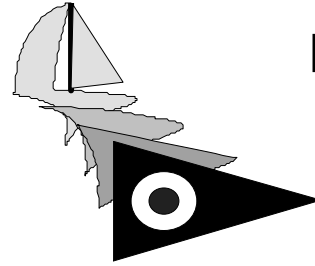


MELBOURNE YACHT CLUB

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The Party Line

TGIF—Every Friday - TGIFs are held every Friday evening in the clubhouse. Birthdays are celebrated on the first TGIF of the month.

Dine-In—May 11 - May's Dine-In has the theme "Cheeseburger in Paradise" and will honor Rachele Ross for her decision to join the ranks of the retired. Rachele worked at Florida Tech for over 26 years as a graphic designer. We have seen her talents in t-shirt designs and fliers for our regattas, and hope to see a lot more of it. Congratulations, Rachele!

Kayak Trips—May 5 and June 2 - 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. To RSVP and to get more specifics on each trip, contact Carol Mairs at 728-7941 or to John Martin at jhmartin@mindspring.com or 729-9539

Cruise to Marker 21—June 9 - Cruises to Marker 21 take place on the second Saturday of the month. MYC provides the firewood, hot dogs, and marshmallows for s'mores. Please contact Rochelle for more information.

Anyone interested putting together an MYC event, contact our Entertainment Chair, Rochelle Yates, at rochellery@bellsouth.net

MAY

- 2 General Membership Meeting
- 4 TGIF Birthdays
- 5 Kayak Trip
- 5 Seafood Raft-up
- 11 Summer Rum Race #1
- 11 MYC Dine In
- 19/26 Adult Sailing Classes
- 20 Small Boat Sunday
- 25 Summer Rum Race #2
- 26-28 Memorial Day Weekend

JUNE

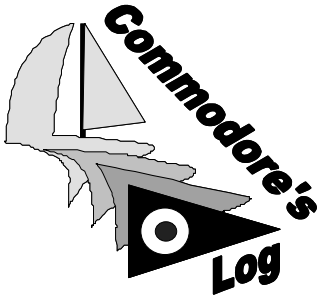
- 1 TGIF Birthdays
- 2 Kayak Trip
- 2 Adult Sailing Class (last day)
- 3 Small Boat Sunday
- 6 General Membership Meeting
- 9 Cruise to Marker 21
- 9/16/23/30 Youth Sailing Class
- 15 Summer Rum Race #3
- 17 Small Boat Sunday
- 29 Summer Rum Race #4



Boats lining up for the Raft-up on May 5

MYC Calendar Online

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



We made it through another very busy month. There have been challenges but the club pulled together, as usual, succeeded and really had some fun.

We had our Spring Regatta for big boats that lasted just one day because of the weather. The long course was challenging in strong winds but it went well. The Small Boat Regatta the next weekend was slightly under-attended due to the possibility of bad weather but it turned out very well. I am sure John Fox will say something about these regattas elsewhere in this newsletter.

Immediately following the spring regattas, the club ran the Hobie Alter Cup Multi-Hull Championships out of Ballard Park. John Fox organized this event and the club pulled it off exceptionally well. The US Sailing team that ran the races was impressed with us. I want to thank Jim Edwards for the foresightedness to accept this regatta, John Fox for a great job of organizing and all the club members that came out and helped make this a successful event.

The membership voted at the May General meeting to cancel the July general meeting because it falls on Wednesday, July 4th. I am also canceling the annual 4th of July barbeque because of the club house renovation. Rear Commodore Rochelle Yates is working on a party for that day that won't involve the clubhouse. More to come on this soon.

Hasty Miller organized another great Seafood Raft-Up. If you missed this one you need to put it on the calendar for next year. We didn't have a record attendance but we did have 23 boats and about 114 people.

The pictures taken of the members at the 2007 Commodore's Ball are available online for viewing and ordering at <https://www.collages.net/consumersite/ConsumerStore.aspx>. Username: MYC and Password: 15844. These pictures will only be available until May 27 on this website. If you want to order pictures, you may get them from this website with your credit card. If you prefer to pay with a check, please contact Casey Gorman directly. His contact information is on the website.

Anyone visiting the club recently will see that the construction is proceeding nicely. The new exterior bar wall is now up and it is expected that the roof will be put on very soon. The extension to the great room is dried in and the electric and insulation is in. The windows will be put in soon. The new restrooms have the drywall installed and will be ready for the painting and tiling this month. We will be losing the existing restrooms very soon but we are planning on having the new restrooms on line before then. If not, the time frame between losing one and gaining the other will be very short. The renovation team is working hard to keep this going and under budget. Right now they are predicting late July as the completion time.

We are planning a 60th MYC anniversary and Grand Reopening of the clubhouse in late September, which could be an all day party. Please reserve this time to come and celebrate these milestones in our club history. There are a lot of tasks that the club needs to do to be ready for this party. Art Ahrens will be asking for help in painting, moving, hanging pictures and landscaping. Please volunteer to help because many hands make the task light.

If you have any suggestions or questions concerning our club, please contact me. Let's go sailing!

