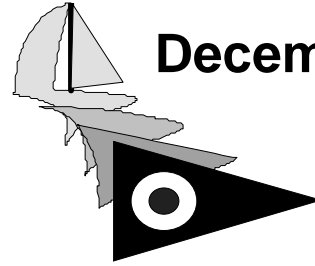


# MELBOURNE YACHT CLUB

# TELL-TALE

December 2007



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## DECEMBER

- 2 Small Boat Sunday
- 5 General Membership Meeting
- 8 Cruise to Marker 21
- 8 MYC Christmas Party
- 14/21/28 TGIF
- 16 Small Boat Sunday
- 25 Christmas Day
- 30 Small Boat Sunday
- 31 MYC New Year's Eve Party

## JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day
- 1 Hangover Regatta
- 2 General Membership Meeting
- 4 TGIF Birthdays
- 5 ECSA Awards Banquet
- 11 TGIF Burn-It
- 12 Cruise to Marker 21
- 13 Small Boat Sunday
- 18/25 TGIF
- 19 Kayak Trip
- 27 Small Boat Sunday

## The Party Line



Outgoing Rear Commodore/Entertainment Chair, Rochelle Yates, with Santa (aka Harry Stapor) at the MYC Christmas Party

### HO! HO! HO! MERRY CHRISTMAS!

The MYC Christmas Party on December 8 was a huge success with great food and good fun. This is usually the case with MYC events, so be sure and make to the upcoming scheduled events:

**New Year's Eve Party—December 31** - Bring a heavy hors d'oeuvre to share and a silly hat for the contest. Noise-makers will be provided.

**TGIF: Birthdays—January 4, Burn-It—January 11** - The club will supply sides for the Burn-It, you bring meat for the grill and \$3 per person. Sign up by January 9 at the bar or contact Debbie McGregor at 952-8540 or [dj2some@bellsouth.net](mailto:dj2some@bellsouth.net) to let her know you will be there.

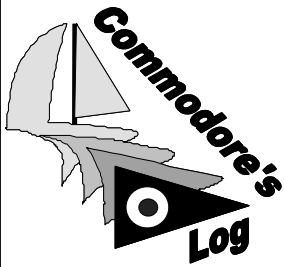
**Cruise to Marker 21—January 12** - Cruises to Marker 21 take place on the second Saturday of the month. MYC provides the firewood, hot dogs, and marshmallows for s'mores. Please contact Rochelle Yates for more information.

**Kayak Trip—January 19** - Kayak trips will now be on the third Saturday of the month. Contact John Martin at [jhmartin@mindspring.com](mailto:jhmartin@mindspring.com) or 729-9539 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](mailto:rearcommodore@melbourneyachtclub.com).

### MYC Calendar Online

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



Well, here it is the end of the year again. As much as the club did this year, the time sure has flown. The Christmas Party was a great success. Santa arrived on *Sleighride* and gave all the little girls and boys presents. We had a silent and a regular auction—Bill Thon was the auctioneer for the regular auction. The party committee did a wonderful job as usual.

During our General Meeting this month Neal Tompkins announced that the construction phase of the Renovation Project with Facciobene is complete. The decorating phase is accelerating and Neal went over a synopsis of the plans. We put these plans on our website very soon. A notice will go out when they are there.



**Bill Thon in top auctioneer form**



**Santa arrives with his helper**

By the time this Tell-Tale is published, we will have sent in the final paperwork to convert the construction loan to a permanent 20-year mortgage for \$590,000. That will give us \$15,000 to accomplish our redecorating plan.

I have been in contact with the dredging company and they are planning on dredging our channels while they are working in Melbourne Harbor. We do not have a firm date for this, but it should be in February. ALL boats in MYC slips will have to vacate their slips during the operation. Each boat owner will be responsible for making sure their boat is moved. More on this as we have more information.

At this time of the year, we nominate the Board members for the next year (see box at right). I want to thank the Nomination Committee for their very hard work this year in selecting a slate of candidates for the Board of Directors. The committee consisted of Harvey Melfi, Rachele Ross, Amy Lacy, Steve Clendenin and Paty Henry.

