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MELBOURNE YACHT CLUB

2011 Spring Regatta

APRIL 16 & 17
**Small Monohulls/
 ALL Multihulls**

APRIL 30 & May 1
**Racing/Cruising
 Large Monohulls**

Cinco de Mayo
 May 6 at TGIF
 Taco dinner

HAPPY Mother's DAY

Mother's Day Brunch
 May 8 @ 10:30 a.m. – 1p.m.

SEAFOOD RAFT-UP
Saturday, May 14 • 6 p.m.
\$12 per adult/\$6 per under 12



Commodore's Log



For me, springtime is my favorite time of the year. Sure, summer and fall are great, and winter affords us a nice respite, but spring is the time of the year for me. There is so much going for one and all that you can't wait to get out

there and play.

This spring is shaping to be no different. Our Landscaping Committee, under the direction of **Amy Lacy** has the outside of MYC really looking incredible. **Andy Forman's** House Committee recently completed their Saturday work day, and accomplished much. Rum racing has returned to Friday nights, and we have had large turn outs and great camaraderie afterwards at TGIF.

Congratulations go out to the three new members recently elected to the Long Range Planning Committee, **Jack Clark, Bill Baker** and **Simon Koumjian**. They join **Dave Silverman, Phil Scalise** and **Jim Schaub** to this very important committee. Congrats also to our newly elected Dockmaster, **David Lister**, who will be taking over the vacated position immediately.

The new MYC directory is being assembled and finalized in April. Please check to make sure all of your club information is current, and if you still do not have a picture for the directory, please contact **Ross Herbert**. His vast experience in photography can even make your picture look good enough for printing.

Of course April means Spring Regatta time at MYC and Fleet Captain **Phil Spletter** assures me we have another great sailing event planned once again. With one design racing the first weekend and PHRF big boat racing following, there is a racing platform for almost everyone.

Finally, as everyone knows, it is a privilege to have a slip at MYC, not a right. Our by-laws are clear that the slips are for active members to enjoy and there is no place at the MYC docks for disused or idle boats, period. Our Dockmaster and Board monitors the boat usage situations continually and disused boats must be dealt with accordingly.

Please take advantage of the mild springtime sailing weather and enjoy time sailing with friends around MYC. It is time well spent!

Pat Lambert / Commodore



House



Volunteers are the backbone of MYC's success, and member participation reflects our pride in the club, and ensures the club looks good for all activities. This was demonstrated repeatedly over these past weeks and during a number of Garden and House work day activities in preparation for Spring Regattas and in routine preparations for TGIF.

For House activities, many thanks go to **Harry Stapor** for power washing the clogged roof gutters, and for blowing leaves in preparation for TGIF when I was out of town. To **Page Proffitt** and **Bob Hughes** for changing HVAC filters, and for dusting and washing the fans and vents. To **Ross Herbert** and **Bob Hughes** for changing the lock batteries and updating the gate lock combination for use by the police. To **Pam Crocker** for cleaning

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many areas of the kitchen that desperately needed it. And to **Page Proffitt** who covers all the gaps in our plans.

Folks, Commodore **Pat Lambert** and I are concerned about the potential for those who park adjacent to the clubhouse and along the west fence to back up into the new A/C compressor that supports the new A/C units in the inner and outer bath rooms. As such, we initiated a project to install guard posts along the house curb. Many thanks go to **Grant Ball** and **Jack Leahy** for designing and helping to install the 3" steel guard posts in front of the new A/C compressor. They will be painted yellow and marked with reflective tape shortly. Please, please be careful not to back into them as they are quite sturdy.

Saturday morning, April 9th, was a combined House and Garden Work Day. That afternoon, the club looked great at the "Celebration of Life" for **Bill Thon**, husband of past commodore, **Betty Thon**, and their family.

In coordination with the Small Boat Regatta Committee, all is ready for Thursday evening, April 14th, setup for the **Patel** wedding on Friday morning, April 15th. Plans are to decorate the upstairs lounge and hall areas from 6 pm to 8 pm, and only after the Spring Regatta RC Training program is complete, will preparations continue in the bar area.

I opened this month's report with my thoughts regarding the importance of membership volunteers, and, as you can read above, we are doing great. In addition, I would like to specifically shout out to the newer members, including you Corinthians and those who might be contributing more. Please volunteer and contribute your time. We have so many ways for you to add value, we can accommodate any schedule. So give me a call, text me a message, email me your inquiries.

