

# TELL-TALE



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## MYC SOUPER BOWL PARTY



Sunday, February 1, 2015 at 6:00 p. m.

Game begins at 6:30 p. m. ET



At this point, there are two games left to decide which teams will face each other on Super Bowl Sunday.

No matter where your team loyalty lies, come out and join the comradery and cheer for a team or just for a great game!

Bring your favorite soup or chili to share.

MYC will have bread and rolls for you.

Many have brought along their own comfy chairs for the long game in years past.



The Miami Boat Show bus trip is on Saturday Feb 14th. Cost is \$50 per person and includes transportation, boat show admission, gratuity for the bus driver, movies, and breakfast snacks and beverages.



Contact Joe Coleman at 321-223-6871 to see if seats are still available



## THE COMMODORE'S BALL

IS SATURDAY FEBRUARY 21ST. PLANS HAVE BEEN SET FOR A GREAT NIGHT. WATCH FOR YOUR INVITATIONS TO ARRIVE SOON.

Please plan on attending





## Commodore's Log



This is my last Tell Tale article and my first thought is wow, what a fast year it's been! We have accomplished a lot in 2014, some of it started in 2013, and we leave some projects to be completed by Tom's team in 2015. Thomas Edison once remarked, "I start where the last man left off", and that's what we do here too. The club looks

great, there are more sailing classes than ever before and we conduct so many races that anyone who wants to be on the water can do so every week and sometimes twice! I believe we are truly accomplishing the mission of the club every day: To promote sailing in our community.

When I think of all the things I've learned during my 5 years on the MYC Board I'd have to say it's the history that stands out the most. Everything we do today is based on the trial and error of those who came before us. Every bylaw and policy was based on a need at the time it was written. When I think of the best part of my time on the Board, it's all about the people. It's the laughter, the team work and the ideas shared in the many meetings! Next month I become just a resident member again, serving on a couple of committees and hopefully spending more time in the kitchen again.

I'd like to take this opportunity to say how much I appreciate the outstanding support I received this year from all of you. And I hope you will forgive me in the coming years when I recite the past Commodore's motto: "When I was Commodore, we did it this way ...."!

*Lynde Edwards / Commodore*



## House



December saw the finalization plans for many ongoing projects. The steps needed a special transition strip from the tile to the vinyl floor in the meeting room. Tony hopes to have the steps done in the coming weeks. **Bob Hughes** has completed the initial design for upgrading the audio and visual system for the club. The goal is

to make it easier to operate. In addition to Bob, it turns out we have some knowledgeable folks, David Knowlton, my son, and **Greg Crawford**. David took Bob's design and created an upgrade including the parts list. Step two is to complete a final design and provide the incoming House, **Eric Stord**, a plan to work from.

The outside decking project is ready to start. We are looking to fix the decking from the Club's backdoor east to the sidewalk. **Mel Ford** has volunteered to head up the effort to repair or replace the east portion of the deck. The first step is to determine how much PT wood we will need and have it on site before we start. Mel says a team of volunteers is required to do the job. It will probably take 4 or 5 days to complete. Keep a eye on your e-mail for notices!

A Special Thanks to everyone who helped decorate and un-decorate the club. Entertainment Director, **Pam Crocker** and her team, took the lead to get everything decorated for the holiday events and House took everything down. The un-decorating party was January 3rd. **Jim & Lynde Edwards, Carol Mairs, Paul Lindenberg, Terry Willingham, Gail Oliver, John Martin, Jerry & Rachele Ross, Gabriella Gruber** and myself got everything down and packed in the attic in one hour. Great job everyone.

**Amy Lacy** has posted her landscaping project list for the club. The list includes what to do and how often the task needs to be done (most of them only take a minimal effort). She will post small plaques showing who is responsible for the area. This a great way to help your club and still fit it into your schedule. The boards are in the bar area; so sign up!

*Tom Knowlton / House Vice Commodore*

## *Entertainment*

It really is 2015 – I remember welcoming the New Year with fireworks at our own party! Where did the year go? I do know how December rolled for Entertainment. We started with the Decorating Party – thank you to all who came and hauled boxes or hung an ornament. Hope you were sustained by some hot waffles, Canadian bacon, and coffee and Bailey's.



