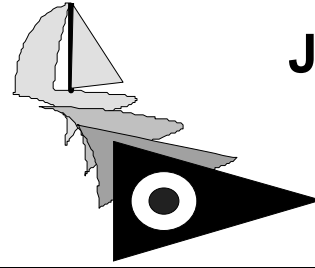


MELBOURNE YACHT CLUB

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June 2007

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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.

Bunko Party—June 23 - 6:00 PM, \$4.00 per person. The bar will be open, bring a heavy appetizer to share. The tables will be set up and ready for Bunko. If you have never played Bunko before and would like some information, go to the website <http://www.buncorules.com/rules.html>. Please RSVP to Rochelle Yates by Sunday, June 20.



Independence Day Cookout Dock Party—July 4 - 5:00 PM, \$10.00 per person. This will be a traditional BBQ with chicken, pork, cole slaw, baked beans and a few other sides. We will assemble by the docks as our gracious chef smokes the poultry and pork for an early feast. BYOD (drinks) and please keep all alcoholic drinks dockside. There will be prizes for the individual, couple, and boat adorning the most red, white and blue. After dinner, cast off your lines and go out to the river to watch the fire works, or stay dock side and go up to the club house where the bar will be open to watch the fireworks from the deck. Make your reservations with Rochelle Yates by Saturday, June 30.



Dine-In—July 13 - Shrimp and Suds. Contact Debbie McGregor at 952-8540 or dj2some@bellsouth.net for reservations and information.

Kayak Trip—July 7 - Kayak trips take place on the first Saturday of the month. To RSVP and get more specifics on each trip, contact John Martin at 729-9539 or jhmartin@mindspring.com. Extreme Sports (779-4228) rents kayaks for \$30/day. They open at 10AM, so rent your kayak the day before. They don't deliver but will loan you a car rack.

Cruise to Marker 21—July 14 - 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 Yates for more information.

RSVP for the Bunko and July 4 events to Rochelle Yates at rearcommodore@melbourneyachtclub.com and include a head count. Also contact Rochelle if you are interested in putting together an MYC event.

JUNE

- 2 Kayak Trip
- 3 Small Boat Sunday
- 6 General Membership Meeting
- 9 Cruise to Marker 21
- 9/16/23/30 Youth #1 Sailing Classes
- 15 Summer Rum Race #3
- 17 Small Boat Sunday
- 23 Bunko Party
- 29 Summer Rum Race #4

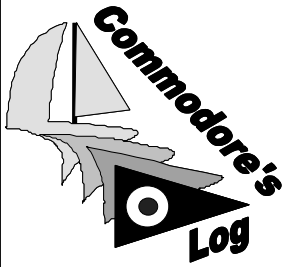
JULY

(No General Meeting in July)

- 1 Small Boat Sunday
- 4 Independence Day Party
- 6 TGIF Birthdays
- 7 Kayak Trip
- 7/14/21/28 Youth #2 Sailing Classes
- 13 Sumer Rum Race #5
- 13 Shrimp and Suds Dine-In
- 14 Cruise to Marker 21
- 15 Small Boat Sunday
- 27 Summer Rum Race #6
- 29 Small Boat Sunday

MYC Calendar Online

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



The membership voted at the May General Meeting to cancel the July General Meeting because it falls on July 4. Rochelle Yates and the Bar Committee are planning the Fourth of July party in my absence. I think they are doing the same menu that I have been doing in recent years. This will be a dock party instead of in the clubhouse this year, but it will be fun. I am sorry I will miss it. I am sure they will ask for volunteers to help so it will be a success. They are going to use my smoker.

The board has been very active this last month in developing plans for completing the club house and expanding some of our programs. Some of the items we are looking into are:

1. Grand Re-Opening/60th Anniversary party scheduled for September 22, 2007.
2. Youth is looking into expanding the sailing classes and possibly create a youth racing team using a class boat.
3. Redecorating the clubhouse.
4. Another major sailing/regatta event for next year.
5. Working to complete our assigned tasks for the clubhouse renovation.
6. Working on a plan to include members' photos in the club directory.
7. Putting on a Laser Masters Midwinter East regatta sometime in February.
8. Developing plans to clean and paint/seal the docks this year.
9. Setting dates for all the club regattas for next year.

I thank all the board members and their committees for the great work they are doing. I am sure each of the board members will be expanding on these items in the coming weeks and months as these plans develop. I am also sure they will be asking the club members to volunteer to help implement these plans. If you have any desire to help on any of these individual items please let a board member know and they will be glad to point you to the right person.

