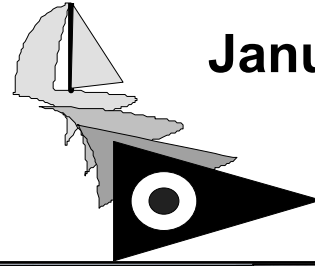


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 Pictures from the New Year's Eve Party courtesy of Rochelle Yates

Happy New Year!!

My work as entertainment director has come "full circle" and the last big party of the year was so much fun; a huge success and I could not have pulled it off with out my partner in crime, **Debbie McGregor**. Thank you.

Our club house was filled with members and guests wearing some very creative hats.

The large variety of delicious food was incredible. Thank you all for your contributions.

We conned members into playing musical chairs, the limbo, pass the lemon "that was hilarious" and then we tied up four of our members to see if they could free themselves.

We ended 2007 on the deck enjoying the fireworks and toasted in 2008.

Jeff and Debbie McGregor, Thank so much for tending bar and for supporting me with your help to obtain the fun items and terrific ideas to get the club jumping. Let us not forget the breakfast you two cooked up for the members on Wednesday morning.

Thank you **Jack and Jackie**, for taking the second shift to tend bar, and for always being there to support the club events. **Ross Herbert**, thank you for providing us with the many photos of the evening. Last but not least, thank you **Rose and Bill Baker** for providing us with the spectacular display of fireworks at midnight.

Toasting the New Year with my second family brings me big smiles this morning as I recall the evening and the many laughs we all shared. I am holding on to the CD of photos, just in case I need some leverage as Vice Commodore. Just kidding.

It has been an honor to serve as MYC's Rear Commodore and I sincerely look forward to the coming year serving as MYC's Vice Commodore and working with the new board.

Happy New Year!

Rochelle Yates, Rear Commodore/Entertainment

JANUARY

- 01 New Year's Day
- 01 Hangover Regatta
- 02 General Membership Meeting
- 04 TGIF Birthdays
- 05 ECSA Awards Banquet
- 06 Winter Rum Race #4
- 11 TGIF Burn-It
- 12 Cruise to Marker 21
- 13 Small Boat Sunday
- 18/25 TGIF
- 19 Kayak Trip
- 20 Winter Rum Race #5
- 27 Small Boat Sunday

FEBRUARY

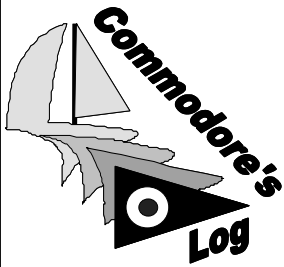
- 03 Winter Rum Race #6
- 06 General Membership Meeting
- 09 Cruise to Marker 21
- 17 Spring Rum Race #1
- 24 Small Boat Sunday

MARCH

- 01 Commodore's Ball
- 02 Spring Rum Race #2

MYC Calendar Online

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



We have started a new year. If you remember, this time last year the renovation project had just started. On January 6th we had our Ground Breaking Ceremony. This renovation has been the focus of the club for this last year, but we have not missed a beat. We've even had a few additional activities. There was the Marine Flea Market, the Post Commodore's Ball Recovery Regatta (Sherry Beckett (McCampbell) Honorary Regatta), the Open House/60th Anniversary Celebration and a wide variety of TGIFs with a theme. I have been extremely pleased at the club's participation in all the events, braving the rain, wind and heat. Yes, that was just inside the building. I believe a key factor in all the fun we had this year was Debbie and Jeff McGregor, Rochelle Yates and the Bar Committee. They did a wonderful, fantastic job. Even during a remodeling year we have continued to gain some very active new members that have dug in and helped make this a successful year. That says a lot about the heart of this club. Neil Tompkins and Simon Koumjian were absolutely great this year. They put in many hours every week overseeing the

construction. The clubhouse shows their labor of love in everything that was done. I thank them and the rest of the renovation committee for a job well done.

At the General Meeting on January 2nd the new Board of Directors were elected. They are:

Commodore – Art Ahrens
Vice Commodore (House) – Rochelle Yates
Rear Commodore (Entertainment) – Debbie McGregor
Secretary – Ross Herbert
Treasurer – Will Garvey
Bar & Kitchen Director – Karen Sowden
Membership Director – Jim Lacy
Dock Master – David Lister
Youth Sailing Director – Andy Foreman
Fleet Captain – Jim Henry



This is a very good strong board to lead the club through the next year. Please support them in our endeavors by continuing to be a very volunteer-oriented club that really loves to sail and party. I am not sure which is higher on the list.