The kids all enjoyed **Dave Oatway's** Santa at the Christmas Party. Mrs. Claus' (**Mary Pietras**) gingerbread cookie decorating had a waiting line, and kids played a toss game, too. Dinner, drinks, and Christmas tunes flowed and set us on the path to our family celebrations on Christmas Day.

New Year's Eve and Kristen Lee's music brought just about everyone out on the dance floor, everyone who wasn't glued to the Blackjack tables or roulette wheel, that is. We even had a Conga line at one point! Guests were so generous with their homemade hors d'oeuvres that we had more nibbles and dessert than we could eat, but we loved the variety. At midnight, we all held hands and sang "Auld Lang Syne," even if we only knew just the first verse! It was a friendly MYC moment. The piece de resistance, of course, was fireworks at the beginning of the New Year. I believe **Bill Baker** outdid himself this year; thanks for the show, Bill.

To all who donated to our charity drive this year, a heartfelt thank you. The funds were distributed to two deserving groups, which count a couple of our members as volunteers. **Suzanne Stord** works with Harbor City Elementary School, which supports the Kind Kids Club. The children used the funds to buy books for their schoolmates whose parents could not afford them. Impressive generosity for elementary students!

The Women's Center in Brevard was our other beneficiary. The staff, which includes our member, **Mary Pietras** as a volunteer, counsels, comforts, advises, and can provide shelter for abused women who have little or no recourse to overcome their situation. The center will use the donations, for instance, to purchase personal hygiene items the women may have had to leave behind. Mary sees the pressing need for these services every time she listens to a troubling story and feels she can make a difference with the time she gives.

In turn, all of you who donated can be gratified that you have made a difference in a life less fortunate. On behalf of MYC, I thank you.

Looking ahead, I hope you all come out to the Souper Bowl Party on Sunday, February 1, this year. Bring your best/favorite soup or chili and cheer for your team with your friends.

**Pamela Crocker / Entertainment Director**

## *Grog Locker*

This is the final Tell Tale article from me as the Bar & Kitchen Director. I would like to thank everyone that helped me this year. First to the whole bar committee, without them, the job would be just too much. My committee consisted of **Patti White, Jack & Jacki Leahy, Brad & Angie Stowers, Gerry Moores, Gail Oliver & John Martin, Mel & Mary Ford** and **Mary Pietras**.



An extra big thank you goes to **Page Proffitt**. Page kept the bar operating on my vacations north as well as any other time I was away. Without Page, many of you members would have been very thirsty on your visit to the club.

Finally I would like to wish **Pam Crocker** good luck as your Bar & Kitchen Director this year. Please give as much support and help to Pam as you did to me.

Thank You

**Dean White / Bar & Kitchen Director**

# Membership

The Membership Committee did not meet in the month of December. Membership and Bookkeeping have compared members' type designations in QuickBooks and the membership database and inconsistencies resolved. .



Membership actions:

\* Junior Resident member applicants **Alexis & Peter Schrock** received final approval at the January 5, 2015 board meeting.

\* **Ron Bockhold** has requested change in membership from Resident to Non-Resident effective at the beginning of the new membership year, February 1, 2015.

\* Two members **Kevin Glaser** and **Tommy Clough** have indicated that they will be resigning as of the end of the current membership year. Both indicated that their changes were driven by personal activity choices and found nothing that they would have changed with their Melbourne Yacht Club experience.

Membership Statistics (as of January 5):

Resident = 154, Non-Resident = 21, Corinthian = 7, Emeritus = 1, Junior Resident = 6, Provisional = 0, Extended Provisional = 1, Honorary = 12

Total of 201

**Gary Briand / Membership Director**

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# Sailing Education

The principle focus for the past couple of months has been youth sailing. We have been sailing on Saturday afternoons in a variety of conditions ranging from ghosting to planing. There's a core of five kids from about 8-14 yrs. old that love being on, and in, the water. I plan to continue month-long classes for all of 2015 and have received offers to help that I very much appreciate. With six 420s, six Optis, and a couple of Sunfish and Lasers, we already have a very good fleet to start a serious youth sailing program. My intentions are to grow the program slowly by promoting it within the club and getting students to bring friends. The overall goal is to provide an opportunity for kids to experience sailing and if they like it, have a chance to grow as sailors.



