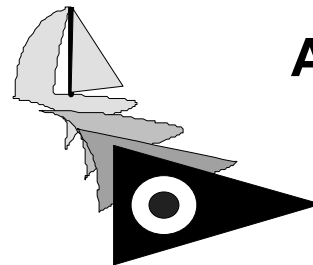


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APRIL

- 1 Spring Rum Race #4
- 4 MYC General Meeting
- 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

May

- 2 MYC General Meeting
- 4 Summer Rum Race #1
- 5 Seafood Raft Up
- 12 Adult Sailing Class Begins
- 18 Summer Rum Race #2
- 19 Adult Sailing Class
- 20 Small Boat Racing
- 26 Adult Sailing Class

RENOVATION!



Picture taken by Jim Lacy View of banquet room extension.

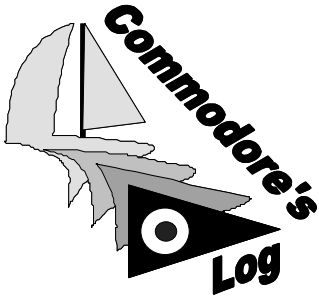


Picture taken by Jim Lacy Looking at kitchen and bar area.

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MYC Calendar Online

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



The Board of Directors' nominees for the LRPC was passed by the membership on April 4th. The 2007 LRPC is: Rhonda Delmater, Barbara Ehnert, Ross Herbert, Harvey Melfi, Suzanne Crockett and Bill Baker. We replaced four members this year and we are going to get back on schedule for the rotation of LRPC members by having two of the new members serve for three years and the other two serve for two years. This way we only replace two members per year as prescribed in our by-laws.

The pictures taken of the members at the 2007 Commodore's Ball are available online for viewing and ordering. The website to view and then order is <https://www.collages.net/consumersite/ConsumerStore.aspx>. Username: MYC Password: 15844. If you want to order pictures, you may get them from this website. If you want to pay with a check and order pictures, please contact Casey Gorman. His contact information is on the website.

I want to thank all the members that attended the Commodore's Ball. We had a record turn out and it was great fun. Art Ahrens is already planning next year's ball. If you have any suggestions or comments about the ball please let Art know. I think he is planning on having the ball offsite again because of the vote taken at the ball.

The renovation is proceeding with fits and starts. The renovation committee is pushing Facciobene to honor the schedule. We are pushing them to complete the new bathrooms before tearing out the old bathrooms. We may have to use an upscale portable toilet trailer (flush toilets) if the old bathrooms have to be torn out before the new ones are ready. These will be easily accessible and nice restrooms, not the typical Port-a-potties. We will keep you posted on this. The new restrooms are dried in and fired and the rough plumbing is complete so it is only a matter of time before they are ready to go.

Even though we do not have it in the plan to put a complete new roof on the club we have been investigating the possibility and the need. We have decided that at this time it is best to continue to postpone the decision until we truly know the cost of the renovation. We will have an opportunity either later in the project or after the project is complete to have the roof done. There will probably be significant savings to do the roof after the renovation is complete than doing it during the renovation.

If you want to be in the directory for 2007, please make sure your dues are paid by April 16th. Our bylaws state the dues are to be paid by March 1st. Please make sure you send them in immediately so we have the funds to operate the club.

Hasty Miller is organizing our annual Seafood Raft-Up for May 5th. This is a very good event for the club, especially this year because our parties are limited due to the renovation project. There are a lot of new club members that don't know anything about this event so please come out and join us and learn about all the fun we have. Hasty said that attendance to the raft-up has been dropping off in recent years so I would like to challenge the club to really come out for this event and break any record for the seafood raft up. There is lots of great food, entertainment (sing along) and great company. You can visit boats like a boat show on the water and hopefully there will be a beautiful starlit sky.

If you have any suggestions or questions concerning our club, please contact me.

*Bob Hughes, Commodore
Let's Go Sailing!*

Bulletin Board

Calendar for Youth and Adult Sailing Classes:

Adult This session is full. Sign up on waiting list.	Session 1	May 19, 26 & June 2	9 am – 3 pm
Youth	Session 1	June 9, 16, 23, & 30	9 am – 1 pm
Youth	Session 2	July 7, 14, 21, & 28	9 am – 1 pm
Adult	Session 2	August 4, 11, 18, & 25	9 am - 1 pm

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Biking Ladies?

A few of us ladies were talking about starting a bike riding group, similar, but not as serious as some of the men do.