I am very pleased with the club as we are progressing with the renovation and how you all are continuing to support the club with your participation in club activities. During this time of the year we always drop off in attendance due to members traveling and other activities through the summer, but please come and join us if you can for the TGIFs and the dine-ins. We are still having fun and getting together every Friday night.

The renovation is proceeding nicely, but instead of me telling you what is happening I have included Neal Tompkins' report on Page 4 so you will get your information first hand. Please come and look at the progression of the renovation. It is really looking good at this point. The Renovation Committee has been doing a great job and has spent a lot of hours working to keep the plan on course and to see we are getting what we want.

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

Bob Hughes, Commodore

**New bathroom and kitchen entrances.
This is the new color for the club house.**



The north side of the club house.

Bulletin Board

Secretary's Notepad: Directories

Thanks to Rachele Ross, Bob Hughes, and Rochelle Yates for all the help in putting the directories together. There used to be a tradition of putting the Commodore's Boat on the cover. We have decided that is a wonderful idea. The cover is Bob Hughes's boat, Second Chance. The directories will be mailed the week of June 11-15. If you have not gotten your directory by the week after that please contact me at the email address secretary@melbourneyachtclub.com.

Louisa Killian, Secretary

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Happy Birthday

Marilyn Moulton, a long time member of Melbourne Yacht Club, is celebrating her 90th birthday on June 15, 2007. Her family hopes you will raise a glass to memories of good times on Windrift. Marilyn now resides near her son Jay in Pompano Beach. When the Moulton Cruising Award is given this year, we hope another toast will be raised to much happy sailing and good friends. For those of you wishing to send Marilyn a card, her address is:

Marilyn Moulton
Sea View Nursing Center
2401 NE 2nd Street
Pompano Beach, FL 33062

From Sandra, Fred, Royal, Victoria, Jay and James Moulton

Fine Portraiture by



Casey Forman

Photographer

521 383-2444

Karen Knockel and Bob Sowdon
got married in Hope Town on May 29

CONGRATULATIONS!



Photo provided by Debbie McGregor

**Got a contribution for the
newsletter?**

E-mail it to:

myc-news@

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Please include your name &
phone number.

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

Renovation Status Report

Overview

The work accomplished in the past month has revealed much of what the new clubhouse design was intended to accomplish. With the old restrooms demolished, the new north wall in place and the old north wall in the lounge demolished, the size, openness and focus on the harbor view of the new lounge is clearly visible. The new bar has been roughed in and the dramatic increase in its size is now apparent. The new deck has been largely completed. With its increased size, great view, improved flow, full shade and easy open access even to the east yard, it will hopefully lead to greater use than before.

We made two key decisions this past month: one was to re-roof the entire building and the other was to remove the existing low beam in the lounge and replace it with a custom steel structure entirely hidden above the drop ceiling. The total re-roof option was selected when we discovered some possible leaks in the old roof and the roof vendor reduced his bid to do the entire club house. Removing the old beam in the lounge was given the go ahead when it became apparent that it was a major cosmetic defect and there was enough reserve in the contingency to cover the added expense. However, the cost was sufficiently high to not allow us to remove the equivalent structure in the upper room. Also, the upper room situation is so different that it significantly lessens the cosmetic gains by its removal. Finally, leaving the entry between the upper rooms as designed retains the ability to add doors to close it off in the future for separate meetings, which was a design requirement the membership asked for originally.

The major structural items that remain to be done are the handicap walkway, the upper front entrance, demolition of the old wall between the upper rooms, the new storage closet in the great room and the entrance walk at the lounge. The relatively minor work remaining is associated with finish details, cabinets, appliances, flooring and fixtures.

Spending

With the election to re-roof the entire building and remove the existing low beam in the lounge, we consumed a great deal of the contingency funds: \$8,500 to complete the re-roof and \$6,250 to remove and replace the beam. But given that until this point we had consumed less than \$5,000 of the \$25,000 contingency line item and are past the point of major surprises, it made the choice relatively straight-forward for the board and renovation team members. We still hope to save several thousand dollars with the new choice of chair lift and stay within the reduced budget for the kitchen and bar equipment selections. Also, our interest to date on the construction loan has been approximately \$1,300, and we should be well under the \$12,000 estimate at the end of the contract period.

Neal Tompkins



Bar Report

Though the bar was open only six times in the month of May, we still sold 1432 chits and used 1440. Thanks to my great bar committee, our TGIF Dine-Ins have become our way to endure the limited space and dust throughout the renovation. Mark your calendar for the next scheduled Dine-Ins: July 13 Shrimp and Suds, and August 10 Mexico night.

Please join us and wear your Renovation T-shirts, like Buzz Mantle in the picture, to get \$1.00 drink specials with each renovation milestone. Rules for getting the \$1.00 drinks are posted in the club. Come join in on the celebration of meeting the milestones.

