

# TELL-TALE



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# MELBOURNE YACHT CLUB

## 36th Annual Mermaid Regatta

September 13 & 14, 2014

Great Racing for Women Only\*

Aloha! Join us for two days of racing on the beautiful Indian River Lagoon for J-24 & PHRF Fleets. Fun fleet "races" on Saturday only.

Luau dinner and party following racing on Saturday night. Mahalo!

\*Female skipper and all female crew required. One male "observer" permitted on board in centerline position



### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- FRIDAY, Sept 12**  
6:30 TGIF Welcome Party with hors d'oeuvres, registration, and T-shirt sales
- SATURDAY, Sept 13**  
9:00 Registration and continental breakfast  
11:00 Competitors' meeting (all fleets)  
Noon Fun Fleet class starts  
12:30 1st warning for racing classes - other races to follow  
3:30 Bar opens, raffle tickets and T-shirts sold
- 5:30-6:30 Luau themed dinner is served!! Hula music and entertainment provided by local Halau Hula (Hula School) 'O Kilakilapihaloanikapu'uwai
- 6:30 Fun Fleet class awards  
7:45 Raffle prize drawing  
8:00 Special entertainment by the gentlemen of MYC
- SUNDAY, Sept 14**  
9:00 Continental breakfast and raffle tickets sold  
Noon First warning for racing classes - other races to follow  
2:30 Bar open - hot dogs available, raffle tickets sold  
3:30 Awards presentation and last raffle prize drawing

### OTHER INFORMATION

- Expected Classes:** J-24 and PHRF Racing Classes  
Fun Fleet Class  
(4+ boats make a class)
- Entry Fees:** \$50 - Racing Classes  
\$40 - Fun Fleet Class
- Registration includes:** One luau dinner ticket for each Skipper, plus one drink ticket for the skipper & each crew member.
- Extra dinners:** \$15.00 (children \$7.00) - Please note: no shows will still be charged
- Raffle tickets for great prizes:** 5 for \$1.00
- Women's T-shirts:** \$15 - \$18 depending on style. See t-shirt flyer on website for more details. Order shirts in advance for good selection
- Location:** Melbourne Yacht Club  
1202 River Drive  
Melbourne, FL 32901

Please visit the website for for NORs, details and shirt order info

[www.sail-race.com](http://www.sail-race.com)

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Days of Racing Only: 321-768-9921





## Commodore's Log



Last month I wrote about what a great club we have; this month I'd like to encourage you to visit other sailing groups whenever possible. We just returned from Hawaii, and while there had the pleasure of attending Pau Hana (TGIF) at the Kona Sailing Club where we met with a great group of people at the invitation of the Social Director, and exchanged club burgees. They lease a small building in the

Kona harbor; it has a cistern to catch water and solar panels for electricity, but no heads, yet. The property includes lots of parking, dry storage and a launching ramp, as well as a lanai and fenced yard. They have a few social events and lots of racing, and Pau Hana on the first Friday of each month, which consists of BYOB and bringing snacks to share. No bar, no employees, no assets; just great people sharing a mutual interest! Of course we compared notes about sailing and social activities, including what they said they will call a "Florida Burn-It" when they add it to their calendar! This is a great group of people, and the VC and his wife are thinking of moving to Florida, so you may get to meet them without going to Hawaii.

It would be impossible to keep a list of "friendly" clubs up-to-date, and my experience is that most welcome visitors! We have gone to clubs all over the US and connected with sailors in Turkey, England and Thailand – everywhere we go. We have an invitation from the Commodore of the Newport, RI, Yacht Club next month, which came about from one of their members dropping by MYC one Friday night! Sailors want to meet other sailors, regardless of the size of their club. All you need to do is look up clubs on-line in an area where you will be, and contact their board in advance. We have never been rejected, although some people don't read their e-mails. We also contact race organizers based on flyers or sailors on the Sailing Anarchy website. We have been invited to race on the Bosphorus, help with R/C in Puget Sound and race in San Diego harbor. Everyone wants to compare notes, talk about their club and make a contact, so the next time you are traveling near or far, do a little research and go make new friends. And take a burgee with you!

