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MYC Souper Bowl Party

Sunday, February 3rd at 5:30pm

Bring your favorite soup to share,
or just a party dish, or \$10 with no party dish.
Wear your team colors even if they are not playing.

2013 Commodore's Ball

SATURDAY MARCH 2ND, 2013

Five Thirty O'clock in the Evening

MELBOURNE YACHT CLUB

1202 EAST RIVER DRIVE

MELBOURNE, FLORIDA

COCKTAILS 5:30 P.M.

DINNER 6:30 P.M.

\$40.00 PER PERSON

SPACE LIMITED TO THE FIRST 120 GUESTS

ADULTS ONLY

2013 Board of Directors Elect

Attending members at the January General Membership meeting voted unanimously to elect the following 2013 Board of Directors:

Page Proffitt	Commodore
Lynde Edwards	Vice Commodore / House
Pamela Worth	Rear Commodore / Bar & Kitchen
Missy Waschka	Secretary
Eric Stord	Treasurer
Tom Knowlton	Director, Fleet Captain
John Martin	Director, Entertainment
Suzanne Dunphy	Director, Sailing Education
Jim Lacy	Director, Membership
Ross Herbert	Director, Dock Master



Commodore's Log



It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as your Commodore the past year. The nominating and election process has done its job well; I am completely confident that Page and the 2013 board will serve the club well. I have been extremely pleased with the 2012 board's actions and support; they have managed the club's assets

extremely effectively. I want to recognize some of the key activities and persons responsible and there is always a danger that I will overlook something or someone. Please don't take offense if I do, my notes (and my memory) are not infallible. And please recognize that while I am going to mention a lot of names below, they are typically the leaders and there is of course a substantial cast of supporting characters involved. I don't mean to slight them; I just can't name them all.

First on the list has to be the tire store acquisition. **Jim Schaub**, **Page Proffitt**, and **Eric Stord** were an excellent team and helped me a lot to make it happen. Thanks much!

Jim Lacy has kept the flow of new members coming and as a result we are in very good shape, much much better than other clubs in our area.. **Gary Briand** maintained the club's excellent reputation for sail training including some special training for the Sea Scouts. **Lynde Edwards** picked up the Dragon Point racing from ECSA and did an excellent job of managing the variety racing venues at MYC and keeping boats maintained. Of special mention were the Laser Masters with 50 members volunteering. Fantastic! **Page** continues to be a force around the club not only managing House, but stepping in where others needed help and publishing the weekly email of events. An excellent choice for Commodore! **Lean Williams** had to resign from Docks due to personal activities; **Ross Herbert** was elected and has quickly come on board (or is it come on dock?). And this is in addition to his editorial, photographic and miscellaneous other activities. **Jacqueline Cope** kept us socialized in fine fashion, lots of excellent fun parties! **Eric Stord** manages our finances very well and initiated the refinance that helped with the tire store purchase. **Pamela Worth** kept us in line secretarially with timely and accurate minutes. **Christopher Salmon** kept us in supply at happy hour, an important function.

Jim Schaub headed up the Annex upgrades committee to define what should be done. We have quotes and are working to see what the 2013 budget will support. **Bill Baker** headed up the LRPC and while we made excellent progress on many recommendations, there are several items still waiting to be resolved. Key progress items were the tire store acquisition, annex upgrades, hoist removal (in progress), launch ramp problems remain a slippery problem to resolve and digital records are being explored. Unresolved items are better funding for reserves and a formalized process for annual dues increases. The new board has to have some challenges!

Harry Stapor, **Hasty Miller**, and **Grant Ball** stepped up (pun intended) when the stairs needed replacement. **Amy Lacy** is instrumental in leading the folks that keep our grounds looking beautiful. Lots of people (more are always welcomed!) come for the workdays to maintain our property. **Hasty** has managed Rum Racing for a millennia or two along with the Seafood Raft up. He was very helpful in transitioning the latter to new leadership. MYC collaborated with PCYC to get ocean racing started again and the plan is for more races in 2013. **Rachelle (Mermaid) Ross**, after a mere 35 years of leading this regatta is passing the helm to **Rochelle Yates**. **Tony Barile** celebrated 50 years as a member, what an incredible accomplishment (and at such a young age!). **Jack and Jacki Leahy** lost Rainbow Chaser, but hosted a great wake (is this another play on words?).

