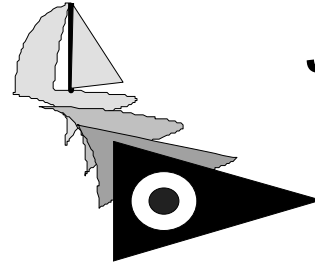


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July

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

August

- 1 General Membership Meeting
- 4/11/18/25 Adult Sailing Classes
- 10 Fall Rum Race #1
- 11 Cruise to Marker 21
- 12 Small Boat Sunday
- 24 Fall Rum Race #2
- 26 Small Boat Sunday

The Party Line



Gerry Moores

Picture Courtesy of Ross Herbert



Bryan's, Kowalski's & Alexy's

Picture Courtesy of Rochelle Yates

The 4th of July Cook Out was a BIG success. As usual, Jeff and Debbie McGregor know how to handle a big crowd. Many thanks! Could not have done it without that hard working husband and wife team. In addition to mixing up the beverages, Debbie worked her magic on the baked beans and her cup cakes were a perfect topper to the delicious dinner. Rochelle Yates tossed her winning recipe for Cole Slaw together and everyone survived. Our other husband and wife team Brenda and Phil Spletter made sure we had plenty of watermelon slices for the pallet.

Our humble chef's Paul Alexy, Jim Gibson, Kevin Glaser, Rich Fickes, Gerry Moores, Denny Scott, and John Martin cooked up enough chicken and ribs for an army of over 100 Members and guests. Our gracious servers, Joyce, Judy, Brenda, Rochelle and Phil made sure everyone had a full plate.

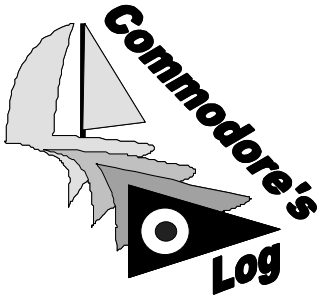
The evening was filled with a beautiful light show and well handled boats. Hats off to our responsible boaters. Those who stayed at the club to watch the fireworks from the deck kept the bar tenders, Diane Gabik, Jeff and Debbie McGregor busy and pitched in to help with clean up as the evening came to a quiet close. Next year we will have a fully renovated club to enjoy. I for one am looking forward to that.

Enjoy the photos.

Rochelle Yates, Entertainment

MYC Calendar Online

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



Hello club members. I have just returned from a 10-day vacation and finally I am doing my article. I understand we had another successful 4th of July party at the club. I am sorry I was not able to be there or participate but I want to thank all those that took over this party and held it in my absence.

Even though we did not have a general meeting and many members are out cruising and going on vacation, the board has met and has been working on many different projects. As these projects are developed I am sure each of the board members will be informing the club of what is happening and where we need help.

The renovation project is proceeding and we will be needing members to volunteer to help around the clubhouse soon to set things back up. If you haven't been down to the club it really has changed. The grid work for the drop ceiling is installed and most of the lights are installed in it. The drywall work is being completed. The Great Hall extension is about done, just waiting on the paint. You can really get an idea of the size of the new bar area now.



New Bar looking toward back



New Front Entrance

We also have a new front entrance. New doors were installed on July 9th after this picture. The new roof is completed and it looks good. The plan is still to be completed by the end of July. I am sure there will be things that need completing after that but Neal is still expecting the major work completed by the end of July. We are still planning our Grand Reopening for September 22. I am sure we will be asking for help from all the club members to come down and help finish the club.

I did visit the Savannah Yacht Club on my vacation. They have a lot of land with a very good location that has allowed them to prosper. It looks like they have a good sailing program and quite a bit of racing. I did not get to meet any officials but I was impressed with their yacht club. They have considerable dockage for both power and sail boats. They are even blessed with enough room to have a travel lift to pull boats out of the water. I did hear the initiation fee for the club is approximately \$10,000. I do not know what the monthly dues are. The area they own is probably 3 times the area the Eau Gallie Yacht Club owns. They do have swimming pool, tennis courts, restaurant, docks, sailing center and main club house. I was very impressed but I think we have better club for sailing and having fun. Dollar for dollar I believe our club has a much better value for the type sailors we are.

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Bulletin Board



John Fox, one of MYC's big kids
in a pram

MYC Photos

The following is a web site I
have set up for photos.
You will find links to it on
sail-race.com You can get
there with the following
web address:

<http://www.picasaweb.google.com/photosMYC>

If you have any photographs of
MYC events you would like
posted send them to me at
updates@sail-race.com

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(Commodore's Log continued)



Savannah Yacht Club - View from docks looking at clubhouse, restaurant and
pool area.

