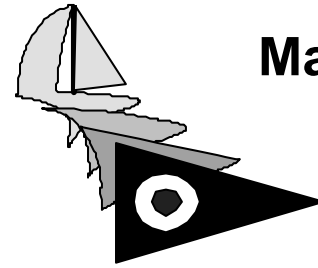


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2005
Commodore's Ball
Son of a Son of a Sailor

Saturday, March 19

The Party Line

Art Gallery Opening—February 26th

February 26th was hopefully, the first annual Gallery Opening and what a showing! Approximately 20 members displayed their talents in medias ranging from painting to basket weaving. Winning awards were Sally Anderson for her watercolor, Sandy Bryan for her sculptures, Maria Smith for her quilts and needlepoint, Barb Ehnert for food art, and Art Ahrens for photography. Best of Show was Paul Lindenberg with his talent of boat design and building. Thank you to the Committee of Jackie Leahy, Sally Anderson, and Barb Ehnert, and to the kitchen crew headed by Jackie Herbert. The appetizers were as beautiful as the art displays. Satellite Beach High School Jazz Ensemble put the finishing touch on a fantastic evening!

Mitch Needleman—February 28th

Mitch Needleman, Florida State Representative (R), put on a very interesting discussion regarding dredging rivers, privatizing docks, and use of watercraft fees to benefit public boating. Members of MYC were asked to speak up and form a committee so that boaters' needs could be addressed at the state level. This meeting was attended by over 50 people.

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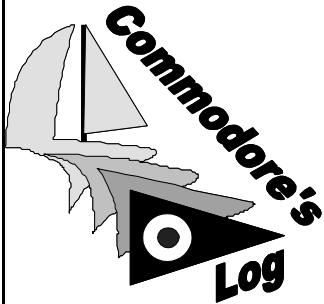
- 13 Spring Rum Race #3 2pm
- 19 Commodore's Ball
- 20 Small Boat Sunday 1pm
- 26 Kayak Expedition
- 27 Spring Rum Race #4 2pm
- 30 March Board Meeting

APRIL

- 2 Kayak Expedition
- 6 General Membership Meeting
- 8 Spring Rum Race #5
- 9 Cruise to Marker 21
- 22 Spring Rum Race #6 (FRI)
- 23-24 Spring Regatta Small Boats
- 27 April Board Meeting
- 30-1 Spring Regatta Big Boats

MAY

- 7 Kayak Adventure & Mkr 21



If you missed the First Annual MYC Art Gallery, then you missed a great show. I am extremely impressed with the variety of talent that we have encompassed within our membership. From Art Ahrens' Photography to Jerry Ross' and Dave Nobel's Wood craftsmanship to the

many other artists, it will be an event not to be missed next year.

You should have received an invitation to this year's Commodore's Ball by now. The Commodore's Ball is scheduled for March 19th at 6:30pm. There will be an Hors d'oeuvres buffet and we will have music by Christian Miller. The dress will be cocktail attire, a step down from formal attire, and a step up from Office dress.

The MYC Spring Regatta is coming up in April. If you have the time, it is a great way to get involved in the club and to meet the local sailing community.

As many of you know, I have recently acquired an O'Day 27, otherwise known as "Primadonna, the floating project", so it was with much interest that I attended the Miami Boat Show this year. I went looking for new ideas and cutting edge products and systems. I have found several that bear looking into:

First, is Tacktick from Tacktick Limited (www.tacktick.com) - A Wireless networked component instrument (Wind, direction, depth, speed, GPS) data system that integrates with your other NEMA systems. One of the neat things about this setup is that the displays and the masthead Wind Data Transmitter are solar powered. However the Depth and Speed transducers are wired to a Hull Transmission unit and powered off of the ships battery. Another cool capability is that since the display modules are wireless and self-powered, you can remove them from the bulkhead and carry them around with you, and even command the system.

Second, is ClampTite from J. S. Enterprises (www.clamptool.com) - A tool for handling emergency clamping (see picture on pg 4). I would think that there should be one of these in everyone's tool box. I played with it at the show and no matter what I tried, I could not get the clamp to slip. I bought one, so if you would like to see it in action, let me know.

Third, is PlasTEAK from PlasTEAK (www.plasteak.com) - A recycled plastic lumber substitute. I am thinking about replacing Primadonna's toe and hand rails with it, thus minimizing my maintenance problems.

Fourth, is Air Head from EOS Design (www.airheadtoilet.com) - A complete drop-in MSD type III sanitation system that doesn't need thru-hulls and stores the waste for up to eighty (80) uses before needing to be emptied. It keeps the odor down by separating the liquids and solids. The one drawback is the need for a 70 mA 12VDC fan to run continuously.

