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SEAFOOD RAFT-UP PARTY!

Saturday, May 1

6:00 PM

Meet at MYC at 6:00, cast off by 6:30, be at anchor by 7:30, break up at 11:00.

The evening will include:

Live Music

Shrimp, Crab Claws, Baked Potatoes, Vegetable Munchies, Rolls, Brownies, Drinks (Coke, Diet Coke, Diet 7-Up & Beer)

(Two cans a piece. Really thirsty folks should bring extra.)

Cost: \$12 per person

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

and CLOSE WEDNESDAY NIGHT April 28.

Please include the name of the boat (or its owner) that you will be aboard when making your reservation with Miller's or Bibb's:

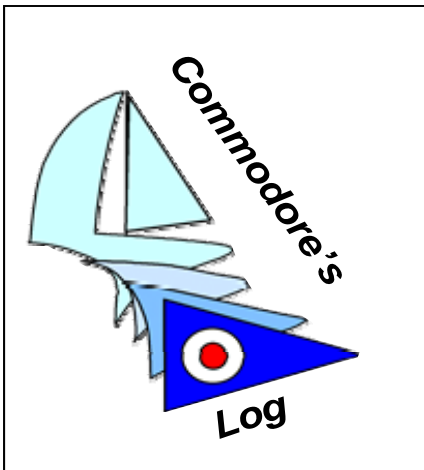
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Hopefully, by the time this is read, our winter weather will have given way to springtime. Springtime is a grand time for club activities, and time to get our boats on the river.

Spring Regatta plans are being finalized by Fleet. As usual, this regatta will be two weekends with big boats the first weekend, and small boats the next.

Regattas don't happen without a great deal of volunteer effort, so please help if you can. There are numerous on the water and shore tasks to perform, so pick the area where you wish to help.

The new Board is settling in. Some Board members have not established their entire committees, so please speak to the Board member on whose committee you may wish to join. Our club is held together by its volunteer nature so jump right in.

The Long Range Planning Committee submitted its annual report to the Board earlier this month. Two main areas are to plan the annex renovation, and to purchase a fleet of small two-person dinghies for our training programs and member use. The Board will be addressing how these items will be pursued. Both items are much needed and strongly embraced by the Board.

Per By-Law, our Treasurer worked with the Board and has established a balanced budget for our use this year.

As we all know, membership dues are a prime source of club revenue. Membership growth is a good way to make our fiscal position sound. **Karen Williams**, Membership Director, will be establishing some programs to reach out to potential new members.

PLEASE, volunteer to assist **Karen** in this effort if you have marketing/promotion skills. Membership is a very important task for this year's Board. Your ideas and assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Our directory will be prepared as soon as this year's membership roster is finalized. Please have your picture taken if it is not in the directory and update any info that is not current.

Our traditional Commodores Ball was held March 13th with a huge turnout of approximately 125 people, including 15 Past-Commodores.

Special thanks to my committee which did all the work. The theme this year was Tropical Elegance, which set the backdrop for the club to be decorated beautifully. The committee:

Becky Henry	Angela Lambert
Ann Knowlton	Lois Scalise
Sandra Bryan	Connie Etheridge
Prill Clendenin	Amy Lacy

Also doing a lot of the preparation were **Bob Hughes, Page Proffitt** and **Ross Herbert**.

Jim Henry/Commodore



Commodore Jim Henry and Past-Commodore Rochelle Yates during awards presentations at the Commodore's Ball.

Fleet



Despite the cool “winter” weather, the fleets have been active. We had good small boat Sunday racing February 21st with a nice turnout of Sunfish Fleet. Looks like everyone is getting ready for the Sunfish International. Lasers and Raiders have been absent, due to major regattas down state, other commitments, and an aversion to cold water.

The St. Petersburg NOOD and the J 24 Mid Winters, which were sailed out of Davis Island Yacht Club on Tampa Bay, were down right cold and wintry, with temps in the mid 40s to 50s and winds in the mid 20s range, with gusts on the practice days that spiked into the 30s. The first day of the NOOD Regatta was met with 45 degree temps, 25 kts of wind, and rain! The Race Committee wisely postponed, and then invited the fleet to the clubhouse for hot drinks and a view of the first race of the Americas Cup. MYC sailors were present in the J 24 and J 80 fleets, but didn't manage to bring home any hardware. We had fun and that's what it's all about.

