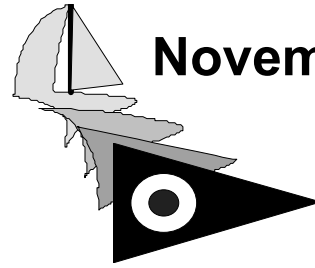


# MELBOURNE YACHT CLUB TELL-TALE



November 2005

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## NOVEMBER

- 12 Marker 21 Cruise
- 13 Small Boat Sunday 1pm
- 18 Annual Sharing Dinner/Auction
- 19-20 Fall Regatta Small Boats & Sunfish Regatta
- 20 Winter Rum Race #2
- 24 Orphan Thanksgiving Dinner
- 26-27 Cruise to Marker 21
- 27 Small Boat Sunday 1pm
- 30 November Board Meeting

## DECEMBER

- 3 Trim-a-Tree Brunch
- 4 Winter Rum Race #3
- 7 General Membership Meeting
- 9 TGIF / Ethan Bixby Presentation
- 11 Small Boat Sunday 1pm
- 16 Christmas Party
- 31 New Years Eve

## MYC Sharing Dinner Friday, November 18th

Bar opens at 5:30

Dinner at 6:30

Auction to follow by Betty & Bill Thon

Bring a gift for auction  
or a bagged mystery gift  
Proceeds to a local charity

## Dinner

Chicken Cordon Bleu \$5.00 per person (+gift)

If your name ends in...

A thru M—please bring a side dish

N thru Z—bring a dessert

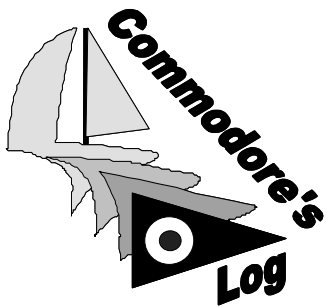
## The Party Line

November 12th - Marker 21 Cruise - hosted by John Russell, hot dogs and bonfire at 5 p.m. Bring a side dish to share and enjoy the evening. For questions call John at 266-1212. (ignore the MYC calendar date of the 26th)

November 18th - Annual Sharing Dinner for charity - Hosted by Barb Ehnert, Sue Reynolds, and Trish Henry. Get your reservations in to them now! Part of your admission is a gift to be auctioned.

November 19 & 20 - Small Boat Regatta and Sunfish Regional Championship. MYC will host this event, VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED - call Jim Edwards at 779-9558.

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There has been a lot going on this month. We survived Hurricane Wilma, we lived through a record setting hurricane season that is not quite over yet, we split the Fall Regatta Race Week into two because of said Hurricane Wilma, and we survived the Fall Big Boat Regatta weekend intact. Congratulations!

With the help of Floyd Bryan, we have arranged for Ethan Bixby of North Sails to give a presentation that will include his experiences on Roy Disney's "super-maxi" Pywacket. Ethan learned to sail at MYC in the old wooden prams. He is World Champion in the 505, several time N A Champion in the Snipe plus several others, he cruised 7 years (live aboard - when newly married and before the children), and has crewed for Roy Disney on his last two boats (all over the world). Due to timing constraints, he will be presenting on Friday, 9 December 2005 at 6:00 PM in the Ball room during the TGIF. Please put this date on your calendar as it looks like it will be an exciting lecture.

We have recently had a 12-year old nominated as a Corinthian member. Several members have justifiably noted that Corinthian members usually have the run of the club and that 12 years old was too young as that the Corinthian member would have no accountability, since the Corinthian member would be a minor. As such, the Board is pre-

senting a By-law amendment for consideration to the membership that will place a lower age limit of 18 years old for any future member of the Melbourne Yacht Club, see article elsewhere.

I am looking for any information on the history of the MYC Club Burgee. I was asked about it during the Fall Regatta, and was embarrassed to be unable to answer the question. I have asked Hasty Miller to summarize his knowledge; however, I suspect that there may be others of you that can give us details as well.

Finally, over the last several months, the Board has observed a larger than normal number of unescorted guests wandering onto the property by using the member's gate access code. I have also observed non-member boat buyers using a code to enter the property. Again unescorted by a member. This needs to stop or we will only have ourselves to blame when property is stolen or damaged. If it keeps up, then we may have to change the combinations mid-year. We are looking into establishing a "monthly" gate access code (different from the membership code) for crew. However, in general the only time crew should be on the property is when the member is here too. If you have any useful suggestion, I would be glad to hear them. Once again, please do not give out the member codes to non-members.

