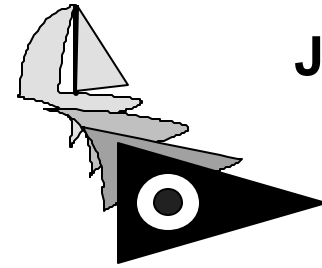


MELBOURNE YACHT CLUB

TELL-TALE



June 2004

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JUNE

- 11 Casino Cruise CANCELLED
- 13 Small Boat Sunday (1pm)
- 18 Summer Rum Race #3
- 20 Father's Day
- 27 Small Boat Sunday (1pm)
- 30 Board meeting

JULY

- 2 Summer Rum Race #4
- 4 Cookout and Raft-Up
- 7 Membership Meeting (6:30pm)
- 11 Small Boat Sunday (1pm)
- 16 Summer Rum Race #5
- 25 Small Boat Sunday (1pm)
- 28 Board Meeting
- 30 Summer Rum Race #6



4th of July Cookout and Raft-up At Melbourne Yacht Club



Bar opens at 5pm

Dinner at 6:00

Serving and eating Indoors

MENU

BBQ Pork Ribs & Chicken

Hot Dogs, BBQ Bean, Coleslaw

Macaroni Salad, Brownies & Watermelon

Raft-up after dinner to watch fireworks

Weather Permitting

If you don't have a boat to go on, we will try to find a boat for you.

Cost: \$8.50 Adults / \$4 under 12

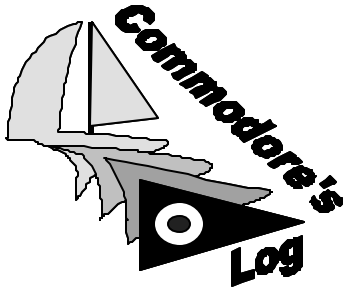
Reservations for dinner by June 30 - Bob Hughes

729-6356 or Rhughes3@cfl.rr.com

Raft-up reservations by July 4th - Hasty Miller

723-7395 or hasty@digital.net

Raft-up is BYO Drinks, Snacks and Life Jackets



It's That Time of Year

As usual, we have members heading out to cruise east to Bahamas as well as north to the Chesapeake Bay and south to the Florida Keys and perhaps points west. I myself was on vacation last week and on business travel the previous week, so regrettably missed our last board meeting and the June general meeting.

Chuck and I went on Royal Caribbean's "Sovereign of the Seas" with another couple and about 2000 other passengers. You can only imagine what it's like to arrive at a "private island" that includes a beach with about 1500 chaise lounges in several rows. Fortunately the snorkeling was good (rays, squid, and the usual tropical fish). As most of you know, there's just no comparison to going on a private yacht, even if you must do a few chores along the way.

Unfortunately, we weren't able to get the blessing of the fleet together before everyone started heading out. I'm quite sure we could have benefited from a blessing and some divine intervention on multiple counts. Perhaps next year...

LRPC

The LRPC has met twice already during May and is being chaired by Bill Baker. Several action items have been assigned, so certainly work will continue over the summer months in spite of vacations. Thanks again to the committee members.

Dock Rule Revisions

The committee is continuing to review and work to improve the wording of the dock rules with a target completion date of August. Thanks to several members for providing input, and thanks to the members of the dock policy committee for their continued efforts.

Respecting Your Fellow Members

Any time that I hear any one of our members was mean or rude to another member, it concerns me. We're all entitled to our opinions and we're bound to have disagreements. All I ask is that we communicate them appropriately. The meek may inherit the earth, but perhaps not at MYC. Please avoid personal attacks whether directly to a person or to a third party, and make your input or feedback as constructive and fair as you can. And after the fact, forget it. We can't change the past, we can only change the future. *Together.* Thanks again for your energy and enthusiasm.

Wishing everyone a safe and fun-filled summer,

- Rhonda Delmater, Commodore

Have you seen anyone 'new' at the club recently?

Because our club is so active, we should expect to see other members here during the week, even when no scheduled events are taking place. Guests should only be present with members who invited them.

When you encounter someone you don't know that you are comfortable approaching, please make an effort to introduce yourself, get their name, and find out if they:

- (1) are a member you haven't met
- (2) are someone's guest, and if so, who's and where the member is
- (3) don't belong on MYC property.

