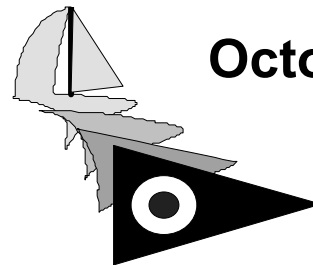


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October 2005

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OCTOBER

- 16 Small Boat Sunday 1pm
- 21 Fall Rum Race #7
- 22-23 Fall Regatta Small Boats
- 26 October Board Meeting
- 27 Adult Pram Racing
- 28 Rebel Rally
- 29-30 Fall Regatta Big Boats

NOVEMBER

- 2 General Membership Meeting
- 4 TGIF Birthdays
- 5 Kayak Outing
- 6 Winter Rum Race #1
- 13 Small Boat Sunday 1pm
- 18 Annual Sharing Dinner/Auction
- 19-20 No Frills Sunfish Regatta
- 20 Winter Rum Race #2
- 25 Orphan Thanksgiving Dinner
- 26-27 Cruise to Marker 21
- 30 November Board Meeting

The Party Line

TGIF—Birthdays—September 9 - Sorry for the one-week delay in celebrating the September birthdays. Nevertheless, a delicious cake was served up on the 9th.

Mermaid Regatta—September 24-25 - Big boats raced on Saturday, small boats on Sunday. Over 28 boats participated and Saturday's dinner was a huge success with succulent shrimp and fabulous Bahamian rice cooked by Peter Aydelotte and his committee. For race results, see the MYC website. On Sunday, top dog cooker, Steve Clendenin, did a great job for those hungry sailors!

Kayaking—October 1 - Ten people enjoyed kayaking and canoeing on Turkey Creek. A first time kayaker agreed that it was a wonderful day! Reminder – the next kayaking event be November 5, as always, the first Saturday of the month. Rentals are available; call John Martin at 729-9539 for reservations and information. Club rack storage is now available for a modest fee for your kayak or canoe in a secured area.

TGIF—Birthdays—October 7 - Celebration of October birthdays. Another year older, another year better! The next birthday celebration will be Friday, November 4

Cruise to Marker 21—October 8 - Weather permitting. No reservations needed, just show up with a dish to share.

Fall Regatta—October 22-30 - The Fall Regatta begins with the small boat races on October 22-23. There will be several activities during the week including the annual adult pram races and the Rebel Rally, with the big boat races on October 29-30. There will be dinner served on both Saturday nights and breakfast served on both Saturday and Sunday mornings. Volunteers are still needed to help with every aspect of the Regatta: call Jim Edwards at 779-9558. For schedule details and other information, go to the official Fall Regatta web site at <http://sail-race.com/myc/fallregatta.htm>.

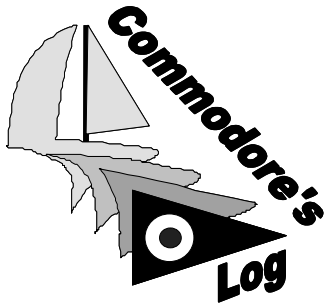
Annual Sharing Dinner and Charity Auction—November 18 - There will be more details about this event in the next Tell-Tale, but we want you to get this date on your calendars...

TGIF Games - Every Friday during the TGIF, the upstairs will be open for anyone wishing to play cards, games, and ping pong. Bring a deck of cards or your favorite board game and let's have some fun!

Paul Alexy, Entertainment Chairman

MYC Calendar Online

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



There has been a lot going on this month. We survived another Mermaid Regatta intact. I got the impression that everyone had a great time. I know I did.

At Wednesday's meeting the Board of Directors proposed a Nomination Committee ballot consisting of Lenny Beckett, Dave Silverman, Prill Clendenin, Jack Bibb, Faye Bitzer, and Nancy Melfi. The membership elected them without dissent. The Nomination Committee will be meeting over the next two months with a final list of recommended officers and directors to be presented at the December meeting. Should they call on you, please help them as much as you can.