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

Bob Hughes, Commodore
Let's Go Sailing!

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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

Fleet Report

Our hectic pace of the spring is slowing down with no more regattas until fall. We held a successful Laser Treasure Coast Regatta. My thanks to Jim Edwards, Lynde West, Bill Haberland, Art and Alice Ahrens, Gary Killian, Steve Clendenin and Jim Schaub for working on the Race committee.

We have set the following dates for our 2008 Calendar:

February 15-17 2008. Laser Masters Midwinter's East at Ballard Park.

April 19-20, 2008 Spring Regatta Small Boat Weekend at Ballard Park.

April 26-27, 2008 Spring Regatta Big Boat Weekend.

May 17, 2008 Sea Food Raft Up.

October 18-19, 2008 Fall Regatta Small Boat Weekend at Ballard Park.

October 25-26, 2008 Fall Regatta Big Boat Weekend.

September 27-28, 2008 Mermaid Regatta.

November 15-16, 2008 No Frills Sunfish Regatta.

While 2008 seems a long way out; there are many organizations that we coordinate with or around. We were not able to use Ballard Park for our Spring Regatta this year because we didn't get our reservations in soon enough.

The following people have been qualified to operate our 19 Key Largo:

Art Ahrens, Simon Koumjian, Paul Lucas, Marlene Sassaman, Dave Silverman, Gary Killian, Jack Clark, John Martin, John Fox, Nancy Fox. Please contact me if you will need to use the boat and arrange for me to go over the operation with you.

Larry Etheridge has resigned as the MYC representative to the ECSA PHRF committee and we are looking for a replacement. If you are interested, please contact me.

We also need volunteers to serve as race committee for small boat Sundays. This is a good way to learn about being on the committee and a lot of fun as well. The new boat has lots of room and a nice bimini top to stay cool under.

John Fox, Fleet Director

Gadget Websites

Recently, I showed the TGIF crowd a couple of interesting items which I had found while surfing the web. Subsequently, I was asked by several members to publish the websites in the Tell-Tale.

The solar light can be found at <http://www.bogolight.com>

The Lifestraw can be found at <http://www.lifestraw.com>

If you would like to see either of these gadgets, just let me know and I will be glad to get with you and arrange it

Ross Herbert

Youth Sailing

Wow, what a bunch of great kids to have the privilege of teaching to sail. John and Nancy Fox outdid themselves. Each week they showed up and took initiative for setting marks and doing whatever needed to be done to keep that 19 footer in tip top shape. If you weren't at the dock this morning, then you missed the highlight of the session. Nick Fox had to push his dad Shannon out of the pram. Although Shannon claimed the boat was rebuilt for Nick, Shannon started to cry until Nick let him sail it by himself.....:-) Dads,,,,,,,,,

In other news, Steve and Prill Clendenin have become excellent on the water coaches. Thanks to Prill, Emma Forman has taken control of her sunfish and we expect her to be racing with us big kids by the end of the summer. Steve gave Laura Bell the confidence to sail a pram all by herself. Imagine being 9 years old and set adrift out in the middle of the river. Of course, we had two chase boats and other sailboats nearby. For those of you who have experienced those first few times alone in a boat, then we know you can appreciate the kudos that Laura deserves. Brian Putnam teamed up with our co-captain Alex Higgins. They gave the capsized brothers, Ben & Zack a little competition going around the course. All four boys are expected to learn about starts and right of way rules in our next session.

The summer program has too many wonderful experiences and way too much fun to put into words. You just have to get off the couch, put the broom in the closet, leave the dishes in the sink, hide the lawn mower, and join us each Saturday from 9 am - 1:30 pm from now until the end of August. With 36 people on the waiting list we need to get some volunteers. Please e-mail me if you can help out and on which Saturday. I can use a helper with the traditional watermelon serving, chase boat assistants, and docking dollies!

John Martin, Bob Hill, Andy Forman, Scott and Alison Bell, Suzy Putnam, and Simon Koumjian all contributed to the success of our sailing program. It takes a lot of people to keep our kids safe. Thank you.

Capt.Sass (Marlene) sass4sail@cfl.rr.com



Shannon Fox presenting son,
Nick, with a pram.

