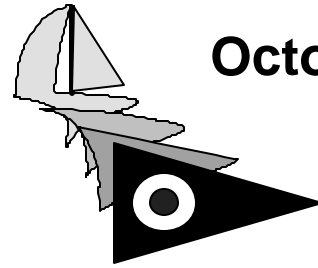


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We Survived Hurricane Frances, and then, We Survived Hurricane Jeanne What a Month !!



Jack Leahy (above and below) was one of several keeping our boats safe during Jeanne. Photos copyright Dave Silverman



OCTOBER

- 3 Sunday Small Boat Racing
- 6 Membership Meeting (6:30pm)
- 8 Fall Rum Race #5
- 16-17 Fall Regatta—Small Boats
- 22 Fall Rum Race #6
- 23-24 Fall Regatta—Big Boats
- 27 Board Meeting
- 30-31 Lake Shephard Cruise

NOVEMBER

- 3 Membership Meeting (6:30pm)
- 7 Mermaid Regatta & Winter Rum Race #1
- 12 Soup Cook-off
- 19 Sharing Dinner & Auction
- 21 Winter Rum Race #2
- 24 Board Meeting

Dockmaster's Report

Hopefully, I will not be sending out any more hurricane preparedness warnings this year. I understand our first cold front is on the way which is a great sign of smooth sailing ahead. I think we have all had enough hurricane drills and the real thing twice. Remarkably, we had only minor damage at Melbourne Yacht Club docks during both Frances and Jeanne.

We did have some relatively minor damage to a handful of boats, but nobody was sunk, and no serious damage. I thought this was wonderful considering what happened to a lot of other marinas in the county and south. I attribute most of our good fortune to having had a good practice run getting ready for Charley. There are any number of reasons why we did so well but 55 new pilings did not hurt and that is for sure. We had one broken piling on the west dock and that was an old piling which broke down near the mud line due to 4 knots all in one location so the piling just snapped off.

Undoubtedly, we did the right thing by replacing all those pilings back in the Spring.

The other reason, and probably as important as the 55 pilings, was the fact that we had several people who stayed at the club during both storms carefully monitoring, retying, and overseeing the wellbeing of our boats.

We owe a great debt of gratitude to Jack and Jacki Leahy, Chuck Noles, Dave Silverman, Jim Miller, and a number of others who helped with final preparations right before the storm. The dock committee was well represented both times. I would like to personally thank everybody who prepared their boats so well and the dock committee who went the extra mile to make sure that other peoples' boats were tied up safely.

We learned several things as a result of these events, especially Hurricane Jeanne. A few of them are:

1. Taking all canvas off is absolutely critical. Sadly, there were still four or five who left mainsails and boom covers on their boats after being directed to remove them. This is contradictory to the club dock policy. Everybody got their roller furlers down which was wonderful. Hasty and Harry ended up taking down a Dodger and a bimini down on one boat on the Friday night.

2. There were several boats that got backed into the docks when their spring lines either stretched too far or broke. One broke with no backup spring. Jack tells me that our outer pilings were bending so much that it was difficult

to keep the boats off the docks anyway. We may need to consider going to heavier pilings for our outer pilings protecting us from the north and east. Two large dolphins would help to keep our T docks protected as well.

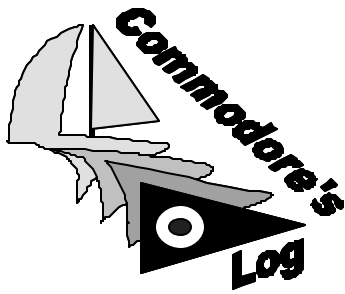
3. When the water rose to the highest level in recent memory, 2 feet over the docks and over all the electrical, Jack and his helpers struggled to ease off stern lines which were tied off on boats rather than tied off on pilings. In a couple of cases, lines could not be released at all, and the docks and pilings were lifted by the buoyancy of the boats against the lines. It is critical to have long enough lines to allow for this kind of storm surge.

