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Save the date.....



MYC Commodore's Ball

Saturday, February 26, 2011

Watch your mail box for your invitation coming soon.

Get your reservations in quickly, as space will be limited.

"Souper" Bowl XLV Party

Sunday, February 6 • 5:30 PM

Kick off at 6:30 PM



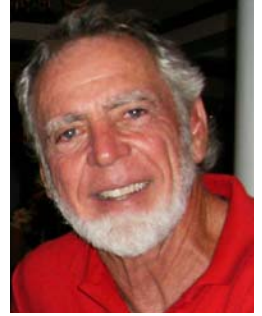
Bring your most super soup or chili to share. For details, be sure to check out the Club Calendar and/or **Page Proffitt's** "This Week at MYC" emails. There is not a bad seat in the club! Wear your favorite team colors and jersey - even if they are not playing!



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Commodore's Log



Our Holiday Season is history. We should all be proud of our beautiful clubhouse and our lovely parties. Thanks to everyone who helped make it all happen. The

membership's willingness to share with the less fortunate enabling them to experience the joys of Christmas was fantastic. Five different organizations received our gifts.

It is now time to get out on the water and burn off all the excesses we enjoyed so much during the holidays. This might be a good time to take out friends who are not members, who knows, they just may end up becoming members. If you don't race, load up your boat and watch the rum racers or small boat sailors go at it. But by all means get your boat away from the dock and go sailing.....that's what we do!

Congratulations to our newly elected officers. I'm confident they will keep us on the favored tack throughout the year. And special thoughts for our new Commodore while he faces some medical challenges. **Pat** is prepared to get past this and return to his healthy state as soon as possible.

The New Board:

Commodore – Pat Lambert	Vice Commodore (House) – Andy Forman
Rear Commodore (Bar) – Page Proffitt	Treasurer – Del Wiese
Secretary – Kevin Glaser	Docks – John Tworkowski
Entertainment – Pam Worth	Fleet – Phil Spletter
Membership – Karen Williams	Youth / Sailing Education – Lynde Edwards

This closes out my time as a member of the club management team. Three years have rapidly passed but the memories will be long lasting. While Fleet Captain, I wanted to focus on instilling good sportsmanship and really having fun in our boating endeavors. By talking up sportsmanship, creating the now famous Wine 'n' Cheese and a few other changes did seem to move us in a good direction I'm proud to have been part of that positive change. The Mermaid Regatta is my favorite club function and I'm proud **Rachele** allowed me to play a small part in that. I hope she will let me continue to be a player. My hope is that more ladies will participate in this great event. House Chairman was, well, like a job! It too was rewarding but I would much rather be Fleet than House.

Being Commodore certainly was an honor and a privilege. Also it was a lot of fun. Along with the support of the Board, in my opinion, we did maintain our rich traditions, maintained fiscal responsibility and kept a steady heading on a safe course throughout the year. We achieved most of our goals. **Karen** was wonderful in managing new membership additions; we have a good start on a Annex renovation plan; and **Lynde** found dinghies and lead the charge to buy them. Regattas, under Jack's leadership, were very well managed, participation was good and the club's reputation for hosting well run events was upheld. Thanks to all the Board and the LRPC for being part of the management team which kept us on a safe course. I'm hopeful the Board coming on watch is comfortable that our ship is in good stead as it was when **Commodore Rochelle Yates** passed the helm to me.

The biggest thanks of all is for **Becky** helping me through the safe waters as well as the shoal waters. She was willing to stay in the background but she was a big part of my reign as Commodore.

