

TELL-TALE



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Sunfish

2015 International Sunfish Mid-Winter Regatta at Ballard Park, Melbourne, Florida

March 19-22, 2015

Hosted by Sunfish Fleet 669 and the Melbourne Yacht Club

Entry Fee: \$120.00 if payment is received by February 28, 2015
This event is a 2015 Pan AM games qualifying event; all racers must be a member of the Sunfish class.
Late fee if received after March 1, 2015:
Additional \$30 (\$150.00 total)

Regatta Schedule:

Thursday, March 19, 2015 at Ballard Park
1200 - 1700 Check-in and late registration
1400 Team Racing
1500 - 1700 Welcome! Snacks at Park

Friday, March 20, 2015 at Ballard Park
0900 - 1045 Check-in and late Registration, Continental Breakfast, racers pick up complimentary lunch
1045 Competitors Meeting
1215 First warning signal, other races to follow
1630 Post-race complimentary beer and soft drinks
1730 - 1830 Dinner served at Ballard Park (Included for racers, \$12 for additional dinners)

Saturday, March 21, 2015 at Ballard Park (except for dinner)
0830 - 0930 Continental breakfast, racers pick up complimentary lunch
1030 First warning signal, other races to follow
1630 Post-race complimentary beer and soft drinks
1830 - 1930 Dinner served at Melbourne Yacht Club (Included for racers, \$15 for additional dinners)

Sunday, March 22, 2015 at Ballard Park
0830 - 0930 Continental breakfast
1030 First warning signal, other races to follow
1400 No races to begin after 1400
1500 Approx. Post-race lunch, beer and soft drinks
Awards to be announced as soon as possible after racing

Regatta site: The regatta will be held at Ballard Park, in Melbourne, FL. The park is at the east end of Thomas Barbour Drive, which is just off US Highway 1 between the US192 Causeway (aka The Melbourne Causeway) and the Eau Gallie Causeway (aka State Road 518). Turn east from US 1 on Thomas Barbour Drive, which is next to the Boathouse Discount Marine store. Parking is available at the park for both cars and trailers. Thomas Barbour Drive is about 3.4 miles north of MYC and maps to MYC will be available at the park for the Saturday evening dinner.

Racing Area: The racing area is on the Indian River, east of Ballard Park and south of the Eau Gallie Causeway.

Charter Boats: Contact Dick Tillman to charter a Sunfish, dtillman@gmail.com or 321-773-4711

Contact Information: Chris Gates, 321-727-7227 or cgates@cfl.rr.com Notice of Race (NOR) and other info is on the Sunfish website www.SunfishFlorida.com and www.sail-race.com, under racing events.

Registration: Eligible sailors may register online at <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/9364#home>, or onsite just before the regatta.



THE COMMODORE'S BALL
IS SATURDAY FEBRUARY 21ST.
PLANS HAVE BEEN SET FOR A
GREAT NIGHT. SEE YOU THERE.





Commodore's Log



Thanks to **Past Commodore Lynde Edwards** for all of her achievements this past year. With Lynde's leadership many of the By-laws and Policies have been brought up to date. The Club is in sound condition and prepared for the future.

My goals for the year are to increase Club volunteerism and communication.

Every member of our Club has something to contribute. Remember to volunteer early and pick your duties or volunteer late and guess what you get!

Volunteering:

Did you know that most of our new members have come from our sailing programs? Over the past year, sailing education has grown to year round classes. Many of our members are volunteering significant hours to teach and support the sailing programs. If you want to improve your skills, what a great way to support the Club at the same time. Let **Margaret Knepper** know how you can help!

This year **Dean White** is in charge of our Regatta Program and it is going to be busy. Our Spring, Fall and Mermaid regattas need a lot of people for them to be successful. You don't have to be an expert to volunteer! Check in with Dean or **Greg Crawford (Entertainment Director)** to see what you can do to help. Dean is already getting our Sunday small boat racing program organized. The racers are so appreciative that you are there to run the races that they will always help you if you have any questions.