Hopefully, you'll get to meet some new members or prospective members.

If you encounter someone who you aren't comfortable approaching and you suspect doesn't belong on the premises, please consider taking appropriate action, such as

- (a) informing them that our club is for members and guests only and politely asking them to leave.
- (b) making other MYC members who are on premise aware of the person(s) in question.
- (c) calling the Melbourne Police Department. (In fact just pulling out your cell phone and being seen placing a call could be enough to send the person on his way.)

We had an unfortunate incident last week when a thief removed a fishing rod from Rainbow Chaser. Just because someone acts like they have permission, doesn't mean they do. Please help your fellow club members and dock mates by sharing in surveillance when you're on site.

The Party Line

Birthdays for the month of June will be celebrated on Friday, June 4. (By the time you read this, birthdays will have been celebrated). We hope all those celebrating birthdays in June attended.

Our 50's party for Saturday, May 15 was a fun time. Our DeeJay, RL and his wife CJ, from the East Coast Sailing Association provided us with tunes from the 50's. The room was rocking with songs from Elvis, Bill Haley and the Comets, etc. The hula hoop proved to be an entertaining sight, as well as playing with jacks, We had blondes with curls and the likes of Olivia Newton John. The guys out did themselves with white socks and slick hair. We even saw long sideburns! The evening was topped off with karaoke from our club members. Rhonda also surprised her husband Chuck with a cake for his 50th birthday.

I need to give special thanks to Charlotte Parker for all her help. Also, thanks to Linda Geraci, Nancy Garvey, Jackie Herbert and all the other members who I missed in the cleanup.

In the month of June we are planning a casino cruise. It will be on the Sterling Casino Lines and it is set for Friday, June 11. [Editor's note: this event has been CANCELLED.]

Coming attractions: In July, Bob Hughes will be having his grand 4th of July celebration. As time gets closer, he will have highlights of his spectacular event. Be sure to make plans to be there.

I will be in and out of club activities for a while. Vacation time is here. Have fun and stay safe.

- Dolores Miller, Entertainment Chairman



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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?

E-mail it to:

**tell-tale@
melbourneyachtclub.com**

Please include name &
phone number.

Dockmaster's Report

We are seeing a lot more action on the docks lately with lots of boats being taken out for short day cruises or for longer trips to the Keys, the Bahamas or, in the case of Bob and Karen, to the Chesapeake. We are seeing quite a few cars being parked long term while boats are off cruising. Just a reminder that when cars are left for longer periods, an extra set of keys should be left with either Ross or some designated person who can move them as needed. If you are parking for a week or more, please park up toward the club annex in one of the west facing spots rather than down below. Please check the dock policy regarding parking while cruising.

You will note that the 2004 Dock policy as modified by the Board is printed in the new yearbook. This 2004 policy, although published in the yearbook, will be under further review over the next two months to see if any improvements can be made to the wording, especially regarding "proper usage" of boats occupying MYC slips. Rhonda has solicited comments and suggestions in her May Commodore's report and the Policy Review Committee has received emails from just a few interested parties (4 or 5 slipholders). This new policy is apparently well received by the majority of members who currently have their boats in our slips and who use their boats on a regular basis.

There are a handful who are vehemently opposed to the new policy, mostly because of the requirement to use their boats ten times a year. All of this should be of particular interest to the 25 or 30 members who are on the waiting list for slips. We need to hear from you guys, too. We also need to hear from the members who do not have slips.

There will be a vote at the August general membership meeting to approve the policy as it now stands or in some modified form. This is to comply with Bill Baker's motion to review the policy for three months as discussed at the May meeting.

In the meantime, members of the Policy Review Committee welcome further input from all members on this very important issue. Please direct your comments to Rhonda, myself or any member of the Board or Dock committee.

Be sure to show up to the August general meeting to vote on this matter. Please forward your comments this month, so the committee can meet to review any new suggestions in July. If you think the new policy is great the way it is, please let us know this as well.

As an aside, I understand that the smaller slips at the condo next door are now bringing \$175 or more per month !!!