I would like to propose that anyone interested meet on Friday mornings at Gleason Park off of South Patrick Drive in Indian Harbor Beach at 8:30am. We can ride on the sidewalk down Riverside Drive or in and out of all the side streets that run from the park to A1A. You can ride for as long as you want, but I would say to begin with we would probably ride for about forty-five minutes or so. There will be no need to call ahead. Those that show up go. Pretty simple! On our way back we can stop at East Coast Coffee & Tea in the Publix shopping center to talk and catch our breath.

I would like to set the first Friday for April 13th, the Friday after Easter. However, most of you won't be reading this newsletter until after that date so our official beginning will be Friday, April 20th. Gleason park has a couple of different parking areas; meet at the most southern lot.

Any ideas or suggestions are welcome. Let me know of your interest. Phone 779-4464 or e-mail palex@cfi.rr.com

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E-mail it to:

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Please include your name &
phone number.

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

SEAFOOD RAFT-UP PARTY!

SATURDAY, May 5, 6:00 PM

COST: \$12.00 PER PERSON

Meet at MYC at 6:00, cast off by 6:30, Be at anchor by 7:30, break up at 11:00.

The evening will include:

Shrimp	Vegetable Munchies	Beer	(2 cans apiece.
Crab Claws	Rolls	Coke	Really thirsty folks
Baked Potatoes	Brownies	Diet Coke	should bring extra)
Live Music		Diet 7-Up	

Please include the name of the boat (or its owner) that you will be aboard when making your reservation.

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED and CLOSE WEDNESDAY NIGHT May 2

Hasty and Julie Miller 723-7395 or e-mail: hasty@digital.net

Jack and Marty Bibb 723-7954 or e-mail: majjak@mpinet.net

Other members of the Committee are: Bill & Kitty Burton, Rick & Suzanne Crockett, Bob & Wendy Hughes, Dave & Joan Lister and Bill & Kitty Stapor.

Adult and Youth Sailing Classes

WOW, the women are on the water! Following the successful chalk talks for our ladies clinic, our first session of the adult class is all women. It wasn't planned that way, but I'm excited to have so much interest amongst my sailing sisters. As the Rudder Club gals say, "You better Watch our Wake."

It looks like the local women are ready to get out there and sail. The August Adult class still has room for both men and women, but the class starting in May is filled.

Where are all the kids? Several MYC members expressed interest in having their children or grandchildren or nieces and nephews participate. However, I have only three confirmations for the first session and one confirmation for the second session Youth Class. Please send me an e-mail (sass4sail@cfl.rr.com) if you have a youngin' who would like to learn to sail. We have always given priority to our MYC family. The first youth session is June 9. If the class is not full by May 1, I will advertise in the community.

Adult and Youth Sailing Committee:

A special thank to those who have volunteered to help with our 2007 Adult and Youth Sailing Program.

John MacNeil

Kevin Frederick

Simon Koumjian

Paul Luca

David Levinthal

Nancy Baur

Dave Silverman

Rochelle Yates

Winnie Lambert

Marlene Sassaman, Adult & Youth Sailing Director

Murphy's Laws of Boat Care

Doing your own boatwork, you confront certain immutable truths
by Simon Hill

I am an expert do-it-yourselfer. I make this claim not simply because I've fixed a lot of things on my own and friends' boats, but because I've fouled up innumerable jobs, broken a goodly number of parts and fittings, and lost various expensive tools overboard.

When we work on our own boats -- wooden and fiberglass boats, racers and cruisers alike -- we confront some hard, distasteful truths. For lack of a better name, I'll call them Murphy's Laws of boat care. (I can think of better names, but they aren't fit for print.) Perhaps you will recognize some of them:

"A small 'project' undertaken just before your cruising vacation always turns into a big project."

For the purposes of this law, a "project" is anything that involves merely touching a mechanical or structural component of the boat. Starting the engine counts as a small project.

"You will always discover the biggest problems at the worst possible times."

Naturally, your engine never throws a connecting rod just as you tie up after the last cruise of the season. No, it's programmed to wait until you're all loaded up and leaving for your three-week cruise in early July.



When setting off on a vacation, starting the engine counts as a small project.

"No matter how many tools you bring down to the dock, you'll always be missing one crucial tool."

If you try to improvise, it will take longer than driving home to get the right tool. If you persist, you'll break some critical part of the boat.

"If you drop a tool, it will always a) land in the water, and b) be the most expensive tool aboard."

As a do-it-yourselfer, it's very important that you invest in the best tools money can buy, because then you can more easily justify the cost of hiring a diver to recover them when you drop them overboard.

"If you buy one can of paint or one tube of caulk (or epoxy, or whatever), it will be enough for 90 percent of the job."