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June's Drink of the month is Gin or Vodka Tonic. The beer of the month is Red Stripe. Come in and enjoy a drink for \$2.00. Only at the club can you get such great prices. The Dine-In on June 8 was TGIF New Orleans—MYC Style. Brenda Spletter served up Mufaletta sandwiches on homemade bread, and the bar committee served up a bag of Chips, June's drink or beer special and homemade cookies.



**Rachele and her son Andrew
at the May 8 Dine-In**

On May 8 we had the Cheeseburger in Paradise TGIF Dine-In and a celebration of Rachele Ross' retirement from Florida Tech. The music was great and I know Rachele had a great time! Thanks to Jeff McGregor and his grill masters; Jim Gibson, Kevin Glaser, Gerry Mores, and Bob Sowden, 132 half-pound burgers were ready for our hungry club members. Brenda Spletter made the pasta salad and Karen Knockel, Linda Tillman, Charlotte Parker and I worked the set up and serving spots. Thank you to Jerry Ross and his crew of Mike and Pattie Henry for getting the club in shape for the event. Thanks also to Rochelle Yates for serving up the special retirement cakes.

Debbie McGregor, Bar Committee

Fleet Report

The club purchased a 1998 Key Largo model 188 as our new MYC support boat. I purchased and installed some additional items to set the boat up to our requirements and to meet the USCG safety requirements. These include an hour meter so that we know when to perform maintenance, vertical rod holders to hold race flags, holders for boat hooks, distress flares, etc. We used the boat for small boat racing on May 20 and June 3, and it performed very well. Jim Edwards is donating a barrier coat (Ceram-Kote) that needs to be applied before painting the bottom. We will try to organize some workdays to get the bottom prepped and painted, but for the next month or two, we will be launching and hauling the boat when we need to use it. If anyone can help during the week, please let me know. With the sailing classes each Saturday, it will be hard to do much on weekends. We have a new policy for using our support boats, which is based around safety for those we support as well as helping to make sure the boats are maintained properly and get repaired and back in service quickly. The new policy is after this report.

MYC is hosting a one-day event for Lasers on June 10. This is part of the Treasure Coast Laser series and requires only a race committee from MYC. Members of the Sunfish fleet have done this for the past two years using private boats. Melbourne Yacht Club will also host the Laser Masters Midwinter's East on the weekend of February 16, 2008. If you want to know how well MYC is regarded, this regatta will be hosted by the likes of the St. Petersburg YC, US Sailing Center, Martin County, Davis Island YC, and Clearwater YC in future years. Jack Clark and I will be co-chairman for this regatta. We will be looking for volunteers to help out in all the usual areas. Please contact me if you would like to help with this event.

John Fox, Fleet Captain

Operating Policy and Procedures for MYC Support Boats

The purpose of the operating policy is to insure the safe operation of our boats and to keep them in good working order. Our boats are used to support sail training and racing activities which require them to be operated in close proximity to small boats and persons in the water, sometimes under high wind and wave conditions. As a club, MYC has the obligation to do everything we can to insure that we place competent people, who will act responsibly, in command of our support boats.

MYC Support boats are to be operated by authorized MYC members over the age of 18 only in conjunction with sanctioned club events, activities, and training programs. The Fleet Captain shall maintain and publish a

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list of authorized operators for each boat. Keys are to be obtained from a member of the board of directors and returned to that person following use.

Before any person is authorized to use one of the boats, the Fleet Captain, or a person designated by the Fleet Captain, shall go over the operating procedures for the boat, train the operator in the safe use of the boat and procedures to follow before and after the boat is used. During the check out procedure, the operator shall demonstrate the ability to handle the boat safely in docking and rescue situations.

The operator is responsible to see that the following equipment is aboard and functioning properly each time the boat is used.

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| 1. An approved life preserver for each person | 9. Boat Hook |
| 2. A first aid kit. | 10. Tow Line |
| 3. Visual Distress Signals. | 11. 2 fenders |
| 4. Whistle and/or horn. | 12. 2 dock lines |
| 5. Fire Extinguisher (19 footer) | 13. Sufficient fuel for the operating period |
| 6. Anchor and line. | 14. Bailing device |
| 7. A throwable cushion. | 15. VHF radio |
| 8. Swim Ladder for rescues. | 16. Transom plugs |

After Operation:

1. Remove boat from water or insure proper tie up in slip. Boats are to be hauled unless being used on the following day.
2. Remove transom plug after hauling boat.
3. Stow all gear in proper locations on the boat.
4. Flush Engine
5. Turn off battery switch.
6. Remove personal belongings
7. Remove all trash
8. Return portable VHF to Annex along with any marks and their ground tackle.
9. Wash down the boat.
10. Install console and seat covers; fold bimini and install boot cover.
11. Report any operating problems or damage to the Fleet Captain so that the boat will be serviceable when needed again.