**Lynde Edwards / Commodore**



## Fleet



Light winds in Melbourne seemed to be the "order of the day" for several of the events that were held in July. With the exception of the Women's Dragon Point Race, we were able to complete all of the scheduled races.

### Rum Racing

Summer Rum Race #2 was the only Rum Race held July 18 was the only Rum Race held. Nineteen boats participated, 10 in the Racing Division and 9 in the Cruising Division.

### Dragon Point Racing

The Co-ed Dragon Point series was held on July 19. Ten boats participated.

The Women's Dragon Point series was cancelled due to lack of wind of July 26.

### Small Boat Sunday

July 13 – cancelled due to lack of participation

July 27 – 4 Lasers competed in very light wind

### Mermaid Regatta

We are always looking for volunteers to help with the regatta. Erin Walters has been working with Angela Lambert and Suzy Putnam on the promotional part of the regatta, and is trying to line up sponsors. If you know

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of any sponsors that would like to contribute to the regatta, please let Erin or me know. Pat Lambert will be PRO for the regatta and intends to use the same volunteers for the Mermaid Regatta as he will for the J24 Southeast Regional Championship.

### **Out of Town Sailing**

Melbourne Yacht Club was represented at the J24 State Championships by four teams. These included **Paul Anstey**, who placed 5th overall, **Dave Noble** and **Craig Rastello**. The 4th team was **PC Pat Lambert** who represented MYC on the race committee. Pat, wanting to ensure that the J24 Southeast Regional Championships are run at the highest level of professionalism went to Miami to observe and assist their race committee. My guess is that Pat showed the Coral Reef Yacht Club his usual level of race management professionalism, with his skills helping to improve the Miami regatta. Melbourne Yacht Club is once again enlarging its dot on the sailing map. Thanks Pat – we were glad that you were there.

**Chris Gates** represented Melbourne Yacht Club in the Sunfish North American Championships in Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi (July 30 to August 2). Sailing was extremely competitive, with top competitors coming from several countries. Chris finished in the top 2/3 of the fleet. Chris not only represents Melbourne Yacht Club, but is the Florida District Governor for the Sunfish class.

### **Carolina Skiff and Key Largo Maintenance Items**

We are working to correct some issues with the Carolina Skiff and the Key Largo engines. Once those issues are taken care of we will be cleaning the hull and “revitalizing” the visible parts of the boats.

### **Marks**

We are going to take a day and evaluate the condition of the marks. We will make repairs to those that need repairs (and can be fixed) and may have to purchase additional marks to replace those that cannot be fixed.

### **Upcoming Events – August and September**

There is no lack of opportunities to compete in a race during the rest of August and through the month of September. There is something for everyone.

August 15 – Summer Rum Race #4

August 16 – Women’s Dragon Point Race

August 23 – Coed Dragon Point Race

August 24 – Small Boat Sunday

August 29 – Summer Rum Race #5

September 6 & 7 – PCYC Surf & Turf Ocean Race

September 7 – Small Boat Sunday

September 12 – Summer Rum Race #6

September 13 & 14 – Mermaid Regatta

September 20 – Coed Dragon Point Race

September 21 – Small Boat Sunday

September 26 – Fall rum Race #1

September 27 – Women’s Dragon Point Race

Respectfully submitted,

***Craig Rastello / Fleet Captain***

# Membership

The Membership Committee did not meet in the month of July. We are currently planning multiple meetings in the next month or two in order to catch up.



- Former Corinthian member, **Nikki Sanchez**, has converted to Junior Resident member.
- **Kaitlin Davidson** has applied for Corinthian membership, sponsored by **Phil Spletter**. Kait will be attending one more of the two required MYC events as a guest of sponsor **Phil Spletter**.
- **Tim Erickson** received provisional approval in an email board meeting closed July 9<sup>th</sup> and will be presented for final approval in the September board meeting.
- **Mick Lopez** received provisional approval in an email board meeting closed July 13<sup>th</sup> and will be presented for final approval in the September board meeting.
- Resident applicants **Dennis & Chris Foster** have received provisional approval in an email board meeting closed on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Dennis & Chris have been married 26 years and have three children. Growing up Dennis' family belonged to Northport YC on Long Island. Dennis' love of life on the water has included experiences on his fathers 40' Wheeler Playmate, small power boats, an O'Day 27, ice boats, Sunfish and currently a gaff-rigged center-boarder by his dad (check out this beauty on the condo dock). Dennis is interested in local racing events and Chris is interested in small boats and social events.