You'll have to go back to the store for a second lot, most of which will harden in the tube before you have any further need for it. If you try to save yourself some aggravation by purchasing two to begin with, it's guaranteed you won't need the second one at all.

"Caulking is critical to boats because it keeps water out."

It is also very sticky. For typical boatowners who only caulk occasionally, working with the stuff is like being a baby who has only used a spoon a few times. Yes, you will get some caulk where you want it, but you'll also get it on your fingers, face, clothing, and hair. But take heart. After five or six years, most children master the art of using a spoon. Similarly, after five or six years, the caulk will come out of your hair.

"On their own, glues and epoxies will cure in one of two ways: a) instantly, turning into a smoking lump in your mixing container, or b) never, remaining forever a sticky, uncured mess on your workpiece."

However, if you first embed your fingers (or better yet, an entire hand) in the glue, the stuff will probably cure correctly. It's body heat that does the trick. Be sure there's a helper around to chisel you free after the glue has set.

"Bottom sanding can be done by hand or with a power sander."

By hand, it will take you all day to remove the paint from a very small section of your boat. With a power sander, you can easily grind straight through paint, gelcoat, and fiberglass in about 15 seconds flat, leaving a ragged hole in your boat. When this happens, the most effective way to repair the damage is to stuff a great many \$100 bills into the hole. (Continued on page 6)

"It's important to schedule your painting and varnishing to coincide with the most favorable weather."

Here's how this usually works: on the day you've chosen to paint or varnish, it looks like it will rain, so you put off the job. For 10 days in a row you plan the job, postponing whenever ominous clouds appear, then kicking yourself when the clouds disperse. Finally, you get a brilliant, sunny day and start your varnishing, only to get caught in a freak rainstorm.



The most effective way to repair a ragged hole in the hull, is to stuff a great many \$100 bills in the hole.

"If a multi-component system breaks, the failed part will be the one that is buried deepest in the boat."

This is because the chances of something breaking are directly proportional to the difficulty of access. However, don't permanently remove all your engine covers to reduce the failure rate because then your propeller will fall off.

"A final law, which every boater knows, even those who don't do their own work: your list of things to fix always has one more item on it than you remember."

Furthermore, the list never shrinks because every time you fix something you'll promptly find two more items that urgently need attention. Or you break something. But at least when this happens, you can look in the mirror and say to yourself, "Hey, I'm an expert!"

Simon Hill is a Vancouver, British Columbia, sailor and do-it-yourselfer. He has been sailing the West Coast's waters for 15 years, currently cruising aboard *The Point*, a Contessa 26, with his wife, Jenifer, and two children.

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Dock Master's Report

Slip E05 West, Previously Sherry Beckett's slip, has been assigned to Steve Schultz for his Lindenberg 28, *Starstruck*.

Thanks to all who have returned their rental agreements. They are due this month and can be left in the Dock Master Mail box or e-mailed to the Dock Master (dockmaster@melbourneyachtclub.com).

Numerous boats are occupying slips which are seldom or never used. Some of the boats are in disrepair. As a result, if members are not complying with rule 12 which states they must use and maintain their boats, they are in jeopardy of having commercial rates apply to their slip rentals.

Members are also reminded that the T-Dock may be used for 72 hours. If extensions are required this must be arranged through the Dock Master.

Glen Gray, Dock Master

BAR REPORT

March proved to be an active month for the bar. Working around the renovation the bar was opened 12 days/evenings. Members bought 2425 chits and used 2316 chits. Sherry's party brought in some experience partiers!

With the "open" banner the bar is being enjoyed by club members on Sunday's Small boat racing. We will continue having the bar open for the racer's and club members. The bar is being run by the 2007 Bar Committee on Sunday Small Boat Race dates. We are looking so professional with our new red & spring green bar shirts.

Though we did not have a "Dine-In" in February, we did have a very successful Hard Hat TGIF. We had 38 members with some sort of construction gear on and 22 weird tools were brought in for the "name the tool" contest. Mike Henry won the chits from the contest. Plenty of box lunches – shared dishes were brought in so serving and clean up was made easy.

April's dine in will be Build your own "Sub" salad and brownie's. Karen Knockel will be organizing the meal. Bar committee will be helping prepare and serve. Cost is \$5.00. This is the TGIF April 13th before the Spring Regatta. We will take reservations up to April 11th. E-mail me (dj2some@bellsouth.net) or sign up at the bar.

We are introducing new beer on tap: Michelob Lite and Fire Rock pale ale. Michelob Ultra is in bottles as well as Bud Lite.

