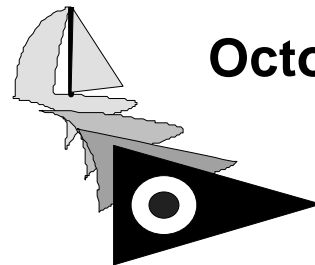


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OCTOBER

- 3 General Membership Meeting
- 5 Fall Rum Race #4
- 6 Kayak Trip
- 7 Small Boat Sunday
- 12 TGIF Dine-In
- 13 Cruise to Marker 21
- 19 Fall Rum Race #5
- 20/21 Fall Regatta Small Boats
- 24/25 North U Seminar
- 26 Friday Night Rebel Rally
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- 31 Halloween

NOVEMBER

- 3 Grand Re-opening / 60th Anniversary party
- 7 General Membership Meeting
- 9 TGIF Dine-In
- 10 Kayak Trip
- 11 Winter Rum Race #1
- 17/18 No Frills Regatta
- 22 Thanksgiving
- 25 Winter Rum Race #2

The Party Line

****MYC Grand Re-Opening and 60th Anniversary Party** Saturday, November 3**

Put this date on your calendar. The entire day will be dedicated to celebrating the new renovations and our 60 years of existence. There will be live music, Youth/Fleet/Membership campaigns, and plenty of refreshments all day for us and our guests. The evening will be for MYC members only. Look for invitations in the mail soon.

TGIF—Every Friday - TGIFs are held every Friday evening in the clubhouse. Birthdays are celebrated on the first TGIF of the month. Wear your Renovation T-shirt and watch the white board for check-off dates—we are almost done!. Wear or buy a shirt and get \$1.00 off beer or well drinks.

TGIF Dine-In—October 12 - 6:00 PM. Brats, hard rolls, scalloped potatoes, and red cabbage. The deadline for reservations is 10 October. Sign up at the bar or contact Debbie McGregor at 952-8540 or dj2some@bellsouth.net to let her know you will be there.

Cruises to Marker 21—October 13 and November 10 - 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.

Blood Drive—October 13 - Before you all head out to Marker 21 stop by the Big Red Bus located in the club parking lot and donate blood. Once you've donated, Nancy Melfi will present you with the official MYC red token—our "thank you" from the MYC bar—that entitles you to one free drink at a TGIF or on Sunday. The bar will be open for soda and juice along with the regular bar drinks for those not giving blood.

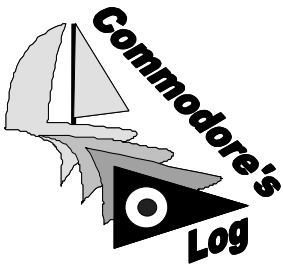
MYC Kitchen and Miscellaneous Décor Southern Living Party—October 17 - Join our hostess Joyce Alexy and get some beautiful decorations for your home. All hostess gifts and points will be donated to the club. For details contact Joyce at palexycfl@rr.com or 779-4464.

Kayak Trip—November 10 - Kayak trips are usually the on the first Saturday of the month. Contact John Martin at 729-9539 or jhmartin@mindspring.com for more information.

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 rearcommodore@melbourneyachtclub.com.

MYC Calendar Online

<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). The city now wants the electrical from the power pole to be completed before issuing us a CO. We have contacted and paid FPL the fee to install a new power pole so our power can be run under ground to the meter. This is going to take about 5 to 8 days and will complete one of the items that the club has been requesting for a long time. As soon as the pole is in, the electricians will hook up the new meter and incoming power to the club and we SHOULD be all set to go. These types of things are very frustrating to all of us, but especially to the Renovation Committee. Please bear with us and it will be completed soon.

Facciobene has the punch-list of items to complete. They will be working on this so they should be all completed with this project once we have the CO. Hopefully, they will install the new fencing during the week of 8—12 October. Will Garvey and the Finance Committee will be working to convert the construction loan to our new mortgage. Neal and the renovation committee have done a great job with the work at the club, and they have also managed our money well. We are still slightly under budget.

We know there are still many things to do around the club and the House Committee could use some help doing these things. Please contact Art and volunteer to help. The club looks great and we did have a great time using the facility for the Mermaid Regatta. I believe everyone was ready for a good party because we had a great turnout.