One final thing...yes!..I have not forgotten...we will reinstall the soap dish in the ladies bathroom, too!

It's our House!

Andy Forman/Vice Commodore—House

Garden Committee Report

The Garden Committee would like to send out a big thank you to all of you who came to the bi-annual club work day on April 9th to help spruce up for the spring regattas. The following people not only attended but worked themselves almost literally into the ground. They were: **Ross Herbert, Page Proffitt, Mike Gallagher, Lynde Edwards, Jack Leahy, Jackie Herbert, Bob Hughes, Wendy Hughes, Jim Henry, Art Crocker, Pam Crocker, Andy Forman, Steve Clendenin**, and my hubby **Jim Lacy**. We hope we didn't miss anyone. For a small band, we got a tremendous amount accomplished.

We planted aloe along the east fence in the lower parking lot. We planted fern in thin spots along the east fence of the back slope, which should stabilize the slope. We planted oyster plants among the fern below the cherry laurel hedge in the rock garden, to the left of the stairs going up to the deck, to the left facing the boatyard fence and along the condo fence on the east side of the upper parking lot. We planted more ivy behind the trellis by the kitchen. And we planted dune sunflowers by our new garden shed and box on the east side of the clubhouse. Our planters were **Wendy Hughes, Mike Gallagher, Jackie Herbert** and I. The best part about the planting was that most of the plants were free. The fern came from **Jim Gibson's** house, the oyster plants came from **Pat** and **Gabe Denes'** condo and the aloe came from our house.

Jim Henry raked up the area where the sea grapes are along the west fence all the way down to the Sunfish. **Art Crocker** swept the edges of the parking lot. I put down pavers to form a walkway in the barbecue area, and **Andy Forman** power washed the walkways.

We took all the boats out of the east boatyard, cleaned up all the leaves, sprayed Roundup on the weeds and put the boats back in a more orderly fashion. That hadn't been done since our club renovation. We've just been cleaning up as best we could without moving the boats. Our workers on that committee were **Lynde Edwards, Jack Leahy, Steve Clendenin, Jim Lacy** and I.

The Garden Committee's other big accomplishment this month was the purchase and putting together of the garden shed and box that are now on the east side of the clubhouse. **Jack Leahy** shopped for them and picked them up in his van. **John Martin** took the lead in getting them assembled. **John** put together a commit-

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Fleet

MYCers were sailing on waters both local and afar in March. With good to excellent weather, all scheduled races were conducted. A total of 88 boats sailed 15 races. Thanks to **Jim and Lynde Edwards** and **Floyd Bryan** for RC work.



Carrying the MYC burgee to other venues, **Michael Barile** and **Richard Oliver** sailed to second place overall at the Day Sailor Midwinters in Clearwater. **Chris Gates** and **Dick** and **Linda Tillman** went to Sarasota for the Sunfish Midwinters, where **Linda** was the third master female. The **Tillmans** also went to Ft. Walton for the Sunfish Masters. In a very tough fleet with numerous past world champions, **Dick** was first in his age class and **Linda** was the third female. *Chasing Rainbows* and *Santarella* went to St. Augustine for a three-day ocean racing series. *Chasing Rainbows* had third place finishes in two of the three races. Also on the podium this month were **JJ Johnson** and **John Drawe** at Mt. Dora both with second place finishes. Finally, I sailed with some old friends in the J/24 Texas State Championships in Austin where we were very happy to win the regatta after a four year quest. On the RC side, **John** and **Nancy Fox** were the PRO for the Hobie 33 mid-winters hosted by Port Canaveral Yacht Club.

On Thursday April 14, we will host an informal RC seminar at 6:30 pm. We will provide a checklist of equipment and sequence of events with a timetable for running simple around-the-buoy races. Also, preparations are well under way for the Spring Regatta. MYC is known for running good regattas and by the time you read this, we should be well along the way to hosting another great regatta.

The cruising fleet has been busy as well getting set for summertime. **Page Proffitt** conducted an informal seminar for those contemplating going north to GA/SC on the ICW, and he is making plans for another seminar for folks heading to the Bahamas. Over the Easter weekend **John Martin** will lead a cruise to Marker 21.

That's it for this month. It is really fun to write this and see how many different ways our membership enjoys the sport of sailing. When added to the sail training activities, it is easy to see that MYC is truly the most active sailing organization in central Florida, and most of the east coast of Florida.

