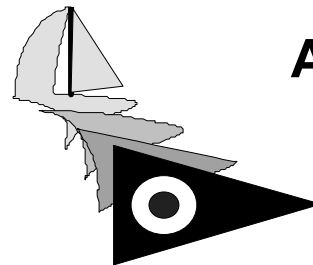


MELBOURNE YACHT CLUB

TELL-TALE



April 2005

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APRIL

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

MAY

- 1 Spring Regatta Big Boats
- 4 General Membership Meeting
- 6 Summer Rum Race #1
- 6 TGIF May Birthdays
- 7 Kayak Adventure & Mkr 21
- 7-14-21-28 Adult Sailing Class
- 15 Small Boat Sunday Race
- 20 Summer Rum Race #2
- 21 Seafood Raft-up

The Party Line

March Highlights:

Bunco was back on Saturday March 5. It was a lot of fun and very successful thanks to Faye Bitzer.

MYC entered a float in the St. Patrick's Day Parade put on by Florida Tech. We won FIRST PLACE and a cash prize. Many thanks to Rachel Ross for coordinating this event.

The *best-ever* Commodore's Ball was held at the clubhouse on Saturday, March 19, organized by Commodore Ross Herbert and Firstmate Jackie. The music and food were fit for a King and Queen!

The kayak trip on March 26 in the Eau Gallie River was a big success, with 14 people enjoying a paddle around Ballard Park (see pic-



Identifiable happy paddlers: Joan and David Lister, Art and Alice Ahrens, Carol Mairs in the far back.

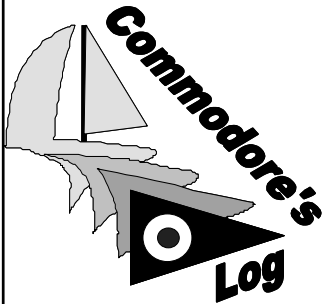
ture). Many thanks to Carol Mairs for organizing the trip.

April Events:

Birthdays were celebrated at the TGIF on April 1. Everyone enjoyed some great cake and good company.

The kayak trip on April 2 was canceled due to inclement weather.

(See Party Line on page 2)



I have heard from numerous members and the results thus far are overwhelmingly in favor of the "Lounge/ Hors d'oeuvres" approach to the Commodore's Ball. We had 95 members socializing, and dancing to the music of the Christian Miller Band.

The band provided their usual excellent performance until 11:00 PM. I, also, would like to thank the team from Edible Art Catering for working overtime to provide us with food. For your information, even though I am still working on the party expense report, I have turned in the house checks and they should be showing up on your end-of-April statements.

New member Buzz Mantle presented two burgees to the club as part of a burgee exchange. They are from the Golden Isle Yacht Club and the Oak Grove Island Yacht Club. They will soon be hanging in the Bar area. Thank you Buzz.

Over the past several years one of the topics of discussion has been the eventual renovation of the MYC Clubhouse. At this month's meeting, Bill Baker presented a report from the Ad Hoc Committee on Renovation that is chaired by Al Washka. There is a drawing of the current thoughts posted in the bar area. Also, there should be an article on the report elsewhere in this newsletter. The committee is actively soliciting comments. Should you have any please direct them to Al or Bill.

After the general membership meeting, Mike and Sue Dunne presented the club with a beautiful water color done by Sue of the dock carts. It is currently hanging behind the bar until we can find a better place for it.

This month on April 16, Jay McClure has called for a cleanup work day. Since you will have just paid what little money you have to Uncle Sam on the 15th, I propose you come on down do some work and we will feed you a pizza lunch on the club. See you there.

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

Vice Commodore's Report

Hey, have you heard the one about free beer and pizza? No it's not a frat party, but a yard clean up day. Saturday, April 16, 8:00 am to Noon. Bring rakes, shovels, brooms, hedge clippers, leaf blowers and anything you might use for a spring yard clean up. At noon, I will have beer and pizza for all those who have helped. Thanks in advance.

I am still looking for a vendor to make metal MYC license plates. If anybody knows one, please let me know.

I have completed the letter to open bids for cleaning the Club. If you would like me to mail a copy to any particular group or cleaning crew, let me know.

The calendar is filling up, so if you wish to use the Club for a private party this year, get your reservations in quickly.

