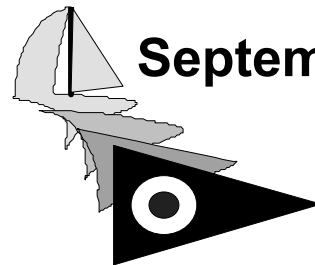


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September

05 General Membership Meeting

07 Fall Rum Race #3

08 Cruise to Marker 21

08 Kayak Trip

09 Small Boat Sunday

21 Fall Rum Race #4

23 Small Boat Sunday

29/30 Mermaid Regatta

October

03 General Meeting

05 Fall Rum Race #5

06 Kayaking

07 Small Boat Sunday

13 Cruise to Marker 21

20/21 Fall Small Boat Regatta

23/24/25 North U Tactics Clinic

26/27/28 Fall Big Boat Regatta

November

03 Grand Opening/60th Anniversary Party

Melbourne Yacht Club

Presents

NORTH U

Wednesday & Thursday evenings, October 24 & 25, 2007
(as part of MYC's Fall Regatta)

Bill Gladstone – Director of North U for 10 years will present the subject of Sailboat Racing Tactics. See more details at

www.northu.com

5:00 – 9:00pm

at the newly renovated MYC Clubhouse

\$75 for the two night sessions

First 25 paid registers will receive the instructional booklet for free, (\$25 Value)

Dinner is included both nights

ALSO

On–Water Training

Thursday October 25, Noon to 3:30pm

Four Lindenberg 28s will be used to learn training drills, techniques, tactics, sail trim and much more from the North U staff

Additional \$25 Fee

Information at www.sail-race.com

Contact Dave Noble for registration.

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Make checks payable to Melbourne Yacht Club, with memo "North U" and an e-mail address for confirmation.

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



The completion date for the clubhouse renovation has come and gone and we do not have the CO (Certificate of Occupancy).

Sometimes when you play “**Simon Says**” you get burned, but it wasn’t Simon’s fault the schedule slipped and we are really close to completion. Some of the cabinets for the bar have been delivered. The fireplace is complete and the carpet will be installed next week. The biggest change is we have AIR CONDITIONING. We can get the clubhouse really cold now. The Great Hall has been painted and the closet installed so it looks like a new place.

The handrails are being installed on the handicap sidewalk on the East side of the building. The ramp and stairs to the new bar area are complete but needs landscaping. The propane has been hooked up and the new stove and the tankless water heater have been checked out. When we get the CO we will be able to turn these on for everyday use. The construction foreman (Greg) has called for the final inspection for Friday the 14th. This week will be very busy but there is a good chance we will receive our Certificate of Occupancy.

This doesn’t mean that it is all done. Now we get to put everything away and redecorate the clubhouse. Art has a work day on the 22nd of September to work on the list of things for us to complete. Please contact him about helping and being there that morning.

Here are some pictures of the club for those that have not gotten to the club recently. Come join us for a TGIF or any of our other parties to see YOUR new clubhouse and help on the work parties. It will be a great way to enjoy the new clubhouse.

Because the completion date has slipped, we have postponed our Grand Reopening party from September 22nd to November 3rd. 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 will be having an open house during the day for the boating community and we will be having a party in the evening for club members to celebrate the club’s 60th anniversary. Please put this on your calendar because it will be a full day of activities. The evening festivities will wrap up when the last person leaves. I don’t care if it is at sunrise. We plan on having a good time.