Pam Crocker has moved to Bar Director. Volunteering on the Bar Committee is a great way to catch up with members of the Club you haven't seen lately or meet folks you don't know. Ask Pam how you can help.

As many of you know, **Greg Crawford** stepped up to be the Entertainment Director. He and his wife Karen will also need your help. They will have many opportunities for you to volunteer. Are you an expert at cooking a Low Country boil? Would you like to cook a special meal for TGIF? Please talk to Pam or Greg.

For House, **Vice Commodore Eric Stord** has loads of ideas for this year. He will be asking some of you to use your skills to continue the Club upgrades. There are numerous monthly tasks, like Amy's gardening schedule, that need to be done and Eric will need your help. If you are a good second story person, Eric can use your help cleaning out the gutters!

This coming year, **Jack Clark** is planning a major dock upgrade. You might be thinking "I can't build or repair a dock", but there are many ways to help Jack and the crew from carrying wood to providing tools, water and food. Give Jack a call and let him know how you can help!

Communication:

This is the key to developing a great Club. This year you will see updates to the Melbourne Yacht Club web page. With a few clicks of the mouse, you can easily find Club functions such as what is going on in Sailing Ed, the date of the next race/regatta, cruise and party or special event. Sail-race will still have all of the events for Brevard County and the East Coast, but from our Club's web page you will see what's going on in our own club. We hope to reduce the number of e-mails by just sending reminders and point you to our web page. Did you know that Melbourne Yacht Club has a Facebook page? You don't need your own Facebook page to see it. Just search for "facebook Melbourne Yacht Club" and enjoy.

Next is our struggle with permission to use the T-docks. We have secured an experienced consultant who has dealt with our types of issues and is planning to present our case to Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). I want to thank Lynde, Ross, and the committee for their tireless work during the past year. Did you know, they searched high and low and contacted our long time members who have experience with the docks to gather every piece of documentation that exists (all the way back to 1862) and had numerous meetings, calls and letters with FDEP to understand and try to solve our problem? From that compilation, we now have done our homework and are ready to present our case to FDEP to convince them to let us use our T-docks. Lynde and Ross have agreed to continue to help support our club during this critical period. We will

keep you posted!"

Finally, a Big Thanks to **Past Commodore Lynde Edwards** for all of her achievements this past year. With Lynde's leadership many of the By-laws and Policies have been brought up to date. The Club is in sound condition and prepared for the future.

Tom Knowlton / Commodore



House

Where has the time gone? I was put into office on the Wednesday and already late on my first Tell-Tale article by Saturday, who knew. Well it's going to be a great year! We have a few areas that need some

attention, and I expect there will be more. I've contacted some people about serving on the House Committee, but have not gotten to all the veterans of this committee yet, but expect to in short order. I'll also be looking to recruit some newer members and help get them involved, the more the merrier.

Some areas that are already underway are:

The Gardening effort by **Amy Lacy** (off to a great start).

The Deck with **Mel Ford** taking a lead role in this endeavor (I'll work a hammer or something).

The Fence, which **Page Proffitt** seems to have an interest in?? (again I'll work the post hole digger).

The roof on the Tire Store, (we've wanted to call the Tire Store something different, but we can't seem to find a name that will stick, any idea?)

So again, this is only the start of the year, so I'm sure we'll have more. I'm looking forward to working with everyone in making the club the best it can be in 2015!

Eric Stord / House Vice Commodore



Grog Locker

Hello, I am pleased to begin my new stint as Bar Director. As always, I welcome suggestions. We already have a new single-malt Scotch, Laphroaig (pronounced Lafroyg), a tremendous bargain at our bar for \$3.50. Interesting note for this spirit: In 1994, the Friends of Laphroaig was established, granting members a lifetime lease of one square foot of Laphroaig land on the Isle of Islay, Scotland. The annual rent is a dram (1/8 ounce), obtained by visiting the distillery.

