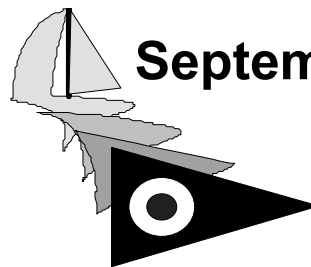


# MELBOURNE YACHT CLUB

# TELL-TALE

September 2005



<http://www.melbourneyachtclub.com>

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## The Party Line

### Cruise to Marker 21—August 13

This cruise proved to be a fun time for all. Several boats and lots of people enjoyed a bonfire, hot dogs, and lots of extras. Join in next month, always the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month. (*September will be skipped to due to Queen Ophelia*).

### Game Night—August 20<sup>th</sup>

The Game night in August was canceled due to lack of interest. In the future, every Friday night beginning Friday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>, the upstairs room will be open for anyone wanting to play cards or games. Bring your own deck or game board and friends to play with. This will coincide with the bar being open. Also, keep in mind that ping pong is also available. Let's get some competition going!

### Labor Day Weekend Cruise

Heard it was a huge success, anyone who missed it probably has heard that it was a great event. Credit for this goes to Ross Herbert, Jackie Leahy, Jim Gibson and Jerry Kowalski. Hope we didn't leave anyone out. The sail back to MYC had good winds.

### TGIF Birthdays—September 9<sup>th</sup>

We had our usual monthly birthday celebration a week late on Sep 9th. Happy Sept. to all of you folks!

### Mermaid Regatta—September 24-25

The Mermaid Regatta will be 2 days of racing, with Big Boat racing on Saturday and Small Boat racing on Sunday. Dinner on Saturday night will be fabulous as usual with live entertainment. Come out and join the fun, you don't have to sail to enjoy the festivities. See ad inside for details.

### Fall Regatta—Oct 22-23 and Oct 28-30

Fall Regatta is coming up with the usual plans for two weekends of racing, and some fun in between. More details next month!

*Paul Alexy, Entertainment Chairman*

### SEPTEMBER

- 18 Small Boat Sunday 1pm
- 23 Fall Rum Race #5 6pm
- 24-25 Mermaid Regatta & Party
- 28 September Board Meeting

### OCTOBER

- 1 MYC Work Day
- 2 Small Boat Sunday 1pm
- 5 General Membership Meeting
- 7 TGIF Birthdays
- Fall Rum Race #6
- 16 Small Boat Sunday 1pm
- 21 Fall Rum Race #7
- 22-23 Fall Regatta Small Boats
- 26 October Board Meeting
- 28-30 Fall Regatta Big Boats

### MYC Calendar Online

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



This month the club held a cruise to Sebastian Inlet over the Labor Day weekend. While the weather threatened us with rain, Mother Nature held herself in check and we received minimal rain. We received a shower upon our arrival at Sebastian that served to

clean off the boat, and to break the heat of the day. The same happened Sunday during the party but we never really got rained on. Finally on the way home on Monday, she let us have it all the way up the ICW to just before the Melbourne harbor entrance. During the party on Sunday, we fed 35 people and a dog and still had some food left over. In all, it was a great weekend spent with good people, enjoying great food, and each other's company.

Last month, I mentioned a low amperage 12VDC Refrigerator/Freezer combination you might want to check out. Well, this month I have a new approach to refrigeration. The people at "Frigoboat" have a system that runs on 12VDC, eliminates moving parts and raw water thru-hulls into your boat, and consumes up to 25% less energy. They accomplish this by using a gadget called a "keel cooler condenser". If you are interested, check out <http://www.frigoboat.com/home.html>.

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

-Ross Herbert, Commodore

## Dockmaster Report

### Near Waterside Sunfish and Laser Storage

The pavement modification to "stripe-off" an appropriate vehicle parking slot along the west side of the driveway -- and designate this area as an access way to and from the Sunfish / Laser storage area -- is the only remaining task to be addressed. The "House" Committee is responsible for doing this.

### East Yard Kayak Storage

The fabrication and installation of these storage structures, appropriate to accommodate eight vessels, was successfully completed on Aug 28 with the able assistance of Hasty Miller and his cement mixer, Grant Ball, Chuck Delmater, and Jack Leahy. Note, the "vertically challenged" need not apply for the top slot on either rack as the bottom of this slot is 7.5-feet above grade.

The Category C description will be modified by appending the following:

*Individual Slots within the Kayak / Canoe Racks in the East Yard shall rent for 25% of the dock rental rate in ARTICLE 6 Privileges times 12.0-feet each month, independent of the actual length of the vessel stored in the slot; however, each vessel stored in these slots must not exceed 18-feet in length AND 3-feet in beam AND 75-pounds in weight.*

### Wet Storage

All 43 Slips are filled. During the past two months we have enjoyed an unusual turn-over rate, but the 3 unexpected vacancies have been filled. These 43 slips currently generate \$526 monthly for the club's Dock Reserve Account plus \$4733 monthly for the Club's General Revenue Account.

