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**Big Boat  
 Regatta**

April 17 and 18

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 Regatta**

April 24 and 25

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*Last Reminder!*

**SEAFOOD RAFT-UP PARTY!**

**6 PM, Saturday, May 1**

Meet at MYC 6PM — Cast off 6:30 — Be at anchor 7:30 — Break up at 11PM

**Shrimp ♦ Crab Claws ♦ Baked Potatoes**

**Vegetable Munchies ♦ Rolls ♦ Brownies ♦ Drinks**

Coke, Diet Coke, Diet 7-Up & Beer— two cans a piece. Really thirsty folks, bring extra.

♪ **Live Music** ♪

**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:

Hasty & Julie Miller 723-7395

Jack & Marty Bibb 723-7954

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# COMMODORES LOG



What a great time to be involved with our club. Our bar is alive with sailors after our popular Friday night rum races, our Sunfish Regatta drew international sailors, plans for our Spring Regattas are complete and we are poised for a couple of great weekends on the water. Also many of our members are preparing their boats for spring/summer cruises to the Keys or the Bahamas. Boaters doing their thing !!

Three new Long Range Planning Committee members were nominated by the Board and approved at the April membership meeting. Helping shape our long term plans will be **Jim Schaub, Dave Silverman** and **Brenda Spletter**. Thanks to these folks for taking on this important task.

This year we are defining plans for the annex renovation. Will Garvey has volunteered to assist me in managing a committee to accomplish this. First on the agenda is to define the functionality of the building which will be then be used by a volunteer group to look at architecture/engineering issues, after which a finance group will study and recommend ways and means to handle the finances. If you have expertise in any of these areas please volunteer to help.

This month our directory is being prepared. Hopefully everyone got their dues paid and information updated for inclusion in the directory. If you do not have your picture in the book please have one taken for inclusion in next years issue. **Ross Herbert** is willing to handle this, so see **Ross** at the club for making arrangements.

Thanks to all who attended the Commodores Ball. It is nice to dress up occasionally (once/year!) and keep this tradition going. The club looked great and handled 125 people for a nice dinner.

The annual raft up scheduled for May 1<sup>st</sup> promises to be its usual great time with well organized food distribution to all the boats. Boiled shrimp, cold beer, stars overhead, a little singing.....wow sounds like a place to be.

Hope you folks who never leave the dock take advantage of this nice spring weather. Organized events, racing, day sailing, just do it. The club has active members waiting for slips. If you never use your boat you don't meet the By Law criteria to keep your slip. Your cooperation is appreciated. See you on the water.

*Jim Henry/Commodore*

## Bar

Things have been going well with the bar, with no problems to report. The Sunfish regatta portion of the bar and kitchen was handled very professionally, and our guests had a wonderful time. Total income in bar checks and cash from our visitors for March was \$4,152.50. This is \$1,030.50 more than March of last year, mostly due to the Barile wedding party and the Sunfish Regatta. With this income, we are \$1,328.50 greater than the first three months of last year.



April will be quite busy for the club and bar. The next two weekends will be the Big and Small Boat Regattas, April 17-18 and 24-25. The first weekend of May will be Hasty's Seafood Raftup on the 1st. Due to a busy month, we will not have a Dine-In in April.

During the month of May, I will be cruising to the Keys and the bar will be in the good hands of **Gerry Moores**.

*Page Proffitt/Bar Director*



## *Membership*

I am pleased to report that there has been a lot of interest in the club lately. Thanks to all of you for sharing your sailing experiences and thus promoting MYC.

This month I would like to introduce:

**Carl and Cheryl Doughty** as Resident members.

**Matthew and Deborah Craven** as provisional members.

**Matthew** has been nominated by **Tom Saam**. He has crewed with **Tom** on *Babalou*, competed on sailboards, and owns a Laser. He would like to become more involved in small boat racing, in particular, but also enjoys larger boats as well. He is captain of *Green Dale*, a car carrier engaged in global service. After graduating from the Maine Maritime Academy in 1979, he has worked on nearly every kind of vessel out there, including freighters, tankers, container ship, barge carriers, and passenger vessels. He works for Waterman Steamship Corp. on a four month on, four month off schedule. He and his wife **Deborah**, live in Melbourne, and have a daughter in 7th grade, and a son in 4th grade.

