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Independence Day Celebration

Thank you club members that came out and supported this family gathering at the club as we celebrated our country's independence. We served 147 meals at this party. We really had a good crowd that was representative of our club. There were some of the attendees that have been members for a long time as well as some new members along with a lot of the families of members. It is always great seeing young people and kids all at the club together. This is just one big family picnic that we hold indoors because of the rain. Speaking of rain, the cooking crew had a lot of rain this year to deal with. Fortunately we were prepared. The City of Melbourne had a great fireworks show even if it did start about 30 minutes late. I did not go out on the boat but it looks like it was a good evening for seeing the fireworks from the boats.

When throwing a party of this size it takes a lot of volunteers to pull it together and make it successful. The volunteers that helped with this party are **Connie & Larry Etheridge, Jack & Jacki Leahy, Brad & Angi Stowers, Tommy & Julie Clough, Art & Gayle Greenman, Greg & Karen Crawford, John Martin & Gail Oliver, Page Proffitt, Eric Stord, Peggy Snead, Gerry Moores, Ross Herbert, Jim Gibson, Jack Clark** and my wife **Wendy**. We wouldn't be able to have this party if it wasn't for the volunteers that love to help. That is the backbone of this club, volunteers willing to help out wherever it is needed. Even a future member, **Tim Erickson**, came and helped while getting to know a lot of members. I personally thank all these volunteers because they stepped up to serve and we really had a great time together.

I heard a lot of compliments about the food so I think everyone enjoyed dinner and the party and would like to do it again. If anyone has any suggestions to make this better, please let me know as we are always open to suggestions. Thank you all again for coming and supporting the club.

Bob Hughes



Commodore's Log



Last night I had the pleasure of enjoying the annual 4th of July barbeque put on by **Bob & Wendy Hughes** and their team of 25 volunteers. There were about 150 people of all ages enjoying wonderful food and fireworks, many of whom were family and friends of our members. It reminded me of family get-togethers when I was a child, everyone visiting and little children hiding shyly behind parents

or grandparents. I also had the opportunity to chat with visitors from another club who made a point of telling me that what we have at MYC is very special, and it occurred to me that we may not always remember that. It's not just that we have a nice property, which we do. But a "club" is not a property; it's the people. It's not just that we have lots of racing and plenty of social activities, or that we have great dinners put on by members. Their point was that we have great people who truly want to help people, to sail, and in other ways as well. They shared their experiences with other clubs in which people were more interested in preserving the status quo than helping others. We hear that other clubs are struggling with declining membership, but we don't have that problem. I think it's because of the helpful, supportive nature of our members and our "family get-together" atmosphere. So the next time you are looking for something to do, look at the club calendar and get involved. And listen to people from other clubs if you want a new appreciation for what we have at MYC.

Lynde Edwards / Commodore



House



June was a housekeeping month at the club. The AC unit in the upstairs main room has been rebuilt. They removed the coil and thoroughly cleaned it. AC Ron said it will work for about a year or so but we may have to eventually replace the unit. Various outside lights

have been replaced, Page replaced the big AC filters and the bathroom unit's filters have been cleaned. The bathroom units in the women's rooms may need additional work because they are not draining properly. It's always something!

The upper and lower parking lots are going to be coated and striped. We will have it done during the week to minimize the inconvenience. During that time, you may have to park at the tire store. I want to get the paving done before we replace the carpet!

Next is the preparation for the club upgrade. One of the most asked questions are where is the bar going? The upstairs main room will be setup with all of the tables and chairs. Most everyone has noticed that the distance from the bar to the blue tape has moved out to 7 ft. That should keep the carpet out of the primary "spill zone". We have an opportunity to save \$\$ if we remove the tile by the doors. I'm looking for volunteers and jack hammers for the weekend of the 12-13 of August to complete that effort. The upgrade should take 1-2 weeks to complete. I want to remind everyone about bringing pets in the club house. Please keep them outside. The deck area is fine and if we need to do something to make our pets more comfortable, let me know.

Next, **Bob Hughes** is working with professionals (friends) to replace/upgrade the broken sound system parts. **Bob** is looking into a system that is designed to mix voice, music, TV etc. The upgrade "should" make the system easier to use so you won't have to call **Bob** or **Ross** every time you need to use the sound system!

Finally, we got a firm bid to tear down the tire store. We had a demo (vs. a contractor) company give us a bid to remove the building. To our surprise the bid came in at \$4,350 to get the permit, tear down the building (leaving the slab) and remove the debris. Several additional questions were raised about the tear down. We will work with the City of Melbourne so we understand all of the requirements after we tear it down. Since there are boats and equipment in the building, we will be working this issue in the late Fall. □

It's going to be a busy summer at the club!