## House Report

House has had the condenser coils replaced on the bar air conditioner unit and I am sure everyone is pleased with this. The freezer has been repaired so we will also have ice for the bar. Paper towels have been restocked throughout the club and there are additional cases in the annex.

The area of enclosed parking will be losing 1 space. The 2nd space from the northern most spaces will be painted and designated as no parking to allow access to the small sailboats stored on the hill. Slug a bug has treated the clubhouse and annex for termites and we updated our 10 bond.

I have been monitoring the cleaning of the facility and there seems to be an improvement. If you find anything dissatisfactory, please note the date, time, and what was not cleaned and leave it in the house mail box. I would like to have Saturday, October 1st to be a "Grounds Clean Up Day". The house will provide free pizza and beer at the conclusion. Please bring any tools or implements to assist in the cleaning.

Hold Fast,

- Jay McClure Vice Commodore, House.

(Dockmaster Report—Continued from page 2)

## Dry Storage

We currently enjoy:

4 Mast-Up Storage Slots, all of which are rented;

24 Pram Rack Slots, of which 10 are occupied with MYC Vessels, 4 are occupied with Member's vessels, and 10 are Vacant;

East Yard Storage Area, in which 6 Members are storing vessels;

8 Kayak / Canoe Slots in the East Yard, all of which are empty;

10 Slots in the Waterside Dinghy Area on the Northwest Hill Top, 5 of which are rented;

Inside Storage within the Tire Store Building, in which 16 Members are storing vessels;

Outdoor Storage behind the Tire Store, in which 3 Members are storing Trailers;

10 Storage Lockers within the Annex Building, of which 2 are occupied by MYC, 6 are occupied by Members, and 2 are Vacant.

Excluding the Storage Lockers, the various Dry Storage categories currently generate \$684 monthly for the club's General Revenue Account.

## Projected Annual Wet and Dry Storage Fee Contributions

Currently, the projected annual contribution to the Club's General Revenue Account is slightly in excess of \$65,000, while the projected annual contribution to the Club's Dock Reserve Account is slightly in excess of \$6,300.

- Harry Stapor, Dockmaster

## Reports from Members At Large

Bill and Rose Baker have been emailing reports of their summer travel to Northern England.

Mary and Gus Williams, cruising on their boat Floridian, have left Maine after 6 weeks, and are headed south. At last email, they were in Newport, RI, with plans to be in Annapolis soon (probably for the Annapolis Boat Show. Mary plans a trip to Melbourne in late September to visit her mother.

Carol Mairs and Paul Liindenberg are camping on the Maine NH border and playing with small sailboats.

Dinata and Andy Misovec are wandering Europe in a small RV. Last heard from them in Italy.

Rachele Ross is off with her sisters on a 2 week tour of Europe. She'll be back just in time for the Mermaid Regatta, with lots of tales to tell!

Lenny & Nancy Beckett are just back from a 4 week car trip up north.

## Bulletin Board

### MYC Officer/Board

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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 your name & phone number.

Also include captions with any pictures you submit including names, dates, places, etc

## Fleet Report

September is Mermaid Regatta time. Thursday evening the 22<sup>nd</sup> of Sept. will be a small boat seminar (Sunfish) put on by James Liebl. For any of you who were at the last seminar James put on you know how good he is, for those who weren't you need to plan to come to this one. James is the guy all of the local Sunfish and Laser sailors are chasing around the course on weekends.

On Friday evening we will have a Rum Race and then Saturday morning more Mermaid fun. Saturday will be filled with PHRF racing. If you are a small boat sailor come on over to the club on Saturday and get a ride on one of the big boats, some of them are still looking for crew I believe. Sunday will be small boat One-Design racing with Sunfish, Lasers and Portsmouth class boats. The club has Sunfish and Lasers available for use and it looks like we will have a good fleet of boats out on Sunday.

Guys, come on down to the club and cheer your favorite team on or give us a hand serving drinks to the ladies when they come back to the docks.

October is Fall Race Week time and we will be having a few planning meetings coming up and we are always looking for volunteers to help with the many things it takes to put on a First Class Regatta. Lets give both the small boat and big boat sailors a great Race Week.

See you on the water,

*Jim Edwards, Fleet Captain*

## Membership Report

**Welcome Aboard:** Tony and Leslie Santos, sponsored by Jay McClure.

**New Nomination:** **Paul Lucas**, Corinthian membership, sponsored by John MacNeill

Paul is from El Paso Texas, living in Florida for the past eleven years and currently a student at Melbourne High School. He has participated in the youth sailing classes for the past 2-3 years, this year he was an assistant instructor. He likes to race small boats, especially Sunfish's and the Raider.

Paul is very interested in cinematography and videography and makes short films and documentaries for independent film festivals around town. Plans are to go to Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University to major in Aeronautical Engineering.

Paul wants to join MYC to extend his sailing exposure, and have a chance to meet more skilled sailors.

