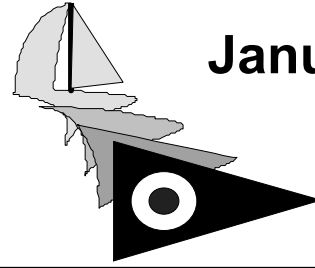


# MELBOURNE YACHT CLUB

# TELL-TALE



January 2006

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## JANUARY

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

## FEBRUARY

- 1 General Membership Meeting
- 5 Winter Rum Race #6  
and Superbowl Party
- 12 Small Boat Sunday 1pm
- 19 Spring Rum Race #1
- 22 Board Meeting
- 26 Small Boat Sunday 1pm

## MARCH

- 4 Kayak Outing
- 25 Commodore's Ball

## The Party Line

**TGIF/Christmas Party—December 16th** - Santa arrived by boat much to the excitement of about 12 children and over 75 adults.

Children had their pictures taken with Santa as Santa presented each one with a gift. Rachele Ross and helpers served up a most delicious pasta dinner with two different sauces, salad, rolls and dessert. A special treat was the students from the local high school chorus.

A big thank you to all who made this night a huge success.

**New Year's Eve—December 31st** - Approximately 55 people attended this year's event with music and champagne, ushering in the New Year with fireworks at midnight. Thank you to chair people Nancy Melfi and Pat Denes.

**TGIF/January Birthdays—January 6th** - A big happy birthday announcement was made and cake served to bring special attention to MYC member's individual birthdates in January.

A cake is always served to celebrate birthdays the first Friday of each month. Just for the asking you can have the group sing to you. . .you might want to check out who's in the crowd that night!

## Upcoming Events

**Kayaking—January 14th** - This event was postponed from January 7th to the 14th, due to the prediction of very cold temperatures. To confirm date and place call Carol Mairs at 728-7941.

Don't forget that the club now offers kayak storage on the east side of the clubhouse bldg. For add'l. information on storing Kayaks, contact Harry Stapor at 725-4994 or the new Director of Docks, Bob Bagnell at 725-0624.

**Superbowl Party—February 5** - We are again planning a club Superbowl Party in the bar after the Rum Race. See details on back page.

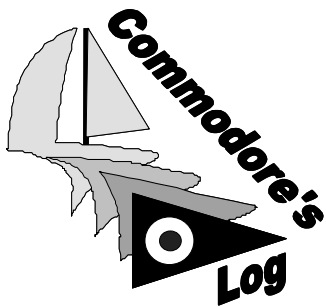
**No Kayak Outing in February**—Unless someone else wants to organize one, Carol Mairs will be out of town for the normal Feb kayak date.

**Kayak Outing—March 4** - The second Grand Canal trip will be in March.

**Commodore's Ball—March 25** - The tentative date for the 2006 Commodore's Ball is Saturday, March 25. Make sure you save this date on your calendar!

## MYC Calendar Online

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



### **Wow!**

We had 92 members and at least 30 others present at Wednesday's General Membership meeting.

We listened Al Waschka's excellent presentation regarding the history and current status of the Renovation Project. The LRPC, the Renovation Committee and the Bar and Kitchen Renovation Committee did an outstanding job and deserve our heart-felt thanks.

We then debated the proposed By-laws Dues/Dock Rates Increase Amendment. The results were 61 For and 31 Against. Since MYC By-law amendments require a two-thirds approval to pass, the motion failed. However, I was pleased to see that 66-plus percent of the voting members present wanted to proceed with the

renovation of the Clubhouse.

I am taking this strong positive result to mean that the Renovation Committee and I need to determine what is missing from the proposal and determine what needs to be modified to gain approval for a Dues/Dock Rate increase that will fund the renovation.

I will be talking with members about what additionally needs to be done. I would especially like to hear from those members that decided to vote against the proposal, and get their concerns along with their thoughts on how to answer those concerns.

I would like to express my thanks to all of those that attended the meeting for their courteous and orderly attendance; it was greatly appreciated.

By the way, we also had the 2006 Board of Director's election. With no additional nominations, by unanimous consent the nominated Officers and Directors were elected by the members present.