Tom Knowlton / Vice Commodore / House



Fleet



Rum Race participation continues to increase, with nine boats sailing in the racing division and six boats in the cruising division on June 6. There were similar numbers of participants in the June 20th Rum Race, which was not scored due to lack of wind. Hasty Miller presented awards for the Spring Rum Race Series:

	Racing Division	Cruising Division
1st Place	Dave Nesbit - <i>Epic</i>	Jack Clark - <i>Caribe</i>
2nd Place	Floyd Bryan - <i>Esprit</i>	Pat Lambert - <i>Down Pat</i>
3rd Place	Hasty Miller - <i>Skimmer</i>	Buzz Mantle - <i>Spirit</i>

The Dragon Point Series saw six J24s, one PHRF A and one PHRF B boat participate on June 14. We are encouraging more participants in the PHRF fleets to come out and join the competition and the fun. The Women's Dragon Point Series on June 28th had participation of four J24s and one PHRF boat. Awards were presented for the Summer/Fall and Winter Dragon Point Series at Melbourne Yacht Club after the Women's Dragon Point Series on June 28th. The awards were followed by a very well attended "Burn-It." Special thanks to **Ross Herbert** for "firing-up" the "Burn-it" pit. My offer still stands to push, pull or tow boats to Dragon Point to increase the participation. We can help find crew for the series and coaches, if needed.

We have seen an increase in the participation in Small Boat Sundays. On June 1st there were three Sunfish and three Lasers. The races on June 15th were cancelled due to weather issues. The June 29th participation included six lasers, five Sunfish and two Club 420s. Small Boat Sundays are a great way to improve all of your sailing skills (small boat or big boat). MYC has six Club 420's, so why not check one out and come out and join the competition and the fun.

The first organizational meeting for both the Mermaid Regatta and J24 Southeast Championships was held. **Erin Walters** agreed to be the regatta chairwoman for the annual Mermaid Regatta to be held in September. Please step up and help **Erin** make this September event successful. We held discussions about working with Eau Gallie Yacht Club to make the J24 regatta as successful as last year's regatta.

I was invited to attend an afternoon at the Neill Clinic in Chicago on June 14th. This is the high school coaching clinic for which the club helped raise funds for **Chris Nagy** and **Cameron Smith** with a dinner in May. I met several of the coaches from the major sailing universities and sat-in on one of the "shore-side" sessions. We went out about four miles onto Lake Michigan in the afternoon and observed the participants execute the drills that had been discussed earlier in the shore-side sessions. The participants took the coaching very seriously and executed their drills well. It was a very well organized and executed event on the part of Chicago Yacht Club, which had 24 of their 420s in the water for the Clinic.

Upcoming events include:

- July 12 - MYC Single-Handed Race
- July 13 - MYC Small Boat Sunday
- July 18 - MYC Summer Rum Race #2
- July 19 - MYC Dragon Point Race
- July 26 - MYC Women's Dragon Point Race
- July 27 - MYC Small Boat Sunday

Craig Rastello / Fleet Captain

Access Codes have been Changed. Use your new card.

Membership



The Membership Committee did not meet in the month of June.

- Junior Resident applicants Wyatt and Lilly Hoover (#1696) have received final approval during the June 30th board meeting.
- Resident applicant Julie Foster (#1697) has received extended provisional approval during the June 30th board meeting. Julie Foster is the City of Melbourne's Sustainability Program Manager. She is very enthusiastic about sailing, especially after being recently engaged to a BVIs yacht charter captain. Julie successfully completed MYC's adult sailing class. She has crewed in Rum Races and is excited about cruising and social events as well.
- Junior Resident applicant Nicholas Riegel (#1698) has received provisional approval during the June 30th board meeting. Nick recently graduated from Michigan Technological University on the shores of Lake Superior. Nick has been working at Harris for several months and currently lives in West Melbourne. While reconnecting with Art and Gayle Greenman recently he learned of Melbourne Yacht Club. Nick is excited to be back to the sport of sailing, here in his adopted home
- Kaitlin Davidson has applied for Corinthian membership, sponsored by Phil Spletter. Kait is an experienced small boat sailor, a full time student at Eastern Florida State College, and mother to a toddler. She is interested in helping with the youth class. Kait will be attending selected MYC events as a guest of Sponsor Phil Spletter
- Mick Lopez has applied for Resident membership, sponsored by Gary Briand. Mick recently moved to the Melbourne area after joining Harris as Chief Financial Officer. His sailing experience has been developed on long Island sound, along the Brazilian coast and in the Caribbean. Mick is interested in honing his sailing skills and engaging in local racing events. He will be attending selected MYC events as Gary's guest.
- Tim Erickson has applied for Resident membership, sponsored by Gary Briand. Tim Erickson, 55, has just moved to Indialantic after working more than 20 years for Cessna Aircraft Company in Wichita, Kansas. He is a novice sailor and has owned a 23' Columbia and 27' Catalina (which he lived aboard for a short time in Washington state's San Juan Islands). Tim is single and the father of two grown children. He advises "I make excellent rail meat and am looking forward to increasing both my sailing and drinking skills with the fine people of the Melbourne Yacht Club."
- We received no resignations in the last month.