I started working on bylaws revisions early in 2012, but have to admit I did not accomplish as much as I had planned. I plan to compile comments from the 2012 board into a draft document to start the review and approval process. Jim Schaub surfaced some thoughts on having a weekly lunch at MYC and Hors d'oeuvres or even dinner on Fridays. I am working with the 2013 board on how to make these happen, at least on a trial basis. Any thoughts or comments are welcomed.

If you ever think there is not an incredible amount of activity at MYC, try picking an open date for some special event. I did it a couple of times in 2012 and each time it necessitated moving some other events around to make it happen. This club is full of enthusiastic talented members involved in a wide range of activities, and often...

Del Wiese / Commodore

January 2013



House



Here we are at the start of a new year and the "House" is in good shape. With the purchase of the tire store, we have alleviated the worries of parking for the future. The board will be turning over the direction of major upgrades to the Long Range Planning Committee to give us plans for the property. As always, if you have input on directions for our property, please let the board know your ideas. We did have to put off a few projects like new carpet and other items due to the tire store purchase. We hope to get these items done in 2013. In the short term, we will be refinishing the deck on January 19th and 26th, pressure washing on the 19th, and painting on the 26th. The deck will be taped off and not in use these days. We will need help with a few able bodies to make this happen. I will be emailing a request as soon as I find out how many we need. Let's all pull together and make 2013 a great year at Melbourne Yacht Club.

Page Proffitt / Vice Commodore / House

Entertainment

Christmas Party

The December 8th 2012 MYC Christmas Party was hosted by **Gail Oliver**, as Mrs. Clause, who did a marvelous job with the event. There were 80 people in attendance. Below is some info about the event from Gail.



The party began with Mrs. Clause and parents helping their children, ages four months to 14 years old, with a sailboat glitter craft project. Santa called and said that he and the elves were almost to the club and would be arriving aboard the sailboat *Sleighride*, skippered by **Jerry Ross**. Everyone went down to the T-dock to welcome Santa and the elves. Santa came up to the club and sat in front of the Christmas tree and gave each child a present, and delighted the ladies by posing with them to get their pictures taken. Dinner was catered by The Christian Culinarian and the music was provided by The Kokopeli's. Our Mystery Guest - Captain Hook the Pirate Santa arrived during the evening and gave gold doubloons to everyone. It was a nice family event.

New Years Eve/Day

We held our first New Years Eve Casino night, and I think that everyone had a great time. We had 98 festive party goers attend. There were slot machines, a roulette table, black jack and Texas Holdem. We had live music, dancing and plenty of food. Enough food in fact that we had enough leftovers to have a TGIF dine-in and feed another 38 people on Friday. Thanks to **Bill Baker** for a fabulous fireworks display! Many, many thanks to all of the volunteers who helped make this event possible. Thank you **Page** and **Claudia Proffitt**, **Mike** and **Paty Henry**, **John** and **Judy Drawe**, **Ross Herbert**, **Joanne Abowitt**, **Marion Terry**, **Suzanne Crockett**, **Bob** and **Karen Sowden**, **Jacki McClure**, **Chuck** and **Rhonda Delmater**, **Larry** and **Connie Etheridge**, **John Martin**, **Gail Oliver**, **Rachel Ross**, and **Rick Cope**. I know there were more of you helping to count the tokens and chips and helped with the breakdown of the tables, and my many thanks to you all as well! WOW, what a party and what a group effort!

Thank you **Ross** for hosting the New Years Day breakfast, it was greatly appreciated by all.

