

TELL-TALE



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Melbourne Yacht Club Fall Regatta's Are Coming !!



Small Boat Weekend Oct 18th & 19th

Big Boat Weekend Oct 25th & 26th



Don't Forget the Adult Pram Races on Thursday Oct 23th and the Yankee Rebel Rally on Friday Oct. 24th



**Go to
Sail.Race.com
for all the
details.**





Commodore's Log



It's fall in Melbourne, or almost anyway, I can feel the humidity dropping already! And fall is a busy time around MYC, lots of racing, partying and eating, as well as projects around the house and yard that were put off because it was just too hot during the summer. Our snow birds will soon return from the north and we have lots of new members to get to know, so it's a very social time around the club as

well. We send out "All MYC" e-mails to announce upcoming events and encourage everyone to get involved, but don't forget to call your friends and especially our newer members to personally invite them; all too often I hear people say they thought about attending a party or helping with a regatta, and then just didn't get around to it. The more people are involved, the more fun it is for everyone! Enjoy the last days of hot weather and start airing out your sweaters and jeans, you'll need them soon – I hope!

Lynde Edwards / Commodore



Fleet



The month of August saw sailing events every weekend. The theme for the month for all racing was light and shifty. We had good participation, but we know that a lot of people were gone for the summer and that we will be looking for more participation in our Fall events.

Rum Racing

August 1 Rum Race saw 15 boats participating in light winds. The August 15 Rum Race was cancelled due to inclement weather. August 31 Rum Race had 15 boats participating. Even in light air, the Friday night series continues to draw a crowd at the club.

Dragon Point Racing

The Co-ed Dragon Point series was held on August 23. Winds were light, only a single race was held. Participation included 4 J24's and 2 PHRF boats.

The Women's Dragon Point series was held on August 16. Winds were light, only a single race was held. Participation included 4 J24's and 1 PHRF boat.

Double-Handed Race

August 2 saw 11 boats participating in the Double-Handed Race, 6 in the PHRF racing division and 5 in the PHRF cruising division. If you haven't tried short-handed sailing (or if your crew doesn't love you anymore) it can be very challenging physically, but rewarding psychologically.

Full Moon Regatta

August 9 saw 8 boats sailing in the Full Moon Regatta. Winds for the evening were none to slight. One boat finished three seconds before the time limit, with one boat not finishing. **Pat Lambert** came up with the idea for this race, and almost all of the participants kept the bar going until almost 1 am. Pat wasn't around, however, as he was off at his daughter's wedding.

Small Boat Sunday

August 10 – 7 Lasers, 5 Sunfish, 3 420's, sailed in very light and shifty winds.

August 24 – 7 Lasers, 5 Sunfish, 1 420 (sailed with the Lasers), sailed in light air.

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Mermaid Regatta

A follow-up organizational meeting was held in August for the Mermaid 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. **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.

Carolina Skiff and Key Largo Maintenance Items

The engine on the Key Largo has been repaired. It required thermostats. The tilt-motor switch was corroded and was replaced under warranty. The boat also required a new battery.

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 Sailing Events

There are plenty of opportunities for sailing in the next 6 weeks. Mark your calendars, pry your boat loose from the dock and come out sailing.

9/12 – Rum Race

9/13 – 9/14 – Mermaid Regatta

9/20 – Co-Ed Dragon Point Race

9/20 – 9/21 – ECSA Marker 21 Cruise

9/21 – Small Boat Sunday

9/26 – Rum Race

9/27 – Women's Dragon Point Race

10/3 – 10/4 – Co-Ed Small Boat Racing Clinic

10/4 – Small Boat Sunday

10/10 – 10/11 – Co-Ed Small Boat Racing Clinic

10/10 – 10/12 – MYC/EGYC J24 Southeast Regional Championships

10/18 – 10-19 – Fall Small Boat Regatta

10/23 – Adult Pram Races

10/24 – Yankee Rebel Rally

10/25 – 10-26 – Fall Big Boat Regatta

Craig Rastello / Fleet Captain



The sailing party was hopelessly lost on the ocean. The sun was going down and the waves were starting to build when one of the sailors growled, "I thought you said you were the best damn captain in California."

"Oh I am," replied the captain firmly, "but I'm pretty sure we're in Mexico by now."

Membership

The Membership Committee met August 20 with discussions touching on possible bylaw and policy updates and, to a lesser degree, membership promotion activities. Updates are intended to align with current members' status and facilitate active contributors to the club. Other membership actions:



Nick Riegel, Junior Resident member, received final approval at the September 2 board meeting.

