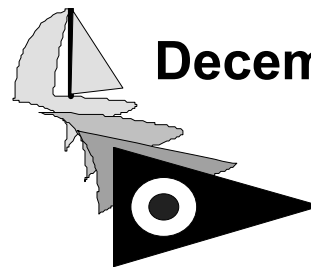


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DECEMBER

- 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 w/Santa
- 18 Winter Rum Race #4
- 23 TGIF
- 31 New Years Eve Party

JANUARY

- 1 Small Boat Sunday 1pm
- 4 General Membership Meeting
- 6 TGIF—January Birthdays
- 7 Kayak Outing
- 8 Winter Rum Race #5
- 15 Small Boat Sunday 1pm
- 22 Winter Rum Race #6
- 29 Small Boat Sunday 1pm

FEBRUARY

- 5 Rum Race and Superbowl Party

The Party Line

Annual Sharing Dinner and Charity Auction—November 18

Thanks to Barb Ehnert, Sue Reynolds and Trish Henry for planning a fantastic evening. The delicious Chicken Cordon Bleu was prepared by Wassi's Meat Market, and MYC members provided an assortment of side dishes and desserts. Bill & Betty Thon, Pegge Hill, Jacki Leahy, and Faye Bitzer handled the auction of items donated by MYC members. The recipient of the funds was the Children and Women's Department of the CITA Mission. Thanks to all who set up and cleaned.

Postponed Fall Regatta Small Boat Races—November 19-20 -

The small boat portion of the Fall Regatta was postponed until this weekend due to the impending Hurricane Wilma. The winds were rather strong, but everyone survived and had fun.

Orphans Thanksgiving Dinner—November 24 -

About 30 people came to this annual event, including Melanie (our bartender) and her parents. Jack and Jackie Leahy cooked 2 big turkeys with stuffing and everyone else brought delicious sides and desserts.

TGIF and December Birthday Celebration—December 2 - Happy Birthday to all you December folks!

Trim-a-Tree Brunch—December 3 - A breakfast of sausage, bacon, eggs, fruit, croissants, juice, Mimosas and Bloody Marys was served to those who volunteered to decorate the club. They did a beautiful job and had a good time doing it. Santa's helpers included Rachele (Chairwoman) & Jerry Ross, Jack & Jacki Leahy, Jackie Herbert, Marty Bibb, Gerry Moores, Rhonda Delmater, Faye Bitzer, Debbie McGregor, Amy Lacy, Sandi McAllister, Nancy Melfi, Carol Mairs, Paul Lindenberg, and Gabe & Pat Denes.

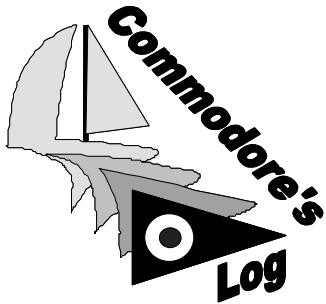
TGIF and Christmas Party—December 16 - Santa Clause arrives at 6:30 pm with dinner to follow. It's still not too late to get a child's name on the list for a gift from Santa. Call Joyce Alexy no later than Tuesday, December 13. Call Rachele Ross for dinner reservations at 254-8326. There will also be a special music concert.

New Year's Eve Party—December 31 - Pat Denes and Nancy Melfi are planning the Black & White Mad Hatter's Ball. Make your own hat or the club will provide one. Noise makers will be provided, too. We will have a DJ from Phoenix Entertainment, dessert, champagne, and fireworks. Please bring an hors 'deurve. The cost is \$10.00 per person.

Paul Alexy, Entertainment Chairman

MYC Calendar Online

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



At this month's General Membership meeting we passed the age amendment to the By-laws that sets a minimum age of 18 years for membership to the Melbourne Yacht Club. Those current Corinthian members in good standing under the age of 18 will be "Grandfathered" in.

At the TGIF on December 9, close to 40 members attended a fantastic lecture from Ethan Bixby of North Sails on his experiences while sailing on Roy Disney's MaxZ 86 *Pyewacket*. It was a lecture well worth the time. I would like to thank Floyd Bryan for facilitating the event.

Cheryl Whitaker approached the Board with a request that we support the "Treats for Troops" (TFT) project. TFT provides a safe, easy way to support American soldiers all over the world, every day of the year. I told Cheryl that I would rather have

her coordinate TFT donations from the membership. If you would like to support this very worthwhile program please contact her. Her contact information is in the Club Directory. If you are interested in information on TFT, check out their web site: <http://www.treatsfortroops.com>

This month the Nomination Committee reported to the membership. I would like to thank Lenny Beckett, Jack Bibb, Faye Bitzer, Dave Silverman, and Prill Clendenin for giving their time to this effort.