The Commodore's Ball will be at Captain's Hiram's on March 1st. I think everyone had a good time at the ball last year in honor of Ross Herbert. I sure hope everyone will come, relax and have a good time at the ball this year. I think we all deserve a party where we don't have to work. Just come and have a good time. A majority voted at last year's ball to continue holding this event offsite. So please come and support the club, thank the 2007 board and welcome in the new board.

I have spoken again to the dredging company and the plan is to do our channels in February. Everyone that has a boat on the docks will be notified when to move their boat. All dock renters have been notified of this over the last couple of months so don't come up with some excuse. Please make arrangements to take your boat to another dock or to anchor out for a few days. If a member fails to have their boat ready to go, this will be considered a violation of the dock policy. Because this is a very limited time event we will have to hire out to have your boat moved if you don't do it and you will be billed. I have handed the dredging liaison work back to Rose Baker. I took it over from her while she and Bill were out of the country. If you have any questions, concerns or offers of help, please contact Rose.

I want to thank the 2007 board for a job well done. This was a very challenging year and the board put in a lot of hours and suffered through some very long meetings to make it the successful year that it was. I really enjoyed working with this board and I wish them all well in their new positions.

I thank the entire club for allowing me to serve the club as Commodore this year. It was a very long year but I really enjoyed my time. The members of the club made my time as Commodore very special. I am going to continue working for the club on the house committee and continue handling the Information Technology needs of our club.

I, also, want to thank my wife, Wendy, for without her help this would not have been possible. She has kept me going and has been a sounding board all year and has picked up all the chores around the house that I didn't have time to do. She, also, made all my Tell-Tale articles more readable by editing my mistakes.

Thanks again for a wonderful year. Hopefully, Wendy and I can spend a little more time sailing this year.

*Bob Hughes, Commodore
I am going sailing.*

Bulletin Board

2008 MYC Super Bowl Party Feb 3rd



Come and root for your favorite team at MYC on large screen projection TV.

Party start time is 5:30, game television coverage starts at 6 PM

Wear your favorite teams colors!!

(whether or not they are playing)

Only 3 bucks per person.

MYC BAR WILL BE OPEN.

TEAM SQUARE RAFFLE.

Once Again we will hold my favorite event:

THE CHILI COOKOFF!!!

Bring your favorite chili. Prizes!!



Super Bowl Snacks, Appetizers and Deserts also welcome.

RSVP to sailon@earthlink.net, or sign up sheet at the bar.

A Special Thanks . . .

Now that the holidays are over and the New Year has officially been rang in, the club has been un-decorated. A huge thank you to my organized helpers **Becky Henry, Wendy Hughes, Jackie Leahy, Jack Leahy and our Commodore Bob Hughes.**

We spent Saturday afternoon stripping the club down and it is now ready for plans to decorate for all year round. ~Rochelle~

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House Report



As 2007 ends, and we prepare to pass the baton, I would like to express my gratitude to the members of the house committee:

Del Wiese
Bob Sowden
Jack and Jacki Leahy
Steve Clendenin
Bill and Rose Baker
Amy Lacy
Alice Ahrens

Also, thanks goes to **John Tworkowski** who lent his professional painting experience and equipment helping **Steve Clendenin** and his crew paint the annex and the tire store. Many of the maintenance items that are usually done by the house committee were coordinated by **Neil Tomkins** and **Simon Koumjian**, allowing the construction to remain on schedule. Finally, special gratitude is extended to **YOU**, the membership who came to plant sod on 2 days notice, tore out and moved the old bar, and enabled us to keep the club operating during the entire construction process! What a special group of people.

The months of November and December really gave us a chance to "break in" the revamped clubhouse. More people are coming to TGIF and our parties, and that is great!! It makes me wonder how we did it with the little bar that we had before. Two thousand eight will be a transition year. Your board will be focusing on ways to operate the new clubhouse more smoothly than ever before.

Alice and I would like to extend everyone our best wishes for a great 2008.

Art Ahrens, Vice Commodore/House

Dockmaster Report



I would like to congratulate Dave Lister as the new Dockmaster for 2008. I will assist Dave in the transition to make the change as seamless as possible.

