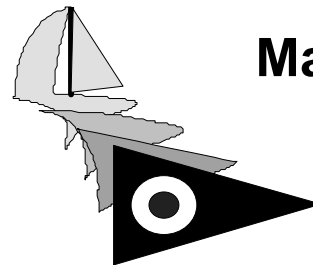


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Picture courtesy of Casey Gorman
Art Ahrens, Ross Herbert, Bob Hughes, Rochelle Yates at the Ball

Party Line

The Commodores Ball was an evening to remember. Bob Hughes has taken on his new post as our Commodore and what a wonderful time we had. The Hilton was very nicely adorned with MYC written all over it. Congrats to our award winners.

Sportsmanship Award – Jim Yates and Steve Clendenin.

Member of the Year – Our Wonderful Renovation Committee:

Phil Scalice, Neil Tompkins, Jim Miller, Will Garvey, Simon Koumjian,

Bob presented the new board with very nice Columbia shirts that we will wear with honor. Thanks, Bob. The ball was a hit.

We did it! Sherry Beckett had NO idea the Post Commodores Ball Recovery Regatta was a cover for the Honorary Sherry Beckett Regatta. Best wishes!

What fun and I could not have pulled it off without the many people who guided me. There are so many to thank: Rachel Ross and Nancy Baur the t-shirts are perfect; Winnie Lambert, Prill Clendenin, Deb Fulton, Jacki Leahy the buckeyes were so delicious and Alice Arhens thank you for the tasty cookies;; Jim Lacy, my registration man who answered many questions and took charge of getting our guests signed in;; Ross Herbert, without you there would have been no dinner; the many people who helped set up and decorate: Lynde West, Nancy Fox, Cheryl Schmitz, Deb Fulton, Ross Herbert, Jacki Leahy and Ralph Crawford. Jim Yates, thank you for taking on the juggling of scoring the Party Boats and the Hard Core racers.; Jack Leahy, as always

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MYC Calendar Online

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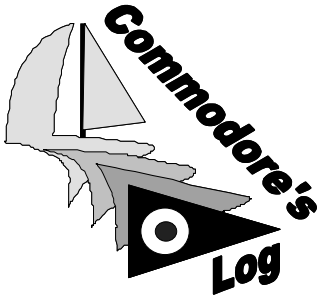
MARCH

- 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
- 8 Small Boat Sunday (Easter)
- 14-15 Spring Regatta Big Boats
- 20 Spring Rum Race #6
- 21-22 Spring Regatta Small Boats
- 24-28 Hobie Alter Cup
- 29 Small Boat Sunday

March2007



We are one month into the new club year and we have been very busy.

At the general meeting on March 7th the 2007 Board of Directors gave their first reports and the meeting went well.

As required at this meeting the Board of Directors made the nominations for the LRPC to fill the positions that are retiring. The list of Nominations is: Ross Herbert, Harvey Melfi, Suzanne Crockett and Bill Baker. We will be voting on this slate of nominees on April 4th. We are replacing 4 members this year and we are going to get back on schedule for the rotation of LRPC members by having 2 of the new members serve for 3 years and the other 2 serve for 2 years. This way we only replace 2 members per year as prescribed in our by-laws.

If anyone has noticed the dredge in the harbor, it was supposed to only work west of US1 but got their work done early and started dredging the main harbor. We thought we could piggy back on this operation and get our area dredged. I asked Rose Baker to help collect the information we need to see what can be done. At our General meeting Rose reported on the status and was very informative. Basically they had to stop on February 28th but will return in November or December. Rose is going to continue getting quotes and pursuing the chance to get our area cleaned out. This is being done by the St. Johns River Management and they have all the permits for the dredging and the disposal of the silt so our costs will be greatly reduced.

The new bar set up in the Main Hall is working out very nicely. We are having TGIF and parties up there along with our general meetings. It is not perfect but The Melbourne Yacht Club is still having fun together. Debbie and Jeff McGregor have worked very hard keeping the bar functional for us. When our contractor decided it was time to demo the kitchen we had to move all the equipment and the liquor locker very quickly. They built a locker and kitchen for us upstairs for us to move everything into but we basically had one day to move. Jeff & Debbie McGregor and Jack & Marty Bibb were in there late on a Thursday night moving the liquor and setting everything up so we would have TGIF the next day. We really need to thank Jeff & Debbie for all their hard work keeping our bar open.