Finally, is the LED lighting arena. LEDs use a fraction of the power that incandescent lights use, and last a whole lot longer (up to 100,000 hours). I have already replaced my anchor light with one LED unit, and I am currently researching cabin light replacements.

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 here.

-Ross Herbert, Commodore

TGIF Birthdays—March 4th

Happy Birthday to the March birthday group! If you have a birthday coming up and have a favorite type of cake, we'll try to accommodate you, let Paul or Joyce know!

March 5th – Return of Bunco!

Faye Bitzer put on another great Bunco night. 38 people attended, and a good time was had by all.

Commodore's Ball – March 19th 6:30 p.m.

at Melbourne Yacht Club. Reservations can be made by calling 757-9231 or e-mail CommodoresBall@melbourneyachtclub.com.

Kayaking Expedition—March 26th

See ad ->

Upcoming in APRIL

Kayaking, April 2nd at Turkey Creek.

April 9th – Cruise to Marker 21

Spring Regatta, April 23-24 and April 30-May 1.

- Paul Alexy, Entertainment Chairman

Bulletin Board

Aging Support Group

On Feb. 24th the Support Group met with Joe Steckler who spoke on Alzheimer's and what community support there is for people in need. He spoke for 1 1/2 hours and was a wealth of knowledge. For those who missed it there are hand outs.

The next meeting will be on March 10th and will be a group meeting. On March 24th we will have Attorney William Johnson who specializes in Elder Law. His office is in Suntree and he is active in community support groups for the elderly. This is for anyone who thinks they will be getting "older" so if you are interested, please put this date on your calendar.

Paul and Joyce Alexy have some equipment they are interested in loaning out to anyone who is in need. These are such things as walker, cane, etc. If you have a need give Paul a call -779-4464.

Our Support Group meets the second and fourth Thurs. of every month at 7PM at MYC. Please feel free to join us and bring a friend. Coffee is served, bring your own mug. For any questions call Mary - 243-2351 or Amy - 728-0389. See you at the next meeting. Amy Lacy - 728-0389 or Mary Williams - 243-2351

Kayaking Expedition—Saturday March 26 (all non-powered boats welcome)

Come paddle with us! (kayak, canoe, or?) Saturday March 26, 10AM-2PM.

Put in at Ballard Park, and paddle up the Eau Gallie River, eating a picnic lunch somewhere enroute. Either bring your own boat, or rent one.

Extreme Sports will rent us boats at a special discount: \$20/person for a single kayak, \$40/tandem kayak (2 person), and \$40/canoe for 2 people. The rental fee includes life jackets and paddles. They will deliver them to Ballard Park for a \$20 group fee if fewer than 5 boats are needed, or for free if 5 or more boats are needed.(any delivery fee to be divided among the renters). I know of 3 renters so far. There is also the possibility that 4 boats will fit in the back of our truck, and we can pick them up for you.

If you have ever thought about trying kayaking, this is a great opportunity to try it. You could try a sit-on-top one March 26, and a regular sit-in one April 2, etc. So give us a call. I have 11 people already coming.

After March, there will be a monthly group paddle on the first Saturday of each month (April 2, May 7, June 4).

Contact Carol Mairs at 321-961-7285 or email me at mairzynotes@pocketmail.com or call John Martin at 729-9539.



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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

Spring is just around the corner and that means **Spring Race Week** for us at MYC. It looks like we are going to have a very good series based on the number of boats we are expecting.

The small boat weekend, on April 23-24, is shaping up with fleets of Flying Scots, Snipes, Sunfish, Force Fives, Lasers and maybe Raiders and MC Scows. With the size of the fleets, we are going to run the races at Ballard Park where we have room for all of the boats as well as trailers. It is looking like it will be a great Regatta.

The Big Boat weekend, on April 29-May 1, is also looking like it will be well attended. We will start with the Yankee/Rebel Rally on Friday evening, then move into 2 good days of racing for PHRF, Melges and cruisers. Both weekends will have good food along with some free beer. You can't ask for more, good sailing and free beer!

I want to thank all of the people who came out and helped with the fleet work day. We got a lot done and now have both the Snipe and Coronado 15 ready for sailing and racing. If you are interested in sailing or racing any of the club boats on Wet Sundays contact me to reserve a boat.

We have several new Corinthian members at the club who are looking forward to doing some racing at the club. If you need crew, get in contact with them or, catch them walking the docks prior to the Rum Races.

For the Cruisers at the club, Paul Alexy, our new Entertainment Director, has organized cruises to Marker 21 every month. Info on that on the facing page.

If you have any questions or ideas for racing at the club please get in touch with me.

Good sailing, see you on the river.