The process is just beginning for the planning of House renovations to modify our existing floor plan on our current footprint. Updates will be forthcoming as things progress. Hope you all have wonderful spring sailing this April.

I'll close with my Highland Clan motto, which is also very appropriate for sailing.

Hold Fast,

Jay McClure, Vice Commodore



(Party Line—Continued from page 1)

The next paddle Saturday, May 7th at Paddles and Oars Park next to Telemar Marina at 10:30 a.m. Be on time, don't miss the boat! For rentals and more information, call Paul Alexy, 779-4464.

There was a cruise to Marker 21 on Saturday, April 9. Hot dogs and marshmallows were provided by MYC. There will be a cruise on the 2nd Saturday of every month. No advance notice is needed. Come and enjoy the stars and a bonfire. Call Paul Alexy if you need a boat to jump on!!!

May

May 6 TGIF Birthdays

May 7 Kayaking (Grand Canal) and Cruise to Marker 21

Bulletin Board

Aging Support Group

The Support Group for People with Aging Parents has had nothing but excellent speakers so far. Last month we had William Johnson, a lawyer specializing in elder affairs. His talk was pertinent to all of us, so the entire yacht club membership was called. He spoke about long term care and all the legal documents necessary to have in one's portfolio of legal documents. Thirty-one of our members attended and Mr. Johnson told me he usually doesn't get so many questions. Yes, we are the question asking type of group!

Our April 14th meeting was without a speaker. We just showed up to help each other out from our own experiences.

For our April 28th meeting our very own Steve Batchelor will speak to us. Steve has been an hospice volunteer for 15 years and is currently on the board of directors. I wonder how many of you knew that about Steve. I hope you will all join us on Thursday, April 28th at 7pm

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

Kayaking Expedition—Saturday May 7

(all non-powered boats welcome)

The next kayak trip is scheduled for Saturday May 7, 10:30 to 2:00. We will meet and put in at the new Paddles and Oars Park off Banana River Drive adjacent to the Telemar Bay Marina.

From there we will paddle up the Banana River and the Grand Canal. Bring a lunch. Kayaks can be rented at Extreme Sports for \$20.

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). 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. The last scheduled paddle is on June 4.

Contact Carol Mairs at 321-961-7285 or via email 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](mailto:tell-tale@melbourneyachtclub.com)

Please include name &
phone number.

New Co-Newsletter Editor

Winnie Lambert has agreed to be the co-editor of the Tell-Tale. She looks forward to learning more about the club and it's members.

- Sherry Beckett, Newsletter Editor

Fleet Report

The Spring Regatta is just a couple of weeks away and I want to thank all of the people who have volunteered to help put on these events. I use events plural because we are, for all intents and purposes, running two regattas. The first regatta on April 23-24, the Small Boat Weekend, will be run out of Ballard Park to enable us to handle the size fleet we expect to get for the event. That means we will have to move most of our normal regatta support operations to Ballard Park. This makes it harder to run from a logistics standpoint but it gives us a great venue for racing. We are expecting over 80 boats for the Small Boat Weekend - an excellent turnout for this regatta.

The Small Boat Weekend keeps growing in size because of the all the work the volunteers put into making it a great regatta. When we travel to other regattas around the state we get compliments on our regattas at MYC. We are told that they like our club, its members and feel like they get good value for their money. That is a good thing!

The second event is, of course, our Big Boat Weekend on April 30-May1. We are now drawing boats from outside our local area to this regatta. These racers come to MYC for good racing but they also come because they have a good time at the club. We are told that the members are friendly as well as helpful. They feel welcome at our club.

And don't forget the Yankee Rebel Rally on Friday evening, April 29.

If you have never helped out in one of our regattas, jump in and lend a hand. It is good fun and you will meet some great people and get to know more of our members. If you don't have time to help out at least stop by the club during the regatta and see what it is all about. Both weekends will have good food along with some free beer. You can't ask for more, good sailing and free beer!

See you on the river,

- Jim Edwards, Fleet Captain



Greetings from the GROG LOCKER



The Melbourne Yacht Club Bar is doing well. We have received our liquor license so we can continue to serve drinks. I am assuming that everyone is okay with the variety of drinks that the club supplies because I have not received any suggestions for new wines, beers or liquors. If there is something anyone would like please let me know and I will look in to it.

