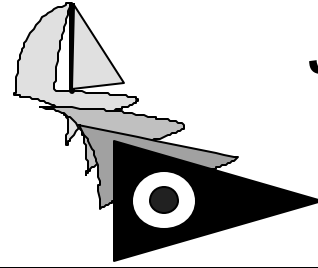


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The "Dog Days" Are Upon Us

I hope everyone is enjoying the long summer days and their cruising, touring or stay-at-home vacations. I like this time of year because we can often make it home to enjoy the beautiful summer sunsets.

We scarcely had a quorum at our July General meeting, so we postponed further discussion of the LRPC term length changes to our bylaws until the August meeting to allow additional discussion. (It's published herein for a second time).

Elective Position Bylaw Change

At the June general meeting, the bylaws were amended (in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order) to adopt the wording "Only one spouse in a Joint Resident Membership may hold elective position at any given time." This was somewhat of a surprise, since the membership previously voted in accordance with an interpretation that would be consistent with applying the restriction to the board of directors only. This month we adopted a proposed change that was intended to further clarify the same clause. It now reads "For any Resident Membership, either Individual or Joint, only one elective position may be held concurrently."

As was brought up at the general meeting, with close to 150 memberships, we certainly should have enough people that are 'ready, willing, and able' to serve in our elective positions (i.e. Board, LRPC, and Nominating Committee) in spite of the restriction. Although we are currently out of compliance with the *revised* bylaw, the situation will automatically be rectified when the current board is replaced in February. I certainly can't envision any "abuse of power" or other impropriety, but if someone observes a situation that causes concern please bring it to the attention of a member of our board.

Dock Rule Revisions

The committee is continuing to review and work to improve the wording of the dock rules with a target completion next month. I think we all agree that the docks are a tremendous asset and the convenience and low cost are quite a privilege. We regret not being able to offer slips to all of our members, so we're working to implement a policy that is as fair as it can be.

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JULY

- 11 Small Boat Sunday (1 pm)
- 16 Summer Rum Race #5
- 25 Small Boat Sunday (1 pm)
- 28 Board Meeting
- 30 Summer Rum Race #6

AUGUST

- 4 Membership Meeting (6:30 pm)
- 7 Bunco Party (7 pm)
- 8 Small Boat Sunday (1 pm)
- 13 Summer Rum Race #7
- 21 Abacoville Party
- 22 Small Boat Sunday (1 pm)
- 25 Board Meeting
- 27 Summer Rum Race #8

From the Grog Locker

Greetings from deep within the Grogg locker.

The bar has ended it's dollar Coors original bottle special, as all stock has been sold. Coors Original will not be stocked at this time, but Coors Light will continue to be available. Place your request for specific beer or licquor with Jay, Melanie, or any Bar committee member and depending on distributor availability, the MYC bar will be happy to stock your favorite brand. Volume has slowed for the summer months, though \$1230 was spent in June to replenish alcohol and paper product supplies. The bar committee has also started tracking chit sales and consumption. In June, we sold \$1235 worth of chits, and disposed of \$1128.50 in used chits. We will continue with TGIF happy hour CD's and look for one time specials coming up. (Drink specials will be posted behind bar). Cheers,

- Jay McClure, Bar Director



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Health Concerns

George Behnke is being treated in Gainesville. Tom Whitaker is being treated at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore. Some other members also have health concerns. So please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. We look forward to having them all back with us in better health following their treatments.

Smooth sailing to all! Wishing everyone a safe and fun-filled summer,

- Rhonda Delmater, Commodore

The Party Line

For the third year in a row, Bob Hughes treated MYC members and guest to a Fourth of July Barbeque featuring succulent ribs, chicken, hot dogs and all of the trimmings. Bob's committee is included in a recap article in this issue. Thank you all for another great celebration.

The birthday celebration will take place this month on July 16. On August 7, Faye Bitzer is planning a Bunko party.

Abacoville . . . coming Saturday, August 21! If you didn't get to the islands this year, come join us for a taste of what it is like. There will be great food and lots of fun and games, so save this date on you calendar and watch for details in next month's newsletter.

The 26th Mermaid Regatta will be held September 24 & 25. It is time now to get your crew together or to volunteer to help. Need race committee, cooks and entertainment gentlemen. Call Chuck Delmater or Rachele Ross to volunteer. Also, if you are willing or know someone who is, we are collecting items for door prizes. Sponsorship dollars are welcome as well.

- Rachele Ross and Dolores Miller, Entertainment Chairman

From Bob Hughes: Attention MYC Members:

Unbeknownst to me, MYC is a member of the Melbourne-Palm Bay Area Chamber of Commerce. Diane Gabik (a prospective new member) has informed me of some of the benefits of our club belonging to the Chamber. Below is some information on upcoming events that we might be interested in. If you are interested and wish to have more information, Please go to the Chamber Website or contact Diane. Please see Diane's Bio in the Membership news section of the Tell-Tale.