The election of officers takes place at the General meeting in January. Additional nominations will be taken from the floor and the members present will vote on the 2008 Board of Directors. I know what it takes to serve on the Board for the Melbourne Yacht Club and I thank all of the nominees for being willing to serve the club. This club is run by volunteers and I am sure the 2008 Board of Directors will need members on their committees to get the job done. Please help this club run smoothly and get involved in the activities of our great club.

This will be Winnie Lambert's last Tell-Tale. Ralph and Winnie are taking a break from the Melbourne Yacht Club for a while. I thank Winnie for her great job on the Tell-Tale other activities around the club and her sailing skill. Ralph and Winnie will be greatly missed. They have been great supporters of the club for many years.

*Let's go sailing!*

*Bob Hughes, Commodore*

The nominees for the 2008 MYC Board are:

**Commodore** – Art Ahrens

**Vice Commodore (House)** – Rochelle Yates

**Rear Commodore (Entertainment)** – Debbie McGregor

**Secretary** – Ross Herbert

**Treasurer** – William Garvey

**Bar & Kitchen Director** – Karen Sowden

**Membership Director** – Jim Lacy

**Dock Master** – David Lister

**Youth Sailing Director** – Andy Foreman

**Fleet Captain** – Jim Henry

# BULLETIN BOARD

## JANUARY KAYAKING

A number of people have expressed a desire to come kayaking with us but often have multiple activities on the same day. To increase the chances of people being able to come out, I'm moving the monthly kayaking day to the THIRD Saturday of the month as this day has fewer scheduled activities than the first Saturday. On the months where there are a lot of activities scheduled on the third Saturday, I'll try to pick a different Saturday. I hope more people will be able to join in.



We will kayak the Grand Canal on Saturday, January 19. We will meet at 10:00 AM at Oars and Paddles Park on the southwest corner of South Patrick Dr and Banana River Dr (the road to Mather's Bridge). This is about a mile north of Eau Gallie Blvd. We will have lunch on Samson's Island at Satellite Beach Park. Bring food, drink, sunscreen, PFD and whistle. Kayaks can be rented from Extreme Sports on Eau Gallie Blvd. 779-4228. There is also 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](mailto:jhmartin@mindspring.com) or cell 321-432-5213.

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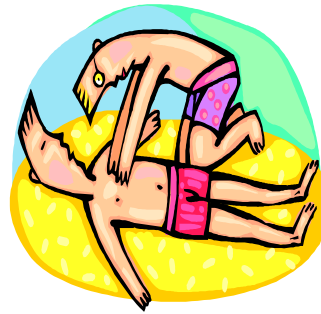
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## CPR Class

We are trying to organize a Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Course at Melbourne Yacht Club for Saturday January 26, 2008 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon. The cost per person will be \$25.00. The course will only be offered if we have at least 5 people interested. Please respond indicating your interest to Nancy Melfi at [melfi@umbc.edu](mailto:melfi@umbc.edu). If we have sufficient interest we will schedule the course and get back to you with additional information and make arrangements for pre-payment.



Nancy Melfi

*Fine Portraiture by*



*Casey Forman*

*Photographer*

*521 383-2444*

## A Special Thanks



To all those who helped with the painting of the club grill area, driveway gate, annex, and tire store, a sincere, "Thank you!"

Especially instrumental in the completion of the project by providing his time, the use of his equipment and expertise, was John Tworkowski.