Sailing Program News

At our very last kids session in June, Shannon Fox presented his son Nick with his very own pram. They say a picture is worth a thousand words and when Nick climbed aboard his brightly painted boat, with crisp white sail, and color coordinated floatation buoys, there was no doubt who the captain was. Sailing out of the harbor together is perhaps the most memorable day a boy and his dad can have.



Another memorable day will be July 20 when 3 of our young sailors, Alex Higgins along with brothers Ben and Zach Hill will be guest sailors at the Halifax Youth Sailing club. The kids have been invited to participate in their weekly 'pirate day' which is how they celebrate a week of learning to sail.

Captain Nick' taking his Dad out for a sail
Pictures Courtesy of Marlene Sassaman

. Captain Sass (Marlene)

Bar Report

What a HOT June we had at the club! Melanie is taking July off and the bar committee is volunteering to keep the bar open during the heat of July. We had the bar opened 8 evenings/afternoons. The new chits are wonderful. We sold 1421 chits and you used 1490. Thank you again for your support at the bar during the renovation. T-Shirt sign off is in full swing. We signed off on the access to the new deck in June. July should see one or two more completions for the sign off. Shirts are available, just stop a bar committee members or me to purchase a shirt. Check the white board in the club for the next sign off. The bar was open on the 4th to support Rochelle's great 4th of July Cook out. Karen Sowden organized the Shrimp and Suds dine in for the TGIF on the 13th. Once again all had plenty to eat and a good time. In August Lynde West will be planning the Taco Bar for the TGIF Dine-In. We are looking for a part-time bartender. With the new bar much bigger we have decided to have two professional bartenders on Friday and one on Sundays. If you know of someone, please contact me ASAP.



Picture Courtesy of Rochelle Yates
Debbie & Jeff McGregor and Diane Gabik

Debbie McGregor, Bar Director



News from Soggy Paws

Happy 4th of July from Lighthouse Reef, Belize. We did FINALLY leave as promised, and only about 2 months behind schedule.

I regret that we were too busy in March/April/May to be properly sociable. And we are VERY sorry that we couldn't invite the whole club to our wedding in March (but it just would have been too hard between the club being torn up and all the other stuff we were trying to get done). Many thanks to ALL our MYC friends for all the encouragement, support, advice, and going away parties. Special thanks to Rochelle Yates for the "Sherry

Beckett Regatta" and for taking our cats for awhile, Floyd Bryan who helped us with some medical issues, Jerry Ross who helped Dave build our new cockpit table, Jim Yates for too many things to list, and Paul and Joyce Alexy for giving us a place to stay when we visit in December.

We are almost daily posting updates on the website. The best place to track our progress is here:

<http://www.svsoggypaws.com/blog/>

Here you can also find a link to our online photo album, and a position report where you can locate us on Google Maps.

Our plans are to be in the Rio Dulce, Guatemala from late July through October. If anyone wants to visit, drop us a note. In November we'll be making a 2-3 week trip from Guatemala to Cartagena Columbia, with a lot of open ocean passages, broken up by stops in a couple of real out-of-the-way places. If anyone thinks they'd like to come crew, we might be interested in an extra hand. But your schedule would have to be pretty flexible, and a passport is required.

When we get internet access (in the Rio Dulce), we'll be happy to receive email at sherry@svsoggypaws.com.

*Sherry & Dave McCampbell
s/v Soggy Paws*

Dock Master Report

The docks were pressure washed on June 16. Many thanks to Grant Ball, Bob Boska and Jim Gibson for a really tough but excellent job.

On June 23 the docks were stained. We had an excellent turn out to help and assist. About 18 people were painting and the job was completed in approximately 3 hours. We put 3 coats in most places and used 40 Gallons of stain. Cash out lay was \$1,114.47 which included paint, paint rollers, brushes and tax.



Picture Courtesy of Glen Gray

Thanks to these people for helping:

Bob Bagnell	Floyd Bryan	Jack Clark	Rick Crockett
Gordon Drysdale	Beverly Drysdale	Mike Dunne	Larry Etheridge
Jeff McGregor	Hasty Miller	Gerry Moores	Ron Osler
Jim Parker	Gary Smith	Courtney Smith	Bob Sowden
Harry Stapor	Bill Thon		

My apologies to anyone I might have missed.

It appears we need new utility carts for the club. I'll be looking to purchase some new ones in the near future. The cost varies depending on size from \$139 for small to around \$209 for the larger ones. There are a couple of sizes in between.

