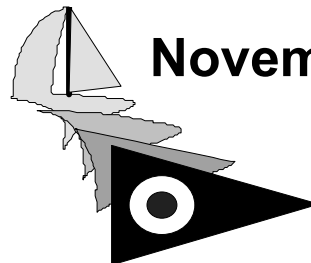


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November

- 03 Grand Opening/60th Anniversary Party
- 04 Small Boat Sunday
- 07 General Membership Meeting
- 09 TGIF Dine-In
- 10 Marker 21 Cruise
- 10 Kayak Trip
- 11 Winter Rum Race#1
- 17/18 No Frills Sunfish Regatta
- 22 Thanksgiving
- 25 Winter Rum Race #2

December

- 02 MYC Small Boat Sunday
- 08 Marker 21 Cruise
- 08 Christmas Party
- 16 Small Boat Sunday
- 25 Christmas
- 30 Small Boat Sunday

January

- 01 Small Boat Hangover Regatta



Grand Reopening Ribbon Cutting

Picture Courtesy of Ross Herbert

The grand Re-Opening and 60th anniversary started out with picture perfect weather. Ladies milling about in the galleie making all the wonderful hors d'oeuvres to be nibbled on all day and all evening. Thank you, Jacki Leahy and your humble crew of chefs.

The club was tastefully dressed up with beautiful orchids and birds of paradise, thanks to Rachele Ross and her creative decorators. A special thank you to Bob Burson for the handsome candle holders.

Hasty Miller, Jim Gibson and Marlene Sassaman chatted with guests and members about club activities and Hasty shared lots of history with tales of years past.

Among some of the guests: Stephanie Alvatta, Chamber of Commerce, Cassie Wolfson and Mary Ann Scofield with Don Fac-

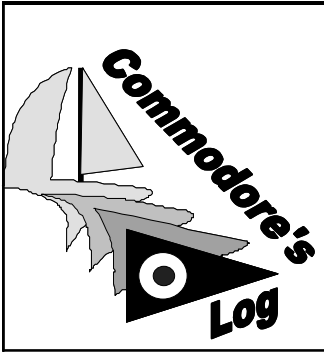
ciobene Inc. Michael Karaffa - Architect.

It was a delight to see some of our past Commodores, Ralph Johnson, George Shaw Betty Thon Chuck Baird Al Waschka Hasty Miller Norman (Skip) Seiler Tony Barile Jack Bibb Lenny Beckett Chris Reynolds Jerry Ross Rhonda DelMater Ross Herbert

Our Commodore, Bob Hughes lead the Renovation committee and the entire Board of Directors as we officially christened the new club house with a ribbon cutting ceremony. (continued page 4)

MYC Calendar Online

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



The men responsible for the renovation: Neil Tompkins, Simon Koumjian, Al Waschka, Jim Miller and Phil Scalise (not in picture)
Picture Courtesy of Bob Hughes



Barb McIntyre and Bob Burson present Bob Hughes with a gavel made by Bob.
Picture Courtesy of Bob Hughes

Hurrah . . . we finally got the CO! We are using our clubhouse to its fullest now. The power is run underground along with the TV cable and telephone lines so there can be mast-up storage on the east lot. The Renovation Committee has done a wonderful job. Neal and Simon are still overseeing the Facciobene punch list and will wrap that up soon. It is a wonderful thing to have our clubhouse complete.

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. Neal is helping with the decorating by doing some drawings so we can see what the place will look like when we start hanging things on the walls. We have a lot of memorabilia that our club wants to put back up and we can put up many new things also. This is definitely a challenge to get this balanced.

At the General Meeting we discussed the opportunity to get the channels dredged this fall.. St. John's Water Management is going to be dredging in the harbor and up Crane Creek and we are planning on piggy-backing onto the permits to get our channels dredged for a very reasonable cost. There has been a small change in our original plan because the dredge is going upstream first. We are on the list and this should happen in late January or early February. I will keep the club posted on the progress. 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 was a great day-long event. We had a ribbon cutting ceremony to kick off the whole affair.

Rochelle Yates and the party committee did a great job. The club, also, was wonderful in supporting this event. Jacki Leahy and the food committee did a great job keeping the hors d'oeuvres coming for the party. We had a short presentation at which the Club presented the Renovation Committee with a plaque as a reminder to the future club members who was responsible for this renovation.

I was presented a new gavel for the club by Barbara McIntyre and Bob Burson. They made this themselves and made it large enough that I don't have to bang too hard to get everyone's attention. Bob, also, made the really nice candle holder bases for the club which you may have seen on the bar tables.

I want to thank the Board of Directors for their thoughtfulness for the really nice hats with our boat name on them for Wendy and me. Rochelle presented them to us at the party.