**New Nomination:** **Chris Kent and Fiancée Meaghan Hemmings**, sponsored by Steve Shippee

Chris is a Professor of Ocean Engineering specializing in naval architecture at FIT. Meaghan is a Lawyer specializing Patent Law.

Meaghan is a part time marathon runner and has never sailed, but that will soon change.

Chris is currently in a campaign for the 2008 Olympic Games, sailing in the Finn Class. More information about the campaign can be found here <http://www-personal.engin.umich.edu/~cpkent/>

Chris and Meaghan wish to become members of MYC to become actively involved in small boat sailing and racing and Meaghan most likely take several of our sunfish sailing classes.

**Membership:** Resident = 151, Non Resident = 21, Corinthian = 12, Honorary = 11      Total = 194

I have additional membership cards, for members who have a need for a second card.

**New Club Burgees** in our ships locker.

*- Stephen Shippee, Membership*

# Melbourne Yacht Club 27th Mermaid Regatta

September 24 & 25, 2005

Two days of great racing on the  
beautiful Indian River Lagoon  
for Women Only\*

PHRF Spinnaker and Nonspinnaker on Saturday  
Sunfish, Laser, and Monohull Portsmouth\*\* on Sunday

\*Female skipper and all girl crew required on all boats. One male  
"observer only" permitted on board PHRF boats if desired.

\*\*Additional one-design classes offered if requested before September 15.  
Four boats constitute a class.



## Schedule of Events

### Thursday, Sept. 22

6:00 p.m. Small Boat Racing Clinic (on dock and on water) by James Liebl, expert dinghy sailor in Laser/Sunfish/Snipes/etc.  
Pizza available

### Saturday, Sept. 24

#### PHRF Spinnaker and Nonspinnaker

9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast and Registration  
11:00 a.m. Skippers' meeting  
12:30 p.m. First start  
3:30 p.m. Boats greeted at dock by gentleman bearing liquid refreshment  
4:00 p.m. Bar opens  
5:30 p.m. Jimmy Buffet music by the "Havana Daydreamers" begins  
6:00 p.m. Parrothead Party begins and Dinner served  
7:00 p.m. Awards and Raffle (Littlest Mermaid participant award presented on Sunday)

### Sunday, Sept. 25

#### One-Design Dinghies

9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast and Registration  
10:30 a.m. Skippers' meeting  
Noon First start  
2:30 p.m. Boats greeted at dock by gentleman bearing liquid refreshment  
3:00 p.m. Bar opens/Hot dogs served  
3:00 p.m. Awards and Raffle

## Saturday Night Parrothead Party

### Dinner Menu

Boiled shrimp, peas and rice, coleslaw, rolls and butter, dessert - \$12/person  
(Chicken available by special request. Advance reservations appreciated.)

Entertainment includes

**Parrothead Hat Contest**  
(wear a hat depicting a Jimmy Buffet song)

**After-Dinner Dancing**

Music by the "Havana Daydreamers"

## Entry Fees

\$40 PHRF (includes one dinner/additional dinners \$12)  
\$20 One-Designs

## Housing

Free housing available in member's homes. Contact Sherry Beckett (itbecketts@aol.com) or see our Web site, listed below, for housing, camping or hotel information.

For more details see our Web site: [www.sail-race.com/myc/mermaid.htm](http://www.sail-race.com/myc/mermaid.htm)

For more information, contact Phil Spletter/Regatta Chairman 321-773-5848/pspletter@cfl.rr.com  
or Jim Edwards/Fleet Captain 321-779-9558/edboat@aol.com



### **Adult Sailing Class**

Last Saturday's sailing class, Bob Bagnell invited 3 of our students on his sail boat DUCK'S DELIGHT, to further their skills on the larger boats. The other students rigged the small boats and sailed in the river. Due to the high winds a few of the students capsized. Using the class room lessons that John MacNeill reviewed many times with them, they were able to flip the boats back up with a great deal of difficulty. It was great to see how much our adult students appreciated joy of sailing.

On Saturday, 10 September, we completed our last Adult Sailing Class. John MacNeill presented each student with a Certificate of Completion.

### **Boat Work Day**

After our sailing classes are completed, John MacNeill would like to schedule a Boat Work Day to repair our small boats and their rigging. Shortly after our last sailing class, the snipe and raider will be moved to the East yard to allow more room at the ramp area.

### **Thank You!**

On behalf of the MYC Youth Sailing Committee I wish to give a very special THANK YOU to John MacNeill for all of his many, many hours spent with our students teaching the many sailing skills in his very creative and informative classroom workshop and following these lessons through on the water with the students in the various small sail boats.

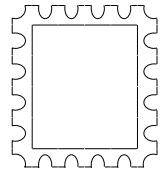
As we all know it takes many volunteers to create a successful Adult and Youth Sailing Course, so I would like to thank the following for their most generous help for us creating the joy of sailing for our students: Steve & Prill Clendenin, Bob Bagnell, James Massman, Paul Lucas, Jerry Ross, Marlene Sassaman and many parents of our students.  
*- Simon Koumjian, Youth Director*

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