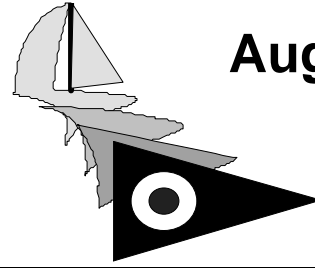


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The Party Line

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).



Manatee Madness—August 5 - Joyce Alexy put together a 'Night at the Ballgame' for MYC Members at Space Coast Stadium. This game was designated as a fundraiser for the Brevard Achievement Center, where Joyce works as the Events Administrator. All the funds raised are going to help people with disabilities. After proceeds from game and raffle ticket sales, the BAC raised over \$4,000. One of our MYC members, Nancy Stow, won a Manatees baseball shirt and autographed baseball in the BAC raffle. Despite the Manatees' 10-4 loss to the Fort Myers Miracle, everyone who went had a great time drinking beer, eating hot dogs, enjoying the great weather, and harassing the umpires. Joyce says "Thank you" to all who participated. She plans on making this an annual event.

Other Events - Things have slowed down a bit over the summer at MYC. Our next big event is the Mermaid Regatta in September - there is nothing planned for Labor Day weekend. However, the Friday night rum races, Thursday night spinnaker races, and Sunday small boat races are continuing on their every-other-week schedule, and TGIFs are happening every Friday night. Come on down and join in one of these events and enjoy a fun, relaxing time with other MYC members.

Anyone interested putting together an MYC event, contact our Entertainment Chair, Peter Aydelotte, at windinmesails@earthlink.net

AUGUST

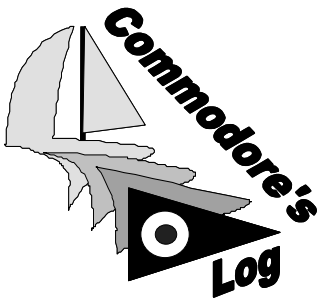
- 2 General Meeting
- 3 Thursday Night Spinnaker Race
- 4 TGIF August Birthdays
- 5 MYC at the Ballgame
- 11 Fall Rum Race #2
- 12 Marker 21 Cruise
- 17 Thursday Night Spinnaker Race
- 25 Fall Rum Race #3
- 30 Board Meeting
- 31 Thursday Night Spinnaker Race

SEPTEMBER

- 1 TGIF September Birthdays
- 3 Small Boat Sunday
- 4 Labor Day
- 6 General Meeting
- 8 Fall Rum Race #4
- 9 Marker 21 Cruise
- 14 Thursday Night Spinnaker Race
- 17 Small Boat Sunday
- 22 Fall Rum Race #5
- 23-24 Mermaid Regatta
- 28 Thursday Night Spinnaker Race

MYC Calendar Online

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



We had an interesting and informative talk after the General Membership meeting this month presented by Randy Lascody of the National Weather Service as a guest speaker. I want to thank Winnie Lambert for arranging the presentation.

This past month, the club received notification from the city of requests by some of our neighbors to change their property zoning to the C3 designation as allowed by the Melbourne Redevelopment Plan. The meeting of the Planning and Zoning (P&Z) committee was held on Thursday, 7 August 2006. I attended the meeting as an observer. The areas of interest to us were the FIT property located at the eastern end of River Drive, and the Sutton property located on Prospect Street. There seems to be a lot of concern on the part of the members of the P&Z committee about the use of the C3 designation outside of the central downtown area as it allows zero-lot-line construction and all applicants seem to be requesting waivers on the height limitation of 80 feet. FIT wanted to change their property designation from Institutional to C3 and has met with resistance from the student body and members of the P&Z Committee. The students expressed concerns that they are being given no information on what the FIT Administration wants to do with the property and they are dependent on the property for the Marine Research and Rowing Crew facilities located there. The P&Z members were concerned that blindly changing the zoning of the property would potentially allow for the construction of a zero-lot-line edifice up to 159 feet tall. So with no idea as to what changes were intended for the property, the P&Z Committee declined to recommend approval to the City Council. The Sutton property representatives told the P&Z Committee that C3 was the only zoning that would provide them with the incentive to redevelop their property; however, when asked, they stipulated that they would limit the building height to 80 feet. With that provision the P&Z Committee voted to recommend the rezoning of the Sutton property to the City Council. Now all of this moves to the City Council meeting on Tuesday, 22 August 2006 at 6:30 at City Hall. If you have the time, I would invite you to attend that meeting.

We received a quote from our builder. After review, the Renovation Committee decided that it was too high, and we have reworked the plans and asked the builder to complete their quotes for both the original and the revised plans. Simon Koumjian gave the membership a report at the meeting. If you are interested, there is a new set of drawings at the club.

