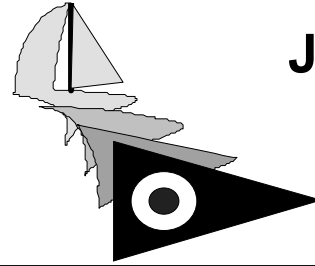


MELBOURNE YACHT CLUB

TELL-TALE



June 2005

<http://www.melbourneyachtclub.com>

Officers and Board:

Commodore

Ross Herbert 757-9231

Vice Commodore/House

Jay McClure 727-0512

Rear Commodore/Bar

Bob Hughes 729-6356

Secretary

Louisa Killian 259-9695

Treasurer

Will Garvey 722-1273

Directors

Membership Steve Shippee 727-1118

Youth Simon Koumjian 779-1579

Fleet Jim Edwards 779-9558

Entertainment Paul Alexy 779-4464

Docks Harry Stapor 725-4994

Newsletter Editors

tell-tale@melbourneyachtclub.com

Sherry Beckett 779-3024

Winnie Lambert 631-4220

JUNE

- 1 General Membership Meeting
- 3 Birthday Night at MYC
- 3 Summer Rum Race #3
- 11-12 Cruise to Marker 21
- 12 Small Boat Sunday Race
- 17 Summer Rum Race #4
- 26 Small Boat Sunday Race
- 29 June Board Meeting

JULY

- 1 Birthday Night at MYC
 - 1 Summer Rum Race #5
 - 4 Cookout and Raftup
 - 6 General Membership Meeting
 - 10 Small Boat Sunday Race
 - 15 Summer Rum Race #6
 - 24 Small Boat Sunday Race
 - 27 July Board Meeting
 - 29 Fall Rum Race #1
 - 30 Country Line Dancing
- ...TGIF Every Friday...

4th of July Cookout and Raft-up

At Melbourne Yacht Club



Bar opens at 5:00 pm

Dinner at 6:00 pm



Menu

BBQ Pork Ribs & Chicken

Hot Dogs, BBQ Beans, Coleslaw

Macaroni Salad, Brownies & Watermelon

Serving and eating indoors

Raft-up after dinner to watch fireworks

Weather Permitting

**If you don't have a boat to go on,
we will try to find a boat for you.**

Cost: \$10.00 Adults / \$5.00 under 12

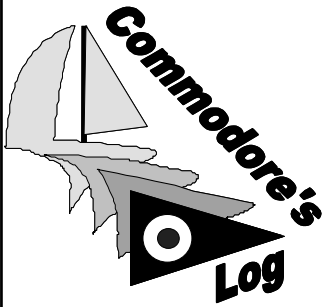
Reservations for dinner by June 29 - Bob Hughes

729-6356 or Rhughes3@cfl.rr.com

Raft-up reservations by July 4th - Hasty Miller

723-7395 or hasty@digital.net

Raft-up is BYO Drinks, Snacks and Life Jackets



I understand from Carol Mairs that we have opened an eastern annex in the Abacos this year. Those MYC members who have made the trek to the Bahamas this year have just about taken over Marsh Harbor. For the past month or so we

have experienced a membership drain as groups left for the islands. Sherry Beckett has a web page devoted to posting the trip missives of each boat at <http://sail-race.com/myc/cruisingupdates.htm>. Thank you, Sherry. I expect that there will be some good tales told as they return from their trips.

Meanwhile, here on the home front, we passed amendments to the Bylaws that now afford Non-Resident and Corinthian members the privilege of using dry storage while they are in town. This privilege is subject to a pecking order where Resident members' dry storage needs will preempt those of Non-resident Members, and Non-resident Members' dry storage needs will preempt those of Corinthian Members.

If lightning safety interests you, then be sure to attend the July 6 meeting as we will be having a guest lecturer to talk on that topic.

The 2005 Directory has been sent to the printer and should be out in the near future along with the new lock combinations and you membership cards. Look for them at an upcoming TGIF or your mailbox. The new lock combinations take effect July 1.

If you know where the original TV and DVD/VCR remotes have gotten off to, would you please let me know. I am told that we might be able to fine-tune the TV in the lounge, but we need the remote to do it.

