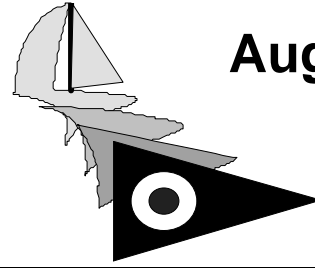


MELBOURNE YACHT CLUB

TELL-TALE



August 2007

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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
- 17 TGIF Dine-In
- 24 Fall Rum Race #2
- 25 Sun Cruz Casino Boat Trip
- 26 Small Boat Sunday

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Labor Day
- 5 General Membership Meeting
- 7 Fall Rum Race #3
- 8 Kayak Trip
- 8 Cruise to Marker 21
- 9 Small Boat Sunday
- 21 Fall Rum Race #4
- 23 Small Boat Sunday
- 29/30 MYC Mermaid Regatta

NOVEMBER

- 3 Grand Re-Opening

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. Happy Birthday to all of our August babies!

TGIF Dine-In—August 17 - 6:00 PM. Chicken Taco Bar, and frozen margaritas. The deadline for reservations is 15 August at 9:00 PM. Sign up at the bar or contact Debbie McGregor at 952-8540 or dj2some@bellsouth.net to let her know you will be there.

Sun Cruz Casino Boat Trip—August 25 or 26 - Rochelle sent out an email at the end of July asking for anyone interested in taking this trip to contact her. There hasn't been much response yet. The club did one of these trips a few years ago and everyone had a great time. The cost to board is \$5.00/person which includes one free drink and a hot lunch or dinner, depending on what time we go. Please contact Rochelle soon if you are interested in going and let her know which day you prefer. Choose the 11:00 AM—4:30 PM cruise on Saturday or Sunday or the 7:00 PM to 12:00 AM cruise on Sunday. We need at least 10 people to sign up.

Kayak Trip—September 8 - 10:00 AM. All interested paddlers meet at Ballard Park and we will kayak the Eau Gallie River. Bring sunscreen, water, and a lunch or snack. Contact John Martin AFTER 15 August at 729-9539 or jmartin@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. Kayak trips are usually held on the first Saturday of the month. Given the Labor Day holiday, it will be on the second Saturday in September.

Cruise to Marker 21—August 11 and September 8 - 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.

29th Annual MYC Mermaid Regatta—September 29/30 - Big boats on Saturday and small boats on Sunday, with a toga party thrown in between. Rachele Ross is planning another great event, be sure not to miss it.

For more information about a scheduled event, or if you have an idea for or are interested in putting together an event, contact Rochelle Yates at rearcommadore@melbourneyachtclub.com.

MYC Calendar Online

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



Hello club members. The summer is drawing to a close and the kids are getting ready to go back to school. That means it will be a good time to go sailing during the week.

Simon says: the renovation is coming along nicely. The kitchen is almost done, the tile flooring is all in, the bar wall is there, much of the club is painted and the new locks are on the doors. We still have flooring, the ceiling and many other things to do but we are progressing. Facciobene has worked very well with us during this whole process, especially in allowing us to continue using the Great Room of the club house for our parties and racing. We did get a new completion date from Facciobene for the end of August. **Simon says:** that is a good date; they will be done by then. I have also asked

that the air conditioning be hooked up and ready to work by TGIF on August 10. **Simon says:** that we will have a much cooler club house by then. At the time of this writing, Neal is out of town and what **Simon says** is good enough for me. I think Neal will agree.

The Bar Committee is putting on another Dine-In on August 17. Please e-mail or call Debbie for reservations. This will be another very nice evening. **Simon says:** there will be air conditioning and you can see the progress of the renovation project. It is looking great. I just can't wait until it is completed.

Because the completion date has slipped, we postponed our Grand Re-opening party from September 22 to November 3. Rochelle Yates is working hard planning this party and will be asking many people to volunteer to help that day. Please lend your support for this event. We are planning an open house during the day for the boating community and a party in the evening for club members to celebrate the club's 60th anniversary. Please put this on your calendar—it will be a full day of activities. The evening festivities will wrap up when the last person leaves, even if it is at sunrise. We plan on having a good time.

At our August club meeting we brought up the possibility of allowing our adult children to join the club at a reduced initiation fee. There was some discussion about limiting the age and whether or not we should even offer this. The board and I will be working on this during the next month to put a proposal on the table at the September meeting. I would like your comments and or suggestions on this topic. Please contact me with your thoughts at Commodore@melbourneyachtclub.com.

