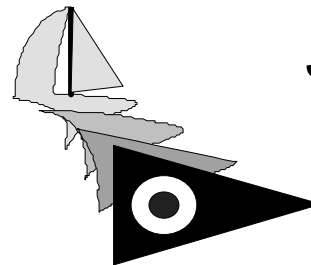


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July 2005

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JULY

- 24 Small Boat Sunday 1pm
- 27 July Board Meeting
- 29 Fall Rum Race #1 6pm
- 30 Country Line Dancing Party
- 29 Small Boat Sunday 1pm

AUGUST

- 3 General Membership Meeting
- 5 TGIF Birthdays
- 6 Kayak Expedition?
- 12 Fall Rum Race #2 6pm
- 13 Cruise to Marker 21?
- 21 Small Boat Sunday 1pm
- 26 Fall Rum Race #2 6pm
- 31 August Board Meeting

SEPTEMBER

- 2 TGIF Birthdays
- 4 Small Boat Sunday 1pm
- 7 General Membership Meeting

The Party Line

TGIF—Birthdays—July 1 - A very tasty chocolate cake was enjoyed by many people to celebrate the July birthdays. Birthday greetings to you July folks!!

Kayaking—July 2nd - Kayaking was canceled this month due to lack of participation. If you would like to see this happen the first Saturday in August (August 6th) please call Paul Alexy at 779-4464 or 917-5863. Racks are being built at MYC for kayak storage so that you can launch your kayak right from the club in Crane Creek. More details will be available as this project is completed.

July 4th BBQ & Raftup - 118 people enjoyed a fantastic barbecue coordinated by MYC infamous chef Bob Hughes and his wife, Wendy. His committee of Jim and Elaine Schaub, Connie and Larry Etheridge, Marsha and Lloyd Millar, Ross Herbert, Karen Cabaniss, Chuck Noles, Jim Gibson and Paul and Joyce Alexy served up ribs, chicken, hot dogs and all the fixins'. After dinner a couple of games of dominos were observed and then the raft-up to watch the fireworks.

Cruise to Marker 21—Saturday, July 9th - Cruise cancelled due to Hurricane Dennis. Interested in doing one August 13? Call or email Paul Alexy.

Party—Country Line Dancing—July 30th

Faye Bitzer is planning a great evening of line dancing and dinner. This is a great way to get some exercise, socialize, and have a great time. You don't need to know how, there will be instructions. See ad on the back page, or call Faye Bitzer for more information and reservations 728-8841.

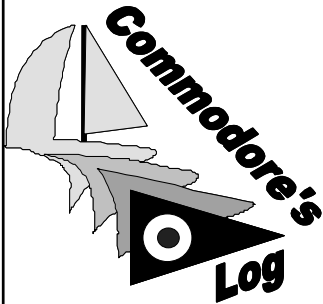


TGIF—Birthdays—August 5 - Come celebrate all the August Babies' birthdays on Friday, August 5.

- Paul Alexy,
Entertainment Chairman

MYC Calendar Online

<http://melbourneyachtclub.com/MemberDatabase/calendar.php3>



Wow, just six weeks into the 2005 Hurricane season and we have already seen four named storms. Please note that we have just completed the repairs to the docks from last year's Hurricane Season, so with that in mind, I would like to urge those of you with boats; both at the

club and elsewhere; to identify a plan for securing your boat in the event one of these storms decides to come our way again this season. Also, it wouldn't hurt to practice it once to work out any kinks.

During the past month we have discovered a number of items that will require repair. One of the principle problems being the Bar Area French door. The outer edge of this door is starting to separate from the rest of the door. We are working to repair it, but until repairs are complete, please treat it carefully. Another item is the kitchen door. Bob Hughes has installed a set of magnets at the top to help keep this door closed and the AC in the building. Thanks Bob. This means that the door now needs to be physically checked when you secure the clubhouse as it no longer stands ajar as it used to do. Your help in these matters is appreciated.

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

Next Month's Membership Meeting Talk

- Splicing -

If the ability to splice line eludes you, or you just want to know how it is done, then be sure to attend the August meeting as Hasty Miller has agreed to give a talk on Splicing. Bring a chunk of 3-braid and/or two braid line, your fids, knife, and tape to the meeting for an after-meeting seminar, Wednesday night, August 3.

Dockmaster Report

Dock Repair Progress

Paul Erickson has completed the repair effort to the Docks and Pilings. The dilapidated waterside Light Standard between the East and West docks has been carefully removed by MYC Members and Paul Erickson will erect the replacement Light Standard in the existing hole.