Steve Clendenin

## 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



## Rear Commodore/Entertainment



Photo by Ross Herbert

I have learned so much and am starting to wind down the year as Rear Commodore with the MYC Christmas Party as my last big event. MANY Thanks to Barbara Ehnert, Faye Bitzer, Sue Reynolds, Linda Tillman, Pat Denes, Alice Ahrens, John Martin, Chris Reynolds, Denny Scott, Rachele Ross and Patty Henry for helping make it a great success. Linda Tillman's dinner committee did a great job as well. Thanks to Jim Edwards, Lynde West, Carol Mairs, Amy Lacy, Sandi McAllister, Dick Tillman, Jeff McGregor Alice Ahrens, and Meg Tworkowski for making it all happen. Shopping with the ladies really put me in the Christmas spirit. These gals know how to have fun! The decorators put the tree up and topped it with a gold ribbon. The garland on the windows looks gorgeous as do the live poinsettias around the fireplace in the lounge. The copper ring has been re-hung and laced with garland. Nancy Stow donated a big wreath for the holidays that is hanging in the great room. It took three hours to get it all done. With a few more finishing touches to take place in the next few days, the club will be elegantly dressed for this holiday season.

Our New Year's Eve Party will be under the direction of Debbie McGregor, the Bar Committee Chair. Details are in this newsletter and posted at the bar.

*Rochelle Yates, Rear Commodore/Entertainment*

## Bar and Kitchen Report



Members are certainly beginning to feel at home at the bar! The bar was opened 15 times in the last month, and we sold \$4,600 in bar chits. I think that has to be a record!

We have a new bartender. Kathy Buckley poured her first beer for club members on a recent Friday. Kathy will be joining Melanie and Christy on the bartender team. I have heard positive reports from members about Kathy, so hopefully she will be a steady bartender for the club.

November's Dine-In served up 62 dinners. Thanks to John and Judy Drawe for the low country boil dinner. We did have 12 no-shows. Please remember if you sign up for TGIF Dine In's or other dinners and do not make it, you will be charged. We base our food purchases on the count received and do not want to buy more than we need.

We will not be having a December dine in but will have a very informal New Years party at the bar. Show up anytime after 7:00 PM, bring a heavy hors d'oeuvre to share, and wear a silly hat for the hat contest. The bar will have noisemakers and hats for the New Year partiers. The bar committee will be running the bar and have invited our bartenders to drop by. Drop in or stay until the end and sleep on your boat. Jeff and I will have breakfast for those who stay over.



January 11 will be the TGIF first Burn-It of the year. Members will need to sign up by January 9. The cost is \$3.00. Members will supply their own meat for the grill and the bar committee will be adding green salad, macaroni and cheese, baked beans and corn bread to complete the dinner.

New bar prices will go into effect Jan 1, 2008. All draft beer will be \$2.50 and mixed drinks will be \$3.00. Wine and bottle beer will stay the same. Sodas will be 16-oz drinks for \$1.50 with no refills.

*Debbie McGregor, Bar Director*

## Membership Report

### NEW RESIDENT MEMBERS:

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 parents' 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.

### NEW MEMBER NOMINATION:

Lee and Diane Fentress, sponsored by Chris Gates. Lee is semi-retired from Washington DC and moved to Vero Beach 5 yrs ago soon after he sold his sports marketing & representation firm. He and Diane spend 7 months in Florida and the rest in Maine. In Maine, he races his Dark Harbor 20 sailboat in a very competitive fleet. The boat, designed by Olin Stephens and built in 1936, is 30' overall and 20' on the water. They hope to sail their Sunfish, recently purchased from Chris Gates, on the Small Boat Sundays. They are past members of the New York YC and current members of Tarratine YC in Maine. They are interested in participating in Racing/Small Boats and perhaps serving on the Small Boats Race Committee.

### MEMBERS PASSING

Bob Erickson, Honorary Member  
Karen Junkunc, Non-Resident Member, wife of Chuck Junkunc,  
Arlene Hoopes, Honorary Member

### CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:

Resident—164    Non-Resident—24    Corinthian—12    Honorary—11    Total—211

*Jim Gibson, Membership Chair*

## MEMBERSHIP BYLAW CHANGE

Your Board of Directors wishes to make it cost efficient for adult children of Resident Members to become Resident Members in their own right. The Board has developed a solution, which requires a change to the present Bylaws. Please consider the proposed amendment to our Bylaws given below, which was read to the membership at the December meeting. The Board would like to hear your comments and have you cast your vote during the January General Membership Meeting.