See you on the water.

Phil Spletter / Fleet Captain

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tee of **Floyd Bryan, Mel Ford** and **Jim Lacy**. Thank goodness for **Mel**. He saved the committee a lot of frustration with his knowledge. Now that the garden stuff is out of the annex, it won't have to be accounted for in planning renovations for the annex.

The next Garden Committee Maintenance Day is scheduled for Monday, June 20th, so that the club will be all spruced up for the wedding of the **Baird's** daughter on June 25th. If you have an event scheduled at the yacht club, let me know and if we can, we'll schedule a work day around it. Everyone is always invited to help us on our workdays, but if you would like to become a 'formal' member of our committee please email me and I will put you on my Garden Committee email list.

Amy Lacy



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.

Membership



I'm happy to announce we have three new members:

Catherine Jellie has been accepted as a Resident member.

Chloe Mallet and **Caitlin Hevey** have been accepted as Corinthian members.

We have two Nominations for Membership:

Sue Pachaidee has been nominated for Resident Membership by **Susan Jackson**. **Sue** took our sailing course under **Andy Forman**. She's enjoyed racing with a few club members including **Marlene Sassaman** and **Jim Miller**. She is currently crewing with **Susan Jackson** on *J-Peas*. She's made a lot of friends at MYC and would like to be more involved in club activities.

Suzanne Dunphy has been nominated for Corinthian Membership by **Dick Tillman**. **Suzanne** is a Microelectronics Engineer for Harris Corp., working in Palm Bay. Her hobbies include horseback riding, bike riding, yoga and sailing, of course. She learned how to sail with the Georgia Tech Sailing Club and raced with their SAISA Intercollegiate Racing Team. After graduation, she continued to sail C-15's, J-80's, and Melges 24 on Lake Lanier and around the southeast. Since moving to Melbourne in the summer of 2009, she has sailed in several regatta's, particularly the women's series. She wants to join MYC to stay active in sailing and to sail the new 420's.

Our current membership stands at:

Resident-157 Non-resident-16 Corinthian-15 Honorary-11

John Martin/Membership

Sailing Education

The 420 Launching party was a big success, thanks to everyone's help to get the 420's here and ready for their debut, as well as fixing up the older boats to sell, donating food, and on and on. And whoever arranged the beautiful day, good job! Over 61 people attended, and I lost track of how many actually sailed the boats since they were trading off on the water using Ross's boat and others as floating docks. The spectator fleet looked like they had as much fun as the racers. All of the older boats moved on to new homes, but rest assured, we kept a few Sunfish and Lasers for club use. Among the many club members who attended were a number of new potential members, sailors looking for a home port! There are lots of great pictures on the website under "March 13".



After the boats were put away for the night, everyone retired to the club house, and was very generous in their cash donations for the light dinner contributed by the sailing education committee. And a special thanks to Sunfish Fleet 669 for their cash donation. All of the donations and money made on boats sold will be applied directly to the sailing education program for expenses associated with the new boats!

I have included pictures of the rigging demonstration, and we will continue to have those periodically, so everyone feels comfortable setting up and putting away the 420's. *Betty, Rose, Rhonda, Rochelle, Rachele* and *Lynde* seem to be quite at home in our warm waters, considering they came from the icy north, so we want to care for them so they have long lives here at MYC.

Sailing Classes: The first adult class of 2011 just concluded and they had great weather throughout. In their graduation picture, you will notice our own **Jerrie Hixon** among the students - all right **Jerrie!** The next class starts April 21st, and at this writing was not completely full, so get your registration in if you are interested. This summer's youth classes are filling up too, so don't wait till June to sign up your youth. The schedule and registration forms are on the website. In addition to the regular classes, we are going to hold an "Introduction to Match Racing" clinic for women in May. More info will be available as we get closer.

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Dockmaster



Change, it's all change !

Merry-go-rounds were such fun and musical chairs just brought out the best in all children everywhere. Now it's musical slips, so let's have fun and enjoy the party! There are at least three boats for sail (could try sale) and others in some sort of swap arrangement.

As you walk around the docks, you will notice a few subtle changes, but there are still more changes in the offing as more boats leave, opening up the door to the waiting list. Now there is a hornets nest! But the bottom line is, if a boat is not suitable in length or width, the rules do not allow it to be shoe-horned in.