At our General Meeting on October 3, the club voted on the Nomination Committee for this year. The committee was elected unanimously. The members of this year's nomination committee are: Rachele Ross, Patty Henry, Amy Lacy, Steve Clendenin and Harvey Melfi. Please thank these members for their unselfish donation of their time to serve the club. If you would like to serve as a member of the Board of Directors please contact any of these committee members.

Also at the General Meeting, we discussed the opportunity to get the channels dredged. St. John's Water Management District is going to dredge in the harbor and up Crane Creek this fall and we plan on piggy-backing on the permits to get our channels dredged for a very reasonable cost. The club voted to use up to \$30,000 of the reserves to dredge before the equipment is moved up Crane Creek. There are many little problems, but we will negotiate a contract with the dredger in the next few days and hopefully work out all the details. We will need to remove all the boats from the club for the two days during the dredging so please have your boats seaworthy so they can be moved.

The 60th Anniversary and Grand Reopening party planning is going well. We will have food and music during the Open House from 1:00—4:00 PM for the boating community and our friends. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony at 1:30 PM as a kick off to this event. Club members will come back at 7:00 PM to steel drum music and all kinds of finger foods as we kick off the club party. At about 8:00 PM we will have a short ceremony and then we can party till we drop. Please look for the invitation in the mail very soon. Please RSVP quickly as we may run out of room and have to shut down reservations. I hope to see you all there.

Let's go sailing!

Bob Hughes, Commodore

Youth and Adult Education

What better time than these cooler months to hone your sailing skills? There is plenty of wind, warm, but not seething temperatures, and lots of folks from whom to learn. While we are not hosting formal sailing classes at this time, there are plenty of activities at MYC for everyone. Whether you want to jump on board for the Fall Regatta's small and/or big boat regatta, we welcome everyone.

North U's program during the Fall Regatta festivities is an excellent way to learn. North U is offering chalk talks and an on-the-water-program. Contact Dave Noble or John Fox for more information.

Interested in improving the adult and youth sailing program for next year? Interested in planning another ladies day clinic? At every TGIF, Board, and General Meeting I hear great suggestions. It's time be a part of these great community service programs offered by MYC.

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BULLETIN BOARD

SECOND ANNUAL MYC BLOOD DRIVE In Honor of all Deceased Club Members

The Big Red Bus blood mobile will be in the MYC parking lot on Saturday October 13, 2007 from 1:30—4:30 PM. All donors will receive a red token for a free drink at TGIF. Juice and sodas will be available. Hope to see all you there.

Harvey and Nancy Melfi



Denny Scott and Faye Bitzer donating blood for the first time at last year's blood drive—if they can do it, you can, too!

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NOVEMBER KAYAKING

The next kayak trip is on November 10. The trips are usually on the first Saturday of the month, but we want everyone to attend the 60th Anniversary / Grand Reopening Party on November 3. On this trip, we will paddle up Turkey Creek into beautiful Turkey Creek Sanctuary—a place that is still original Florida. This is a place that all should experience. We will meet at 10:00 AM at Pollak Park on the north side of Turkey Creek. Bring snacks/lunch, drinks, sunscreen, PFD, and a whistle. To get to Pollak Park, take US-1 to Palm Bay Rd, turn west (the only way to turn) onto Palm Bay Rd, go over the railroad tracks, and then take an immediate left. Go straight, enter Pollack Park, and go down to the boat ramp.

Don't forget that there is a kayak at the club that you may borrow for the trip. Please let me know if you want to it so we won't have any conflicts. RSVP to John Martin at email jhmartin@mindspring.com or cell 321-432-5213.

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As soon as I get names of those interested in helping out, we can plan our first meeting. The sooner we start making plans, the better the program will be!

Multihull and monohull training on big and small boats, especially designed for the ladies, is also in the works. If you would like to be a part of this committee let me know right away at sass4sail@cfl.rr.com or 321-505-4294.

Marlene "Capt. Sass" Sassaman, Youth Director

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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

Landscaping/Garden Committee

For those of you who don't know it yet, the new Landscaping/Garden Committee that has been landscaping for the completion of the renovation project is a permanent committee. The current members of the committee are: Prill Clendenin, John Martin, Alice Ahrens, Brenda Spletter, Nancy Melfi, Nancy Beckett, Floyd Bryan, Rose and Bill Baker, Jane McClain, Betsy Baird, and Joyce Alexy.