The Melbourne Yacht Club is a Chamber member, which means the members of MYC are Chamber members as well. They may attend Chamber functions as representatives of MYC, although they may not promote their own businesses under the non-profit MYC membership. Several interesting programs are coming up in August and the fall Jim Kennedy, Director of NASA will be speaking at the August 5 membership breakfast, and the Port of Canaveral will be unveiling new plans at the August 19 luncheon. Both events will be held at the Hilton Melbourne Rialto. There will be a Business to Business Trade Show and After Hours Silent Auction at the Melbourne Beach Hilton in October which will be fun for all the MYC members. All chamber events, newsletter, member discounts, registration, etc. can be found on the Chamber web site, which is www.melpb-chamber.org. I have added the MYC board to our e-mails which are sent out 2-3 times a month, so items of interest can be shared with the membership.

Let me know if you need any more information!

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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:

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Please include name &
phone number.

Dockmaster's Report

We had a meeting of the Dock Policy Review Committee at the club, Thursday, July 8th. Members of the committee who attended included Rhonda, Bob Hughes, Floyd Bryan, Jim Edwards, Larry Etheridge, Gary Smith and Al Waschka. Members not able to attend were Jack Bibb, Ross Herbert and Rob Van Name. There was an excellent exchange of ideas on how to improve on the 2004 version of the Dock Policy and Rules as published in the new directory. As has been stated before in this column, this is still a work in progress. We expect that some changes will be made to the published version. The board knew that there probably would be changes after printing the 2004 version. Faced with a decision as to which version to publish, we elected to print the new version so that everyone would have it to compare to last year's 2003 model. The board figured that no matter what version got published, changes were going to happen anyway.

Certain people have been making a big deal out of this, saying that the board has gone against the wishes of the membership. The Bill Baker motion was to further review the 2004 Policy and Rules which were properly voted into force by the unanimous vote of the Board. Furthermore, both Rhonda and myself have invited further comments and suggestions in both of our columns. All these comments and suggestions have been circulated among the committee members. We've had some excellent input from a half dozen or so slip holders and some not-so-flattering comments from a couple of others.

In the first email since the special meeting Thursday, Hasty summed it up as a "good productive meeting." It appears that the general consensus is to go away from the "10 times per year" usage requirement in favor of a "dead boat" policy similar to the one used by EGYC. We all went away tasked with the job of reviewing the version first produced by Al Waschka. We will be communicating back and forth to come up with the final wording, hopefully in time for the August general meeting.

Whatever the outcome, rest assured that the committee is working diligently to resolve the issue and comply with the Bill Baker motion for further review. Just as we have a few who really do not like the 2004 version as printed, I'm sure we'll have a few who like the new version even less.

We are doing our best to come up with a fair and equitable, enforceable policy.

- Gary Smith, Dockmaster



Yahoo groups is an easy way to send e-mail messages. (See <http://groups.yahoo.com>.) We created a new group for MYC Members. You may have received an e-mail invitation to join the group. If not, you can subscribe by sending an e-mail message to MYC_Members@yahoogroups.com with the word "subscribe" as the body of the message.

To send a message, just send your message MYC_Members@yahoogroups.com, and it will automatically be sent to members of the group. You don't need a yahoo ID to participate in the group and receive e-mail, but if you have one then you can view the archive of sent messages. So far there are over 30 members in the group.

Slip Available A shallow slip is available at the condo. It is the second slip out on the west side of the condo dock. The water is estimated to be about 2 to 2.5 feet deep. If anyone is interested please contact Bob Hughes at rhughes3@cfl.rr.com. Price to be negotiated with the owner.

Membership News

Welcome to New Members

Jim & Elaine Schaub, sponsored by Larry Etheridge

Jim was inducted at TGIF on July 9th. He and Elaine helped on the Fourth of July Party.

"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.



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."

New member Nominations

Koral and Diane Gabik, sponsored by Ned Buck



Koral and Diane Gabik moved to Melbourne Beach five years ago from Louisiana, along with their two daughters, Kristina and Kourtney, who are now 17 and 16). Koral has been at sea most of his life and continues to work in Louisiana (commuting 800 miles every month) as a marine geophysical technologist on a 120 foot seismic survey boat, performing, among other things, sub bottom profiles of the ocean floor and deep water searches, mostly for oil companies in the Gulf of Mexico, and sometimes for the government elsewhere in the world.

Diane is the Vice President of Membership Programs for the Melbourne/Palm Bay Area Chamber of Commerce. Diane and Kourtney took the ASA Basic Keel Boat sailing course shortly after moving to this area as a mother/daughter activity. About a year ago, Diane purchased her own boat, a 23 foot Compac named the *Kiane* (a reference to all the K's in her family, and also the famous Louisiana spice!), which she docks at the Hamptons.