- Jim Edwards, Fleet Captain

Rules Corner

One of the changes in the 2005 RRS is the definition of a 360 degree and 720 degree turn for a penalty. In the new rules, a 720 degree turn for committing a foul has been changed to mean that a boat must make 2 tacks and 2 jibes to complete the penalty. In the 2004 RRS version you had to completely turn 720 degrees. This is used to exonerate yourself after you have broken a rule in Part 2. However Rule 44.2 now states that a boat that breaks a rule and as a result causes "injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage in the race or series" may exonerate herself **ONLY** by retiring at the time of the incident. In other words, if you have a collision during a race and cause enough damage that a little bondo won't fix, or someone is hurt, you should retire from the race.

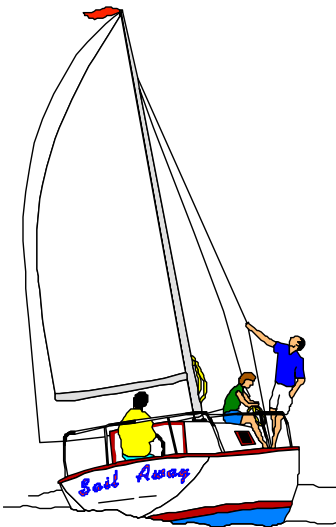
The 360 Degree turn is used after you have hit a mark.. You no longer have to re-round the mark. (you haven't had to do that for years). You must get clear of your competitors and then do your 360 degree turn. If you do your turn so close to another boat that he or she must avoid you, then you have committed another foul and must do a 720 degree turn.

Remember to sail to a clear area before you do your penalty turn or turns.

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Cruises to Marker 21



First Cruise Saturday April 9th.

MYC 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 if you need add'l. information or if you need a ride on someone's boat.

I am sponsoring the first month's cruise, but we need sponsors for May 7 and June 11 cruises.

For more info, palexycfl@rr.com or 779-4464.

Membership Report

New Membership Applicants

Buzz and Rose Mantle—Sponsored by Steve Shippee

Buzz is retired from Federal law enforcement, also recently retired from Real Estate sales in Sonoma Ca. Recently moved to Melbourne Beach from Sonoma.

Buzz took a Red Cross sailing course in California long ago. More recently he completed an Intermediate Sailing course, and was a member of the Presidio Yacht Club at Ft. Baker, California, in San Francisco.

Buzz says "My wife and I have some experience crewing on various boats in San Francisco Bay area. I have owned a Hobie Cat, and sailed a club-owned Catalina 30. I have no spinnaker experience.

I have made one open ocean cruise that lasted one day – the boat sank. My wife and I would like to join your club and believe it would mutually beneficial to all involved.

Corinthian Members—Sponsored by Dave Noble (all FIT students)

Benjamin Pepper is currently a sophomore studying physics at FIT and is a member of the FIT sailing club. Benjamin is a general class ham radio operator and wishes to join MYC to further his sailing knowledge.

Mallory Berry is a freshman studying physics and mechanical engineering at FIT. She is from Maryland and her hobbies include collecting puppets, fossils and old books. Malloy is a novice sailor and wants to gain more sailing experience, also confidence.

Robert Wilkos is currently a sophomore from Glastonbury CT, majoring in astronomy and astrophysics and would like to become an astronaut. His hobbies are photography, tennis and golf. He started sailing last year on the schools flying juniors and would like to become a member of MYC to gain experience in racing big and small boats.

Bob Vandedrinck is a freshman at FIT and a member of the school's sailing club. He is interested in all water sports and has been an active sailor on snipes and 420 classes. He wants to join MYC to keep up his sailing experience and to meet people locally in our sailing community.

- Steve Shippee, Membership Director



Dockmaster's Report

Piling Maintenance Efforts

- Establishing a 2-way exchange with Erickson Marine is proving to be a significant challenge.
- We have 1 MISSING Outer Piling which precludes one 35-foot slip from being occupiable.
- There are 9 LEANING Outer Pilings, one so much so that it must be EXTRACTED and then REPOSITIONED.
- Additionally there are 15 HIGH Pilings among the complement interconnected to support the Decking and Finger Piers.

Wet Storage

- We have 1 Vacant Slip which is currently un-occupiable; however, the Dock Committee is considering the next assignment for this 35-foot Slip.
- There are 42 Member Occupied Slips.
- There is 1 MYC Occupied Slip, the 18-Foot Launch -- producing no Revenue for MYC.
- There are 27 Members on the Wet Storage Waiting List.