We want to make you aware that the US Coast Guard is looking at four options pertaining to the fate of the LORAN navigation system. Since this is a very important topic to boaters, please contact the USCG with your comments on this very important aid to navigation. If we do nothing, we may lose it. I have a copy of the letter and article from the USCG explaining all the options. It is included in this newsletter as an insert. To contact the USCG to comment on this plan please contact them through one of the following ways:

1. <http://dms.dot.gov> or <http://www.regulation.gov/>
2. U.S. Department of Transportation
West Building, Ground Floor
Room 12-140
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590
3. FAX #: (202) 493-2251

Thank you all for your great support of this renovation project and your Board. We look forward to completion so we can get back to our regular activities. *Let's go sailing!*

Bob Hughes, Commodore

PHOTOS NEEDED



The decorating committee needs some good action shots of club activities. Certain prints chosen will be enlarged, framed, and hung in the newly remodeled club house. We'd appreciate some good shots of racing events, kayaking, sailing classes, etc. Look thru your photos and pencil your name (lightly) on the back and submit. Mail or hand deliver to me at the club at a TGIF. Email Betty Thon at sweetbetsy1@msn.com or call 723-1126 for more information.

Betty J. Thon

BULLETIN BOARD

ATTENTION ALL WOMEN SAILORS



There are only three more Sundays to practice for the MYC 29th Annual Mermaid Regatta Small Boat race. Join in the Small-Boat Sunday racing on August 26 and September 9 and 23 for practice and fun. You can also get some coaching if desired. There are also 2 more Women's Series races on August 19 and September 16 to get the crew in shape before the Mermaid Regatta, which will be held on September 29 and 30. Also, be sure to get your toga's ready for the big party on Saturday night. See you there!

Rachele Ross

August 17th TGIF Dine- In Chicken Taco Bar

Come to the club to see the progress on the renovations and enjoy a great meal with fun people. The menu includes 2 grilled chicken tacos served with cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, jalapenos, pinto beans, Spanish rice and a yummy dessert. Dinner will be ready at 6:00 and the bar will be serving Frozen Margaritas all night. Make sure to make reservations by Wednesday, August 15. Sign up at the bar or email Debbie at dj2some@bellsouth.net.



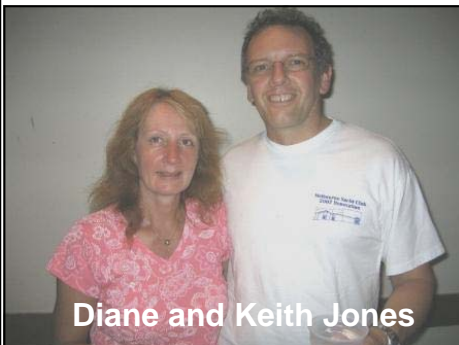
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OOPS!

The pictures for the new members in the July Tell Tale had the incorrect names. The pictures with the correct names are shown below. Please welcome these new members to MYC when you see them...



Diane and Keith Jones



Judy and Richard Fickes

Fine Portraiture by



Casey Forman

Photographer

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**Got a contribution for the
newsletter?**

E-mail it to:

myc-news@

melbourneyachtclub.com

Please include your name &
phone number.

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

New NHC Tropical Storm Tracking Tool

The National Hurricane Center has a new website that shows a graphical representation of the storms and systems they are tracking:

http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/gtwo_atl.shtml

Vice Commodore/House Report

The renovation is really starting to take shape now. Our next house committee meeting will be a walk-through to see how all of the pieces will fit together. I have three requests:

- 1) If anyone sees anything amiss in the construction, please send Neil Tomkins a note with your concern.
- 2) I welcome any inputs that anyone has with regards to putting things back together. We are looking at new bar stools, which Debbie is coordinating, and this could possibly extend to furniture and tables away from the bar area.
- 3) In addition to old river photographs, I would also like to hang pictures of people enjoying their time on the water. These pictures can be of any vintage. See the announcement from Betty Thon on Page 2.

Construction is scheduled to end by August 31, and we will begin to put things back together in earnest in September. **SAVE THIS DATE:** I want to schedule a work day for September 22. We need to get the ship in shape for the Mermaid Regatta the following weekend. We will paint the tire store and the annex so that everything matches the new clubhouse colors. We will also do some general clean up. After we finish, we can enjoy lunch, courtesy of the House committee.

