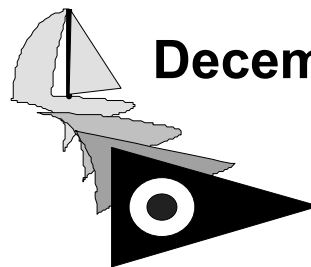


MELBOURNE YACHT CLUB TELL-TALE

December 2006



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DECEMBER

- 3 Small Boat Sunday
- 6 General Membership Meeting
- 9 MYC Christmas Party 4pm
- 10 Winter Rum Race #3
- 17 Small Boat Sunday
- 27 Board Meeting
- 31 NO Small Boat Sunday

JANUARY

- 1 Small Boat Hangover Regatta
- 3 General Membership Meeting
- 7 Winter Rum Race #4
- 12 Burn It at Happy Hour
- 13 Cruise to Marker 21
- 14 Small Boat Sunday
- 20 Flea Market
- 21 Winter Rum Race #5
- 28 Small Boat Sunday
- 31 Board Meeting

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



By the time you read this at least 50 people will have attended the Christmas dinner. I am sure a good time was had by all! Special thanks to Commodore Ross for the ham; Anna Chavoustie, Barb McIntyre, Ron and Carol Osler for the turkeys; Jeff and Debbie McGregor for set-up, clean-up, coordination and such.

The New Year is coming with the bar open on New Year's Eve, breakfast the following morning cooked by the McGregors and the Hangover Regatta for small boats starting at 1:00pm. Is the drink of the morning Mimosas? (Refer to Bar Report)

• *First Friday Birthdays*

January birthdays will be celebrated with a birthday cake during the Happy Hour on January 5th.

• *Marker 21 Cruise*

Saturday, January 13th - Need a volunteer to coordinate the cruise since Peter will be out of town. Contact Peter at 727-7725 or e-mail at:

windinmesails@earthlink.net

-Peter Aydelotte, Entertainment

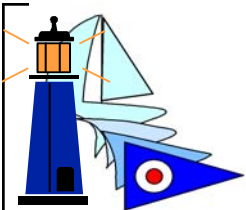
• *Kayaking*

Look in January's newsletter for info on a February trip.

-John Martin, Kayaking

MYC Calendar Online

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



Commodore's Log

I would like to take a moment to let you know that Amy Lacy stepped up to the plate and has become our newest newsletter editor. She will be taking Sherry's place when Sherry leaves us to circumnavigate the world this coming April. So I would like us all to give Amy a hearty "Welcome and Thank you."

This month we held our annual Christmas Party. Santa arrived on Sleighride to the delight of those gathered at the club. He was able to stay long enough to hand out gifts to the children and adults that were present. Peter Aydelotte and his helpers created and served dinner for over 50 partiers. After dinner we all sang Christmas Carols to Jack and Jackie Leahy. Jack is homebound after hip replacement surgery and could not come down to the party under doctor's orders. A good time was had by all.

This being December it is once again time to think about electing the upcoming 2007 Board of Directors. Last October the Board asked Harvey Melfi, Jacki Leahy, Lenny Beckett, and Larry Ethridge to serve as the 2007 Nominations Committee. I am pleased to say they all stepped up to the plate and in short order came up with a list of nominees for 2007. At this month's General Membership meeting the recommended nominations list was announced as follows:

Commodore – Bob Hughes
Vice Commodore (House) – Art Ahrens
Rear Commodore (Entertainment) – Rochelle Yates
Treasurer – Will Garvey
Secretary – Louisa Killian
Director (Youth) – Marlene Sassaman

Director (Bar & Kitchen) – Debbie McGregor
Director (Membership) – Jim Gibson
Director (Docks) – Glen Gray
Director (Fleet) – John Fox

At the January meeting, additional nominations from the floor will be entertained, and the members present at the meeting will vote on the new 2007 Board of Directors. I would like to thank the Nominating Committee for their efforts and the nominees for volunteering to serve on the 2007 Board of Directors.

-Ross Herbert, Commodore



Christmas carolers serenading.
Jack and Jackie Leahy

BULLETIN BOARD

Bar Report

The bar was open 10 afternoons/evenings during the month of November.