Hoist Certification

With the return of Rick Cope from the Bahamas, the Hoist Certification and Limit Switch Retrofit / Replacement Efforts are once again active. Rick is arranging for the Hoist to be tested while he gathers the data for cost and delivery of the Limit Switch upgrade. The actual installation may require MYC participation; but, that possibility currently remains unresolved.

Near Waterside Sunfish and Laser Storage

The effort to construct the Plank that secures the Launch Dolly Tongues has already commenced, and should be concluded this week. This securing plank will accommodate up to ten Sunfish and/or Lasers.

East Yard Kayak Storage

Preliminary drawings, illustrating the fabrication of an envisioned Kayak Storage Structure appropriate for installation in the East Yard, have been constructed. Although the design details are still being "fine tuned", it is expected that these will be finalized so that the subsequent construction effort can be quickly executed following the completion of the Dolly Tongue Plank Structure.

Rental Feet Increase

The successful passage of the proposed length definition for wet storage vessels at the June-2005 General Meeting will result in a monthly increase for the cumulative Wet Storage rental feet from the 1315 feet of 1-June-2005 (with one vacant slip) to at least 1376 feet. There remain three vessels left to measure coupled with one vacant Slip to rent.

The three components of the overall length for a vessel berthed in an MYC slip -- the projection length forward of the bow, the bow to stern length, and the projection length beyond the stern -- are itemized for each vessel in the document posted within the

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Bulletin Board

Crocket Wedding

Congratulations to Rick Crockett and his new wife Suzanne. They were married June 25th.

Lightning Safety

For those of you who missed the Lightning Safety talk at the July Membership meeting, Bill Roeder had a really interesting presentation.

The best thing I heard (easy to remember) is the 30-30 rule...

- If there is 30 seconds or less between lightning and its thunder, the storm is close enough to strike at any time, go inside
- Wait 30 minutes or more after hearing the last thunder before going outside

He gave a handout that had links to many lightning-related sites.

However, the link on the front page of the brochure doesn't seem to work (at least today). But I found the same list here:

<http://www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov/Websites.htm>

In addition, he mentioned that the 'marine lightning guy', Ewan Thompson, has just established his own website at

<http://marinelightning.com/>

There's a lot of very good marine-related lighting info there.

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glass front bulletin board in the clubhouse.

All slip renters are encouraged to "look over" the various values characterizing their particular vessel.

Unintentional Dock Policy Omission

Erratic mouse work during an errant cut and paste operation coupled with an imminent publication deadline are the most probable reasons why Rule 17 of the Dock Policies, as published on page 26 of the 2004 Membership Directory, was not included in the 2005 edition.

Although this unintentional omission escaped identification and subsequent correction during the prepublication proof reading effort, the formation of several tropical weather systems have resulted in this all important verbiage is missing -- but not forgotten. It is published in its entirety elsewhere in this month's newsletter, and it can be found in the 2004 Membership Directory. Members remain obliged to abide by the requirements of Rule 17 on page 26.

- Harry Stapor, Director, Docks

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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.

Proposed Dry Storage Policy Modifications (01-July-2005)

With respect to Consistency and Completeness considerations, the Board proposes the following changes to the current (2005 Membership Directory) Dry Storage Policies -- which are word-for-word repetitions of the Dry Storage Policies published in the 2004 Membership Directory. Although these Dry Storage Policy modifications only require approval by the Board of Directors, the Board solicits a Vote of Confidence (or Mandate) by the General Membership prior to enacting the modifications indicated below.

“Existing” Category A

The intent is to modify the definition presented in the Dry Storage Policies to indicate:

- the maximum number of Storage Slots;
- the overall length and width dimension of each Storage Slot (including any limitation on the actual dimensions of the stored vessel);
- the location of each Storage Slot; and,
- complete quantification for the monthly rent obligation.

The **current** (circa 2005 Membership Directory) definition for Category A is:

Category A spaces are 8-feet wide and 24 feet long, from bow to transom. They shall rent for 50% of the dock rental rate defined in Article 6 Privileges, Section 3 per foot per month.

The **proposed** definition for Category A is:

Although each of the four Category A space renters of record as of 1-July-2005 are grandfathered to continue enjoying accommodation until they voluntarily relinquish this privilege individually, once their number has been reduced via voluntary attrition the Club will offer only three (3) spaces for Category A Dry Storage. Arranged side by side in a single contiguous rank across the extreme eastern end of the lower level blacktop pavement area, each space shall be 8.5-feet wide; however, the maximum width for the combined vessel upon the trailer assigned to any space shall not exceed 8.0-feet. Further, the three Category A spaces are of different lengths. Extending westward from the chain link fence along the Club's eastern boundary, the northern most Category A space is 22.0 feet in length, the middle Category A space is 26.0 feet in length, and the southern most Category A space is 30.0 feet in length. The entire overall length of the storage footprint's bounding rectangle (vessel upon trailer) must not exceed the length of the Category A space to which it is assigned. The monthly rent for each slot shall be 50% of the dock rental rate in ARTICLE 6 Privileges times the value, rounded to the nearest 0.5-foot increment, for the length of the storage footprint's bounding rectangle (vessel upon trailer) assigned to that slot.