Jim Henry / Commodore

Fleet



Sailing activities in December gave us a taste of what our Northern friends have to deal with and possibly why they put their boats on the hard 6 months a year. That said we have had some hardy souls out for small boat weekends and the New Year's Day J-24 Regatta was well attended and exciting to watch. Our new J 24 Fleet 87 with six boats, some with well trained experienced crews that have been sailing together for some time and some that were just starting to work together. One boat was skippered by **Linda Tillman** and crewed by our always competitive Mermaids. The racing was tight and spirited with a good south breeze at 14 knots. The crews had to stay on their toes on the downwind legs because of the sloppy river chop in that wind. After the Regatta a Fleet 87 organizing meeting was held and it looks like we could have a 10 boat J 24 fleet for the Spring Regatta. That sight would snap some necks on the Eau Gallie Causeway.

On the down side, old Smokey, the outboard on the club Key Largo 19, picked New Year's Day to sputter and die just after we set the course. Fleet and the Board have determined that given safety concerns and the need for a reliable support boat we will immediately replace the engine; this will complete all the work we have done on the vessel this year. The LRPC has approved the purchase and in-coming Fleet Captain **Phil Spletter** has been busy shopping. He reports that the local outboard dealers are hungry and that there are some very good values to be had.

I am excited about **Phil** coming onboard as Fleet for 2011. He is a very experienced small and large boat sailor and has previously held the position so we will be in excellent hands. As I pass my Flag to **Phil** I would like to thank so many people for their help and support this year. It will not be possible to name everyone but I would especially like to thank **Hasty Miller** and **Grant Ball** for all their help with rebuilding the trailer and helping with many repairs on the Key Largo. On the water **Pat Lambert** and **John and Nancy Fox** as well as **John Martin** kept the flags snapping and the racing at a very high and professional level. On the land side **Rachelle Ross, Becky Henry, Lynde Edwards, Jim Lacy** and **Page Proffitt** kept the Regattas humming. Thank you all for a wonderful year. You make the Melbourne Yacht Club a great place to sail and socialize.



See you on the water.

Jack Clark / Fleet Captain

On the Docks

A final reminder to dock renters for the year - please remember to submit proof of insurance when your policy is renewed. Note that proof of adequate insurance is a requirement to keep a boat at the MYC docks, along with completion of the annual Agreement and use of one's boat.

In 2010, the east tee head continued to be a popular spot, as 79 reservations were made for its use. It was no surprise that March and April were the busiest months, as members loaded their boats prior to departing for spring cruises.

Thank you to all those members who helped on the dock this past year, and thanks especially to the 2010 Dock Committee members, who gave advice and counsel during our meetings and also helped with projects. **Jack Bibb, Ross Herbert, David Lister, Hasty Miller,** and **Harry Stapor** all gave credence to the proverb, "many hands make work light." See you on the docks.



Grant Ball / Dockmaster

Bar



We had a great 2010 for the bar with help from so many. **Jack Leahy** and **John Martin's** help behind the bar was invaluable. **Jackie Leahy, Pam and Mia Worth, Carol Mairs** and **Peggy Snead** were also great help in putting on events. Our MYC bartenders have always been there throughout the year. **Melanie, Kathy** and **Chris** have supported the club for 2010 and before. For myself it has been a much easier task with all the support I get.

The bar committee has already been working on new "burnits" and dine-in's for 2011 so watch the MYC calendar and weekly notices emailed to you. We have the Super Bowl coming up on February 6 and the Commodores Ball on February 26 with lots to do in-between. As always, the Bar and Kitchen committee welcomes your suggestions. If you would like to host a cruise or dine-in let us know. Happy 2011 at MYC.

Page Proffitt / Bar & Kitchen

Vice Commodore/House

It has been both an interesting and rewarding year serving as Vice Commodore and House Chairman of the Melbourne Yacht Club. The House Committee certainly had its share of challenges with everything from broken pipes to new air conditioning systems and many things in between.

It is a testament to the volunteer spirit of our Club that most tasks are accomplished in-house and well done. Especially helpful to House this past year was **Amy Lacy** and her Landscaping group that hosted several work mornings sprucing up the grounds with new plants, flowers and trimming the bushes and trees. Their efforts and botanical expertise really make a big difference and the Club looks great.

