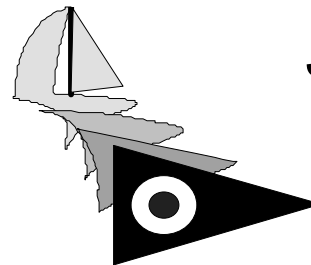


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JULY

- 14 Summer Rum Race #6
- 20 Thursday Night Spinnaker Race
- 23 Small Boat Sunday 1pm
- 26 Board Meeting
- 28 Fall Rum Race #1

AUGUST

- 2 General Meeting
- 3 Thursday Night Spinnaker Race
- 4 TGIF July Birthdays
- 5 MYC at the Ballgame
- 11 Fall Rum Race #2
- 12 Marker 21 Cruise
- 17 Thursday Night Spinnaker Race
- 25 Fall Rum Race #3
- 30 Board Meeting

SEPTEMBER

- 23-24 Mermaid Regatta

The Party Line

TGIF—Every Friday - TGIFs are held every Friday evening in the clubhouse. Birthdays are celebrated on the first TGIF of the month.

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 - 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 if you'd like to help make the August Marker 21 cruise happen (August 12).

4th of July Party... some words from organizer Bob Hughes. "I think we will have another party next year!" This year was well received again by 115 members and guests. We had more than enough food for everyone, and even a few leftovers.

My party committee was Billy Shaw (New Member) and Sandy Nesbit (his significant other), Connie & Larry Etheridge, Paul & Joyce Alexy, Jim Gibson, Chuck Noles and friend (John), Jeff & Debbie McGregor and my wife Wendy. This party would't be possible without their help.

The Fireworks were great and I think everyone had a good time. I hope you tell all the other members the great time everyone had and we get an even bigger crowd next year. We will be in our new club house and will have more room to spread out and have fun.

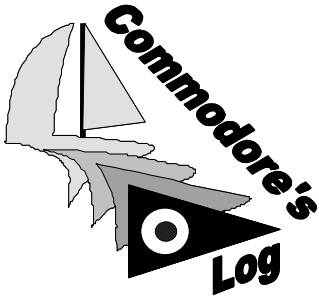
Manatee Madness—August 5... Joyce Alexy is putting together a 'Night at the Ballgame' for MYC Members. She has arranged for discounted tickets (\$5 pp), and wants to see everyone go have fun on Saturday night at the ballgame. For tickets contact Joyce at 779-4464 or palex@cfi.rr.com

Peter Aydelotte, our Entertainment Chair, is off in the Abacos. He will be unavailable to lead any activities until later in the summer. Anyone interested putting together an MYC event, contact Peter via email.



MYC Calendar Online

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



We cancelled the General membership meeting this month due to the number of members that were out of town. However, I would like to let you know that at the August General membership meeting we plan to have Randy Lascody of the National Weather Service as a guest speaker.

I want to thank Rose and Bill Baker, Betsy Baird, and Rachele Ross for providing me with directories back to 1984. It appears that I will now have to go on a Constitution/By-laws hunt as that is where I will find the Dues/Fees information I am looking for and it appears that the Constitution/By-laws were not published in the directory prior to 1984. So I guess I will be visiting the file cabinets in the annex. By the way, the remaining un-mailed 2006 MYC Directories are available at the club on the bar by the phone.

Just to let you know I have found a small brass Sextant. Thanks to those of you who were looking for one.

On the both the Hynes Properties issue, and the Renovation Front there is nothing new to report.

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

Dockmaster's Report, July 2006

Hoist Status

The J Herbert Company came and performed a hoist load certification test last month. It was a very thorough test lasting about 1 and $\frac{3}{4}$ hours. The unit was tested with a 2500# load, over 360 degrees of travel and at the maximum extension of the boom. The unit passed with flying colors.

They also replaced the control unit head for us which had a large chunk out of the side compromising the water tight integrity. The new unit is OSHA approved with the buttons clearly marked UP and Down, instead of the ambiguous arrows we had before. The unit was also lubricated and some good feedback on proper regular maintenance of the chain was provided. The hoist now has been officially certified for use as a 1 ton lift.