Dredging is scheduled to begin in February 2008. As a result boats need to be moved from the slips for several days. All members are requested to have their boat in good sea worthy order and make sure their boat is ready to move under its own power. Club members are requested to follow the regulations regarding keeping boats ready and seaworthy.

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.

Glen Gray, Dockmaster



Debbie and Jeff McGregor
picture courtesy of Debbie McGregor

Bar Report



My position as bar director comes to an end of a very challenging year and I would like to thank you for the support I received throughout the year. Thank you for weathering the heat, noisy fans, limited booze selection and crazy gatherings at the bar during the 9 months of renovation. Thank you for supporting all the monthly TGIF dine-ins. In June when the clubhouse was hot, restrooms were shared, cruisers were off cruising and the beer was being poured by bar committee members, thank you for your patience. The bar committee has great memories; "name that tool"; renovation T-shirt mark offs and hoping club members would sponsor a barstool. Boy, did we have FUN!

A big thank you goes to the great bar committee. **Jeff McGregor, Karen Sowden, Brenda Spletter, Lynde West, Diane Gabik, Jack and Jacki Leahy, Carol Mairs and John MacNeill.** My main man **Jeff** desires a special award for always standing beside me, cooking up great food, running errands, dropping off soda's and limes, and opening the bar when Melanie was caught up at her real job.

The December Bar and Kitchen activities once again show what great support this club has. The bar supported 12 events in December. We sold over 2700 bar chits and a couple of dozen Sunday afternoon hot dogs during the month.

Our new bartender Kathy Buckley has caught on to the whole bartender job. With over 100 members, Kathy is working on matching names with faces and remembering your favorite drink. So keep helping her out.

The very informal New Years party at the bar was a great success. We had plenty of great hors d'oeuvres. The bar committee members ran the bar to give the regular bartenders the night off. The next morning Jeff and I made breakfast for those who stayed on their boats, while Ross Herbert whipped up his "famous" breakfast sausage balls. I appreciated Rochelle stepping up and running with the evening entertainment "games" and Ross the cameraman. We had so much fun that we forgot to pass out the noisemakers at midnight. So, mark your calendar for next year's noise making party!

January 11th will be the first TGIF "burn-it" of 2008. Members will need to sign up by January 9th. The cost is \$3.00. Members will supply own meat for the grill. Bar committee will be adding green salad, macaroni & cheese, baked beans and corn bread to complete the dinner.

New bar prices went into effect Jan 1, 2008; all draft beer is \$2.50; mixed drinks are \$3.00, wine and bottle beer stayed the same. Sodas will be served in 16oz cups for \$1.50 with no refills.

I will be working with the decorating committee to finish ordering bar and lounge chairs. I have started a list of members that want to sponsor a chair. Let me know if you are interested sponsoring a chair. I will be getting more information out.

Thanks again for allowing me to serve the club in 2008.

Debbie McGregor, Bar

Membership Report

NEW RESIDENT MEMBERS:

Lee and Diane Fentress, sponsored by Chris Gates. (Bio was read at the December General Meeting). 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 Sunday's. 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.

NEW RESIDENT NOMINATION:

Lawrence and Francine Robertson, sponsored by Jerry Ross. Francine, a native Canadian, met Lawrence in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada where they both worked. Lawrence, born in Rochester, NY, moved many times throughout his life, but was raised primarily in the San Diego and San Francisco Bay areas of California. They moved to Dade County where they sailed a Catalina 22 in Biscayne Bay. They also sailed a Laser and others off the coasts of Mexico and Jamaica. Francine is a computer programmer with Sunguard at FIT and Lawrence is a Fire Fighter with Martin Co. They are interested in Social Activities, Cruising, and Racing both Small and Big Boats.

All Photo/Image Release forms have been mailed to the membership. A few have been "returned to sender, address unknown" (like the old Elvis song). I will make every effort to contact these members, obtain correct addresses, and send the forms to them. Actual photos are coming in SLOWLY! If members wish their photos in the new 2008 Directory, then they need to put the pedal to the medal and provide or make arrangements to have their photos taken. (Ross Herbert is an EXCELLENT photographer. He has volunteered to take individual or family portrait photos for this purpose. Contact him if you are interested).

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:

Resident – 165, Non-Resident – 24, Corinthian – 12, and Honorary – 10

Jim Gibson, Membership

Youth & Adult Sailing

As we enter the chilly months of winter Andy Forman is taking a leadership role by planning next summer's sailing program. In the past we have offered separate sessions for youngsters and adults. This year promises to follow a similar format. The dates and times of the classes are expected to be announced by mid February. Anyone interested in taking the sailing classes is encouraged to contact me by e-mail or phone. Certainly, MYC members interested in sharing their knowledge and skill are encouraged to contact Andy Forman.

