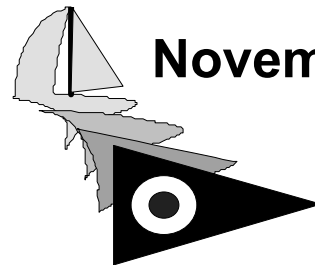


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NOVEMBER

- 5 Small Boat Sunday
- 12 Winter Rum Race #1
- 17 TGIF: Potato Parfait & Silent Auction
- 18-19 Sunfish "No Frills" Regatta
- 19 Small Boat Sunday
- 23 'Orphans Thanksgiving'
- 26 Winter Rum Race #2

DECEMBER

- 3 Small Boat Sunday
- 6 General Membership Meeting
- 9 MYC Christmas Party 4pm
- 10 Winter Rum Race #3
- 17 Small Boat Sunday
- 31 Small Boat Sunday
New Years Eve Party

JANUARY

- 1 Hangover Regatta
- 7 Winter Rum Race #4

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

TGIF Dine-In & Silent Auction—November 17th

For the November Dine-In, Lynde West will be serving up a Mash Potato Parfait along with her soon to be famous Chop Chop Salad. The sign up sheet is on the bar. This will be another great dinner for \$5.00 per person.

The grill will be hot for those who want to add a steak to their dinner. Bring your own meat and the grill will be ready for you at 6:30.

Rachelle Ross will host the Silent Auction Charity fundraiser during this TGIF. Bring your donation (new, used or mystery item in brown paper bags) anytime before 6pm on the 17th. Include a card with name of item, your name, and starting bid.

Bidding will start at 6:00 pm and closes at 8:00pm. The money will be used for this year's Melbourne Yacht Club Charity.

MYC 'Orphan's Thanksgiving Dinner' - Thursday, November 23

This year's 'orphans dinner' will be even more low-key than normal, because of the construction. But Jacki has vowed she will manage to work around whatever's going on construction-wise at the club, and host the Thanksgiving potluck for people with no families in town.

As in previous years, Jacki and a few volunteers will cook the turkey, and the cost to attendees is \$5pp plus a dish to share. Bar will be open. Dinner served '2-ish'. Please sign up with Jacki Leahy at rchaser2@hotmail.com.

MYC Christmas Party—Saturday, December 9—4pm

Entertainment Chairman Peter Aydelotte will be organizing this year's Christmas Party, and because of construction, it is planned to be a 'dock party'. Peter is asking for volunteers to cook turkeys and hams (Club will buy, you cook). Everyone else will bring a dish. There will be tables set up in the lower parking lot, or you can eat on your boat.

We also need volunteers to help set up ahead of time, and clean up afterwards, and a few servers in the middle.

We will start the event at 4pm with Santa and cocktails on the dock. A

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MYC Calendar Online

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



Commodore's Log

Man, that was a great Fall Regatta! I had the privilege of anchoring near the mark at the southern end of the course during Saturday's Distance Race.

It was very impressive watching the fleet roar towards us from Marker 14. I got several good pictures of the competitors as they approached the mark and rounded it. I am sure there will be more on the regatta later in the newsletter. I lost count of the members that helped with the regatta, but once again I heard the kudos from the participants. So, a big thanks to all of the volunteers, especially to the Fall Regatta Chairman Dave Nobel. Dave did us proud once again. Thank you Dave!

During October, we received a bid from the contractor that busted the budget. After briefing the Board, Simon, Phil and Neal met with Facciobene, Inc on Friday October 27 to go over the revised cost, schedule and build strategy for the project. Based on the meeting of the prior week, they went into this meeting believing there was little chance we would get at an acceptable bid. However, we were surprised to receive a much more reasonable bid which was subsequently reduced to just under \$500K for the construction cost (phone call from Facciobene's estimator later in the day) as a result of some further cost reduction decisions made in the meeting. As a result of these negotiations, Will Garvey and I plan to sign a construction loan during the upcoming week and once the city issues the building permit we will finally be underway.

Finally, I have run across two gadgets in this month's Sail Magazine. One is a radio antenna tester by Shakespeare. It is an ART-3 Antenna/Radio Tester. Unlike other meters in its class, the ART-3 tests receiver function as well as output power and VSWR (antenna efficiency).

It is powered by an internal battery or can be connected to ships 12 VDC with the supplied power cable. Battery level can be checked at the flip of a switch. Their web address is <http://www.shakespeare-marine.com>. The other is a Monohull Hurricane Anchor System that allows you to hook up to three anchors when necessary. This allows the boat to swivel on the anchors without getting the anchor chains twisted around each other. Their web address is <http://www.colligonautique.com/>.