The Drink of the month will be a Mango Mojito, light rum, mango juice with a hint of mint. The traditional Mojito will also be available, Rum, lime with a hint of mint.

Watch for a veggie platter the 1st TGIF of the month. This will be at the bar along with the usual chips and popcorn. Thanks to the bar committee volunteers who are rotating this assignment.

I am in the process of designing an "**I Survived the MYC Renovation**" t-shirt. The shirt will have the renovation benchmarks printed on the back with a check off box for each event. As the benchmarks are made, wear your shirt to the bar on TGIF and I will mark the box off and you will drink \$1.00 draft for free that evening. Watch for more information and prices.

Once again thank you for your support.

Debbie McGregor, Bar Director

Editors' Note

Anyone contributing articles to the newsletter in the future, please use the newsletter e-mail address: myc-news@melbourneyachtclub.com rather than the editors' personal e-mail addresses. The yacht club e-mail address forwards your e-mails to both of our personal e-mail accounts. In that way we both get everything that has been submitted, and if one of us can not do the newsletter unexpectedly one month, the other will have everything she needs.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Amy Lacy and Winnie Lambert, Editors

House Report

Just a couple of quick notes. The combinations will be changing to the parking lot gate, the annex, and the tire store next month. With the single entrance to the building for the vendors, we decided NOT to change the combination to the clubhouse until the renovation is complete. New combinations will be mailed out with your new membership cards in May.

Even though the Bosuns locker has been temporarily moved, it is still in operation! Check the Melbourne Yacht Club web site for selections. See me at TGIF or other events to make your purchases. Custom embroidery from Team Foxy is available upon request. See me for details and pricing.

Art Ahrens, Vice-Commodore/House

Fleet Report

Alter Cup

We now have the full 20 teams registered and paid for the regatta. I will be contacting the people who have volunteered housing and putting you in contact with your guests. We have received 2/3 of the Rolex sponsorship funds and should be receiving the entry fee payment by mid April. Thanks to all that have volunteered to help put on the regatta.

Spring Regatta

Thanks to all or you who have volunteered to help out with the Spring Regatta. We have some new people involved with the race committee and will be trying some new courses.

Small Boats

We now have 4 working Sunfish with the 5th just needing the rub rail riveted back on. The Capri still needs some work, but we will continue to use the Snipe until it is back in service. Two Sunfish were bought at the Auction with the winning bids going to Pat Lambert and Ron Osler, The two Lasers have been disposed of and I am working to find new homes for the other boats.

18 footer and replacement

Gary Smith was able to make a deal with a mechanic to take the 18 footer. He will take the engine for parts, dispose of the hull and return the trailer to Paul Alexy. He will perform some future work on our other boats in consideration for the engine. The LRPC has approved the purchase of a replacement boat and I am working on finding a suitable boat for the club.

John Fox, Fleet Captain

Secretary's Notepad

The new membership cards will be printed very soon. We are planning to print one card for each membership. If you would like two cards, we would be happy to print two. Please notify the secretary by e-mail if you would like two cards. The secretary's e-mail is secretary@melbournyachtclub.com.

Thank you!

Louisa Killian, Secretary

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

NEW MEMBERS: Marion Valin, John Martin

NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:

Alan and Mary Shaw, sponsored by John MacNeill.

"Learned to sail at MYC in 1958. Likes catamarans, monohulls, but mostly kite board sailing. Mary likes sailing but needs to learn how.

Keith and Diane Jones, sponsored by Bob Hughes
No bio yet.

RESIGNATIONS:

Richard and Jacqueline Cope
Stan and Nancy Hillyer
Bruce and Yolanda Lifter

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP: 217 Total (Resident: 165, Nonresident: 25, Corinthian: 14, Honorary: 13)

May Kayaking

The May kayak trip is Saturday, May 5th. We will meet at Fisherman's Landing Park in Grant. The park is approximately 12 miles south of Melbourne Yacht Club and just north of Ozzie's Restaurant on the lagoon side of US1. We will paddle to and around Grant Farm Island, one of the few natural islands in the lagoon, the rest being spoil islands, and to other islands as time permits. Bring food, drink and suntan lotion. We will be back in plenty of time to attend the raft up organized by Hasty Miller.

Please RSVP to :

John Martin jmartin@mindspring.com or 432-5213 or to Carol Mairs at 961-7285.

John Martin, Kayak Coordinator



Picture taken by Jim Lacy

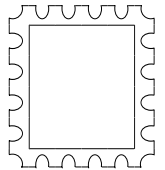
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