I have been talking with the manager at West Marine about hosting a ladies chalk talk followed by some on the water small boat sailing for novice and intermediate level sailors. Please make sure you let me know if you are interested in planning this event. A special discount will be offered by West Marine with only a nominal fee paid to the MYC Sailing Program for use of the prams. Sometime in February or March would be ideal. Last year we had a great time.

Indeed, ladies there may still be time to sign up for the North U. 3 day on the water sailing clinic in Winter Park. The dates are Jan. 19, 20, & 21. The website for registering is: http://www.northu.com/seminars.taf?course=14&page_name=info&flash=5

Until we sail again let no maelstroms dampen your day!

Capt. Sass



Fleet Report

I'd like to thank everyone who helped out with our fleet activities this year. We received many compliments on our running of the Alter Cup. Attendance at our Spring Regattas was good in spite of some not so nice weather and a clubhouse under construction. The Fall Regatta was well attended and had boats from several states. It was a pleasure to work with everyone and I look forward to working on Jim Henry's team in 08. I will continue to organize the race committee for big boat weekends of our spring and fall regattas and Jim will take care of small boat weekends.

Entries are coming in for the Laser Masters Midwinter's East Regatta that we are hosting February 15-17th. So far we have people coming from all over the US, Canada, and even England. Linda Tillman is working with Debbie McGregor on the food and will be organizing helpers for serving etc. We will probably have a couple separate meetings in late January, one for food and shore duties and a separate meeting for the RC. If you would like to help or can provide housing for some sailors, please let me know.

On Friday, February 15th, we will be having a cookout dinner for the regatta at the club and we decided to have it open to club members as well as the sailors. We will be having a sign up list similar to what Debbie has done for the dine in's. Plan to come and welcome our guest sailors from all around the world.

Regatta attendees get an embroidered dry shirt with their entry and several people from MYC have asked me if it will be possible to purchase regatta shirts for themselves. We will make them available by special order, but we will not be making up extra shirts for sale at the regatta. If you think you want one, please let me know.

John Fox, Fleet Captain

Jackie's New Job . . .

The New Year is a time to look backwards and forwards. I sit here in our beautiful new clubhouse and I remember the time when Jack and I joined this wonderful extended family that is MYC. The year was 1994 and the club had just completed "the last remodel job this place will ever need."

From up here in the Osprey's Nest, I really get to see the comings and goings of the club. It is so great to see how often our home is used for all types of things. Large functions of 150 one day to just a group of friends sitting in comfortable chairs in front of the fireplace the next.

All this comes at some cost. Each director has many more areas requiring their time than ever before. Many people just don't have the extra hours per week necessary to be a volunteer director.

I guess that is where I come in. I will be the extra set of eyes, ears and hands of the directors and members. Some of the paperwork will get streamlined through me. Phone calls will get answered by me whenever possible. Important mail will be diverted immediately. I can be here to meet suppliers and party planners. For once, there will be a central calendar.

GOOD GRIEF!!! DO I NEED YOUR HELP!

The directors already know how they want to use me. They have been overworked for years. What CAN be a really good thing is for there to be a central "desk" where info gets from one group to another. How great is this for someone who loves to be in the know?

My 'job' is to work 20 hours a week. We just can't set an actual time clock because the hours will change from minute to minute. I will set aside some days a week where I will be available for the club. Most of the 'office stuff' will be done in my home office. (I have more updated equipment than the club and records are more private there.) I will do the 'walk-in' stuff as I see it.

I will get an 'Office Open' sign for upstairs. Hopefully, outsiders will see it. The rest of you already know to come and knock.

This position is a work in progress. Let's get together and see where it takes us!

Jackie Leahy



*Melbourne Yacht Club's
2008 Commodore's Ball*



Capt. Hiram's Riverfront Tiffany Room at Capt. Hiram's Resort

Saturday Night, March 1, 2008

Bar opens at 6:30

Dinner & dancing.

No Clean-up, No putting away chairs, No taking out the trash.

Come have a good time!

Block of Rooms available, reservations must be made by Jan 22nd.

Transient Dockage available if you want to cruise on down!!

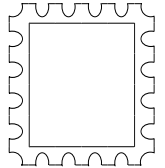
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