Bob Hughes was helpful providing his technical expertise anytime I needed it, which was often. Jack Leahy helped out a great deal throughout the year in a variety of capacities and with **Page Proffitt's** help on the Bar Committee, together we managed to keep the Clubhouse running smoothly without major incident. The contributions of **Lois Scallise, Becky Henry** and their decorating team for the incredible work decorating the Club for the Commodores Ball and Christmas cannot be overstated.

There were, of course, many others who contributed time and sweat equity, especially during my Spring and Fall work days and numerous other events that are too many to mention but you know who you are and I thank you very much. MYC is very well served by everyone's efforts who were involved.

As far as December went, all the Club functions, private parties and New Year's came and went with no issues to report, which is no small task based on some of the conspicuous revelry that went on in recent weeks. I had the carpet steamed cleaned for the second time this year before Christmas and it still looks respectable. I delayed the installation of the new restroom air conditioning system until after the holidays but you will see the contractor around very soon. As such, we're GREEN!

One last note of interest. An MYC event that is steeped in tradition is the upcoming Commodores Ball, which is scheduled for February 26th. This annual event where we commemorate the hard work and accomplishments of our outgoing Commodore **Jim Henry** and his Board is always well attended and a very good time. Last year we had as many as 125 members and guests in attendance for cocktails, dinner and awards. The MYC Cruising Award, Sportsmanship Award, Shadbolt Memorial Trophy, Member of the Year Award and other honors are bestowed upon deserving members. Please make plans now to attend this important ceremony and RSVP right away.

As such, I stand ready to turn the helm of this Chairmanship over to the very capable hands of **Andy Forman** and look forward to the new challenges that await, confident in the knowledge of the indefatigable volunteer spirit in the membership of the Melbourne Yacht Club. Fair Winds,

Patrick Lambert / Vice Commodore

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December's Entertainment activities finished in fine fun form with the Grand Canal Boat Parade Party hosted by and at the home of **Doug, Pam** and **Mia Worth**. For those who don't know, the boat parade is an annual event sponsored by the Banana River Power Squadron and held on the Grand Canal in mid December. The **Worth's** home backs onto Lake Shepard which exits onto the canal. For the 23rd year in a row, festively decorated boats paraded around the lake to show off their lights, music and more. Our own Commodore Jim Henry arrived by boat, in true nautical style.

The Black Mask Ball was a great way to close out the New Year with over 100 members and guests attending. Who would have thought that one can decorate Black Mask's in so many creative ways. Many thanks to party organizers **Sue Reynolds, Faye Bitzer, and Paty Henry**. In addition, **Rose** and **Bill Baker** for the wonderful fireworks and to all who helped make this event the blast that it was.

With the 2010-2011 changing of the guard, I now have the great pleasure of thanking all of the countless volunteer members who helped organize, decorate, supply, cook, clean, serve, promote and clean up after all the parties. You know who you are. I would like to especially thank **Doug, Pam & Mia Worth, John Drawe, Richard Oliver, Jack & Jacki Leahy, Rachele Ross, Page Proffitt, Bob & Wendy Hughes, Karen & Bob Sowdon, Pam Crocker, Hasty Miller, Lois Scallise, Becky Henry, Sue Reynolds, Faye Bitzer and Paty Henry**, who helped lead very memorable parties and events. I also want to thank **Diane Gabik, Ross Herbert** and



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John Martin for their constant moral, creative and physical support.

Our new Entertainment Director is **Pam Worth**. You all know her better as Mrs. Claus. In 2010, **Pam** demonstrated tremendous dedication and commitment to MYC entertainment activities, and in 2011 she will surely welcome all of our help, so please contact her if you are interested in serving on the entertainment committee in any capacity, helping plan or organizing parties in 2011. Mark your calendars and sign up!

Don't forget, your party organizers really really appreciate early notice of attendance. As always! Enjoy! Good luck and best wishes to **Pam Worth**!