We, The Board, submit the following proposed revision and amendment to our Bylaws:

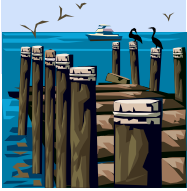
### **ARTICLE 1: MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 1:** A person can become a Corinthian Member if he/she is a student between the ages of 18 to 26. The dues are \$30 per year. Student status shall be determined and reviewed annually by the Membership Committee. Corinthians will be extended the mailing and social privileges of the Club, but may not vote, hold office, or retain dockage at MYC. Additionally, during that portion of their annual membership, when residing locally, Corinthians are afforded Preemptible Dry Storage privileges.

Young Adult status is conferred upon a child of a resident member in good standing as long as the child maintains Dependent status. Dependant status shall be determined by being listed as a dependent on the Resident Member's tax return.

**Section 6:** A Corinthian or the young adult may opt to become a Resident Member if he/she has not reached the age of 26 and has been a Member-in-Good-Standing for at least 1 year. The Initiation Fee for this transition from Corinthian or young adult to Resident Member status will be reduced to 50% of the current fee and the Resident annual dues will be pro-rated from the time of transition to the end of the fiscal year. Upon reaching the age of 26, if the Corinthian or young adult has not transitioned to Resident Membership, he/she must pay the full initiation fee and pro-rated Resident Dues in order to enjoy the Club facilities.

## Dock Master Report



All members are reminded to follow the regulations regarding keeping your boat in good sea-worthy order and make sure your boat is ready to move under its own power. Keep in mind when dredging begins, boats need to be moved from the slips for several days.

The East yard beside the club is available for boat storage, but the gate requires a lock of some type which should be installed soon.

I would like to remind members that the "Ditch" bottom land does not belong to MYC. Consequently, we must be discrete in using that area. Please use that area discriminately and do not stay there for any extended time. We would not like to bring our use of that area to the attention of anyone that could make trouble for us. Your consideration is appreciated.

All members are reminded that Hurricane season is over (Nov. 30). Nevertheless, there is still the possibility of out-of-season tropical storms (e.g. Olga) and strong winds from other systems. As a result, members are expected to keep their boat prepared and properly secured at the docks with adequate lines, fenders and sails properly secured. Please protect your boat and your neighbors when these conditions occur.

*Glen Gray, Dockmaster*

## House Report

WHEWW! After a great 60th anniversary party and Christmas party, I think we can now say "full sail." Personally, I cannot believe that we pulled off the renovation and kept the club running nearly 100% while we did it. What a fabulous result. Now the challenge is to re-establish the operations of the club, which have grown tremendously. For example, there were very few monthly bar reports that showed sales lower than \$3,000. In terms of a business, that is a greater than \$36,000 per year operation for just one portion of the club! The impact of this is that the clubhouse is being used more, needs much more maintenance and clean up, and needs continuous restocking of supplies. To assist your Board, we decided at the last board meeting to expand the role of Jacki Leahy to become the board's eyes and ears and to assist with the day-to-day running of the club. Phone messages will be promptly responded to, restock items will be promptly ordered when needed, and will be put away and invoiced, the club schedule and bulletin boards will be up-to-date etc. She will be contributing monthly to the newsletter to keep all of up to date with the operations of the club.



The next challenge of the house committee is to continue implementing the decorating plan with the help of Neil Tomlin's committee. We will continue to discuss these plans at the monthly house committee meeting. We respect ALL inputs from the members of the club, so if anyone has any ideas or things they would like to see at the club, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Finally, Alice and I would like to extend our Holiday wishes to our friends at the Melbourne Yacht Club.

*Art Ahrens, Vice Commodore/House*

## Fleet Report



MYC hosted the 4th Annual Sunfish "No Frills" regatta on the November 17 and 18 with 22 boats registered. The race committee was made up of Hasty Miller, Jack Clark, and Mike Taylor from the Laser Fleet, with John Draw, Floyd Bryon, Steve Clendenin and myself. Linda Tillman easily won the regatta followed by James Liebl, Paul Strauley, Dave Silverman and Mindy Strauley.