Membership Statistics:

Resident 153, Non Resident 20, Corinthian 7, Emeritus 1, Junior Resident 3, Provisional 1, Extended Provisional 1, Honorary 12
Total of 198

Gary Briand/ Membership Director

Grog Locker

Dean has gone north to avoid the heat.
He has nothing to report for this month.



Dean White / Bar & Kitchen Director

Entertainment

Pamela has headed for the cooler climes of Hawaii for a while. She had nothing other than Bob's article on the July 4th Party to report.



Pamela Crocker / Entertainment Director

Dock Notes

Remember the old adage "Two-steps forward, one-step back?" Well after several two-step forward moths, we finally had a one-step back month. We met with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) to discuss our current issues. During the meeting it became obvious that while they have no problems with the Steward's slip, they do have a problem with the ends of the T-docks. So, we have decided to split the FDEP issue into two separate cases. And FDEP is Ok with doing that.



First, they will allow us to define a non-revenue generating Steward's slip which I have requested Gabe Denes; our surveyor; to add to our current dock survey. Once completed, we will submit the modification to FDEP for approval.

Second, while FDEP has not denied our request to add slips outboard of the current T-docks, they feel we are already encroaching into the navigable channel. Should we want to add the slips, we will have to prove that the additional slips should be allowed to exist. As a result, we are forming a Docks sub-committee consisting of past MYC members that have had FDEP Submerged Lands Lease (SLL) experience and dock permitting experience to help build a history/timeline of the MYC's FDEP SLL experience. This will provide us with a firmer footing on which to approach the T-dock issue.

It has been brought to my attention that some of the Dock Cross-bracing needs replacement. I plan to discuss implementation timing with the Dock Committee.

By now you should have received your 2014 Directory. To cover liability issues, there have been a number of changes made to the Policy and Rules section. The principle change is that all slip renters along with their insurance paperwork, must now provide the Dockmaster with a copy of their boat's official registration. Slip renters that have co-owned boats must add all owners to their boat's state registration and provide the updated registration to the Dockmaster. Additionally, the definition of what qualifies for consideration as a disused boat has been modified. I highly recommend that if you are a slip renter you read the new policies and bring your slip paperwork up-to-date. Also, there is a updated 2014 Slip/Dry Storage Agreement on the MYC website Members Only Document page that needs to be filled out by all slip renters and turned into the Dockmaster.

Ross Herbert / Dockmaster



Sailing Education



The sailing education season is upon us; a lot is going on and plans are being made to provide more. The first adult learn to sail class is complete. Twelve people sailed in a variety of conditions with the last day of class being the most challenging. They rigged their own boats and for the most part sailed out to the river without an instructor aboard. Not only did they get out and back without capsize but showed good basic technique and capability thus demonstrating how far they had come during a five week class.

Recently the MYC Venture Crew sailed 420s for first time. As with the adults, there was a range of aptitudes and responses but overall it was a pleasant experience and they want to sail more. In addition, they will be helping our lagoon by constructing oyster mats and placing them around a spoil island that they are maintaining.

Next up is the youth class that will start on 7/12 and run for four consecutive Saturdays. Boys and girls from 9-17 yrs of age, some with previous experience but all new to MYC sailing class, will be on the water and in 420s and Optimist Prams.

The response from the first adult class was strong and they want to continue to improve their small boat skills. To that end, we will be offering an intermediate adult class in 420s starting on 8/3 and running five consecutive weeks. The objective will be to get more experience and improve boat handling and situational awareness. There will be two options, 1) an introduction to small boat racing, and 2) an opportunity to develop skills and gain experience in a non-competitive environment. **Suzanne Dunphy** and **Will Moore** will develop the curriculum and lead the discussions. The cost will be \$150 for non-members and \$50 for members. Class size will be limited to the first 12 deposits received. See sailmyc.com for more details and registration form.