Dry Storage

- The remaining 25 MYC Owned Vessels are in Dry Storage, as is the 1 Member Owned Vessel on Loan to the MYC Sailing Instruction Program. None of these vessels produce any Revenue for MYC.
- There are 4 Member Owned Vessels in Mast-Up Storage, and this storage category is currently completely filled. There are no Members on the Mast-Up Storage Waiting List.
- There are 4 Member Owned Vessels in the Pram and Dinghy Racks, and there are currently 6 Unoccupied spaces in the Pram and Dinghy Racks.
- There are 6 Member Owned Vessels and/or Trailers in the East yard, where ample unoccupied space remains to accommodate others.
- There are 5 Member Owned Vessels on the Northwest Hilltop near the West Dock. The Board is considering the use of this area.
- There are 17 Member Owned Vessels inside the Tire Store, which is now completely filled. **Only one of these vessels remains unidentified, the 9-Foot Zodiac Rigid Bottom Inflatable which commenced occupancy on or near 19-February-2005.** There are no Members on the Waiting List for this area.
- There are 3 Trailers stored behind the Tire Store. Although nearly filled, there are no Members on the Waiting List for this Area.
- There are 6 Members renting Storage Lockers in the Annex, and **only one remains unidentified -- the Occupant of Locker #7.** There are 2 Vacant Storage Lockers.

Annual Rental Agreements

- New Rental Agreement Forms must be submitted annually for both WET and DRY Storage. Revised Forms are now being considered by the Board.

- Harry Stapor, Docks Director



Continuing Last Adult Class from 2004

I have made phone contact with all the class members from last years Adult Sailing Class #2 and informed them of our new schedule. Of the 18 members only 13 members will continue with this class. The new schedule for this class will be: Saturdays, March, 26, April, 2 & 9.

Boy Scout Merit Badge Class

John MacNeill and I will meet with Wallie Everest to develop a schedule for the 3 Sunday classes for the Boy Scouts.

Work Day

The Feb. 19th work day scheduled by Jim Edwards was a great success. John MacNeill and I would like to thank all the members who worked on the dinghies. John MacNeill has scheduled a work day on April 16 to repair and clean our boats and equipment. We will be looking for volunteers to help us for this work.

THANK YOU!!!!

Thank you also John Fox for the repair work on our Snipes. Also many thanks to Jack Bibb for the reconstruction of the bottom of one of our Sunfish. Wallie Everest is now repairing one of our Laser's.

Free Publicity

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

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

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

Membership is NOT required to take classes—Sailing classes are part of MYC's 'Community Service'.

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*

Co-Newsletter Editor Needed

Pete Anderson, who has been sharing the newsletter editor duties with me for several years (Thanks, Pete!), is going cruising. If any computer-literate person is willing to help with the newsletter (alternating months, or some other arrangement), I'd be grateful for the help.

Drop me a note and I'll tell you more about it.

- *Sherry Beckett, Newsletter Editor*

MYC Wins First Place in Fla Tech HomeComing Parade!!!

A week before the parade, I received a phone call from the Florida Tech Alumni Office/Homecoming Festivities Office. Diane, a fellow coworker knew I was an active MYC member and contacted me. She said she had some Florida Tech sailing club members on her parade committee and they wondered if MYC would enter the parade even if we just towed a boat of some kind. I told her I would look into it.

After several phone calls and an e-mail to the membership, I found there was an interest in participating. I also discovered that there were negotiations in the works between the school and the yacht club to provide sailing lessons to Florida Tech and that this would be a very timely event. Gabe and Pat Denes were the first to reply and volunteered to use their Jeep for towing. John MacNeill suggested towing a Sunfish and a Pram. We later added a Raider ('cause it looks really cool) to the flotilla, courtesy of John Drawe. Charlotte Parker volunteered her "girly" as well as new and shiny Sunfish with the pink and blue sail.

We decorated the whole menagerie with race flags and the piece de resistance was a large banner which read, "Not your parent's yacht club!" The slogan was suggested by Chuck Noles. John supervised putting the "parade of boats" together with the help of Pat and Gabe Denes, Jerry and Rachele Ross, Bill and Charlotte Parker, Ross Herbert, Carol Mairs, and Jim Gibson. Pat, Gabe, John, Charlotte, Carol, Rachele and two Florida Tech sailing club members, Mallory and Rob participated in the parade. Along the route we passed out 100 colorful fliers (by Rachele) to the onlookers.

As a result, we were awarded a 1st place prize (\$150.00) in the "Community Participation" category. Thanks so much to all who participated. As Pat Denes said, "it actually turned out to be a lot of fun."

(see photo <http://www.sail-race.com>)

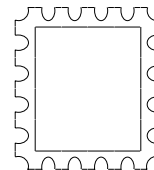
- Rachele Ross, Organizer Extraordinaire

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