The NOR is issued for the Laser MME Regatta February 15-17 2008. Amy has a web page set up for it and we have an on-line registration system set up with Regatta

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Networks where contestants can pay by credit card or mail in checks. We held our first Regatta-planning meeting on December 4. It was decided to hold both dinners at the club and to invite the membership to attend the Friday evening dinner with the same reservation system we have for the Dine-Ins. We have a good start on volunteers to fill various functions. Help with the dinners and volunteers to house competitors are still needed.

I have purchased three orange tetrahedron race marks from ETP using funds from Regatta profits. These were badly needed as many of our marks are wearing out. We will refurbish several of the yellow tetrahedrons to have for course changes.

I completed all the requirements and now have my certification from US Sailing as a Club Race Officer. Certified Race Officers are covered by US Sailing's liability insurance in addition to the club's insurance policy, so it is worthwhile for those of us who run races to become certified. I will be attending an Advanced Race Officer Seminar in St Pete on January 12-13 2008. If anyone else is interested in attending that seminar, see me and I can arrange for you to get signed up. Some housing is available with SPYC members.

John Fox, Director, Fleet Activities

## Youth and Adult Sailing

### WOMEN'S MATCH RACING CLINIC

Ready to take your sailing to the next level, ladies? Rollins College in Winter Park, only an hour or so away, is hosting a North U. clinic for ladies only on January 19, 20 and 21. There is a limit of 12 participants and, as of last check, they had already filled 7 positions. They will have four boats with 3 ladies per boat. You can sign up for skipper or crew positions. I am already signed up as a skipper and invite others to join me. I was promised by the race chair, Bill Gladstone from North U, that if more women wanted positions as skipper than crew, he would increase the number of rotations so each skipper gets equal time at the helm.



Regardless of the position you sign up for, there is so much to learn with three days of on-the-water drills followed by professional feedback. If you attended the North U. program at MYC recently, then you know you are in for a treat. For more information, go the website

[http://www.northu.com/seminars.taf?\\_course=14&page\\_name=info](http://www.northu.com/seminars.taf?_course=14&page_name=info).

Rather than drive back and forth every day, it would be economical if we could all share a hotel room or two depending on how many of us go. SIGN UP TODAY. Let's put at least one MYC team together. Contact me, Marlene, at [sass4sail@dantekinc.com](mailto:sass4sail@dantekinc.com), if you are interested.

### GIRLS AGAINST BOYS AT THE ECSA DOUBLE-HANDED RACE

Congratulations to the skippers and crew of *Bodacious*, *Rendezvous*, *Mouse*, and *Spray*. All four boats boasted women as skippers and crew at the recent ECSA double handed race on December 1. It was fun to have an all women's crew aboard the first and last boats to start. *Bodacious*, a classic looking monohull skippered by Carol Wheaton began at 1:00 pm. In contrast, *Spray*, a more modern multihull and skippered by Marlene Sassaman, started last about 31 minutes later. No doubt Rochelle Yates worked the hardest on *Mouse* having to tend the spinnaker. *Rendezvous*, skippered by Rhonda Delmater, was also quite competitive against the 17-boat fleet.

All in all having 3 all women's team racing against 14 other all male or coed teams was impressive. Ladies, why only sail in all women's events? Come on out for the MYC Rum Races and next year's ECSA events.

Marlene Sassaman, Youth and Adult Sailing



# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

MYC NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

Join us for an informal, relaxed, fun New Year's Eve

Bring a heavy Hors d'Oeuvres to share

And

Your best silly hat for the Silly Hat contest

The Bar Committee will supply noisemakers, hats and breakfast for those who stay the night on their boat

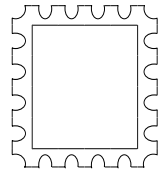
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