

TELL-TALE



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SPACE IS LIMITED TO THE
FIRST 120 GUESTS
ADULTS ONLY PLEASE

COCKTAILS: 17:30
DINNER: 18:30
\$38.00 PER PERSON

PLEASE RSVP BY
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2013
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YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED
TO ATTEND THE
MELBOURNE YACHT CLUB

2014 COMMODORE'S BALL

SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2014
FIVE THIRTY O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING
MELBOURNE YACHT CLUB
1202 EAST RIVER DRIVE
MELBOURNE, FLORIDA

COCKTAIL HOUR HORS D'OEUVRES

PETITE BAKED BRIE BLOSSOMS with
a roasted pecan / honey topping

COCKTAIL STEAMED SHRIMP with zesty sauce

THREE-CHEESE STUFFED MUSHROOM CROWNS

DINNER BUFFET

CAESAR SALAD, BREAD SELECTION
pre-set at your table

CHICKEN PICCATA MEDALLIONS

PEPPER AND GARLIC CRUSTED PRIME RIB OF
BEEF carved to order, with accompaniments

HERB ROASTED RED BLISS POTATOES

MEDITERRANEAN VEGETABLE MEDLEY

DESSERT TRAY

TRIPLE BERRY BRULEE CHEESECAKE



Commodore's Log



I want to take the lead in thanking **Page Proffitt** for all his hard work over the past four years and his commitment as Commodore. A lot was accomplished under his watch; the by-laws and policies were brought up to date in many areas (a huge undertaking), a number of projects were started or completed that had been put off for a long time, and he personally addressed a lot of the club's maintenance and upkeep while the rest of us were at our day jobs.

We have good momentum going on a number of fronts and your 2014 Board will continue to make progress on the on-going projects while also addressing new goals. We are not starting over; in fact we have a very experienced Board this year. Missy, Tom, Phil, Gary and Eric have all served previously, and Dean, though new to the Board, has been helping behind the bar AND on the Tell Tale for some time now. Pam has the support of a good committee for Entertainment, and Craig has three previous Fleet Captains on the Board – poor Craig! I want to personally thank all of them for stepping up for their club this year.

Making the Commodores Ball on March 1st an outstanding event is our focus at the moment, along with transitioning everyone into their new roles, but you can expect to start seeing progress soon, and of course, requests for volunteers!

Thank you and I hope to see you on March 1st to honor Page!

Lynde Edwards / Commodore



House



This year, the work that Lynde started will continue. More work will be done to the annex and the detailing of the new paint job in the meeting area will be completed. House and Bar will work together to improve traffic flow in the bar area and also replace or repair worn items in the lounge area. I want everyone to be proud of our club and want to host more parties or meetings. Also, working with the LRPC to address the tire store's future. I'm really excited about the coming year.

A Message from the outgoing House Committee Chairperson

*We painted the dining room and lounge in January thanks to the efforts of **Mike McClain, Mike Gallagher, Page Proffitt, Jim Henry, Peggy Snead, Phil Scalise, Simon Koumjian, Brad & Angie Stowers, David Keane, Christine West, Jim Edwards, Paul Alexy, and Dean White.** We are still looking for a weather window to paint the stripes on the tire store parking lot – we need a day that is not a weekend and is dry, warm and not-windy. As we transition the responsibilities of the House Committee to **Tom Knowlton** I want to express my sincere thanks to all of you for your support throughout the year and I know you will help Tom as you have me.*

Lynde Edwards, outgoing House Committee Chairperson



A thirsty sailor runs from his boat to the nearest bar and shouts to the bartender, "Give me twenty shots of your best scotch, quick!" The bartender pours out the shots, and the sailor drinks them as fast as he can. The bartender is very impressed and exclaims, "Wow. I never saw anybody drink that fast." The sailor replies, "Well, you'd drink that fast too, if you had what I have." The bartender says, "Oh my God! What is it? What do you have?"

"Fifty cents!"



Fleet



Many thanks to **Tom Knowlton** for being Fleet Captain for the 2013 sailing season, and to all of the volunteers who helped make all of the sailing events during the year possible. During the 2014 sailing season we will attempt to build on the foundation left by Tom and those that preceded him, and try to increase participation from all of

the fleets in the club.