Piling Status

Paul Erickson has made contact near the end of June.. He verified that they wouldn't be starting in June as originally planned and that they were running about a month behind schedule. He was hard to nail down but when pressed, gave an early July start. With a little luck, maybe they will start right after the 4th weekend and be finished before all the Bahamas gang returns.

Dockside Shower

At the request of the small boat fleet, a simple fresh water shower will be installed near the launching ramp so that sailors can rinse the salt of themselves as well as their small boats. Should be completed during the month of July.

Bob Bagnell, Dockmaster

House

The faucet in the bar was replaced in June because it was spraying on an electrical outlet every time it was turned on.

I am currently getting quotes for the new equipment for the bar and the kitchen. They are expected by July 13th.

The trees around the club will be trimmed in July. I will notify the club by e-mail when they are going to do it so we can keep the parking lot clear during that time.

The city water company said they were going to drain the water line in front of the club because we are still seeing brown water from time to time. If we are still getting brown water please let me know so I can follow up with the city.

- Bob Hughes, Vice Commodore

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SAILING CLASS SCHEDULE

Adult 2 Saturdays, Aug 12 - Sep 2, 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 at 768-0046 or sass4sail@cfl.rr.com.

NWS Speaker for August Meeting

Provided there are no tropical storms lurking in the vicinity, Randy Las-cody of the National Weather Service in Melbourne will come and speak with us about marine weather at the next MYC General Membership Meeting on August 2.

Randy is a Senior Forecaster at the Melbourne office and their Marine Program Leader. He will give a slide presentation, but he likes to ask questions as he goes along or to have questions asked of him.

His presentation follows the theme "This is how we do things in the Melbourne NWS office and how can we do things better for your purposes?" It can last a half hour or an hour, whatever is preferred. The only thing he asks is to not throw anything that could hurt him.

You can read his latest Marine Newsletter at http://www.srh.noaa.gov/mlb/marine_letters/letter_0406.html for more information.

- Winnie Lambert

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

Welcome to our New Members

Frank & Karen Dawson, sponsored by Hasty Miller.

James & Lorna-Lynn Nimocks, sponsored by Louisa Killian.

Paul & Maureen Anstey, sponsored by Jim Edwards.

Patrick Lambert, sponsored by Hasty Miller

Thomas & Vijay Saam, sponsored by Rick Crockett.

New Membership Nominations

Michael & Jane McClain, sponsored by Jerry Ross.

Michael is a senior manager at United Space Alliance in Titusville and a retired Air Force Officer. He started sailing a Hobie 16 on Tampa Bay and moved up to a Coronado 25 on the Chesapeake Bay. He currently crews on an Ericsson 34 out of the Titusville Sailing Club, and wants to join MYC to become more active with sailing and club functions.

Jane is a homemaker, also raising three children and running a horse riding school on their property in Co-coa. She sailed with Michael on the Coronado and wants to take sailing lessons and help plan "theme" parties.

They reside in Rockledge.

Barbara McIntyre, sponsored by Jerry Ross.

Barbara moved to Brevard County in 1961. She grew up in a motor boating family and has owned motor boats most of her life. 3½ years ago she attended a ECSA gathering and was introduced to "women's sailing" and has crewed on Sleighride ever since.

Barbara has an accounting and management back ground and is presently a mortgage broker for Amstar Mortgage Corp. in Melbourne.

She would like to be a member of MYC and become an "official" member of the MYC sailing family.

Richard & Sharon Krubel, sponsored by Michael & Tandy Copps.

Richard and Sharon moved to Melbourne 1-1/2 years ago from San Diego CA. to be near daughter and son-in-law, Tandy and Michael Copps and granddaughter. Michael and Tandy are recent members of MYC.

Richard and Sharon have attended our Friday night gatherings and enjoyed the atmosphere. They have sailed with Michael and Tandy and want more exposure to sailing and social activities at MYC.

Jim & Becky Henry, sponsored by Rochelle Yates.

James and Becky were MYC members in 1964 - they were avid Thistles sailors back then.

The Henry's are currently sailing their Morgan 38 "Trixie" in the Abacos and plans have them returning in

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so top-notch races can be expected. I'm also pleased that Dave Noble has volunteered to run the Fall Regatta and Race Week. Dave has already started to promote the regatta and hopes are that we can attract more boats from elsewhere in Florida to another stellar event. As all of these people volunteered without being asked, I hope that all of us will likewise volunteer to help in any way that we can to continue to run great regattas at MYC.