Now here is a problem where I would like feedback. It would appear that a lot of thought has gone into the launch ramp over the years. So if you submitted a review in the past, please re-send it so that your input is available for review along with any current thoughts. For the present, please look at the ramp as three separate issues.

Issue 1 - Above the water line.

The ramp is hard, clean, (power washed last week) rough concrete. It is, also, quite steep, and the apron is not very wide. Youngsters can pull the dinghies straight up. I tend to pull the Sunfish out across the ramp. The 420's will probably require two people.

Issue 2 - Below the water line to the end of the concrete slab.

This has a gooey muddy base, and is simply a slippery environment. I really do not know how to deal with it. At Front Street, the ramp is effectively self cleaning. Unfortunately, at the club, there is no wash of water over the ramp, and the sludge just accumulates up to a thickness and remains. I know it runs against the grain, especially amongst youngsters and those keen to get out or return, but I never step out of the Pram, Puffer or Sunfish into the water. I always use the jetty or the floating dock to move onto or off the dinghy.

Issue 3 - At the water line, which is not actually static.

Here, with continual maintenance, the yearly spring growth of string algae can be controlled. The experiment with sharp sand continues. Sharp sand spread along the water line effectively disturbs the growth of algae and prevents it getting a hold. If you view the water line now, you will see the sharp sand just below the surface. The sand moves with the water line, and if you try and use the small yellow long handled brush to brush the waterline area, you will notice that the sharp sand abrades away the green algae. The trick is to clean off the algae before it gets a hold and starts to grow in filaments. Once the algae become matted, it is very difficult to deal with. True! I am not keen on the maintenance approach, but bear with me, and let's see if we can control the weed (algae) problem this spring, so that it does not become a problem this season.

So far, general maintenance has resulted in the replacement of 3 defective 110 volt sockets and a tap washer. Lets hope the maintenance remains that simple. Because of the volume of change in wet slip and dry storage (420's in and other dinghies out) please refer all wet slip changes to **David Lister** and dry storage changes to **Jack Clark**, who has volunteered to keep a good handle on the dry storage scene.

David Lister/Dockmaster



From the dock the woman watched as the salty old tugboat captain skillfully docked his boat. She was impressed that such an old man would still be doing such a tough job. She decided to wait until the captain disembarked. As he did, she asked him, "Captain, what is your secret to leading such a long and productive life?" "Well," he said. "I would have to say it's because I smoke three packs of cigarettes a day, drink a case of whisky every week, eat a lot of fatty foods and I never exercise."

"Wow, that's amazing," the woman said. "Exactly how old are you?" He answered, "Thirty-one".



Mid April — May 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
17 Spring Regatta Small Boats Bar Opens at 2PM	18	19 Art Group 10-12	20	21 Adult Sailing Class	22 TGIF Birthday drink at Bar	23 Adult Sailing Class
24 Easter Small Boat Sunday Bar Opens at 2PM	25	26 Art Group 10-12	27	28	29 Rum Race TGIF	30 Spring Regatta Big Boats
May 1 Spring Regatta Big Boats Bar Opens at 2PM	2	3 Art Group 10-12	4 General Membership Meeting Starts at 6:30 PM	5 Adult Sailing Class	6 Cinco de Mayo Party TGIF Birthday drink at Bar	7 Adult Sailing Class
8 Small Boat Sunday <i>Bon voyage</i> Mother's Day Brunch 	9	10 Art Group Intro to Match Racing 6-8PM	11 General Membership Meeting Starts at 6:30 PM	12 Adult Sailing Class	13 Rum Race TGIF	14 Adult Sailing Class Seafood Raft-up
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Entertainment



March was a month of cool temperatures, and the cooking of **John Drawe** and his crew. The Low Country Shrimp Boil was delicious, and a lot of fun. Lets face it, isn't it more fun to eat food dumped on the counter and you graze through it?...delicious and fun. Thank you **John** and **Judy Drawe, Richard Oliver, Justin Wills, Mike** and **Paty Henry**.

Family Fun Night had 25 people attend. It was a night of games, prizes, pizza and soda, loads of fun and laughs. Future events were determined to be field trips, more fun nights for now. Thank you **John** and **Nancy Fox**.

Phil Scalise and **Del Weise** took their boats and crew to St. Augustine for the "First Offshore Regatta Race." The weather was a challenge at times, but, **Del Weise** and his crew (**Claude Auger, Andy Forman & Doug Worth**) took 3rd in the long distance race to St. Mary, GA and 4th overall. Congratulations, **Del** and crew.



