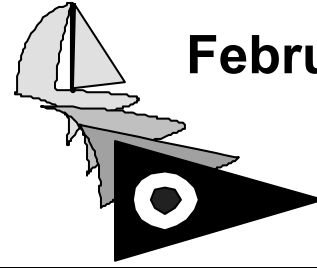


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February 2005

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MYC Artists to Strut Their Stuff



Opening Night
at the
MYC Art Gallery



Saturday Feb 26, 2005 7:30pm
\$10 Admission

Hors D'Oeuvres will be served

Entertainment by Satellite High Jazz Band

The Party Line

Commodore Ross Herbert hosted the **Super Bowl Party**. No matter who won, it was a great game, nice and close and kept everyone on the edge of their seat. Thanks Ross for a great time.

TGIF: Many birthdays for February were recognized and will be repeated, of course, for the **March gang on the 4th**. Come and have a piece of cake and socialize with friends; don't forget to introduce yourself to new members, in fact, here's a suggestion; this coming Friday and every Friday thereafter, **introduce yourself to at least four new faces!**

Saturday, February 19th is a Fleet Work Day. Show up at 9 a.m. Everyone's help will be greatly appreciated.

On Feb. 26th MYC will host the first annual Gallery Opening. This is going to be a wonderful evening introducing you to about 20 talented members who dabble in the arts, from watercolor, woodworking, oil, sculpture and basket weaving. If you're an artist please feel free to bring some of your work for display (reservations required/no fee).

Cost is \$10.00 per person, includes food and entertainment by the jazz ensemble from Satellite Beach High School. Doors open at 7:30 pm. Contact Jackie Leahy for further questions 795-2156.

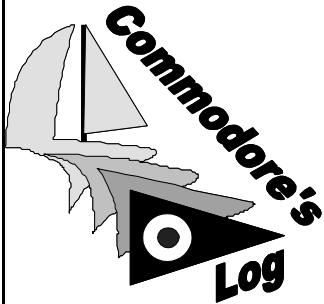
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FEBRUARY

- 13 Spring Rum Race #1
- 19 Fleet Work Day 9am
- 20 Small Boat Sunday 1pm
- 23 Board Meeting
- 26 Gallery Opening 7pm
- 27 Spring Rum Race #2
- 28 Mitch Needleman 7pm

MARCH

- 2 General Meeting
- 4 TGIF Birthdays
- 5 Bunco Party
- 6 Small Boat Sunday 1pm
- 13 Spring Rum Race #3
- 19 Commodore's Ball
- 20 Small Boat Sunday 1pm
- 26 Kayak Expedition



Welcome to the New MYC Board

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the membership for their vote of confidence in me. My intent is to work for all club members. I pledge to listen to your discussions & requests and to present

them to the Board for consideration.

The Commodore's Ball is scheduled for March 19th and will have music by Christian Miller. The dress will be party dress, a step down from formal attire, and a step up from Office dress. I will be getting more on the Ball out to you soon.

If anyone knows where the Battle of Britain DVD has gotten, would you please see that it is returned to its case by the TV in the lounge. This DVD belongs to the club, and was purchased as a test DVD for when the player doesn't seem to be operating correctly.

Throughout the past year as House Director, I have been talking with members and working on the IT committee. The consensus was that it would be very useful to have Internet access. When our Wireless Cable account expired, I chose to replace it with Brighthouse cable. We considered a satellite dish, but when we need the TV, we usually need it for weather information. The problem with satellite dishes is that heavy clouds usually block the satellite signal. So, we went with cable. That choice came with additional options, one of which is Internet access via Road Runner. Last week I asked Bob Hughes to implement a wireless Internet network for the club using Road Runner. I am happy to say that the network is in place, and Bob is writing up access instructions. The response has been positive. Please let us know what you think.

There are a couple of projects on which I would like to get inputs from the membership:

1. Exchanging the brown wooden fence that goes from the front entry way to the gate for more of the white metal fencing like that that follows the edge of the property.
2. Cut back the hill on the west side of the lower lot to provide additional storage/work-area/parking in the lower lot.
3. As has been suggested by several mem-

bers, move the electrical, telephone, and cable TV wiring to enter the property from the northeast corner of the club hose rather than the current southeast corner of the clubhouse.