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*

## Fleet Report—Fall Regatta

(Filling in for the Fleet Captain so we can get the newsletter done in time...) Fall Regatta is halfway behind us. The 'Small Boats' part of Fall Regatta had to be postponed to November 21 due to Hurricane Wilma. Fortunately, Wilma wasn't too much trouble, and we had the Club ready for racing by Thursday night for the Pram Races.

The wind was light and spotty for the Pram races, and several 'sure fire winners' found themselves becalmed in a 'hole' and out of the running. When the final 6 raced in the 'final round', Amy Lacy and Paul Lindenberg finished 1 and 2. Because there was still daylight left, it was decided to have a 'Match Race' for the

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## Bulletin Board

### Proposed Bylaw Amendment to ARTICLE 1: MEMBERSHIP

The Board of Directors feel that inseparably coupled with the various privileges afforded to members are multiple responsibilities required of members.

Accordingly, the Club can only expect that new membership candidates having already attained their legal majority (i.e. adults) can be held accountable to honor those responsibilities.

The Board of Directors recommend that By-law Article I: MEMBERSHIP immediately following the initial itemization identifying the 5 classes of membership, have inserted the following sentence.

***"Each proposed candidate for any membership class must be at least 18 years old."***

Please give this amendment your thoughts, and be ready to discuss and vote on it during the December 2005 General Membership meeting.

*Ross Herbert, Commodore*

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November 24th - Thanksgiving Day - MYC will host the annual "Orphans Dinner" for all cruisers and club members wanting to share the day. Call Jacki Leahy 795-2156 for reservations and details of what to bring.

At TGIF in the month of November (the 11th, 18th, or 25th) please bring a Christmas ornament(s) to help decorate one of the two trees we will put up in the club on December 3rd.

Saturday December 3rd - Trim-a-tree brunch 9 to noon, bloody mary's and mimosas will entice you to help decorate the clubhouse. RSVP to Rachele by the 28th of November;

Friday December 16th - Christmas Party - We know Santa will be there, we have some elves to help, but we are in need of a few more, please call Rachele Ross (254-8326) or Paul Alexy if you can help out - 779-4464 or cell at 917-5863.

New Years Eve—Pat Denes and Nancy Melfi will again put on a nice, fun New Years Eve Party at MYC.

*-Paul Alexy, Entertainment Chairman*

**Big Thanks to all the Fall Regatta Helpers!**  
**We couldn't do it without you!**

## 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

# Dockmaster Report

## Review of Dock Electric Service Usage

The electric service distribution network for the docks, as well as its complement of service receptacles, has been examined. No shunts across the distribution network or high resistance connections within any of the service receptacles were discovered. The two 15-amp duplex service receptacles that were determined to be defective have been replaced. Accordingly, the monthly invoice for the dock electric service reflects the power consumption of the various loads within the complement of berthed vessels. Without doubt, the determination of a simple yet equitable fee schedule (per Rule 10 of the Dock Policy Rates and Rules) to be assessed the regular electric power consumers (i.e. significant loads, A/C units and heaters -- both water and cabin) will be challenging. The Dock Committee continues to wrestle with this conundrum.

## “Post Wilma” State of the Docks

Although the water level within the Melbourne Harbor rose sufficiently to fully immerse the dinghy dock, the peak level was either even with or just below the bottom edge of the decking stringers on both the East and West docks. Accordingly, neither the dock electric service distribution network nor any of the service receptacle complement suffered any damage due to water intrusion. Further, after close examination no evidence of any damage to either the piling complement or decking timbers has been discovered.

## Storage Privilege Utilization and Club Revenue

Currently, a total of 66 memberships enjoy storage accommodation at MYC. Of those,

- 30 memberships enjoy Wet Storage ONLY;
- 23 memberships enjoy Dry Storage ONLY; and,
- 13 memberships enjoy both Wet and Dry Storage.

At the \$3.67 per foot per month Dock Rate (Bylaws, Article 6, Section3), the Club receives monthly revenue of \$6,014.15 exclusive of State and Local Taxes from Storage Rentals. (This figure also excludes the rental of Storage Lockers in the Annex, for which each of the 7 renters remit \$100 annually.) This \$6,014.15 monthly revenue due to storage rentals is apportioned as:

- \$4,733.20 to the Club's General Revenue fund due to Wet Storage;
- \$ 525.91 to the Dock Reserve Account due to Wet Storage; and,
- \$ 755.04 to the Club's General Revenue fund due to Dry Storage.

There are 28 memberships on the Wet Storage Waiting List, and 1 membership on the Mast-Up (Dry Storage category) Waiting List.