As I was reading my current issue of Latitudes & Attitudes, I saw a gadget from Davis Instruments called a Swim Stirrup. You attach it to your dink and drop it into the water whenever you need a leg up. It sells for \$22.99 MSRP and they say it can support up to 300 pounds. You can check it out at www.davisnet.com.

Finally, there is nothing new to report on the Tire Store at this time.

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

Vice Commodore / House Report

Tree Trimming:

Hudmon Tree Service trimmed the trees at the club on August 3. The trees that need to be removed during the renovation project were not included in this job. Two trees in the front were taken out because they were found to be rotted and in danger of falling at anytime. The other trees were trimmed to keep them healthy, make the club look nicer, and minimize the cleanup after storms.

Gate Keypad:

We were having some problems with the gate keypad so I purchased a new one as a back up. The new one is much nicer, and the keys light up, so I decided to install it and save the other as the back up. The new keypad is working fine. The old one has been repaired and will be kept as a back up just in case there is a problem with the new one.

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BULLETIN BOARD

Weather Data

Those of you at the August General Meeting heard an interesting presentation on the Marine Forecasting Program at the National Weather Service in Melbourne, given by Senior Forecaster Randy Lascody. Randy is the marine focal-point for the office. In an effort to gather more data over the water, Randy asked us to call in any unusual weather we experience while sailing. This will help them verify their marine forecasts and help them make better forecasts in the future. Email Randy at randy.lascody@noaa.gov, and he will send you the phone number to use. He is particularly interested in wind speeds and directions, your location, and wave heights/periods. Only use the number to phone in observations while boating.

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20 Sunfish and 10 Lasers invaded the Indian River on Small Boat Sunday, 6 August



Joyce Alexy selling raffle tickets during BAC Night at Space Coast Stadium



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@

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Please include your name & phone number.

Also include captions with any pictures you submit including names, dates, places, etc

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The new code system in which we assign different codes for different vendors is helping. This will continue to work if members keep the members' code private and ask for a vendor when needed. This will also work for all the regattas and special events.

Brown Water Problems:

I called the city and they said they would flush the lines. As far as I know, this has already been done. Let me know if we continue to have the problem.

Internet Camera:

I purchased the camera and have been working to install it. I hope to have it on line very soon. I think everyone will like the view of the harbor it will offer to club members.

Bob Hughes, Vice-commadore

Membership Report

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.
- William Shaw & Sandra Nesbitt**, sponsored by Diane Gabik.

New 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 Ericcson 34 at the Titusville Sailing Club, and wants to join MYC to become more active with sailing and club functions. Jane is a homemaker, raising three children and running a horse riding school on their property in Cocoa. 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. Three years ago she attended an ECSA gathering and was introduced to women's sailing. She has crewed on Sleighride ever since. Barbara has an accounting and management background 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.

The Krubels moved to Melbourne 1-1/2 years ago from San Diego 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.

James & Becky Henry, sponsored by Rochelle Yates.

James and Becky were MYC members in 1964 and were avid Thistles sailors. The Henry's are currently sailing their Morgan 38 *Trixie* in the Abacos and plan to return in mid-July to continue milling around MYC and participate in MYC regattas, sailing their Lindenberg 28 *Mouse*.

Ron & Carol Osler, sponsored by Steve Shippee.

For the past 19 years, the Oslers have been the owners and publishers of the Real Estate Review, a real-estate-for sale magazine distributed in Brevard County. Up until last September, Ron's free time was spent training and racing with the Up & Running Racing Team in Cocoa Beach. In college, Ron crewed on MIT Dinghies, and Snipe sailing with a fleet on Lake Michigan. They recently purchased a Coronado 15 and are looking forward to sailing on the Indian River as soon as they can figure out what all the pulleys and lines

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are for. That's where MYC comes in: Help! Ron says he is really rusty! Ron and Carol are also interested in the social aspects of our club.

David Gibbon, sponsored by Art Ahrens.

David was born in England and moved to America (Charlotte, N.C.) in 1967. In his youth he learned to sail in a Sunfish on Lake Norman and Lake Wylie. He is a graduate of Wake Forest University and has been employed as a software engineer, first for Relm Wireless, and is now employed by Harris. David recently purchased a Pearson Triton keel boat, and as a new owner, MYC seems like an excellent place to meet experienced sailors.

Membership Data: Resident = 160, Non Resident = 25, Corinthian = 14, Honorary = 13

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.

Stephen Shippee, Membership

Dockmaster's Report

Piling Status: The piling replacement project is now complete. We replaced 11 pilings, moved one to increase the width of a slip and straightened out the "big lean" on the end of the West T-Dock. We are in the process of strengthening the structure by adding or replacing bracing timbers under the docks. When completed, the docks will be in great shape for the next couple of years until it is time to replace some more pilings. My deepest thanks to the members who were affected by this effort for their patience and cooperation during the 2 weeks of piling work.

