

TELL-TALE



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2015 Seafood Raft-up

Saturday, May 2nd

\$14 per adult/\$7 under 12



2012 Raft-up courtesy of Ross Herbert

Time Schedule

- 6:00 pm – Skippers meeting
- 6:20 pm – Sign in and get the meals for your boat.
- 6:40 pm – Leave the dock
- 7:00 pm - Hasty's Race for the Wine (instructions at the Skippers meeting)
- 8:00 pm - Raft up complete
- 11:00 pm – Raft Break Up

Menu

Shrimp, fish dip/crackers, potato salad, Cole slaw, dessert.

Please bring your own drinks

Reservations

Please make your reservations no later than

Thursday April 23rd. Earlier if possible.

Please identify what boat you are making reservations for. Send reservations to del@sailordel.com or home phone 321-773-4884. If you need a ride on a boat we will help you find one. If you are allergic to seafood or need sides only, please contact Del.

Mother's Day Brunch

May 10th from 10:30 AM to 12:00PM

For Reservations Contact: Peggy Snead at
sneadpeggy@me.com or 321-242-9425





Commodore's Log



Melbourne Yacht Club is a GREAT club! Yet again, MYC hosted another national regatta, the Sunfish Mid-Winters. MYC has an outstanding record of being able to provide a fantastic race venue and the supporting experts to execute the races. Thanks to **Chris Gates** and **Lynde & Jim Edwards** for guiding us through the race preparations and execution. A special thanks to all of the

volunteers who donated their time to make this regatta a success.

If you haven't been by the club recently, you might have missed a few things. Eric's team has started working on the outside deck. The task is a little more involved than originally planned. The east end of our deck is closed to traffic. Next, you will notice a white box mounted atop the camera. **Ross Herbert** has donated a Wi-Fi access point that allows access to the club's Wi-Fi anywhere on our docks. Thanks Ross!

To keep everyone updated on the T-dock access, we turned over all of the survey documentation to our consultant, **Danna Small**, at the end of March. That puts us a little behind our plan but we hope that the reviews won't take the planned 30 days. The next step is for Danna to carefully review survey and associated documentation and ask us questions. We were hoping to get that review done by the end of March but now expect it to be completed in April. As previously discussed, the next step is for Danna to submit the documentation to the local FDEP for preliminary approval and then to the State for final approval.

I also wanted to mention the state of the boats at our dock. Dockmaster **Jack Clark** will go into more detail but I wanted to mention it too. Take a walk down the docks and look at the state of the boats. Are the decks clean (i.e. no green algae), are the dock lines in good shape? I hope everyone takes Jack's comments to heart and spends some time taking a scrub brush to their boat.

Finally, April is a busy month for our Fleet Captain **Dean White**. Dean already hosted a fabulous Marker 21 party and now is concentrating on the small and big boat regattas. He really needs your support for the big boat regatta. Please drop him an e-mail and ask him how you can help! If you can only help for one day or one meal, he will gladly accept your offer.

See you around the Club

Tom Knowlton / Commodore



House



Last month was GREAT, and this month will be better. We're getting a handle on the list of things to do, and getting some of them done. There are a lot of small projects that need to be done and I'll be asking for some help from membership to get them done. I'll be

posting a list of small jobs on the board so that everyone can see them, and if you are so inclined, take one on and knock it out. I'm "kind of" taking a page from the GREAT work being done by the Adoptive Gardener program set up by Amy and the Commodore.

Speaking of that GREAT program, the Adoptive Gardening, it has really taken off and the effort everyone has been putting in is really starting to show. This month is our Spring Regatta. We all need to make an extra effort to try to get our Club looking its best! Based on what's taken place so far, I have no doubt that this will all come together before the Regattas. (But I'll put out a few reminders just to help out.)

The maintenance program is coming right along and we are using the books/logs to track our progress, and document the new items we find. This is really going to make it easy for future House Committees and allows

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Members to jump right in, and be productive right away on all the general maintenance and housekeeping the club goes through on a monthly basis. (Heck, even I understand what's going on now, well sort of, I still ask!)

So let's just keep up the GREAT work, and I'll get the list of stuff to be done (small jobs) posted so people can just take them on, as their schedules permit. And again, don't forget to get other Members (especially the newer Members) involved in volunteering for Committees, or as members of a small project group to take on one of these "new" small projects; they'll be posted soon. The volunteer spirit of this club is one of the core elements that make this Club such a truly special place.

Not to mention "Many hands make light work". Anyway, everyone have a GREAT month!