I've received a few wine recommendations, so let me know if there is something you would like to see offered at the bar. I look forward to meeting you for a drink!

Pamela Crocker / Bar & Kitchen Director



Memorial Service

Long time MYC member **Steve Shippee** was suddenly taken from us on January 19th. His family and friends are planning a celebration of his life at MYC on Saturday, March 7th, at 11:30AM. Lynde Edwards is helping his out-of-town family in organizing the event; if you would like to be involved, please contact Lynde.



Membership

The Membership Committee did not meet in the month of January. The new membership committee is still being assembled. So far, **Page Proffitt** and **Mary Pietras** have agreed to help. If you can help to introduce applicants to the club or support a MYC promotional event please contact mycmembership@melbourneyachtclub.com.



In the last month, considerable energy was directed toward finding accurate mail and email addresses for several members. The last few challenges were subject of an "AllMYC" email. Thanks to all of those who responded with suggestions and especially to **Fay Bitzer, Karen Williams,** and **Brent Saunders** who had reported first hand sightings and offered alternate address information. Friends of **Betty Thon** and **Dorothy Crowe** should now be able to get up to date contact information from the MYC Membership database. Please remember to keep your own information in the database current. If you need to recover your logon or password for the members only section of the club web site please email me at the above address.

Membership actions:

- **John Drawe**, who spends most of his year in North Carolina, has requested change from Resident to Non-Resident effective at the beginning of the new membership year, February 1, 2015.
- Extended Provisional member **Julie Foster** has opted not to convert to Resident member.
- Resident members **Susan Jackson, Jim & Becky Henry,** and **Ed Baranowski** have resigned.
- Resident member **Suzanne Dunphy** has changed to joint membership with **Will Moore**.
- Corinthian member applicant **Ashleigh Rabel** received provisional approval in an email board meeting closed on 1/27/2015. Ashleigh is a senior at West Shore Jr and Sr High School. She has a 4.4 weighted GPA and will be graduating with an AP diploma in May. Ashleigh wants some day to go into the medical field and become a physician because she has a strong passion for helping people. She plays golf, tennis and does baton twirling. Ashleigh is scuba certified and loves the underwater world for its beauty and mystery. She also enjoys stand up paddling. Ashleigh's future plans include world travel, horseback riding, mountain hiking, and zip lining. She took the MYC youth sailing class this last summer and sees sailing as a lifelong passion.
- Junior Resident member applicant **Carl Larimore** received provisional approval in the February 2, 2015 board meeting new business. In June of 2013 Carl Larimore moved to the beautiful town of Melbourne, Florida so that he could begin work at Baldwin and Associates, and is excited to be the newest member of the Baldwin and Associates team. A native of west Texas, Carl graduated from Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas. He went on to earn his Master's Degree from Texas Tech University in 2013. Carl is a beginner-level sailor who took the Melbourne Yacht Club sailing class in the fall of 2014 as his introductory adventure into the sailing realm. He now enjoys any opportunity to be on the water and experience as many different things as sailing has to offer. Carl is a big sports fan and has hobbies including camping, water sports, music, and carpentry.

Membership Statistics:

Resident = 146, Non-Resident = 23, Corinthian = 7, Emeritus = 1, Junior Resident = 6, Provisional = 1, Extended Provisional = 0, Honorary = 12
Total of 196

Gary Briand / Membership Director



Joe had saved up for many years and was finally going to purchase the fast offshore boat of his dreams. Shortly after hitting the water curiosity got to him and he pushed the throttle forward. With the wind blowing his aging hair back he smiled until he noticed a marine patrol boat chasing after him. At first he sped up to run away then realized, that was the wrong thing to do. With a terrible feeling he slowed to a stop. The officer asked his name. A very frightened, "Joe", was the response. Seeing that Joe was feeling really bad about being pulled over, the officer told him that if he could tell him a good reason for speeding his boat, he would let him go with just a warning. Joe thought for a moment then said; "My wife ran off with an officer and I thought you were trying to give her back!" With a smile the patrolman said; "Don't do it again!" and left.