4. At the height of storm Jeanne, Jack had to rescue a member's boat on the condo docks which had its bow lines release themselves under the load of 115 mile per hour winds. Jack, with the help of a former member who just happened by, managed to winch the boat back to the dock using Hasty's oversized come-a-long and re-secure for the rest of the storm. This one act of bravery surely saved a number of the club boats from serious damage and perhaps saved our docks from massive damage. We cannot possibly thank Jack enough. To this end, Hasty put out an email a week or so ago asking for donations from slipholders to help cover Jack's time and effort during both storms in protecting our boats. There was a wonderful response to Hasty's request, but if you have not yet had a chance to thank Jack appropriately, please do not be shy to step forward now. On Friday after the rum race Hasty presented Jack and Jacki with probably enough money to cover the cost of replacing all Jack's power tools which were stolen out of his van a couple of days after Jeanne. Thank you, Hasty, for organizing this wonderful gesture.

On Friday morning, October 8th, I met with Rusty Bruce of Universal Electric Services to survey the damage to our electrical system on the docks. After two hours of testing, his opinion was that we needed to replace all the circuit breakers and GFI receptacles that had been under water. He also isolated one section of wiring which had completely shorted out under the docks. He was too busy doing hurricane repair work to help us out, so I have hired Jack and Jacki to go ahead and replace all these items and make all necessary repairs to the docks this week. Jack assures me that he will have this work completed in time for the Fall Regatta.

FALL REGATTA

In regards to the Fall Regatta, we are once again request-



Mermaid Regatta Rescheduled

It's rather disappointing that Frances and Jeanne necessitated the rescheduling and scaling down of our annual women's event. It will now be held on one-day only, Sunday, November 7.

Deja Vu

The same people we had to thank for hurricane preparation, "survival," and clean up for hurricane

Jeanne were in large part the same people we thanked last month for their help - before, during, and after Frances. Thank you, again.

Nominating Committee

At the next regular meeting, a nominating committee will be elected to develop the slate of officers for 2005. It was supposed to take place at the October general meeting, but we're still a bit discombobulated. Mea culpa.

Fall Regatta

Jim Edwards and Dave Noble and their committees have again put together plans for a very active week (plus) of sailing events. I'm personally looking forward to the novice Sunfish event, since I lack the experience to compete for real. We're looking forward to most all of our members participating in some capacity as small- or big- boat racers or as volunteers to help with the many tasks that must be performed to put on a high-caliber event. I look forward to seeing you.

Sail happily,

- Rhonda Delmater, Commodore

Thanks form the Leahy's

To our fellow dock members' Jack is my HERO too!! can always rely on him to give his all to protect what is held dearly by us, and also what is held dearly by those whom we count as our friends. It is always wonderful to see others realize how much he does. Thanks so much for the generous gift on Friday night. It is greatly appreciated by both of us! And what a wonderful, unexpected surprise! Thanks again from both of us! Jacki

ing that we have a handful of slips vacated during the PHRF weekend, October 22nd through 24th, to allow visiting boats to dock. Last year we were a little late getting out this request. Hopefully this year we will have an even better response.

Unfortunately, we will not have the 3 or 4 boats coming up from Ft. Pierce and south, as they were all destroyed during Jeanne. If you can make your slip available, please let me know in the next week. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

-Gary Smith, Dockmaster

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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.

Fleet Report

I hope everyone is beginning to have some semblance on normalcy in your lives now. I know that it will take a lot of time to repair the damage we have all received and fortunately no one was injured that I know of among our members. Thanks to the efforts of a lot of people all of the club boats are OK.