We had an excellent presentation by Al Washka on the club renovation and its potential impact on annual dues and dock fees. The recommended By-law amendment is found on pages 6 and 7 of this newsletter. Please come to the January meeting as there will be a vote on the motion.

Finally, I was reading the January issue of Latitudes & Attitudes in which there is a short news announcement on a new charting concept that NOAA has named "BookletCharts™". NOAA is testing home printable versions of reduced-scale NOAA nautical charts. These charts are reduced versions of the regular NOAA charts divided up into 8.5" X 11" pieces and placed into a downloadable document using the Adobe PDF format. Best of all they are free. For a public comment period, they have converted the Chesapeake Bay area for review. If the response is positive, then they have plans to convert the entire chart database to the "BookletCharts™" format. If you want to check this out go to <http://www.nauticalcharts.gov/bookletcharts>. I highly recommend it.

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

For all of you racers the new racing schedule for 2006 has been completed and is available on <http://www.sail-race.com>.

I would like to thank all of the people who helped put on the MYC Fall Regatta. We had good fleets on both weekends which made for good tight racing. Results can be found at <http://www.sail-race.com/myc/fallresults.htm>.

I received several comments from sailors saying how much they enjoy coming to MYC. We still have T-Shirts available in the Bosun's locker for the Fall Regatta as well as the Mermaid Regatta, so stop by on a Friday evening and get one.

We are having good turnouts on both the Rum and the Wet Sunday races. Come out and join the fun. We are having Burn-its after the Rum Races so bring something to burn and something to share.

Jim Edwards, Fleet Captain

ELECTION TIME

The nominating committee worked hard to develop an excellent group of officers and directors for the 2006 year. The ballot was presented to the general membership at the December meeting and will be voted upon at the January meeting. The members of the committee were: Lenny Beckett, Jack Bibb, Faye Bitzer, Prill Clendenin and Dave Silverman.

Candidates for the 2006 board are:

Commodore Ross Herbert
Vice Commodore/House Bob Hughes
Rear Commodore/Membership Steve Shippe
Treasurer Will Garvey
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Director/Entertainment Peter Aydelotte
Director/Youth Marlene Sassaman
Director/Fleet Captain Phil Spletter
Director/Docks Bob Bagnell

Bulletin Board

COME PADDLE WITH US!

MYC kayak trips are typically held the first Saturday of each month, with the second Saturday as a rain-date. The first two trips of 2006 will be January 7 and February 4. Let's do the Grand Canal off the Banana River. We can park and launch at the new Paddles and Oars Park next to Tel-A-Mar Marina off S. Patrick Drive in Indian Harbor Beach, then go north through the Canal past Lansing Island, stopping at Sampson Island for a picnic lunch and rest stop, and return along the other side of Lansing Island. OR, we could park and launch on the SE side of the Pineda Causeway, head south alongside Tortoise Island, and stop at Sampson Island for lunch. We can explore Lake Shephard, and the inner canals of Tortoise Island. Which end we start at will depend on the winds-it will take at least two trips to really explore this area. Kayak rentals are available at Extreme Sports. We are trying to work out an MYC discount with them. Call Carol Mairs at 321-728-7941, evenings, for more information.

Dock Cart Storage

To All members who use dock carts: When you finish using them, please leave them right-side-up, preferably with the handles facing downhill. Do not store them upside down. Storing them upside down causes the handles to bend and eventually break. Thanks.

Kayak/Canoe Storage

Don't forget that there are brand new kayak storage racks on the east side of the clubhouse. They would save you a lot of room in your garage, plus you could easily launch right at the club at any time. Contact Harry Stapor about the particulars for using the racks.

MYC Thanksgiving Cruise

Submitted by Chris Reynolds

This cruise has been a traditional activity for many years, usually organized by Rachele Ross. This year Rachele and Jerry could not participate due to bad colds, so the only boats to set off for Marker 21 on the Saturday after Thanksgiving were Jack and Marty Bibb on *MajjakII*, and Chris and Sue Reynolds on *Dreadnought*.

The weather and wind were perfect for the sail down, and we rafted up for hors d'oeuvres and drinks and sing-along to Jack's guitar. The sunset over Palm Bay was exceptional, even for a cool Florida Fall evening. After breaking away for a comfortably cool and breezy night, the two boats rafted up the next morning for a fantastic breakfast with tasty omelets served up by Jack.

Overnight, as forecast, the wind shifted to a strong breeze from the southeast, giving us another beautiful sail back up to MYC on Sunday. Altogether a great start to the cooler cruising season for us lucky Florida residents.



