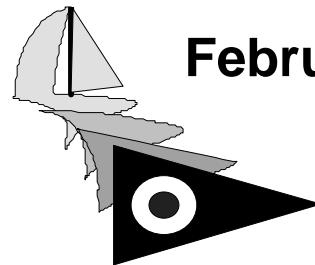


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February 2007

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FEBRUARY

18 Spring Rum Race #1

25 Small Boat Sunday

MARCH

2 TGIF March Birthdays

3 Kayak Trip

4 Spring Rum Race #2

7 General Membership Meeting

9 Commodore's Ball

10 CB Recovery Regatta

11 Small Boat Sunday

17 St. Patrick Cruise to Marker 21

18 Spring Rum Race #3

24 Scavenger Hunt

25 Small Boat Sunday

APRIL

1 Spring Rum Race #4

6 Spring Rum Race #5 and

TGIF April Birthdays

14-15 Spring Regatta Big Boats

21-22 Spring Regatta Small Boats

24-28 Hobie Alter Cup

The Party Line

Since joining the MYC in 2003, I have enjoyed not only the sailing experience, but also the camaraderie and dedication of its members. It is with great pleasure that I end my career as secretary and begin my post as Rear Commodore in charge of Entertainment. If you are interested in putting together an MYC event, please contact me at 544-3764 or rearcommodore@melbourneyachtclub.com.

Rochelle Yates, Rear Commodore/Entertainment

TGIF—Every Friday - TGIFs are held every Friday evening in the clubhouse. Birthdays are celebrated on the first TGIF of the month. **The bar will be closed and there will not be a TGIF on 9 March due to the Commodore's Ball being held that evening.**

March Kayak Trip—March 3. Meet at 10 AM at Valkaria Rd and US1 in Valkaria, about 8 ½ miles south of MYC. We will paddle out into the Indian River Lagoon to the islands near Marker 21, stop and have lunch on one of the islands, and may go to other islands. We may also be able to swim. Plan on a three hour trip. Bring snacks/lunch, drinks and sunscreen. Extreme Sports (779-4228) rents kayaks for \$30/day. They open at 10AM so you need to rent a kayak the day before. They don't deliver but will loan you a car rack. RSVP to Carol Mairs at 728-7941 or John Martin at jhmartin@mindspring.com or 729-9539.

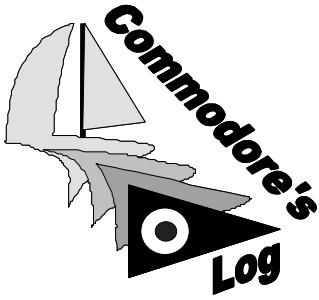
MYC Commodore's Ball—March 9 - The Commodore's Ball will be held at the Hilton Melbourne Beach Oceanfront in Indialantic. So, we will not have to clean up or take out the trash. Just show up and have a good time. The festivities will begin at 6:30. Please RSVP by March 1 to CommodoresBall@melbourneyachtclub.com or 729-6356.

Commodore's Ball Recovery Regatta—10 March - This is a new event for us and promises to be a lot of fun. Please visit the web site www.sail-race.com/myc/ and see the flier on Page 7 in this newsletter for more information.

St. Patrick's Day Luck of the Irish Insanity Cruise to Marker 21—March 17 - Cruises to Marker 21 are usually held the second Saturday of the month. But, since the Commodore's Ball and Recovery Regatta are happening the second weekend in March, we're moving to the third Saturday. As luck would have it, that happens to be St. Patrick's Day. Watch for fliers at the club, in your email, and the March newsletter for more information. Jacki Leahy is the contact person and can be reached at 795-2156 or RChaser2@hotmail.com.

MYC Calendar Online

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



The 2007 Board of Directors took office at the February general meeting. Last year's board worked hard to make MYC a club all the members would like. We did not get everything completed, but not for lack of trying. There are many ideas and plans put into motion by last year's board that will be continued. The new board has ideas and challenges that will be looked at in this next year to continually improve our club. The board is serving at your request and is here to run the club for all the members, so please contact any board member if you have any ideas, questions or observations.