There has been a recent increase in the participation of the PHRF fleet in both the Dragon Point Series and the Rum Race Series. Please tell your friends who have a PHRF-rated boat that it's time to come out and sail and have some fun. It's hard to beat the weather and the area for great sailing, especially this time of the year.

You may not be aware that Melbourne Yacht Club has a fleet of six Club 420's available for use by Club members on a first-come basis. If you haven't sailed in the Small Boat Sunday races, you may want to check-out one of the Club 420's and try your hand at small boat sailing.

The life-blood of any sailing club's competitive sailing program is participation. This can take the forms of both sailing and volunteering. There is no lack of opportunity for any member to compete in any race series or regatta at Melbourne Yacht Club. Just about every weekend has a scheduled event - Rum Race, Dragon Point Series (co-ed and women), Small Boat Sunday, and Ocean Races. We have some of the most consistent wind, both in strength and direction, of any sailing venue in Florida. There is no lack of opportunity to sail at MYC.

The Club's next major event is the Spring Regatta. Small Boats are scheduled for April 12 and 13 and Big Boats are scheduled for April 26 and 27. I will be looking not only for help from the usual suspects to volunteer, but also those that may have held back that really want to volunteer but haven't in the past. Please let me know if you would like to help in any capacity, my e-mail is mycfleet@melbourneyachtclub.com or crastellocpa@att.net. If I don't hear from you, you will probably hear from me.

Craig Rastello / Rear Commodore / Fleet

Grog Locker

First I would like to thank Pam Worth and her committee for all the great work they did with the bar last year. Pam has made my transition to Bar Director seamless.

This year, I hope to keep the excitement going at the bar. I plan on having more dine-ins and burn-its as well as regular drink specials. One new feature that will be introduced this month, at Happy Hour, is a weekly "Come In To Win" raffle. This will be a weekly draw but only people that stop by on a Friday night can win. I am hoping this will add a little "buzz" to Happy Hour. If you miss out on a big jackpot because you didn't come in, you will have to prepare yourself for the grief that your fellow members are sure to heap upon you

It is my hope that the bar is a place you want to go to see friends and share in the fellowship that makes sailing such a wonderful activity. This can only happen with your participation. If you have an idea that you would like to share, please let me know

Lastly, please remember to take care of your bartenders. Without them we would all be so dry.

This months bar joke.

A bear walks into a bar and orders a gin.....and tonic.

The bartenders says "Sure, but why the big pause? The bear replies "I was born with em"

Dean White / Bar & Kitchen Director



Membership

Jacki Leahy, and before her Jim Lacy, have revitalized membership rolls, adding many new and valued active members. They accomplished this in an era when many yacht clubs are threatened by declining member populations. As we look to the year ahead the primary goal of membership will be to add and maintain active, engaged members. In order to do this we will continue what has been successful in the past. We also hope to update MYC's web presence adding social-media-friendly features and we will work to develop relationships in local business community. The membership function cannot be successful without the guidance and energy of individual members. Please consider joining the MYC Membership committee this year.



A Message from the outgoing Membership Director

We accepted Alexander and Laura Dopson as our first Junior Resident members.

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Sailing Education

First of all, many thanks to **Suzanne Dunphy, Will Moore** and the volunteers who made last year so successful. They created and implemented a new curriculum that allow students of all ages to easily and comfortably experience and learn the basics of sailing. The stated goal is to become a safe and independent small boat sailor. My plan is to follow last year's approach exactly and then try to offer additional opportunities for the students to build their skills while experiencing the many ways to enjoy the sport of sailing and the camaraderie that goes with it. I am looking forward to the task and will be drawing upon the deep pool of talent at the club including several experienced US Sailing certified instructors. The schedule and the committee will be finalized shortly and then we will be off and running.



A Message from the outgoing Sailing Education Director

The six reduced area main sails for the 420s that were approved to buy last month came in already so they will be ready in plenty of time for the first classes this year! I am also working this month with a local student doing a sailing research project who wants to help MYC.