## Northwest Hilltop Dinghy Storage Area

All current renters within the Category D (Northwest Hilltop Dinghy on Launch Dolly) Storage Area should return their vessels to the plank slots they occupied immediately prior to Wilma's passage. Presently, all ten slots are now rented; accordingly, in order to avoid unfortunate misunderstandings all vessels should be returned (from the East Yard or wherever) to their "Pre-Wilma" storage locations without further delay.

## Captain's Cove Condo Slip Availability

Randy Sheive (407-383-8322) of Captain's Cove Condo (next door) informs me they have one slip available for lease by a MYC Member. The rate is \$200 per month. Call him if interested.

*Harry Stapor, Dockmaster*

## Membership Report

### Welcome Aboard:

**Tim Mathews and Kara Crowe**, sponsored by Harry Stapor.  
**Donna Young**, sponsored by John MacNeill

### New Nominations

**Abel and Anna Guerra**, sponsored by Steve Shippee

Abel is an Electrical Engineer with Northrop Grumman recently transferring from their San Diego operation to the Melbourne location. He has his master's degree in EE from California Polytechnic University – total of 23 years in Aerospace Industry. His special interest is in Airborne Vehicle Communications, Avionics and RF design. He has also been an Amateur Radio Operator for 25 years.

Abel and Anna have sailed for the past 12 years. They crewed on a Shock 35 racer and later purchased a Shock 34 PC and sailed out of Oceanside Yacht Club where they participated in many weekend races. Their last club membership was with the Windjammers Yacht Club located in Marina Del Ray California.

They wish to join MYC so they can make new friends and race under our club burgee and expect to help fill our trophy case.

**Michael Nulf**, sponsored by Jim Lacy

Mike Nulf has lived in the area for the past 23 years. He is in the Freight transportation business. His hobbies include sailboat racing and other forms of boating, motorcycles and snow skiing. His Grandfather introduced him to sailing when he was a child. Later, as a teenager, continued racing out of the Indian River Yacht Club on his Grandfather's Catalina 22 and then moved to a Lindenberg 24 named Airborne, owned by Roy Hopper.

Michael is currently a member of Indian River Yacht Club and ECSA. He sits on the board of the IRYC as fleet Captain and now sails with the Melges 24 class.

His interest in joining MYC is for social activities and racing. His previous and current help with the Fall Regattas in the Melges class, would make one think that he is already a member of MYC!

### Membership Data

Resident = 152, Non Resident = 21, Corinthian = 14, Honorary = 11

*Stephen Shippee, Member-*

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final 'King/Queen of the Prams'. Paul Lindenberg caught a wisp of wind and won the match.

The Friday night 'Rebel Rally' was thinly attended due to high winds. Five Speed took the racing class, with everyone finishing in the dark, as is normal for this race.

34 boats in 4 fleets registered for the 'Big Boats' part of the regatta. This part of the regatta was raced in 20-25 knots of wind, both days. This made for big challenges for racers and Race Committee alike. Winners:

PHRF Spinnaker—Gary Smith—Five Speed  
PHRF Non-Spinnaker—Jerry Ross—Sleighride  
Catalina 22—Ray Laguna—Plan B  
Melges 24—Marty Kullman—New Wave  
Bert McCallister Trophy—Plan B

### Fall Rum Race Series

Racing	Cruising
1. Gary Smith	1. Eckart Schneider
2. Hasty Miller	2. Rick Crockett
3. Jim Henry	3. Rick Cope
4. Jerry Ross	4. Alan Jepsen
5. Edwards/Gates	
6. Jim Yates	

# HAPPY HOLIDAYS

## MYC CHRISTMAS PARTY WITH SANTA

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>**

**SANTA ARRIVES AT 6:30 P.M.**

**IF YOU HAVE A CHILD YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE A GIFT FROM SANTA..  
Please furnish Child's Name, Member's Name, Age, and Gift Suggestions by Tues Dec 13**

### **Special Christmas Music Concert**

### **DINNER**

**\$8.00/adult \$4/child under 12**

**Italian Spaghetti, tossed Salad, garlic bread, dessert**

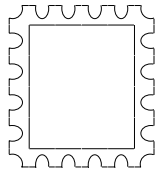
**DINNER RESERVATIONS to Paul Alexy or Rachele Ross by 5pm Tues Dec 13  
779-4464 or [palexycfl@earthlink.net](mailto:palexycfl@earthlink.net) - 254-8326 or [jerryrachele@earthlink.net](mailto:jerryrachele@earthlink.net)**

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