Also at Wednesday's meeting, Al Washka presented an LRPC "State of the Renovation" report. Al discussed the options for selecting a builder, and the impact on club finances. Since the renovation, if approved, will impact dues and dock fees for 2006, it is most important that members attend the November through January meetings to gather the best possible understanding of what is to be done and its cost.

During the Mermaid Regatta, it was brought to my attention that when washing down boats after a while the city water started turning brown and that the water in the clubhouse also turned brown. However, after a day the water cleared up again. During the workday on October 1, Harry Stapor, Jackie Leahy and I tested the water lines. We determined that the water was brown coming into the building from the city water main after about 10 minutes of water use in the lower yard. I asked Jay McClure to contact the

city. Jay reported that the city said they would flush the main line by running the nearest fire hydrant. However, I am told that when the city attempted to run the fire hydrant, it did not work (no water flow). So over the next week or so, you will see the city digging up the main line outside the club to resolve their water main problem, and hopefully ours. In the meantime, I would recommend bottled water for drinking at the clubhouse.

On another **MORE IMPORTANT NOTE**, several members have sighted a very large alligator sunning on the new Small Boat Finger Pier (see picture on Page 3). This is likely due to the high water we have been seeing lately that has turned the finger pier into a nice moist gator sized chaise lounge. It has been reported that the animal is still afraid when approached, but I would like to remind all members that an alligator can move its entire body length out of the water in seconds and its jaws when closed are nearly impossible to open. That said I would like to remind sailors and members to keep an eye out when launching boats, keep your children out of the water and off the finger pier until the water has lowered back to normal levels, and above all else **DO NOT FEED THE ANIMAL!!!**

Finally, during the cleanup after the Mermaid Regatta, we found one of the "Team Foxy" embroidered Mermaid bags. If you have lost yours please call me, identify it, and we will get it back to you. If nobody claims it before the Sharing Auction in November, I will donate it as a raffle item.

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

Fleet Report

I would like to thank Phil Spletter and Rachele Ross for all of their efforts in putting on the Mermaid Regatta (See Phil's write up elsewhere in this Tell-Tale) as well as ALL of the other people who volunteered their time to make this regatta a fun event. I liked the format we used this year with big boats on Saturday and small boats on Sunday. I would like to get some feed back from the racers on how they liked this schedule and any other ideas you may have to improve this regatta.

The MYC Fall Race Week is coming up fast and we still need help in several areas. If you are going to be in town at any time during Race Week please volunteer. The early response from racers indicates that we are going to have a great turnout for both the big boat weekend as well as the small boat weekend. The growth in the size of the fleets is a testament to the fact the MYC runs good fun regattas. People feel that they are getting good value for their entry fees. We are told, when we travel to other clubs, that other racers like coming to MYC because the people are friendly and helpful. This is a reputation that has taken years to develop and one that we continue to build on. Let's show everyone a great Fall Race Week.

See you on the water.

Jim Edwards, Fleet Captain

Bulletin Board

Embroidery Service

If you are interested in getting any of your boat stuff embroidered, such as shirts, bags and other items, MYC members John and Nancy Fox, owners of Team Foxy, have just started an embroidery service. You can find more information and samples of their work online at

<http://www.teamfoxy.com>

Masters Regatta

Dick Tillman will be racing J-105s off St. Francis Yacht Club (<http://www.stfyc.com>) in San Francisco Oct 14-16 . It is an invitational event for 14 skippers over age 60, and crew over age 45. Some of the skippers are: Ian Bruce, Hans Fogh, Malin Burnham, Peter Harken, John Jennings, Bob Mosbacher and Rod Johnstone. Good luck, Dick!

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MYC's newest member...



Photo by Jim Gibson

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...

Alice Ahrens and Paul Alexy enjoying the outdoors during the October 1 kayak outing



Got a contribution for the newsletter?

E-mail it to:

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Please include your name & phone number.