Please note that due to the expected length of the discussion portion of the Old Business agenda items (election of the 2006 Board and final discussions on the proposed Bylaw Amendment to modify the Fee Structures), the Board made a conscious decision to postpone until the February General Meeting, the requested vote of confidence on the envisioned Storage Policy Changes published in the December Tell Tale.

Please feel free to express your comments and opinions, either via E-Mail during January 2006 or in person at the February General Meeting, regarding these envisioned changes.

Also, please make an entry on your calendars that the **2006 MYC Commodore's Ball** is scheduled for Saturday, 25 March 2006 at the MYC Clubhouse. More to come later; however, if you attended last year's Commodore's Ball this one will be basically the same.

Finally, I would like to thank the members of the retiring 2005 Board (Jay McClure, Bob Hughes, Will Garvey, Louisa Killian, Jim Edwards, Harry Stapor, Steve Shippee, Simon Kumjain, Paul Alexy) for helping me accomplish all that we have achieved during the past year. With your efforts much has been done to keep the MYC a great a club of which to be a member. Thank you.

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*

### **2006 Board Election Results**

**Commodore** Ross Herbert  
**Vice Commodore/House** Bob Hughes  
**Rear Commodore/Membership** Steve Shippee  
**Treasurer** Will Garvey  
**Secretary** Rochelle Yates  
**Director/Bar Manager** Debbie McGregor  
**Director/Entertainment** Peter Aydelotte  
**Director/Youth** Marlene Sassaman  
**Director/Fleet Captain** Phil Spletter  
**Director/Docks** Bob Bagnell

**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.

## 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 14 and March 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 along-side 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. Extreme Sports has agreed to give MYC members a discount. Single kayaks \$25 instead of \$30 for 24 hours, and tandem kayaks \$30 instead of \$40 for 24 hours.

Call Carol Mairs at 321-728-7941, evenings, for more information.

**Wanted:** 12' Rigid Inflatable Dinghy in good condition.

Jim Boyd or Pat Phillips at 321 508 1933.or jboyd32935@yahoo.com

### Slips Available Next Door:

There are currently 2 slips available at Captain's Cove. Contact Randy Sheive (at 407-383-8322)

*(Continued from page 1) The Party Line*

Thank you so much for everyone's help with the Entertainment at MYC all year. Joyce and I couldn't have done it without a LOT of help.

Good luck to Peter Aydelotte, our incoming Entertainment Chair!

- Paul Alexy, Entertainment Chairman

### Rum Racing Update

The Winter Series will end on Feb 4th, and series awards will be handed out in the bar after the race.

The Spring Series will begin on February 17th, and continue on Sundays until early April when we will Daylight Savings Time kicks in, and we will switch back to Fridays. (April 2 is a Sunday, April 14 is a Friday Race)

It is just about time for everyone to ante-up for the Annual Rum Race Registration Fee. Last year the fee was \$15, but we may bump it a little this year. There will be registration forms in the Bar by the first race of Spring Series. You can sign up with a Bar Chit, just make sure it is clearly marked as Rum Race Registration.

I am also revising the Start Time spreadsheet to reflect some rating revisions I want to make (more on that next month).

- Hasty Miller, Rum Race Chairman

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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

### 1. Hoist Maintenance.

With the assistance of Tim Mathews and his relatives, the hoist was reinstalled (via the "Armstrong" method) on the crane on Saturday, 31-Dec-2005. At their January-2006 meeting, the Board accepted the quotation delivered by Rick Cope from the J. Herbert Corporation and authorized the expenditure for the limit switch retrofit option. Delivery of the retrofit parts complement is expected within 4 to 5 weeks, so by mid February-2006 this maintenance phase should be completed leaving only the "in-place" lift testing certification of the retrofitted hoist upon our crane to be addressed.

### 2. Piling Maintenance.

We are waiting for Paul Erickson to conclude his convalesce 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 is now listed.

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

With Hasty Miller's help, the 6-foot long precast concrete "parking space tombstones" were installed in each of the first four vehicle parking spaces immediately South of the designated Accessway between the Northwest Hill Top Launch Dolly Storage Area and the Launch Ramp. These tombstones are securely anchored to the blacktop pavement far enough from the turf so that no portion of a parked vehicle will overlap the turf surface, even when parked "backed in".