Tim Erickson, Resident member, received final approval at the September 2 board meeting

Mick & Cynthia Lopez, Resident members, received final approval at the September 2 board meeting

Dennis & Chris Foster, Resident members, received final approval at the September 2 board meeting.

Corinthian applicant **Kaitlin Davidson** received provisional approval in an email board meeting closed on August 11th. Kait will be presented for final approval in the October board meeting.

Special thanks is extended to those who have greeted, conversed with, and in some cases sponsored visitors. Those personal exchanges go a long way to help potential members feel welcome.

Membership Statistics (assuming this month's planned presentations are accepted):

Resident 154, Non Resident 21, Corinthian 6, Emeritus 1, Junior Resident 5, Provisional 1, Extended Provisional 1, Honorary 12

Total of 201

Gary Briand / Membership Director

Grog Locker

With all the construction going on, I was expecting a decrease in bar sales but was surprised that there was an increase this month. It must have been all the dust flying around the bar.

Bar sales for the month of August were \$2411. That is an increase of \$440 over last year.

Year to date sales are \$21,613. This is above last year sales by \$595.00.

There will be a few new bottled beers for you to try next time you stop by. Sam Adams Octoberfest and Blue Moon are going to be added. Try them out and let me know if we should keep them.

Joke of the Month

A group of Skippers are walking through town looking for crew, when they see a five-story building with a sign that read, "Crew Association: Ship's Crew Available" They decide to go in. The Security Guard explains to them how it works. "We have five floors. Go up floor by floor and once you find what you are looking for, you can go there and make a selection. It's easy to decide since each floor has a sign telling you who's inside." They start going up and on the first floor the sign reads, "All the crew on this floor are beginners." The skippers laugh, and without hesitation move on to the next floor. The sign on the second floor reads, "All the crew here are experienced, smart but weak." Still, this isn't good enough, so the Skippers continue on up. They reach the third floor and the sign reads, "All the crew here are experienced, smart and strong." They still want to do better, and so, knowing there are still two floors left, they kept going. On the fourth floor, the sign is perfect, "All the crew here are experienced, smart, strong and Former Americas Cup Champions." The Skippers get excited and are about to go in when they realize that there is still one floor left.

Wondering what they are missing, they head up to the fifth floor. There they find a sign that reads, "There are no crew here. This floor was built only to prove that there is no way to please a Skipper!"



Dean White / Bar & Kitchen Director

Dock Notes

Our surveyor has completed the necessary updates to the Dock survey to include the Stewards slip. We will be confirming with FDEP that we have provided all of the necessary paperwork to complete this update to our SLL.

The T-Docks are still unavailable for use during the Mermaid regatta, so once the Slip Holder boats are berthed, any empty slips that are available can be used, after that any remaining boats will be rafted in the open water between the East & West docks.

The Dock Committee found some additional items in the Dock Policies that needed updating. With Board approval, the following modifications have been implemented:

1. Removed SLIP APPLICATION AND RENTAL PROCEDURE item 16 as it is no longer relevant.
2. Modified RATES item 1 to read as *“Rental Dockage rates are as stated in Article 6, Section 3 of the Bylaws. The Rental Length is determined from the storage orientation of the vessel at the time of the Annual Rental Agreement renewal. The Rental Length remains constant for the duration of the Annual Rental Agreement unless the stowed orientation is modified such that the Rental Length increases whereupon the Rental Length of record is changed accordingly, for the remainder of the Rental Agreement duration. The Rental Length of the vessel is defined as its maximum fore-to-aft length along its centerline—including not only the hull but also the subsequent length increases by projections beyond the hull along this centerline due to all fore and aft appendages that normally remain in place at their stowed orientation during the time that the vessel is berthed in its assigned slip—rounded to the nearest 1.0-foot increment.”* This clarifies how Storage rates will be adjusted should the Rental Length of a boat be increased after its initial measurement.

Please be aware that **Grant Ball** will be Interim Dock Master while I am on vacation.

Ross Herbert / Dockmaster



Sailing Education

The fall adult learn-to-sail class has begun under the leadership of **Dave Oatway**. I am very thankful to the owners of Half-Ass, JPeas and Not Quite Right for the use of their boats. I'm also thankful to **Dave Keane** and his crew Kristjan Orn Arnarsson, **Dave Lister**, **Logan Pfeiffer**, **Craig Rastello** and his crew Andrew Kledzik as well as **Dave Silverman** for taking the class sailing for their first on-the-water experience.