There are probably other projects that need to be considered. Please let me know what is on your mind.

As usual, if there is anything, you see that we need or need to do, please send me an eMail at ross2629@bellsouth.net (the best way), or catch me at a TGIF as I am usually there.

-Ross Herbert, Commodore

Party Line Continued...

Monday, February 28th, we will have representative Mitch Needleman discussing our local water, dock and nature areas at the yacht club. There is no charge, come and be informed!

Saturday March 5—Bunco (See Ad Back Page)

Saturday March 19—Commodore's Ball

Details next month!

Saturday March 26th—Kayaking Expedition

Carol Mairs will be coordinating this with John Martin as co-chair.

John's telephone number is 729-9539. Call to confirm attendance. Meet at Ballard Park, 10 a.m. till 2 p.m., bring a box lunch. Thereafter, the first Saturday of the month, kayaking will be held at a different location, such as Turkey Creek, Sebastian River, Grand Canal in Satellite Beach. Kayaks are available for rent if scheduled. Other means of transportation (excluding motors) are welcomed.

Cruises to Marker 21- begin Saturday April 9th.

Club will provide wood for fire, hot dogs and marshmallows (former girl scouts will appreciate having s'mores!) There will be cruises the 2nd Saturday of each month, no cost, no notice, just show up and have fun. Contact Paul Alexy at 779-4464, or palexycfl@rr.com if you need additional information or if you need a ride on someone's boat. We will be coordinating our cruises with ESCA's cruises.

Keeper of the Calendar... Please don't forget that if you are planning use of the club in any capacity, it must be coordinated with the Entertainment Chair (that's me). Just call me at 779-4464, or drop a note to palexycfl@rr.com.

- Paul Alexy, Entertainment Chairman

Bulletin Board

Aging Support Group

We have decided to have two meetings a month, the first and fourth Thursdays at 7:00pm. The first meeting of the month is to be just the group itself, sharing experiences, and the second meeting of the month will have a speaker. Mary Williams got a speaker for us for the second meeting who was excellent. Her name is Joan Burritt and she is a geriatric nurse practitioner. She spoke about the aging process and what is normal and what isn't. The group raved about her talk and found it most beneficial to them.

On the 24th of Feb, we will have a guest speaker, Joe Steckler. He will speak about dementia, about what to do and what not to do and also about resources in the community. Joe is probably the most qualified person in the county to give such a talk. He was a founder of the Alzheimer's Foundation and is it's current Director. Joe's Place, an Alzheimer's day care center, is named for him. He has a radio show on Thursday mornings on WMEL about age related topics and is on television frequently.

We hope to see you at our next meeting. You may bring a friend. If you would like a cup of coffee bring your own mug.

Amy Lacy – 728-0389 or Mary Williams – 243-2351

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Wireless Internet Available at MYC

The IT department at MYC would like to announce that we now have Road Runner Internet Service at the Club. This is accessible via an Ethernet (Hard Wire) and 54 MBS wireless. The only Ethernet cable is in the corner by the bookcase in the bar area. To access the wireless you must have a wireless card that is capable of Wireless B or Wireless G technology. A good card that I know works is a Linksys wireless card Part # 299892 or model # WPC54G. You can get this card at Best Buy. Other brands should work too, however.

The Wireless signal seems to be good all over the building. You might try to reposition your computer if you are getting a weak signal. The best signal is in the bar area.

Please check the posted wireless key every time you want to use the network, as these codes will change on a regular basis.

The following information will be posted at the club on the side of the TV set in the bar. You will need to use this information on the wireless setup to access the Internet.

1. The SSID will be broadcast so you will see that there is a wireless signal active in the club area.
2. Make sure computer addressing is set to DHCP
3. SSID that you will see is MYC-Sailor.