Work has started on the Key West club boat. **Jack Bibb** put in three full days on maintenance. He found a bad battery in the console which provides power to the radio, GPS/fathometer and running lights. This was replaced. The radio now works, but the GPS/ fathometer transducer is encrusted and needs more work. Bow and stern lights now work. We need to haul and clean the bottom in the near future. Thank you **Jack** for all you work and support.

Schedule of Coming Events

The Sun Fish International is coming up March 19th, 20th and 21st, sponsored by our Fleet 669. As I write, they have 40 plus International entries with top level sailors in the fleet. Fleet 669 members are busy finalizing the preparations. **Jim Edwards** will be PRO for the event which is being sailed out of Ballard Park. **Lynde Edwards** and **Jack Bibb** are managing the event, so we know it will run like a well oiled ship's chronometer. Friday night's dinner will be held at the club during TGIF, and club members are invited to join in the fun and show off our famous hospitality. There will be a small charge of \$10.00 for the dinner of pork tenderloin, balsamic bow tie pasta salad, and roasted veggies, the good stuff folks, so let's show up and support Fleet 669. Complete details and NOOR are posted on the MYC Fleet 669 website.

The Spring Regatta is April 17th, 18th, 24th, and 25th. PROs **Dick Tillman** has agreed to be PRO for Big Boat weekend with **Bob** and **Karen Sowden's** beautiful trawler **Banyon** acting as the primary RC and signal boat. **John Fox** has agreed to be PRO and RC boat for one of the two small boat courses. We need a volunteer for PRO and RC boat on the second course. Please contact me if you would like to help.

Don't forget our annual Seafood Raft-Up put on by Hasty Miller. This year it is scheduled for Saturday, May 1st. Signup cut-off will be on April 28th.

Rum and Small Boat One Design Racing: The spring weather will soon be here, and we invite you to get out on the water and enjoy our wonderful Indian River sailing venue. In addition to Sunfish and Lasers, we are seeing a few more Raiders, and FIT is more active with their fleet. With the time change, rum racing will soon switch back to the Friday evening time slot. I have had requests from the J 24 and S2 7.9 one design fleets for an alternate Sunday race series. It will be J-24s and S2 7.9s straight up, mixed fleet, no PHRF handicaps, standard class rules and equipment. Sound like fun, I think so. See you on the water.

Jack Clark/Fleet Captain

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With 20 members agreeing to participate, the average donation will be less the \$25 each. The committee plans to place a plaque near the AED identifying each member that has participated in the purchase of the unit.

Your support in acquiring an AED for the MYC would be very much appreciated.

AED Committee



2010 Board of Directors: L-R Vice Commodore Pat Lambert, Rear Commodore Andy Forman, Commodore Jim Henry, Treasurer Del Wiese, Secretary Jerrie Hixon, Sailing Instruction Director Lynde Edwards, Dockmaster Grant Ball, Fleet Captain Jack Clark, Bar Director Page Proffitt, and Membership Director Karen Williams



2010 Commodore's Ball



Past-Commodore Rochelle Yates and Member Of the Year Page Proffitt

Past-Commodore Rochelle Yates and Sportsman Of the Year Buzz Mantle

Past-Commodore Rochelle Yates and #1 Mermaid Rachele Ross

Entertainment

The Winter Olympics in Vancouver, Canada may be over, but Melbourne, Florida certainly hasn't noticed, with record low temperatures through the first week of March. And yet, 94 MYC members experienced friendship and warmth at **John and Judy Drawe's** famous Low Country Boil on February 20th, and many more at the Bar Committee's dine-in on February 26th.

March is a busy month for our club. For those of the Irish persuasion, St. Patty's day is officially observed Wednesday March 17th, so expect an offering of traditional green beer at TGIF on Friday March 19th. And don't forget to give a warm welcome to our visitors participating in MYC's hosting of the Sunfish Master's Regatta running Friday March 19th and 20th.