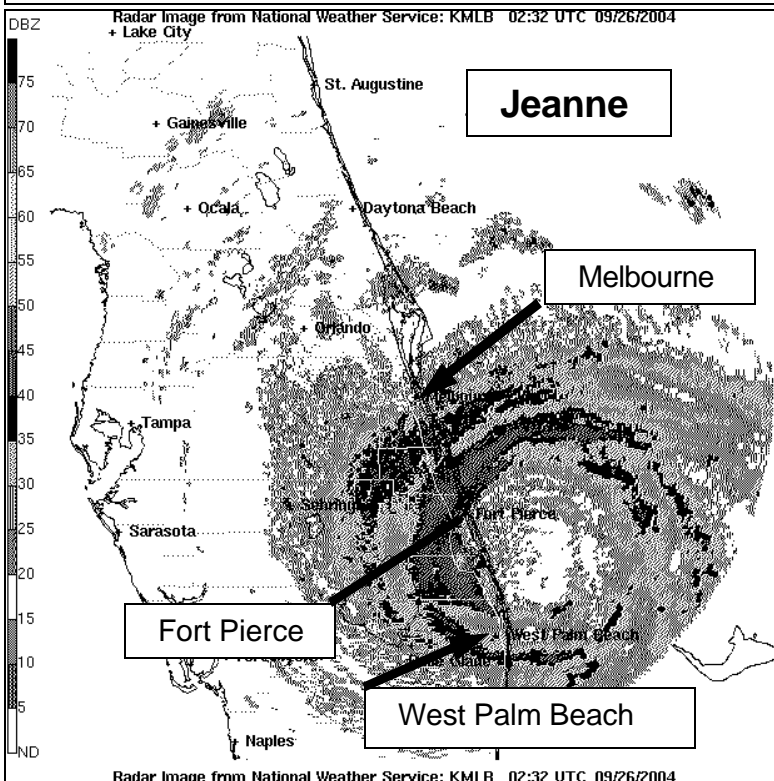
Due to the storms we have had to do some rescheduling for the Mermaid Regatta and modify some plans for the Fall Regatta. We have rescheduled the Mermaid Regatta as a one-day event on the 7th. of November. A revised schedule will be out by the time you read this report. Due to the change of dates a few volunteers are not going to be able to help so we need some additional people to fill in for them. If you are able to help please contact Rachele or Chuck.

The Fall Regatta Race Week will go on as scheduled but with a few minor modifications. Because the ramp at Front Street is out of commission for several months some of the trailerable boats will need to launch at Ballard Park. We are going to offer a tow for those boats to make it from the park to the starting area in time to race as well as a tow back if needed. In addition to the adult dinghy races we are going to have adult Sunfish races. The members of our Sunfish Fleet 669 are going to donate the use of their good race boats to be used for this event. This event is for any of the sailors at the club who want to see how good they are in small boats. None of the local Sunfish sailors will be sailing in this event. On Tuesday evening James Liebl (Who just finished 8th. in the Worlds) is going to give a seminar on how to race a Sunfish for the sailors participating.

Then on Wednesday evening, we will have Sunfish Racing. I look forward to seeing some of you PHRF or Melges sailors come out and have some fun. We are still short a few helpers for the Fall Regatta, so if you have any spare time please contact Dave Noble or myself. If you haven't been to our Fall Regatta before you need to come out and see how much fun everyone is having at this event.

Again I would like to thank all of the people who helped out around the club before DURING and after the storms. It is people like this that make MYC such a great club. I look forward to seeing as many members as possible come out for the Fall Regatta. See you on the water.

- Jim Edwards, Fleet Captain



Above: Faye Bitzer helps with MYC clubhouse repairs on October 18th work day.

Left: Radar image as Jeanne makes landfall on October 24th near midnight.

House Report



The big news this month is the fantastic turn out for the September 18th work day. I had a list of 27 items to be accomplished and you managed to hit most of them. This clean up was especially onerous as we had Hurricane Frances through two weeks before and she made a real mess of the yard. There are many members who pitched in that I want to thank.