The resiliency of this club is great. On Saturday March 10th we had a Post Commodore's Ball Recovery Regatta, (Sherry Beckett Honorary Regatta) and we packed about 100 people into the club for all the festivities. The reason I say we are resilient is even though it was crowded for the party we just set up tables out in the parking lot and had dinner in comfort. Thank goodness the weather cooperated. Rochelle Yates did a great job organizing all the shore side activities and John Fox handled all the racing activities expertly. I am sure Rochelle and John will say more in their reports.

I think Sherry had fun. Jerry Ross and Jack Bibb even wrote a new Version of "Sherry Won't You Come Out Tonight" called "Sherry Won't You Sail Away Tonight".

We held our Commodore's Ball at the Hilton Melbourne Beach Oceanfront and I think everyone had a great time. We had about 135 people attend and the music was supplied by Chris Miller and his band. I think we threw Ross a pretty good party.

Art Ahrens thought the ball at an off site location was great so we took a vote at the ball and it passed unanimously that we continue to hold the ball at an off site location. Just like I said, have fun, no picking up chairs, taking out the trash or cleaning up.

During the party we announced many awards.

After Guard Perpetual Trophy: Rob Van Name

Brenda Lee Shadbolt Memorial Trophy: Dave Noble

USSA Sportsmanship Award: Jim Yates and Steve Clendenin

Jay Moulton Cruising Award: Faye Bitzer/Denny Scott



Picture courtesy of Casey Gorman

The Members of the Year

Jim, Simon, Neil, Al and Phil with Ross

We also presented the **Member of the Year Award** to (Renovation Committee) **Neal Tompkins, Simon Koumjian, Phil Scalise, Al Waschka** and **Jim Miller** for all their hard work getting us to where we are today with the renovation.

The renovation still has its challenges and we are slightly behind schedule. The walls are up in the restrooms and the trusses have been delivered for the restrooms and the Main Hall extension. The Main Hall extension is ready for the slab to be poured and by the time this goes to print it should be done. Next the block will go up in this area. Once the restrooms are complete the old restrooms will be demolished. The old bar area and kitchen are gutted and the new

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Bulletin Board

Florida Anchoring Issues

As we all are aware there have been a lot of anchoring issues in Florida. In our travels up and down the east coast from Florida to Maine we have heard nothing but negative comments about cruising in Florida. The word seems to be out that Florida is not a boating friendly state.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Division of Law Enforcement, Boating and Waterways Section has announced the following public workshops concerning anchoring and mooring to which all interested parties are invited.

DATES and TIME:

- ◆ Tuesday, March 13, 2007 - 5:30 –7:30pm - Hillsborough County Center, 601 E. Kennedy Blvd., 2nd Floor, Tampa, FL 33602
- ◆ Wednesday, March 14, 2007 - 5:30 - 7:30pm - Lee County Board of County Commission Chambers, Old Lee County Courthouse, 2nd Floor - Chamber Room, 2120 Main St., Ft. Meyers, FL 33901
- ◆ Thursday, March 15, 2007 - 5:30 - 7:30pm –CST –City of Destin, City Hall Annex, 4100 Two Trees Road, Destin, FL 32541
- ◆ Wednesday, April 11, 2007 –5:30 –7:30pm –St. Johns Countyh Judicial Complex Auditorium, 4020 Lewis Speedway, St. Augustine, FL 32084
- ◆ Tuesday, May 1, 2007 –5:30 –7:30pm –Blake Library, 2351 SE Monterey Rd., Stuart, Florida 34996

If you are interested here is a web site that will give you a good update on the situation here in Florida:

http://www.boatus.com/news/florida_0307.htm

*Mary Williams
S/V Floridian*

~Commodore's Log continued~

new plumbing is being prepared. The only recognizable area in the old bar is the fireplace and the Bosun's Locker. We have started tearing up the back porch to start the footer for the bar area extension so we no longer have access to the club from the dockside. The back stairs are blocked off to keep the members out of the construction zone. Our only entrance is the front door, but if you haven't been to the club because you thought it is too torn up, come down and see. We are still having parties and this group always has a good time..

*Bob Hughes, Commodore
Let's Go Sailing*

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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@](mailto:myc-news@melbourneyachtclub.com)

melbourneyachtclub.com

Please include your name & phone number.

