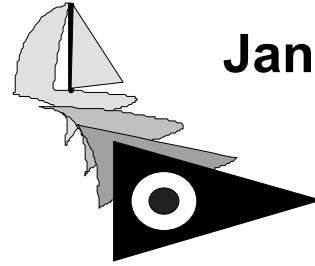


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GROUND BREAKING!



photo taken by Jerry Ross

Commodore Ross Herbert and Vice Commodore Bob Hughes break the ground surrounded by MYC board members, MYC Renovation Committee members, Phil Scalise, Neal Tompkins and Simon Koumjian to the far left, and company officials from Don Facciobene, Inc., Mike Kaffra and Cassie Wolfson.

JANUARY

- 1 Small Boat Hangover Regatta
 - 3 General Membership Meeting
 - 7 Winter Rum Race #4
 - 12 Dine-In 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
- ### February
- 4 Rum Race, Super Bowl Party
 - 7 General Membership Meeting
 - 11 Small Boat Sunday
 - 18 Rum Race
 - 25 Small Boat Sunday
- ### March
- 9 Commodore's Ball

Marine Flea Market

Saturday, January 20, 8am-noon

Lots of deals on Good Boat Stuff!

Come to Buy, Come to Sell

To reserve a vendor's space contact Sherry Beckett
itbecketts@aol.com 321-536-8751

Tables \$5 Spaces \$2 Small Boat on Trailer \$10

MYC Calendar Online

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



Commodore's Report

On Saturday January 6th, we held a Ground Breaking Ceremony to officially kick off the construction phase of the Renovation effort. In attendance we had the Board of Directors, some of the MYC Renovation Project team (Neal Tompkins, Simon Koumjian, and Phil Scalise), and representatives of our construction contractor Don Facciobene Inc (Mike Kaffra, and Cassie Wolfson). We all dug some dirt, toasted the renovation, and celebrated the upcoming effort. However, the actual construction had already gotten underway. You may have noticed that the area behind the south-side Bar entrance has been excavated. This is just the beginning of the work. The large Septic tank looking box is actually the grease trap for the club (all "grey water" flows through it to filter out grease). Since nobody knew where it was, finding this means that we might be able to save some money; if it is still in working order, thus we won't have to buy new grease traps. The construction of the new bathrooms has started. When they are complete, the work on the north-side of the club house will commence concluding with the interior Kitchen and Bar rebuild. This is scheduled to take twenty-four (24) weeks. This translates to a completion around June 2007. I can hardly wait.

The election of this Board, means I will be saying good-bye as Commodore. It has been a most rewarding two years. As a club we have accomplished a lot, and we have a lot on our plate yet to be accomplished. The Renovation is probably the single most notable accomplishment with which I have been able to help; however, we also added a clubhouse wire-less internet access and a computer for the membership, weathered several major hurricanes (Charley, Frances, Jeanne, and Wilma to name a few), replaced bar equipment, opened an "unofficial" MYC Abaco annex (yearly each April through July in Marsh Har-

bor), built an alligator sundeck, and reactivated the Sea Scouts Ship 161 group.

Over the past several years the club has become the focus of a really dedicated group of sailing enthusiasts which is the core of this club's recognition. Through the efforts of Fleet 669, ECSA and our membership, our regattas are recognized nationally. They should be recognized by the membership as one of our important assets. The regattas have only achieved this level of recognition through the volunteer support of you, the membership. I have been and will be honored to play a small part in their continued success.

I have had the pleasure of working with a very dedicated and gifted group of Board members (Jay McClure, Bob Hughes, Rochelle Yates, Louisa Killian, Will Garvey, Jim Edwards, Paul Alexy, Harry Stapor, Debbie McGregor, Marlene Sassaman, Phil Spletter, Jan Crawford, Simon Koumjian, Jim Edwards, Peter Aydelotte, Bob Bagnell, and Steve Shippee). Thank you all for your support and the efforts you put forth.