Before the 18th we had Bob Boska and Jim Miller who power washed the decks, Delores Miller cleaned the kitchen refrigerators during Hurricane Frances, and unbending of the flag pole Jim Yates and John MacNeill. On the 18th we had the main force show up. On the roof cleaning out the gutters were Harry Stapor and Jim Lacey, handling the deck sealing were Jim Miller, Bill Parker, Will Garvey, and Simon Koumjian, replacing the old American flag, measuring all clubhouse and annex windows was Floyd Bryant, the Annex bathrooms were cleaned by Rachele Ross and Sally Wakefield. We had an elite crew of kitchen and hallway painters that consisted of Rochelle Yates, Charlotte Parker, Faye Bitzer, Ron Vandervere, Rhonda Delmater, Denny Scott, and Jerry Ross.

The repair of the east yard gate and fence was handled by Al Waskha, replacement of the damaged bar ceiling tiles was accomplished very professionally by Jim Parker and Jerry Ross. Cleaning of the porch deck chairs was executed by Andy Lazarewicz. There were dock repairs performed by Jerry Ross, Jim Edwards, Jack Leahy, Jackie Leahy, and Chuck Baird. The porch screen and doors were re-screened by Chuck Delmater, Jim Yates, Steve Shippee, and Floyd Bryan. The painting of the No Parking zone was done by Pete Aydelotte and Will Garvey. The biggest effort was handled by the yard cleanup crew consisting of Mary Williams, Faye Bitzer, John Fox, Debbie Ball, Steve Shippee, Chris Gates, Amy Lacy, Al Washka, Connie Ethridge, Sally Wakefield, Paul Wakefield, Mike Ehnert, Jay McClure, Guy Pelchat, Bob Bagnell, Rick Crockett, Pam Vanderveer, Alice Ahrens, Nancy Fox, Lynde West, and Bill Haberland. Finishing off the Cruiser Tracking board were Check Delmater and Jim Yates. I have probably forgotten some of you, but please accept my thanks for a job well done. I would also like to thank all those who showed up for the Post-Jeanne mini-cleanup.

I had the Bar area air conditioning unit looked at again last month, it still is not performing to previous standards. It appears that the vanes on the coil for the bar unit have been "flattened" which prevents proper heat exchange. I received a repair quote that is in the \$1000 range. We are looking into getting additional quotes.

For the last couple of months I have asked for your inputs on the following two questions: 1. What three MYC building, docks, and boat handling facility items would you not want to see changed? 2. What three MYC building, docks, and boat handling facility items would you like to see changed?" As of this time, I have received inputs from six (6) members. I still think that there are more members with thoughts on this topic. So, please send your inputs to me so I can include them in the summary report the draft of which is due October 18th.

Please be aware that the number 4-key on the West gate keypad is still sticking. I working on replacing the keypad. So in the meantime, please be "gentle, but firm" with the 4-key. 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

The Party Line

Fall is here. October brings cool days and crisp evenings (I hope)? We have a full calendar of events.

We start with our October birthday, which we plan to have on Friday the 15th. Here is a list of members with birthdays this month:

Sandra Bryan, Jettie Owen, Bob Erickson, Pam Vanderveer, Jack Leahy, Bob Sowden, Jan Crawford, F. Michael Henry, Michelle Mason Erickson, Wanda Manktelow, Mike Millar, Cheryl Whitaker, Allyson and Kimberly Lifter, David Noble and John MacNeill. If I have forgotten anyone, please excuse. We are still trying to update our birthday calendar.

Fall regatta starts on October 16/17 with small boats. The weekend of October 23/24 is big boats. Two full weekends of activities at the club. Volunteers are always needed.

On October 30/31 we have the LAKE SHEPHERD CRUISE. Plan to anchor by 5 p.m. so we can catch the sunset with drinks in hand. If you plan to motor by car, the address is 348 S. Lakeside Drive, Satellite Beach, phone 777-7011. Bring your favorite dish to pass and beverage to drink. Since it is Halloween, why not come in costume. I am sure most of us have one left over from the recent Abaco party. Hosts for the evening will be Jim and Dolores Miller.

Highlights for November are as follows:

Sunday, November 7 Mermaid race (one day only)

Friday, November 12 Soup cook-off, host Mary Williams

Friday, November 19 sharing dinner-auction. (We still need volunteers for this event.)