Dockside Shower Facility: The small boat fleet requested a shower to be installed near the launch ramp so they could rinse off after a day of sailing. Thanks to Harry Stapor, who assumed the lead role, with the help of Simon Koumjian, Chris Gates and Hasty Miller, the facility was designed, parts purchased, and the unit installed and operational during the month of July. It is a nice setup and the small boat sailors should enjoy the ability to cool down and rinse off after a day out in the water and the summer heat.

Bob Bagnell, Dockmaster

Fleet Report

Despite the dog days of summer, MYC sailors are active at home and beyond. This past weekend, 20 Sunfish and 10 Lasers beat the heat by racing in typical, beautiful Indian River conditions. The new shower on the dock was enjoyed by all after the races. At Regatta Time in the Abacos, Jim, Delores and JJ Miller along with Jim Henry, Andy Burke, Amy and Walt Pierce, Peter Aydelotte and Anna Chavaustie and their daughter Jillian sailed Sea Turtle to 1st in class and 1st in the spinnaker fleet! MYC successfully defended the Cirripedia Cup by beating ECSA by only 23 seconds - the cumulative corrected time of the top four boats on each team over a long 12 mile race. Thanks to Caliente, Half-Ass, Mouse and Skimmer for keeping the concentration up and working through issues and making every second count; it was worth it.

The next big events at MYC will be the Mermaid Regatta in September followed by the Fall Regatta in October. Preparations for both are well underway but help is needed for both so please help when asked. Forthcoming renovations will require us to be flexible as well as patient but I can assure you that everything is and will be done to provide top-notch regattas. The wheels are in motion for MYC to host the US Sailing Multihull Championship, known as the Alter Cup, next April. The regatta will be sailed out of Ballard Park. Twenty teams that qualified for the national championship regatta by winning regional championships, will sail brand new catamarans that will be manufactured by Vector Marine in Rockledge. It will be an excellent opportunity to showcase our venue and hospitality to some of the best sailors in the country.

We are in the market for a RC boat: 18-20' V-bottom center console outboard powered. It needs to be sturdy and capable of easily moving through fairly rough water and will be used as a RC boat, mark boat and chase boat. The budget limit is \$10,000. If you know of a candidate boat for sale, please let me know. Also thanks to Larry Etheridge and Bob Sowden who donated gasoline to the club and to Wallie Everest for building more dollies.

We are one of few yacht clubs that offers organized sailing virtually every weekend of the year plus abundant day-sailing and cruising. I hope to see you on the water.

Phil Spletter, Fleet Captain

Youth Sailing

With more than 30 students participating in the youth sailing classes this summer we certainly had a great time. Danny Skavoitz, Alex Higgins, and Max Kundradt sailed lasers while Bridgett Lee helmed a sunfish in one of the Sunday dinghy races. Perhaps the most impressive kids were our two youngest sailors, Brian Putnam and Lauren Scott. On the first day they were too scared to speak when sent adrift in separate prams. Brian soloed while Lauren co-skippered with another little girl, Kate. On the second session Alex Higgins, who has a talent for teaching, took Brian as crew on a laser. It was during this same week that Max Kundradt was treated to a one on one session with none other than James Leibel. James crewed for Max during one of the dinghy races while the rest of us looked on with envy. Then, on the last day of class, with a gentle easterly breeze, Brian and Lauren teamed up to sail a sunfish. Along with the lasers and the Coronado, this dynamic duo sailed north under the Melbourne Causeway almost all the way to Eau Gallie.

This year's good sportsmanship award goes to Stephanie Everest for being a good role model and to Brian Putnam who persevered while gaining confidence each and every time he sailed. Forever these children will be grateful to John MacNeil, Simon Koumijian, Wally Everest, Kevin Frederick, Paul Henderson, Paul Lucas (Corinthian member), Jack Bibb (boat repair), John & Nancy Fox and Hasty Miller who rebuilt the Capri 15 rudder so kids could experience sailing with a trapeze. These kids may not remember us by name, but they will always remember their days sailing at the Melbourne Yacht Club. To everyone else who helped out and/or just tolerated our Saturday youth running amuck, I mean, rigging their boats, a big THANK YOU!

The last adult class for the year will begin on Saturday August 12, and is already filled to capacity. The class runs from 10:00 am—2:00 pm each Saturday through Labor Day weekend. We are asking those of you with big boats to come and take on some adult students and teach them how to be good crew. Contact Marlene Sassaman for additional details at 768-0046 or sass4sail@cfl.rr.com.

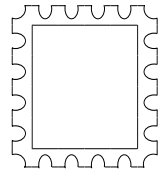
Marlene "Capt. Sass" Sassaman

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