When they are not watching the Saints or LSU play football, the whole family has enjoyed spending weekends sailing together on the river, and Kourtney and Kristina even take their friends out occasionally. However, with the girls getting older (Kristina leaves for college at Flagler in September, and Koral gone quite a bit) Diane would like to meet some new sailing buddies and develop her skills beyond crossing the river back and forth! The whole family lives by the Louisiana motto, "Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler!" which means, "Let the Good Times Roll!" and looks forward to many good times with their new friends at MYC!

- Bob Hughes, Membership Director

Fleet Report

Summer is starting to slip by very quickly and with all of the activities going on it will be over before we can say "more air conditioning".

The Rum Race fleet is doing well and is averaging about 20 boats per race evening. I would like to encourage everyone to come out and race your boat. If you don't have a boat come out anyhow and find a ride, skippers are always looking for crew. Bring a friend and introduce them to an easy form of racing.

The wet Sunday dinghy races are doing great. The Sunfish class is doing well and we now have a few more Lasers and Portsmouth boats showing up. If you are interested in seeing what all the fun is about come on down to the club on Sundays, we can always make room on one of the club skiff for people to watch or rig up one of the club boats and race yourself. I would like to thank Steve Shippee for his help on Race Committee the last couple of weekends.

The Mermaid Regatta and the Fall Regatta are rapidly approaching. We will have had the first planning meeting for the Mermaid by the time you get this, but I can assure you we will need volunteers for all sorts of jobs. We will have sign-up sheets at the club, so if you can help in any small or large way please sign up. We will have the first planning meeting for the Fall Race Week in the later part of July and will keep you posted for dates.

I still have not heard from any of the cruisers in the fleet with ideas or requests for more activities. Please if you have any thoughts or ideas for cruises let me know.

See you on the water.

- Jim Edwards Fleet Captain

Fourth of July Party, 2004

I want to thank the whole club for supporting this club gathering. Without your support and attendance there would be NO party. I also want to thank the entire party crew that worked on the 4th, they are: Wendy Hughes (my better half), Paul & Joyce Alexy, Lloyd & Marsha Millar, Chuck Noles (new member), Larry & Connie Etheridge, Jim Gibson, Jim & Elaine Schaub (new members), Sandy McAllister & Linda (guest), Will & Nancy Garvey and others that pitched and helped out. I apologize if I forgot anybody.

We had a great time and a great turn out. We served 114 meals and from the responses the meal was very good. I sure enjoyed it. The menu included ribs, chicken, hot dogs, Macaroni Salad, Cole slaw, Barbeque beans, brownies and watermelon and there was plenty of it. I hope I have enticed the ones that didn't show up to make a real effort next year.

Hasty Miller put together the raft up that ended up having seven boats rafted together to watch the fireworks, but the weather kicked up and the raft up broke up early for safety. The raft up was able to supply a ride to many boat-less members to watch the fireworks. This year the fireworks were great considering Mother Nature kicked in her own lightshow.

It was good to see the kids running around and having a good time. This is a family club and it is really nice to see our members feel good about bringing their kids.

I hope this tradition continues to be great party for the club each year. We do get a good group of club folks together each year to celebrate our country's Independence Day. I really do appreciate everyone's help, because I had a very good time this year.

Respectfully submitted by, Bob Hughes, Party Chairman

[Editor's note: The following announcement is repeated from the June Tell-Tale because action was deferred to the August meeting]

**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:

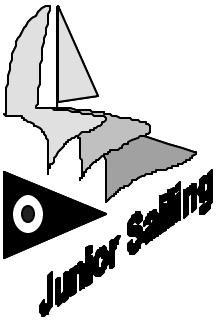
Change:

"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."





First Adult Sailing Classes Completed

We had two very impressive groups of students graduate from the Thursday and Saturday MYC Youth Sailing Classes. The light bulbs were lit early with these students. Several of the parents helped out and were even sailing in the boats at times during the classes.

Special thanks are owed to Steve Clendenin, Amy Lacy, and James Mussman for their enthusiastic participation as instructors. We also need to thank Jerry Ross as well as Larry and Connie Etheridge for hosting the students and some of the parents on their "big boats" for two of the class days. We like to show the kids how their sailing skills will apply to other boats beyond the Prams, Sunfish, and Lasers.

John Drawe is very brave to loan his own Raider to the youth sailing program and the Small Boat Sunday Races. The kids love this boat and so do the older folks who sail on it. It's available for use by members and guests only through permission of John Drawe or John MacNeill.

The new set of two groups of classes are now underway on Thursdays and Saturdays. We are seeing the word of mouth spreading and filling the classes. There are several new folks discovering the joys of sailing, coming out to crew for the Rum Races, sailing in the Small Boat Sunday races, and discovering the advantages of being members of MYC.

We have some spots available for the Adult Small Boat Sailing Classes in August and September.

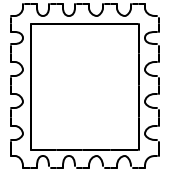
-John MacNeill for Simon Koumjian, Youth Director

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