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

Renovation photos courtesy of Bob Hughes

Kitchen



Great Hall facing south



Fireplace



Front of Bar



Bulletin Board

Disaster Avoidance Alert by Ross Herbert

We had an accident after the 19 August racing that had the potential to be far worse than it actually turned out. The purpose of this article is to alert skippers, sailors, and members to a potentially dangerous piece of gear that is common on many boats these days. In short, after the racing had been completed for the day and all were returning to the docks, an engine was being maneuvered to mount it on the stern of the boat for use. This particular engine had a safety line with a carabineer clip attached. Before the carabineer was clipped to the backstay to serve its purpose, the boat shifted unexpectedly causing the sailor to drop the engine. As the engine was sliding into the channel, the sailor's first thought was to save the engine, so the safety line was grabbed. Unfortunately, the line just slid through the sailor's hand until the carabineer arrived. As the carabineer was sliding through the hand the fingers pushed the clip open, and the sharp-closing tooth penetrated the sailor's middle finger just below the bone. Most fortunately the sailor had the presence of mind not let go or the damage might have been much worse. Instead, through the pain the sailor managed to pull the engine out of the water back onto the boat. The club boat was called, and the sailor was removed from the sailboat and transported to the club where the carabineer was removed from the finger. A trip to the emergency room for X-rays, a tetanus shot and prescriptions for both antibiotic and pain killer put our sailor at home for the night with a very swollen finger.

This could have been much worse. Had the sailor let go of the engine's carabineer, it would have ripped out the bottom of the finger and done who knows what else to the rest of the hand. Or had the carabineer sliced in above the bone, letting go would probably have ripped off the sailor's finger and again who knows what else.

I have done a little research and I know of at least two carabineer versions. One has a hook that closes against a pin in the latch, and the other has a pointed tooth that the latch closes against. It was the carabineer with the pointed tooth that is the villain of our story. Now, I am not condemning the use of carabineers on boats. I am a strong proponent of their use. However, I strongly recommend checking and replacing any carabineers that fall into the "pointed tooth" category. Hopefully, doing so will prevent future occurrences or repeats of this story.

If you would like to see one of the pointed tooth variety see me at a TGIF and I will be glad to show you one.

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House Report

Great News, I understand that we have been promised that the Certificate of Occupancy (CO) could be issued on September 14!! (Pending a successful inspection of course). The clubhouse is really coming together with the long awaited bar cabinets, the matching fireplace, and the painting finished. It looks big and bright now!!

Check out the new bathroom Mermaid signs that Jane McClain did for us! Thanks Jane, they look great.

To spruce the place up for our Mermaids, we will have our work party on September 22nd. We will start at 8 AM, and have lunch when we finish. Debbie has promised to open the bar afterwards. I will send a list of projects to everyone next week.

Steve Clendenin has stepped up to lead the effort to paint the tire store and the annex. It's on hold while we get the approvals from the Melbourne ARB. PLEASE get in touch with Steve and volunteer to help him out.

REMINDER:

All of the locks on the doors have been installed and programmed. I count nine locks. Please DO NOT give the combinations to outside members, as I do not want to reprogram ALL of those locks, and have the club bear the expense of mailing the new combinations to the membership.



Jane McClain with Mermaid sign.

Photo courtesy of Art Ahrens

Art Ahrens, Vice Commodore/House

Entertainment

September 8th an energetic group of 8 members, the Hughes, Leahys, Matheson's, John Martin and Ross Herbert cruised to Marker 21. Ross was nominated John, the pyromaniac, MacNeill stand-in for the evening's fire. Next month's Marker 21 Cruise is scheduled for October 13th.

More events will be planned as the club winds down the renovation. November 3rd is our club Grand Opening and 60th Anniversary Party. It promises to be quite an event where we will celebrate the memories of the past 60 years.

See you on the water!

Rochelle Yates, Entertainment

Kayaking

For October we will kayak Crane Creek and a bird sanctuary in the lagoon near the club. We will meet at 10AM on Saturday, Oct 6th, at the boat ramp at the club. Bring, water, snacks/lunch and sunscreen.

Please RSVP to John Martin at jhmartin@mindspring.com or at my cell, 321-432-5213.

NOTE: FWC requires that all vessels have a mechanical sound producing device. i.e. a whistle for kayaks or dinghies. There must be one per vessel so just buy how many you need and attach one to your PFD, i.e. life jacket. For people that rent kayaks buy one to carry when you go out.

I hope to see you all there.

John Martin, Kayaking

Fleet Report

We are gearing up our preparations for the Fall regattas. We have the key people in place, but there is always a need for more help, especially for the dinners. Contact Debbie McGregor or Rachele Ross if you can help out with those. If you would like to help with Race Committee or other activities, please contact John Fox.