Bill Baker and Dan Sassaman discuss the placement of another set of plants.



Art Ahrens, Rose and Bill Baker discuss the new grass as Steve Clendenin gives it a good soaking.

We have been selecting low-maintenance plants. However, there is no such thing as no-maintenance plants, so our plan is for the committee to have two workdays per month to maintain the landscaping. Those workdays will consist of weeding, pruning, spraying Round-Up where necessary, fertilizing per a maintenance schedule, watering and planting when appropriate. We are also going to have a watering schedule of twice a week unless it rains since we have no irrigation.



Prill Clendenin working on plants at the front.

Thanks to some club members, most of our plantings have been donated. We have quite a collection of bromeliads on the east side of the house donated by several members, but the majority is from Debbie and Grant Ball. The ruellia and snake plants on the east side are also from MYC members. Many new additions have been donated for the rock garden on the west side of the club house, too.

We will be doing a lot more work before our Grand Re-Opening on November 3. Look for emails requesting plants. We want things looking really spiffy for the party and also for Kevin Frederick's wedding reception to be held at the club later in the month.

We would like more members, so please consider joining us. Many hands make for light work. If you are interested in joining the committee please email Amy Lacy at lacy7377@bellsouth.net. I am trying to conduct most of our business by e-mail, but when a meeting is necessary we've decided to have it at 5:30 PM on a Friday just before going to Happy Hour.

Amy Lacy, Landscaping/Garden

(Photos courtesy of Ross Herbert)

Bar and Kitchen Report



First, I must thank all the club members that helped load, unload, load again and unload the kitchen and bar. We are in! The kitchen is organized and ready to start cookin'. The bar is ready to pour you a cold one. September proved to be the month members were ready to get serious about drinking. We did over \$2,800 in chit sales and chits used. We were opened for 11 different events at the club.

October 5 was our Renovation T-shirt check off for "Opening of New Bar and Lounge Area". We have two more check marks to make. Interior Refinishing Complete and Grand Opening Party. Watch the whiteboard for dates. Contact me if you want a t-shirt, I have just a few left, one medium, four large, two XL and two XXL.

The bar gun has been added. Besides the regular coke, diet coke, 7up, diet 7up, ginger ale we have cranberry juice and ice tea. The price is \$1.00 with free refills. Have you stopped over on Sunday afternoon yet? With the nice view of the club both inside and out it is worth the trip. We are still having the "Sunday \$2.00 beer" and have added the \$1.50 hot dog and chips to the menu on Sundays only.

The bar committee put together the September dine-in with Jacki Leahy heading it up. Thanks to Jackie's meatloaf dinner we served 74 members. Profits from the dine-in were used to purchase new table linen that the club desperately needed. October's dine-in is Brats in Beer. Mark your calendar and make your reservation for October 12. Chef Jeff will be at the stove whipping up the German flair dishes while the rest of the bar committee will be serving you. Remember to make your reservation either at the club or by email to dj2some@bellsouth.net by October 10.



Debbie McGregor, Bar Director

Membership Report

NEW RESIDENT MEMBERS:

Andy and Diana Forman

Marty Ward, sponsored by Jim Gibson

George and Jerrie Shaw Hixon, sponsored by George Shaw

Sharon Kelly and Rev Kenn Hurto, sponsored by Dr. Marlene Sassaman

Andy and Diana Forman, sponsored by Art Ahrens (announced in September meeting but were not in attendance because I forgot to invite them).

NEW MEMBER NOMINATION:

Daniel Penny, sponsored by Wallie Everest

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:

Resident—163 Non-Resident—24

Corinthian—12 Honorary—13

Total—212

Daniel Penny

Jim Gibson, Membership Chair



Dock Master Report

Recent dock electric work included replacement of two GFCI outlets, one 30 amp two pole circuit breaker and the night flood light motion sensor on the East dock.

There is an excellent opportunity to have our dock area dredged when the Harbor dredging starts in the November/December time frame. This has been discussed with the LRPC and we estimate the cost probably will not exceed \$30,000. If we contracted to dredge on our own the cost could be well over \$100,000.

All members be advised that Hurricane Season is here. As a result, members are expected to prepare their boat for hurricanes. When a hurricane is in danger of landfall, boats 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 also be purchased and attached. Boat owners will pay for materials and labor.