The Bar started offering a special after the general meeting each month. This month we had a \$1 dollar draft beer special. Next General meeting the special will be \$1.00 off all Wines and Liqueurs. Please attend the General meeting and socialize at the bar afterwards.

I would like to start having Dine-ins on Friday nights. Please let me know what type of dine-ins you would like to have. Please see me or e-mail me your suggestions.

*Bob Hughes, Rear Commodore
Bar/Kitchen Manager*

IT Department

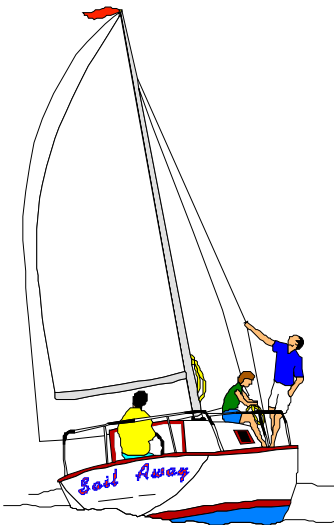


The IT Department has re-located the TV to the wall in the corner of the lounge and moved the bookcase in order to set up a computer table. The computer is set up and the printer will be online soon. There are no passwords to operate this computer. Please be careful not to change any settings. This will affect our ability to offer this service to the club.

If you have any problems with this computer or setting up your own laptop to the wireless network please let me know and I will help get you on line. I do not know the range of our wireless set up right now but I hope to in the future be able to get the wireless capability down to the dock area.

Bob Hughes, Rear Commodore

Cruises to Marker 21



Next Cruise Saturday May 7th.

MYC will provide the wood for a fire, hot dogs and marshmallows (former girl scouts will appreciate having s'mores!) You bring anything else you'll need, and something to share if you so desire.

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 additional information or if you need a ride on someone's boat.

We need a sponsor for this event and for the June 11 cruise.

For more information or if you'd like to sponsor and event, contact Paul Alexy at palexycfl.rr.com or 779-4464.

Membership Report

New Membership Applicants

Kevin and Deirdre Glaser—Sponsored by Ralph Crawford

Kevin came to Melbourne in 1980 with a computer company (Gould-Sel). Before moving to Melbourne he served six years in the U. S. Navy on aircraft carriers and other surface ships. He flew as a Navy flight officer in E2c Hawkeye's'. He is currently employed by Computer Sciences Raytheon as a meteorological electronics technician.

Kevin also enjoys playing golf and scuba diving.

As a sailor, he is still a beginner, and would like to learn more about sailing and boats. Kevin has a Helms 27 aptly named "A Little Knotty".

Christina Chang—Sponsored by Rochelle Yates

Christina lives in Satellite Beach and relocated to Florida from Michigan 3 years ago. She has been flying for Northwest Airlines for 10 years and currently starting her own real estate brokerage firm in this area.

Over the past 3 years she has developed a big interest in Sunfish sailing and would like to participate in the Sunday sailing events. Most of her sailing experience has been cruising aboard Sea Turtle, Carisma and Swept Away.

She has attended some of the social events at MYC and enjoyed all of the members that she has met, and would be honored to become a resident member.

Christina currently owns a Sunfish named "See Sea".

Resignation—Mark and Mary Cannon

Mark and Mary resigned their membership due to busy work schedules. We'll miss them and hope they can join us again when life slows down a little.

Membership Status

Resident: 150, Nonresident: 22, Corinthian: 9, Honorary: 11

Total: 192

- Steve Shippee, Membership Director

Dockmaster's Report

Dock Repair Progress

Thanks to Jacki Leahy, a dialog with Paul Erickson addressing our dock repair needs was finally initiated on March 23. The good news is that Paul believes that all repairs can be done without removing piling caps or disconnecting the pilings from the deck structure. The bad news is that, even with the "sweetener" of a significant material and labor effort at the Captain's Cove Condo next door, Paul continues to enjoy an abundance of work and does not yet know when he will be able to do the work for us.

Revised "Wet" and "Dry" Storage Rental Agreement Form:

A revised Rental Agreement Form has been drafted and, along with a revised companion "Wet" and "Dry" Storage Application Form, is now being reviewed by the Board. When these two forms are finalized, both will be posted on the web site. It remains my intention to tender the appropriately filled-out form(s) to the Bookkeeper so they can be included with your monthly invoice at the end of April 2005. Accordingly, please be patient and know that you are not expected to comply with the requirements of Dock Policy #12 (as in the December 2004 *Tell-Tale*) prior to any revision of the forms.