**Matt** will begin another four months at sea in May, so we will look forward to getting to know him during the month of April.

**Mary Chadwick** has reinstated her membership. She and **Skip** are glad to be back and have helped out during the Sunfish Masters Regatta.

Resignations: **Rodger Fowler**

**Membership Data:** Resident: 152 (Includes Chadwick) Non Resident:16 Honorary: 13 Provisional: 1

Shortly, you will see that part of the bulletin board will contain a Member News Corner. This area will be used to post photos, bios, etc, so that club members can recognize new members. It will also feature information about new and current members.

*Karen Williams/Membership Director*



## *House*

When I juxtapose writing Tell Tale articles as Fleet Captain last year, versus writing the House Committee article's this year, I find it is much more difficult to wax eloquent. Something was always going on in Fleet, especially this time of year. Happily, I find myself reveling in anonymity as I report to you on the state of the MYC Clubhouse and grounds.

We had a House/Landscaping Committee work day recently with a great amount of work being accomplished to make what is already a wonderful Club look even better.

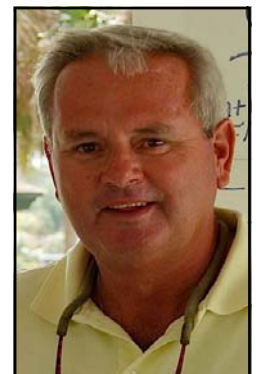
The Clubhouse has been reserved for three upcoming private functions. It is great to see members taking advantage of the many attributes the recent Clubhouse renovation affords us all.

The outside MYC sign has been finished and thanks to **Jack Bibb** for a job well done. The trophy case inside continues to improve and thanks again for the many who have taken a lot of time to make it look fantastic.

Spring Regatta is right around the corner. Personally I enjoy showing off the Melbourne Yacht Club to the many guests and friends that visit us this time of year. We have much for which to be proud. The annex renovation planning still remains to be shaped and molded into a workable strategy, but under Commodore **Jim Henry** and the LRP Committee, this too is moving forward.

As such, I am pleased to report that the House Committee is of the opinion that overall things are ship shape. As always, should anyone find anything amiss, please drop a note in my mail slot and I shall act upon it expeditiously. Fair Winds,

*Pat Lambert/Vice Commodore*





## Entertainment

Hey everyone – As you get ready for April’s MYC Spring Regatta series, be sure to sign up for a very special tradition at MYC.

### ***It’s Hasty’s Seafood Raft-up, on Saturday evening, May 1***

This is a wonderful event at a perfect time of the year. For those who have never participated, the event involves detailed planning to ensure a proper fit of dozens of attending boats and positioning of seven “supply” boats to ensure everyone gets dinner. **Hasty** must have a head and boat count early to ensure a wonderful time for all. **So sign-up and do it today!**



### ***Sunday May 9 is our Mother’s Day Brunch***

**Karen Sowden** has once again volunteered to lead this wonderful event. Look for a sign up soon or call her make reservations at 772-567-3661. Call her if you can help, too!

If you haven’t seen them, check your email each Sunday for **Page Proffit’s** weekly “This Week and MYC” emails in size 18 red font. **Page** has done a wonderful job of promoting Bar and Entertainment events. Thanks **Page!**