If you haven't seen it yet, Google has a map link at <http://maps.google.com>. One of the interesting features is in the upper-right-hand corner. If you press the "Satellite" link, then the map converts to a space-to-ground picture that you can zoom in on while seeing an expanding aerial shot of the ground from space. This is the first site that I have seen that does this based on a map location. I must say that the resolution is not consistent, but I did like the pictures of the Abaco Islands. If you are interested, you might want to check the river just west of the Melbourne Beach pier at full magnification.

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

The Party Line



June 3: Commodore Ross helped out with a birthday cake to celebrate the June birthdays.

June 11-12: Cruise to Marker 21. Paul and Joyce will be in Seattle, but Paul has arranged for new member Kevin Glaser to host. Hot dogs and bonfire will be supplied. An email from Ron Vandever of ECSA indicates that some of their group, possibly as many as ten boats, may join our MYC group. Ron said his group will bring some side dishes and drinks.

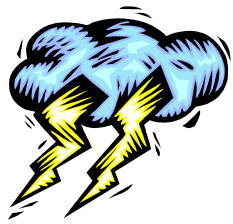
July 1: All you July birthday folks get yourself down to the club to help blow out the candles.

July 4: Annual MYC cook-out and raft-up afterward to enjoy the fireworks. Details and contact information on Page 1.

July 30: Faye Bitzer is planning a great night of country line dancing. This should be a lot of fun and a great way to get your two left feet on the right track.

Bahama Cruisers Update: Sherry Beckett has been sending e-mails containing news as it arrives from different boats. Having been over there over Memorial Day week-end I can tell you that many MYC boats are having one heck of a good time. I was only there 4 1/2 days, but in that time there were two great get-togethers, one at the Jib Room in Marsh Harbour and one at Nippers. This was my second time visiting some of the beautiful cays in the Abacos and we are planning a Bahamas story telling event when most of the cruisers return, watch for the date in the Tell-Tale.

Joyce Alexy, Entertainment



Lightning Safety

We will have a guest speaker immediately following the July 6 General Membership meeting. The topic will be something very important to us sailor-types, lightning safety.

Our speaker, Bill Roeder, is the Chief Staff Meteorologist for the 45th Weather Squadron, the U.S. Air Force unit that provides weather support to America's space program at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station and NASA's Kennedy Space Center. Mr. Roeder received a B.S in Physics from Pitt, a B.S. in Meteorology from Penn State, and a M.S. in Atmospheric Science from University of Arizona. He has over 25 years of experience as an Air Force meteorologist, both officer and civilian, and has published over 60 professional papers on various meteorological topics. Furthermore, he is a national expert in lightning safety, having won several Air Force and national awards for his work in lightning safety education, most recently the 2004 Air Force Safety award. He won a record three Air Force technical weather awards, and also won the NASA Quality And Safety Achievement Recognition award and the Space Congress Technical achievement Award. He has appeared on Discovery Channel, PBS, and the BBC.

Bill is an energetic speaker and enjoys educating the public about lightning safety. Given that mid-July is the climatological peak time for lightning occurrence, and that a sailboat is a prime lightning target when it is out in the middle of the river or ocean, this is a talk that shouldn't be missed.

Membership Report

We have 2 new members, Bill and Kathleen Dale. See the May Tell-Tale for their bio.

There were no new member nominations this month.

We had 4 regular members and 1 Corinthian member resign in the last month, and 1 Non-resident member changed their status to Regular.

At this time our membership stands at 149 Resident, 22 Non-Resident, 12 Corinthian, and 11 Honorary, for a total of 194.

Steve Shippee, Membership Director

Hurricane Names for the 2005 Season:

Arlene	Gert	Lee	Rita
Bret	Harvey	Maria	Stan
Cindy	Irene	Nate	Tammy
Dennis	Jose	Ophelia	Vince
Emily	Katrina	Philippe	Wilma
Franklin			

Bulletin Board

MYC Officer/Board Email Addresses

board@melbourneyachtclub.com

or

commodore@

rearcommodore@

treasurer@

entertainment@

secretary@

membership@

fleet@

youth@

Newsletter:

tell-tale@melbourneyachtclub.com

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.