Keeping the clubhouse open during the remodeling phase is a big challenge, but we think we have a plan to do that. Unless otherwise noted we will be having TGIF every Friday night (except March 9 due to the Commodore's Ball) and we are planning a full slate of parties and regattas. True, some events will be either outside or at a different venue, but we plan to continue enjoying each other's company and the good competition we offer on the water. Please bear with us during the minor inconveniences that will occur during the construction. As a recent example, the men's toilet in the club house was removed to tie in the footer for the great hall extension. The urinals and sink still work but if you need a place to sit down, go to the annex. There are two restrooms there.

We had a packing party on Sunday January 14 and had a very good turnout. In a few hours we packed everything in the club that wasn't going to be needed in the immediate future. We packed everything that wasn't nailed down and even packed a lot of things that were nailed down. I would like to thank all 26 club members that helped make this a quick and easy job because it wouldn't have gotten done without them. I don't have enough room to list all the names here, but you know who you are.

On February 10 we moved the bar upstairs where we will be holding most of our activities until the remodeling is complete. Art Ahrens organized this event and it went well. I thank all of the members turned out to help on this project.

For those that have not been to the club lately, the renovation is proceeding on schedule. The footer is poured for the great hall extension and the slab is poured for the new restrooms outside the bar area. Very soon the contractor will begin laying block for the hall extension. There will be a temporary wall installed on the south side of the bar so they can tear down the south wall and start the block laying for the restrooms. See picture. There have been some challenges to date but Neal Tompkins and the committee have done a great job minimizing the impact to the costs and the schedule.

We are hosting the Rolex Hobie Alter Cup during the week of April 24—28. This will be a challenge due to the renovation, but we can do it and show that Melbourne Yacht Club has a lot of class and a great group of members. Please offer your help to John Fox as he will need a considerable amount of help on both the waterside and the shoreside of the regatta to make this an outstanding regatta for some world class sailors.

Have Fun Sailing.



New restrooms and shower area before (above) and after (below) the concrete slab was poured.



Bob Hughes, Commodore

BULLETIN BOARD

Member Contact Information

We are presently working on the member names and addresses in the directory. Please check your information on the website to correct any mistakes and make any changes (www.melbourneyachtclub.com). If you have trouble doing this, please e-mail the Membership director, Jim Gibson, with the changes and he will make them for you. Around March 15, the names and addresses of the fully paid-up members will be collected for the directory. Do not forget to pay the annual dues or your name may not be in the directory. Thank You!

Louisa Killian, Secretary

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February Kayak Trip: Intermittent Rain, Constant Beauty

On Saturday February 3, Sherry Beckett, Dave McCampbell, Dave Lister and I met under cool drizzly conditions at Pollak Park on the north shore of Turkey Creek and set off on a three hour kayak tour of the Creek and Turkey Creek Sanctuary. Despite a temperature of 59, we weren't uncomfortable. We saw no alligators, but did see a lot of birds and got within 10 feet of a Great Blue Heron sitting on a tree in the water. We took a break at the sanctuary canoe dock and got out of the kayaks. When we went up on the overlook at least a dozen turtles materialized in the water below us. They must have been looking for some bread. We also saw a 2 ½ foot gar get caught by some young men across the creek. They said they had a tarpon on the line that morning but couldn't land him. On the way back to Pollak Park it got a bit chillier. I was able to put my hands in the water to warm them as the water felt quite warm. Everyone agreed we had a great time and it was well worth going out in less than perfect conditions. Try to join us on March 3.

John Martin

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...

MYC BAR MOVED!

If you look for the bar downstairs, you will find that a band of Pirates absconded with it on February 10 and moved it upstairs so that we can continue to make merry during the remodeling. We are indeed a club of many talents. I would like to especially thank our Bar committee for

emptying out the bar and preparing for the move prior to starting. Debbie and Jeff McGregor prepared a very special breakfast casserole to give us all the energy for the move. A total of 31 people supported the bar move. That is fantastic support for the renovation!