If you haven't seen them, check your email each Sunday for **Page Proffitt's** weekly

"This Week and MYC" emails in 18 point red font. **Page** has done a wonderful job of promoting bar and entertainment events. Thanks **Page!**

Enjoy!

Andy Forman/Rear Commodore



Andy & Diana Forman at the Low Country Boil

"Tell a sailor there are 400 Billion stars in the sky and he will believe you; however, tell him a deck has wet paint and he has to touch it."

House

I am happy to report that almost all of the news surrounding the MYC Clubhouse and grounds is good. The Trophy case renovation is nearing completion and looking incredible. Some minor work remains to the case and wall, but will be completed soon. The clubhouse will be a busy place in March and April. In March, the club is booked on Saturday, the 6th for a wedding, Saturday, the 13th for the Commodores Ball, Friday and Saturday, the 19th and 20th for Sunfish Internationals Regatta functions, and Saturday, the 27th for **Del Wiese's** important "Heart of Sailing" event.

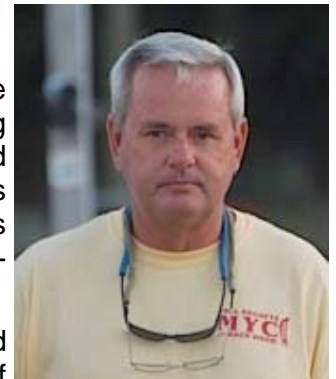
In April we have the MYC spring weekends and Entertainment's planned events. Throw in TGIF's and regular Sundays, and you have a great couple of months in the works.

Speaking of Spring Regatta, I am planning our annual spring cleaning in and around the club on Saturday, the 10th of April. As in past years, we plan this day of cleaning up around the club just before the two spring regatta weekends to make sure the club looks it's best before our friends and sailors arrive for our events. The outside is in rather good shape already and putting the club in Bristol fashion should not prove too arduous.

Please save the date and help with this important right of spring. As always, should you see anything amiss around the club please let me know!

Fair winds,

Pat Lambert/Vice Commodore





Mid March—April 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>14 SPRING RUM RACE # 3 Bar Open 2 - 6 PM</p>	15	16	17 St Patrick's Day	18	<p>19 MYC Sunfish Masters TGIF Bar Opens 5:15 PM St Patrick's Observed</p>	20 MYC Sunfish Masters
<p>21 MYC Sunfish Masters Bar Open 2 - 6 PM</p>	22	23	24	25	<p>26 SPRING RUM RACE # 4 TGIF Bar Opens 5:15 PM Dine-IN</p>	27 ECSA Ladies Race # 3 Hearts of Sailing
<p>28 Bar Open 2 - 6 PM</p>	29	30	31	1 6:30 PM General Meeting	<p>2 <i>April Birthdays!</i> Free Drink & Toast TGIF Bar Opens 5:15 PM</p>	3
<p>4 1:30PM Small Boat Race EASTER</p>	5	6	7	8	<p>9 SPRING RUM RACE # 5 TGIF Bar Opens 5:15 PM BURN-IT</p>	10 Clean House Workday 08:00
<p>11 Bar Open 2 - 6 PM</p>	12	13	14	15	<p>16 TGIF Bar Opens 5:15 PM</p>	<p>17 Spring Regatta Big Boats Make Reservations for Dinner</p>
<p>18 Spring Regatta Big Boats Bar Open 2 - 6 PM</p>	19	20	21	22	<p>23 SPRING RUM RACE # 6 TGIF Bar Opens 5:15 PM</p>	<p>24 Spring Regatta Small Boats Make Reservations for Dinner</p>
<p>25 Spring Regatta Small Boats Bar Open 2 - 6 PM</p>	26	27	28	29 6 PM—7:30 PM Adult Sailing Educ. Classroom Discussion	<p>30 TGIF Bar Opens 5:15 PM</p>	<p>MAY 1 9 PM—1 PM: Sailing Class <i>Seafood Raft-up</i> Assemble 6 PM at MYC RSVP by April 28</p>



Bar

The bar did very well for the month of February taking in \$3011 with only ten days open. The Bar Committee had it's first

"Dine-In" of the new year on Friday, February 26th serving lasagna, salad and a dessert. Total cost for the meal was \$164 and we brought in \$200.

