird (1999), Chris Reynolds (2001), and Gabe Denes (2002).

Past Commodore, Rob Van Name presented Certificates of appreciation to the 2003 Dock Committee, and also presented the annual awards:

- Gus Williams won the Jay Moulton Cruising Award
- Dave Silverman won the US Sailing Association Sportsmanship Award
- Jim Edwards was awarded Member of the Year 2003
- Eckart Schneider won the Brenda Shadbolt Trophy
- Mary Williams was granted the Denes' "Flushed Away" Trophy

Rob also thanked the 2003 board, presented the new commodore, and assisted with presentation of the 2004 officers with their goodies (flags, hats, etc.). And the recognitions ended with our traditional champagne toast.

The fabulous Ms. Jacqueline Jones was in her usual fine form and kicked off the entertainment with her marvelous rendition of Moondance, accompanied by four fine musicians (keyboard, drums, saxophone, bass) in her Orlando-based band. Expecting many in the crowd to leave at the break (because they had raced earlier), they played an extended first set including an array of music for dancing. The second set started and ended with classic Ms. Jones, "the Furniture Song" and "Black Drawers", but also fea-

tured an a capella rendition of "In the Garden" with Chuck Delmater and several of the crowd joining in on the choruses.

We made plans to meet at the club on Sunday morning to clean up, but by the time I got there, Bob Sowden and Karen Knockel had already finished cleaning up and putting away the furniture. Thank you both.

Finally, thanks to my spouse for his unwavering support and assistance in the planning, execution and enjoyment of the Commodore's Ball. I, for one, had a terrific time!

### Déjà vu All Over Again (LRPC)

Unfortunately, there have been two resignations from the LRPC following our April 7 General Meeting: Chris Reynolds and Faye Bitzer. So, the MYC Board of Directors will nominate two more committee members for election at the May general meeting. We would like to have at least one female committee member. Regrettably, the one the board voted to nominate at our March 31 board meeting called and withdrew on Monday, April 5. Suggestions or volunteers of qualified women are most welcome. Please note that I've already identified a male LRPC member who is willing to be the minute taker.

### April 10 Work Day

Our work day was very well attended with various crews working on house, garden, dock and fleet projects. Thanks to those who once again donated their precious free time to support Melbourne Yacht Club. (Hopefully they're listed elsewhere herein.)

### Doing Our Best

As you might imagine, I've received quite a bit of input since our meeting last Wednesday evening. I sincerely appreciate the *constructive* feedback including alternative courses of action suggested. I'm still working on my "Robert's Rules" skills and encourage you to speak up with "Point of Order" when I miss a step in the process.

Being Commodore is not for the faint-hearted, nor is it for someone that intends to only serve one group of our members. In our club we have cruisers, racers, slip holders, non-slip holders, standing committee members, party and regatta committee members, and work-day volunteers. During the past year I have been all of these and want our membership to know that I strive to be fair to all of these groups and that my allegiance is with all but the non-participants. I don't mean those who have served the club well but are getting on in years and are not able to be as active as they used to be. I'm talking about those who only read the newsletter to see if they need to show up at a meeting to vote against a rate

## House Report

We only had a couple of maintenance items this month: The toilet in the Men's Restroom, the microwave in the kitchen, and some touch up painting. However, to be sure, there are still several maintenance projects on my list not the least of which is the drain in the front Annex restroom.

During the month I decided to rename the "Corner Store" to the "Bosun's Locker" as it has a more nautical feel. We also sold out of MYC logo hats and I should have more in time for the Spring Regatta.

