

# MELBOURNE YACHT CLUB

# TELL-TALE



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It has been a great year for me! I couldn't have asked for a better board to serve with in 2009.

Thank you all for your constant support and for doing a great job on behalf of the club and its members.

Congratulations to the 2010 officers and directors. The nominating committee put together a great slate and the membership seems to agree.

Having been elected as the 2010 Board of Directors at the January 6th, 2010 general membership meeting of the Melbourne Yacht Club, the following members began their terms at the commencement of new business during the February 3rd, 2010 general membership meeting.

Commodore: **Jim Henry**  
 Vice Commodore/House: **Pat Lambert**  
 Rear Commodore/Entertainment: **Andy Forman**  
 Treasurer: **Del Wiese**  
 Secretary: **Jerrie Hixon**  
 Bar & Kitchen Director: **Page Proffitt**  
 Dock Master: **Grant Ball**  
 Fleet Captain: **Jack Clark**  
 Membership Director: **Karen Williams**  
 Youth Director: **Lynde Edwards**

Good luck to you all in the coming year.

A very special thank you to **Gabe Denes** and **Diana Forman** for hanging in there through the long process with the DEP. You both jumped through so many hoops and nearly had to stand on your heads, but you did it and Melbourne Yacht Club has a renewed lease in full compliance thanks to your efforts.

Respectfully,

**Rochelle Yates**  
**Commodore**

*Announcing...*

**MYC**  
**Commodore's Ball**

**Saturday**  
**March 13, 2010**

*...details in next Tell Tale*

## **House Report**

The year as House Chairman has been exciting, not necessarily fun like Fleet Chairman, but exciting. The House Chairman keeps the clubhouse operating which requires reacting to various wind shifts and it is usually quite puffy. Each time I thought we were in steady conditions, a surprise puff would hit us. Fortunately, never did we have anything that our ship couldn't handle. No fires, floods, storms, or other major threats.

The House Chairman is constantly reminded of what makes our club so special. Our club is a great place because the members, on a volunteer basis, operate and maintain it. This past year had plenty of members stepping up to do whatever was necessary to keep our ship on course. I am grateful for the support throughout the year.

The House Committee,....**Jack Bibb, Sandy Bryan, Steve Clendenin, Amy Lacy, Bob Hughes, and John Martin** ....got it done. The committee met all the challenges, kept the club going and made a few improvements. Please thank this group for their hard work. I DO !!!

Besides the usual during 2009 we accomplished a few improvements:

- \* A new roof was placed on the annex
- \* The parking lot was sealed
- \* A sound system was installed thanks to **Bob Hughes** and his IT committee



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- \* Deck furniture was built by **Steve Clendenin** and **Paul Alexy**
- \* Decorating, post renovation, was essentially finished with new furniture placed, thanks to **Sandy Bryan**
- \* Landscaping was improved and maintained, thanks to **Amy Lacy** and her hard working committee
- \* An operations and maintenance manual was started. Hopefully this will evolve over time into a useful tool

The accomplishments were done without the Treasurer threatening us at anytime.

So it was a good year. As we change watch, I'm confident the volunteer nature of the club will continue. Volunteer role models **Page Proffitt, Rachele Ross, John Martin, Ross Herbert, Steve Clendenin, Jacki Leahy, Amy Lacy, Bob Hughes** and many many more are so special to the club.



While not House, but an often unnoticed volunteer effort, is getting this newsletter to the membership. **Pete Anderson** and **Jerrie Hixon** spend untold hours as our Tell Tale editors and do a fantastic job. Thank you very much.

Thanks to everyone for keeping MYC such a great club. I anticipate 2010 to be another year in which we keep our traditions alive as we attempt to make it an even better MYC. Please be involved. It is fun!

Thank you.

**Jim Henry/Vice Commodore/House**



## *Fleet Report*

December was a rather pedestrian month from the fleet standpoint. Just a couple of small boat and rum race Sundays. Congrats to P/C **Hasty Miller** and P/C **Harry Stapor** for winning the ECSA Double-Handed Race in heavy air conditions. The Single-Handed Race was canceled due to even crazier weather.