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

Dockmaster Report

Near-Waterside Sunfish and Laser Storage

I have affixed numbers (single digits, 0—9) to the ten slots so that each can be identified and assigned.

East Yard Kayak Storage

I have affixed numbers (single digits, 1—8) to the eight slots so that each can be identified and assigned.

Review of Dock Electric Service Usage

I am studying the power consumption on the docks by comparing the current usage against the usage since 2001 on a service period by service period basis during each of those years. During the mid-August 2005 through mid-September 2005 service period, the docks consumed 4,012 kilowatt hours for which MYC was invoiced \$439.32. For the year 2005 to date (mid-January through mid-September) the docks have consumed 23,074 kilowatt hours while the clubhouse (excluding the annex) has consumed 20,254 kilowatt hours. During all of MYC fiscal year 2004, the docks consumed 26,128 kilowatt hours while the clubhouse (excluding the annex) consumed 28,908 kilowatt hours. Accordingly, by the end of the mid-September-2005 through mid-October-2005 service period (75% of MYC fiscal year 2005) the docks will have consumed as many kilowatt hours as they did in all of MYC fiscal year 2004.

So where is all this dock electric power going? I know that several vessels at our docks are equipped with seawater cooled air conditioning units that when operated on a continuous (24/7) basis consume significant amounts of kilowatt hours each month. Although I can easily identify such vessels, quantifying their power loads is not as straightforward. Another concern is that perhaps the dock power distribution network still has multiple shunts that induce small leakage currents prior to any of the service receptacles. An individual 0.25-Amp leakage shunt across 110 Volts represents a continuous energy consumption of about 20 kilowatt hours per 30-day service period. Jack Leahy informed me that we did not replace all the buss bars or receptacles last year when we rewired portions of the power distribution network on the docks. So, before we address what an appropriate surcharge might be for significant power consumers (see Rule 10 on Page 26 of the 2005 Membership Directory), I want to ensure that we don't have either any leakage shunts across, or high resistance connections within, the various service receptacles of the dock power distribution network. I'm currently working on a set of simple test procedures; however, I welcome and solicit your suggestions.

Temporary Dockage, Slip Sublet

Dave Nesbitt (726-9116) informed me that his vessel (Epic) is out of the slip and undergoing refurbishment. Accordingly, his slip (W02, the 4th slip north of the seawall on the west dock) will be vacant for several months. W02 is a 25-foot long with 10-feet between the outer pilings and approximately 4-feet deep. Please contact Dave if you are interested in subletting his slip assignment for the next several months.

Harry Stapor, Dockmaster

Membership Report

New Members

Chris Kent and fiancée Meaghan Hemmings, sponsored by Steve Shippee.

New Nominations

Andrew Binns, Corinthian Membership, sponsored by John MacNeill. Andrew is twelve years old, born and raised in Melbourne. He recently participative in our youth sailing program, and just loved it! He started with the prams, graduated to the sunfish and finished the class sailing the clubs Raider. He states: The Raider with 123 sq ft. sail area was able to make better use of the light winds. The opportunity to sail several different sailboats has been an enjoyable challenge.

Tim Mathews and Kara Crowe, sponsored by Harry Stapor. Tim has been sailing on the Indian River since he was four years old. He grew up surrounded by talented sailors who have passed on their passion and knowledge of sailing to him. The avid sailors he is referring to are his parents (Graham and Pam Mathews) and grandparents (Jim and Mabs Mathews), who were also members of MYC.

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Three years ago Tim started his own construction company and became a licensed contractor, and as a contractor, it would give him great pleasure to contribute the services of his company to the needs of MYC. Kara asked Tim constantly why he has not sailed lately, and they both agreed that starting a new business was consuming a lot of their time. They discussed this recently and realized that, by seeking out a membership at MYC and being submerged in the right environment, would indeed make these passions a reality once again.