Saturday/Sunday 20/21, Pinedaville cruise – (host East Coast Sailing)

We have a full calendar of events at the club. We always need volunteers and hope you will try and make it all happen. This is a great way to meet people and have fun. See you there.

- Dolores Miller, Entertainment Chairman

Lake Shepherd Cruise

On Saturday, October 30 plan on anchoring in Lake Shepherd around 4/5 p.m. We will have happy hour followed by a potluck buffet. Since it is Halloween, we may even have a little hollowing party. Bring costumes, and any fun games or themes you can think of. Of course, ideas never run short. As long as we can drink and eat, “let the party roll.” You can dingy over to Jim and Dolores Miller’s home. If you are motoring, the address is 348 S. Lakeside Drive, Satellite Beach, (777-7011).

On Sunday, October 31 plan on breakfast. We will have bagels, coffee etc. Then we can recollect our thoughts and have a leisurely cruise home. Of course, weather permitting, you can anchor out and just chill out.

Please sign up. Bring your favorite dish to share. Be sure to pack your coolers with your beverage for the evening.

- Dolores Miller, Entertainment Chairman

Membership News

Welcome to New Members



Peter Aydelotte & Anna Chavoustie
sponsored by Bill Parker

Corinthian Member William Watts
Sponsored by John McNeil



New member Nominations:

Phil & Brenda Spletter, sponsored by Floyd Bryan.

"Started sailing in 1965 when my dad bought a windmill 15 ½' sloop. I was in the 5th grade living in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Sailed the Windmill when we lived in Raleigh, North Carolina and Orlando, Florida.

Moved to Melbourne in 1976 after graduating college to work for Harris. Sailed with Herb Shippe (Irwin 30, Lindenberg 28), John Amaron (J/24) and Floyd Bryan (Tartan 37) in ECSA Ocean, river races and cruises to the Bahamas. Owned a Catalina 22 and raced some. Member of ECSA.

In 1984 Harris moved me to Austin Texas. Joined Austin Yacht Club and sailed Catalina 22 for a while then bought a J/24. Sailed in AYC races, Regattas and crewed on J/24 Texas Circuit. Also started to sail sun-fish. Won southwest regional and went to world Championships 3 times. On AYC board of directors as Building and grounds commodore, vice-commodore, commodore and past commodore, member of permanent race committee for 4 years.

Am currently living in Satellite Beach and commute to Austin 2 weeks per month for work.

I want to join the MYC to help support the infrastructure for sailing here and to socialize with and sail with many old friends."

Ray Nowack, sponsored by Sherry Beckett

"Born in Rochester, New York and grew up in upstate New York.

Received a scholarship from the state and got an education in the field of construction technology.

Moved to Florida in 1982 and started a hardwood flooring business in 1984. I continue to work at it today in Vero Beach.

My hobbies are sailing and woodworking in that order.

I have been an avid sailor for 20 years and just started racing in 2002."

Ray raced in our spring regatta as skipper of Gaucho (Tartan Ten) and that boat was destroyed in Hurricane Frances.

- Bob Hughes, Membership

MYC Fall Regatta 2004

One Design/Small Boat Racing

October 16-17

PHRF/Big Boat Racing

October 22-24



For the Record:

Frances

Jeanne

Frances and Jeanne

Highest sustained winds at NOAA
Melbourne Weather Station

52 kts, 050 deg., 9/25/04, time
2343Z

Highest gust winds at NOAA Mel-
bourne Weather Station

63 kts, 040 deg., 9/4/04, time
2358Z

68 kts, 050 deg., 9/25/04, time
2342Z

Highest gust winds at NOAA Mel-
bourne Weather Station (unofficial)

79 kts, 050 deg., 9/26/04, time
0818Z

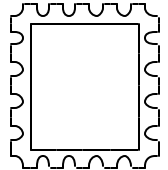
Note: During both storms, NOAA weather stations at Melbourne, Orlando, Vero Beach, and Fort
Pierce failed, so data are incomplete

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