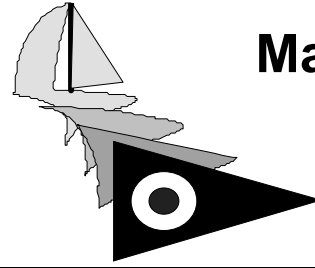


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MARCH

- 11 Cruise to Marker 21
- 12 Small Boat Sunday 1pm
- 16-19 Sunfish Midwinters
- 17 TGIF St. Patrick's Day Party
- 19 Spring Rum Race #3
- 25 Commodore's Ball
- 26 Small Boat Sunday 1pm

APRIL

- 1 Kayak Outing
- 2 Spring Rum Race #4
- 7 TGIF Scotsman's Party
- 8 Cruise to Marker 21
- 9 Small Boat Sunday 1pm
- 14 FRIDAY Spring Rum Race #5
- 22-23 Spring Regatta Small Boats
- 28 Spring Rum Race #6
- 29-30 Spring Regatta Big Boats

The Party Line

Ahoy! Just a reminder that there are dates that can be filled in for parties and that all it takes is to step up and volunteer for a Party!

Upcoming Events

TGIF—Every Friday - TGIFs are held every Friday evening in the clubhouse. Birthdays will be celebrated on the first TGIF of the month. Look for special TGIF events in this newsletter and the online calendar.

Cruise to Marker 21—March 11 and April 8 - Cruises to Marker 21 are scheduled for the second Saturday of every month. MYC will provide the firewood, hot dogs, and marshmallows for s'mores. There is no cost and no reservations are needed for these events, just show up and have a good time.

Contact Peter Aydelotte at 727-7725 or windinmesails@earthlink.net if you need additional information or help getting a ride on someone's boat.

Kayaking—April 1 - Kayak outings are scheduled for the first Saturday of every month. The March kayak was the first in the two-part Grand Canal series—11 people took part. The boats put in at Paddles and Oars Park and kayaked up the Grand Canal to Sampson Island, for a picnic lunch. April 1 will be the second part of the Grand Canal tour (see Page 3). To confirm date and place call Carol Mairs at 728-794.

MYC has kayak storage on the east side of the clubhouse building. For more information on storing Kayaks, contact Bob Bagnell at 725-0624.

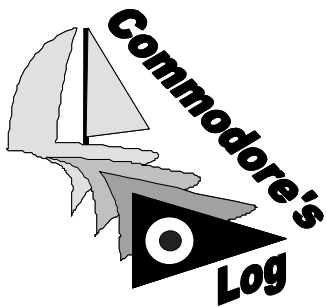
St Patrick's Day Celebration—March 17 - There will be corned beef and cabbage at this TGIF for \$5. No reservations are needed, first come first served. If the weather is bad, the Sunfish Midwinters will have the clubhouse and the dinner (but not TGIF) will be cancelled. Friday morning's forecast will determine the outcome. Just be ready to wear green!

Commodore's Ball—March 25 - The 2006 Commodore's Ball is Saturday, March 25. You should have an invitation in the mail. Reservations required by March 20, call 757-9231 or email commodoresball@melbourneyachtclub.com

April has several interesting events! Arrange for April 7th to be on your calendar for tall tales and stories as well as beef and ale at the Scotsman's party (see inside)... continued on next page...

MYC Calendar Online

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



At the March 1st meeting we discussed the modifications to the Renovation presentation. The modifications to the presentation represented membership recommended changes to the presentation as it was presented to the membership at the January meeting. They included among other things

- adding showers to the clubhouse,
- renovating the annex basement
- modifications to the proposed costs.

After discussing the presentation, the membership voted on the Dues/Fees "Not to Exceed" By-law amendment. Of the 80 ballots cast, 63 were in favor of the Dues/Fees amendment and 17 were against. The threshold for acceptance is 2/3 of the 80 ballots cast or 54 votes for the amendment. Thus, the amendment passed with an approval percentage of 78.75% of the members present. Thus the initiation fee is raised to \$750.00, the Resident Member dues will not exceed \$475 per year, and the dock fees will not exceed \$4.65 per foot per month.