Jack, Sue, and Marty



Chris and Sue

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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:

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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

1. Hoist Maintenance

During the week of 11-17 December, Rick Cope will remove the Club's Hoist and transport it to the J. Herbert Corporation office in Kissimmee for disassembly, inspection, "Up-Travel" limit switch retrofit, and reassembly. Once Rick has returned the hoist to MYC and it is reinstalled, the entire apparatus will be tested to verify the actual lift capacity.

2. Piling Maintenance

I have initiated discussions with Paul Erickson to have Erickson Marine correct the only damage our docks sustained due to Hurricane Wilma. One outer piling was pulled out of place. While currently convalescing from recent hip surgery, Paul hopes to be recovered by the end of January 2006, at which time he envisions being able to resume addressing requests in his "to do" queue, in which our request now resides.

3. Filling the E04R and E02R Slip Occupancies.

Slip E04R, formerly occupied with Faye Bitzer's Hunter 30, was offered to Jeff and Debbie McGregor for their Hunter 28.5. Slip E02R, formerly occupied with Ron and Shirley Jin's Westerly 28, was offered to Art and Alice Ahrens for their Pearson Triton. Both of these offerings were accepted and the vessels are occupying these slips. Since 1 January 2005, there have been five slip assignment resignations.

4. Monthly Electric Power Fee Recommendation for vessels that regularly consume MYC Shore Power, in conjunction with verbiage of Dock Policy Rule 10

After considerable discussion, the Board endorsed the recommendation of the Dock Committee to amend Dock Policy 10 as found on page 5.

5. Recommendation for the inclusion of a Dry Storage Policy similar to Wet Storage Policy #17

The Board endorsed the recommendation of the Dock Committee to incorporate Policy #9 to the Small Boat Dry Storage Policy (after reinstating Policies 5 through 8 inclusive, which were inadvertently omitted from the 2005 Directory due to a pre-publication proof reading oversight). The verbiage for Policy 9 is on page 6.

6. Recommendation for incorporation of a time limit for owners to complete securing their vessel following the issuance of a hurricane warning by the National Hurricane Center for the Melbourne Area

The Board endorsed the Dock Committee recommendation that after the inadvertent omission from the 2005 Directory is corrected, Item 17 (as identified in the 2004 Directory) will be appended with the verbiage found on page 6.

7. Review of the Sovereignty Submerged Lands Lease, Number 050004894

The Dock Committee reviewed the Submerged Lands Lease, issued by the State of Florida to MYC, and contrasted the Club's current operation against not only the stipulations explicitly identified in this lease document but also the requirements of *Title XVIII Public Lands and Property Chapter 253 State Lands* of the 2005 Florida Statutes. None of the 2005 Dock Committee members are attorneys nor claim to have any legal training. Accordingly, we can only render a layman's opinion on our efforts to satisfy this review requirement, as documented in Article 7 Section 6 of the MYC Bylaws. The consensus reached by the Dock Committee is as follows:

Conditional on proper information in the 2006/2007 Annual Invoice to reflect the fees collected from March 2005 through February 2006, we can identify NO evidence indicating that the present operation of MYC is in conflict with any of the various provisions documented in the current Legal Instrument (OR Book / Page 5351 / 6969) for the time period 3 March 2004 through 3 March 2009. Accordingly, the annual renewal of our Submerged Lands Lease is expected to be completed in a timely manner.

8. Elimination of Vehicle Incursion into the Northwest Hill Top Launch Dolly Storage.

The Board approved the Dock Committee recommendation to install 6-foot long pre-cast concrete parking space tombstones in the first four vehicle parking spaces south of the access-way between the hill-top dolly storage area and the launch ramp. With the assistance of Hasty Miller, they were installed on 9 December

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and anchored to the blacktop pavement. When parking in these spaces, members are asked to back in until the rear wheels of their vehicle contact the cement. NO portion of the vehicle should overlap the turf.

9. December-2005 Storage Occupancy and Invoice Summary.

Per the December-2005 storage invoices, 67 Club Members are exercising storage privileges. Of these:

- 30 members have wet storage only;
- 13 members have both wet and dry storage; and,
- 24 members have dry storage only.