- Gary Smith, Dockmaster

The Daytona to Charleston Race on Bob Sowden's *Miss Too...*

from Sherry Beckett

The race started at 2 pm on Friday, May 28th, at the Ponce Inlet Sea Buoy, ran up the beach for 10 miles, and then headed straight for Charleston's outer buoy. We had great conditions at the start, everyone starting under spinnaker. The wind built all evening until we had about 20 kts out of the SE. Later in the evening the wind switched to South and SW. We dropped the spinnaker as dark approached--we were a little overcanvassed and a little too close to the wind to keep it up all night. Once we put the jib up, we headed more east for the Gulf Stream. We finally reached the Gulf Stream about 1 am, and made a left turn to follow the stream as long as we could. Our speed over the bottom after that was about 10-12 knots all night, until we had to turn away and head for Charleston.

After about 18 hours of good wind, the wind started dropping at about 8 am (and clocking from SW to N), and by about 2 pm Saturday it had dropped to zero. It was glassy calm, but there was still chop and swell (terrible conditions to try to keep a fairly heavy boat moving in light air). We had been fighting the dropping wind for hours (spinnaker up, spinnaker down, trim in, trim out, change helmsman). **[continued on page 6]**

Membership News

New member Nominations:

Jim & Elaine Schaub sponsored by Larry Etheridge

"I have been in Melbourne for 14 years, previously in Fort Lauderdale for 12 years. Graduate of Florida State University – College of business. Began sailing on Lake Michigan in prams, sunfish, etc. Raced MORC in Puerto Rico from 1967 to 1971, on CAL 25, CAL 40 and Gladiator 24. Also sailed Hobie 14, 16 and sunfish then. Sailed cats and board boats in Pensacola in the early and mid 70's. Have skippered bareboats, 30' to 40', in Bahamas and the keys. I currently also crew on a Corsair 28R Trimaran based in Vero Beach. I am currently (Informally) looking to purchase a sailboat. I am self-employed, working in real estate and also in the window and door industry. We own our home, as well as several small investment properties and have excellent credit. Elaine is employed as the Human resources director for Windsor Properties in Vero Beach. Other interests are flying (private pilot), biking, swimming, and reading. Elaine's interests are cooking, decorating, and reading. My Enthusiasm for sailing was rekindled about three years ago. I hooked up with Larry and Connie Etheridge last year through the club's website and have been racing with the Etheridges for about a year. MYC seems to be a great combination of active sailors and enthusiastic friendships and we'd like to become a part of that."

New Corinthian Members:

Erin Riley sponsored by John McNeil

"During the summer I intern at Harris Corporation in the electro-optics section and spend the remainder of the year advancing a double major in physics and electrical engineering at the University of Central Florida. Outside of sailing, my hobbies include hiking, scuba diving, stargazing, reading, working on my own sci-fi and fantasy pieces, singing, birding, and learning to play guitar again after a seven-year siesta. I go fishing and diving on my family's boat and am completing the May adult sailing class. Taking the class showed me a great means of having fun and introduced me to a wonderful group of people. The last few weekends out on the water, on Sunfish, *Sleighride* and *Fivespeed*, has been a blast: learning and working as a team more than made up for the bruises! As those at the party after the rum-race know, I had so much fun there that only the thought of needing some sleep to enjoy sailing on Saturday made me go. I'd like to join this club to continue the friendships, the fun, and the learning. Specifically, I would like to become a proficient sailor, and learn how to navigate and race. I would love to crew for anyone who'll take me on board."