Chits sold were \$1245. Chits used were \$1400

On the 17th of November over fifty club members participated in the dine-in. Thanks to Lynde West's hard work, mash potato parfait, and her chop-chop salad everyone had plenty to eat. John MacNeill gets a big thank you for his work when the heat is on. He is the man who gets the grill hot and the lounge fireplace toasty. We will have a burn-it the second Friday in January. Watch for the sign up sheet in the bar. The *Slosh of the Month* for December is Christmas Yule Eggnog. The popular Bahama Mama's, Bahama Breeze and the Sailors Tea slosh will also be available.

The bar will be open every Friday in December. Also, on Rum Race Sunday's the bar is open and football is on the tube. If you don't race, come in and enjoy the game. Hot toddies will be offered at the bar the rest of the winter after Run Races and Small Boat Sundays.

New Year's Eve the bar will be open. Jeff and I have volunteered

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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...

Dockmaster's Report

This has been a busy month for transient dockage. With all the holiday activities, we have had a number of requests for short term dockage by both members and guests. Thanks to the fine support of the members working all these requests through the dockmaster, we have been able to accommodate our guests and leave a fine impression of the club as a hospitable and well organized group. All the transient dockage worked through me has been accommodated and there were no unpleasant surprises when the boats arrived at their assigned spots. Again, my thanks to all involved for reserving space in advance through the dock master.

Our dry storage facilities (with the exception of dinghy and kayaks) are now pretty much at maximum capacity. With the return of all of our summer travelers, and the many new members, we have successfully rented out our facilities.

As the 2006 term of office is winding to a close and new candidates being considered to take the helm, I have looked back on the 2006 year. A lot of real progress and accomplishments have been made on the docks. As I prepare to turn over the role to my successor over the next months, I will compile a summary of the major events for Docks this year and put it in my column. This will provide a good jumping off point for the new year. Happy Holidays to all from the Dock Committee.

-Bob Bagnell, Dockmaster

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

Fleet Report

The time has changed and all of the year's regattas are over but there is still sailing to be had virtually every weekend of the year at MYC. Good numbers of boats are showing up for small boat races and Rum races on alternating Sundays. This month is no different. I remain thankful to John MacNeil for running the small boat races and Hasty Miller for keeping the Rum Races going all year. Jerry Ross has stepped in to set the courses for the Rum Races. While conditions have not favored using spinnakers thus far, that is still an option.

The 2007 calendar is being put together thus insuring a full slate of races throughout next year. Thanks to Sherry Beckett, Hasty Miller and John Fox for representing MYC's interests. One added regatta next year will be the US SAILING Multihull Championships at the end of April. It will be held on the weekend between the big boat and small boat weekends of Spring Regatta. This stretch of regattas will require that the volunteer spirit of our club is at our finest but with history as an indicator, I know we will run showcase events. Watch out for a planning meeting for the Multihull Regatta shortly after the first of the year.

Given that we all basically live on the Atlantic Ocean with its clean water and varied marine life, I am always excited about sailing on it but don't often get a chance. The PCYC is interested in offering more ocean races and recently ran a two day regatta. I understand that the week before the regatta, ten boats had committed to sail. Unfortunately, Saturday morning of the regatta, only three boats (all from MYC) were there to sail. Those who didn't sail missed a great weekend of sailing and I would strongly encourage anyone who is interested in sailing in the ocean to support PCYC's efforts to sponsor ocean races. Thank you very much to Bad Penny, Santarella and Skimmer for sailing. Thanks also to Gerry Moores for serving as PRO.

Speaking of ocean sailing, Santarella went to the Wirth Monroe regatta, a 34 mile race from Ft. Lauderdale to Palm Beach. The regatta was featured in a recent *Sailing World* as one of the five best one day point-to-point races in the U.S. Phil Scalise and his crew placed 4th in class, beating a long time nemesis boat-for-boat and on corrected time.