The revenue for all monthly storage categories was \$6,042.40 (excluding 6% Florida Sales Tax) and apportioned as follows:

- \$315.99 to the Submerged Lands Lease Account (6% of the Wet Storage Revenue),
- \$526.65 to the Dock Reserve Account (10% of the Wet Storage Revenue),
- \$4,423.81 to the Club's General Fund (84% of the Wet Storage Revenue), and,
- 1 \$775.95 to the Club's General Fund (100% of the Dry Storage Revenue)

10. Status of the Alligator "Harvesting" Effort.

As explained during the November 2005 General Meeting, I called the Alligator Hotline (1-866-392-4286) in Okeechobee on Tuesday, 18 October, and reported the nuisance alligator that had been sunning itself on our dinghy dock. We were given a complaint number and told that a licensed trapper in our area would be authorized to harvest this alligator because its size precluded relocation. My subsequent calls to Okeechobee inquiring about the status of this harvesting finally resulted in being told the name and telephone number (George Walrath, 407-466-4544) of the local licensed trapper so that I could contact him directly, which I did. Due to the restrictions on the methods authorized in harvesting, if you can't see the alligator you cannot harvest it. George has been to our docks twice but has yet to see the alligator. I'm not surprised, the water level in the harbor is at least 1 foot lower than it was in October, thereby increasing the difficulty for the alligator to climb onto our dinghy dock. So keep an eye out for this alligator. If you spot him at the Club give either me or George a call (if you call George, mention our complaint number, 2131).

Harry Stapor, Dockmaster

Storage Policy Modifications

Your Board of Directors proposes to modify the Storage Policies addressing:

- Dock electric service powering air conditioning units aboard berthed vessels, and
- A time limit to complete hurricane preparations on the complement of stored vessels, with penalties for non-compliance.

Although these 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 such modifications.

Wet Storage Policy 10 Revision for Vessel Air Conditioning

Append to the wording identified in the 2005-Directory the following verbiage:

Every slip renter is obliged to inform the Dockmaster of the number of air conditioning (A/C) units with which his vessel is equipped and identify which of these two (2) mutually exclusive options characterizes their expected utilization of dock electric power.

- ***The vessel is either not equipped with an A/C unit, or only operates its A/C unit(s) while the owner is aboard. This option incurs no additional monthly dock electric power fee.***
- ***The vessel's A/C unit(s) is/are operated even when the owner is not aboard. This option incurs a monthly surcharge of 400 KW-HRS per each A/C unit with which the vessel is equipped times the cost of an average dock kilowatt-hour -- a parameter determined by the Bookkeeper, and evaluated by dividing the total expense of the dock electric service account by the total number of kilowatt hours invoiced, where the resulting quotient for this average unit cost is rounded up to the nearest 1 cent increment.***

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Dry Storage Policy 9

When a hurricane warning is posted for the Melbourne area, all members whose vessels have dry storage accommodations at Melbourne Yacht Club are required to secure their vessels as follows:

Category A (Mast-Up) vessels should be secured in an appropriate manner similar to those preparations executed in anticipation of highway transport at 75 mph. Each trailer wheel must be chocked.

Category B (Pram Racks) vessels should be secured to the fore and aft horizontal rollers of the pram rack structure.

Category C (East Yard) vessels in the kayak / canoe racks should be secured to the horizontal supports. Other vessels should be either secured to their trailers / dollies or placed flat on the ground.

Category D (Northwest Hill-Top near Waterside) vessels should be moved to the east yard and all masts unstepped. Because both the electric power distribution to the docks and the city water supply to the docks are routed via underground distribution through the Northwest Hill Top Storage Area, the use of auger type ground anchors is prohibited.

See Dry Storage Policy 17 for the time limit to complete these preparations and the penalties for non-compliance.

Wet Storage Policy 17, Hurricane Preparation and Time Limit

After reinstating Policy 17 from the 2004-Directory (which was inadvertently omitted from the 2005-Directory due to a pre-publication proofreading oversight), the full text of Policy 17 will be as follows.

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

After 12 hours have elapsed since the hurricane warning was first issued by the National Hurricane Center for the Melbourne area, any vessel in either wet or dry Storage at MYC that remains unsecured may be secured by volunteers. The focus of these volunteer efforts will be the minimization of damage to club property and nearby vessels due to the unsecured vessel, as opposed to the prevention of damage to the unsecured vessel. In the event that such volunteer efforts are executed, the vessel's owner shall retain full and complete liability for any subsequent damage either sustained by or caused by the vessel. Additionally, the following fee, payable to MYC, will be assessed the vessel's owner for each instance where these volunteer securing efforts are executed:

Wet Storage and Category A Dry Storage: \$200.00 plus the cost of any materials / supplies;

Categories B, C, and D Dry Storage: \$50.00 plus the cost of any materials / supplies.

Finally, the second time the same member must have his vessel secured by such volunteer efforts, the Board will review the circumstances of that member, possibly resulting in the revocation of that member's storage privileges.