Jackie Leahy and Marsha Millar arranging chairs and tables in the bar area upstairs. The bar is behind and between Jackie and Marsha.

Art Ahrens, House

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

Vice Commodore/House Report

What an exciting time to be the Vice Commodore of the Melbourne Yacht Club. I would like to thank everyone for putting their trust in me at this time. The renovation is well under way and soon the REAL impact of the construction will be felt by the club. On Saturday February 10, we moved the bar upstairs, keeping it as functional as possible. Many volunteers helped out—to many to mention here. The house committee is forming. I have some members but more are needed. If you want to have a say in how the interior of the club will be decorated or painted, please step up and volunteer to be on the house committee!!

Some upcoming projects include:

Renovation!
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As the renovation progresses, we will have several work parties to do the painting and clean up needed to commission the remodeled clubhouse. Will Garvey and Neil are doing a great job of keeping track of the remodeling expenses, but we are counting on some member support to help keep some of the expenses down. Other projects that I want to tackle this year is to work with the Dock committee to improve the ramp for small boat launching. If anyone has any inputs or ideas, please see me, call me, or send me an email at vicecommodore@melbourneyachtclub.com.

Art Ahrens, Vice Commodore/House

Customs To Ease Florida Re-Entry for Boaters

November 2006

In an effort to make it more convenient for U.S. boaters arriving in Florida from a foreign port to report their arrival, U.S. Customs and Border Patrol is offering a pre-departure registration program.

Until now, everyone arriving was supposed to call Customs to report their arrival and then come in person to one of their offices within 24 hours, which could be miles from a marina or closed during non-business hours. Many cruising boaters also do not have cars and must take taxis to find the nearest office to clear in.

The Local Boater Option program began in October and gives boaters in Tampa, Miami, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands the choice to register in advance with the agency. That registration would eliminate, in most cases, a requirement to meet with officials after every foreign visit.

Under the new process, boaters will be allowed to complete a one-time registration with their local Customs office. Officials say every person aboard an incoming boat must have a registration number in order to bypass the interview process, so unfortunately, everyone who is going to be on board must apply in person ahead of time for the registration number. This makes it difficult to invite last minute guests or racing crew.

For information or to enroll in the Local Boater Option, call 800-432-1216 or 800-451-0393.

You and your crew present yourself at the closest Customs and Border Patrol office with your passports and documentation before you leave. They approve you and issue a clearance number so you can clear customs and immigration by phone when you return. You still need a valid customs use sticker when you arrive. This number is good for future years without presenting yourself each time. The only hitch is ALL returning crew must have been previously cleared. The following link on the U.S. Customs site provides more information:

http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/newsroom/news_releases/archives/2006_news_releases/112006/11012006_2.xml

This only talks about Tampa and Miami, but I confirmed with Melbourne that you can do it with them at Melbourne Airport. To present yourself at the Melbourne airport you must call (321) 674-5796 and make an appointment. Information can also be found on the BoatUS web site:

<http://www.boatus.com/gov/customsborder.htm>

Submitted by Lenny Beckett via Sherry Beckett

Membership Report

New Nominations:

Eric and Suzanne Stord, sponsored by Brent Saunders

Eric and Suzanne came to Melbourne in 1997 from the North Shore of Lake Erie. They have two children ages 6 and 4. Suzanne is a pre-school teacher at Eau Gallie First Baptist and Eric works in management for Data Flow Systems. Eric's sailing experience is extensive, from a 17' canoe to 34' Cals', and family sailing vacations on Lake Erie. Eric did a hitch in the Navy as a quartermaster (navigator), followed by a formal education at Ferris State University, Great Lakes Maritime Academy and Northwestern Michigan College. Eric was the owner of *Dauntless*, a Lightning, hull number 746 built in 1939. Eric, in his youth, was a family member of the Ford Yacht Club on Gross Isle, Michigan. Our MYC seems much like the Ford Yacht club, which is why Eric and Family want to join MYC.

Resigned Members:

David & Christine Beyer
Kevin Dardano

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.