All members please be advised that Hurricane season is here. As a result, members are expected to prepare their boat for Hurricanes. Keep in mind when a Hurricane is in eminent danger of landfall, boats which are not properly prepared will be prepared by an outside source at the owner's expense. This will include removal of sails, Biminis and dodgers. Adequate lines and hardware will be purchased and attached. Boat owners will pay for materials and labor.

I would also like to remind members who operate air conditioners on their boat continuously, especially when they are not present, that there is an extra charge for electricity.

Glen Gray, Dockmaster

AUGUST KAYAKING

I won't be in town to organize a kayak trip for August. Everyone else is welcome to organize a trip. Don't forget there is a kayak available at the club now for anyone to use. The paddle is in the Annex. Don't forget a PFD.
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John Martin, Kayak Coordinator

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

NEW RESIDENT MEMBERS

Richard and Judy Fickes (pronounced Fick-es), sponsored by Louisa Killian. Members for just a few days and already volunteered and helped at the 4th of July party. Welcome Richard and Judy and thanks for your eagerness to participate.



Judy and Richard Fickes

NEW MEMBERSHIP NOMINATION

Andy and Diana Forman, sponsored by Art Ahrens. Recently moved to Florida to join Tyratech, Inc., at 1 Harbor City Blvd. Andy has a 16 year career at Merck and 10 years at Int'l Flavors and Fragrances, both in NJ. They like sailboat racing, bicycle riding and he has crewed for Art Ahrens, Steve Schultz and Gary Smith. They want their two kids to learn to sail. They also want to eventually own their own sailboat. Andy is skilled at all things mechanical and is interested in serving on the racing committees.



Diana and Andy Forman
Pictures Courtesy of Jim Gibson

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

Total 203

Resident – 156, Non-Resident – 24, Corinthian – 10, and
Honorary – 13

Jim Gibson, Membership



Vice-Commodore/House Report

Last month showed the renovations to the clubhouse starting to take shape. The heads have been demolished, the large beam in the bar has been replaced, and the extension to the upstairs area has been “mudded” in. I have been involved in several past construction projects, and this is the time where apparent progress will be slow or nearly invisible. The reason for this is that it is time to focus on the smaller details of the renovation. Examples of these details include installing the new cabinet in the kitchen area, installing the new tile on the floor of the bar, (Anyone notice?) and other final items that make the new clubhouse “livable”. I ask that all members continue to persevere and show patience in this phase of the project. For example, I realize that the air conditioner is not operating at peak efficiency due to the crushed fins outside. However, it is not possible to just call the air conditioning service folks while major construction is going on at the clubhouse, as they will get into each other’s way. All of the workmen will work in concert to get ALL items on the punch-list accomplished—just not as quickly as you might like.

When the renovation is complete and we can use the club as intended, the activities that have been listed in the “Mr. Bills Wild Ride” project will get started. Preliminary items are already started. To those of you who stepped up to lead a project, (see last month’s newsletter), I say a heartfelt “Thank You” Please review the list, shown on the next page, and find a task you are interested in supporting, and contact either me or the project leader to help finish each item. Together we can whip the club back into shape!!

*Art Ahrens, House
continued on page 9*

Mr. Bill's Wild Ride Project

Task	Leader
Exterior Cleaning: Power wash old block walls, exterior woodwork	Harry. Stapor
Interior Painting: Paint interior walls to match new, paint old wood work and trim to match new	Steve. Clendinin
Old Bar Rework Team: Cut down and mount old bar sections with mirror walls above	Del Wiese
Interior Lighting and Art: Install dimmers, spot lights and artwork	Wally Everest,
Audio/video/data Wiring: Install wiring for video display, networking, audio connections and built in speakers	Bob Hughes
Fencing and gates for front side and AC yard	Del Wiese, Bill Baker, Simon Koumjian
Landscaping	Rose&Bill Baker
Parking: Grading and gravel for parking on east side and west side Seal lot	Rose Baker
Dry Boat Storage: Rack along north seawall for small boats, New ramp platform	Bob Sowden
Power cable: Contract to bury or run elevated power line at north east corner	Neil Tompkis
Unload and unpack trailer items.	Debbie. McGregor
Sweep Chimney	Art / Alice Ahrens
Hurricane Shutters	Art Ahrens
Trim Old Hickory. Neil to show where	Neil Tompkins, Harry Stapor



Pictures Courtesy of Andrew Forman



Turkey Creek Kayaking Trip in June

KAYAKING IS GETTING POPULAR AT MYC

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