Through my time on the Board I have had or sought the help of and received help from many of you: Rachele Ross for explaining history and helping with all manner of artwork; Jack & Jackie Leahy and John MacNeill in too many ways to mention; Jack Bibb, Hasty Miller, Jerry Ross, Al Waschka, Jim Miller, Rachele Ross, Rose Baker, Bill Baker, Harry Stapor, Harvey Melfi, Gary Killian, Chris Gates, Chris Reynolds, and Floyd Bryant for their advice on a wide-range of issues; Sherry Beckett, Winnie Lambert for their Herculean efforts in publishing the Tell-Tale each month; Jim Yates and Jerry Ross for the loan of their boats in support of youth activities; Lenny Beckett, Steve Clendenin, Wendy Hughes, Larry Ethridge, Prill Clendenin, Faye Bitzer, Nancy Melfi, Lynde West, Rochelle Yates, Jim Edwards, Dave Noble, Dave Silverman, . Bill Matheson, Simon Koumjian, Ralph Crawford, Tony Santos, Leslie Santos, and many others for pitching

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BULLETIN BOARD

Vice Commodore's Report

With the renovation in progress many people have asked if the club house and especially the bar will be open during this process. The answer is we are planning on continuing the TGIF and the dine-ins as much as possible. We probably will not throw any parties during this time. The south entrance to the bar is closed right now so anyone entering the building needs to use the north door or the front door. We will be moving the bar into the great hall in the near future because most of this area will stay the same.

We will be packing all the club belongings and storing them to protect them from the construction elements. This will be happening this month and I will notify the club of the exact day and time via e-mail. I hope we can get a lot of volunteers to help do this and we can get it done in short order. I will also be asking for help when we move the bar to the great hall. Many workers will be needed to complete this task safely and quickly.

As we do this renovation to the club house the key word will be flexibility. I ask all the club members to be flexible in schedules, volunteering and parking. We will do our best to minimize the problems during this renewal. If anyone has any comments, suggestions please contact Neal Tompkins, Ross Herbert or me. Neal is the contractor interface and all communication with the contractor will go through him.

- Bob Hughes, Vice Commodore -

Membership Report

New Members:

Hilderley and Camille Dufour, sponsored by Sherry Beckett

Kevin and Lisa Dardano, sponsored by John Twokowski

Dr. Jay Rochelle, sponsored by JohnTwokowski

New Nominations: None at this time.

Resigned Members:

Zoltan Mandy

Paul and Bonnie Siefert

Membership Data: Total 216

Resident 165 Non Resident 24 Corinthian 14 Honorary 13

I have additional membership cards for members who have a need for a second card. There are also new Club Burgees with the MYC red logo in our ships locker.

-Stephen Shippee, Membership -

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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:

myc-news@

melbourneyachtclub.com

Please include your name & phone number.

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

FLEET REPORT

I'd like to thank the club for its confidence in electing me to Fleet Captain. To do this job well, I'm going to need a lot of help as the first half of the year is going to be particularly challenging.

As many of you already know, MYC is hosting the US Multihull Championship for the Alter Cup. This is a US Sailing championship similar to the Mallory and Adams Cup in monohulls. This event runs April 24-28 and immediately follows our Spring Regatta. This would be challenging enough, but due to delays in the renovations, we are going to have to do this without the use of the MYC clubhouse.

There is a lot of work to do and the more people that step up and volunteer to help, the easier it will be. Many of us work full time and that makes it difficult to volunteer for the Alter Cup which runs Tuesday through Saturday. We also need people for the Spring regatta so if you help then, it makes it easier on those who will be working the Alter Cup.

For the Spring Regatta, I think most of you know what we need. Race committee for the large and small boats plus help with registration at MYC for big boats and at Ballard Park on small boat weekend.

For the Alter Cup, we need help with the RC on the signal boat and mark boats. Beyond that we need a boat and driver for the on the water judge and photographer. We also need boats and operators to take spectators and press out to watch. One aspect that is different than what we are used to is that there are 10 boats, but 20 teams participating. We need to have crews swapping boats between every race. We will also need one or two people to help out fixing boats and making adjustments between races.

Shore side we will need help with check in, picking up lunches and ice and bringing it to the park, distributing food and drinks and so on. We will have a cookout Tuesday evening, so we need cooks and extra help that day. .

And last, but not least, we need people to provide housing for the out of town race officials and some of the competitors if possible.

Please E-mail me (john@teamfoxy.com) or call me at 772 581 9401 and let me know what you will do to help and what days you are available. I'll be scheduling a few planning meetings but will try to keep them short and only when needed. I know that you are all busy and appreciate what you will do. *(continued)*

(Fleet Report continued from previous column).

Thanks to all! I know I'll be waving a lot of port tackers across my bow this year.