Dock Notes

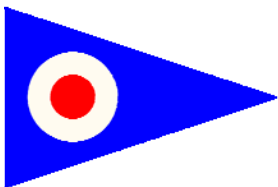
As I assume responsibility for our docks and waterfront, I am excited about the opportunity to be back on the Board and working for the club again.

Our club has two major faces, our clubhouse and our waterfront. In 2014, tremendous efforts were exerted to improve our clubhouse and they were very successful. Commodore Knowlton and his 2014 House team are to be congratulated for their wonderful work. In 2015, we need to focus on our docks and our waterfront. This will be one of my primary areas of endeavor and I am happy to say that the 2014 docks team has all agreed to stay on the committee for another year as well as adding one additional new member.

In addition to docks maintenance and upgrades, we will place additional focus on enforcement of the updated policies, rules and by-laws, maintaining and managing a current slip waiting list, and the actions of the committee that Commodore Knowlton has assigned to deal with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) T-dock situation. Rest assured that work is actively going on in this area and until we have a favorable resolution, I would appreciate your cooperation by not using the T-docks.

In closing, I would like to thank you for your confidence in me to do this important job. I would, also, like to ask for your attention in updating your wet slip and dry storage agreements. In January, Dock Master Hebert sent you all the new 2014 form Dry/Wet Slip Agreement and requested your updates as well as your registration and insurance documents. For the most part you have complied, for that we thank you. For those who have not, please do so immediately so we don't have to take unpleasant actions.

Jack Clark / Dockmaster



Melbourne Yacht Club

The Spring Regattas are coming soon.

Small Boat Regatta - April 18 & 19 at Melbourne Yacht Club



Big Boat Regatta - April 25 & 26 at Melbourne Yacht Club



The big news this year is that the small boat regatta is moving from Ballard Park to MYC. We will need lots of help hosting these two events. Please answer the call when the request comes out.

Watch for the NOR's and SI's. They will be posted soon.



Fleet



I would like to start by saying I'm sure this will be a very exciting year for Fleet at MYC. As most of you know, I am very new to sailing, just three years since attending the Adult Sailing Classes. I agreed to become Fleet Chair knowing I would need to surround

myself with a committee that has all the experience that I lack. And I have. There are about 15 people on this year's Fleet Committee.

You will notice a few changes this year. The first one is moving the Spring Small Boat Regatta back to MYC. Ballard Park was a great venue when there were 40 boats in the regatta. For the last few years the number has been closer to 22 or 23. We felt that the timing was right to bring the regatta back to MYC. It is much easier hosting from the club than the park since everything from the marks, to the beer and even the boats had to be hauled down to Ballard and then hauled back again on Sunday.

There will also be a greater emphasis on cruising this year. We want to give the non-racers a chance to get out and enjoy their boats also.

You may get tired of seeing emails coming from Fleet, but please take the time to read them. There will be many calls for help, whether it is with a regatta, a cruise or a fleet work day. We can only improve your experience as a member of MYC with your participation.

Dean White / Fleet Captain



Secretary



Hello fellow members

I have learned from one board meeting and two recent general meetings how much work it takes for us to have a great club. The people on the board do the planning... and with our help... the execution to keep going all of the wonderful things that do going. I just found out the duties of the secretary. The Secretary is responsible for the meeting minutes, newsletter and directories. I had a sigh of relief when I found out that **Dean White** and **Ross Herbert** have been doing the newsletter and that Ross is able and willing to do it again. Ross, also, is the volunteer who has been doing our directory. He has graciously committed to doing this again this year but we need more members on these tasks. There will come a day when Ross travels to another port, so I am trying to learn all that I can from him when I have the opportunity.