Additionally, at the March meeting, I addressed a request from Hynes Properties LLC for a mutual First Right of Refusal (FRoR) covering the Tire Store and the Club property. After discussing the pros-and cons of the FRoR, the membership approved the concept of a FRoR with a request that a counter proposal be drafted by the lawyers at Dean Mead. The desire is to have a time limit and guaranteed of use of the Tire Store during the life of the agreement incorporated into the FRoR agreement. I have turned the paperwork over to the lawyers. Once the counter agreement has been written I will share it with the membership.

Assuming the addresses in the MYC Membership database are correct, every one should have received an invitation to Commodore's Ball by now. The Ball this year will be the same format as last year. We will be having a catered Hors d'oeuvres buffet, not a dinner. We will be entertained once again by Christian Miller. The party starts at 6:30PM on the 25th of March. I would appreciate RSVPs by the 20th of March.

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

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Spring Regattas will take up the last two weekends in April leaving only April 15th open.

Burn It, April 15th? The party originally planned for April 15th has been cancelled due to a conflict. So April 15th is available for a burn it (too bad we cannot burn our tax forms!). If a volunteer contacts Peter Aydelotte prior to the April 5th MYC membership meeting, an April 15th burn it can be a happening. If there is to be a burn it, it will be announced at the April 5th MYC membership meeting.

Cinco de Mayo, May 5th: On a final note, Cinco de Mayo TGIF will have nachos and Mexican themes. Mark it on your calendar! oh, cinco de Mayo is May 5th! Hasta la vista!

- Peter Aydelotte, Entertainment Chairman

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 next trip will be April 1, the second of a two-part paddling series exploring the Grand Canal off the Banana River.

We will put in on the SE side of the Pineda Causeway, and paddle south down the Grand Canal, detouring to explore Sleepy Lagoon, Lake Shepard, and probably the canals within Tortoise Island. Then we will picnic on Sampson Island.

Kayak rentals are available at Extreme Sports. Extreme Sports has agreed to give MYC members a discount. Single kayaks \$25 instead of \$35 for 24 hours, and tandem kayaks \$30 instead of \$40 for 24 hours.

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

Scotsman's Party Details

Friday April 7

Beef and Ale night at the Castle Tales and Celtic Tea

*The evening starts at 6 p.m. with a pre-show social.
Storytelling begins at 7 p.m. and intermission will be the dinner.*

*The cost is \$21 per person
with a \$2 discount if viewers come dressed in
Medieval, Renaissance or Celtic attire.
(Two dollars per costumed person will be credited to the house check)*

*Dinner will be hot roast beef sandwiches, potatoe wedges and celery/
carrot sticks and free Amber Boc included with dinner.*

There will be storytellers, singers, bagpipers, fiddlers and a great time.

Rum Racing Update

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

The revised Start Time spreadsheet can be found at <http://sail-race.com/myc/rumracestarttimes.htm>.

If you have not yet registered for 2006 Rum Racing, please fill out a form (on the mantle) and a bar chit, and give it to me. This provides a waiver of liability for the club, your agreement to abide by the rules, and money to pay for the quarterly awards.

- 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. Continued Diligence in the Launch Ramp Staging Area

There have been continued cases of club small boats left in the staging area. I implore the small boat fleet to remind fellow users, members and non-members, to return all boats, trailers, and boat accessories to their proper storage locations. I am repeating notice from last month's *Tell Tale*

"Members using the Club Owned Vessels and Launch Dollies are admonished to either return them to their storage slots/areas after use or refrain from using them altogether. Further, do not leave any unattended equipment on the lower level blacktop pavement in either the dual purpose Vehicle Turn Around / Launch Ramp Staging Area, or the Mast-Up Storage Area."

2. Dock Courtesy Lighting

Nothing new here, still waiting for the manufacturer to resume his deliveries.

3. Hoist Maintenance for Travel Limit Switch Retrofit

Good news! The hoist has been picked up, retrofitted with the new limit switches and returned. Our thanks to Harry Stapor and Hasty Miller. Harry got the crane returned to operation on Weds. Feb 14th. Although all appears to be working OK, it seems that the limit switches need to be adjusted on the upper limit by a few inches for using it on the Melges 24. The last remaining item for the hoist is to get it tested and certified. We are still working that and hope to proceed down that path this month.