It is still a ways off, but the Commodores ball next year will be an "Escape to the Keys" at Captain Hiram's on March 1, 2008.

Art Ahrens, Vice Commodore

RENOVATION PROGRESS

(Photos by Art Ahrens)



Front Entrance



Kitchen



Back Porch



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Dear Interested Party:

The United States Coast Guard (USCG) is announcing its intent to prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) on the Future of the Long Range Aids to Navigation (LORAN-C) Program (see Enclosure 1). Preparation of the PEIS is being conducted in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 [Section 102(2)(c) and its implementing regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations Parts 1500-1508)], Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Management Directive 5100.1 (*Environmental Planning Program*), and USCG Commandant's Instruction M16475.1D (*National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures and Policy for Considering Environmental Impacts*).

LORAN is a radionavigation system first developed during World War II and operated by the USCG. The current system (LORAN-C) is a low frequency hyperbolic radionavigation system approved for use in the U.S. Coastal Confluence Zone (CCZ) and as a supplemental air navigation aid. LORAN-C provides navigation, location, and timing services for both civil and military air, land, and marine users in the continental United States (CONUS) and Alaska.

The government is considering the need to continue to operate and invest in the North American LORAN-C radionavigation system. The USCG is the lead agency for this evaluation and has determined that a PEIS will best meet its needs. The PEIS will address the following four alternatives to represent the range of possible management options for the future of the USCG LORAN-C Program:

- (1) Decommission the USCG LORAN-C Program and Terminate North American LORAN-C Signal. Under this alternative, all USCG LORAN-C signals would be terminated at one time. All USCG LORAN Stations would be decommissioned; LORAN artifacts, documents and equipment (i.e., towers and related infrastructure) would be removed; and USCG personnel would be reassigned. LORAN Station property would be declared excess to the needs of the USCG following Federal guidelines on transfer of excess property. The disposition of each LORAN Station would range from transferring ownership of the property with such infrastructure as buildings, roads, piers, and airstrips intact, to returning the property to a natural state prior to its transfer.
- (2) Transfer Management of the LORAN-C Program to another government agency. Under this alternative, the USCG would continue to operate the LORAN-C Program until the transfer to another Agency.
- (3) Automate, Secure, and Unstaff LORAN Stations. Under this alternative, the USCG would continue to operate the LORAN-C Program. The LORAN-C signal would remain on the air, but the USCG would reduce staffing. To the extent practical, the USCG would automate

and reassign personnel. The LORAN Stations would become LORAN Sites operating un-staffed with preventive and corrective maintenance performed by contractor personnel.

- (4) No Action Alternative. The LORAN-C signal would remain on air, and LORAN-C operations would remain as they currently are with no change in staffing. Maintenance and modernization of equipment would continue to keep the signal operating.

We would like to hear from the public and encourage you to submit comments and related materials. We will consider comments and related materials received by the dates published in the Notice of Intent (Enclosure 1). Comments may be submitted to Department of Transportation's Docket Management Facility. Please refer to the Notice of Intent (Enclosure 1) for detailed instructions for submitting comments. In choosing from these means, please give due regard to the continuing difficulties and delays associated with delivery of mail through the U.S. Postal Service to Federal facilities.

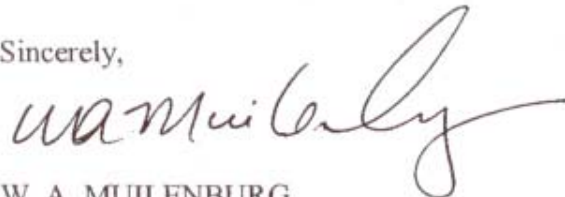
On January 8, 2007, the USCG published a request for comments on the need to continue to operate or invest in the North American LORAN-C Radionavigation System (72 Federal Register 796). To avoid duplication and resubmission of comments, all comments previously submitted under docket USCG 2006-24685 will be considered during the LORAN-C PEIS scoping process.

We invite the public to an informational open house and scoping meeting to be held in Washington, DC; Juneau, AK; and Seattle, WA. Each meeting will consist of an informational open house from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and a public scoping meeting from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Please refer to the Notice of Intent (Enclosure 1) for additional details and dates concerning the meetings.