Dues, Fees and Dock Rate By-law Amendments

For a while now the club has been moving forward on renovating our building. At each milestone, the membership was queried and has approved the effort. We have met with the City of Melbourne, and are now at the point where we need to commit funds through a Dues and Dock Fees increase to generate and implement plans. The LRPC and the builder estimate the entire effort will take 8-12 months. We will be working with the builder to maintain access to the club during the construction. Additionally, we have a need to complete the renovation by February/March 2007 as MYC has agreed to host the "US Multihull Championship, Hobie Alter Cup, sponsored by Rolex" that spring.

The current schedule has the planning/design phase completed by April-May 2006 and construction to start in May. Given the fluidity of the construction market, a firm price cannot be generated. However, all best estimates show that the

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project will cost around \$500,000. It will take \$60,000 to retire the current mortgage, \$40,000 is estimated to allow for costs not currently itemized (e.g, furniture, improving the annex restrooms, etc.), which brings the anticipated cost to \$600,000. At current interest rates, the cash flow increase to support this mortgage can be provided by an increase in dues of \$81 per year (less than \$7 per month per member) and an increase in storage rates of 20% to \$4.39 (less than \$22 per month for a 30' boat). The LRPC recommends, however, that the Board be given the flexibility to react to variations in construction costs and mortgage rates by allowing fee increases to support a mortgage of \$650,000 at 7%. This would result in a dues increase to \$420 and a dock increase to \$4.60. Since this entire amount will not be needed immediately, and may not be needed at all, we have recommended that the By-laws wording include a "not to exceed" phrase to allow the Board of Directors the leeway to phase in the increases over two years. Further, the increase to dues and storage fees has been partially offset by a recommended increase in the initiation fee.

The following are the recommended modifications to the By-laws, with the new text in **bold** font:

Article 3 Section 1, Dues—"The Annual Dues for each class of membership shall be as follows: Resident Member - \$315" to read as "**The Annual Dues for each class of membership shall not exceed: Resident Member - \$420**"

Article 3 Section 2, Initiation Fees—"Resident Member \$420" to read as "**Resident Member \$750**"

Article 6, Section 3—"Rental dockage, when available, shall be for use by Resident Members only, for a fee of \$3.67 per foot per month" to read as "**Rental dockage, when available, shall be for use by Resident Members only, for a fee not to exceed \$4.60 per foot per month**"

This Bylaws Change will be voted on in the January Meeting, January 4, 2006.

Al Waschka

Membership Report

New Members

Abel and Anna Guerra, sponsored by Steve Shippee.

Michael Nulf, sponsored by Jim Lacy.

New Nominations

Zoltan Mandy, sponsored by Jacki Leahy. Zoltan and wife Ilona have lived in the area since 1999. He is a retired mechanical engineer from the Carrier Corp. in Syracuse, NY. Zoltan's activities include gymnastics, fencing, downhill skiing and sailing. He crewed for his cousin on Lake Balaton in Hungary, and is now into Lazer sailing. He wants to join MYC to improve his sailing abilities and to gain new friendships.

Michael Gallagher, sponsored by Charlotte Parker. Michael has lived in the Melbourne area since 1990 and works for CEI in Palm Bay. He has two grown children that live with him. He first learned to sail in Puerto Rico when he was stationed at Roosevelt Roads Naval Base. He and his family have chartered a Hunter 31 and cruised the Chesapeake Bay area and he is presently sailing a Phantom. He wants to join MYC to enhance his sailing abilities and enjoys the informality and good cheer that permeates the club.

Matt Salatino, sponsored by Gus and Mary Williams. Matt has lived area for the past 23 years, a Mechanical Engineer, works part time for a local electronics firm. Started sailing 20 years ago on Hobe Cats, 26 foot sloops and is now living on a Moody 425 with 16 year old son Jarrett. Matt has 4 children with his oldest Ed, a Marine Sergeant, with two tours in Iraq behind him. They have been working on their Moody since 2001, getting it ready for a possible circumnavigation, when all the children are finally on their own. Matt and fiancée Kate want to join MYC for the sailing camaraderie, the occasional crewing on rum races and social interaction with like-minded sailors.

Resigned Members

Gary and Nancy Callaway. They moved to North Melbourne and will soon be in the Abacos most of the time. Both extend their thanks for the club's hospitality.

Membership Data

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

Stephen Shippee, Membership

New Year's Eve Party

**Ring in the New Year at MYC's New Year's Eve Party,
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**Bring Appetizers and your
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ATTIRE: Shorts to formal

TIME: 8 pm til the last man or woman stands

COST: \$10 covers everything

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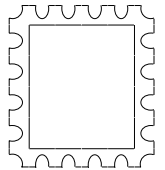


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