Thank you everyone that helped with the taking down and putting away of the Christmas decorations. **Page** got a head start on it by unwrapping the pictures and taking down the garland. Quite a few people pitched in to help **Lynde** and **Jim Edwards** on Friday night with more of the undecorating. You guys did such a great job, that there was very little to do on Saturday. Other than taking the tree down (ask **Jim Henry** and **Jim Lacy** how easy THAT task is), wrapping up the wreaths and putting everything back in the attic, everything was pretty much done Friday.

Happy New Year everyone and may we have as much fun and enjoy each other's company as much in 2013 as we did in 2012.

Jacqueline Cope / Entertainment Director

Dock Notes

Not much progress on the hoist removal. The plan is to find a pick-up truck to be used to support the dismounting of the winch. **Grant Ball** is still coordinating this effort. For the dock piling replacement, we have one quote, and are waiting on additional quotes before making a decision on a contractor. We hope to have a decision by the end of January 2013. **Grant Ball** is coordinating this effort.



Now that the tide has started to drop, when it warms up a bit, we plan to get to work on fixing the wiring on the east dock to get the sign working again. I am still in the process of checking out the motion sensor lights.

Jack Bibb has checked the GFI circuits on both docks and found that:

- One of the west dock power outlets needs a cover
- The power to the sign on the east dock is showing an "Open Hot"
- One of the 15/20 amp circuits on the east dock is non-operational
- The Life-Ring on the east dock needs to be cleaned and tested.

These will be repaired as time allows.

Most of the slip holders that were missing insurance information have been updated. I will be sending a second email notice to the members who have not replied yet.

Ross Herbert / Dockmaster

Sailing Education

While no classes were scheduled in December and January, MYC received a special request from Sea Scout Ship 501 for some small boat sail training. Members of their ship were set to compete with other Sea Scouts in a small boat regatta, in February, located in south Florida.

The leadership of their group had little sailboat experience. Several MYC Volunteers answered the call, holding an initial classroom session and on the water training. The Classroom session in Ship 501's Sebastian meeting location, on December 27, allowed an assessment of their baseline knowledge and skills. We followed with an on-the-water class on December 28 in the club owned 420s.

I offer a heartfelt thank you to **Jack Clark** and **Jim & Amy Lacy** for their time and effort during the holiday season to support the on the water class. We plan a follow-up session on January 26 where an MYC member dingy competition expert will provide tips on rigging and trimming the Sunfish for racing.

As always, please let us know of any functional issues with the boats.

Gary Briand / Youth & Sailing Education Director



Secretary

I want to thank my Committee members for all their help. **Ross Herbert, Rochelle Yates, Brent Saunders, Pete Anderson**, and especially for their great proof reading skills, **Amy Lacy** and **Debbie Ball**. Special thanks to **Rachele Ross, Bob Hughes**, and **Ross Herbert** for all their work on our directory.



I've had a great year as the club Secretary; it's one of the best "seats" in the house during the general meetings.

I wish the best to **Missy Waschka** as our new Secretary.

Pamela Worth / Secretary

Membership



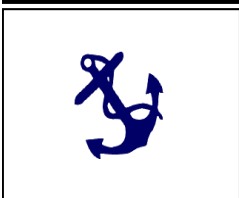
We're at that time of year when people come and go at MYC. We've had some resignations. **Peter Higgins** for health concerns, **Andrew Wilson** for a foreign assignment with his career, and **Tom and Marjorie McIlree** because of other priorities. **Jean Crocker**, now a Resident Member, is helping out and fitting right in.

I'm introducing **Michael** and **Kathleen Leahy** as Provisional Members. **Michael** has had an outstanding career in the health and pharmaceutical fields. **Michael** has been around boats, sailing and fishing all of his life. He's worked at marinas during high school. **Kathleen**, from the mid-west with no sailing experience, took some qualifying sailing courses and she was hooked. They own a 43' Beneteau in Tortola, BVI and have extensive experience in the Caribbean. They want to race, socialize and volunteer at our club.