Steve Shippee, Membership

Bar Report

January Activities

The bar was opened 10 afternoons/evenings during the month of January. January's Slosh of the Month, Sea Breeze, was extremely popular.

Chits Sold were \$1930. Chits Used \$1777

January's dine-in of pulled pork sandwiches brought out 80 members. Thanks to Jeff's hard work and cooking talent I heard everyone enjoyed it. The February dine-in featured homemade lasagna, spinach salad, Italian bread, and triple chocolate brownies. The cost of both dine-ins...\$5.00

Bar Committee

I have my new bar committee in place. The new members are Brenda Spletter, Carol Mairs, Diane Gabik, Jack Leahy, Karen Knockel, Lynde West and Jeff McGregor. Please come and meet them at the dine in's. February's Slosh of the Month will be decided by the new committee.

Bar Goal for the Year:

- Support all club activities with a volunteer bartender or the clubs bartender.
- One dine-in a month on the second Friday.
- Encourage members to come out on TGIF during the construction.

I'm looking forward to another great year as your bar director.

Debbie McGregor, Bar

Dockmaster Report

It is hard to believe it has been a whole year since I wrote this column for the first time. My term in office is over, and I turn the responsibility over to a Glen Gray who will serve you for the coming year. You all have been a great bunch of folks to work for and have been supportive in all my endeavors throughout the year. As I reflect on the events of the past year, much has been accomplished in maintaining and improving some of our most valued assets; the docks and the dry storage. We developed a great set of records to document all the activities associated with both our wet and dry storage. I religiously maintained and improved on the records provided to me and will turn over a complete set of up-to-date and accurate records to my successor. Some of the key accomplishments for the 2006 term:

- o The small boat hoist was reconditioned and had limit switches installed for improved safety and convenience of use.
- o The hoist and crane assembly were professionally tested and certified to a one ton lift capacity over the full 360 degree range of swing.
- o The new wet and dry storage policies were approved and incorporated into the Bylaws. These included the new hurricane preparation instructions as well as the unattended air conditioner use policy. This alone resulted in a direct expense reduction to the club of \$1600 for the summer of 2006.
- o Another complete survey of all the dock pilings was compiled: recording dimensions of every piling from water line to sea bottom.

- o 11 new pilings were installed and several were repositioned to correct for movement due to previous storm damage.
- o Both docks were cross braced underneath to increase the stability and strength of the structures.
- o 4 boats were placed in the slips this year.
- o A fresh water shower was designed , built, and installed for the convenience of the small boat sailors and youth program.

I enjoyed my term serving as your Dockmaster, and want to thank the Dock Committee for their support: Harry Stapor, Hasty Miller, and Jack Bibb. I especially want to thank Harry for his support as coach and mentor throughout the year. Finally, my thanks go out to the board and all the club members for their support during this past year.

Bob Bagnell, Dockmaster Emeritus

Fleet Report

Alter Cup:

Thanks to Dick Tillman and Gary Killian for their efforts in scouting dinner locations for both the Alter Cup and for our Spring Regatta. Jack Bibb agreed to head the Race Committee. There are many others who signed on to help and I thank you all. We could still use some shore-side volunteers and more housing.

Spring Regatta:

We will be holding a Spring Regatta as close to normal as possible given the renovations. The dinner Saturday of the big boat weekend will be a cookout/dock party in the lower parking lot at MYC. Mike Henry offered Sea Owl as the committee boat with John Drawe and John Fox running the races. Small boat weekend will be sailed out of MYC/Front Street. We were able to rent the Pavilion at Riverview Park and will hold the dinner there. Jerry Ross and Larry Etheridge will run the races for small boat weekend.

Commodore's Recovery Regatta:

This is a new event this year somewhat following the theme of our successful Hangover Bowl for small boats. Gerry Moores is running the RC.

Club Support Boats:

The Carolina 16 is back in service with the engine repaired, tuned up and a brand new battery. We need minor fiberglass work around the forward lifting eye as the deck is starting to deteriorate around it. The 18' tri-hull is out of service as the engine will no longer go into gear. Our mechanic estimates a repair bill between \$300 and \$1500. Repairs will be delayed pending an LRPC recommendation of a replacement boat.