WEP is 64 bits

Paraphrase is _____ (posted in the club-changes monthly)

Wireless key #1 is _____ (posted in the club-changes monthly)

If you have any problems please contact someone that knows about your wireless setup and or computer. Please don't call or e-mail me about problems. If I am there I will help all I can.

Very soon we will be adding printers and a computer to the system for use at the club.
- Bob Hughes, Wireless Guru

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

It is hard to believe that a year has gone by since I became Fleet Captain. This was a busy year for racing at the club and the local area as well. The number of entries at the big boat as well as small boat regattas is growing. This is due to the fact that we provide the racers with a good regatta, good competition, and a great shore-side support group to help run these regattas.

The fact that people like and look forward to coming to our regattas is proof that we are doing something right. That 'something', in my opinion, is the people at MYC.

It takes a lot of people to run a good regatta and even more to run a good race week like we do. I'm not just talking about the Race Committee—I'm talking about all of the people it takes to put on a good show. This includes everyone who does something to contribute to the regatta, from making the race fliers, to seeking sponsors, to planning meals, cooking meals, doing dishes, cleaning up, doing registration and all of the dozens of jobs required to successfully put on a race week like we do. These are the people I want to thank. It would take up a full page to name everyone who has helped with regattas this year so I can't name you all I just want to say THANK YOU.

I can't tell you how many times I've heard people talking about MYC regattas and how much fun they had, how nice the people were and so on. After the Sunfish International Masters last March the word in the Sunfish Class was that we, **MYC**, had set the bar up a few rungs on the standards of what was expected in a regatta. This is high praise from that group.

All of this is due to you the **members**. You are the ones that come out and volunteer to do all of the jobs that make it possible for us to run great regattas. It is you members who have made this a great year of racing and made it an easy year for me.

THANK YOU ALL

- Jim Edwards, Fleet Captain

Winter Rum Race Results

Racers

1	Hasty Miller	Skimmer
2	Gregg Kowalski	Slot Machine
3	Paul Alexy	Pop's Toy
4	Gary Smith	Five Speed
5	Rob Van Name	Nordic Star
6	Floyd Bryan	Esprit
7	Jim Yates	Rookey
8	Jerry Ross	Sleighride
9	Sherry Beckett	Fast Lane
10	Larry Etheridge	Purr-fect
11	Chuck Delmater	Rendezvous
12	Edwards/Gates	Volant

Cruisers

1	Brent Saunders	Swept Away
2	Eckart Schneider	Solitude
3	Art Ahrens	Sea Bird
4	Bill Striker	Hawk
5	Alan Jepsen	Big Flash
6	Sowden/Knockel	Miss Too

Meet Your Rep— Mitch Needleman

Boating in Our Community and Florida

When: Monday February 28, 2005, 7pm
Who Is Invited: MYC and ECSA members
Cost: No charge

Coffee and desert to be served. For any questions call Mary Williams @ 243-2351 or e-mail at caliber402002@yahoo.com

House Report



I look forward to serving as Vice Commodore and House Director. If any of you have suggestions or request for or from the house, please email me at jaypamadam@earthlink.net. I will be planning a house and grounds clean up day in the future, most likely as fair weather lends itself to outside activities.

If any members have contacts for cleaning services through your work, and can get a phone number, address, or business card, I will be sending out bids for the "house cleaning contract".

Please feel free to give me suggestions, feedback, recommendations or anything you think will benefit our members and improve our club.

"Hold Fast" (Hold Fast is Clan MacLeod Motto)

- Jay McClure, House Director & Vice Commodore

Party Line—Party Recaps

Superbowl Party 2005—Feb 6th

We held our second annual Superbowl /Chili Cook-off Party on February 6th. Thirty-eight members and their guests joined together to watch the Eagles and the Patriots battle it out on a 52" TV setup in the Bar while in the kitchen 6 Chili chefs were concocting their favorite recipes.