*Andy Forman/Rear Commodore*

## RUM RACING

April 9



## Heart of Sailing Day

March 27





# Mid April—May 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>18</p> <p><i>April 17 &amp; 18</i> <b>Spring Regatta Big Boats</b></p> <p>Bar Open 2 - 6 PM</p>	19	20	21	22	<p>23</p> <p>TGIF </p> <p>Bar Opens 5:15 PM</p> <p>6 PM RUM RACE</p>	<p>24</p> <p><b>Spring Regatta Small Boats at Ballard Park</b></p>
<p>25</p> <p><b>Spring Regatta Small Boats at Ballard Park</b></p> <p>Bar Open 2 - 6 PM</p>	26	27	28	29	<p>30</p> <p>TGIF </p> <p>Bar Opens 5:15 PM</p>	<p><b>MAY 1</b></p> <p>9 PM—1 PM: Sailing</p> <p><i>Seafood Raft-up</i> Assemble 6 PM at MYC</p> <p>RSVP by April 28</p>
<p>2</p> <p>10AM <b>Ladies Sunfish Sailing Clinic</b></p> <p>1 PM Dinghy Racing</p> <p>Bar Open 2 - 6 PM</p>	<p>3</p> <p>MYC Board Meeting 6 PM</p>	4	<p>5</p> <p>MYC General Membership Meeting 6:30 PM</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6 PM—7:30 PM Adult Sailing Educ. Classroom Discus-</p>	<p>7</p> <p>TGIF </p> <p>Bar Opens 5:15 PM</p> <p>Toast to MAY Birthdays</p> <p>6 PM RUM RACE</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Adult Session 9 PM—1 PM Sailing Class</p> <p><b>Florida State Woman's Sunfish Championship</b></p>
<p>9</p> <p>Make Reservations for</p> <p><i>Mother's Day Brunch</i></p> <p>Bar Open 2 - 6 PM</p>	10	11	12	13	<p>14</p> <p>TGIF </p> <p>Bar Opens 5:15 PM</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Adult Session 9 PM—1 PM Sailing Class</p>
<p>16</p> <p>1 PM </p> <p>Dinghy Racing</p> <p>Bar Open 2 - 6 PM</p>	17	18	19	20	<p>21</p> <p>TGIF </p> <p>Bar Opens 5:15 PM</p> <p>6 PM RUM RACE</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Adult Session 9 PM—1 PM Sailing Class</p>
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<p>30</p> <p>1 PM </p> <p>Dinghy Racing</p> <p>Bar Open 2 - 6 PM</p>	<p>31</p> <p>MYC Board Meeting 6 PM</p>	<p><b>June 1</b></p>	<p>2</p> <p>MYC General Membership Meeting 6:30 PM</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>TGIF </p> <p>Bar Opens 5:15 PM</p> <p>Toast to JUNE Birthdays</p> <p>6 PM RUM RACE</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Youth Session I 9 PM—1 PM Sailing Class Discussion &amp; on-the-water practice</p>

## *Sailing Education*

What a difference a month has made in the weather! Last month, no one but the extra-hardy wanted to take to the water; now it's the place to be! Class II, the first adult class of the year, begins April 29<sup>th</sup> and is already full. The youth classes during the summer still have some space, but they are filling up quickly as well, so don't delay if you want to register a young person for sailing instruction this year. The young people signed up for this year's classes span a wide range of age and sailing experience, which will allow **Matt** and his committee the opportunity to tailor the classes to meet the needs of beginners, as well as the more advanced.



A fifth class has been added for adults in the fall due to the cancellation of the March class, and it is already full! Also, there has been some interest by adults that want to attend just the Thursday evening classroom sessions, without the Saturday classes. Contact **Matt Wayne** and he will arrange to accommodate you at a minimal fee if that meets your needs.

Thank you to everyone who helped clean up and fix the club boats in March: **Jim Edwards, Simon Koumjian, Page Proffitt, Jack Bibb, John Martin, Peter** and **Alex Higgins, Wynne Taylor, Steve Clendenin, Jim Henry, and Tom Knowlton**. Thanks to all of you in advance that have offered to help with the classes throughout the year.

In addition to the Sunfish, Lasers and Coronado 15, we now have a Fireball to use for the classes. **Len Beckett Jr.**, who was a member for many years, arranged the donation of the Fireball and we appreciate it very much. We will be selling the Snipe (with the trailer), which is in good condition with good sails at a very reasonable price. Please contact me at the MYC youth e-mail listed on page nine for more information. For schedules and information about the sailing classes, go to MelbourneYachtClub.com, and click on the "Learn to Sail" tab.

*Lynde Edwards/Sailing Education Director*

## *On the Docks...*

A dock electrical survey has been completed thanks in no small part to **David Lister**. He also repaired several of the pagoda lights and motion sensor lights, although some still have inoperable ballasts.



Thank you, **David**, for your assistance!

I have started researching which type of new lights we should use for the dock. At present am leaning toward commercial lights, rather than homeowner-style lights. I do not yet have in hand all of the figures necessary to determine which would be the best avenue to pursue.