It takes quite a few people to make all of this happen and fortunately I've had a lot of help from a group of very capable volunteers. This month I am especially thankful to **Dave Oatway, Suzanne Dunphy, Will Moore, David Lister, Page Proffitt, Gary Briand, Kyle Smyth, Mike Gallagher** and **Logan Pfeiffer**.

Finally, we have received word from **Chris Nagy** and **Cameron Smith**, two high school students that attended the Neil Coaching Clinic in Chicago with support from MYC. They were one of only 24 teams selected from the US for intensive coaching from leading college sailing coaches. They report that it was an excellent experience and thanks to their experience at MYC, they had more big-boat experience than their classmates.

Phil Spletter / Youth & Sailing Education Director

Thanks for the chance to learn from Chris Nagy.

We had an amazing experience in Chicago. This was my first time in this city, and I really enjoyed meeting everybody including **Mrs. Carolyn Foulston**, who helped us from CHYC setting up the trip. There were two other boats that were from Florida. We right away noticed that we were probably the largest set of skipper and crew. The first day we practiced our up wind. I learned some new techniques. I learned that this whole time, I had been tacking wrong, and now have to get rid of this bad habit. The next day we practiced our downwind setups with spinnakers. **Cameron** did a fantastic job this day; he and I both were told we did our setups almost perfectly. **Cameron & I** both learned how to properly rig a 420, by using rig tension and jib tension.



I felt so great when we went on the tom 24's in the match racing center. All the Florida kids ended up on the same boat, and **Cameron & I** knew the boat better than the rest of them. We knew how to set up the spinnaker, and where all the lines would be as these boats are very similar to the other boats we have sailed on at the Melbourne Yacht Club (*Chasing Rainbows*, and *J-Peas*). **Cameron & I** were more physically fit than the rest of the crew, so we had to run around a lot to help pull in sheets.

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It was a complete surprise for both **Cameron & I** when we saw **Craig Rastello** at the yacht club. We were both shocked and enthused when we heard that he would be coming out onto the water and watching us sail. It was a great feeling that he had so much interest that he was willing to travel from the other part of the state just to see us and how we were doing

I really appreciate all the help from the Melbourne Yacht Club; it was a great feeling to know that you guys are here for me. I am looking forward to using my knowledge to sail with or against you all.

Thank you again,

Chris Nagy



July 2014



Mid-July – August 30, 2014



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 13 Small Boat Racing Bar Opens at 2PM	14	15 Art group 10am	16	17	18  Rum Race TGIF Bar opens at 5:00	19 Dragon Point Co- Ed Race
20  Bar Opens at 2PM	21	22 Art group 10am	23	24	 25  TGIF Bar opens at 5:00	26  Dragon Point Women's Race
27 Small Boat Racing Bar Opens at 2PM	28	29 Art group 10am	30	31	Aug 1  Rum Race TGIF Bar opens at 5:00	2 Dragon Point Double-Hander Race
3  Bar Opens at 2PM Intermediate Sailing Class	4	5 Art group 10am	6 General Membership Meeting	7 Private Party	 8  TGIF Bar opens at 5:00	9 Full Moon Race
 10  Small Boat Racing Bar Opens at 2PM Intermediate Sailing Class	11	12 Art group 10am	13	14	15  Rum Race TGIF Bar opens at 5:00	16  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.

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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.

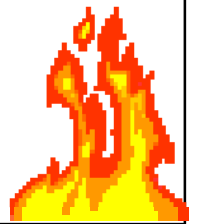
Tabs and Box Tops Challenge



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.

WARNING

**FUEL STORAGE IS NEVER ALLOWED IN THE ANNEX!
NOT EVEN A LITTLE!!**



Calling All Artists

Mark your calendars for January 17th, 2015 for the
MYC Arts & Crafts Show.

If you are interested, please see Ross Herbert.

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>

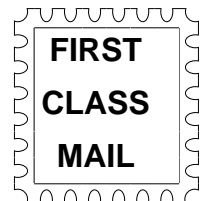
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The Tell Tale is the official newsletter of the Melbourne Yacht Club. Deadline for submissions is the first Wednesday of the month. All MYC members are encouraged to submit articles or notices of interest to the Club.



September 13th —14th
Mermaid Regatta

October 10th—12th
J/24 District 10 Regatta

October 18th—19th
Fall Regatta Small Boats

October 23rd—26th
Fall Regatta Big Boats