We had six different Chilis from which to choose. There was "Kitchen Sink" by Cheryl Whittaker, "Like Mamade" by Rachele Ross, "Whimpie" by Debbie McGregor, "First Time" by Melanie Adams. "Super Bowl White" by Mary Chadwick, and "Veggie Chili" by Amy Lacy. By poll of the participants the winner was "Like Mamade" by Rachele Ross.

- Ross Herbert, Party Coordinator

Shrimp and Suds Party—Jan 28th

The Shrimp and Suds fling was an enormous success. Hosted by Charlotte Parker and Rachele Ross, we received 117 reservations (followed by 8 cancellations). The food was great, the music by Chris Miller and Tony was a huge hit. There were actually a half a room full of people listening and dancing at 11:30 p.m. Will wonders never cease!

The success was due mostly to the great helpers we had. Jerry Ross, Bill Parker, Jack and Jacki Leahy, Ross and Jacki Herbert, Carol Mairs, Paty and Mike Henry, Gerry Moores, and non-club members Barb McIntyre, Jim Durocher and Tiemme Davis. Thanks to Jay McClure (bar Manager) for the \$1.00 suds.

- Charlotte Parker, Party Coordinator

Membership Report

The following members have asked for and been granted a change in membership status to 'non-resident': Brian Howell—Moved to N.C., Chet Prudzynski—Moved to Port Charlotte, FL, Lenny & Nancy Beckett—Gone Cruising, Gus and Mary Williams—Gone Cruising.

Current membership count:

Corinthian:	9
Non-Resident:	21
Honorary:	1
Resident:	150

2005 Dues Due

The 2005 Dues invoices have been sent out (several weeks back). If you have not received yours, contact Jan Crawford jancrawford@earthlink.net

- Steve Shippee, Membership Director

Dockmaster's Report

February 2005—Out of a total of 44 “Wet Storage” Slips, 42 are rented, 1 is occupied by the MYC 18-Foot Skiff, and 1 is vacant -- and that one vacant slip will remain unavailable for assignment until we can get the missing outer piling replaced. To put the Wet Storage occupancy in perspective, the cumulative minimum monthly rental feet characterizing our 44 Wet Storage Slips (5-feet less than the Slip Length, summed over all 44 Slips) is 1190 feet -- and we currently are enjoying an actual monthly rental feet value of 1287 feet, a value that is exclusive of not only the Slip holding the MYC 18-Foot Skiff but also the vacant slip. I can confirm that with respect to our complement of 179 Dock Pilings we currently have:

- 1 Missing Outer Piling;
- 9 Leaning Outer Pilings, one so much so that it must be extracted then repositioned; and,
- 15 High Pilings among those supporting the Dock Decks and Finger Piers.

Further, as you know the Dockmaster is also responsible for the complement of various Dry Storage Categories. Accordingly, in addition to the 25 MYC Owned Vessels in Dry Storage I can relate that we currently have:

- 4 Vessels in Category A (One-Design Mast Up at Waterside), with no remaining space available;
- 4 Vessels in Category B (Dinghy Rack Storage at Waterside), accommodated in the Pram Racks (with 6 remaining spaces available); and,
- 24 Vessels distributed between either Category C (One-Design trailered storage at Street Level) or Category D (Dinghy Storage at Street Level), accommodated in either the East Yard (where space remains available), on the Northwest Hilltop near the West Dock, or inside the Tire Store (which is “Nearly Full to the Brim”).

With respect to their ever changing position and types, just counting the Vessels accommodated in Dry Storage is a challenge -- and it is further compounded by the uncertainty in pairing Member's Names against the various Vessels; therefore, my immediate Dry Storage efforts will be focused upon resolving this identity crisis.

Will the owner of each of these “Orphan” vessels please identify themselves to me via E-Mail (dockmaster@melbourneyachtclub.com).