The big news was the fantastic turn out for the April 10<sup>th</sup> work day. I had a list of 26 items ranging from grounds work to the club house itself to some of my projects for the year. There are many members I need to thank. Steve Shippee did a great job fertilizing the grass, setting up hoses for watering, watering the yard, and mulching the yard. Rose Baker for her supervising of the tree trimming crew from Advanced Tree Experts and ensuring the club got the most out of their efforts. Bill Baker and Gabe Denes for the removal of the Palm tree down by the water. Greg Kowalski for mowing the side yard once the boats were moved. Beverly Drysdale for working on the rock garden, and Ashley Drysdale for helping wherever she could. Karen Knockel for cleaning up and inventorying the Bosun's Locker. Marty Barnes, Nancy Fox and Marsha Millar for moving the trophies and setting up the charts for the Cruiser Tracking project so I can let Paul Alexy and Bob Hughes know how big a metal plate to acquire (more on Bob later). Rochelle Yates, Jackie Herbert, and Michelle Erickson for their gardening efforts. Betsy Baird for cleaning up the Music room. Commodore Rhonda for tackling the attic storage area and its' ghosts. Andy Burke for cleaning the sidewalks.

I am amazed at the difference. Charlotte Parker, and Charla Heussmer for tackling any and every job I tossed their way from the Library corner to braving the Love bug eruption from the mop storage area. However, of all the workers I had helping, two really stood out. Lynde West seemed to be every where. She cleaned up the Pantry, the Kitchen, helped with numerous other jobs such as the Attic, the Library and the Rock Garden. Then there is Bob Hughes. Bob's efforts will probably be the most visible ones you see. He fixed the urinal in the Men's room, installed the new Sprayer-Faucet in the kitchen, and most of all he inserted the Plexiglas panes into the doors of the Bosun's Locker, so we now have a display case for our MYC insignia items.

I hope I didn't miss any one, if I did I appreciate your help too. Thank you all for your efforts to make the clubhouse look great. I plan to have some before and after pictures posted on the bulletin board at the club, so stop by and check out the changes. As usual, 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, Director of House

increase. They are using club resources that could better and more fairly be put to use by active MYC members.

I want you to know that I'm committed to using my best judgment of what's fair and effective. But, as all the past commodores, I'm bound to make mistakes, and in such a diverse group we're bound to have disagreements. What I ask is that we handle these in a mature manner and "don't make it personal" – whether you're giving or receiving criticism. Make it constructive and fair. And when a matter is settled, forget it. Put it behind us and move on to tackle our next task, challenge, or improvement. *Together.*

Thanks again for your energy and enthusiasm.

- Rhonda Delmater, Commodore

## Membership News

**Membership Database changes have been completed, and any changes after April 5<sup>th</sup> will not be published.**

**There is a new Feature in the database.**

There are 2 check boxes for selecting the E-Mail Version of the Tell-Tale or your invoice. Please go to your member page and click on the box to select this option.

### Welcome to New Members

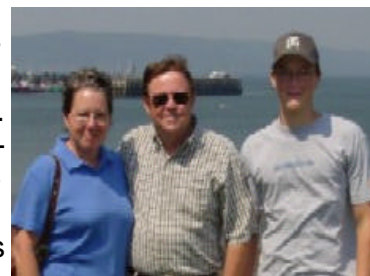
**Kevin Fredricks sponsored by Jim Edwards**

**Chuck Noles sponsored by Bob Hughes**

### Nominations for Resident Membership

**John (Jack) & Janice Clark sponsored by John McNeill**

Jack and Janice moved to the Melbourne four years ago after living in Tampa and Miami most of their lives. Jack is a Manger at Intersil Corporation working in the Corporate Marketing department. He manages Central Applications and the Technical Library as well as doing Marketing research. At this time Janice is a stay at home Mom and is active with the BSO Symphony Guild and the Space Coast Flute Orchestra. Both Jack and Janice are active with their church. They have two sons one grown and married and one 16-year-old son Ian who is a junior at Satellite High School. At this time Ian's interests are music, cars and of course, girls.



Jack learned to sail at a young age and came up thought the Clearwater Pram program at the Miami Yacht Club. After prams Jack raced Moths, Snipes and Jet14s. Janice was born in Pittsburgh and moved to Miami at a young age. Until she married Jack she was not a water person. After marrying Jack she learned to swim, snorkel and eat real seafood. Over their 35 years of marriage she has joined Jack and her sister and brother-in-law on many sailing vacations. Cursing Biscayne Bay and the Florida Keys in O Day and Ranger 23s. They have sailed the Abacos in a Morgan OI 41, spent time at the Bitter End BVI, cruised Pine Island Sound in a Grand Banks 32 and most recently spent a week on the 120 year old Schooner Grace Bailey sailing Penobscot Bay Maine.