Spring time should be a lot of fun, as MYC will be hosting the International Sunfish Masters Regatta in mid-March, and our Spring regatta will be here before we know it.

Speaking of Spring Regatta, due to a scheduling conflict with Ballard Park, site of the Small Boat racing, we will be sailing the Big Boat PHRF fleets the first week end, April 17th and 18th out of MYC and the Small Boat fleets the second weekend, the 24th and 25th out of Ballard Park. More on this annual event in the months to come.

Congratulations are also in order for our new incoming Fleet Captain, **Jack Clark**. I have had the privilege to sail with **Jack** for the last five years on Skimmer, and can assure everyone that he will do a great job with Fleet. As an avid Laser sailor as well as PHRF sailor **Jack** knows what the respective fleets require, and has a strong working knowledge of the duties of the Fleet Captain. The Club will be well served by his leadership.

As I sit here writing my last article as Fleet Captain, it's difficult to wipe the smile off my face. I have had an absolutely great time in this capacity, and honesty have enjoyed every minute of it.

The old adage "sometimes it's better to be lucky than to be good" in many ways applies to me for the last year. I was lucky to have Commodore **Rochelle Yates** and a flag that gave me the leeway to run events and my committee the way I thought best, and not the way it's always been done. I was very lucky to have the dedicated members of the Melbourne Yacht Club to step up and volunteer for the too-many-to-count jobs that must be accomplished to host quality regattas.

I was very lucky to have **Rachele Ross, Lynde Edwards, Bob Hughes, Jeff McGregor** and **Tom Knowlton** for their unique shoreside talents and P/C

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**Jerry Ross** and **Phil Spletter** as PRO's for my north courses in the spring and fall. I was very, very lucky for the year long effort of my "wing man" and most valuable player from Fleet, **John Martin**. He was with me for every regatta, small boat Sunday and everything else in between and his help can not be put into words (even by me).

And I was especially lucky to have the help, advice, constructive criticism, and patience of my wife, **Angela**, who was there every step of the way.

Save for a wayward mark and an obstinate scoring program, I think the year went rather well, and I once again thank the many who helped make it happen.

So, I draw my line in the sand, looking forward to the upcoming challenges of Vice Commodore/House, reveling in the thought of more time racing, and standing ready to be relieved, still smiling!

### MYC Beer Can Racers and their Brethren,

As one of my final official acts as the outgoing Fleet Captain, I plan to host one last Beer Can Race before retiring. And not just any old Beer Can race, but a great one. Think of it as the tall boy of Beer Can races. That's right, a real 16 ounce.



Everyone knows the Beer Can format: informal racing, great time on the water, easy race course, fellowship afterwards at the MYC bar and ample opportunity to show your Fleet Captain how much you appreciate him.

Beer Can racers; of course. Cruisers; an excellent opportunity to sail around the river and get a little racing in. And for our Wine and Cheesers, especially Kevin Glaser and P/C **Bob Hughes**, think of it practice for the upcoming Spring Regatta, or a reasonable facsimile. There is a place for just about anyone, so let's race.

The date is Sunday, January 24th. I picked a Sunday so the MYC bar will be open upon your arrival back at the docks and we all can get into that Fleet Captain appreciation thing I mentioned above. It's also Small Boat Sunday so I will have a full RC out there to get everything started and finished by the book.

I'm thinking a Skippers meeting around 1145 and one distance race starting at 1245hrs. Everyone off the water by 1500 (hopefully) and let the after race partying begin. Small boaters should be in sometime after that and we all can get into some serious appreciating.

Beer Can point person is **Diane Gabik**, who I might add is two-time defending Champion of this prestigious event. Rumors abound on the Internet blogs that incoming Commodore **Jim Henry** will have TRIXIE all put together and plans to debut her in this regatta. Ditto for **Jeff McGregor's** newly masted WASATCH. **Gerry Moores** is still negotiating for an appearance fee for LA VIE DAN-SANTE but I feel confident he will be at the start line when the flag drops for this classic.



Save the date, Sunday the 24th for the last Beer Can Race on my watch. There may be a few surprises.