I intend to replace the pagoda lights and risers, as well as the motion sensor lights. The risers from the electrical boxes to the pagoda lights were fabricated of PVC. The pros and cons of this are – while the PVC is noncorrosive and appropriate for a marine environment, it lacks the necessary durability. Sometimes, the PVC gets broken due to abuse--being bumped into or dock lines catching on it.

The annual agreement forms for wet slip renters were sent out for completion, and quite a few have been signed and returned. The forms for dry storage will soon be sent out.

See you on the docks.

*Grant Ball/Dockmaster*



## Fleet

March was a busy month with MYC Big Boat and Small Boat sailors active on many fronts. April and May and will continue the pace. First, a quick look at the Sunfish Masters:

### Nancy Haberland Heffernan Wins 2010 Sunfish Masters by Jack Bibb and Dick Tillman

MYC and Melbourne Sunfish Fleet 669 hosted the 2010 Sunfish International Masters Championship Regatta on March 19-21 at Ballard Park. With 56 competitors registered, ages 40 to 81, from all over the U.S., Canada, the Bahamas, and Italy, we had 55 boats on the starting line for most races.

During the three days of racing, winds came from every possible direction at speeds from zero to 20+ kts. In spite of the fluky winds, PRO **Jim Edwards** and able assistants **Pat Lambert** and **John Fox** ran a total of eight races, with excellent weather legs, square lines and gates, and well chosen course lengths.

On Friday, the first two races were sailed in a veering NW to N wind of 8-12 mph. For the third race, a late easterly sea breeze filled in at 6-10 mph. **Nancy Heffernan** of Annapolis, MD, daughter of MYC member **Bill Haberland** and two-time Olympic competitor, and **Joe Blouin** of Tampa, FL, dominated the fleet with consistent top four finishes. That evening, sailors and guests gathered at MYC for a delicious pork roast dinner prepared by club volunteers headed by **Bill** and **Charlotte Parker**.

On Saturday, a light northerly lured the fleet to the course for a 10:00 am start, but the wind died, and the boats were towed to shore to await the anticipated southeasterly sea breeze. It arrived on schedule after lunch, for three challenging races in 8-10 mph winds. **Heffernan**, Bahamian **Donnie Martinborough**, three-time World Sunfish Champion, and **Blouin**, five-time International Masters Champion, each had a bullet. **Dick Tillman** finished the day in third overall. Saturday night again brought everyone together at the clubhouse for a wonderful dinner of smoked ribs and chicken, prepared by more MYC members, this time headed by Master Chef and Past Commodore **Bob Hughes**.

On Sunday, PRO **Jim Edwards** and crew got off two good races, the first in a backing southwest 8-10 mph breeze and the second in the predicted 20-plus southeaster. **Nancy Heffernan**, with a second place and a not so shabby 11th place throw-out, sealed her victory over **Joe Blouin**. **Donnie Martinborough**, winning the day with a 1-3, moved up to third overall. Age group winners were **Heffernan**, Apprentice (40-49); **Martinborough**, Master (50-59); **Blouin**, Grand Master (60-69); **Dick Tillman**, Great Grand Master (70-79); **Gerhart Menzel** of Simsbury, CT, Senior Master (80 and above). The Trophy for top Female Master went to **Nancy Heffernan**, of course. For complete results on line go to < <http://www.sunfishflorida.com> >

This regatta was a huge success because of the dozens of volunteers from MYC. We've had comments from several out-of-towners who said how well organized and friendly we were and how much fun they had. Several deserve special mention and thanks for their time and efforts that made it all work: PRO **Jim Edwards** for his fantastic job setting courses and good calls with the ever-changing winds; **Lynde Edwards** for her amazing organization of all the food prep and service both at Ballard Park and at the club and for the Regatta logo design; **John** and **Nancy Fox** for their work on the Regatta sweatshirts, manning a chase / mark boat all three days, serving on the Protest Committee and donating a Sunfish spar bag and two rudder bags for door prizes; **Dave Noble** of Noble Awards and Engraving for the innovative trophies in the style of a Sunfish rudder at a price we could afford; **Ross Herbert** for being our official photographer and getting a snap of every competitor.