Last year Jack decided to heed his brother's advice and get off the couch. He had sailed a Laser in the Bitter Ends Sunday Regatta and since the Laser is a bit like a Moth, his favorite boat, he picked up a used Laser and has been sailing with MYC members on Small Boat Sundays. It's been great fun with friendly people and its time to join the club and help out as well as sail. Jack would like to use his Marketing skills to help publicize MYCs Regattas and help build on a great small boat program.

**John & Anne Simmons sponsored by John Geraci**

We are most interested in becoming members of the Melbourne Yacht Club so that we can become more involved with the local sailing community. We both work hectic jobs and find that we do not extend

ourselves to outside relationships and meeting new people as often as we would like. Our hope is that by joining a club, such as the Melbourne Yacht Club, we will be able to develop that kind of camaraderie with your members, and to cultivate long-term friendships as we have begun to do with our sponsors Lynda and John Geraci. Lynda and John have renewed our interest in joining a yacht club, and the members of the club that we have met through them have been very interesting and personable people.



John was raised in Satellite Beach and spent his formidable years in and on the water, having owned small run-about boats as a teen and a 24' Columbia sailboat in young adulthood. Anne was born and raised in Vermont and met John in the Virgin Islands where they were both working in the late 80's. We met, married and then spent a decade living, working and enjoying the Virgin Islands, spending seven years on St. Thomas and three on St. Croix.

During our time in the islands, we owned a beautiful 31' Cheoy Lee ketch for several years. John was very involved in racing while we were there, primarily on J24 and J27 sailboats. He raced at Antigua Race Week twice and was involved in the Caribbean Ocean Triangle (CORT) series for several years in a row. He also sailed in numerous local regattas. My experience with sailing has been primarily limited to day sailing our boat or with friends, or chartering in the BVI which we have done a few times.

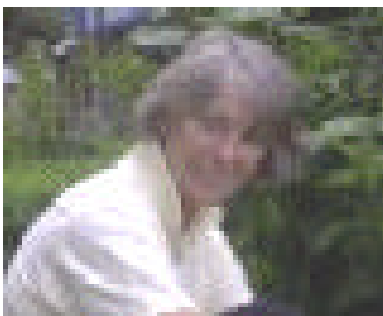
We moved back to Satellite Beach in 1998 so that I could solidify my nursing education. I had obtained a bachelors degree in Nursing at the University of the Virgin Islands and felt like exposure to state-side nursing and technology was needed. I am presently employed at Holmes Regional Medical Center.

John is employed as a General Superintendent over large multi-family and commercial projects in Central Florida.

We have one son, Jeffrey, who is a United States Marine presently stationed in Camp Pendleton, CA. We also have a Labrador retriever, Sam.

In addition to sailing, our interests include water activities such as fishing and diving, traveling, camping and entertaining.

### **Mary Chadwick sponsored by Charlotte Parker**



Growing up near lakes in Wisconsin, I was exposed to water sports early on in life. I fell in love with sailing, and bought my first sailboat, a Sunfish, soon after I graduated from college.

While married and raising our two sons, we sailed out of Bay Haven Marina in Holland Michigan. As we looked at our life choices, we decided to relocate to a warmer climate, so we could sail throughout the year. In July Of '83 we left Michigan, headed south, and then crossed over to the Abacos. We relocated in Melbourne when we returned a year later.

Since my divorce I have relied on the generosity of friends to maintain my relationship with sailing, enjoying the waters from the Chesapeake down to Cat Island in the Bahamian chain.

Recently, I purchased a 14' Phantom to sail with my 8 year old grandson. As excited as I initially was, I started having reservations about rigging and launching this boat with a young child alone. When my friend Charlotte Parker, told me about the programs available at Melbourne Yacht Club, I knew that this was something I needed to pursue. I am looking forward to the support, networking, and comradery that this will afford not only to me, but to my sons and grandson. On the other hand, I feel that I have a lot to offer, especially in your youth program, as I have taught for 35 years in the early childhood field, and relate well to both children and adults.