Alex Higgins is joining as Corinthian Member. He is now a student at UF. **Alex** learned to sail at MYC and helped with the youth program when here. He wants to give back to the club that taught him to sail. (He would be awesome crew for any boat). Interest in MYC is still high.

The best way to fully enjoy MYC is to volunteer. You'll meet great folks and have a good time. Donuts are often involved. Thank you all for your time.

Jim Lacy / Membership Director



Fleet



This has been a busy year for our sailors; in addition to the Rum Races and the Women's and Co-Ed Dragon Point Series, and the wet Sunday small boat races, we had the Spring and Fall Regattas – big boat as well as small. And of course the ever popular Mermaid Regatta was held in September, with good winds and plenty of boats. But that wasn't enough for this year's sailors; **Phil Spletter** added the 420 Champion of Champions back in January and the Laser Masters in February.

We took a quick break for a cruise to Marker 21 and then got the Women on the water in the Femme Fatale 420 regatta. The ladies returned the favor by holding a Macho Macho Men's 420 regatta on the 4th of July. We squeezed in a single-hand race and a double-hand race, as well as a Blue Moon race, and then an Ocean Race up at PCYC.

To start 2013 right, new members **Dean & Patti White** rounded up a group of sailors who couldn't stand to be off the water to race around the buoys on New Year's Day. Ten boats showed up, but unfortunately the wind didn't. So, what do you do when there's no wind? Have a dock party of course! Way to go new members!!!

All in all, this was a very busy year of racing and it took A LOT of people to make it happen – over 50 to be exact. I really want to thank everyone who helped, and to particularly thank our Fleet Committee who steered the activities as well as volunteering to make them happen: **Jim Edwards, Jim & Becky Henry, Hasty Miller, Gerry Moores and Bob Sowden, Pat Lambert, Rachele Ross, Phil Spletter, Suzanne Dunphy, Tom and Ann Knowlton, Jack Bibb, Page Proffitt, John Martin & Gail Oliver, Ross Herbert, Phil Scalise, Simon Koumjian, Jack Clark** and of course **Commodore Del** for putting the Ocean Race together.

We have all of these and a couple more events scheduled for 2013 and I know you will all help **Tom Knowlton**, our new Fleet Captain, make it happen. **Tom** has lots of experience and I have complete confidence that he will grow and improve racing and cruising at MYC in the coming year. I also have confidence that you will support him as much as you did me.

Thanks Everyone!

Lynde Edwards / Fleet Captain 2012, House Chairperson 2013

Mid-January 2013-February 2013



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
13 Small Boat Bar Opens at 2PM	14	15 Art group 10am	16	17	18 TGIF Bar opens at 5:00	19
20 Rum Race 	21	22 Art group 10am	23	24	25 TGIF Bar opens at 5:00	26 DP Women's Racing Awards Burn-it
27 Small Boat Bar Opens at 2PM	28	29 Art group 10am	30	31	FEB 1 TGIF Bar opens at 5:00	2 Ground Hog Day
3 Rum Race Souper Bowl Party	4	5 Art group 10am	6 General Membership Meeting 6:30pm	7	8 TGIF Bar opens at 5:00	9 Garden Workday 08:30am-12:00pm
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Thanks Dragon Point Race Committee!

In 2012, MYC started a new race series called “Dragon Point Racing”, which is very similar to the series that ECSA had held for many, many years. So similar that it’s held on the same courses, basically uses the same SI’s and the same Race Committee. This has been a successful and fun year for DP Racing as we call it, but it’s the race committee that I want to talk about. When I say the same R/C, I mean the very same person, plus some long time assistants! I am of course referring to **Gerry Moores**, our favorite pirate. If you have raced in the series, you know that **Gerry** is always out there, and in recent years he has been joined by **Bob** and **Karen Sowden**, **John Martin** and **Gail**, **Doug**