Andy Forman / Rear Commodore



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Membership

I am looking forward to serving the club for another year as Membership Director in 2011. Thank you for your confidence in me. I will continue to do my best to help our guests feel comfortable at the club, and present to you quality candidates that could be our club's future members. I really feel blessed to have had an easy time this past year, and credit much of this to the efforts of our enthusiastic MYC members. I encourage you all to continue your promotion of our club by bringing in your friends, co-workers and the guys down the street, so they can get a taste of the great times and fantastic sailing that await them at our wonderful club!

We will close out the 2010 year with another 2 Nominations for Membership.

Gary and Mary Briand, nominated by **Del Wiese**, seek membership to the club stating that, "MYC has consistently been the most active and successful organization promoting sailing sports and recreation in Brevard." I think that is an accurate statement! Both work for Harris as an electrical engineer and librarian. **Mary**, enjoys day sailing and the bareboat chartering the couple have done. **Gary** has been sailing for over 30 years, including Club racing, ocean racing, chartering in US, Bahamas, and Canada. His sailing related education includes USCG Aux. Sailing and Seamanship, Dead Reckoning and Coastal Navigation, Celestial navigation, and Marine Diesel Repair. In addition to sailing his Islander 30, *Yankee Rebel*, in his spare time he volunteers as a reservist with Brevard County Fire Rescue as an EMT and Wildland Firefighter. He is also winding up his career as a Boy Scout volunteer, where he led numerous merit badges and Small Boat Sailing.

Craig Rastello, nominated by **Susan Jackson**, has owned and raced sailboats for 45 years. He was the original owner of the J-24 now called J-Peas, and has owned J-24s from 1978-2007. He helped establish J-24 fleets in Atlanta and Milwaukee. He has participated in Class Racing, Match Racing, and Offshore Racing, including Transpac, LA-Mazatlan, and St. Petersburg-Isla Mujeres, placing 1st overall. He has worked as a sailmaker for North Sails, Seal Beach and Levinson Sails of Clearwater, FL. Currently his CPA business is entering the busy Tax season. He crews on J-Peas on the ECSA co-ed races and is the coach for Susan Jackson and her crew in the ECSA women's' series.

Membership Status:

We started last year with 154 resident members and have ended the year with 12 new resident members, and 4 new Corinthian members.

Resident: 157 Non Resident: 16 Corinthian: 14 Honorary: 11 Provisional: 2

Here are some interesting facts I discovered combing through the membership data.

- 1: The club has 17 families with children for a total of 30 kids under the age of 18.
- 2: Thirteen of these kids are teens.
- 3: Over 10% of MYC memberships have children under 18.
- 4: The average age of the club is 68.
- 5: Average life expectancy for a male in the U.S. is 75.



Karen Williams / Membership



See photos of events on our website: www.melbourneyachtclub.com. Click on the **Event Photos** link.



Mid January — February 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 MYC Bar Open every Sunday 2 PM to 6 PM	10	11	12	13	 14 TGIF MYC Bar Opens every Friday at 5 PM	15 J-24 Race #2 7:30 PM Arts & Crafts Wine Tasting Party
16 Small Boat Sunday Ross, Jim, & Kevin sail Genesis!	17 M.L.K. Day	18	19	20	21 TGIF	22 ECSA • Women's Race #1 • Frost Bite Cruise to Ballard Park CGA "Boating Safety Class" See Bulletin Board
 23 Rum Race #5	24	25	26	27	28 TGIF	29
30 Small Boat Sunday 6 Rum Race #6 5:30 PM Souper Bowl Party!	31 6 PM Joint Boards Meet	FEB 1	2 6:30 PM MYC General Meeting Ground Hog Day	3	4 TGIF Birthday drink at Bar	5 10 AM Kayaking Eau Gallie River John Martin 321-432-5213
7 Rum Race #6 5:30 PM Souper Bowl Party!	8 CGA "Boating Skills & Seamanship" See Bulletin Board	9	10 ECSA General Meeting	11 TGIF	12 ECSA Winter/Spring Race #1	
13 Small Boat Sunday 	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18 TGIF	19 ECSA Miami Boat Show Bus Trip
20 Rum Race #7 	21 28	22	23	24	25 TGIF	26 <i>MYC Commodore's Ball</i>