*- Bob Hughes, Membership Director*

## Fleet Report

March was very busy with a lot of racing around the club. The Rum Racers are out in force and just had their first Friday night race of the Spring season. This is shaping up to be a very good series.

The Wet Sunday dinghy fleet is growing as well and after last weekend added new meaning to the term Wet Sunday after a few capsizes around the course in some gusty breezes.

The Sunfish International Masters was a **GREAT** success. To thank all of the people that helped out it would take its own page (see attached). Everyone who helped in this regatta should be proud of the job they did. We have been getting letters from some of the competitors telling everyone what a great time they had. **WELL DONE TO THE WHOLE CREW.**

Spring Regatta is coming up and will be a very busy 2 weeks, we still could use some help in certain areas so if you have time please come out and help either weekend. I look forward to some good racing during the regattas and hope to see many of you out on the course.

- Jim Edwards, Fleet Captain

## Bar Report

Well, the Bar Manager has managed to crawl out of the grog locker and signal off this report for the Tell-Tale. The bar is running along great guns, and I've truly hit the ground running, as I've ordered 9 kegs in my first seven weeks of operations, not to mention the wine, liquor, and bottled beer. The Friday night happy hour is starting with personal choice CD music, so if you have any music you'd like to share, then bring it by and we'll play it. Through the month of April, we're having a Rocky Mountain Spring special, bottled Coors is just \$1 till we're out. April 6th is National tartan day, unfortunately the closest Friday (9th) is also Good Friday, so I am delaying the "Tartan Dine in" to Friday April 16th. The dinner will be Banger's and Mash with Gravy, cabbage and roll for \$6.50. Drink specials will be announced. Please sign up early (by April 12th).

Also, whomever requested the Canadian Whiskey, it is now in and ready for your approval. In closing, I'd like to tell of a sad story of a woman who was told her husband had fallen into a malting vat at the dis-

## Youth Report

John MacNeill along with his instructors are getting ready to start on the 2004 Youth and Adult sailing classes, starting Saturday, May, 1 for the adults and Thursday, June, 3, for the youths. We now have 7 adults pre-registered for the # 1 classes and 5 youths pre-registered for the # 1A classes and 2 youths pre-registered for the # 1B classes. These classes are open to the public and MYC members. To register, please call Simon Koumjian at 321-779-1579 or E-mail [simonko@worldnet.att.net](mailto:simonko@worldnet.att.net). Please help us spread the word.

### MELBOURNE YACHT CLUB'S CALENDAR FOR SAILING CLASSES , 2004

cost \$35; time: 10 am to 2 pm

#### YOUTH CLASSES

Youth # 1A - Thurs. June 3, 10, 17, 24, & July 1

Youth # 1B - Sats. July 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31

Youth # 2A - Thurs. July 8, 15, 22, 29, & Aug. 5

Youth # 2B - Sats. July 10, 17, 24, 31, & Aug. 7

#### ADULT CLASSES

Adult # 1 - Sats. May 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29

Adult #2 - Sats, Aug, 14, 21, 28, Sept. 4, & 11

Dr. J. Saxe has asked the MYC, through John MacNeill, to trade his laser for one of MYC's sunfish. This was reviewed and approved by the board. John MacNeill will follow up on this item. The MYC would like to thank Tonya Meister for donating a laser to be used by the MYC. The MYC ad hoc Saturday Sailing School has been completed with great success. Many thanks go to John MacNeill for his commitment to this program.

The replacing of the existing air bag floatation's for the prams with rigid foam is moving along with five rigid foams completed. Thanks go to John and Nancy Fox, who will be providing and installing the straps to hold the rigid foam in place.

- Simon Koumjian , Youth Director

tillery and drown. She hurried down to the still and sure enough, it was true. "Did he go quickly?" she asked. "Naw, he got out 3 times to pee before he died" was the reply.

Hope to see you Friday's, and remember to take care of the volunteers who open the bar during off hours.