Hasty Miller, Jack Bibb and Bill Thon shared with us some stories from the early days of the club. It was very nice to hear about some of their memories about the club and how we have come to where we are now.

Now that the construction is complete, we have kicked off a new era in the club where we have enough room to really have a good time. There are areas around the bar where it still gets noisy but we also have areas in the upper lounge and the great hall for those wishing to sit and talk in a more relaxed setting. We have a very nice couch in front of the fire place for those wishing to really relax and enjoy the fire. That is where you will find me some of the time.

Bob Hughes, Commodore

Bulletin Board

60th Anniversary Party

Pictures Courtesy of Rochelle Yates



Glen Gray, Rochelle Yates and Will Garvey (above)
Dot and Ralph Johnson (below)



Fay Bitzer and Jackie Leahy fixing yummys! (below)



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Our club hosted 210 members and guests Saturday evening as we gathered in an informal atmosphere. Our Commodore presented the renovation committee with a very nice plaque in appreciation for their hard work. Barbara McIntyre and Bob presented Bob a new gavel for the club.

The club house certainly is easy on the eyes. Next month we will host our club Christmas Party on December 8th.

Rochelle Yates, Rear Commodore

Dock Master Report

- ◆ New Hold down nuts have been installed on the crane (dockside lift) by Grant Ball and Hasty Miller. Many thanks to them for this work.
- ◆ Jerry Ross has been working on the old utility carts and restoring the ones which are capable of being restored. A big thanks to Jerry for his work .
- ◆ All members are requested to have their boats in good sea worthy order. Please make sure your boat is ready to move under its own power when dredging starts.
- ◆ There is still a good opportunity to have our dock area dredged when the Harbor dredging starts, maybe in the February time frame, because they will probably start up stream first and get to us last. 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 would be well over \$100,000.
- ◆ Recently there have been strong winds. Members are requested to make sure their boats are properly secured at the docks with adequate lines, fenders and sails properly secured. Please protect your boat and your neighbors when these conditions occur.
- ◆ All members are reminded that Hurricane season is almost over (Nov. 30). Consequently, there is still the possibility we may have a Hurricane. Members are expected to keep their boats prepared for a Hurricane. Keep in mind when a Hurricane is eminent, boats will need adequate lines, sails removed and hardware in good sea worthy and storm bearing condition.
- ◆ 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

DECEMBER KAYAKING

On Dec. 1st we will kayak Goat Creek. Goat Creek crosses under US1 in Valkaria. It is approx 5 miles south of the club. We will meet at 10AM on the lagoon side of US1 just north of Valkaria Rd. and launch into the Indian River Lagoon. If time and weather permit we may also paddle out to a spoil island. Bring lunch/snacks, drinks and suntan lotion. Don't forget your whistle.

RSVP to John Martin at either: jhmartin@mindspring.com or at 321-432-5213.

It's great kayaking weather so come on out and enjoy it!!!

John Martin, Kayaking

Bar and Kitchen Report

Picture
Courtesy of
Debbie McGregor



We are home!

November 9th was the final check off for the renovation T-shirts. I want to thank all of you for your support in making the bar “fun” during the last 9 months. The bar is in full service now with Friday nights and Sunday afternoons always open to the members and guests. Remember the bar is serving up \$1.50 Dogs on Sunday.

2007 last dine in was November 9th. Thanks to John and Judy Drawe, Richard, Lynde, Jim, Jeff and Jerrie, we served up a great low country boil for 65 people. December is full of activity at the club so our regular TGIF dine-ins will resume in January.

Delivery of the sponsored barstools and tables made it to the club hours before the grand opening weekend. Diane Gabik was the coordinator for the success in the purchasing and delivery of the furniture. Dave Noble was instrumental in etching the brass nameplates. Jeff McGregor and Jerry Ross put their carpenter skills to work and attached the plates to the chairs. Don't they look great! I will be working with the decorating committee to continued with the sponsorship/purchase of chairs, tables etc, so those who didn't have the opportunity to sponsor furniture will be able to.

January will see an increase in the draft beer and mix drink prices. With two price increases this year from our vendors and fuel fee charges we will need to adjust our prices. January draft beer will go to \$2.50 for 16oz pour and mix drinks will go to \$3.00 for 12oz drinks. Soda and wine will stay the same price. Happy Holidays!

Debbie McGregor, Bar Director

Pictures Courtesy of Ross Herbert



The band plays on!



Edible Art Work

Fleet Report

Fall Regatta Race Week is now behind us. Small boat weekend had 37 entrants vs. 32 for 2006. Big Boat Weekend had 40 boats vs. 37 for 2006. The Melges fleet had 10 entries vs. 11 in 2006. With only 1 local Melges 24 left in the area, I think that was a good turnout. My thanks to all who helped put on these regattas.