4. Piling Survey

Initial preparations are underway to conduct a new complete survey of the pilings to measure change since the last survey of 2003/2004 and determine how many additional pilings will need replacement this year. I am going to delay any action with Paul Erickson relocating the one piling we wanted until I can determine how many new pilings we may need and get him here once to do it all at once. The current plan is to survey around during the next couple of weeks, then begin the process of getting Paul here to do the work..

5. Revised Storage Policy Modifications

The revised policies have been completed and submitted for publication as approved by the board. A brief summary of the changes follows:

The A/C issue will be handled by only charging the surcharge during the prime A/C usage months and to identify the A/C on board situation in the annual rental agreement revised form. The rental agreement forms have already been modified.

The time epochs for Hurricane preparations have been set to begin securing all wet and exposed dry storage boats no later than the time a hurricane watch is posted (hurricane force winds expected within 36 hours). All preparations shall be completed no later than 18 hours after the initial watch is posted unless the hurricane watch or warning has been removed. This leaves possibly 18 hours for volunteers to do any addition securing should they decide to do so. The policies are included in their entirety in this issue of the *Tell Tale*.

6. Proof of Insurance

We are now current with all renters through the month of March. I would like to thank everyone so far for their prompt response to my requests for insurance copies. Everyone to date has been extremely cooperative. I will continue to send reminders at the beginning of each month for those that are due that month.

7. Dinghy/Kayak Storage Survey

Upon review of the utilization of our dry storage facilities, it is obvious that the dinghy and kayak storage is significantly under-utilized. There are a number of vacancies and obviously no waiting list. I wish to determine price sensitivity (if any) of these 2 facilities and request that if you have considered storing either your dinghy or kayak at the club but decided against it because of the cost, to please send me an email stating so and at what price you would reconsider your decision of taking advantage of this facility.

Bob Bagnell, 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 Storage Policy 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. This surcharge will apply only for the months of May through October (6 months).

The annual storage agreements shall reflect which of the above two options the owner qualifies for.

Dry Storage Policy 9

9. When a hurricane watch 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 / launch 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 Wet Storage Policy 17 for the time limit to complete these preparations and the penalties for non-compliance.

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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 watch 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 18 hours have elapsed since the Hurricane watch for the current tropical weather system was first issued by the National Hurricane Center for the Melbourne area,(and a hurricane watch or warning is still in effect), any vessel in either Wet or Dry Storage at MYC that remains unsecured may be secured by volunteer efforts. 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 previously unsecured vessel. In the event that such volunteer efforts are executed, the Vessel's Owner shall retain full and complete liability responsibility for any subsequent damage either sustained by or caused by the Vessel. Additionally, the following fee, payable to Melbourne Yacht Club, will be assessed the Vessel's Owner for each instance where the vessel remains unsecured after the 18 hours time frame has elapsed and a hurricane watch or warning remains in effect. 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.

Membership Report

New Members:

Tom Moor

Kelley Dragon

Robert Gauthier

New Nominations:

Kelly Lynch, sponsored by Ross Herbert.

Kelly recently moved to the area from Seattle Washington. She is a small animal Veterinarian with a practice in Rockledge. She moved to Florida looking for sunshine and warm water and addition to sailing she enjoys rock climbing and horse back riding. Since September, when she moved to Melbourne she has sailed with Sherry on fast lane as well as participating in a few sunfish races.

Her wishes are to become a member of MYC to increase her knowledge and experience in sailing and become a member of this community.

Stephen Shippee, Membership

Secretary's Report

In 2004 I enjoyed serving as Secretary for the Yacht Club and I look forward to serving another year as your Secretary. This year I have the pleasure of working with Harry Stapor, Gary Killian and Bob Hughes who have all agreed to assist on my committee.

- Rochelle Yates, Secretary

Fleet Report

Thus far, Rum Racing and Dinghy Racing in the traditional alternating Sunday afternoons format has been the main form of entertainment for MYC racers. The Winter Rum Race series concluded with Purr-fect, Starstruck/5-Speed and Slot Machine taking the first three positions in the Racer fleet. In the Cruiser fleet, Maverick, Sea Turtle and Solitude earned glassware. In the Dinghy fleet, a few cold and windy days have kept the numbers down a bit, but when conditions are less than totally brutal, good numbers of boats have been out. Thanks to everyone who comes out and sails and a BIG thanks to John and Hasty who keep these mainstays of MYC racing going so smoothly.