Fair winds,

**Pat Lambert/Fleet Captain**

## Entertainment Report

We had a great time in 2009, wrapping up the year with a fun party at the home of **Doug and Pam Worth** to watch the Grand Canal Boat Parade. The remnants of the holiday decorations were expertly put away by **Page Profitt**, and several volunteers showed up to organize everything under the leadership of **Rachelle Ross** and **Becky Henry**.

It is now time for a new year and more fun planned by Rear Commodore, **Andy Foreman** and his committee. Please contact him if you are interested in serving on the entertainment committee, helping plan or organizing parties in 2010.

I have enjoyed the last two years serving on the board as Entertainment Chair. Even though I did win 1st, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Fall Regatta Mai Tai class, I believe I found my true niche in this organization in entertainment (okay, Bar too) and look forward to helping in the future. I am very appreciative of the countless volunteer members who decorated, cooked, cleaned, served, promoted and helped organize all the parties, I would like to especially thank **Rachelle Ross, Jackie Leahy, Pam Worth, Page Profitt, Bob Hughes, Rhonda Delmater, Ross Herbert** and **Jennifer Slayton** for stepping up to host some of the most successful parties in MYC history! At least, that is what I've been told.

My last responsibilities are a pleasure – namely toasting the February birthday celebrants and orga-

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nizing the Super Bowl Party, excuse me, Souper Bowl Party – so here goes!

**'Souper' Bowl Party — Sunday, February 7**  
Soup at 5:30 PM. — Kick off at 6:30 PM.

Bring your most Super Soup or Chili to share. There will be prizes for the winners! Bring \$10 if you don't bring any food (in case we have to call out for wings & pizza!) Bring your recliner, TV tray, or whatever makes you feel comfortable if you wish. Enjoy the game on our great new televisions. There is not a bad seat in the club! Wear your favorite team colors and jerseys – even if they are not playing!



**Diane Gabik/Rear Commodore/  
Entertainment Director**



## ***Membership Report***

*Current membership:*  
Resident - 155 Non Resident - 17  
Corinthian - 13 Honorary - 12

Happy New Year to everyone!

I'd like to thank **Andy Forman** for serving on the Membership Committee with me this year. It was a natural position for him since he has brought more new members into the club recently than anyone else has. Thanks, **Andy**. Good luck in your position as Rear Commodore.

I am happy to announce that **Andrew Wilson** has been accepted as a Corinthian member.

We have had three resignations recently: **Francine** and **Lawrence Robertson**, **John Russell**, and **Gary** and **Maria Smith** have all resigned.

The recent resignations have triggered a musical boats scenario. What A Ride moved from its condo slip to the T-dock. Vector moved from the condo next to What A Ride. Pirate moved into deeper water where What A Ride had been. **Dave Lampert** moved his B25 into Pirates's old slip. This slip has an advantage over other slips. When the water is down you don't have to get wet to clean the bottom. Just slide the boat back and forth in the slip.

Mouse moved from the east side of the condo dock to Vector's vacated slip on the west side. And **Peggy Snead's** Cal 25 will be parking in Mouse's old slip. The S2's Purr-fect and Zinfin-del are out of the water. I think the owners are hoping to freeze the bottom goop off.

**John Martin/Membership Director**

## ***Secretary's Notes***

### **2010 Directory Pictures**

I am working on updating pictures for the 2010 Directory. If you have a picture and you would like to change your picture, or want to insert a new one, please send me a copy. Should you need to have a picture taken, I will be glad to take one at no cost. I usually have my camera at TGIF. If you would like to provide a picture, please make sure it is in landscape orientation and has a resolution of at least 1280 by 960 pixels.

### **MYC Burgee Directory**

I am pleased to announce that there is now a notebook containing pictures of the club's burgee collection. My hope is for this book to contain information about where each burgee came from, when it was donated, who donated it, which club member was responsible for the donation, and a short discussion of how the burgee was acquired. Most of the burgees have no information about them at this time. I would ask that you take some time to look through the book. If you see a burgee that you know about, please pull the page out, write what you know, and put it back. I will be taking these pages, and updating them. Eventually, I hope we can have a complete reference on all of the burgees.