### 4. Storage Occupancy and Revenue Summary.

Per the anticipated January-2006 Storage Invoices, a total of 68 Club Members are exercising Storage Privileges. Of these:

30 Club Members are accommodated with Wet Storage Only;

13 Club Members are accommodated with both Wet and Dry Storage;

25 Club Members are accommodated with Dry Storage only.

Of the \$6,051.57 total invoiced for January-2006:

\$ 315.99 is credited to the Submerged Lands Lease Account  
(which is 6% of the Wet Storage Revenue);

\$ 526.65 is credited to the Dock Reserve Account (10% of the Wet Storage Revenue); and

\$ 5,208.88 is credited to the Club's General Fund  
(\$ 4,423.76 which is 84% of the Wet Storage Revenue,  
plus \$ 785.12 which is 100% of the Dry Storage Revenue).

### 5. Storage Policy Modifications

The modifications published in the December Tell-Tale will be discussed and voted on at the General Membership Meeting in February.

### Appreciation Acknowledgement.

Please join with me in not only acknowledging but also expressing sincere appreciation for the efforts -- both physical and mental -- rendered by the 2005 Dock Committee.

Without conjecture, my term of service would have been significantly more challenging if I could not have relied upon the assistance of Jack Bibb, Hasty Miller, Jerry Ross, and Rob Van Name.

Finally, I know the continued support of the entire membership will be genuinely appreciated by not only Bob Bagnell, our 2006 Dockmaster Elect, but also the remainder of the 2006 Board members during the coming year.

*Harry Stapor, Dockmaster*

## WHISPERS FROM THE GROG LOCKER

My year as Bar Manager is almost over. It has been a good year in which we have supplied the club with a warm and friendly area to socialize. We had a few request this year that we did fulfill. The bar covered its expenses while supplying the club with the drinks they wanted at good prices.

We could not have done this with out the volunteer services of the bar committee. I want to thank the following bar committee members for their help in this last year; Jack & Jackie Leahy, Jim Miller, Lynde West, John McNeil, Wendy Hughes.

We did have to replace the beer keg cooler this year when the old one died, but we did manage to have cold beer and drinks for every event this year. We have had the bar open for all Rum Races, Small Boat Races, Regattas and parties plus a few private parties that add up to over 150 times in this last year.

I hope everyone will help Debbie McGregor as Bar Director this next year to continue a very successful Bar and Kitchen department for the Melbourne Yacht Club.

- Bob Hughes, Rear Commodore / Bar Director

## House Report

Aloha MYC!

It has been my pleasure to serve this past year as Vice Commodore. As someone who has been involved with coordinating repair and maintainence (Thank you JACK & JACKI) I hope we will progress forward with improving our facility for our enjoyment. We have so much opportunity to improve our space for view, traffic patterns, accommodation space, storage, kitchen, bar, cooler, and other nice amenities. There is cost and inconvienece associated with change. Thanks to all the MYC members who contributed time and effort in presenting the "vision" we have.



I said Aloha in my opening statement as it means both goodbye and hello. I will be leaving a House Vice Commodore (goodbye) but anticipate this coming year (hello). I am sponsoring a member event in April. Those of you who know me are aware of my Scottish Heritage (Yeah, the guy in the dress).

Anyway, April 6th is National Tartan Day, the anniversary of when the Scots declared freedom and independence from England (nearly 300 years before our own declaration of independence, it also served as model of the American's). Friday, April 7th will be a Members only performance of the Brevard Theatrical Ensembles' "Castle Tales & Celtic Tea" There will be performances on Thursday and Saturday evenings (not MYC member discounted ) that does NOT include the finger meal. MYC members will enjoy a beef and ale meal at the intermission, while the other shows will be tea and shortbread.

Pam and I sponsored Tony and Leslie Santos, and look forward to assisting with parties co-sponsored with them. Leslie has great ideas, and I can guarantee a great time if you attend one of her events. I know I can do a better job entertaining than I can repairing (2 left thumbs) the yacht club.

The Club had several private parties sponsored in December. I have made the recommendations to include a refundable \$50 deposit for table and chair clean up in addition to the refundable cleaning deposit. The cleaning service does not put away chairs and tables, so if they are not put away, it lends to an ineffective cleaning of the great room floor.

Thanks to all those who offered guidance and support during my tenure as Vice Commodore. We have a great club and I look forward to seeing you all in the coming year.