So speak up and volunteer your talents. I've been a member here at MYC for 10 years. I thank all of you who have done so much for this club. **Missy Waschka**, thank you for serving.

Charlotte Parker / Secretary

Entertainment

Hello everybody. We're starting off the year on a good Entertainment tack. First off, we'd like to thank **Page Proffitt** for jumping in and helping gather supplies for the Valentines Party while I was out of town. It really helped smooth out the whole event and assured that all of us would enjoy an excellent meal! Charlotte Parker was also a big help in the kitchen line! Also, thanks to all the other volunteers.



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Sailing Education

Youth Sailing remains the principal activity in January. The January youth sailing class averaged 10 sailors who went out every Saturday in a variety of sailing conditions – calm to windy with major gusts.. Conditions were extremely challenging at times but the students had a good learning experience under supervision and really enjoyed doing it. The format is to start the day with a short discussion on a specific topic then go out and sail. The class is becoming more proficient at rigging and many show up early to rig their boats to get sailing ASAP. We have very good parental support and usually there are 2-3 coaches out on the water.



The youth have been using a variety of boats in the class – 420s, Laser, Sunfish, and Phil's Kirby 25. The sailing education fleet is getting quite a bit of use so there is ongoing maintenance and repair of boats, dollies etc.

I'd like to thank Phil for the great job he did as Sailing Education Director. My goal is to keep the sailing instructors happy so they will continue to teach sailing to adults and youth. We'll be setting up the class schedule soon. I hope to continue counting on club members to help support the sailing class with rigging, repairs, coaching, ...












Margaret Knepper / Sailing Education

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Second, can you believe? Friday the 13th, second month in a row, will include a special party, A Saint Patrick's Day party on Friday, March 13th. This will be the second month in a row to have a special Friday night celebration.! By your attendance we will keep the world green.

Last, TGIF happens every Friday. Remember, you having a good time and tossing one down tosses MYC gains up. And WE are MYC!

Mid-February 2014 – Early April 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 15  Rum Race Bar Opens at 2PM	 16 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
 Mar 1  Rum Race Bar Opens at 2PM	2	3 Art group 10am	4 General Membership Meeting	5	6  TGIF Bar opens at 5:00	7 Steve Shippee Memorial Service  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 Ft Pierce to Port Canaveral Race Dragon Point Womens Race
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Sunfish Mid-Winter Regatta						
 22  Bar Opens at 2PM SM-WR	23	24 Art group 10am	25	26	27  TGIF Bar opens at 5:00	28 Private function at Club all day
 29  Rum Race Bar Opens at 2PM	30	31 Art group 10am	Apr 1 General Membership Meeting	2	3  TGIF Bar opens at 5:00	4

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.

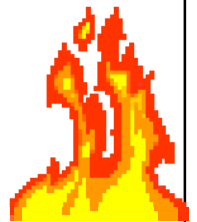
Tabs and Box Tops Challenge



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!!**



Help Needed

We are looking for club members who are interested in supporting our in-house publications. We are particularly looking for support of the Tell-Tale. The ability to work with Microsoft Publisher is required. Also, capable of handling layout, and light editing are needed. If you are interested, please contact our club Secretary **Charlotte Parker**.

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>

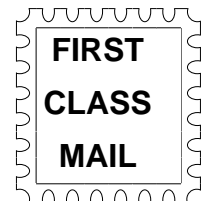
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The Tell Tale is the official newsletter of the Melbourne Yacht Club. Deadline for submissions is the first Wednesday of the month. All MYC members are encouraged to submit articles or notices of interest to the Club.



Feb 21st

Commodore's Ball

Feb 28th

Women's Dragon Point Race

Mar 7th

*Steve Shippee Memorial
Dragon Point Co-ed Race*

Mar 14th

*Ft Pierce to Port Canaveral Race
Dragon Poinr Women's Race*

Mar 19thg-22nd

Sunfish Mid-Winter Regatta