The PEIS as well as comments and associated materials received from the public will become part of the public docket and will be available for inspection or copying at the Department of Transportation, Docket Management Facility, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except for Federal holidays. You can view this docket, including comments, on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact LT Michael Herring at (202) 372-1561 or Michael.L.Herring@uscg.mil.

Sincerely,



W. A. MUIENBURG
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard
Acting Director of Waterways Management

Enclosure: (1) Notice of Intent, as published in the *Federal Register*

Bar and Kitchen Report

With the heat of July and many members escaping to cooler regions, our bar was open only 6 times in July. We sold chits worth \$1700 to you thirsty sailors who chose to brave out the hot Florida summer. Though the heat has been our biggest challenge, the crowd at each TGIF seems to be enjoying the evenings.

The July "Shrimp and Suds" Dine-In was a great success. Thank you Karen and Bob Sowden for all the great food. We had 71 people attend.

Mark your calendar for our August 17 Dine In. Lynde West is planning a Chicken Taco Bar. Please sign up at the bar or email me at dj2some@bellsouth.net to reserve your dinner. What a bargain at \$5.00! We will also be serving frozen Margaritas. Cross your fingers, I think we will be moving downstairs and have air conditioning by then!

Melanie is back from a well-deserved rest and looking happy to see all of us. We have two new bartenders at the club: Danny Edwards and Christy Davis. We will have two bartenders on TGIF and Regattas and one bartender **every Sunday from 2:00 - 6:00 PM**. Danny, Christy and Melanie will be rotating days, so please support them on TGIF and Sundays.



The new cherry wood bar and cabinets are currently being installed. Club members will have the opportunity to sponsor matching barstools, 18 to 20 are needed. Sponsorship will be individual, family, or boat. We're still working out the costs for individual, family, or boat sponsorship, but they will probably vary between \$180 and \$250 per stool. Sponsors will get an engraved brass nametag mounted on the back of the stool. Dave Noble volunteered to do the engraving. This year's bar committee is donating their tips to sponsor the first stool. Diane Gabik is coordinating the sale of sponsorships. If you are interested, contact her to reserve your barstool now!

I have a group of willing members to put the kitchen back together. If you would like to join us please email me. Our first meeting will be the middle of August. See you next TGIF...

Debbie McGregor, Bar Committee.

Fleet Report

PHRF

Jim Edwards has been appointed as our new representative on the PHRF Committee, replacing Larry Etheridge. I would like to thank Larry for doing a good job for us in the past few years.

Cirripedia Cup

MYC retained the Cirripedia Cup at the ECSA River Challenge. The winning team consisted of Mouse, Maverick, Skimmer, Sleighride, and Whatta Ride.

Mermaid Regatta

Rachele Ross has things well in hand with the Mermaid Regatta. She would like to remind those that would like to try Sunfish racing on Sunday to get out and practice at the Sunday small boat races. Like last year, many of the guys will loan out boats so that non-Sunfish owners can join in the fun.

Fall Regatta

We are beginning to plan for the Fall Regatta and running an advertisement in Southwinds. Dave Noble is setting up North U Seminar on Wednesday and Thursday evenings before Big Boat weekend. The Seminar will have an emphasis on tactics, and will also cover sail trim. The seminar will be open to everyone, not just MYC members. We will be publishing more information on www.sail-race.com as it becomes available.

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(Fleet Report continued from page 7)

It became apparent in my Spring Regatta survey that many people wanted more racing and less waiting around for slower classes to finish. That situation can easily be resolved by sailing different length courses. However, the deed of gift for the McAllister Trophy of best cumulative corrected time for the Fall Regatta means that everyone has to sail the same course. Hasty and I came up with a plan and, with approval from Sandy McAllister; there is a change in the deed of gift for the McAllister Trophy. The trophy will now be awarded by the formula $MT = \text{Total Corrected Time} / \text{Total Course Length}$. Classes no longer need to sail the same length courses and we can use shorter courses for the slower boats.

I've also seen that we have several levels of racing interest, so we will include a "cruising class" using assigned ratings (similar to Rum Race ratings) for people who want to get out and join in the fun, but are not serious racers.

Storage of Boats at MYC

I want to remind everyone that, unless you are renting a storage space at MYC, boats should not be left on club grounds without notifying the Dockmaster and receiving permission to do so. That way we can contact the owner if situations arise that require us to take action, such as moving the boats.