Donna Young, sponsored by John MacNeill. Donna works in Orlando for Siemens Power Generation, Inc. She forecasts their field service personnel requirements for power plant outages in North and South America. Previous to this position, she worked as the lead electrical engineer for new power plant construction. Her past sailing experience has been with Sunfish. She would like to be a member of MYC for two main reasons: First, she wants to learn how to sail by surrounding herself with friendly people who enjoy sailing; Second, the ability to store her boat near the launch so that she won't have to haul it from Orlando.

Resigned Members

Gary and Nancy Callaway. They moved to N Melbourne and will soon be in the Abacos most of the time. Both, extend their thanks for the clubs hospitality.

Membership Data

Resident = 150, Non-Resident = 21, Corinthian = 14, Honorary = 11, Total = 196

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

New Club burgees, with MYC red logo are in our ships locker.

Stephen Shippee, Membership

Youth Director's Report

Sailing Classes

All are sailing classes for this year have been completed with great success. Many thanks go to John MacNeill and the Youth Sailing Committee along with the many MYC members and parents of the students who graciously volunteered their time, skills and money for Youth Sailing Program. In our 4 Youth Sailing Classes we had 38 students registered and for our 2 Adult Sailing Classes, we had 25 students registered.

Students say 'Thank You'

In our August TELL-TALE issue we mentioned that our 12-foot Mayflower sailboat was awarded to Alex Higgins, the Best-of -the Best youth students. His father, Peter Higgins, also took our Adult Sailing Classes. John MacNeill suggested that Peter Higgins message to us become part of this article for the October newsletter. The following is one of Peter Higgins emails to John and I.

Hello John and Simon,

I really enjoyed the sailing classes, it was great "racing" with Jake in the sunfish's on the North side of the bridge on Saturday. When the wind looks fair, Alex and I would like to come to the club on a Friday evening and see if anyone wants rum race crew, or on a Sunday if we could help out in the rescue boat.

Alex and I have built a dolly for the Mayflower to take it down to our local dock, It is an ideal boat for us to get going on - thanks again for the boat. We have both learned a lot and have a new hobby we can share.

I have good memories of the class, enjoying crewing and steering Bob's boat, submarining the sunfish with a hole, being rescued when I could not upright the laser, also coming out of the harbour and seeing the FIT 20 (?) man long crew boat blocking almost the whole width of the inlet, and finally planing the sunfish on Saturday.

Regards, Peter Higgins

This a great example of why our Youth Sailing Classes are an important part of MYC's Community Service.

Thank You.

Simon Koumjian, Youth Director

2005 Mermaid Regatta Photos

Thanks to Ralph Crawford and Ned Buck, official race photographers

Big Boat Saturday



Close race...

Small Boat Sunday



Sunfish!



Team Caliente



Cindy Taylor



Fast Lane crew enjoying some champagne at the dock



Alicia Cook

2005 Mermaid Regatta Recap

The breezes ranged from ideal to a tad strong during the Mermaid Regatta activities September 22 - 25, providing an exciting weekend of sailing and enjoyable partying for approximately 40 sailors and their guests. After an amazing amount of planning and orchestrating by Rachele Ross, the event got underway Thursday evening with an on-the-water seminar conducted by Brevard's own world-class dinghy guru, James Liebel. The Sunfish were sailed around a very short windward/leeward course inside the harbor. Shifty winds and ten boats in a small area made for a tricky learning environment. Jim Edwards, who organized and ran all of the sailing aspects of the regatta, along with James manned a coach boat helping novice sailors get out of precarious positions and sometimes jumping aboard a Sunfish to give a personal lesson.

