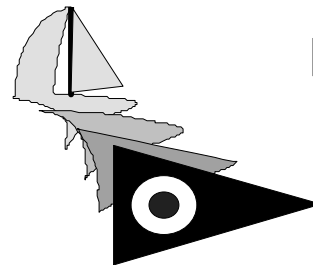


# MELBOURNE YACHT CLUB

# TELL-TALE



May 2006

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## MAY

- 11 Summer Spinnaker Series
- 13 Seafood Raft-Up
- 14 Small Boat Sunday 1 pm
- 19 Summer Rum Race #2
- 20 Low Country Boil
- 25 Summer Spinnaker Series
- 28 Small Boat Sunday 1 pm
- 30 Board Meeting

## JUNE

- 2 Summer Rum Race #3
- 7 General Meeting
- 11 Small Boat Sunday 1pm
- 16 Summer Rum Race #4
- 18 Father's Day Race & Burn-It?
- 25 Small Boat Sunday 1pm
- 28 Board Meeting
- 30 Summer Rum Race #5

## The Party Line

**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.

**Kayaking—First Saturday** - Both of our kayak trip organizers are out of town for the summer. So, we need someone to volunteer to organize an outing on the first Saturday of every month. Please contact Peter Aydelotte if you would like to organize and lead a kayak trip.

**Cruises to Marker 21** - The Annual Seafood Raft-Up will replace the May cruise (more information later in this newsletter). We are looking for a volunteer to 'do' the June Cruise. Cruises to Marker 21 are scheduled for the second Saturday of every month. MYC provides the firewood, hot dogs, and marshmallows for s'mores. There is no cost and no reservations are needed, just show up and have a good time. Contact Peter Aydelotte at [windinmesails@earthlink.net](mailto:windinmesails@earthlink.net) if you'd like to help the June Marker 21 cruise happen (June 10).

**Cinco de Mayo TGIF, May 5:** - The Cinco de Mayo TGIF was well-attended... and good time was had by all.

**Seafood Raftup—May 13th:** Hasty's umpteenth annual Seafood Raftup is this weekend with the full moon. We expect good attendance and a full report will be in next month's newsletter.

**Low Country Boil—May 20** - Paty Henry and John Drawe are having a low country boil with drinks starting at 6:00 pm and food at 6:30.

**Father's Day—June 18th.** I have had no volunteers to put on a Father's Day breakfast. But there may be a Father's Day Reverse Handicap race down to Marker 21 and back, with a burn-it afterward. (anyone interested in helping with this, contact Gary Smith)

**4th of July BBQ—**Bob Hughes is on the calendar again for another big BBQ.

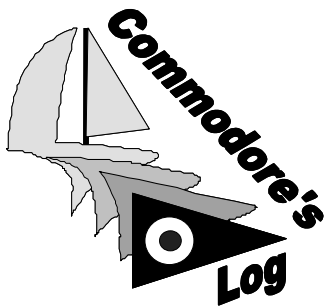
I will be in Spain in May, and come back and rush off to Race Week in the Abaco's. SOOOOOOO anyone can step up to the plate and help with our casual eventslike Marker 21, or put something together.

I will be available for coordination via email , I hope. But for all intents and purposes, I will be tied up after the Cinco De Mayo TGIF. See you on the water.

- Peter Aydelotte, Entertainment Chairman

## MYC Calendar Online

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



The wind was up for the Big Boat weekend of the Spring Regatta and so were the sailors. There was a lot of good racing and only a few set backs. On Friday evening just before the rum race Lil' Flash broached and due to an open lazarett hatch, sank in about 30 seconds. Several boats responded to the site, but it was the fore-deck windless on Skimmer that saved the day by hoisting Lil' Flash back to the surface (see the full story elsewhere in this issue). Thank you Hasty. On Saturday, a member unfortunately found a body floating in the harbor between two boats down on our docks. The Police were called and managed to close the east dock for until 13:00 when the body was removed. We setup a ferry service around the scene and managed to get all of the racers to their boats with only a short delay in the racing. Thank you John Fox and Jack Leahy. Other than that it was your typical regatta and well handled by Phil Spletter and all of his volunteers. Thank you all.

On the Renovation Front, Simon and Neal met with architect and his CAD guy, at the MYC to go over their schematics and discuss a few issues. They have made good progress. They have tentatively solved the encroachment of a small corner of the Club house showers into the parking area, discussed a way to handle the foundation to be sure to save the large oak at the north west corner of the building (since the roots are close to the existing deck) and optimizing/maximizing the new deck space. They are still on target to complete the initial schematic phase at the end of this week, beginning of next. At that time they will review the designs, discuss overall project estimates and meet with the city. Thanks to Neal Tompkins for this update which I have plagiarized for your benefit.