I've been keeping track of the income from classes etc. and the costs of running the program including maintenance, repair, gas and pizza. This year the net income for sailing education is approximately \$4500 and it has probably been close to that rate for a while. In round numbers the \$15K MYC invested in six 420s has been recovered in three years. In addition, members have come into the club as a result of taking classes here. We have a list of adults who want to know when the schedule will be set for next year so they can sign up. Clearly a strong sailing education program, including a good fleet of training boats is a good investment.

Since I am coming to the end of my tenure I want to be sure I thank all of the volunteers that have helped to make the program successful. Twenty eight different people helped out with classes over the course of the year. It is interesting to note that some of the volunteers are not members but nonetheless saw helping as fun and educational. I am especially thankful to the Sailing Education Committee of **Suzanne Dunphy, Will Moore, Dave Oatway** and **Page Proffitt** for their help guidance, encouragement and example this year.

Finally, I really encourage you to support **Margaret Knepper** as she assumes this role next year. It has become obvious to me this year that Sailing Education is fundamental to the vitality and growth of MYC. Please help her lead the efforts to make MYC an even better sailing club.

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

## *Dock Notes*



I have completed the measurements of the club dock's deck, computed stringer lengths and estimated the number of screws needed to redeck the docks. It looks like we will need 360 16' 2x8s for the decking, 165 16' 2x8s for the stringers, and 9000 screws. I am currently awaiting a pricing estimate from Southern Pine Lumber yard. So expect to see a dock maintenance party sometime in the upcoming year.

I would like to thank **Brent Saunders** for all the analysis and effort he put into updating the docks portion of the website. Now that we have the modified policy requirements integrated into the website, I have been updating the information that you have been sending me the last several months. If you have not sent it in yet, I recommend that you get it done now because we will be sending delinquent boat notices to those Honored Slip members who have not as yet updated their information according to the updated Dock Policies.

For the past 2 1/2 years, I have been working as your dockmaster. We could not have accomplished half of what we have been able to without the support of an incredible group of club members, who served on the dock committee. I would like to thank very much the following individuals for their support in helping and guiding me through the pitfalls of being a dockmaster: **Grant Ball, Jack Bibb, Jack Clark, Hasty Miller, Jackie Leahy, Jack Leahy, Jerry Ross, Harry Stapor, Al Washka, and Mike McClain.** These members made it possible.

As I step down, **Jack Clark** has been elected to be the dockmaster. He has served on the Dock Committee and is well versed in the workings of that committee. I hope that you'll give him all of the support that you've given me and join in helping him keep the docks a vibrant part of our club.

**Ross Herbert / Dockmaster**

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## *Fundraiser for the Indian River Lagoon:*

### *Donate to support science-based solutions*

Tax-deductible donations are being accepted by *Florida Wetlands Forever*, a non-for-profit 501(c)(3) foundation created to support research science and ecosystem restoration. We are currently supporting a study performed by Peter Barile, Ph.D., to "**Discriminate land-based sources of nutrient pollution to the IRL,**" such as human wastewater, fertilizers, etc. that are causing water quality and sea grass decline, manatee, dolphin, seabird and fish kills, in our once pristine Indian River Lagoon.

Results from this project will be utilized to directly compel policy on nutrient pollution reductions necessary to restore the health of the Indian River Lagoon. Similar research studies and policy work, performed by Peter Barile, Ph.D., Marine Research & Consulting, Inc. have resulted in: 1) a 1.5 billion dollar human wastewater system retrofit in the FL Keys to reduce impacts on coral reefs, 2) closure of 7 ocean wastewater outfalls in south Florida, 3) ban on gambling/ cruise ship human wastewater discharge in FL coastal waters, and 3) state-wide policy on urban fertilizer reductions adjacent to sensitive water bodies. As a result of this study, our non-for-profit anticipates similar restoration policy success for the Indian River Lagoon, following advocacy and communication of the results.

Your tax-deductible donation to support this science-based Indian River Lagoon restoration initiative can be made through Florida Wetlands Forever, Inc. non-for-profit, 501(c)(3) website through PayPal or credit card at: <http://fwlf.org/> Further information and answers to your questions will be provided at upcoming MYC TGIF events. Thank you for your support.



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## *Fleet*



The month of December was an active month at the club.