**Ross Herbert/Secretary**





# Mid January - February 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 17 Day 2 of Frostbite Cruise  <b>WINTER RUM RACE #5</b> After: bring Soup or Chili Bar Open 2 - 6 PM 	18	19	20	21	22  TGIF Bar Opens 5:15 PM	23  Private Party
 24 1:30PM <b>Small Boat Race</b> 11:45 AM - Skippers Mtg <b>BEER CAN RACE</b> 3 PM "Appreciation" Party Bar Open 2 - 6 PM 	25	26	27	28	29  TGIF Bar Opens 5:15 PM	30
 31 <b>WINTER RUM RACE #6</b> Bar Open 2 - 6 PM 	FEB 1	2	 3 6:30 PM General Meeting	4	 5 <b>February Birthdays!</b> <i>Free Drink &amp; Toast</i> TGIF	6
 7 1:30PM <b>Small Boat Race</b> <b>SOUPER BOWL PARTY</b> — 5 PM Bar Opens 2 PM 	8	9	10	11	12  TGIF Bar Opens 5:15 PM	13
 14 <b>SPRING RUM RACE #1</b> Bar Open 2 - 6 PM	15	16	17	18	19  TGIF Bar Opens 5:15 PM	20
 21 1:30PM <b>Small Boat Race</b> Bar Open 2 - 6 PM	22	23	24	25	26  TGIF Bar Opens 5:15 PM	27
 28 <b>SPRING RUM RACE #2</b> Bar Open 2 - 6 PM					 Save this date! <i>myc</i> <b>Commodore's Ball</b> Saturday, March 13 	



To see MORE photos of events this year, go to: [www.melbourneyachtclub.com](http://www.melbourneyachtclub.com). Click on the **Event Photos** link. Then click on the **event you want to view** link. Then click on the **Slide Show** button.

# *Dock Master's Report*

December 2009, was a good month for the docks at MYC.

The work party on December 12<sup>th</sup> went well. Thank you to all who participated, in spite of holiday activities and predicted rain. The rain fell as soon as the work was completed. Eighteen volunteers spent about five hours to complete the work. Present were: **Bob Bagnell, Grant Ball, Bill Burton, Dennis Cherone, Larry Etheridge, Jim Henry, Ross Herbert, Gary Killian, Jack Leahy, David Lister, Hasty Miller, Jerry Ross, Bob Sowden, Harry Stapor, Alex Stavisky, Bill Thon Sr., Bill Thon Jr., and Rob Van Name.**



Two boats have been removed from the dock waiting list, as they are now dock renters. We welcome **Jim Edwards** and **Buzz Mantle** to the docks.

Two applications for slips have been received and added to the dock waiting list, which has been updated and posted.

The east dock is fairly dark. Work will soon be required to repair or replace the motion-sensor lights there. Please continue to alert me of any electrical issues on the docks. A spring work party for electric issues is foreseen.

It appears that one of our new dock carts is missing. Has someone taken it home, or was it left outside the gate (to become recycled aluminum??)

Thanks so much to this year's Dock Committee for their advice and counsel, as well as the volunteers for 2009's projects: we replaced 25 dock pilings, replaced about ten percent of the decking, and built three dock carts. Your time and assistance were appreciated!

Again, as mentioned in a previous newsletter, please note that there is "no docking" on the north and west sides of the west dock. Reminder signs have been posted.

**Grant Ball/Dock Master**



*Remembering... Ron Jin*

**Ron** and **Shirley** met at Ohio State and were married in 1962. They moved from California to Indian Harbour Beach in 1970 where Ron joined the faculty of Florida Tech. Beloved by all, some say he was the most respected professor at Florida Tech.

**Ron** and **Shirley** joined the Melbourne Yacht Club in the 70's and was a member for about 30 years. He loved sailing, and it was enjoyable part of their family's life. **Ron** and **Shirley** especially enjoyed the Commodore's Ball and the New Year's Eve Parties. **Ron** always enjoyed serving on party committees. The family enjoyed day sailing and the occasional cruise to Marker 21.