Sailing Education



Happy New Year Everyone! I want to close 2010 by thanking all of the committee members and volunteers. **Matt** did a great job teaching our classes and **Wynne** was a terrific help. **Wynne** has returned to Mississippi to go to school and will be missed by all of us. To **Simon Koumjian, Jim Edwards, Jim Henry, Alex** and **Peter Higgins, Carl Lee, Robert Hill, Andrew Wilson, John Martin** and a few others who showed up and helped, **Matt** and I thank you for coming out and braving the sun, heat, thunder and wind! It takes a lot of people to teach the large number of people who want to learn to sail. We appreciate all you've done.

Now for 2011, with a year of experience behind us **Matt** has some great plans to improve the classes in 2011. And we finally have that new fleet of two-person boats that I've been talking about all year! My criterion for acceptable boats was pretty tight, but we found six Collegiate 420's at northern schools that meet our needs. All of the committee, plus interested others have been looking for boats for months. But I must say the most dedicated to the task was my own **Jim Edwards**, and it was he who found the two opportunities that are bringing the boats to MYC. Thank you **Jim!** And thank you to **Phil Scalise** who is getting three of the boats here from Massachusetts, as well as an advance thank you to the team that will bring the other three boats from Maryland in a few weeks.

Many people want to know more about the Collegiate 420, so I've included a picture and specifications. We will hold "check-out" classes to teach interested club members how to set up the boats so they can use them when they are not in the classes.

420 Specs

LOA	13'9"
Beam	5'5"
Draft	3'2"
Sail Area	110 Sq Ft
Hull Weight	230 lbs
Capacity	2-3, depending on size
Optimal Weight	300 lbs

Here are **Phil** and his crew loading up the boats in Massachusetts. The next pictures are unloading at MYC and one of what a 420 looks like when sailing. More photos are on the MYC website under "Event Photos."



THANK YOU everyone for a great 2010 and what can only be a terrific year of sailing to come!

Lynde Edwards / Youth & Sailing Education Director

Marlene's Musings

Three trimarans adorned the river during the January 9 Rum Race. Of the two Corsairs, only my F28 raced and ended the race with a photo finish inches behind *Sea Turtle* and *Vector*. At the same time a big cruising tri meandered down the river doing what it does best, cruising to far away ports. While it is nice to see the J-24s continue to grow in numbers, it is a real treat to me to see the trimarans on the river. In traditional fashion *Sleighride, Mouse, Slot Machine* and the other locals reminded me of one of my dad's favorite lines, "Variety is the spice of life." In that spirit, let us continue to encourage everyone to come out and sail their boat of choice.

January 2 started the new year perfectly for those who appreciate the art of small boat sailing. Leading the way around the course were the **Haberlands**. Whether it was **Bill** or **Nancy, Dave Silverman** had to settle for second place finish. Staying close behind **Dave** was that Sassy Sailor **Sassaman**. On the downwind leg, **Christina Chang** did an excellent job of tilting her Sunfish just enough to raise the sail in synch with the waves and wind. The only criticism of the day is that others refuse to sail this silly little boat. Come on out every other Sunday for Small Boat Sunday! It is certainly more fun than doing sit ups at the gym!

Thanks to **Jack Clark** and **John Martin** for providing excellent committee work. Also, anyone interested in a small boat practice one day a week, let me know. It's so much more fun with a buddy boat.

Marlene Sassaman

Bulletin Board

Congratulations, **Jim Henry**, on a spectacular year serving as our Commodore!!! It was a very good year. MYC ended 2010 soundly. Financially we are in the "green". We have much to look forward to with new 420's for our sailing education program. The docks are maintained nicely; the club house looks tip top; the racing is in full force; the membership continues to grow; our bar is always stocked and what a wonderful trio of bartenders. The gorgeous landscaping makes us all proud to invite our friends and family to the club.