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

Dock Report

Dredging: The dredging contractor did some dredging on the East side of the US-1 Bridge which ended February 28. Rose Baker met with and did an excellent follow up with the dredging contractor to determine their pricing, scheduling and dredging capability for MYC.

The contractors have a permit to dredge the entire harbor and dredging is scheduled to resume in the November, December, 2007 time frame. Consequently, the contractors will be in a position to dredge our slips and area at that time. The club will need to establish the extent of dredging required since that will impact club cost. Nevertheless, dredging will be required to offset the silt build up.

Docks: Some time in the near future, we need to consider painting, sealing and, or staining the docks. This will be a team effort. Volunteers and suggested scheduling will be appreciated.

Ramp: The slippery launch ramp fix has not been determined. Art Ahrens, Glen Gray and John Fox will work on this.

Lift: There is concern about the rusty nuts anchoring the boat hoist. Suggest we sandblast the rustiest parts of the lift and repaint. Rick Cope has a sand blaster and is willing to help with this effort.

Insurance: Thanks to all those who have sent in copies of their boat insurance.

Glen Gray, Dock Master

"Women on the Water - Watch Their Wake "

I couldn't help but borrow this phrase from the Rudder Club women's motto because it so aptly fit our recent Ladies Clinic. From 9 am until 1 pm, twelve yacht club women were glued to their seats, sucking up every bit of information shared by Nancy Baur, Rochelle Yates, and Winnie Lambert. The purpose of the clinic was to enhance the understanding and skills of women sailors. Winnie discussed weather patterns. Specifically she shared her knowledge of how the wind is driven by the clouds. Rochelle taught us how to time our starts. Then, Nancy shared the secret to insuring 'velocity made good'. Capt' Sass compared one's sailing strategy to tactical decisions. Like a good game of poker, "Ya gotta know when to hold 'em and when to fold 'em."

What made this clinic unique is that all participants relied on each other to learn. Each participant shared a bit of their knowledge about setting up a race course. The most common feedback from the novice skippers was, "Oh, so there is a method to the madness."

Due to the weather we postponed the water drills. It is expected that the date for the water drills will be announced by March 14. Postponing the water drills allowed us to extend the chalk talks. The only notable flaw is that yours truly, the educator by trade, forgot to assign *HOMEWORK*. So, ladies, here it is: Every single day until the water drills, you need to stand outside in the same place for five minutes, close your eyes, and count how many times you (a) get a puff straight on, (b) get a lift, and/or (c) get a header. In fact, I challenge all skippers and crew to engage in this activity. Any 'how to sail' book has a section on headers and lifts. Call or send me an e-mail if you have any questions or want a review -- cell 505 4294 or sass4sail@cfl.rr.com

Special thanks to Simon Kuomjian for his assistance. Even after we decided to postpone the water drills, Simon sat quietly in the back row. Rumor has it he told the rest of the guys, "Why leave when I'm in the company of all these lovely and knowledgeable sailorettes?"

*Captain Sass, (aka Marlene Sassaman)
Youth & Adult Sailing Director*

Party Line continued from page 1

Gary Smith's turn to roast Sherry.

Pictures courtesy of Jim



Sherry and Dave watching awards presentation at The Sherry Beckett Honorary Regatta

our man on the water to move marks and chase us down if we need him; Gerry Moores and his wonderful RC crew; Bob Burton and his table disassembling crew and the folks who cleaned up the dishes. Dave Noble thanks for being our MC. "You are a natural". The awards were very nice with Fast Lane etched on the mugs. Team Foxy, thank you for helping plan the course, not to mention the nice embroidery on the additional awards. Debbie and Jeff McGregor thank you for bartending with Mel and the slosh was tasty. The list goes on. This could not have happened without any of you and I know Sherry Beckett had a great time. Looking forward to next year, as this will be an annual regatta.

RESULTS Hard Core racers: Rochelle Yates on Mouse – 3rd, Jim Yates on Bad Penny – 2nd, and Gary Smith on Five Speed – 1st place.

Party Boat racers: Jerry Ross on Sleighride - 3rd, Jim Miller on Sea Turtle-2nd, Alan Jepson on Big Flash -1st
Congrats!

Next on our calendar is the 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.
Rochelle Yates, Entertainment

Bar Report

With all the club reconstruction, the Bar managed to be open to members 9 evenings or afternoons in February. Chits sold were 1445 and Chits used were 1617.