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

I spent some time this month replacing all the burned out bulbs on the dock lighting and the overhead flood lights on the docks. Also replaced the dock light fixture at the end of the East dock so now we should have 100% of all lights glowing again.

After all the discussion that took place around this time last year regarding the electrical consumption of the docks and the use of on board air conditioning systems I thought it would be informational to show how we did this year. Our primary high usage times were from May to October and we agreed to charge a surcharge to the dock fees for users of air conditioning on their boats other than when the owner was on board during this 6 month period. As a result of this action, almost everyone opted to not use their A/C units and avoid the surcharge. A comparison of the 2005 and 2006 usage during the May-Oct time frame is summarized below:

- We used 47.1% fewer kw/h in 2006.
- This results in a savings of \$1226 this year over last year.
- Adding in the paid surcharges for A/C users the total savings were \$1544.

The club realized significant savings due to the change in policy. This added \$1500 to the club's reserve which can be used for other causes. We should have a Dockmaster's party to celebrate!!!! - Bob Bagnell

BULLETIN BOARD

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special bar will be established due to renovations. Tables will be set up around the parking lot/dock area or eat on your boat.

Boat Decorating Contest: Depending on the number of boats decorated, will depend on the number of prizes for best decorated boat.

Reservations: The cost is just \$10 ! But requires a covered dish to participate and enjoy the Club-provided Turkey, Ham, coffee, and desserts. The deadline to make reservations for this event is **December 2nd** , so sign up at the bar today, or email Debbie McGregor at dj2some@bellsouth.net.

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

Next Cruise to Marker 21—Jan 13 Our cruises to Marker 21 are usually the second Saturday of the month. The December 'cruise' will be in Melbourne Harbor. MYC normally provides the firewood, hot dogs, and marshmallows for s'mores. If you'd like to help with the next one, please contact Peter at windinmesails@earthlink.net or call 727-7725.

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

Kayaking

On Oct 14th, we had the first kayak trip of the season. 11 kayakers with 9 kayaks met at the boat ramp in Ballard Park in Eau Gallie. It was a gorgeous day but a little windy. Going out in the Indian River was out of the question.

So we headed west and went up the north prong of the Eau Gallie Creek. We were pushed along by the northeasterly winds. As usual there were lots of birds but we didn't see any manatees or 'gators on this trip. Because of the wind we made the trip faster than normal ,so we had time to explore the south prong.

The south prong was more adventuresome. It was a more circuitous route and involved going thru a culvert under a road. After we went back under US1 we had to paddle dead into the wind which had freshened since we started out. We all made it back OK but some of us were a bit sore. We had snacks on shore and a good time talking about our mini adventure.

November's trip got cancelled due to terrible weather.

The next Kayak event will be Dec 2. Contact Carole Mairs or John Martin for details on the trip (watch for an email).

- John Martin

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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

Fleet Report

Fewer daylight hours and the time change haven't slowed things down a bit at MYC. Regattas and regular series for big and small boats are plentiful and will continue for the whole winter season - until daylight savings time comes back!

The recently completed Fall Regatta and Race Week offered something for everyone. Small Boat weekend was sailed in generally light conditions, while the breeze was brisker for the big boats the following weekend. In between were weeknights featuring games and pram racing in Melbourne Harbor. In the Sunfish fleet, scores were tight because no one dominated every race. Consistent, strong sailing on the water and good boat handling were the keys to a top finish on big boat weekend. The Melges 24 fleet had just about as much excitement as they could tolerate.

In all, approximately 70 boats and well over 200 sailor enjoyed MYC hospitality including superb RC work. Over 100 people made a contribution to the success of the regatta. It never ceases to amaze me when I look at a crowd at a MYC event how many people step up to help. Thanks so much to everyone but I must especially thank Regatta Chairman Dave Noble, PROs Larry Ethridge, Jack Bibb and Mike Nulf. Rachael Ross helps in so many ways. Thanks again to all.

The next MYC regatta is the Sunfish No Frills regatta on November 19th. Also coming up is the PCYC ocean race on November 11 and 12. Several MYC boats are going up for some ocean racing.

Small boat sailing will continue on Sundays every other weekend with rum racing moving to the Sundays on weekends without small boat sailing. See Hasty's announcement about a change in the Rum Racing.

Preparations are being made for next years sailing calendar for the area as well as the US Sailing multihull championship that we will host next April.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the club and on the water!

- Phil Spletter, Fleet Captain

Rum Racing

We are off Daylight Savings Time, and so Rum Races now switch to Sundays at 2pm. As always, this is a great place for crew to find skippers and skippers to find crew, so come on down about 1pm and go sailing!