With several committee boats and other assets, MYC clearly has the best infrastructure in the area for running sailboat races. However our committee boats have a hard and finite life. Our 18' tri-hull needs to be replaced. The finance committee has suggested that we use at least some of the fleet reserve funds to purchase another fairly substantial committee boat. Having a solid boat that can move quickly in rough water is important to safety in the water and allows RCs to run better events. I am beginning the search now for an 18' – 20' center console boat. If you know of a used one that is available, please let me know.

Finally, on July 29, ECSA will host the River Challenge including a Cirripedia Cup challenge. As you probably know, MYC typically has a strong showing and frequently wins or retains the Cup. This time we will be defending it. If you are planning to sail, please let me or Gary Smith know.

Phil Spletter, Fleet Captain

Late Breaking Dock News

The piling project is finally underway. All members with docks at MYC should have received a communiqué from me regarding the movement of your boat., with the following information:

1. If you can/want to move your boat when the time comes please let me know. Otherwise I and some willing volunteers (I am open to volunteers) will move your boat out of its slip when the day of your piling replacement is scheduled.

2. I need every one of you to as quickly as possible go down to your boats and leave 4 or so dock lines I can use in your cockpit so I do not have to remove all your lines from your current slip when I move you. Please do this ASAP.

3. I would like you to come down the evening after your slip is finished and move your boat back and tie it up permanently the way you want it. I do not want to be responsible for tying your boat up to its slip after the work is done.

4. Item 3 can be best handled by contacting me late in the afternoon of your scheduled piling replacement and I can confirm that the slip is ready for your return that evening. Please work with me on the return end of the process as getting help in the evening will be very hard for me and I want your to secure your own boat back in its original slip.

- Bob Bagnell, Dockmaster

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mid July with time on their hands to continue milling around the yacht club and participate, as they have in the past, in MYC regattas and sailing their Lindenberg 28; named Mouse.

William Shaw & Sandra Nesbitt, sponsored by Diane Gabik.

Billy Shaw is a design engineer specializing in the development of fly fishing equipment. He is a boating enthusiast, both sailing and power.

Sandy is an Avon Products Rep and beauty advisor. The couple has recently moved to Melbourne after a year in northern Virginia, and prior to Virginia, lived in Las Vegas and Colorado.

They both have great interest in becoming involved in a great sailing club, and MYC has been highly recommended.

Membership Data: (Resident = 159, Non Resident = 25, Corinthian = 14, Honorary = 13)

- Stephen Shippee, Membership Chairman

Fleet Report

MYC can be proud of the fact that our club is known as a center of excellence for sailing locally, regionally, nationally and internationally. We, along with the local Sunfish fleet, have recently hosted the class' International Master' Championships and Mid-Winter Championships.

The Spring Regatta served as the venue for the Snipe District Championships and was a stop on a Flying Scott circuit. This past month Jim Edwards, Lynde West, Dave Silverman, Jack Clark, Bill Haberland and others ran a Laser regatta that attracted 16 boats from around the state.

Our learn-to-sail clinics continue to teach adults and youth in the community the fundamentals and expose people of all ages to the sport. Based upon my observations and the feedback that I have received directly, all of these events continue to promote MYC as a great place to sail. Of course our hospitality and the sailing conditions in our portion of the lagoon help our reputation tremendously.

For locals, our Sunday afternoon small boat sailing provides the best one-design racing in the area. Rum racing both with and without spinnakers offers competition and camaraderie for big-boat sailors. One of our members, Gerry Moores, runs races at MYC as well for ECSA and PCYC.

Our reputation is such that we have been asked to host the US Sailing Multi-Hull Championship in the spring of 2007. I'm in the very beginning of organizing the event and our forthcoming renovations will probably add unique challenges but given this club's experience and expertise, I'm sure we can host another first class event.

Closer on the calendar are the Mermaid Regatta and the Fall Regatta Race Week. Rachael Ross already has the Mermaid organization well underway. John Fox and Larry Ethridge have volunteered to run the RC

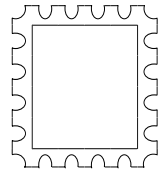
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