Club small Boats:

The club owns 22 small boats, and we decided to bring the fleet down to a more manageable size. After we eliminate the boats listed below, we will still have 6 Opti's, 5 Sunfish, 3 Lasers and the Capri 15 available for the training programs, the sea scouts, and member use. This is a fleet that we can afford, can reasonably store and have the manpower to maintain. With fewer boats, the Sunfish rack can be reorganized slightly to make it easier to get boats in and out. We can also incorporate dolly storage rather than have them all over the place. We will have better access to the boat storage racks so members can access their own, and the club's boats conveniently. The following boats will be offered to club members first by sealed bid auction:

13.75-Foot Silver Aluminum Skiff (Hull ID # 4694)

Snipe (Hull ID # XCY2612A585) on Trailer

Laser #4, with White Hull (Hull ID # ZFS69699M79B), in the Pram Racks

Laser #5, with White Hull (Hull ID # ZFS66085M78J), in the Pram Racks

The Lasers are hulls only, no rigs, no rudders and no daggerboards.

Sunfish #3, White Hull, Yellow Deck with Red Stripe (Hull ID # AMF26284M75C)

Sunfish #6, Blue Hull, White Deck without Stripe (Hull ID # O42267553)

Sunfish may be purchased with or without rigs, rudders or daggerboards.

Specify hull only or complete boat in the bid.

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(Fleet Report continued from page 6)

Green Hulled Pram without sailing rig, rudder, or centerboard, in the Pram Racks

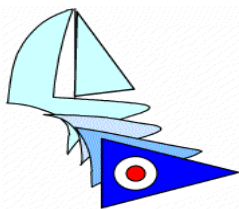
If you would like to bid on one of these boats, write down the boat you want to bid on, the amount you want to bid and your name. Put the bid in a sealed envelope and place it in the Fleet Captain's mailbox at MYC.

The board as a whole will decide on an acceptable reserve for each boat. Bids to be opened at the Board meeting on March 28 and winning bids announced at the Membership meeting on April 4. Any boats not purchased will be sold to the general public or donated to another organization.

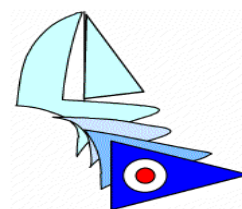
John Fox, Fleet Captain

MYC's FIRST EVER Post Commodores Ball Recovery Regatta

**Saturday March 10th
2007**



One day of fun racing
on the challenging Indian River Lagoon
for All.



PHRF Racing
Die Hard Class (spinnaker)
Party Class (non spinnaker)
1st, 2nd & 3rd place trophies for each class

Entry Fees

\$20 PHRF (includes one dinner)

Important! T-shirts are available, but not included in registration price.
THEY MUST BE PRE-ORDERED! Cost \$12. Send orders to nancy@yachtcarisma.com

Schedule of Events

Saturday, March 10 PHRF Big Boats

12:00 p.m. Skippers' meeting
1:30 p.m. First start
4:00 p.m. Bar opens
5:30 p.m. Party begins and Dinner served
7:00 p.m. Awards and Raffle

Dinner Menu

- Choice of sliced pork or chicken
- Baked beans and cole slaw
- Dessert

Island Music provided by Frank Lutz/Steel Drums

Please reserve dinners in advance by February 22. Cost \$10 per person.
E-mail Rochelle at rochellery@bellsouth.net

After Dinner Entertainment: A presentation of memories from years past, dancing and a few surprises.

Melbourne Yacht Club 2007 Commodore's Ball

6:30 PM

Friday Night, March 9, 2007

Hilton Melbourne Beach Oceanfront Ballroom

Indialantic, Florida

Cocktail Attire

Music by Christian Miller

Dinner and Dancing

Cash Bar

\$25 per Person

R.S.V.P. by Thursday, March 1, 2007

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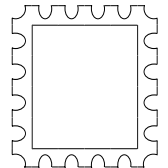
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