Bob Hughes, Commodore

Rear Commodore's Report

Just when I thought our entertaining days were going to come to a screeching halt due to the club renovation, Hasty Miller pulled a very well attended Seafood raft up out of his hat. The Seafood raft up had 23 boats rafted together by 7:00 PM with 114 folks milling about. The sunset was amazing, and the food was great as usual. Winnie Lambert brought tears to Sherry Beckett's eyes with a beautifully written poem of memories and admiration. The music throughout the night was well performed by several musicians, including Jack Bibb on his guitar. Jim Yates sounded the call to break-up with his award-winning conch shell blow.

Many thanks to my hosts Bob and Wendy Hughes on Second Chance and to the wonderful people who attended the annual raft up. The next planned event is the retirement party for Rachele Ross on Friday May 11. See you all on the water.

Rochelle Yates, Rear Commodore/Entertainment

BULLETIN BOARD

Member Contact Information

The membership cards are laminated. We made 2 cards for family members. I brought them to the May 11 TGIF to hand out. Those not picked up will be mailed out. The cards were printed with help from Rochelle Yates, and Gary Killian. Thank You!

The Directory is about to go to the printer. Rachele Ross has done a lot of work on the directory. Many thanks go to Bob Hughes who gathered information for the Directory from the MYC website. You will really enjoy the pictures that Rachele Ross has gathered.

Louisa Killian, Secretary

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In Memory

Past Commodore Patrick Appley (1988) passed away March 28, 2007, in California. His sons informed Elaine Bowen (currently a non-resident member now living in Tennessee) and she called to let Betty Thon know of his passing. Pat's wife, Mary, preceded him in death.

Most notable during Pat's term as commodore, MYC held a 100th anniversary regatta at their request as part of the City of Melbourne's Centennial Celebration. Pat, along with co-hosts Chris Gates, Fleet Captain, and Rachele Ross held a regatta worthy of the occasion, which included large tents in the parking lot to house an old fashioned fish fry for 200. Mayor Joe Mullins and other local Dignitaries and politicians attended the event. Pat and Mary were very active in all phases of the club and enjoyed cruising with other MYC boats to the Bahamas and Keys in Sea Owl II, a Watkins 22. Pat will be missed by all who knew him.

Submitted by Rachele Ross

New Rum Race Schedule



The Rum Race scheduled for May 4 conflicted with the PCYC Cinco de Mayo Regatta, which some MYC members entered. The Rum Race scheduled for May 18 conflicts with the Brevard Challenge on May 19-20. No more races are scheduled until June 15 because no one will be around for the long weekend on Memorial Day. I polled the membership and the regular Rum Racers to see if they would mind slipping the May 4 and May 18 races by one week to May 11 and May 25, respectively, to clear up the conflicts. For the most part, everyone agreed. The regular schedule will resume on June 15.

Submitted by Hasty Miller



Got a contribution for the newsletter?

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

Fleet Report

April was a busy month for MYC. Our small boat racing on Easter Sunday turned into a clinic provided by James Liebl. There was enough wind to sail, but the direction was not steady enough to race. There were 21 boats in the big boat weekend of the Spring Regatta in which we tried some different ideas in courses and by using time-on-time scoring. We sailed one short course race and a 15 mile distance race on Saturday with the winds providing a challenge to several of the boats. We had to cancel sailing on Sunday due to the threat of severe thunderstorms. We had 38 boats competing on small boat weekend. Turnout was lower than expected due to a bad weather forecast, but the winds cooperated and we had some great sailing. We did make a reasonable profit for the regatta.

Alter Cup

From April 24 through 28 we moved to Ballard Park to host the US Multihull Championship for the Alter Cup. Twenty teams from around the country competed in the 16-foot Blade catamarans built by Vectorworks in Titusville. The whole MYC team received very high praise from both competitors and the race officials who came in from US Sailing to work with us. Many people worked on this regatta to make it successful and I think we all enjoyed doing it. The key people that worked to make this regatta a success were Dave Noble, Dick & Linda Tillman, Gary & Louisa Killian, Jim and Amy Lacy, Jack & Marty Bibb, Steve & Prill Clendenin, Jerry & Rachele Ross, Bill Haberland, Chris Gates, Jim Edwards & Lynde West, Bob Hughes, Debbie McGregor, John Martin, Nancy Fox, Steve Batchelor, Jack & Jackie Leahy, Scott & Dior Hubel, Jim Henry, Phil Scalise, Doug Worth and John MacNeil. We made a profit on this regatta even after factoring in the costs for upgrading and repairing our equipment.

Small Boats

I accepted the donation of Kelly Dragon's kayak into the MYC Fleet. For now, it will be stored on the small boat racks where the prams and Lasers are stored. John Martin will take the boat under his wing and teach people how to use it on our kayak trips. Dave Noble donated a Sunfish hull to the club. This will replace one Sunfish in the fleet and the total number will stay at 5. As there were only two bids for Sunfish in our recent sale and they both took boats, I will be putting this one (hull only) up for sale to anyone. Please contact me if you want to buy it.