*I have had a fun year as Sailing Education Director. I have many people to thank for helping me make this year a success. Thank you to **John Tworowski, Paul Anstey, Jim Henry, and Tony Godden** for loaning their J24s and equipment. Thank you to **Pat Brown, Mike Gallagher, Ed Baranowski, Dave Keane, David Lister, Page Proffitt, Scott Wotherspoon, Kevin Gallagher, Jim Henry, Mary Ann Schauman,***

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Dock Notes

It has been a busy start this year for the Dock Committee. We are the process of finding a new boat from the wait list to move onto the docks. Next, we are continuing to look into areas of the Dock Policies that appear to need to be updated, Also, I am collecting the Per Foot Rate for marinas in the local area to determine the average slip rate excluding MYC. I still need EGYC.



The FDEP Non-compliance letter is taking longer to resolve than I had thought it would. I have placed several calls to their Orlando office and have yet to get a response. I will start moving my way up the ladder until I get through to a responsive party. Until then, we should continue to use the T-docks as daily temporary transfer points and not as overnight dockage.

Ross Herbert / Dockmaster

Entertainment

Hello, everyone. I hope you all came by on Valentine's Day, said hello, maybe had a drink, and enjoyed lasagna. Next, we're all looking forward to the annual **Low County Boil** in March. A **Seventies Party** in May has been proposed, and we'll group together a committee to plan.



I will be holding an Entertainment Meeting the week of February 16, 2014, and invite everyone interested.

Any and all suggestions you might have for parties or just a simple evening at the club are welcome.

A Message from the outgoing Entertainment Director

February is a transitional time for the MYC Board of Directors. Out with the old and in with the new. Let's all support the incoming Board by volunteering to be on committees and help with events.

January was a laid back kind of month for Entertainment. After all the events in the last few months of the year, it was well appreciated.

*The Morning After Breakfast was hosted by **Ross Herbert** on January 1st. About a dozen people braved the early morning hours, after only a few hours of sleep, to join together to share their first meal of the New Year. No one went away hungry as everyone brought something to share.*

*The Un-Decorating of the Club Party was held on Saturday, Jan 4th. We had a wonderful breakfast spread thanks to **Jim & Amy Lacy**. The following people helped with the un-decorating: **Debbie Ball, Nancy Beckett, Jim & Lynde Edwards, Mel Ford, Mike Gallagher, Art & Gayle Greenman, Gabriella Gruber, Jim Henry, Ann Knowlton, Jim & Amy Lacy, Pat Lambert, Jack & Jacki Leahy, Carol Mairs, Nancy Melfi, John Martin, Gail Oliver, Page Proffitt, Cal & Nancy Stow, Tim Williams**. With this many people helping, we made short work of this project, had some great fellowship and wonderful food. Many thanks to everyone.*

*The "Souper" Bowl Party was held on Sunday night, February 2nd. A special thanks goes to **Page Proffitt** and **Ross Herbert** for setting up the projector and the large TV and for getting the furniture rearranged in the upstairs area for our viewing pleasure. Mouthwatering smells greeted everyone as they entered the Club Sunday afternoon bringing in soups, chilies and stews for judging. We also had a great spread of appetizers and desserts to round off the feast. There were 15 entries this year. A record I believe. Third place winner (\$5 in chits) was **Jerrie & George Hixon** with a medium spicy Chili, Second place winner (\$10 in chits) was **Rhonda & Chuck Delmater** with a Jambalaya Bean Soup and First place winner was **Dean & Patti White** (\$15 in chits) with a Squash and Smoked Sausage Soup. **Ross Herbert** once again headed up the Football Square(s) Game. First Qtr. Winner was **Del Wiese**, 2nd and 3rd Qtr. Winner was **Ross Herbert** (lucky guy) and the 4th Qtr. Winner was Sailing Education. Winners had to be present to win. Thank you to those who helped clean up.*

*The Wednesday lunches are continuing from 11:30 am until 1:00 p.m. If you would like to host a lunch, please contact **Dean White** at windsorite@hotmail.com.*

*As our year on the Board as Entertainment Directors draws to a close at the February General Meeting, we would like to thank each of the Board Members for their advice and assistance during the year, the Entertainment Committee – which consisted of: **Mike & Paty Henry; Mary Pietras; Peggy Snead; Rhonda Delmater; Jerry & Rachele Ross; Amy Lacy; Pat Brown; Carol Wheatley; and Ross Herbert**; and especially all of the wonderful MYC members who stepped up to volunteer for events. **We couldn't have done it without all of You!***

Please continue to save and donate Tabs and Box Tops for Education and deposit them in the containers provided by the door out to the back deck.