Jim had a great year and **Becky** is definitely a supportive first lady. As for me, I have enjoyed a year as "Past Commodore" helping and advising in areas where I was needed, working with the board, and **Ross, Jerrie, and Peter** on the Tell Tale. We have a wonderful club.

ALL my best to our incoming Commodore, **Patrick Lambert**.

Respectfully,
Past Commodore **Rochelle Yates**



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Boating Safety & Skills & Seamanship Classes

The local Coast Guard Auxiliary is offering a boating safety class, "About Boating Safety", on **January 22**. The class includes information about boat handling, state and federal regulations, and recommended safety equipment. Successful students may qualify for boating education discounts, and will earn their Florida State Boater Education ID Card. Cost for the class is \$35, with discounts for families, and includes lunch. If interested, contact **Jim McGuinness** at 321-254-0540.

The local Coast Guard Auxiliary is offering another class, "Boating Skills and Seamanship", beginning **February 8**, and lasting six weeks. Classes will be Tuesday and Thursday evenings. The class includes information about selecting a boat, equipment, handling, trailering, navigation, lines and knots, weather, marine communications, state and federal regulations, and safety equipment. Successful students may qualify for boating education discounts. Cost for the class is \$45 per person, including text. If interested, contact **Jim McGuinness** at 321-254-0540.

Secretary's Notes

Thanks ever so much to those who helped me in 2010. It has been fun!

Newsletter: **Ross Herbert** and **Rochelle Yates** alternating with the layout and **Pete Anderson**, editing. **Amy Lacy** and **Debra Ball** proofing.

Directory: **Rachel Ross**, layout. **Jerry Ross, Bob Hughes, Pete Anderson, Karen Williams** and **Ross Herbert** helping in getting information and stuffing and mailing...

Membership Cards: **Ross Herbert** and **Karen Williams**.

Sitting in as Secretary in September: **Louisa Killian**.

Club Historian: **Ross Herbert**. His photographic recordings of our current "history" have been enjoyed by all.

Please welcome your new Secretary, **Kevin Glaser**, by volunteering to help him in 2011!

Jerrie Hixon
Secretary



KAYAKING

On Saturday **February 5**, we will kayak the Eau Gallie River. Meet at Ballard Park at 10AM. Bring lunch/snack, sunscreen, PFD and a whistle. Please RSVP to **John**

Martin at 321-432-5213 or email me. See the MYC Directory for my email address. Tell me your cell phone number in case there are any last minute changes. I hope to see you there.



The January trip in Turkey Creek was great!!!. The weather was perfect. We saw lots of fish and birds and even saw an alligator warming itself on the bank. The turtles were a bit sluggish because of the cold water,

though. The weather prediction was for cold weather but it got into the low 70's and everyone said the weather couldn't have been better. We had seven boats and eight people.

John Martin





Saturday, January 15, was a delightful evening showcasing the artistic talents of our members and their friends. Over 80 attendees were present to judge the artworks. The winners were: **2D Art - Margie Matheson's** underwater seascape; **3D Art - Chuck Delmater's** push duck; **Craft - Joan Lister's** quilt wall hanging; **Edible - Jack & Jacki Leahy's** edible flower arrangement; and **Best In Show - Susan Kiser's** Eau Gallie Harbor in the 1800's water color. While members were experiencing the artistic venue and an abundance of delicious hors d'oeuvres, they also stopped by the bar for a lesson in the art of Wine Tasting from **Pam Crocker**. Throughout the evening we enjoyed the soft jazz sounds of the **Matt Heister Duo**. Thanks to **Ross Herbert** and his committee for bringing us this terrific evening.


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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.

 **“Souper” Bowl XLV Party!**
February 6

MYC
Commodore's Ball
February 26