Soon we will have the Grand Reopening/60th Anniversary Party. Since there will be many people who are not club members admiring and looking over our newly renovated club house and facilities, we will need to clean, tidy up and spruce up our boats to have them looking at their very best when the club officially opens.

As a result, I am requesting all members who have boats at the slips, visit your boat and make sure it looks sharp. At the same time, I must remind members that each boat is required to be maintained in a seaworthy condition and is also required to be ready to sail under its own power at all times.

Boats which are infrequently used are in jeopardy of being charged commercial rates. Please make sure your boat is ready to sail. When dredging starts, boats must be moved to allow the dredging equipment access to all slip areas. Birth will be required outside the Melbourne Harbor. Make sure your boat is seaworthy and ready to get underway.

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

Fleet Report

Mermaid Regatta

The Mermaid Regatta was successful as a great day of sailing and a wonderful party. We made a small profit in spite of having to cancel small boat racing on Sunday due to the high winds. Many people contributed to the success of the Regatta, especially Rachele Ross. Jeff and Debbie McGregor's reputation for putting on a great meal brought in 112 people for the dinner and Winnie Lambert collected many great prizes for the raffle. There was a rules seminar on Thursday night preceding the regatta conducted by Jim Edwards with Rachele and Barbara McIntyre arranging the food. Thanks to all who helped out. Race Committee: Jim Edwards, Chris Gates, Bill Haberland, Jack Leahy, John Martin, Andy Forman, Nancy & John Fox. Kitchen crew: Jeff McGregor, Bob Sowden Glen Gray, Cal Stow, Jim Gibson, Grant Ball, and Chuck Knowles. Tee Shirt design, Rachele Ross. Trophies: Rachele, Jane McClain, and Dave Noble. Registration: Jim Lacy, Nancy Fox, Andy Forman. Decorations: Chuck Knowles, Debbie Bush. Breakfast: Ross Herbert. Photography boat: Neil Tomkins, Ross Herbert.

Patti Massey & Crew in Sneaker won the Overall trophy, with Rochelle Yates in Mouse coming in second and Rhonda Delmater in third with Rendezvous. The full results are posted on the web at:

<http://www.sail-race.com/women/fall2007.htm>

Fall Regatta

The race committee for small boat weekend is fairly complete and we are planning to run multi-hulls on a separate course north of the Eau Gallie Causeway. This should make better racing for everyone. Jim Henry is PRO for the dinghy courses and Jerry Ross is PRO for the multihulls. I have heard from and expect Sunfish, Lasers, Raiders on the dinghy course and Paul Lindenburg expects several Moths.

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Dave Nobel reports that we had 32 people paid up for the North U seminar so far, and he expects to fill the 50 slots. He has 20 people that want to participate in the on-the-water clinic. If you have not signed up, you are missing a great opportunity as the price is less than half of what these seminars normally cost.

For Big Boat weekend, we have a good core team recruited for the Race Committee. It looks like we will have enough Melges 24's to justify the Eau Gallie course. Bob Sowden and Gerry Moores will run the races on the Melges course, and Jack Bibb and I will run the PHRF course. We could still use some volunteers both ashore and on the water.

I'd like to remind everyone that MYC has a kayak that club members may borrow for the monthly kayak trips. Please see John Martin (321-432-5213) if you would like to use it. jhmartin@mindspring.com

John Fox, Fleet Director



Two Big Upcoming MYC Events...

MYC Fall Regatta 2007

One Design / Small Boat Racing

October 20-21

A two-day, all-class regatta for small boats

Midweek Activities

North U Seminar

October 24-25

Friday Night "Rebel Rally" Fun Race

October 26

PHRF / Big Boat Racing

October 27-28

A two-day, all class regatta for PHRF spinnaker/non-spinnaker, cruiser, one-design

Find more details at:

<http://www.sail-race.com/myc/fallregatta.htm>

60th Year Anniversary

And

Clubhouse Renovation Celebration

Saturday, November 3, 2007

Open House for our Community

1:00—4:00 PM

Refreshments and Music

Celebration for Past and Present

Members

7:30 PM until ???

Hors d'oeuvres Buffet and Dancing

\$10/person

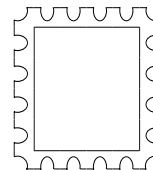
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