On Saturday, five spinnaker and two non-spinnaker PHRF boats sailed three races around a half-mile windward/leeward course. The short legs placed a premium on crew work. After sailing, the returning boats were greeted by gentlemen of the club serving cold champagne to toast a good day of sailing. With two firsts and a second, Karen Knockel and her crew of Rhonda Delmater, Gayle Gillingham, Karen Guider and Debbie McGregor sailed the Melges-24 Caliente to win the spinnaker class. They also had the best corrected time of all boats sailing to win the overall trophy. With a crew of Faye Bitzer, Prill Clendenin, Jackie Herbert, Jacki Leahy and Charlotte Parker, Sleighride, the J/30 Sleighride sailed by Jan Crawford, was the top non-spinnaker boat. Jillian Aydelotte, one of the crew on the Lindenberg 28 Mouse, was the Littlest Mermaid.

The evening began with a superb boiled shrimp dinner prepared by Peter Aydelotte and his sous chefs. Music for dining and dancing was provided by the Havana Daydreamers. Decorations by Nancy Beckett added to the tropical atmosphere. Dave Silverman was the M-C for raffle prizes provided by several anonymous donors and Boater's Exchange. Ocean Potion provided sunscreen products for everyone.

Breezier conditions greeted 15 Sunfish and five Portsmouth handicap sailors on Sunday morning. Jim Edwards gave a great briefing about the course and safety for everyone. An east wind gave the sailors plenty of tacking practice as they headed out the channel. Most of the fleet, including many who had sailed the day before, overcame challenging conditions to sail three races on double windward/leeward courses. Again, champagne was served to the returning sailors. Cindy Taylor won the Sunfish fleet with three strong firsts that also earned her the overall trophy for the day. Tie breakers were used to determine three of the remaining four top positions - definitely close sailing! Alicia Cook won the Portsmouth handicap fleet in a Laser. By sailing a sinking Sunfish through three races, Joyce Alexy earned the Littlest, if not the Most, Mermaid Award.

Thanks to everyone who helped make the weekend happen. In addition to those mentioned above, race committee help was provided by Jack Clark, Chris Gates, Bill Haberland, Jack and Jacki Leahy (and their Whaler), Ray Nowack and Dave Silverman. Gerry Moores also helped with race committee and provided the RC boat for Saturday and Jim Yates ran the scoring program both days. Throughout the weekend numerous folks appeared and helped in so many ways. Paul Alexy, Ned Buck, Steve Clendenin, Ralph Crawford, Chuck Delmater, Bob Hughes, Simon Koumjian, Dave Lister, John MacNeill, Mike Nulf, Bob Sowden and Lynde West all helped in some capacity. I'm sure that I missed someone so I apologize but I remain truly thankful. A big thanks to Alice Ahrens who painted the mermaid that was used on the trophies and t-shirts.

Phil Spletter

Mermaid Regatta Results...

Big Boats

Small Boats

Spinnaker

Non-Spinnaker

Sunfish

Portsmouth

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Caliente (K. Knockel) 2. Fast Lane (S. Beckett) 3. Sneaker (P Massey) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sleighride (J. Crawford) 2. Jagged Edge (D. Trueman) |
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cindy Taylor 2. Marlene Sassaman 3. Kristin Mangold 4. Nancy Fox 5. Alice Ahrens | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Alicia Cook 2. Karen Knockel /
Faye Bitzer 3. Linda Postma |
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2005 MYC Fall Regatta Race Week

October 22/23

Sat./Sun.

One Design Racing

Flying Scot, Laser, Force 5, Sunfish, Multihull, and Monohull Portsmouth
Breakfast and dinner on Saturday, Awards on Sunday

October 27

Thurs. Eve.

Adult Pram Races

Pizza & Bar Open afterwards

October 28

Fri. Eve.

Rebel Rally Reverse Handicap Fun Race

(PHRF—No Spinnakers) - Food & Beer in the Bar After

October 29/30

Sat./Sun.

Racer / Cruiser / Melges/C22 / Lindenberg 28 Race

Breakfast and dinner on Saturday, awards on Sunday

See the Official Regatta Website for Detailed Information and Schedules

<http://www.sail-race.com/myc/fallregatta.htm>

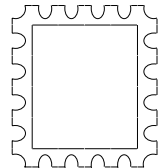
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