We received a resignation from **Richard Krubel** during July.

## Membership Statistics:

Resident 151, Non Resident 21, Corinthian 6, Emeritus 1, Junior Resident 4, Provisional 4, Extended Provisional 1, Honorary 12

Total of 200

**Gary Briand / Membership Director**

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## Grog Locker

Before I tell you all how the bar is doing, I want to give a great big Thank You to **Page Proffitt** and **Jacki Leahy** for handling all of the bar duties while I was on vacation

Bar sales for the month of June were \$2014. That is a drop of \$296 from last year. Sales for July were \$1712. That is a drop of \$313 from last year.

Year to date sales are \$19,202. This is still above last year's sales by \$155.00

There are a couple new brands of rum behind the bar for you to try next time you visit the club. For all you Mount Gay fans, we now have Mount Gay Black Barrel Rum. This is a small-batch, handcrafted rum aged in deeply charred oak barrels. Give it a try next time you come in.

Bar Joke of the month

A man gets home late after a night at the pub. He makes such a racket that he wakes his wife. "What are you doing down there?" she yells from the bedroom. "I'm trying to get a barrel of Guinness up the stairs" he shouts. "Leave it till morning" she yells back. "I can't" he shouts "I've drunk it."



**Dean White / Bar & Kitchen Director**

## *Entertainment*

Aloha, everyone – it's good to be back. I know we're all pleased that the Summer's big events – the Seafood Raft-Up, the Father's Day grill, and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July party – were such a success. Congratulations to all those who volunteered for those events.

The Full Moon Regatta group received wonderful views Saturday night on their sail during the second largest and closest moon in 2014. Dinner was served, and the bar was open before, as well as after, the race, which found boaters coming in at midnight and after. How great that the bar welcomed weary captains and crew, and our club was so well-utilized that weekend.

Now the next big thing is the Mermaid Regatta In September. Erin's committee has some preliminary plans, with a flyer expected this week. Luau is the theme for Saturday evening's dinner; so guys – and ladies – pull out your grass skirts, leis, and bright colors. Menu and many more details to come.

**Pamela Crocker / Entertainment Director**



## *Dock Notes*

Last month we held a meeting to gather information on the past Submerged Land Lease (SLL) activities of the club. **Commodore Lynde** has gathered that information into a comprehensive history of SLL actions as they apply to the club. It is currently being reviewed so we can determine our next step. Unfortunately, this means that the T-Docks are still a "No Parking Zone", so for the upcoming regattas we will be looking for slip renting members who are willing to go on cruises during the weekends of September 13-14 and October 25-26 thus allowing the regattas to use their slips. Should there not be enough slips freed up for the visiting boats, we will be looking for a docking coordinator to store boats in the space between the east and west docks.

I would like to thank **Jack Clark** for acting as the interim Dockmaster during the last half of July while I was bringing my new boat south.

On that note, I should mention that I will be on vacation in September, and that **Grant Ball** will be filling in as Dockmaster while I am gone.

Regards,

**Ross Herbert / Dockmaster**



## *Sailing Education*

Thanks to a large number of excellent volunteers, we've been running a pretty active sailing education program. This month I am especially thankful to **Steve Clendenin, Suzanne Dunphy, Mike Gallagher, David Keane, Simon Koumjian, Dave Lister, Buzz Mantle, Will Moore, Chris Nagy, Logan Pfeiffer** and **Craig Rastello**.

Twelve students have completed the youth class. While not all aspire to become sailors, about half do want to continue sailing. We need to and are formulating plans to, provide a way for young people to continue to sail on a regular basis. Speaking of continuing to sail and improve skills, we have started an intermediate adult class. Three people from the adult learn-to-sail classes are getting one-on-one instruction in the 420s and have sailed several small boat Sunday races. It is very rewarding to see their growth as sailors and their enthusiasm for the sport. Our fall adult learn-to-sail class is full and there is a waiting list. The Venture Crew did not sail this month but did place a large number of oyster mats on the island near Grant that they are maintaining.