and **Pam Worth**, **Peggy Snead**, and a few others. But ,I remember back in 2003 when **Gerry** was running most of the races alone on the very little sail boat he had at the time. I offered to help one weekend; **Gerry** didn’t know me and I could see in his eyes that he didn’t want a women on board that would just get in his way. Reluctantly he let me aboard, but would not let me lift a finger – even to pull the anchor! Eventually he let me hold a flag as I tried to convince him that I was helping do R/C every other



week for small boats. By the end of the day, he was OK with me on board – until I spilled red wine on his new white seat cushion! An inauspicious beginning if there ever was one! But one of the things I learned that day, aside from liking bigger boats, was that **Gerry** had been running the ECSA races for over ten years at that time! (By the way, **Bill Haberland** ran them for many years before **Gerry** and still helps at every regatta.)

My point is it that it takes a lot of dedication to run two races per month throughout the year, year after year after year... Many of us do race committee work for a specific regatta, and yes there is a lot involved in a regatta, but that’s generally a couple of days and it’s over. We all say “thanks, race committee” after a race, but I don’t think many people appreciate the commitment **Gerry** makes each year. Or think about what we will do someday when he wants to retire from running races – the likely



alternative is to rotate the R/C job among the racers, so every weekend someone doesn’t race. So I want to go on the very public record provided by this newsletter as thanking **Gerry** and his assistants for being there for all of us. Gone are the days of running the races from a small sailboat; these days we can smell the barbeque on the back of **Bob’s** trawler so we know they are having a good time. But really, 22 Saturdays per year is a lot of dedication! So, when you see **Gerry**, give him a big pat on the back and your sincere “thanks”- and hope he doesn’t retire soon!

Lynde Edwards / Rear Commodore / Fleet

Thank You, Rochelle!

After many years of making sure the Tell-Tale was published for the enjoyment of the MYC membership, Rochelle is resigning her position on the Newsletter staff. The staff would like to express our heartfelt thanks for her many hours of blood, sweat, and tears. Her graphic artistry, layout skills, and attention to detail will be sorely missed.



Bulletin Board



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 membership number. Also, please include your membership number on personal checks, so bookkeeping errors can be kept to a minimum.

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ARTISTS GATHERING Every Tuesday morning at 10:00 AM.



US Sailing Number

MYC is a cooperating group member with Boat US. The Group ID Number is **GA80782Y** and can be used to sign up for half-price Boat US Memberships. This number expires on 28 February 2013.

2013 Directory Roster Pictures

I am in the process of gathering together all the updates and changes to be put into the 2013 MYC Directory. We will continue adding member pictures to the Member Roster section. If you like your picture in the 2012 Directory, you need do nothing and we will use it again. However, if you would like a new picture, or you haven't had a picture for the roster taken yet, I will be glad to take one. Please contact me and I will be glad to make arrangements to get together with you and have one taken, or I can take one at TGIF. **Ross Herbert**

The local Coast Guard Auxiliary is offering a boating safety class, "About Boating Safely", on Saturday, January 26th. 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 **Grant Ball** at 321-727-1500.

Attention all MYC members! The 2013 activities committees are forming now!