For the Spring Rum Race series, Hasty has modified the handicaps and associated start times based upon the recently modified view of spinnaker allowances by PHRF. So if you're sailing and haven't checked your start time, please do so and please be sure to honor the time as well.

This time of year brings those of us fortunate enough to live in the Sunshine State numerous opportunities to sail at big out-of-town regattas. This month, Whatta Ride went to the St.Pete NOOD and was 4th overall in the 13-boat Wavelength 24 fleet. Sea Turtle is headed to the SORC/Miami Beach Race Week, and several MYC sailors are going to the Sunfish International Masters at Davis Island in Tampa. Dick and Linda Tillman are at a Laser, Sunfish or other regatta many weekends. On March 17-19, MYC and Fleet 669 are hosting the Sunfish Midwinters. Nearly 100 boats are anticipated to be on our lagoon! Even if you don't sail, come out and help or at least see the spectacle of a huge fleet of one-design sailboats including world-class sailors. The MYC spring regatta will be here the end of next month. MYC cruising boats are starting to leave for the Bahamas. Stardust and IncommuniGato are weighing anchor this week.

I'm really new to this job so I plan to seek the guidance of the fleet committee which includes Bob Sowden, Hasty Miller, John MacNeil and Sherry Beckett. We want to provide as many opportunities for people to sail as possible as long as there is sufficient interest. Areas that I'd like to explore include more chances to race with spinnakers – possibly a weeknight series during daylight savings time, some distance races in the river and maybe even some ocean racing. I'm also hoping to have some rules and sailing technique seminars. If you have any questions or thoughts, feel free to let me know. I'm looking forward to sailing with you.

Phil Spletter, Fleet Captain

Youth Sailing

The next Youth Committee Meeting is March 8 at 6 pm at the City Tropics Bistro. I promise to wear my MYC t-shirt this time! We expect to work out a schedule for the youth classes, review the dates for a work day, and commend Jack Bibb for his excellent job with the inventory of the club boats. We are also asking for donations for sunfish parts: sheets, halyards, clips, any little widget that can be used on a sunfish that is taking up space in your tool box will be accepted.

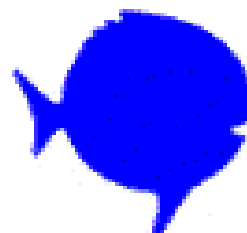
Know that the youth program works closely with the fleet committee so that all club members and guests benefit from keeping our equipment in good working order. Lastly, please assist in making sure all borrowed boats get put back in the racks. I know they are a bit heavy and awkward, but lots of hands make for light work. In the meantime, sail safely! Thank you...Captain Sass

Marlene Sassaman, Youth Director

Sunfish Midwinters Coming to Melbourne in March

MYC is hosting the annual Sunfish Midwinters on March 16-19. The event will be held at Ballard Park, but may spill over to the MYC club house if the weather is nasty.

Chris Gates is the Regatta Chairman. Contact him for more information (cgates@cfl.rr.com, 321-727-7227) or monitor the website for information updates: <http://www.sail-race.com/dinghy/2006midwinters.htm>.



House Report

The By-Law change was passed so the renovation of the club house is going to proceed. This is going to be a challenge for all of us as a club. We will be inconvenienced in many ways, but I'm sure we will work together to continue our activities.

There are many things that we need to get done before the Spring Regatta and before the construction starts. One of the first things on the list is cleaning the downstairs of the Annex. Fleet, Youth and House are going to have a clean up party very soon. If you have something in there that you want to keep I would suggest you get it out of there. Anything that we decide is not necessary for the club will either be pitched or put up for auction. We want to put some more shelves in the Annex so if anyone has any type shelving that is suitable for a garage that they do not want please let me know and we can make arrangements to pick it up.

We will have a clean up day in April during which we be doing yard work and minor repairs around the club. I will get it on the calendar very soon. I will also publish a list of the things we want to accomplish that day.

I look forward to helping with the remodeling project and all the challenges to keep our activities going. It will take everyone's help to make this a successful year.

2006 MYC Directory committee is underway. Please let me know if the data sent via e-mail or US mail is correct or needs to be corrected. We want to make sure the data in the directory is the most accurate we can get.

Bob Hughes, Rear Commodore & House Director

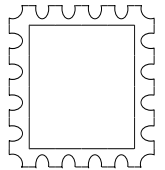


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