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Its Low Country Shrimp Boil time!

March 22



Bar opens @ 5:30

\$8 Bucks ea.



First dump – approx 6:30 pm (mild)

Second **HOT** dump - 15 min later (water & oxygen avail.)

**A head count by Wed. Mar.19 RSVP by phone or email: Paty Henry
321 242 3190 patyhenry@cfl.rr.com or sign up at the bar by 3/19**



Stay 15' from the kitchen unless wearing protective gear

Brought to you by John, Paty & Mike, Mike & Dee and the crew

(Sailing Education, Continued from page 4)

Will Moore, Gary Briand, Phil Spletter and Steve Clendenin for helping with the Fall Adult Class. Special thanks to **Craig Rastello** for leading the Youth Class. Thank you to **Larry Ethridge, Floyd Bryan, David Lister, Jim Henry, Phil Spletter, Ed Baranowski, Gary Briand, Jim Lacy, Amy Lacy, Pat Brown, David Keane and Heidi Salmon** for helping Craig with the Youth Class. And finally thank you to **Jim Henry, Rochelle Yates, Johnny, Scott Wotherspoon, Rick Smith, Will Moore, Curtis Bell, Steve Clenendin, John Martin, Jim Lacy, Amy Lacy, Phil Spletter, David Lister, Floyd Bryan, Craig Rastello, Tom Knowlton, Alicia Bryant, David Keane and Neal Weintraub** for helping with the Spring Adult Class. And thank you to Will Moore for maintaining the 420 fleet.

Yes, it really takes that many people to make the education program a success so I hope you all support **Phil Spletter** as your Sailing Education Director next year.

Suzanne Dunphy, Outgoing Sailing Education Director

More From Sailing Education

Learn how to sail a boat Fast.

March 14th and 15th Melbourne Yacht Club will be hosting Robby Brown of Robby Brown sailing services and his Seminar for Training Crew on J24s. Robbie is the present J24 District 10 Governor, and the Florida State Champion, along with a number of other J24 titles. He is always sought after for coaching and team building. According to Craig Rastello, MYC Fleet Director who has spent hundreds of hours with Robby at various J Regattas "You are always learning from Robby"

Though the Seminar is directed towards J24 sailing, anyone, from Rock star to newbie, who wants to improve their sailing skills will benefit from this program.

Friday, March 14th starting with registration at 5:00 the evening will entail introductions, description of the J24 crew positions the respective responsibilities, tips, tricks and techniques. Fridays are usually busy nights at MYC with Happy Hour, and this portion of the event will be open to whoever wants to sit and listen. Registered participants will be offered pizza for dinner.

Saturday March 15th at 10:00AM a dockside demonstration of rig tuning, boat setup, and regatta equipment will take place at the MYC bulkhead. At noon, participants will receive boat assignments and they will help rig the half dozen J24s and then head out to the Indian River for boat handling drills, practice starts, mark rounding maneuvers and races.

Early evening, Robby will wrap up the seminar with an edited video presentation of the afternoon's sail and all your questions will be answered. Those who want more will be invited to tag along for dinner.

The Seminar is \$30 and you must pre-register with **Dave Noble** (dave@sailawards.com or 321.779.5222)

At this time we have five boats signed up and I urge you to sign up as soon as you can.

Check out the flyer on page 9

Phil Spletter / Youth & Sailing Education Director

A Message from the Secretary

Publication of the 2014 Directory is just around the corner. If you want your picture updated, or if you would like to have one added to the directory, please see Ross Herbert. Also, if there have been changes to your personal information in the past year, you need to update your MYC Database entry. If you are unsure of how to update the database, please contact either Bob Hughes or Ross Herbert and they will help you get the update done.

(Membership, Continued from page 4)

We accepted Terry Willingham as a Resident Member.

I presented the application of Dave and Jean Oatway as Resident Members. Their Sponsor is Sherry McCampbell. Dave is retired from the Army as a LTC with the Army Nurse Corps. He is now a consultant to a medical supply company. While living in Key West for 12 years, he was a member of the Key West Sailing Club and also the Kew West Sail and Power Squadron where he taught seamanship, coastal navigation and Boat Smart. He was an instructor for the US Sailing's "Small boat and Dinghy" and "Power Boat/Search Rescue" programs. Currently he is working with the Brevard Zoo's Oyster Gardening program.