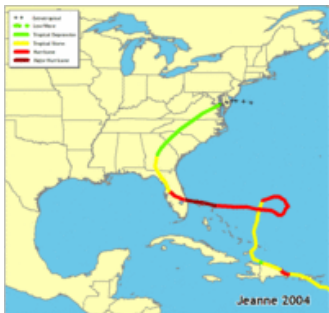
I need to make a correction to my article from the April Tell-Tale. The caterer we used for the Commodore's Ball was not Edible Art Catering. Rather it was **Creative Catering by Farinas** at (321) 253-0905 or find them on the web at <http://www.creativecateringbythefarinas.com/>

They really did an excellent job and I heartily recommend them for any catering you may need.

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*

## Hurricane Preparedness 2006



As the 2006 Hurricane season approaches, this is a reminder to those who travel out of town during all or part of the upcoming season. It is imperative that all vessels stored at the Melbourne Yacht Club and exposed to the elements be properly secured at the approach of a hurricane to our area. If your vessel is left at the club while you are away, you must either make arrangements with another member to take the required actions or better yet, prepare your vessel before you leave town as if a hurricane were bearing down on Melbourne Harbor. The guidelines for the minimum acceptable preparations are outline in the MYC handbook and on the MYC home page under the Dock Policy and rules sections.

**Remember that this applies not only to vessels on the docks but all vessels stored on the property that are exposed to the elements.**

You cannot rely on the actions of volunteers to perform this duty for you and your continued privilege to store vessels on club property depends on you properly preparing for a possible storm.

So again, before you leave town any time during the hurricane season, prepare your boat as if a storm were approaching and you will be ready for whatever nature has in store for us this year and you will be preventing possible damage to your own vessel as well as those of other club members.

*- Bob Bagnell, Director of Docks*

## Bulletin Board

### Kayak Trips, Marker 21 Cruises Need Volunteer Leaders for Summer

The kayak trip organizers and our fearless Entertainment chairperson are all out of town for a few months. If you want to do one of these, why not get with a few friends at TGIF and organize one?

If you want to be a 'Cruise Disorganizer', drop an email to Peter Aydelotte to coordinate by email. Rachele Ross can always be consulted for advice on Marker 21 cruises.

### SAILING CLASSES SCHEDULE

Adult 1 - Saturdays, May 6 - 27, 2006	10am to 2pm
Adult 2 - Saturdays, Aug 12 - Sep 2, 2006	10am to 2pm
Youth 1 - Saturdays, June 3 - July 1, 2006	10am to 2pm
Youth 2 - Saturdays, July 8 - August 5, 2006	10am to 2pm

All classes are \$45 and can be paid for at the first session.

Contact Marlene Sassaman for additional details  
sass4sail@cfl.rr.com or 768-0046.

Our first adult class of the season was a breeze thanks to: Simon Koumjian, Bob Bagnell, Nancy and John Fox and Kevin Frederick. Nine adults participated: After Bob's "Fundamentals of Sailing" was presented, 4 people sailed on Bob's big boat while the others tested their agility in the Sunfish. Fun was had by all!

### Spring Rum Race Series

Racers	Cruisers
1. Gregg Kowalski-Slot Machine	1. Jim Miller-Sea Turtle
2. Hasty Miller-Skimmer	2. Wally Everest-Rocket Science
3. Dave Noble-Half Ass	3. Tom Saan-Babalou
4. Larry Etheridge-Purrfect	4. Rick Crockett-Maverick
5. John Tworkoski-Fine Finish	5. David Lister-Firefly
6. Jim Yates-Bad Penny (tie) Beckett/Garvey/Scalise	6. Bob Hughes-Second Chance

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

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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

# Membership Report

## New Members

**Michael & Tandy Copps**, sponsored by Wallie Everest.

**Douglas & Pamela Worth**, sponsored by Jim Miller.

**Del & Janice Wiese**, sponsored by Jim Lacy.

## New Nominations

**John & Meg Tworkowski**, sponsored by Jim Boyd.

John was exposed to sailing on Long Island sound NY; summers were spent on Peconic Bay. He started sailing again in 2001 doing Rum Races with Jim Boyd and Bill Striker.

John now sails a J-24 named Fine Finish and is currently learning race rules so he can enter the ECSA competition. John says that MYC looks like a great place for racing and family involvement, and is looking forward to participating in club functions.

**James Stacy**, sponsored by Steve Shippee.

James was born on Westport Island across the river from Boothbay Harbor, Maine. His father was a herring /lobster fisherman, and also ran a water taxi – family moved to East Templeton Mass in the late 1920's.

James spent 32 years in sales and design with the Heywood Wakefield furniture Co. He started his own business building "special needs" furniture for ill and retarded patients in NY state hospitals and group homes. His son now runs the business.

James moved to Melbourne Beach in 2005 to get back into the world of boating and is very interested and enthused about getting involved with MYC, also looks forward to interacting with people wh share the same interest level.

**Membership Data:** (Resident = 151, Non Resident = 25, Corinthian = 14, Honorary = 13)

**Membership Cards:** I have additional membership cards, for members who have a need for a second card, also new Club Burgees with MYC red logo are in our ships locker.