The North U was very successful and we slightly exceeded our target of 50 people. The on the water clinic was well attended. We took in \$6770 and spent \$5733 for a profit of \$1037. Thanks to Dave Noble for organizing this. For the sailing part of the regatta, we took in \$5391 and spent \$4355 for a profit of \$1036.

I purchased 3 anchors with rodes for marks to replace some that were lost earlier in the year, and various other supplies for the RC from the regatta funds. As we are ahead in regatta income over expenses for the year, the board has approved the purchase of some new race marks replace the ones that are worn out.

With the Fall Regatta behind us, we are rolling ahead on our plans for the Laser regatta in February and we have the "No Frills" Sunfish Regatta November 17 & 18.

ECSCA and Weight Limits:

As most of the racers are aware, the ECSCA PHRF committee voted in mandatory weight limits effective immediately just before our Fall Regatta. This caused considerable uproar and significantly threatened our Fall Regatta and the continuing divisiveness threatens the future of handicap racing in Brevard County. As Fleet Captain, I feel that the timing and manner of implementation showed very poor judgment by the committee.

If the boat owners as a whole want a weight limit, they have a right to have one and I have no objection to it. But most people need time to plan and organize a crew, make adjustments to their sail inventory and so on. A reasonable way to implement a change like this would have been to publicize it well in advance of implementation as most responsible class organizations do.

Under the racing rules, boats sailing under a handicap organization such as the ECSCA PHRF committee are regarded the same way as any one-design class. As an organizer of racing events, Melbourne Yacht Club is not permitted to interfere with or change the rules of a class organization. It is up to you, the boat owners, to decide whether you feel that ECSCA is serving your interests and if you want to continue racing under PHRF as administered by the ECSCA. MYC will support racing under whatever handicapping systems or classes our members choose to use.

John Fox, Fleet Director



George Shaw and Ralph Johnson
Picture Courtesy of Rochelle Yates

We will miss our Past and Honorary Members . . .

Jettie Palmer Owen, a resident of Wesley Woods in Newnan, Georgia, passed away Friday October 12 at Warm Springs.

She was born in 1926, the daughter of Jesse C. Palmer and Bessie Thomas Palmer, and grew up in Waynesboro, Georgia. She attended Wesleyan College in Macon, graduating summa cum laude with a degree in Fine Arts. She became a commercial artist in Atlanta and was associated with Rich's, Inc. for several years.

She married Roy C. Owen in 1951. Later they lived in Cedartown, Georgia. They moved to Indialantic, Florida in 1963 and lived there until coming to Newnan in late 1999.

In Florida, Jettie was active in Eastminster Presbyterian Church and various civic activities for almost 40 years. Although severely challenged by arthritis, she became a proficient yachtswoman and sailed extensively with her husband on their sailboat Sparrow. Mrs. Owen cruised the Northern Bahamas, along the Atlantic Seaboard and Gulf Coast Region, and in the Pacific Northwest. She was an honorary member of the Melbourne (Florida) Yacht Club.

In addition to her church and civic activities, Mrs. Owen often traveled with her husband on business trips throughout the United States, in Mexico and abroad.

She is survived by her husband of 56 years, Roy, and by her daughter Leigh Owen Jackson (Mrs. Alan W.) of Newnan; the Jackson grandchildren: Nella Jeannine, Henry Wells, Roy Owen, and Jett Taylor; and by several nieces and nephews. Mrs. Owen was a member of Newnan Presbyterian Church. Memorial services will be private.

McKoon Funeral Home of Newnan is assisting the family. It is suggested that friends wishing to honor Jettie's passing do so with a gift to a church or a favorite cause.

(Obituary as taken from Florida Today)

CHARLOTTE TUTTLE PALM BAY Charlotte Ach Tuttle died on Monday, October 22, 2007, at the age of 94, at Sterling House in West Melbourne. Charlotte was born in South Orange, New Jersey on January 8, 1913 and came to Melbourne in the late 1940s.

As a member of the Melbourne Yacht club, she became the teacher of the popular junior sailing class, and met her husband, the late Albert J. Tuttle. They lived on Palm Bay Point, Palm Bay, FL for many years. She has a daughter Nora Kirschner who lives in Melbourne, FL, a son, Larry Tuttle, who lives in Santa Cruz, CA, and two granddaughters, Liliith Kirschner, and Beth Kirschner.

Charlotte was an active member of the American Association of University Women, The Brevard Symphony Guild, and the Melbourne and Eau Gallie yacht clubs. Charlotte was instrumental in the development of the Brevard Art Center and Museum. Active well into her 80s, she and Al loved hiking in the Smoky Mountains and rode their bicycles on many trails throughout the United States.