Identifying Storage Locker #7 Occupant:

Published in the Dockmaster's Report in both the February and March 2005 editions of the *Tell-Tale* was a plea for the member using Storage Locker #7 (second from the east end on the bottom row of the six contiguous lockers on the south wall) to identify themselves. This is your final opportunity to do so before April 22. After this date the small key padlock securing the door will be cutoff so that the contents can be examined in an attempt to identify their owner thereby allowing an invoice for the annual rent to be subsequently tendered to the correct party. Please inform the Dockmaster (via either telephone at 725-4994 or E-Mail at dockmaster@melbourneyachtclub.com) of your identity prior to suffering the destruction of your padlock. Thank you for your cooperation -- hopefully before April 22.

Kayak Storage Request:

At the direction of the Board, Paul Alexy is assisting me in addressing this request. One solution is to fabricate a structure suitable to store multiple kayaks and place it in the east yard alongside the exterior wall of the clubhouse. However, we solicit your ideas and suggestions.

- Harry Stapor, Docks Director

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

SEAFOOD RAFT-UP PARTY!

SATURDAY, May 21, 6:00 PM

Meet at MYC at 6:00, cast off by 6:30, be at anchor off Melbourne Beach by 7:30, break up at 11:00.

COST: ONLY \$12.00 PER PERSON

Logistical details will be covered at the party. In the interest of better organization, please include the name of the boat (or its owner) that you will be aboard, when you make your reservation.

More detailed information will be provided in the May Tell-Tale.

**RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED and CLOSE
WEDNESDAY NIGHT May 18th**

**Hasty and Julie Miller 723-7395
Jack and Marty Bibb 723-7954**

LRPC Report on the Clubhouse Redesign

The LRPC has been working to improve the club's facilities as a whole. We concluded that the likelihood of being able to find a new and larger piece of real estate suitable for a new club is slim to non-existent. We decided to study what could be done to the existing clubhouse. This work was split into two parts: looking for additional parking capacity, and identifying problems with the existing clubhouse. We are now far enough along with the house study to present it to the club for consideration and solicit ideas from our members.

Based on a survey of club members, we need to increase the capacity of the Great Room, increase the size and improve the layout of the bar area, improve people-flow between the bar and Great Room, increase and improve the kitchen workspace, kitchen and bar storage, and furniture storage.

We considered several solutions while remaining conscious of some real limitations. These are;

- Stay within the existing footprint of the building in order to continue to operate within the original building codes.
- Simplify permitting approval process as far as possible.
- Keep cost within reasonable limits.

We made an initial proposed layout drawing which is posted on the big notice board in the bar area at the club. This layout changes the following areas by:

Great Room	+21%	Storage for tables and chairs	+120%
Bar	+34%	Bar counter	+ 52% (longer)
Kitchen	+44%	Kitchen counter	+ 50%
Total footprint	+ 5%	Deck and porch	- 41%

Please take the time to look at the drawing in the bar area. If you have a comment or suggestion, please write it on the suggestion sheet next to the drawing with your name so that we will be able to get back with you if we need further clarification. If you prefer to e-mail me, or any member of the group, that is fine also. Please do take the time to write your comments. If you give it to us verbally we could more easily forget about it!

We estimate that these changes will cost between \$300—\$400 thousand dollars. The potential impact on your dues and dock rents will be discussed next month at the General Meeting. We plan to hold a "straw vote" at that meeting in order to decide if we have enough support from the general membership to continue with this major effort.

Bill Baker, LRPC

SPRING REGATTA



SAT-SUN APRIL 23-24

Two days of one-design racing from
Ballard Park

Monohull and Multihull classes

(Sunfish, Laser, Flying Scot, Snipe, Catalina 22,
Multihull and Portsmouth)

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

Rebel Rally Fun Race

SAT-SUN APRIL 30-May 1

PHRF and 22'+ one-design racing

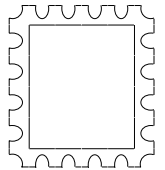
(Spin, Nonspin and Cruiser, plus Melges 24,
SR Max, and others expected)

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