**Ron** and **Shirley** moved to Boulder, Colorado in May of 2008 to be near the families of their two daughters. **Ron** died of a sudden cerebral hemorrhage on November 8, 2009. He enjoyed life in Boulder and his death came as a shock, as he had been very healthy.

If you would like **Shirley's** email address, contact the MYC Secretary at the email listed on page 9.

**Ross Herbert/Secretary**

**Ron** was born **Rong-sheng Jin** in 1933 in Fuchow, China. In 1945 his family moved to Taipei, Taiwan, and he came to the US in 1953 with a scholarship to Denison University in Ohio for his undergraduate education. He received his PhD in Physics from Ohio State University in 1963.



# Bulletin Board

**Notice:** The west side of the west dock is **NOT** MYC property. Please do not dock your boat there, as you will put the club in FDOT and FDEP violation, as well as placing us in jeopardy of losing our Bottom Lands Lease and as a result the Club slips.



## KAYAKING

If any one would like some help organizing a trip please contact me on my cell at 321-432-5213 or send email to the membership email address listed to the right. Happy paddling.

**John Martin**

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## Bar Report

The bar took in about \$2900 for the month of December. Thanks to **Page Proffitt** and everyone else who helped this past month. The New Years party was a big success. Thanks to all who brought the great food. Thanks to **Ross Herbert** for getting coffee and breakfast together the morning after.

Some more bar humor:

*A man goes to a bar with his dog. He goes up to the bar and asks for a drink. The bartender says "You can't bring that dog in here!" The guy, without missing a beat, says "This is my seeing-eye dog." "Oh man," the bartender says, "I'm sorry, here, the first one's on me." The man takes his drink and goes to a table near the door.*



*Another guy walks in the bar with a Chihuahua. The first guy sees him, stops him and says "You can't bring that dog in here unless you tell him it's a seeing-eye dog." The second man graciously thanks the first man and continues to the bar. He asks for a drink. The bartender says "Hey, you can't bring that dog in here!"*

*The second man replies "This is my seeing-eye dog." The bartender says, "No, I don't think so. They do not have Chihuahuas as seeing-eye dogs." The man pauses for a half-second and replies "What?!?! They gave me a Chihuahua?!?"*

**Gerry Moores/ Bar Director**



Thank you all for your smiling faces which help to make our Tell Tale fun to look at! This is my last issue working as Layout Editor, as I prepare to take on the roll as Secretary. Thank you **Ross Herbert** for filling in for me last month, as I was out of the country. Now that he knows the ropes... **Ross** and **Rochelle Yates** will be taking over as Layout Editors and **Pete Anderson** will remain as text editor. Thank you **Pete** for your wonderful help in 09! Thanks, also, to **Amy Lacy**, for proofing this issue. It takes a team! (Including the nice folks at PIP Printing of Palm Bay who put it on blue paper.)

Keep smiling and sending in your contributions for the newsletter to the E-mail address listed above. Don't forget the important dash between "myc" and "news"!

**Jerrie Hixon/ Layout Editor**

MYC Calendar Online: <http://melbourneyachtclub.com/MemberDatabase/calendar.php3>

**SUPER BOWL XLIV**

# 'Souper' Bowl Party

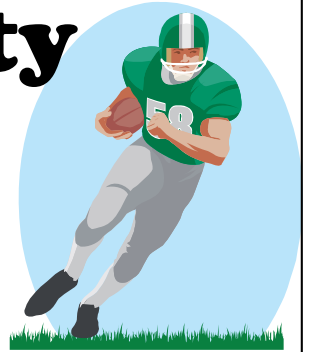
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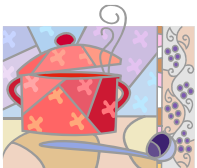


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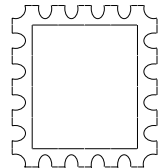


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**BEER CAN RACE**

& Party

Sunday, January 24

**'SOUPER' BOWL PARTY**

Sunday, February 7

*MYC Commodore's Ball*

Saturday, March 13