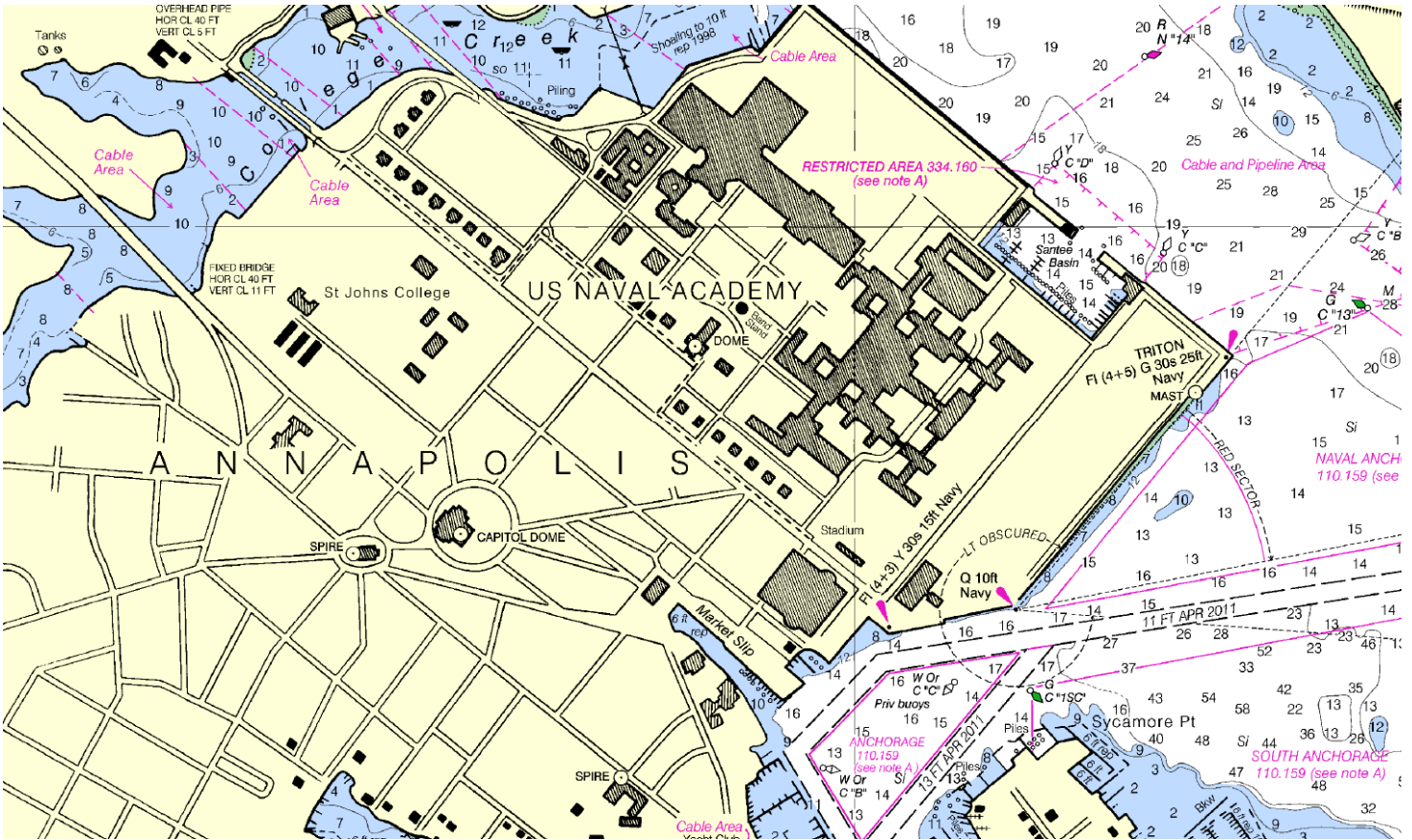
Don't wait to be asked; join a committee (or two) now – no experience needed.

MYC is a fun, friendly, volunteer-based club with lots of activities for all interests. With a very small time commitment, you can be in the middle of making things happen. Only here part of the year? That's ok.

Too busy to attend meetings or work days, but you have ideas? Great! Think beyond the name of the committee; MYC activities include cruising, racing, gardening, cooking, party planning, dock, building & boat improvement and maintenance, t-shirt design, newsletter design and editing, club promotion, sailing education and coaching, decorating, organizing, engineering, and on and on... whatever your interest, your input and involvement will be appreciated while you are having fun!

Don't know where to start? Ask **Jim Lacy** in Membership or any board member to hook you up!

Committee's are forming now, don't be left out!

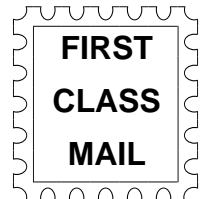


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