Dock Master Report

Melbourne Harbor Dredging is tentatively scheduled to start in the December 2007. Consequently, this will probably be an excellent opportunity to have the MYC slips dredged. As a result, Rose Baker is asking South Wind Dredging Company for a quote on pricing for dredging the MYC slips.

One member, Eric Stord, was added to the waiting list for a slip. All but five members have returned their Slip Rental agreements for the year of 2007. Again, thanks to the persons who have returned the agreements. For the few that have not, please submit the form as soon as possible.

Bob Boska pressure cleaned a small area of the docks and it looks good. We will need to complete the pressure washing before the deck is painted. I have talked to Lynde West regarding the purchase of stain for the docks. She said that we can get a good price from Sherwin-Williams. I stopped by the paint store on June 6 and the cost is \$24.49 per gallon. I believe about 35 to 40 Gallons will be required to do the job. So, I'll be looking for some work parties for pressure washing and painting.

I would like to 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 and members on the waiting list to see a number of idle and unused boats. Thank you.

Glen Gray, Dock Master

Membership Report

New Member

David R. Lampert Dave is interested in serving on the Racing Committee.

Member Nomination

Richard and Judy Fickes, sponsored by Louisa Killian.

Richard and Judy are retired school teachers and have recently purchased a home in Melbourne. Originally from Pennsylvania, they began their sailing experience in 1988 on their first boat, a Venture 22. After getting hooked on sailing, they upgraded to an O'Day 25, then later, to an O'Day 31 when they moved to the Chesapeake. Being teachers, they had the luxury of having time off during the summer and could cruise extensively. They outgrew that boat and moved up to a Pearson 34. After several charters in the BVI with friends, they purchased their current yacht, a Jeanneau 40 and have a slip in Marsh Harbor for four months of the year. Now that their daughter is married and currently living in Paris, they are free to move and chose Melbourne as their Florida destination. They want to become members of MYC and were struck by the diversity of sailing experience and the friendliness of the members. Richard and Judy are interested in serving on the Cruising, Party, and Dock Committees.

Current Membership

Resident – 156 Non-Resident – 24 Corinthian – 10 Honorary – 13 **Total—203**

Jim Gibson, Membership

House Report

The remodeling is really starting to take shape. The latest date of the clubhouse completion is around the end of July. This gives us almost but not quite two months to prepare the clubhouse for the open house, and the fall season. As the construction progresses, we are starting to use some of the new areas around the club that are still in a construction zone. Keep in mind that there are nails and hazardous construction materials there. You are entering these areas at your own risk. The new restrooms are usable, however, they are not yet finished. There will not be fittings such as towel holders, toilet paper holders, or any other comforts for a while. Please have patience with the construction process. There are many projects that still need to be completed, the full list of which was sent out in a recent email to the membership.

We need team leaders who can interface with the renovation team and organize their individual work groups to plan, budget, schedule and manage the activities. Please send me an email or call if you are interested in leading any of these activities. Current team leaders so far: Steve has painting; Bob has the outside boat ramp and storage; Rose and Bill have the outdoors landscaping and pavement; Bob Hughes has IT.

The combinations to the facilities were changed and sent to members on the back of the new membership cards. Please DO NOT disclose the combination to any non member, Do you know who the paid up members are? Several members have resigned or had their memberships revoked this year. Are you sure you know who the paid up members are? The best policy is to give the combination to NO ONE!! If you are taking guests sailing, do not give them the combination, meet them at the gate and let them in after they park their car in the upper parking lot. Please help us protect your property.

Art Ahrens, House

Youth

From leaving the dock for their very first time, to capsizing as the first step in learning to sail, to finally sailing alone, without the parents, just a couple of kids becoming life long friends with each other and the world of sailing; that's what our sailing program is about. See the great pictures on the back page.

Every Saturday from now until the end of August we invite you to join the fun. Truly, these moments make life worthwhile. Special thanks to those Foxy sailors, Nancy, John, and Shannon for their contribution to the 2007 Sailing Program. Steve and Prill Clendenin, Simon Koumjian, Paul Lucas, Dave Lister, and Buzz 'save the day' Mantle helped make it all happen!

Marlene "Captain Sass" Sassaman, Youth



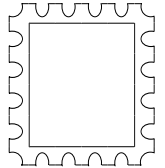
Youth Sailing Class pics (clockwise from left)
 Nick Hogan in the drink
 Brian and Nick sailing in the middle of the river
 Shannon Fox giving Emma her first push

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