May Cruise to Marker 21

A beautiful moonlight night, a tummy full of hotdogs grilled over a bonfire on the beach, a little wine, guitars playing and everyone singing along. Sound like a great experience? If you weren't at the May Cruise to Marker 21, sorry you missed it!

Those who attended and brought some great side dishes were Jerry and Rachele Ross, cruise chairpersons; Jack and Marty Bibb, Faye Bitzer, Chuck Noles and Karen, Rob and Maria Van Name, Chuck and Betsy Baird, Peter Aydelotte and Anna Chavaustie (alias Ms. Pyromaniac), Rick Crockett and Suzanne, Gordon and Beverly Drysdale, and Al and Missy Washka. Some came by sail and other by small powerboat but everyone had a great time.

Also joining us for pickin' and grinnin' were members of the Central Florida Sailing Club who also brought along a guitar. Their club is a group of small trailer-able boats such as Catalina 22's, etc. They were a fun addition to the group.

Rachele Ross



Folks on the island at Marker 21 sitting around the campfire talking, listening to guitar music, singing, eating, drinking, and just generally relaxing and enjoying the great weather.

All members of the family are welcome to cruise to Marker 21 and enjoy time on the island.



Monthly Cruises to Marker 21

Cruises are held the 2nd Saturday of the month, weather permitting.

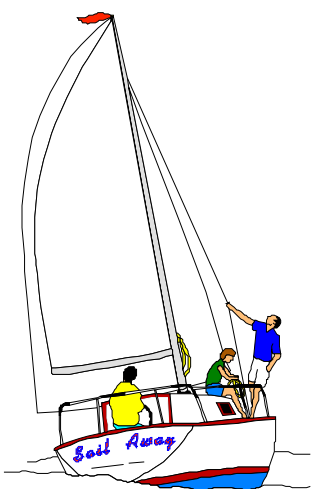
MYC will provide the wood for a fire, hot dogs and marshmallows. You bring anything else you'll need, and something to share if you so desire.

There is no cost and no need for advance 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.

The June 11 Cruise was cancelled due to the byproducts of Tropical Storm Arlene. The next scheduled cruise is July 9.

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





Greetings from the GROG LOCKER



I received a request for 2 new wines. I now have a small amount of both in stock to see how they will sell. They are a Cavit Pinot Grigio and a Campo Viejo Reserva. They cost \$3.00 and \$3.50 a glass, respectively.

Has anyone tried Bud Select? I hear it is a good beer, a lot like Michelob Ultra but with less aftertaste. Please let me know if you would like it stocked or on tap.

If anyone else would like to request a new brand or type wine or liquor please call or e-mail me with your suggestions. Phone 729-6356 or rhughes3@cfl.rr.com.

At the next General meeting the special will be \$1.00 for all beers. Please attend the General meeting and socialize at the bar afterwards.

*Bob Hughes, Rear Commodore
Bar/Kitchen Manager*

HURRICANE TRIVIA

(1900—2000)

Deadliest in US: 1900 Galveston, TX 8000+ deaths (chronicled in *Isaac's Storm*)

Costliest in US: 1992 Andrew, \$35 billion

Most Intense at US landfall: 1935 Florida Keys, 408 deaths (5th deadliest)

Saffir-Simpson Scale:

Cat 1: winds 74-95 mph, storm surge 4-5 feet above normal

Cat 2: winds 96-110 mph, storm surge 6-8 feet above normal

Cat 3: winds 111-130 mph, storm surge 9-12 feet above normal

Cat 4: winds 131-155 mph, storm surge 13-18 feet above normal

Cat 5: winds greater than 155 mph, storm surge above 18 feet

This and more information can be found at

www.nhc.noaa.gov

Fleet Report

Summer has arrived and this usually means a slow down in fleet activities for a couple of reasons. Some of our members go north for the summer and some go cruising in the Bahamas. Both of those things are currently happening, but we are still getting a great turnout for our races. Over Memorial Day weekend we had 20 small boats turn out for the Wet Sunday Races and the "burn it" afterward. We had a number of new faces and new boats that weekend. It is great to see this racing, which John MacNeill started over 4 years ago, continue to grow. Thanks John.

The Rum Race fleet is only slightly down on attendance due to Bahamas cruises by some of the regulars. If the weather would just cooperate (thunderstorms go away) we will have a great summer of river sailing.