“Existing” Category B

The **current** (circa 2004 Membership Directory) definition for Category B is:

Category B spaces are limited to dinghies (tenders to member's cruisers) not over five feet in beam, or 10 feet in length. They shall rent for three and three quarters times the dock rental rate defined in Article 6 Privileges, Section 3 per month.

The **proposed** definition for Category B is:

Category B spaces are limited to those available within the Pram Racks. The maximum beam of any such stored vessel must not exceed 5 feet. The only limitation on the length of any such stored vessel is that the waterside end of any such stored vessel must not extend over the black top pavement. These spaces shall rent for a flat monthly fee equal to 50% of the dock rental rate in ARTICLE 6 Privileges times 7.5 feet irregardless of the actual length of the vessel stored.

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“Existing” Category C

The **current** (circa 2005 Membership Directory) definition for Category C is:

Category C spaces are not defined as to size, but are limited to boats not over 16 feet in length. They shall rent for \$13.00 per month.

Note: Due to an editorial oversight with the 2004 Membership Directory and subsequent republication in the 2005 Membership Directory, the last sentence of the above definition does not reflect the proposed modification published in the December-2003 **Tell-Tale** and subsequently approved and adopted by the membership during the January-2004 General Meeting. The last sentence was supposed to read

They shall rent for 25% of the dock rental rate defined in Article 6 Privileges, Section 3 per foot per month.

The **proposed** definition for Category C is:

Category C spaces are located at street level in the grassy area East of the Club House. While not defined as to size, the maximum overall length of the storage footprint's bounding rectangle (vessel upon trailer) for any individual Category C storage candidate shall not exceed 25.0-feet. They shall rent for 25% of the dock rental rate in ARTICLE 6 Privileges times the value, rounded to the nearest 0.5-foot increment, for the length of the storage footprint's bounding rectangle (vessel upon trailer, including any horizontal extension due to Masts and Spars or other stored items) per month.

“Existing” Category D

The **current** (circa 2005 Membership Directory) definition for Category D is:

Category D spaces are not defined as to size, but are limited to dinghies, Sunfish and other similar small boats. They shall rent for three and three quarters times the dock rental rate defined in Article 6 Privileges, Section 3 per month.

The **proposed** definition for Category D is:

Category D spaces are restricted in location to the vicinity of the launch dolly tongue securing plank installed near waterside on the grassy hill top west of the black top pavement leading to the lower level / launch ramp area. Category D spaces are limited to Sunfish, Laser, and other similar Boardboats on Launch Dollies but not road trailers. They shall rent for 35% of the dock rental rate in ARTICLE 6 Privileges times the value, rounded to the nearest 0.5-foot increment, for the length of the storage footprint's bounding rectangle (vessel upon dolly) per month. Due to the extreme space limitations, no horizontal length extensions beyond the hull due to masts and spars or other stored items can be accommodated.

“New” Category E

The **proposed** definition for Category E is:

When available, Category E spaces are located indoors within the former Tire Store building immediately south of the Club property. Category E spaces are limited to Yacht Tenders, Sunfish, Laser, and other similar Boardboats on Launch Dollies, Road Trailers, or without either Launch Dolly or Road Trailer. They shall rent for 35% of the dock rental rate in ARTICLE 6 Privileges times the value, rounded to the nearest 0.5-foot increment, for the length of the storage footprint's bounding rectangle (vessel upon trailer or launch dolly, or vessel only when stored without either a trailer or launch dolly, including any horizontal length extension due to Masts and Spars) per month.

“New” Category F

The **proposed** definition for Category F is:

When available, Category F spaces are located outdoors behind the former Tire Store building immediately south of the Club property. Category F spaces are limited to storage for Road Trailers only. With respect to the envisioned infrequent use of these Road Trailers coupled with the significant space limitation, there will be no effort to insure mutual non-blocking among the storage complement. Accordingly, in consideration for the potential inconvenience in accessing these Road Trailers, Category F spaces shall rent for 10% of the dock rental rate in ARTICLE 6 Privileges times the value, rounded to the nearest 0.5-foot increment, for the length of the storage footprint's bounding rectangle for the Road Trailer per month.

Omitted from the 2005 MYC Directory

(but still in effect)

Dock Rule 17, from page 26 of the 2004 Membership Directory

When a Hurricane Warning is posted for the Melbourne area, all members renting slips at Melbourne Yacht Club are required to:

- Remove roller furling jibs.
- Thoroughly tie down main sails.
- Remove or fold down and tie off biminis and dogers.