- John Fox, Fleet Captain -

Dockmaster's Report

Primary activity last month was preparing the East Yard for the start of the renovation. Thanks to a lot of cooperation from the members involved and the help of Harry Stapor, Glen Gray, Phil Spletter, and John MacNeill we were able to remove all of the club owned vessels and relocate them as well as several member owned vessels. The yard was completely emptied by Jan 1 and Jack Leahy and John MacNeill mowed and trimmed the yard to prepare it for the builders. All vessels have been moved or relocated on club property until the construction is completed.

I would also like to thank the Fox's and Lacy's for volunteering to remove their vessels to provide storage for members in need.

- Bob Bagnell, Dockmaster -

Annex Clean-UP

Marlene Sassaman and Phil Spletter are cleaning up the annex. It had gotten in deplorable condition. I ask you to help in this effort by getting any personal property removed from the annex before the 18th. Anything we think is not needed by the club will either be trashed or put up for sale at the marine yard sale on January 20th. After this clean-up is done I request that EVERYONE put things back where they belong, not on the floor or stuffed in the corner. Marlene need to talk to you if you have a locker by the 18th. If you have any questions about this clean up please contact Marlene at 505-4294 or e-mail at sass4sail@cfl.rr.com

- Bob Hughes, Vice Commodore -

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in to do what ever needed to be done; and most of all my wife, Jackie, who did a yeoman's job. There are so many more members that have pitched in and helped that I can't possibly list all of you. So all I can simply say is Thank You.

The Melbourne Yacht Club is blessed with an incredible membership. This is probably our greatest asset. I count myself fortunate to be a member with you.

- Ross Herbert, Commodore -

BAR REPORT

The Bar was opened for 12 evenings/activities during December. The month started with our regular Dine-In the 2nd TGIF of the month. The Christmas Party and New Years Eve Party ended the month. Both parties were great fun and well supported. The bar is always open for the Sunday Rum Races and Small Boat Races. Club Chits sales where \$2025 – Chits used \$1979. During Renovation the bar will be opened. Use the front door but enjoy your bar during the construction. Dine-In for January is on the 12th. Pulled pork sandwich, baked beans, and slaw for \$5.00, serving time starts at 6:30. Please sign up at the bar or email me at dj2some@bellsouth.net by January 10th.

I will be bar and kitchen director again in 2007 so I'm looking for 4 -5 committee members. Members will help open the bar when needed, attend monthly meeting to critique the "slosh of the month", host a Dine-In and help with kitchen duties. I would love to have a mix of new and experienced (old timers) on the committee. Call me or email me.... Thanks for a great year and let's make it another great year.

- Debbie McGregor, Bar Director -

KAYAKING

On the first Saturday in February., the 3rd, we will have a kayak excursion on Turkey Creek. We'll meet at 10AM at Pollak Park on the north shore of Turkey Creek. Pollak Park's address is 1455 Main St NE, Palm Bay. Allow three hours for the trip. Last time we just barely had enough time allotting 2 hours.

Please RSVP to me after January 12th by phone at 321-729-9539 or email at jhmartin@mindspring.com. I'm requesting that you RSVP in case any last minute trip changes are necessary.

Hope to see you there.

- John Martin, Kayaking Coordinator -

SAILING INSTRUCTION SCHEDULE FOR 2007

As of this writing the sailing instruction classes will be on Saturdays from 9am to 1pm.

Session I Adults	May 12, 17, 26 & June 2
Session II Youth	June 9, 16, 23, & 30
Session III Youth	July 7, 14, 21, & 28
Session IV Adults	August 4, 11, 18, & 25

Fee is \$45

Class size limited to 10 students

- Marlene Sassaman, Youth Director -



Super Bowl XLI Party



February 4

MYC Party start time: 5:30

Game kickoff is scheduled for 6:25

Large screen football action

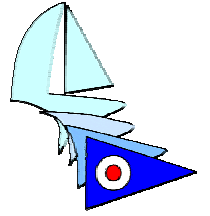
Each couple should either bring a football snack to share (e.g. potato skins, nachos, wings, finger sandwiches, etc.)

MYC Bar will be open.

There will be a nominal fee for this party to help cover the costs of the large screen TV.

For more information contact Bob Hughes.

Melbourne Yacht Club's 2007 Commodore's Ball



Hilton Melbourne Beach Oceanfront

Friday Night, March 9, 2007

Bar opens at 6:30

Dinner & dancing .

No Clean-up, No putting away chairs,

No taking out the trash.

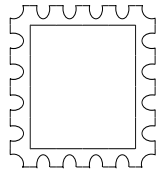
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