Also many thanks to **Will Moore** and **Suzanne Dunphy** who organized and conducted an Introduction to Small Boat Racing Clinic for Women. The next installment will be a coed clinic on October 3 and 4.

Phil Spletter / Youth & Sailing Education Director



A sailor, after running aground on a sand bar, paid a passing fisherman fifty dollars to pull him off with his boat.

After he was off the bar, he said to the fisherman, “At those prices, I should think you could make a real living pulling people off night and day.”

“Can't,” replied the fisherman. “At night I haul sand for the bar.”





House



The club upgrade is almost complete. The only items remaining are the baseboards and connecting the stair lift. The initial cost was expected to be \$13,000 and we came in at \$13,319, and that included repairing a damaged area below the stairs and extra tile for the future upgrade to the stairs in the kitchen area. The cost to upgrade the stairs is ~\$665. I will be working with the board to determine when to schedule the work.

A special thanks to **Ann Knowlton**, AK Designs, and **Tony Godden**, Brevard Flooring, for a fabulous job!

The paving project is coming up this month. The club parking lot will be off-limits for 24 hours after the coating is put down. Expect to see an e-mail soon on the exact date.

Next, is the outside deck. I was able to look at the issue with the east end of the deck. The top 2"-3" of at least one of the stringers has completely rotted. No sun hits that area so it stayed wet for long periods and thus started to rot. I have put plywood down over the hole to prevent someone from stepping through the deck. There are several places on the deck we need to investigate. I will schedule a member work party for November after all of the regattas have completed.

The House committee reviewed all of the plans for the annex. The initial focus needs to address the areas that are in the worst condition. I will be presenting the following to the LRPC.

- Replace the plumbing (work done last year was only a Band-Aid)

- Upgrade electrical

- Create a sail storage area

- Upgrade the area at the main door to eliminate the flooding

- Repair 2 doors and eliminate the other one

- Replace leaking windows

Tom Knowlton / Vice Commodore / House

Entertainment



September has arrived, and it is all about the annual Mermaid Regatta. Professional Hula dancers, and a luau menu will bring the Hawaiian theme to life. Pray for wind without rain for the racers, and gentle waves for the wine and cheese crews, and divine guidance for the men manning the kitchen. It should be a great day for all, and I'm sure there will be some surprises, as well.

Coming up is the Fall Regatta in October, which will bring another dinner party, so stay with us for more details.

Pamela Crocker / Entertainment Director



*One day a diver was enjoying the aquatic world at a depth of 20 feet. He noticed a guy at the same depth but he had on no SCUBA gear! The diver went below another 20 feet, but the guy joined him. The diver went below 25 feet more, and once again, the guy joined him. This confused the diver, so he took out his board and marker, and wrote, **How are you able to stay under this deep without equipment?** The guy grabbed the board, quickly erased what the diver had written, and wrote, **"I'M DROWNING, YOU MORON!!!"***



September 2014

Mid-August – Early-October 2014



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
14 Mermaid Regatta Bar Opens at 2PM	15	16 Art group 10am	17	18	19 TGIF Bar opens at 5:00	20 Dragon Point Co-ed Race
21 Small Boat Racing Bar Opens at 2PM	22	23 Art group 10am	24	25	26 Rum Race TGIF Bar opens at 5:00	27 Dragon point Women's race
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26 MYC Big Boat Regatta	27	28 Art group 10am	29	30	31 TGIF Bar opens at 5:00 Halloween	Nov 1 Dragon Point Co-Ed Race

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.

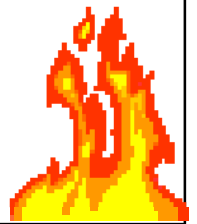
Tabs and Box Tops Challenge



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>

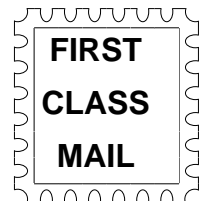
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The Tell Tale is the official newsletter of the Melbourne Yacht Club. Deadline for submissions is the first Wednesday of the month. All MYC members are encouraged to submit articles or notices of interest to the Club.



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

October 18th—19th
Fall Regatta Small Boats

October 23rd
Pram Races

October 24th
Yankee Rebel Rally

October 25th—26th
Fall Regatta Big Boats