- Jay McClure, Vice Commodore / House

## Sunfish Midwinters Coming to Melbourne March 16-19

MYC is hosting the annual Sunfish Midwinters in March. The event will mostly be held out at Ballard Park, but may spill over to the club if the weather is nasty. More details in next month's newsletter.



## MYC Holiday Party—Thanks!

Santa (Harry Stapor) arrived at MYC, on Friday night, Dec. 16, by Sleighride. (a little early, but he was taking time out of his annual Florida vacation to do us a favor).

Santa was ably assisted by his elves Jerry Ross, Larry Etheridge, Paul Alexy and Jack Bibb.

Betsy Baird and Laura Kowalski helped the attending kids to make crafts (ornaments from used CDs, reindeer from palm fronds, and frosted cookies) while they were waiting for Santa. After Santa arrived bearing gifts for all the Eau Gallie High School chorus entertained us with a delightful musical presentation. Rachele Ross assisted by Jerry Ross, Bill and Charlotte Parker, Paul and Joyce Alexy, Rhonda Delmater, Gregg and Cathy Kowalski, and Larry and Connie Etheridge prepared and served a delicious of dinner of spaghetti w/ meat sauce or bowtie pasta w/chicken and pesto sauce. A great time was had by all and to all a good night.

Photos By  
Bob Hughes



We need volunteers ASAP to un-decorate the club and store the Christmas decorations for next year.

To volunteer, please call or e-mail Paul Alexy ([palexycfl@earthlink.net](mailto:palexycfl@earthlink.net)) or Jay McClure at [JayPamAdam@earthlink.net](mailto:JayPamAdam@earthlink.net).



## New Year's Day "Hangover Regatta"

The traditional New Years Day Hangover Regatta had about 2 knots of wind. But that was about the right speed for the sailors who just wanted to get out on the



water after all the excesses of the Holidays.

Above foreground, Jack Clark getting ready for a Laser start. Right, Dave Silverman chases the sun-fish fleet on a slow reach.

Photos by Alan Shaw



## Membership Report

### New Members

**Zoltan Mandy**, sponsored by Jacki Leahy.

**Michael Gallagher**, sponsored by Charlotte Parker.

**Matt Salatino**, sponsored by Gus and Mary Williams.

### New Nominations

**David Beyer**, sponsored by Bob Huges.

David and Christine moved to Melbourne in 1996. David recently retired from the Brevard County School System. A large portion of his youth was spent at the Erie Yacht Club on Lake Erie and throughout his youth had the opportunities to crew on Lightings, Thistle, and Snipes and on several occasions, a 49 foot yawl on the Lake Erie –Dover circuit. Sparked by an avid interest in sailing and our clubs hospitality, sociability and dedication to sailing, David and Christine would like to become members to MYC.

**Edward "Butch" Roberts II**, sponsored by Harry Stapor.

Butch currently works as a nurse at Holmes Regional Medical Center. He has been a resident of Brevard County since 1997, and began sailing on his parents Sunfish. In the mid eighties his parents joined MYC and in subsequent years, his father, Ed Roberts served at Commodore of MYC.

During his youth he stayed very active in all our club activities from raft-ups to cruises in the Abacos. He now has two sons, age 10 and 12, whom he would like to get them more involved in MYC.

Butch would appreciate the opportunity to be considered for membership at MYC, and looks forward to carrying on the family tradition.

### Membership Data

Resident = 158, Non-Resident = 21, Corinthian = 14, Honorary = 11

*Stephen Shippee, Membership*



# Super Bowl XL Party

## February 5

### & Chili Cookoff



**MYC Party start time: 5:30**  
**Game kickoff is scheduled for 6:25**

**Wear your team colors (whether they're playing or not)**

We are planning a Super Bowl party for February 5<sup>th</sup>. As part of the festivities we are having a 'Chili Cookoff' for those who wish to participate. Each couple should either bring an entry for the Chili Cookoff and/or a football snack to share (e.g. potato skins, nachos, wings, etc.)

We're working to make this a no-charge party, but there will be a nominal fee to cover the cost of a big-screen TV.

Among other games, there will be a raffle with quarterly prizes and net proceeds going to the MYC youth sailing program.

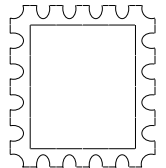
Questions? Ask Commodore Ross Herbert.

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