ARLENE B. HOOPES ---1931-2007 passed away on Friday, November 9th in Rockledge, FL. Arlene was born in Bucks County, Pa. and lived there till her marriage to Robert D. Hoopes in 1950. They lived in Alexandria, VA till Bob was selected as an astronaut's trainer in celestial navigation at which time they made their home in Melbourne Beach.

They had two children, Robert D. Hoopes, Jr. and Julia Weld. They had two grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Arlene's husband Bob was a past commodore of MYC. They were members for 40 years and enjoyed sailing, racing and all club activities. She was currently an Honorary member of MYC. She was preceded in death by her husband Bob.

Memorial services will be delayed due to another death in the family. Will keep you advised. If you would like a picture of Arlene I will be glad to furnish one.

Betty Thon

House Report

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY HAS BEEN OBTAINED!! We are legal now.

The Bosun'sLocker has been rearranged and organized by Debra Ball and Rachele Ross, resulting in quite an improvement. Nancy Fox and Team Foxy are offering a group club order of high end polo shirts. A group order will result in savings from shipping charges, and enable custom embroidery services. Final day to get your orders in is November 16, so orders can be ready in time for Christmas!!

The floor in the main ballroom is waxed. A cast of thousands moved the old bar and all of the contents of the front closet to the new lounge area to prepare. After waxing was completed, many thanks to John Martin, Jim Gibson, Kevin Glaser, and Alice Ahrens, who helped me restock the closet. Another cast of thousands helped move the old bar back into the ballroom during another TGIF. Many thanks to all. The floor looks great.

Amy Lacy and her landscaping garden crew completed the first phase of re-landscaping the grounds. More work to follow. Current rainstorms are saving watering efforts.

Soap and paper towel dispensers have been installed. Bob Hughes purchased some hanging hooks and shampoo caddies and they are installed in the showers. Alice purchased rods and shower curtains, and Jerry Ross built some nice hardwood benches for the showers. Thanks to all.

New wastebaskets and cigarette buckets have been purchased and have been distributed as appropriate.

All furniture donations have been received. Thanks to Mike and Sandy Cope, Rose and Bill Baker, and Amy and Jim Lacy (Lending Library bookcase).

Bob Hughes Jerry Ross, Ross Herbert, and Kevin Glaser, assembled the new computer desk.

Neil, Phil, and Simon K. formed a committee to recommend a decorating plan to the club. They released a first draft to the board of directors, and have already received inputs. We will discuss the plan at the next House committee meeting.

We have hired a new cleaning crew at reduced cost to the club. Cleaning appears to be much improved.

Telephone lines and cable feeds have been buried. We can have mast up storage in the east yard now.

Wally Everest has started to install new dimmers, starting in the ballroom area.

Please keep in mind that the decorating effort of the club is all subject to taste and change. Nothing has been permanently installed, and we will continue to obtain inputs from the membership of the club as the club is "lived in."

Art Ahrens, House Committee



John Martin between Rochell Yates and Nancy Baur

Picture Courtesy of Rochelle Yates

Membership

NEW RESIDENT NOMINATIONS :

Daniel Penny, sponsored by Wallie Everest. His Nomination for Membership form was delayed in arrival so the Board will vote end of November.

NEW MEMBERSHIP NOMINATION:

Gerri (Pete) and Susan Putnam, sponsored by Scott Bell. Pete was a Navy Pilot and is currently a Captain with Delta Airlines. He and Susan have four children, one of which (Brian) participated in the Summer Sailing Program for the last two years. Brian loves to sail and has regenerated his parent's past fondness for sailing while living in San Diego. They are impressed with the members of MYC who seem to really enjoy being on the water and participating in aquatic activities. They are interested in participating in Youth activities.

Richard and Jacqueline Cope respectfully request reinstatement of their membership. The Board has approved their request.

RESIGNATION OF MEMBERSHIP:

Ralph Crawford and Winnie Lambert, #1468, to be effective January 31, 2008.

MEMBER PASSING:

Charlotte Tuttle, Honorary Member, MYC #1000

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:

Resident – 163, Non-Resident – 24, Corinthian – 12, and Honorary – 12

MYC Photo Image Release form to allow photos to appear in the Directory and Web Database was approved. The form and cover letter will be sent to the membership by the end of next week.

Jim Gibson, Membership



Bob and Anne Gauthier
Picture Courtesy of Ross Herbert



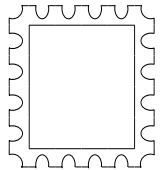
Group gathers for the Grand Re-Opening
Picture Courtesy of Rochelle Yates

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