Remove items from the vessel that can flap, rattle, vibrate or blow away, including dinghies.

The focus of these efforts is to minimize the windage of the vessel so that in the cozy confines of their slips the winds induce the least amount of disturbing forces upon the vessels.

- Harry Stapor, Docks Director



Hasty Miller, Kevin Fredericks, and Jim Yates help pull the old beer cooler in the bar.

Hasty Miller, Lachland Smith and two other helpers, muscling the new cooler into place

“Thanks for all the help, guys!”





2 Youth Classes Completed—2 Underway

On Thursday, June 30, and Saturday, July 2, we completed our first series of youth sailing classes with great success. The 18 students in these classes learned the many skills of sailing and the joy of sailing thanks to the great instructions provided by John MacNeill and the help from Steve Clendenin, James Massman and Paul Lucas. At the completion of this series of classes, John MacNeill presented each student with a MYC Certificate of Completion, for the Youth Sailing Course.

Our second series of Youth Sailing Classes start on Thursday, July 7 and Saturday, July 9. We have scheduled a large number of students in this series of classes and will need some additional volunteers to help our efforts, by contributing a few hours a week. Please let us know if you are able to help us in some way.

Adult Sailing Class to Start August 12

Our Adult Sailing Class #2 will start on Saturday, August 13, and will run 5 Saturdays this fall with already 5 students preregistered.

Help Needed: John MacNeill would like to get some of our adult sailing class students out in some big sailing boats as well as the sunfish & other small boats. If you would like to give a few adults the experience of going on a larger sailboat please contact Simon Koumjian at 321-779-1579 or call John MacNeill at 321-723-6213.

Please help us spread the word for one of the many great activities provided by the MYC, which brings joy of sailing to the youth and adults of our community. Thank You.

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

To register for classes, or to volunteer to help with class, 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@32903.org.

- Simon Koumjian, Youth Director

ADULT CLASS

Adult #2 - Sat, Aug, 13, 20, 27, & Sept, 3 & 10

TIME: 10 am to 2 pm

COST: \$ 35,00 (5 classes and a basic sailing handbook)

Membership Report

There are no applications in progress at this time.

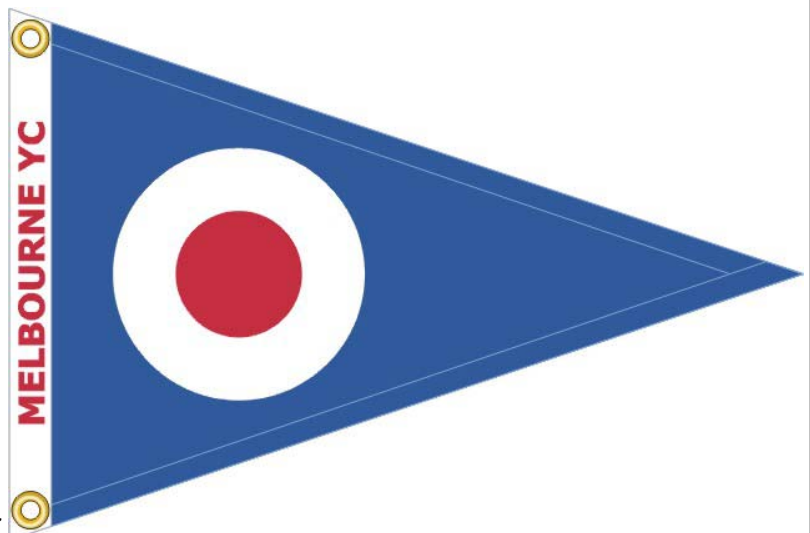
Current Data: Resident = 150, Non Resident = 21, Corinthian = 12, Honorary = 11

Additional membership cards are available for members who need an additional card.

New Burgees Available

The new 'presentation' burgees are available in the ship's locker. These are beautifully done with an embroidered name on the border.

- Steve Shippee, Membership Director





Ya'll Come!

MYC Hit Kickin' Party

Saturday, July 30, 2005

Bar opens 5:30 p.m. • Dinner served 6:30 p.m. • \$12/person

Menu features Grill-Your-Own 8-oz. Steaks

(or we'll do it for you - club will provide steaks)

Baked Potato, Salad, Rolls and Butter, and Dessert

(chicken also available by advanced request)

DJ and Dancing

DJ will play all kinds of music for dancing

but will also teach us a line dance or two.

Reservations requested by Tuesday, July 26

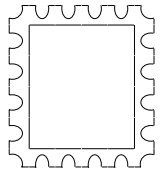
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