The next "dine-in is scheduled for Friday, March 26th to coincide with the first Friday night rum race of the season. More info to follow on the dine-in as it gets closer.

The month of March looks like it will be a very active month for the bar. We will have a private party using the club on the evening of March 6th, the Commodores Ball on March 13th and the Sunfish Regatta from March 18th thru the 21st.

At the Bar Committee meeting it was brought up we need to make sure our members and guests are safe around the club. Please have a good time but watch your consumption of alcohol. The bartenders have full authority to cut anyone off they feel has had enough to drink.

It was also brought to my attention that club members have been in the club and on property drinking their own alcohol. This is in violation of the Florida State Liquor Laws, and we could lose our license if we were to get caught or turned in. You may drink on your boats but once you come in past the seawall please respect the rules. Please also help in educating and enforcing these rules to our members and guests.

Being in charge of the AED committee I would like to let the membership know that we ordered the AED, and it sitting on the Bar at this time. We have 27 members willing to donate. The committee needs to still order a wall case for the AED along with the approval of "House". We also plan on purchasing a "pelican case" to house the AED and a top end first aid kit for transport on boats or to regatta sites. As for the grants I had applied for, another was denied for lack of funds available. We have one more grant which I have not heard from.

Thanks,

Page Proffitt/Bar Director

March 2010

Membership

New Members



Mia Worth has been accepted as a Corinthian Member. I am looking forward to the enthusiasm she brings to the club. Please welcome her when you see her.

Mary Chadwick and Skip Perrin are looking into reinstating their membership after being away

from the club for four years. Let them know you would like to see them back. They do not own a boat anymore, so invite them on yours to remind them and yourself how contagious sailing really is!

Bob Hughes has nominated **Cheryl** and **Carl Doughty** for membership. I am pleased to announce that the board has accepted them as Provisional Members.

Cheryl and **Carl** live in Palm Bay and own a 38' twin inboard Californian named *Grace*. So far, they have indicated interest in helping with Race Committee, and I am sure that the more they are around the club, the more they will find their talents and interests put to good use. Introduce yourself to **Carl** and **Cheryl**, buy them a drink or two, and let them feel the warm welcome that is customary here at MYC.

Resignations

We have had 3 resignations.

Glen Gray (resident) has sold his boat.

Ken and Lynden Kirk (resident) cited health issues have hindered their visits to the club.

Terry Orner (non resident) has now moved to Georgia permanently.

Membership Data

Resident: 151, Non Resident: 16, Corinthian: 14, Honorary: 13, Provisional: 1

I have been looking over our current membership directory and have noticed that some of last year's information may be out of date. With the 2010 Membership directory currently in the works, I encourage all of you to log onto the website to check and update your personal information that will be printed in this new roster.

In particular include, change or remove email, phone, address, and children under 18. Including or

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Sailing Instruction Committee

(aka Youth)

Brrrrr.... The first session of the adult sailing class has been postponed due to a unanimous decision by the students to transfer into the second session, when the water and weather are expected to be a little warmer. There are still a few spots open, so if you or someone you know are interested, be sure to sign up. The schedule is on the MYC website under "Learning to Sail". The first class is April 29th and on-the-water session on May 1st.

The schedule for the summer youth classes are also on the website and **Matt** has already started taking reservations, so don't wait to sign up your young sailors! The youth classes this year even include a "Graduation Regatta" on the last day. The first class is June 5th!

Lynde Edwards/Sailing Education Director



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updating your photo is also a great benefit to the rest of the membership so that we may recognize each other at the club functions. If you need assistance in completing any of these updates please feel free to call on me to assist you.

Finally, I want to thank all of you that have introduced me to guests and visitors to our club. Keep it up. We have a high percentage of people who join the club after repeated visits. So skippers, invite your crew to join us in the club after the rum races. The lounge is much more lively with you all and it is more comfortable than huddling in the boat!



Karen Williams/Membership Director

On the Docks...

There was no dock work activity performed in January and February, due to unseasonably cold weather.