Megan Riley sponsored by John McNeil

"My primary occupation is obtaining my BS in General Business Management and continuing onward to finish my MBA. My current job is as a Contracts Intern at Harris Corporation. I am learning how businesses contract their programs and how much negotiation and attention to fine detail is required – this includes copious amounts of legal binding documentation. My main hobbies and talents are as follows: I am an artist (oils, acrylics, pen/ink, pencil – black and colored-, and pastels), a writer (working on a current novel dealing with Celtic and Roman cultures), a poet, and an avid reader. I love biking, swimming, hiking, SCUBA diving, fishing, singing, and hanging out with my friends. My experience in boating is extensive when concerning motor boats having fished in the Indian River and out in the Atlantic Ocean, from Sebastian Inlet and from the Fl. Keys. With sailing, I have sailed once outside of the Melbourne Yacht Club on a friend's catamaran. Mainly, on the weekend of May 21-23 I partook in the Friday's rum-race with Jerry's *Sleighride* as rail-meat and helped trim the sails via the winch. Afterwards, I socialized and listened and sang with the members who played acoustic guitars, along with other instruments, as well as sang a duet with my sister. On Saturday and Sunday's Ladies Race, I raced aboard the *Maverick* and *Sleighride*. I enjoyed being part of the crew and I listened, watched, helped, and learned from Jerry, Jan, Jackie, Jackie, Faye, and Barbara. This fellowship is by far one of the most friendly and enjoyable groups I know. I've always been fascinated with sailing, and this last weekend rammed home how much fun – and work – sailing is. However it is the friendship and ties are what really draws me back, more so than the freedom that the wind and waves offer. If there is anything my talents can lend to you, just let me know."

- Bob Hughes, Membership Director



House Report

Thanks to the efforts of Bob Hughes, the Cruiser Tracking wall is coming together. Bob located, acquired, modified, painted, and mounted a 5 by 10 foot metal sheet on the east wall of the Bar (With Jacki and Jack Leahy's help in the mounting process). The remaining effort entails mounting a Dry Erase White Board on which to write cruiser location data, mounting of the maps of the Caribbean on which to place colored magnets showing cruiser locations, and to place a border around the edge of the metal sheet to cover up the screws used to mount it to the wall. More on this project as it progresses.

The other day I had to call around to several members to find out where the water cutoff into the Clubhouse is located. It seems that the water pressure in the main building had dropped to nothing while the Annex and the Docks were just fine. I finally found out that the cutoff is behind the air conditioners outside of the kitchen. I turned it back on and the building had water again. It had been turned off because one of the outside faucets was leaking at a steady rate and so as to not run up a water bill, the water main was cut off. We resolved the faucet issue and turned the water back on.

I have given our Pest control company the go ahead to treat our Carpenter Bee (Boring Bee) problem. Once they have treated the bee holes, we will need to wait ten days and then plug them up.

Thanks to Harry Stapor, we now have an enclosed bulletin Board into which we can post permanent notices and a place to display small lost-and-found items. At this time, I think we might mount it behind the door between the bar and the restroom hallway. If any one has a better location for this bulletin board, I will be glad to take it under advisement.

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, House Director & Vice Commodore

[Daytona to Charleston Race, continued from page 4] What wind we'd had since breakfast was DIRECTLY on the nose...the only wind direction that had NOT been forecast by anyone anywhere. By about 3 pm we were still 55 miles from finish, there was still no wind, and everyone was hot, tired, and aggravated. Skipper Bob Sowden just got fed up and asked 'anyone object if we withdraw, start the engine and go in?... we could be at the dock with the air conditioning on by midnight'. Though I know a few of the crew would have preferred to finish the race, nobody dissented (too tired to argue, mostly!).

So we did. We didn't actually make it to the dock until 3 am Sunday morning. But once we quit racing, everyone relaxed, had a drink (except Gary Smith of course), and felt better. A little wind in the cockpit (from motoring) felt good. We went into Charleston Harbor at night, it was a little scary (the race organizer said... "unless you are familiar with the harbor, we advise you to wait until daylight"). But we had charts, 2 GPS's, radar, etc. It took the whole crew helping out to make sure our fatigued skipper didn't make any mistakes, but we got to the dock safely.

A good time was had by all. *Miss Too* performed well (but took a lot of concentration to steer with that big chute up!). We slept a few hours, had breakfast, went and picked up the rental car, and the transient crew took off about 10 am for Melbourne. I don't know how we would have ended up in the race. Probably not first, as we were within the pack when we quit (and we were about the 5th lowest rated boat). Bob said only about 17 boats finished, out of 24 starters. [also on the crew: Jeff McGregor, Mark Cannon, Gerry Moores]

**Proposed Bylaw Amendment Number 1 to Article 7 Section 12 Paragraph 2-
LRPC Position Vacancy Completion Clause**

History:

During the LRPC meeting on 17 May 2004, the committee read through the bylaws and have found what appears to be a contradiction in the LRPC section (Bylaw A7 S12 P2). In one area the LRPC members are "elected" to three (3) year terms, and in another sentence two members are rotated off and replaced each year. As it stands now three of the four newly elected LRPC members feel they have been elected for full three (3) year terms so, there will be a point where we lose 4 members at once. Additionally, there is nothing in the bylaws that covers the selection of LRPC members to fill the remainder of a vacated seat. That bylaw (A8 S5 P1) only applies to the Board.