February's dine-in "Lasagna for Lovers" brought out over 80 members. Success! The lasagna was everyone's favorite. The brownies came in a close second. Thanks again to the bar committee for helping with the prep work and serving. A special thank you to the lady's (Marsha, Ann Marie and Charlotte) who surprised Jeff and me by doing the clean up.

Armed with coolers, the bar committee cleaned out the bar and relocated to the social hall. We furnished coffee, OJ and a breakfast dish for those who made the move possible.

The Kitchen pantry and our liquor pantry were moved last week. Jack and Marty Bibb dropped by the club Thursday evening to check out the renovation progress. Jack ended up with a hammer in his hand and helped Jeff remove old shelves and install them in the temporary pantry. Marty helped me move the cans and bottles from the bar pantry to the new location. THANK YOU!

The bar is flying a new flag. An "open" flag will be posted on Small Boat Sundays and Rum race Sundays. Stop by and have a cool one or chat with one of the volunteers behind the bar.

The Lucky Shamrock is our slosh of the month. Have an emerald drink and receive your lucky beads. Thank Diane Gabik for the necklaces that come with the drink.

March will have no dine-in. HOWEVER, we will have a "Hard Hat TGIF" on March 16th. Mark your calendar and wear your hard hats and tool belt. Bring a lunch box or box lunch to share. Guess the tool and you could win chits for a year. Look for the flyer for details.

Our dine-ins will be getting back on track the second TGIF of April. Karen Knockel, Diane Gabik and Carol Mairs will be serving up "Make your own sub" comes with salad and a brownie. Can't miss for \$5.00. Remember to email me our sign up at the bar. April's TGIF's dine-in is the start of MYC's Spring Regatta. Feed your crew!

Debbie McGregor, Bar Director

House Report

Construction continues and commendations are due to Neil and the contractor for making every effort to keep the construction task on schedule. It is amazing how we all have adapted to changes to keep the construction going. They ask if we can move the kitchen to speed up the demolition, and before we know it, in a day a functional kitchen is MOVED!! This process is absolutely amazing. What is even more amazing is how the club keeps going and going and going. We have less than a third of a clubhouse, and yet we still have a very well attended party for Sherry Beckett, and a race that was well attended. Alice, Jack and Jackie Leahy helped me out with inventory of the Boson's locker. We moved it to protect the locker from reconstruction dust, but items are still available. Just ask. Also, we will be restocking the locker after the "project" is completed, so if anyone has any ideas for new items that they would like to see in the Boson's locker, please let me know. Smooth sailing . . .

Art Ahrens, Vice Commodore/House

Fleet Report

Congratulations to Jim Edwards and Chris Gates for sailing Whatta Ride to first place at the St. Pete NOODS.

Alter Cup: We have 14 of the expected 20 teams registered so far. At this time I have more requests for housing than available places so am requesting that more members see if they can't help out with a place to stay. Boats work quite well so if anyone has room on their boat please consider letting people stay there.

Spring Regatta: I conducted an E-mail poll of all MYC members to see whether people wanted a long race as we had in the fall regatta. I also inquired about using time on time scoring as opposed to time on distance. We had 11 responses as follows:

Long race: in favor 7, do not care one-way or the other 4, opposed 0.

Time on Time Scoring: In favor 6, don't care one-way or the other 5, opposed 0. We will have a long race at the Spring Regatta and will use Time on Time Scoring.

Current ECSA PHRF ratings are required for entry to the handicap classes, so please get your applications in to Jim Millar ASAP. Jim Yates will make himself available to issue ECSA ratings to those who have not obtained one by Saturday April. 14th, but please do it sooner so Jim can enjoy the day.

Race Equipment: I have purchased replacement anchor rode for our inflatable marks and repaired those that were leaking.

Small Boats: GRP repairs are complete for two Sunfish and some of the needed replacement parts have been purchased. Two more Sunfish need GRP repairs, which I will do in the next week. I am scheduling March 31st as a workday to re-bed leaking splashboards and hardware.

18-footer: I had the engine checked to determine why it will not go into gear. The problem is a broken shaft and total cost of repair is approximately \$2400. Since the boat needs a significant amount of hull work as well, it is not really worth spending that much money on it.

Small Boat Auction: The Board set reserve amounts for the small boats being auctioned. Sealed bids will be opened at the board meeting on March 28th and winning bids announced at the general meeting on April 4th. Boats being auctioned are 2 lasers, 2 Sunfish, the green opti, the aluminum skiff and the Snipe as listed in the February Fleet Report and Tell-Tail. See John Fox for any information on the boats being auctioned.