John Fox, Fleet Captain

Membership Report

New Members

Andy and Diana Forman, sponsored by Art Ahrens. Welcome Andy and Diana!

New Membership Nominations

Chuck Knowles and Deb (or Debbie) Bush, sponsored by Kevin Fredrick. Chuck is a CPA, specializing in taxes and a Registered Investment Advisor with Fidelity Investments. Deb is a writer/publicist and had a long career in with ADP and the CAD/CAM division of Ford Motor Co. Deb wrote and formatted the newsletter for Key Biscayne Yacht Club. They own a South Coast 22 and were active in the SE Florida Charter Sailing Club in Coconut Grove while sailing the turquoise waters of South Florida. Chuck and Deb are interested in becoming active in the Cruising and Finance committees.



Sharon Kelly and Kenn Hurto, sponsored by Marlene Sassaman. Sharon is a software engineer specializing in custom software for hospitals. Her husband Kenn is a Unitarian minister, currently director of the UU Churches throughout Florida and the Virgin Islands. She once owned an Irwin 33 and several catamarans and currently owns a Sunfish. Her goal is to become a better sailor so as not to continually finish last in her races. She has crewed for Sherry Beckett and Rochelle Yates and has received personal coaching from Bill Haberland in his Sunfish. Sharon and Kenn are interested in becoming active in the Bar, Cruising, and Small Boat committees.

We wish to include a thumbnail photo of members in the Membership Roster in the 2008 MYC Directory, alongside of their name. We are preparing a photo release form for everyone's permission and signature. If any member wishes NOT to have their photo included, they will be given the opportunity to decline. Details on the photos will be forthcoming.

Current Membership

Resident – 157, Non-Resident – 24, Corinthian – 10, Honorary – 13, for a **Total of 204**.

Jim Gibson, Membership

Dock Master Report

Dredging still on the table. The Condos are probably not interested in sharing any of the dredging cost. However, the Melbourne Harbor Marina might be willing to share the dredge setup cost. All is still on the table and we'll have to keep following up as the date for dredging draws nearer.

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. The docks were then stained on June 23. About 18 people helped out and the job was completed in approximately three hours. We put three coats in most places and used 40 Gallons of stain. The cost was \$1,114.47, which included paint, paint rollers, brushes and tax. Thanks to those who helped. The list of helpers was in the latest Tell Tale.

It appears that we need new utility carts for the club. I will purchase one from Kad Co in the near future for our evaluation. The cost is approximately \$250, which includes shipping and handling.

All members please be advised that Tropical Storm season is here. As a result, members are expected to prepare their boat for Hurricanes. Keep in mind when a Hurricane is in imminent danger of landfall, boats that 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 all 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 to them for electricity.

Glen Gray, Dock Master

Youth and Adult Classes



The August adult classes got off to a slow start, literally with barely a breath of air to move the boats gently through the water. It seems our budding sailors have some sense in that most of them didn't even bother to show up and swelter on the hot, tarred rigging area. For the three who did attend the first class of our adult session, success was noted. The real accomplishment, however, is that our volunteer for the past several years, Paul Lucas, led the class this past week. All reports are that Paul did a great job, kept things organized, and teamed up with Steve Clendenin, who did his usual great teaching folks how to tack and jibe. Other helpers were Bob Hughes, our commodore who took time to be a chase boat captain along with Simon Koumjian. Rochelle Yates and Prill Clendenin were also great helpers.

Alex Higgins, MYC's junior sailing coach, and 3-year veteran of the "John MacNeil Learn-to-Sail clinics, proudly represented us at the Halifax Sailing Association on July 20. It was a real treat to accompany Alex and his dad, Pete, for their first 'road trip.' The kids at the Halifax Center in Daytona Beach welcomed Alex with comments like, "Wow, you must be the kid with the really cool carbon fiber boat. Will you take me for a sail?" It was quite a delight to watch Alex show off the many nice features of the H10. Indeed, he laughed and renamed the boat from Hoyt's H10 (Hoyt being the boat's designer) to Higgins, who started to sail at age 10. The girls especially liked sailing the boat and only complained that it wasn't painted lavender. The gentle breeze, great launching area, and lifetime memories made for a delightful day! Pictures of the kids having a great time are on the back page.

Marlene "Captain Sass" Sassaman, Youth



Alex Higgens with his H-10 and new-found friends at the Halifax Center in Daytona Beach

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