**New initiation fee change:** From \$420.00 to \$750.00 effective June 1, 2006.

*Stephen Shippee, Membership*

# Docks Report

## Piling Status

We now have a signed contract in place and an approximate "start work" date of early June. We will need your support and even help in relocating boats during the project. I am hoping to move boats in and out each day so they can just be stored temporarily on end of East T-dock, spare slips on West end of West dock and even empty slips of Bahamas crowd. **I would really appreciate it if everyone who will be vacating their slip around the beginning of June would send me a note telling me the dates they will be gone so we can use their slip as a temporary holding spot for boats we need to move.** The entire project should only take a

week or so and it would be nice to have as many vacant slip as possible to facilitate boat movement.



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# *Fleet Report*

The Spring Regatta is in the record books with something for everyone. A RRS seminar, two days of small boat racing including the Snipe District Championships which featured World and National Champions and two days of big boat racing made for an exciting 11 day span on, in and off the water. I am very thankful for all 60 or so people who volunteered to help out and am especially thankful to Larry Ethridge, Sherry Beckett, John and Nancy Fox, Gerry Moores and Rachael Ross who seriously worked since long before the regatta to make a successful event. We should all be thankful for the support of our sponsors, Boaters Exchange and Kestrel Weather Meters.

With the regatta behind us, the racing focus is back on Sunday afternoon small boat racing and Friday night rum races. In addition, we're going to experiment with a spinnaker series using a reverse handicap format as with rum racing. Based upon direct and indirect feedback, let's try Thursday nights on weeks without a rum race during May. The dates would be May 11 and 25. No fees, no trophies, just sailing. At the end of May, we'll decide how to proceed.

On the cruising side, a bunch of boats are headed for the Bahamas where they will run into those already there. Good luck and good sailing to everyone. I'm looking forward to hearing the stories.

As I write this, it occurs to me that MYC and its members enjoy the diverse sport of sailing in almost every possible way, whether it's racing small boats or big boats, ocean racing, bluewater and Bahamas cruising, parties and overnights at marker 21 or kayaking. About the only thing we don't offer is iceboating and that's OK with me!

- Phil Spletter, Fleet Captain

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**It is imperative that the East T-Dock and the 3 temp slips at the end of the West dock be left vacant as we will need them for boat movements. No use of these spots will be authorized during the piling project.**

Furthermore, if you have anything mounted on one of the pilings being replaced and wish to retain it, please remove it yourself before the project begins. This includes fendering, hose holders etc. The replacement pilings are all marked with bright Orange and I have also sent a personal e-mail to all affected parties.

## **Rental Agreements**

Wet storage rental agreements keep trickling in. I continue to send follow up reminders and publish in Tell-Tale. About 75% there so far. Again, your support in bringing this to conclusion would be greatly appreciated..

Dry rentals have now all been sent out. I have pre filled them all out and done a thorough check against all database entries for consistency against billing, database, and rental agreements. I will need your support again in getting these behind us as quickly as possible.

## **T-Dock Usage**

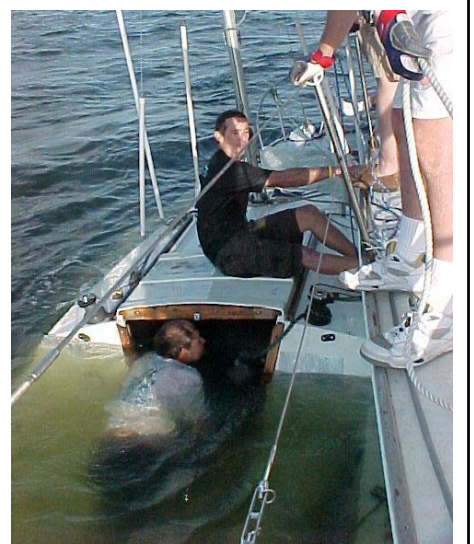
I need to remind the membership that the east T-dock and the 3 temporary slip at the west end of the west dock are not a self serve parking slots. All usage of that needs to be requested of the dockmaster and approved in advance so that I can coordinate the usage. I keep a calendar of authorized usage so I make commitments to folks to permit them to use them and not have conflicts with unauthorized interlopers.

## **Web Site**

The web site for docks is again current and the new Dock Policy has been posted on the homepage.

- Bob Bagnell, Director Docks





## ***L'il Flash becomes L'il Splash***

Just one of the bits of excitement that happened during Spring Regatta was a 'spinnaker incident' experienced by Joe Fema and crew of the Catalina 22 L'il Flash. They were playing with their new spinnaker on Friday night, forgot to put their center-board down, and did a spectacular broach that ended up completely sinking the boat. The photos above were taken AFTER quite a bit of work by assisting vessel Skimmer to raise the boat to a towable depth.

L'il Flash was subsequently pumped out, and raced to a 2nd place finish in the Spinnaker class in the regatta on Saturday and Sunday.

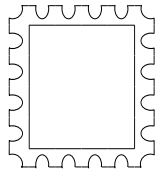
Look for John MacNeill's article about the accident in next month's Southwinds magazine.

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