Annual agreement forms will be sent out in early March for dock and dry space renters. A photo of the dry space renters' boats will be posted so that their owners may assist in identification prior my sending their forms out.

In March, I intend to perform a docks electrical evaluation/survey to plan for repair work, perhaps to be done in April. Please notify me of any problems on the dock related to electrical problems so that they may be included in my work list.

See you on the docks.

Grant Ball/Dockmaster

Bulletin Board

Secretary's Notes

Do you want a new photo in the 2010 MYC Directory? If you'd like **Ross Herbert** to take your photo at the club, look for him at TGIF.

If you have one you'd like to use, go to our club website www.melbourneyachtclub.com and go under members only, and download it to **your information**.

While you are there, be sure your address and other information are correct. If we do not have a photo, it will be blank by your name in the new directory! Let's get more photos in the directory this year, so we can get to know each other!

Have you noticed that we try not to put private email addresses in the Tell Tale? It is because when the Tell Tale was posted on the website, folks were getting lots of spam. The email addresses listed on this Bulletin Board page is a "picture" and cannot be grabbed.

Thanks, **Ross Herbert**, for putting together this March issue of the Tell Tale with **Pete Anderson**.

Jerrie Hixon/Secretary

KAYAKING

If any one would like some help organizing a trip please contact me on my cell at 321-432-5213 Happy paddling.

John Martin

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 loosing our Bottom Lands Lease and as a result the Club slips.



The Captain was lining up his sextant when a shooting star streaked across the sky. Observing this, the helmsman said to the captain, "Nice Shot sir!"

See photos of events on our website: www.melbourneyachtclub.com. Click on the **Event Photos** link. Thanks to **Ross Herbert**, Club Historian, for posting them. Find the complete MYC Calendar on our website, too.

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HASTY'S SEAFOOD RAFT-UP

SATURDAY, MAY 1



*THE TELL TALE IS THE
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*DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS
IS THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF
THE MONTH.*

*ALL MYC MEMBERS ARE
ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT
ARTICLES OR NOTICES OF
INTEREST TO THE CLUB.*

To all Melbourne Yacht Club members

The Board of Directors of the Melbourne Yacht Club has approved the purchase of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED).

As you may know, an AED, which can provide a shock to the heart, in combination with Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), can save the life of a person in cardiac arrest. We have recently become aware that a life-saving shock needs to be provided before the heart's electrical signal ceases, which is typically within ten minutes of the initial cardiac arrest, and the sooner the better. Without an available AED, it may be impossible to provide timely treatment to one of our members on the race course or even at our docks. Thus the availability of an AED at the MYC Clubhouse and/or on the committee boat during one of our frequent races could be instrumental in saving the life of one of our members.

At the MYC sponsored CPR/AED course held last month, 18 attendees were certified to provide CPR and to use an AED. Let us hope that these qualified members will never have to use CPR or an AED.

The MYC Board has decided to directly support the purchase of 50% of the cost of an AED, along with appropriate support equipment, up to a total of \$500. They have formed a committee, with me as chairman, to investigate the purchase of an appropriate AED for the club and to arrange for acquiring the needed additional funds. We have found a refurbished AED, which has been upgraded with new software, new battery and new chest pads. It comes with a five-year warranty, and meets all of the needs of the club. The total cost of this AED including a wall box for the clubhouse, and a waterproof case to take the AED out on the water will be between \$900 and \$1,000. Therefore, we need to raise between \$400 and \$500 to complete the purchase.

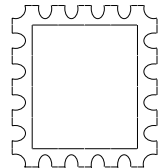
The committee has decided to raise the funds through donations from MYC members. Several members of the club have already expressed interest in contributing funds for the AED purchase. Please respond to any member of the committee if you are interested in donating money to complete the purchase of the AED. Once we know how many members are willing to donate, we can suggest the amount of each donation. (cont on Pg 3)

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The Tell Tale is the official newsletter of the Melbourne Yacht Club. Deadline for submissions is the first Wednesday of the month. All MYC members are encouraged to submit articles or notices of interest to the Club.

SPRING REGATTA

April 17-18 & April 25-26

Hasty's Seafood

Raft-up

Saturday, May 1