I encourage any of our members who would like to race or crew in a race to come out for the Rum Races every other Friday evening in the summer. There are always a number of boats looking for more crew and it is a good way to see what racing is all about. Also, if you know of any non-members who may be interested in sailing or racing, either bring or send them down to the club. It is a great way to introduce non-members to the club as well as racing. The races start at 6:00 PM so it would be a good idea to get to the club as close to 5:00 PM as possible to walk the docks and ask who needs crew.

The next regatta at MYC will be the Mermaid Regatta Sept. 24 & 25. It is time to start the planning for this regatta so I will schedule a first meeting in early July. We will have big boat racing and small boat racing that weekend. So ladies, start putting your teams together for the big boats and small boat skippers start practicing. We want to make this a fun regatta for everyone.

See you on the river.

Jim Edwards, Fleet Captain

Dockmaster's Report

Dock Repair Progress

Oh be still my heart, MYC is finally under contract with Erickson Marine. They will repair the seemingly minor damage our docks sustained from the hurricanes of 2004. Once Paul Erickson has been able to relocate his work barge to the Club, the actual execution should take about 1 week—assuming that the weather conditions are not adverse. Hopefully, these repairs can be implemented while a significant number of vessels normally berthed at our docks are still cruising in the Bahamas and elsewhere. Their continued absence will clearly reduce the difficulty in shuffling the remaining vessels to give Paul's work barge the room it needs so that the repairs can be executed.

Hoist Certification

With the return of Rick Cope from the Bahamas, the Hoist Certification and Limit Switch Retrofit / Replacement Effort has resumed once again. Through the company he supports from time to time, Rick has learned that OSHA does not have any jurisdiction over the operation of our hoist because it is private as opposed to commercial. Further, a limit switch retro fit kit is available for our hoist and, once obtained, it will probably require several hours of labor to execute the installation. Once the inspection is completed, the Board will consider the limit switch option as well as a routine (although not necessarily annual) re-inspection schedule.

Near Waterside Sunfish and Laser Storage

The effort to construct this plank that secures the dolly tongues will commence shortly. The anchor posts should be installed, with concrete collars, prior to the return from the Bahamas of Hasty Miller—who is fabricating the securing plank.

Broken Dock Light Support

I have executed a temporary repair to the one dock light that was broken off from the dock pile to which it is mounted. A permanent repair will be addressed once my dock committee members return from the Bahamas.

- Harry Stapor, Docks Director

MYC's 2005 CALENDAR FOR SAILING CLASSES

YOUTH CLASSES

Youth #1A - Thursdays, Jun, 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Youth #1B - Saturdays Jun, 4, 11, 18, 25, Jul 2

Youth #2A - Thursdays, Jul, 7, 14, 21, 28, Aug 4 Youth # 2B - Saturdays, Jul, 9, 16, 23, 30, Aug 6

ADULT CLASSES

Adult #2 - Saturdays, Aug, 13, 20, 27, Sep 3, 10

COST: \$ 35.00 (5 classes and a basic sailing handbook)

TIME: 10 am to 2 pm

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.

- Simon Koumjian, Youth Director

BAHAMAS CRUISING 2005

The following photos were taken by Carol Mairs while cruising on Rainbow Chaser in the Bahamas. From the looks of things, everyone was having a relaxing time and enjoying each other's company, even the sharks. We are looking forward to some good stories and more good pictures.



Sharks!



Rainbow Chaser at anchor



Pete's Pub in Little Harbor



Picnic on dry land



Buffet on Incommunitago



Harvey Melfi about to blow a conch horn



Boats at sunset during the May MYC Cruise to Marker 21.

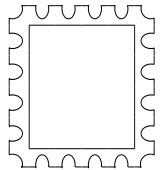
(Photo submitted by Rachele Ross)

**MELBOURNE
YACHT CLUB**



1202 E. RIVER DR., MELBOURNE, FL 32901

**FIRST
CLASS
MAIL**



The Tell Tale is the official newsletter of the Melbourne Yacht Club. Deadline for submissions is the first Wednesday of the month. All MYC members are encouraged to submit articles or notices of interest to the Club.