Small Boat Weekend:

Small boats will sail out of Ballard Park again. We expect Sunfish, Lasers, Raiders, Flying Scots, Portsmouth and Multi-hull classes.

Mid-Week

Dave Noble has set up the North U Seminar on Wednesday & Thursday evenings before Big Boat weekend. Bill Gladstone will be the presenter and the cost is \$75 for the two nights, including food both evenings. The first 25 pre-paid reservations will also get the book included. A North U seminar normally costs \$175 so this is a great opportunity for us. Dave has obtained several sponsors for the seminar and hopes to obtain more. There will also be an on the water clinic Thursday afternoon. The clinic will be an additional \$25 per person and held on several of the Lindenburg 28's. Contact Dave Noble at engravl@bellsouth.net or (321) 779-8404 to sign up and pay for the class & clinic.

Big Boat Weekend

For those of you who are not normally racers, we will be having a Cruising class with assigned ratings (similar to our Rum Race ratings). Please come out and join the fun. We will have a separate class for multi-hulls as well as our normal PHRF and one-design classes

John Fox, Fleet Director

Dock Master's Report

Two utility carts were purchased from Northern Tools. These were \$70 each. A bit of assembly was required to put these units together. I would like to thank Louisa and Gary Killian and also Jim Gibson for assistance in putting these carts together. The carts are very similar to the ones we have. However, because of the very low price, we can afford several more if everyone likes these carts. I would like some feed back regarding these units.

Some of the old carts are repairable. Therefore, I would appreciate a person or persons who are excellent repairmen to consider repairing those carts.

Contact has been made with East Coast Sandblasting for a quote for sandblasting the boat lift. When the sandblasting is completed the lift will need protective painting immediately to prevent rusting. Jim Edwards has been contacted regarding the required paint.

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, Dock Master

Sailing Classes



Dave Lister in a teaching moment



Susie Jackson & Paul Lucas with Steve Clendenin in the background

Photos courtesy of Marlene Sassaman



The Crew

Another successful sailing season drifts into the beginnings of a whole new world for the youngsters and adults who participated in our summer program. It is with pride that Susie Jackson and Ken Scott now have the confidence to further their training. After three sessions of flailing around in a sunfish, learning to right a capsized boat, and enjoying a long reach down the river, Susie and Ken were treated to a big boat sail compliments of Dave Lister. Dave's idea of having everyone take a stroll around the deck allowed us to get comfortable with the stability of his boat, locate the obstacles on deck, and identify how the sheets are properly strewn. With a leisure sail down to marker #9, Susie and Ken were given helm time during which they tacked the boat until Dave was convinced they did so in an efficient manner. While one was driving the other one trimmed the jib.

Dave's boat made it easy for Susie and Ken to identify starboard and port as he was clever enough to color code his jib sheets.

All students are encouraged to show up for a Rum race and to join in the small boat racing; not necessarily to become Rolex Yachtie of the Year, rather to build camaraderie amongst their sailing peers while improving their skills. Should you see Susie or Ken around the docks, I know you will give them a friendly MYC "Hello, want to go for a sail?"

On another tack, this summer's program had fewer students, bags for the rigs, a more organized system for storing the rigs, an easy system for getting the rigs out and in the annex, and had the recently purchased KID CHASER as a safety boat. Areas we need to improve for next season include: more volunteers to assure safety, a better way to store the Sunfish, in other words, more volunteers and a better way.

For the past sixteen Saturdays an atta' boy and big thank you goes to: Dave Lister, Paul Lucas, Steve Clendenin, Prill Clendenin, John Fox, Nancy Fox, Simon Koumjian, Rochelle Yates, Bob Hughes, and all the big and little kids who came out to sail! Ya-HOOOOOOOOOO.

Marlene Sassaman, Sailing Director

Membership

NEW RESIDENT NOMINATIONS:

Chuck Knowles and Deb Bush, sponsored by Kevin Frederic, and Sharon Kelly and Kenn Hurto, sponsored by Dr. Marlene Sassaman.