Clause Change:

In light of these issues, it is requested that the Bylaws be amended to include the following as the last sentence of Bylaw Article 7 Section 12 Paragraph 2:

"In the case of the resignation of a non-board of directors member of the LRPC, the vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the Board of Directors with approval by the membership at the next regularly scheduled general membership meeting."

**Proposed Bylaw Amendment Number 2 to Article 1 Section 2 Paragraph 2-
One Elective Position At A Time Clause**

It is requested that Bylaw Article 1 Section 2 Paragraph 2 be amended as follows:

Change:

"Only one spouse in a Joint Resident Membership may hold elective position at any given time."

To Read:

"For any Resident Membership, either Individual or Joint, only one elective position may be held concurrently."

Fleet Report

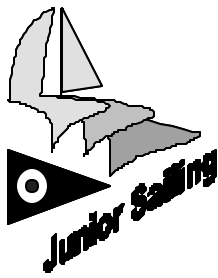
Our regular fleet activities are continuing throughout the summer... Sunday Dinghy Sailing every other Sunday, and Rum Racing every other Friday. We finished the Spring Rum Race Series on May 7. In the Racing Class, Larry Etheridge got 1st, Jerry Ross 2nd, and Hasty Miller 3rd. In the Cruising Class, Jim Miller took 1st place, Rick Crockett 2nd, and Bill Striker 3rd. The Summer Rum Race series started May 21 and continues thru July 30.

'Our Side' competed in the Brevard Challenge, and came up a few boats short. Indian River Yacht Club fielded a strong team on their home turf, and took away the Cirripedia Cup. We'll see if we can win it back at the Fall Regatta.

There is talk of a Fun Race and/or Raft-Up in conjunction with the 4th of July club activities (between eating and watching fireworks). Look for more details about this. [See ad on page one.]

The next major regatta will be the Mermaid Regatta scheduled for the weekend of September 25-26. We'll need to start planning for this in early August.

There are plans for more cruising activities, and volunteer cruise organizers are welcome, as well as ideas for cruises.



First Adult Sailing Classes Completed

The MYC made history on May 29, when we finished our first Adult Sailing Class with 16 students completing the course. After cleaning and putting away all the sailing gear, we organized a celebration party for the students along with some of their family members. John MacNeill got the brick pit lit and hamburgers and hot dogs were cooked while Jay McClure opened the bar to get the party started. The party was completed with John MacNeill presenting each student a beautiful Certificate of Completion for the Adult Sailing Course, which was designed and prepared by Rochelle Yates. In closing, John MacNeill spoke to the students about MYC's objectives to stimulate interest in boating and yachting among its members and the community. Hasty Miller also said a few words to the students about sailing being an on going learning process. The party ended with all the students acknowledging John MacNeill for keeping it fun and making a real difference to them, for introducing the skills of sailing.

On Saturday, May 15, John McNeill organized a big-boat day for the students. Members of our club were kind enough to host the students for an unforgettable sailing experience. A big thank you go to Rick Crockett (Maverick), Bob Bagnell (Duck's Delight), Larry and Connie Etheridge (Purr-Fect) and Jerry Ross (Sleigh-ride) for sharing their boats and knowledge with our students.

Youth Classes Started

Our Youth 1A class on Thursdays, June 3 - July 1, will start with a full class. The Youth 1B class on Saturdays, June 5 - July 3, still has some open slots for additional students. The Youth 2A and 2B classes are open for more students to enroll. These classes are open to the public and MYC members. I will be away for the month of June. To register Please call John MacNeill at 321-723-6213. Please help us spread the word for one of MYC clubs great activities.

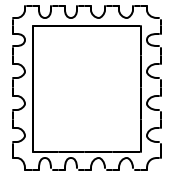
- Simon Koumjian, Youth Director

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