- Jay McClure, Bar Director

# SEAFOOD RAFT-UP PARTY!



**SATURDAY, May 1, 6:00 PM**

Once again, it is time for the legendary MYC Raft-up Party. We will meet at MYC at 6:00, cast off by 6:30, and be at anchor off Melbourne Beach by 7:30. For those who are interested, there will be a race to the anchorage, with a bottle of "Starboard Wine" for the winner. For dinner, we will have:

Shrimp	Vegetable Munchies	Beer	<i>(2 cans apiece.</i>
Crab Claws	Rolls	Coke	<i>Really thirsty folks</i>
Baked Potato	Brownies	Diet Coke	<i>had better bring extra.)</i>
A Full Moon		Diet 7-Up	

**COST: ONLY \$12.00 PER PERSON**

The food will be distributed from the seven party committee boats. Details will be covered at the party. In the interest of better organization, please include the name of the boat (or its owner) that you will be aboard, when you make your reservation.

## ***Come One, Come All***

**Skippers:** Inviting someone to ride with you does not obligate you to pay for them. **Crew:** Asking for a ride to the party does not imply that you are asking the skipper to pay your way, so don't be shy about asking. Most skippers will be delighted to have your company. **Everyone:** Get signed aboard a boat before you make your reservation, so we can know how many are where.

*WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS, COME ANYWAY! We'll find a boat for you.*

**Everyone:** Bring Life Preservers and Boat Shoes.

**All Skippers:** Please pick up a copy of the raft plan either at the club before we cast off or from SKIMMER (Hasty's boat) before the raft-up. You need to know where your boat belongs.

**THE RAFT BREAKS UP AT 11:00 Sharp**

*Marriages performed during this raft-up are valid for the duration of the raft-up only.*

**Also serving on the party committee:**

Bob & Wendy Hughes  
Jim & Rochelle Yates  
Larry & Connie Etheridge  
Jeff & Debby McGregor  
Bob Sowden / Karen Knockel

**RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED and CLOSE  
WEDNESDAY NIGHT APRIL 28th**

**Hasty and Julie Miller 723-7395  
Harry and Katy Stapor 725-4994**

## *From the DockMaster*

By the time you read this report, the piling replacement job by Paul Erickson should be completed. A total of 50 pilings have been replaced and another dozen or so straightened and/or adjusted. Paul has done a great job and is to be complimented. Additionally, we are rebuilding a long finger pier for the dingy racers alongside the Dragon Lady slip. This is to replace an old structure which was there years ago and removed when the concrete ramp went in. Our old dock drawings were resurrected by Harry Stapor to show that we are replacing an old preexisting structure. The MYC work day will see the old cooper caps replaced, the old carpet replaced and 60 or more new hangers installed. Thanks to all those who turned out to help. Thanks to Jack Bibb, Harry Stapor, and Jerry Ross for making up the new hangers.

A special Policy Review Committee of 10 has been formed from the Board and Dock Committee to review the existing Dock Policy and Rules and recommended any changes as may be deemed necessary.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped move boats around during the piling job, especially Jack and Jacki Leahy.

I'd also like to compliment the few (3 or 4) boat owners who went ahead and replaced lines on their boats at my initial urging. Hopefully, quite a few more lines will have been replaced during the MYC work party. Any suspect lines that have not been replaced by the end of April will be replaced by the Dockmaster. The costs will be passed on through Jan Crawford on the monthly billing statements. If you are in doubt about your lines, replace them now. We need one aft and one forward spring minimum.

Special thanks to these members who helped out with all the work done to the docks on Saturday, April 10th: Bill Thon, Bob Sowden, Jerry Moors, Jim Gibson, Jerry Ross, Floyd Bryan, Lloyd Millar, Hasty Miller, Harry Stapor, Greg Apostos, Chuck Knowles, Jack Bibb, Chris Reynolds, Al Waschka, Steve Shippee, Bill Burton, Gabe Denes, Jim Parker. Thank you for your cooperation.

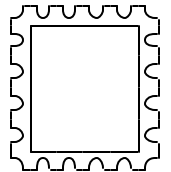
- Gary Smith, Rear Commodore & Dockmaster

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