Looking ahead, two small boat racing clinics are planned for this fall. There will be one for women on

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## House



The remodel began Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, with a work party of 20+ members! We moved all the furniture upstairs to the hall, put up plastic sheeting to protect the bar & the TV's, cardboard to protect the doors. With some serious power tools, we tore up the tile by the deck entrance & rear parking lot entrance. Upstairs lounge carpet, downstairs bar carpet & the vinyl in front of the serving bar in the kitchen soon made its way to the dumpster as well. Our efforts saved the club nearly \$1000 and gave Tony the resources to do some extra work, grinding, patching, & leveling the floor in the bar. This upgrade was a lot of work! A small punch list remains, but the project should be completed before the end of August. Pictures will be posted as the work progresses.

We have selected the parking lot re-paver and we will be scheduling that after we upgrade the house. Unfortunately, we were unable to get it scheduled prior to the floor upgrade.

After getting a firm bid for demolishing the tire store, we have a long term challenge ahead of us. We need to research how much of the building we need to leave so we don't have to bring the entire lot up to current codes (retention pond?) and costs for a new structure or parking etc. In the meantime, several members are looking into patching the holes in the roof. Safety is a prime consideration for this effort.

The House Committee reviewed all of the Annex plans that have previously been presented to the club. The major issues are the plumbing and water intrusion. We believe we are dealing with the original plumbing pipes. Last year we had to have an emergency repair to the sewer pipes. At that time, the plumber said it was only a matter of time before we had additional issues. The water issues are getting worse. We need to plan a work party to clean out the junk and the rug. We are planning a modified upgrade that will repair the bathrooms/showers and the plumbing at the same time. The remaining space in the annex will be planned for a later date.

The window replacement on the second floor of the annex has been completed. Jack & Jacki say the difference is unbelievable!

Thanks again to everyone who helped demo the club! It was fantastic to have our members volunteer their time to help out our Melbourne Yacht Club.

Just another month at the club!

**Tom Knowlton / Vice Commodore / House**

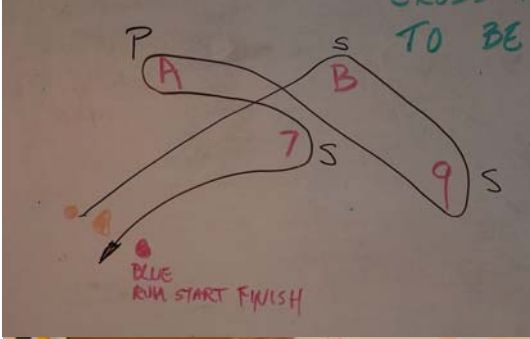
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September 5 and 6 and a co-ed offering on October 3 and 4. The purpose will be to introduce people with basic sailing abilities to small boat racing. The clinics will be conducted in 420s but will also be applicable to other small boats such as Lasers and Sunfish. The on-the-water portion of the clinic will be limited to 12 people and the cost will be \$20. Contact **Will Moore** ([will.moore@gmail.com](mailto:will.moore@gmail.com)) or **Suzanne Dunphy** ([sailingsuz@gmail.com](mailto:sailingsuz@gmail.com)) for questions and to reserve a spot. Even if you don't plan to be a serious racer, there is no better way to learn and improve your sailing skills than to race. The camaraderie is an added bonus. I hope to see you on the water!

**Phil Spletter / Youth & Sailing Education Director**





# Mid-August – Early-October 2014



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

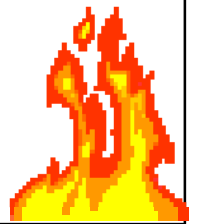
## Tabs and Box Tops Challenge



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>

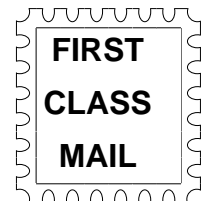
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**September 13th—14th**  
*Mermaid Regatta*

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

**October 18th—19th**  
*Fall Regatta Small Boats*

**October 23rd—26th**  
*Fall Regatta Big Boats*