April is Regatta month, so it's quiet for Entertainment, but May will bring us **Cinco de Mayo** on TGIF on May 6th. Enjoy a taco dinner. **Bob & Karen Sowden** will host **Mother's Day Brunch** on May 8th. Bring your moms. May 14th will be the **Seafood Raft-Up**. This is an event that has been a regular event for many, many years. For those who haven't been before, it is a great social event and dinner. Don't forget the May 28 – 30, **Memorial Day Weekend Cruise** to Sebastian. More details on these events to follow.

Pamela Worth/Entertainment

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Thanks again to all of our volunteers; helping **Matt** with this class were **Andrew Wilson** and **Will Moore**.

We have some of the best sailing on the east coast right here in our back yard. Don't let the river just pass you by!

Lynde Edwards / Youth & Sailing Education

Kayaking

On Sunday, March 27th, 13 intrepid outdoors enthusiasts (I would have said kayakers but not all were paddling) set forth for a trip upon the Grand Canal in Indian Harbour Beach for Samson Island in Satellite Beach. The weather was perfect, and there wasn't much wind to deter us. We launched at Oars and Paddles Park and paddled out into the Banana River. We headed north under Mather's Bridge and proceeded to the second canal east which took us to the Grand Canal. **Page Proffitt** had said he would meet us on the canal. Well he did, but in his O'Day 25 with his daughter and her boyfriend aboard. We went to Samson's Island for lunch and a walk. There were signs posted on the island warning of a bobcat sighting. We didn't see it. After lunch we got back in the boats and **Page** towed some of us around and back down the canal. It was a beautiful day and we had 13 people come out. Don't miss the next one.

John Martin



Nautical Things the Ponder...

A guy who crosses the ocean twice without a shower is a dirty double crosser.

Bulletin Board

Boating Safety & Skills & Seamanship Classes

The local Coast Guard Auxiliary is offering a boating safety class, "About Boating Safety", on Saturday, May 14th. 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 Public Education staff officer Pete Anderson at 321-541-6461.

INVOICE REMINDER: Please remember to use (and print clearly) the PRIMARY MEMBER'S LAST NAME on all purchases; Bar Checks, House Checks, Bosun Locker Checks, etc., including member payment personal checks, so bookkeeping errors can be kept to a minimum.

ARTISTS GATHERING

Carol Mairs would like to remind/invite you to join a group of art minded MYC members each Tuesday from 10AM to 12noon at the clubhouse to paint, draw and create. This was done about 6 years ago, and it was a nice time. Now that the holidays are over, she hopes to gather together this spring until we lose most of you to cruising or points north-south-east-west. We can't all make it every week, but come when you can. See you Tuesdays!

The first week was a good start. We had 4 people painting, and one making a necklace. So, gather up your paints or hand sewing or jewelry kits and join us. If you would like more information, please contact Carol at 321-728-7941.

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By the Way...

The following awards MYC annual awards were presented at the Commodore's Ball in late February. Although the information missed the cutoff for last month's Tell-Tale, it is never too late to congratulate those who have contributed to our club. When you see them around the Club, please give them a hearty **Well Done!**

Annual Awards

Jay Moulton Cruising Award Alex Stavisky (*Sea Dog/Liberty 28*)
Member of the Year Award John Martin
MYC Spirit Award Phil and Lois Scalise
USSA Sportsmanship Award Bill Haberland

Perpetual Trophies

Mermaid Regatta Overall Trophy Rochelle Yates (*Mouse/Lindenberg 28*)
Bert McAllister Perpetual Trophy Hamilton Sirls (*Titusville YC*)
Brenda Lee Shadbolt Memorial Trophy Scott Bell/Dave Noble (*Other Half/J-24*)
After Guard Perpetual Trophy Bob Hughes (*Second Chance/Catalina 30*)
Charlotte Tuttle Memorial Award Paul Strauley (*Sunfish*)



"Mommy, can I swim out to where the waves are breaking?" asked the little girl.
The mother said "No", shaking her head firmly.
"Pleeease?" the girl begged. "Daddy's swimming out there."
"I know, darling," the mother said, "but he's insured".



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Spring Regatta

Small Boats

April 16th & 17th

Big Boats

April 30th & May 1st

Cinco de Mayo

May 6th

Mother's Day Brunch

May 8th

Seafood Raft-up

May 14th