NEW MEMBERSHIP NOMINATION:

Martha Ward, sponsored by Jim Gibson. "Marty" learned to sail at age 16 on a Concordia 41 in Narragansett Bay, RI. She owned and operated Shearwater Cruises and Sailing School on the Hudson during the '80's with a Bristol 24 and her Sabre 28 which she sails today. She has cruised the New England coast, the Bahamas, and sailed back from Bermuda 4 times. She has been a member of several yacht clubs, including Lake George Corinthian YC in NY, Key Biscayne YC, Coconut Grove YC, and remains a member of East Port YC in Annapolis. She has been very active in those clubs, holding committee positions in race and membership. She was Past Commodore of the Lake George Corinthian YC in the mid 90's. She looks forward to participating in the activities of MYC, intends to volunteer on Big Boats and Party committees.

George and Jerrie Hixon, sponsored by George S. Shaw. Jerrie is the daughter of long-time MYC members, George and Mary Shaw. She and her husband, George returned to Melbourne Beach in 2000 from South Carolina. George is an engineer in industrial construction, constructing power plants throughout the US. Jerrie is an educator and while raising their two children, she was a "professional volunteer" with Civitans, Scouts, 4-H, and school projects. She served as Director of Chamber of Commerce and later, Children's Dept. head for the public library system. Planning programs and parties seems to be her forte. George and Jerrie are interested in joining MYC to make new friends and improve their sailing skills. They currently own a Sunfish and two kayaks. George is interested in Bar, Docks, & Grounds and Jerrie is interested in Newsletter & Parties.

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:

Resident – 161, Non-Resident – 24, Corinthian – 12, and Honorary – 13

Jim Gibson, Membership



Marty Ward
Photo courtesy of
Jim Gibson

Bar Report

We are almost there! This August, TGIF marked a milestone with A/C working and the clubhouse walkways completed...what more could we ask for? Thanks to all of you- we had just under \$2000.00 in bar chit sales! The fabulous new walls, coupled with new faces and old made this a fun and exciting month for the Bar. We were opened nine different days in August. The bar committee and club members served 68 dinners of Lynde West's well planned and well executed Chicken Taco Bar for the August dine in.

The bar is open every Sunday from 2:00 to 6:00 with \$2.00 bottle beer. September's "Slosh of the Month" is the Seabreeze: vodka, cranberry juice with a splash of grapefruit juice. Or try the Madras: vodka, cranberry juice with a splash of JO.

Jackie Leahy has organized our September 14th "Comfort Food" dine-in. Thanks to Jackie, the bar committee rested, took a break from kitchen duties, and enjoyed the August dine in. Jackie had a group of new members helping with the dinner along with other club members. Again everyone had plenty to eat and good times had by all. Next dine in is October 12th. Back by popular demand- Jeff and I will be repeating last years Octoberfest dine-in.

Twenty-four barstools have been sponsored and ordered. Diane Gabik ordered them and will be watching for their arrival. Dave Noble will be working on brass plates to be placed on the backs of each stool.

The kitchen supplies have been removed from the trailer, washed and inventoried by the kitchen committee. We will be moving everything back into the kitchen just as soon as we get the C.O. Our volunteers include: Barb McIntyre and Bob Burson, Debra Ball, Dee Wilson, Marion Valin, Jackie and Jack Leahy, Judy and Rich Fickes, and Pat Denes. A Special thank you to George and Vera Kiessling for the donation of many commercial quality pots. These people have dedicated so much of their minds, hearts, and muscles into placing supplies back into the kitchen. Let's try to keep the kitchen organized for all those that will be using it.

Debbie McGregor, Bar Director

August Marker 21 Cruise



LEFT: Louisa Killian & Rochelle Yates, 'The Chefs'

RIGHT: Rochelle, "I need more hot dogs!"



LEFT: Sleighride awaiting her crew

RIGHT: Gary & Louisa Killian hydrating by their boat

Pictures courtesy of Rochelle Yates

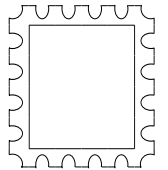


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