Future Regattas

We have been asked if we could host the 2008 Laser Masters Midwinter East on the weekend of February 16-17, or preferably a 3-day event from February 15-17 or 14-16. The expected number of competitors would be 50-80 boats. The board has approved hosting the regatta if our bid is successful and I will put together a budget and proposal for the event to the Laser Class association. We have worked very hard to put MYC on the map and events like this are exactly what we need to stay there. Gary Killian has been added as a member to the Fleet Activities Committee. Gary has worked very hard in helping to put on our regattas and is a welcome addition to the committee.

John Fox Fleet Captain



Bar Report

In April, the bar was open and beer flowing for eight evenings/afternoons. This does not include the transport of beer taken to the parks to support the Spring Regattas and the Alter Cup. A special thank you to my bar committee for transporting and pouring the beer for those activities. We sold 1,440 chits and members used 1574 in April. The club loved the Mango Mojito drink and it will be available at the bar for \$2.50. The beers-of-the-month for May are Dos Equis and Corona and the May wine is Sangria for \$2.00.

There were 61 members at April's "Build Your Own Sub" dine-in. Karen Knockel organized the food, Brenda Spletter made the salad and Carol Mairs made the brownies. The rest of the bar committee helped prepare and serve the food.

The May dine in was a special one to honor Rachele Ross. The theme was "Cheese Burger in Paradise" and the cost was \$7.00 per person. People turned out in droves to congratulate Rachele and enjoy the monster burgers. Musician Mike Staton sang island songs and classic Florida tunes all evening. We had two dining times: 6:00 – 6:30 and 7:30 – 8:00 for the Rum Racers.

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Keep a look-out for the new bar chits. We are changing from our standard packets to a more economical roll. The chits will be worth \$.50, \$1.00 and \$2.00. Hopefully, they come with a better than average wash rate. The "MYC 2007 Renovation" t-shirt should be here soon. The t-shirt comes with a \$1.00 drafts for the night for those who buy it. As milestones are met, wear your shirt to the bar and get \$1.00 drafts for the night.

Thanks for you support.

Debbie McGregor, Bar Committee

Membership Report

New Members: Alan & Mary Shaw, sponsored by John MacNeill
Keith & Diane Jones, sponsored by Bob Hughes

New Provisional Nomination: David R. Lampert, sponsored by Jim Gibson. Dave is in process of relocating to Melbourne from California and hopes to be full time in Melbourne by summer 2008. He is currently a member of two clubs in California: San Luis YC and Channel Islands YC. He was Commodore of SLYC in 1991 and a board member for many years. His sailing experience began in 1978 on an Ericson 27 and has spanned 29 years of sailing the California waters in a Santana 20, an Olson 30, a Blusail 24, and presently, a Bravura 29 sport boat, hull #1. He was very active in Olson 30 Class events, as Class President, VP, and nationals' regatta chairman twice. He served in the US Navy. He wants to join MYC because the club is sailing and racing focused, has its own docks, and active events.

Resigned Members: Tony & Leslie Santos resigned from the club, 13 memberships were revoked.

Current Membership: Resident—158, Non-Resident—23, Corinthian—10, Honorary—13, Total—204

Jim Gibson, Membership

Dockmaster Report

Only half of the members who are renting slip space have completed and returned their Slip Rental Agreements for 2007. Thanks to those who have returned their agreements. For the rest, please submit the form as soon as possible. Thank you.

The East T-Dock has been allocated to Sherry (Beckett) and Dave McCampbell for Soggy Paws for the period of May 10-14. One A/C power outlet was reported non functional. However, it was determined the GFI breaker was tripped. Keep in mind, if using a faulty appliance in a GFI circuit, it will trip. This is not a problem with the dock outlet.

I encourage members who are renting slips at MYC and who have not used their boats for extended periods, please take your boat out occasionally and ensure it is in sea worthy order and repair. It is very discouraging to active members on the waiting list to see a number of idle and unused boats. Thank you.

Glen Gray, Dockmaster

Youth

Ahoy and welcome to the summer of 2007. This year's program for adults and youngsters promises to be a well organized, fun filled time! We hope you can join us as we introduce and promote the wonder of sailing to some fledgling sailors. **ALL CLASSES ARE FULL** at this time! We still need helpers with:

- Registration and organizing each day's schedule which includes chalk talks and water drills.
- Chase boat personnel (2 people/boat) -- currently MYC only has one chase boat, so we need someone with a power boat to help out-- we need 2 power boats for every 10 sailboats on the water. The courses are designed for up to 10 boats. If we only have one chase boat then all sailors will have to double up.
- Big boat owner/captains willing to take out 4 students

You need not be an expert sailor, however, you do need to keep your commitment to attending on the dates you sign up for. Please let me know as soon as possible when you are available and your job preference. The first class for the adults is on Saturday May 19 from 9:00—3:00.

Marlene "Captain Sass" Sassaman, Youth



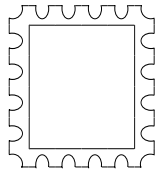
Sunset on the 2007 Seafood Raft-up

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