The Fall Rum Race Series ended on December 21, with the overall results for the 5 race series:

Racing Division:

1st Place – Skimmer, **Hasty Miller**

2nd Place – Sleighride, **Jerry Ross**

3rd Place – Slot Machine, **Greg Kowalski**

Cruising Division

1st Place – Caribe, **Jack Clark**

2nd Place – Spirit, **Buzz Mantle**

3rd Place – Solitude, **Eckart Schneider**

Racing in the Women's Dragon Fall/Winter series and the coed Fall/Winter Series both got underway. The Women's series had 4 boats and the Coed series had 6 boats. All of the Dragon Point marks that had "escaped" have now been captured and replaced, thanks to **John Tworkowski, John Martin, Will Moore, and Jim Henry**.

If you have a sailboat with a PHRF rating, sign up for the Dragon Point Series and come out and sail. Remember, you can only improve your skills if you participate in racing.

Small Boat Sunday on December 28 saw 7 Sunfish and 3 Lasers participate. A total of 5 races were sailed on an almost perfect day. If you have a Sunfish, Laser, 420 or other small boat, please bring it out every other Sunday and sail with the Small Boat Group. You just may improve your sailing skills.

**Dave Noble** organized the January 1, 2015 Hangover Regatta. The original intent was to get the MYC J24 Fleet out on the starting line for a series of short, intense closed-course racing. There was enough interest from other sailors that it became a closed-course PHRF regatta. The regatta saw participation from some that had not recently sailed in a PHRF series. **Page Proffitt** supplied Miss Hanna for the committee boat. **Pat Lambert** was the PRO assisted by **Catherine Allen** and **Nick Schmidt**. **Gerry Moores** and **Craig Rastello** manned the mark-set boat, and **Tom Knowlton** scored the regatta. Thanks to all that helped stage the regatta and all that came out to participate. If you were not there, you missed a great regatta on yet another great sailing day. There seems to be continuing interest in this type of racing, so there may be some future events similar to this during the year.

A total of 5 races were sailed. The results for the regatta were:

1st Place – Epic, **Dave Nesbitt**

2nd Place – Half Ass, **Dave Noble**

3rd Place – Not Quite Right, **Will Moore/Suzanne Dunphy**

Finally, I would like to thank all of the many members of Melbourne Yacht Club for all of the assistance, help and advice that they have given me during my year as Fleet Captain. Please consider increasing your participation during the coming year in the events planned at the club. There are many ways to participate; racing, race committee, regattas and more. You will meet new people and learn new skills. Please give **Dean White** the same level of assistance that I received.

**Craig Rastello / Fleet Captain**



# Mid-January 2014 – Early March 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
18 <b>Rum Race</b> Bar Opens at 2PM	19	20  Art group 10am	21	22	23 TGIF Bar opens at 5:00	24 Dragon Point Women's Race
25 Small Boat Racing Bar Opens at 2PM	26	27  Art group 10am	28	29	30 TGIF Bar opens at 5:00	31
Feb 1 Rum Race Bar Opens at 2PM Souper Bowl Party	2	3  Art group 10am	4  General Membership Meeting	5	6 TGIF Bar opens at 5:00	7 Dragon Point Co-Ed Race
8 Small Boat Racing Bar Opens at 2PM	9	10  Art group 10am	11	12	13 TGIF Bar opens at 5:00	14 Miami Boat Show Bus Trip
15 Rum Race Bar Opens at 2PM	 President's Day	17  Art group 10am	18	19	20 TGIF Bar opens at 5:00	21  Commodores Ball 5:30pm
22 Small Boat Racing Bar Opens at 2PM	23	24  Art group 10am	25	26	27 TGIF Bar opens at 5:00	28 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.

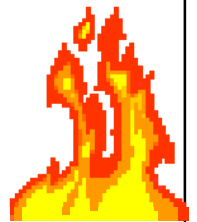
## Tabs and Box Tops Challenge



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!!**



# 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>

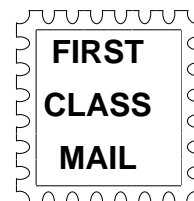
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**Jan. 24th**

**Women's Dragon Point Race**

**Feb. 1st**

**Souper Bowl Party**

**Feb. 7th**

**Co-ed Dragon Point race**

**Feb. 14th**

**Miami Boat Show Bus Trip**

**Feb. 21st**

**Commodore's Ball**

**Feb. 28th**

**Women's Dragon Point Race**