They are looking forward to participating in the small boat sailing, helping with the adult sailing classes and social activities.

We have regretfully accepted the resignations of:

Cecil and Pat Prentis

Bob & Judy Bagnell

David Lampert

Richard Oliver (deceased)

Membership Totals:

Resident 160 Non Resident 20 Corinthian 6 Emeritus 1 Junior Resident 1

Provisional 1 Extended Provisional 2 Honorary 12

Total of 203

By law changes presented at the General Meeting on Feb 5th were passed.

The change to the Constitution did not pass.

It has been a busy year for the Membership Committee. We have created new classifications of membership to try to attract young adults. Along with other groups, we spent many hours both at meetings and in "email" meetings, cleaning up the bylaws to make them easier to read and understand, while still keeping the original intent.

Gary Briand/ Membership Director





**MELBOURNE YACHT CLUB
CREW SEMINAR
Presented by Robby Brown
MARCH 14th and 15th, 2014**

**J
24**



Friday, March 14th

5:00 - 6:00 Sign In and Happy Hour

6:00 Introduction, Agenda, J24 review

Crew Positions and their responsibilities.

Saturday, March 15th

10:00 Dockside demonstration, J24 set up.

Rig Tuning & Techniques

12:00 On water practice and coaching.

Starts, Mark Rounding and boat handling skills

5:00 MYC Bar is open and Video Wrap Up

Dinner to follow TBD

You must Pre-Register - Contact Dave Noble - dave@sailawards.com 321.779.5222

On-Water Participation spaces dependent on number of boats available

**A fee of \$30 includes the seminar and on-water participation,
you are responsible for your safety, PFDs are required, proper clothing and hydration.**


























Please be courteous and attentive to the boat owner.

Dinners and Lunches will be offered ie. Pizza Buy the slice and Hoagies



Mid-Feb. 2014-March 2014



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 16  Rum Race Bar Opens at 2PM	17	18 Art group 10am	19 Lunch 11:30am	20	21  TGIF Bar opens at 5:00	 22 Dragon Point Women's Race
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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.

MYC Board/Officer Email Addresses

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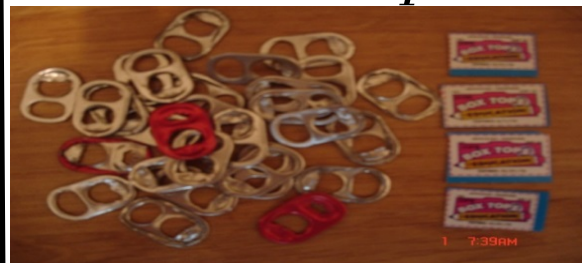
ARTISTS GATHERING Every Tuesday morning at 10:00 AM.



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 2014.

Tabs and Box Tops Challenge



The Entertainment Committee of MYC is challenging the membership to fill, fill, and keep on filling the containers which have been placed in the bar area.

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*Entertainment has partnered with the Girl Scouts on a shoe recycling project. A box for donations is on a chair by the Boson's locker. Any questions, please contact **Suzanne Stord** our Treasurer's wife.*

The project runs through April 2014. There has been a tremendous response so far, and the box has been emptied several times. Let's keep up the momentum and help repurpose those shoes that someone else can use.

Continuing volunteer participation by each of us in OUR club with chores that need to be taken care of as well as in our fun events is essential to keep our Club a viable and welcoming place for our visiting potential new members, as well as our own members.

John Martin and Gail Oliver –Outgoing Entertainment Directors

Pamela Crocker / Entertainment Director

Mystery Burgee



Do you know which Yacht Club this burgee represents? If you do, please provide the following to our club secretary:

Burgee Represents: <Club>

Burgee From: <Location>

Burgee Donation date:

Burgee Donor: <Name>

MYC Donor: <Name>

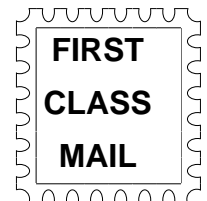
Burgee History:<Short text paragraph about how the burgee was donated>

**MELBOURNE
YACHT CLUB**



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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.



March 1st

Commodore's Ball

March 14th & 15th

Robby Brown Seminar

March 22nd

Low Country Boil