Starting this Sunday, November 12th, we are going to try something new. We will try using spinnakers in Rum Racing. If it doesn't work, then we will drop it at the end of this series, but for now, this is how it works:

For the last year, we have been using new spinnaker allowances, which we think are more accurate than the old 12 seconds per mile for everyone. Because if they are accurate, then IT SHOULDN'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE IF YOU FLY A SPINNAKER OR NOT, AS LONG AS YOU START AT THE CORRECT TIME.

Times for both spin and non-spin are posted here: <http://www.sail-race.com/myc/rumracestarttimes.htm>

If you need/want the full-blown spreadsheet in Excel format, please email me and I will send it to you. Note that all Lindbergs have a 3 second penalty for oversized pole which is in the spreadsheet and in the times, but not shown on the 'trimmed down' website version.

You can elect to fly a spinnaker or not fly a spinnaker on a race-by-race basis. All Racers will be scored together and all Cruisers will be scored together, as before. Where you finish is your place, just as before. If you elect to fly a spinnaker in a race, you must not start until your Spinnaker Start Time, shown on the attached spreadsheet. If you start at your old Non-Spinnaker Start Time, then you cannot fly your spinnaker in that race.

If you waited until the Spinnaker Start Time to start, and then for some reason find that you can't fly the chute, too bad. You already started late, and there is no way to get your time back.

Hasty (hasty@digital.net)

Membership Report

New Members:

Brian & Tamara Davidson, sponsored by Gary & Louisa Killian

Membership Data: Resident = 166, Non Resident = 24, 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

Bar Report

The bar was opened 11 afternoons/evenings during the month of October.

Chits Sold were \$2777. Chits Used \$2633.50

Octoberfest was great. With 62 members participating in the 1st TGIF Dine- in 2006, the evidence is clear that we need a TGIF Dine-in every month. The next Dine In is November 17th. Lynde West will be serving up a Mash Potato Parfait along with her soon to be famous Chop Chop Salad., and we will do a Silent Auction for Charity. The grill will be hot for those who want to add a steak to their dinner. Bring you own meat and the grill will be ready for you at 6:30

The Slosh of the Month has proven a success. The November Slosh of the Month is Pina Colada. The popular Bahama Mama's, Bahama Breeze and the Sailors Tea slosh will also be available.

The Bar will be opened the day after Thanksgiving at 5:00 for TGIF November 24th. Hope to see you there.

- Debbie McGregor, Bar Director

Vice Commodore / House Report

House

In response to a letter we sent to the city and to the Department of Transportation the DOT wrote to the club and said they were going to clean up the Right of Way adjacent to the club property. This has been partially completed but they did state they would trim the trees and clean up all the trash and the tress have not been trimmed yet. I hope this will give us a little better security and make our Club look nicer. I will continue to follow up on this action.

Renovation

With the renovation planning on starting soon there will be a need for some work around the club in taking down all of the pictures and packing up most of our kitchen stuff. I will be calling for volunteers to help with this as soon as it is needed. I would appreciate everyone support in this.

Brown Water

I spoke to the Melbourne city water company about the brown water we have been getting. This has been reported all over the city and they have hired a consulting company to look into the problems. We are to call the Melbourne water company during the day of we have problems but they have also given me an off hour number to report the brown water any time it is present. They are collecting data to figure out where the problem is coming from.

In the mean time they were supposed to drain our line again to help flush the system. I will post these numbers in the club, on the dock and in the Tell-Tale for everyone to be able to report our problems. Daytime number is 674-5726 and off hours number is 255-4622.

- Bob Hughes / Vice Commodore + House Director

November Dine In

"Potato Parfait & Silent Auction"

At TGIF November 17

Menu

*Mashed Potato Parfait
Chop-Chop Salad
Bring-your-own-for-the-grill*

Cost: \$5

Silent Auction 6-8pm

Bring your donation
(new, used or 'mystery item' in brown paper bags)
anytime before 6pm on the 17th.
Include a card with name of item, your name,
and starting bid.
Proceeds go to a charity selected by the Board

Christmas Party



Saturday, December 9

Santa Arrives & Bar Open
at 4pm

Menu

*Club Provides Turkey/Ham
Everyone Brings a Side-Dish to Share
Tables & Bar setup in Lower Parking Lot*

Cost: \$10

Reservations Required by Dec 2

Debbie McGregor

dj2some@bellsouth.net or 952-8540

Turkey & Ham Cookers Needed

(Club Buys, You Cook)

To Volunteer, contact Peter Aydelotte

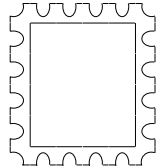
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