**Nancy Heffernan**  
Photos Courtesy of Ross Herbert



## **Fleet** - Continued from page 7

We were fortunate to receive early donations from Matrix Composites (**Dave Nesbit**) and Data Flow Systems (**Brent Saunders**). We received door prizes donated not only by Team Foxy, but West Marine, Canvas Connection, Boaters Exchange, Karen's Canvas, Kilwin's of Melbourne and Carroll Distributing. Most of all thanks to Laser Performance, the Company that now manufactures Sunfish, for donating a rudder, a dagger board and a sail. How cool was that to be able to hand them out to unsuspecting racers??



### **Ft. Lauderdale to Charleston Race** by **Del Wiese**

Three MYC crews took part in this race, *Chasing Rainbows* skippered by **Del Wiese**, *Esprit* skippered by **Floyd Bryan**, and *Santarella* skippered by **Phil Scalise**. The Ft. Lauderdale to Charleston Race started at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 31. Only 408 nm to go. Three boats from MYC constituted half the six boats starting. *Santarella* in IRC (two boats) and *Esprit* and myself in *Chasing Rainbows* in PHRF (four boats). Winds at the start were light 8-12 knots out of NNE and held up to about 7 p.m.. We were beating on port tack out into the Gulf Stream, looking for current. From 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. Thursday we had no more than three knots of wind. At times, the boat was pointed south drifting north in the current. Thursday during the day the wind picked up and was more, 8-12, NNE by 2 p.m. we had made all of 80 n.m. We were debating whether to retire as we did not think we could finish within the 72 hour time limit, and talked to *Esprit* who was considering retiring also. We were unable to reach *Santarella* on the radio to check his intentions. Then we saw another competitor, *Jasmine*, a 54 footer motoring south. We hailed her and she confirmed that she was retiring. *Jasmine* had satellite weather system on board, and had determined that she could not finish within the allotted time. That cemented our decision to retire, and we told *Esprit* of our decision. A few hours later, *Esprit* retires also. We were about 36 nm east of Ft. Pierce, so we motored into Ft. Pierce, tied up at the City Marina and had a nice dinner. *Esprit* was behind us and but not stop. They continued up the ICW to Melbourne. We motored up the ICW to MYC on Friday, stopped for happy hour and dinner, and took the boat home later that evening. I called the race committee on Friday morning to make sure they knew we had retired and they told me *Santarella* was transiting the barge canal, and that all other boats had also suspended racing. Not a good race but always fun to be out on the water with my crew, a great bunch of guys. As a consolation prize I am considering the Gulf-streamer, a race from Ponce Inlet to Charleston in late May.

### **Coming in April**

**April 17 and 18:** MYC Big Boat Regatta at MYC

**April 24 and 25:** MYC Small Boat Regatta at Ballard Park

### **Coming up in May**

**Saturday, May 1:** Hasty Miller's Sea Food Raft Up

**Sunday, May 2: Ladies Sunfish Sailing Clinic** led by **Dick and Linda Tillman**. \$10.00 entry fee to be donated to the MYC Youth Sailing program. You may sail your personal boat if you have one, or use one of our MYC Club boats if you don't. This event is being organized by Sunfish Fleet Captain **Marlene Sassaman**, The clinic will begin at 10:00 a.m. and the participants will be invited to take part in our regular small boat racing later in the day. If you're interested in this clinic, please contact **Marlene**.

**Saturday, May 8:** One day **Florida State Woman's Sunfish Championship** hosted by **Linda Tillman** with support from MYC. This ad-hoc event will be sailed from Ballard Park. All Ladies Sunfish Master sailors meet us at the Park at 9:00 a.m. for registration, 10:30 a.m. Skippers' Meeting, with 11:30 a.m. first race, back to back races to follow, then awards and refreshments onshore, following the last race.



**Jack Clark/Fleet Captain**



# Bulletin Board



## Secretary's Notes

The annual letter will be mailed soon and it will have the new codes with your new membership cards.

Keep an eye out for it.

**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**

**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

**Gentle reminder to all members: The handicap parking spots must be left available to those who need it.**



Jack & Marty Bibb



2010 Sunfish International Masters Championship Regatta, March 19-21



See photos of events on our website: [www.melbourneyachtclub.com](http://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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SPRING REGATTA

April 17-18 & April 25-26

*Hasty's Seafood*

*Raft-up*

Saturday, May 1



*Mothers Day  
Brunch*

Sunday, May 9