- Laser (Hull ID# PSBD72066990) with White Hull and White Deck on Launch Dolly, on floor inside Tire Store
- Zodiac Rigid Bottom Inflatable (Serial # Z11306) 9.0-Foot LOA on elevated rack inside Tire Store
- Laser (Hull ID # OOTG60071899) with Blue/Gray Stripe on White Hull and White Deck on Launch Dolly, on Northwest Hilltop near the West Dock
- One Design (Hull ID # AMF12927M74D) 12.5-Foot LOA with Yellow Hull and White Open Cockpit with Aluminum Spars on Road Trailer, in East Yard
- Storage Locker #7 (secured with small size Master Key Lock), Lower Tier South Side in Club Annex

There are several candidate projects already identified for consideration commencing in 2005; however, it is clearly premature to discuss these here -- and this list of candidate projects is by no means complete or closed. If you have any ideas regarding projects you would like to see pursued, please share them with me so I can bring them before the Board.

- Harry Stapor, Docks Director



Continuing Last Adult Class from 2004

In August and September, 2004, the last 3 classes for the Adult Sailing Class #2 were canceled due to weather conditions and previous MYC scheduled activities. These 3 classes will be rescheduled for these dates: Saturdays, March, 26, April, 2 & 9, Time: 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.m.

I will inform all the class members of this new schedule.

Wallie Everest has asked the MYC Youth Program to consider hosting a merit badge course for small boat sailing, for about 6 boy scouts, which he would teach with our help. Wallie suggested 3 Sundays would be sufficient using prams only. I have reviewed this item with the Board Members, MYC Members and John MacNeill and all have approved this request from Wallie Everest. I will follow up to see all the proper paper work is completed, such as insurance, release forms etc.

Jim Edwards has scheduled a fleet work day on Feb. 19 and we will follow up with a work day on April 16. Please let us know if you can help us on these two work days.

The ECSA has invited John MacNeill to their April 13, meeting to talk to their members about our MYC Youth and Adult Sailing Class Programs. John has accepted this invitation. I wish to invite all our members to help us spread the word of our MYC Sailing Programs, which brings the fun of sailing to our youth and adults.

MYC`s 2005 CALENDAR FOR SAILING CLASSES

COST: \$ 35,00 (5 classes and a basic sailing handbook)
 TIME: 10 am to 2 pm (Except Adult #1, which is 10am-3pm)

YOUTH CLASSES

Youth #1A - Thurs, June, 2, 9, 16, 23,& 30
 Youth # 1B- Sat, June, 4, 11, 18, 25 & July, 2
 Youth # 2A- Thurs, July, 7, 14, 21, 28 & Aug, 4
 Youth # 2B- Sat, July, 9, 16, 23, 30 & Aug, 6

ADULT CLASSES

Adult #1 - Sat, May, 7, 14, 21 & 28
 Adult #2 - Sat, Aug, 13, 20, 27, & Sept, 3 & 10

To register, please call Simon Koumjian at 321-779-1579 or E-mail simonvi@earthlink.net or call John MacNeill at 321-723-6213 or E-mail john@macneillj.com. The classes are part of Melbourne Yacht Club's Community Service program, so non-members are welcome.

- *Simon Koumjian, Youth Director*

Artists Wanted

We are looking for all types of art for our 'Art Gallery Opening' Feb 26. Painting, sculpting, crafts and food will all have their own categories with all viewers and exhibitors having a chance to vote for their favorites. Winners in each category will receive a prize.

Artists: Please contact me at 795-2156 or rchaser2@pocketmail.com. (No entry fees). I must know who's coming to arrange for setup space.

Sari Wakefield Receives Degree

Corinthian member Sari Wakefield graduated from the University of Central Florida, Orlando, on December 13, 2004 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management. She graduated cum laude and was third in her class. She is now attending UCF graduate school for her MBA. It has been a long struggle but she is now on her way and expects to graduate with an MBA in about two years.

Saturday Night Bunco

March 5 - 7 p.m.

What's Bunco?

An easy-to-learn game of dice used
as an excuse to

win prizes while you snack, drink, and chat with your friends.

Beer, wine and snacks served during the game.

Coffee and dessert served following.

\$5 per person covers cost of prizes & snacks & such.

Reservations required, to make sure we have 4's

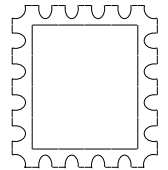
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