The weekend before Thanksgiving, Sunfish Fleet 669, based out of MYC, ran the No Frills Regatta which attracted approximately 20 boats from the area and around the state. Thanks to Regatta Chair Chris Gates and all who helped him. I think that this is a really cool regatta in that it shows that the sailing is really the most important aspect of a good regatta.

Once again, as I write this, it occurs to me that we are so fortunate to live in an area where we have such an abundance of ways to enjoy the sport of sailing - not just racing but cruises to marker 21, the Pineda Causeway and more. I am proud that MYC is a focal point for so much of the activity in the area and the home to some good sailors. I encourage you to take advantage of at least some of what is offered

Happy sails until we meet again!

- Phil Spletter, Fleet Captain

Membership Report

New Members: None at this time..

New Nominations:

Kevin & Lisa Dardano sponsored by John Tworkowski

Kevin and family moved to Brevard County in 1999! They have two children, daughter, Taylor, and son, Conner. Kevin is president of a small technology company named Star Media Holdings, which owns and operates a number of web based businesses, located in Melbourne. Kevin started sailing 1970 on Forest Lake in the Adirondack Mountains, as well as Lake George. He sailed Comets Star and earned ratings to skipper and presently crews with John Tworkowski on Fine Finish. Kevin and son, Conner, are now in love with the sport of sailing. They wish to join MYC to learn, contribute and socialize—an activity to bring them all together with members of MYC.

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to have the bar open and have a very informal party. If you drop by for the evening, bring a dish to share. In keeping with the MYC New Year's party's of the past, we will have a hat contest. Jeff and I will make breakfast the next morning for those who stay over on boats (a smart thing to do) or Hangover Regatta participants who come early. Mimosas will be the drink of the morning.

-Debbie McGregor, Bar Director

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Dr. Jay LaRochelle sponsored by John Tworkowski

Jay arrived in Brevard County in 1986 to start his Orthopedic Surgery career and is presently owner of a natural medicine company called Natural Media Labs and is also involved in Star Media Holdings.

He grew up in western Massachusetts and started out with lake sailing. In high school he sailed out of Essex, Conn., then graduated to delivering sail boats from south Boston to all parts of Long Island Sound. At Cornell he sailed on the school team and the remainder of his sailing career was spent in the BVI sailing and racing for Robin Taterstall on the Caribbean racing circuit. All that ended in 1981. He did not sail again until this past summer when he started crewing with John Tworkowski on the Fine Finish and is looking forward to the rebirth of his sailing career.

Herb Hilderley and Camille Dufour, sponsored by Sherry Beckett

Herb and Camille moved to Melbourne a little over a month ago and live on Front Street across from the yacht club. They have been watching the boats enviously from the balcony since they arrived.

They purchased a company, The Paxen Group, in May of this year. Paxen is in the educational publishing and training business. They deliver courses throughout the US to "at risk youth" and have 150 employees with offices located in Melbourne, Tallahassee and Honolulu.

Herb has been sailing for about 30 years and keeps a boat at the Presquile Yacht Club on Lake Ontario. They will continue to sail Lake Ontario in the summer months but are hoping to find an active, affable club in Melbourne. Their boat is a Tartan 30. Herb is a Director of the PYC club and an active club racer.

Herb is the sailor in the family and is keen to participate in club functions and hopefully crew on other member's boats in order to get knowledge of the local waters and conditions. Eventually they plan to purchase a boat here, but need to get a sense for the best boat for local waters.

Herb has visited the MYC a couple of times and MYC feels is very much like the PYC. Lots of friendly people who are active sailors.

Membership Data:

Resident:167 Non Residents: 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 log are in our ship's locker.

Steven Shippee, Membership

Hoyt H-10

There's a new toy at the club. Garry Hoyt has designed a 10 foot boat to be a next step up from an Opti pram. We have it on loan from Dave Nesbitt of Matrix Composites. The H-10 is made of carbon fiber and the hull weighs only 72 pounds. The reason we have it is to get feedback and comments from our members and their kids. Please call me at 723-6213 and I'll meet you to rig and launch it.

This is the one and only prototype and eventual production depends on responses and refinements to the design. Please take it out and let me know what you think. - John MacNeill



John MacNeill shows the Hoyt H-10

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