John Fox, Fleet Cap-

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Secretary's Notepad

We are presently working on the directory names and addresses. Please check the Melbourne Yacht Club website, <http://www.melbourneyachtclub.com>, and correct any mistakes and make any changes. If you have trouble doing this, please e-mail membership with the changes and Jim Gibson will make the changes for you. Around March 15th, the names and addresses of the fully paid up members will be collected for the directory. I have to have a cut off date for the names and addresses to publish the directory on time. Do not forget to pay the annual dues or your name may not be in the directory.

Thank you!

Louisa Killian, Secretary

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

NEW MEMBERS: Eric & Suzanne Stord were introduced and welcomed.

NEW MEMBERSHIP REQUESTS: Marion Valin was granted individual membership, by the Board, converting from a former joint membership with Bob Boska.

John Martin, sponsored by Paul Alexy – John recently moved to Palm Bay after retiring from IBM in Atlanta. He raced with the South Winds Sailing Club, in Marietta, where he served as Commodore, Yeoman, newsletter editor, and race committee. As Paul's guest at MYC, John has volunteered and has become very active in racing and has helped with regattas, hurricane preparations, and coordinated in the kayaking activities for the club. He feels that MYC genuinely cares about boating, people, and the community, and asks for your consideration in his application for membership.

RESIGNATIONS: Ron & Pam Vanderveer,
Bruce & Yolanda Lifter,

REQUEST FOR INACTIVE STATUS: Andy Lazarewicz

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP: Resident = 165, Non-Resident = 24, Corinthian = 14, Honorary = 13

Please be sure to check your directory information online to insure accurate data for the new MYC Directory. In case you forgot your login information, it's your last name & membership number and just your membership number for your password. If you have difficulty, email me at

membership@melbourneyachtclub.com
and put "MYC" in the subject line so I won't consider it junk mail.

Jim Gibson Member-

April Kayaking

On the first Saturday of April, April 7th, we will be kayaking the Grand Canal. The Grand Canal is located in Indian Harbor Beach. We will launch from Oars and Paddles Park which is located on Banana River Dr just west of Patrick Dr and about a mile north of Eau Gallie Blvd. The address is 1329 Banana River Dr. Meeting time is 10:00am. Kayaks can be rented from Extreme Sports on Eau Gallie Blvd., and they might deliver since the park is so close to Extreme Sports.

Please RSVP to John Martin: 321-432-5213 or jhmartin@mindspring.com or to: Carol Mairs 321-728-7941

John Martin, Kayaking

The Sherry Beckett Honorary Regatta

We all know that MYC members will make any excuse to hold a party and this year we found a good one. Long time member Sherry Beckett is leaving with her soon to be husband, Dave, on an extended round the world cruise. The Recovery Regatta was hatched as an idea to get Sherry to the Club for a going away party, but then it seemed to take on a life of its own.

In an effort to get everyone involved, we split the fleet up into two Divisions, Die Hard Racers sailing conventional courses with standard ratings and the Party Boats who received bonus points for taking extra people, leaving the bimini's deployed and even for winning dance contests at the Ball. Rochelle Yates did an excellent job of organizing the shore side festivities showing just how wise we were to elect her Entertainment Chairperson.

Debbie and Jeff McGregor won the dance contest and sailed with Bob Sowden in the Party Boats, earning him about the best rating in the fleet. However, it was not quite good enough to finish in the money. The Party Boats started first on a 7 mile race to marker 15 and back. The breeze built as the afternoon went on, much to the liking of Big Flash, Sea Turtle and Sleigh Ride who finished in that order. Something about big boats with even longer waterlines due to the crowds on board.

In the Die Hard fleet, The Lindenburg 28's ruled the water with the top boats being Five Speed, Bad Penny and Mouse in that order.

Back on shore, even a half out of commission clubhouse couldn't put a damper on things. We had dinner in the parking lot and then all crowded into the bar for awards, raffle, and a Roast of Sherry with all her friends sharing their favorite moments of sailing with Sherry on Fast Lane. It was a great weekend and so much fun that this may become an annual event.

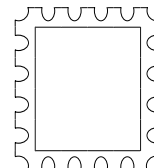
John Fox, Fleet Captain

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