Eric Stord / House Vice Commodore



Fleet



March was a very busy month for Fleet. The Sunfish Championship Regatta was a GREAT success. There were 71 entries from 12 countries. Light winds made for very challenging conditions. A huge thank you goes to **Jim & Lynde Edwards** and their team of volunteers, in no particular order, **Chris & Patti Gates, David**

Silverman, Dick Tillman, Jim & Margaret Knepper, Pat Lambert, John Martin, David Lister, Dean & Patti White, Simon Koumjian, Art Ahrens, Will Moore, Suzanne Dunphy, Tom Knowlton, Phil Spletter, Page & Claudia Proffitt, Sean Vanderdrinck, Ross Herbert, Gail Oliver, Jack & Marty Bibb, Gabrielle Gruber, Pat Brown, Eileen Kiesel, Carol Mairs and Jill Levine. That's what this club is built on, look at that volunteer list—WOW!

The Spring Regatta is right around the corner. Come out to sail, help or just eat. Everyone is welcome. The Big Boat Regatta will have both racing and cruising, so there is no reason to leave your boat in the slip.

Make sure you come by the club to buy a regatta T-shirt.

Watch your email for dinner information and make your reservations. It makes planning so much easier.

The Easter Egg - Marker 21 Cruise was a fantastic success. Eleven boats made the trip south to Marker 21 for the Easter egg hunt and burn-it. 50 people enjoyed perfect weather, lots of food and drinks. Thanks to **Page Proffitt** for the Bahama Mama's, they were a BIG hit. We will try to get the next cruise planned before the summer heat sets in.

Lastly, there are some changes on the MYC homepage. At the top of the page, you will see an On The Water tab. If you click this tab, you will be taken to Fleet's own page. Everything you need to know can be found there. Updates on racing and cruising, forms needed, or important dates can be found there.

Dean White / Fleet Captain



Membership

The Membership Committee met for the first time on March 26. Present were of **Mary Pietras, PC Page Proffitt, Claudia Proffitt, Charlotte Parker, PC Ross Herbert**, and myself. Topics included: directory publication planning, prospective member tracking and status, imbalance in member volunteerism, newsletter costs vs. dues, and possible open house. The committee recommended a change in dues or newsletter mailing for better cost/revenue alignment for the lower dues categories. Recommendations on other topics are in development.



Membership actions:

- Members **Mick Lopez, Karl Krahmer, Rick Clow, and Carol Wheatley** have resigned. Three of these former members had personal reasons for resignation that did not reflect on the club. However, one of the departures shared, freely and in animated fashion, their frustration with not being able to use the “T” dock. This was clearly the singular reason for that members resignation.
- The following applicants received final approval by unanimous Board vote:
 - ◇ **Kristina Victor** (Corinthian)
 - ◇ **Sean Vandedrinck** (Corinthian)
 - ◇ **Jordi & Amy Cabré** (Resident).
 - ◇ **Michael Mandese** (Resident)All four applicants were sponsored by Phil Spletter.

Membership Statistics (Assuming all March 30 proposals are accepted):

Resident = 138, Non-Resident = 25, Corinthian = 9, Emeritus = 2, Junior Resident = 7, Provisional = 0, Extended Provisional = 0, Honorary = 12 Total of 201

Gary Briand / Membership Director

Entertainment

There was a very good turnout for Saint Patrick’s Day Dinner last month, complemented with many nice words on the food and Jacki’s service in the kitchen. Thanks Jacki!

This month’s entertainment will be provided through the efforts of Fleet. First, the Easter Egg Hunt on Marker 21 (Saturday, April 4th), followed by a Low-Country Boil during the Small Boat Regatta (Saturday, April 18th).

Then, “Prepare to come alongside”, as we will start off May on the 2nd with the annual Seafood Raft-up! Plenty of fun activities swirling around and about- - do attend and enjoy!



Greg Crawford / Entertainment Director

Grog Locker

Bar sales for March, 2015, are \$3,011, which represents a decrease of \$1,075, from March, 2014; however, this will be offset by over \$1,000 bar income from a private party at the club. In comparison, March, 2014, total income of \$4,086 was the highest monthly revenue for the entire 2014 period, and March, 2015 will actually exceed that figure.



The bar will introduce a new wine in April. Apothic is a red blend from California. Its very smooth, drinkable, and appealing to many red wine drinkers, pleasing Cab, Merlot, Pinot Noir, and Syrah/Shiraz fans. As some of you know, we also offer two new, single malt Scotch whiskies, Laphroaig (pronounced Lafroyg) and 12 Year Macallan. For fans of sparkling wine, I’m pleased to present Prosecco in individual splits, so it will always be fresh and bubbly for you. Maschio is an Italian wine, with lots of bubbles and a touch of sweetness.

I hope to see you at the bar and share a drink!

Pamela Crocker / Kitchen & Bar Director

Dock Notes



Activity continues to be high on the docks. We had two more boats leave us, as a result we have one new boat on the docks and one to come. The Boska's Columbia 27 Morning Glory sadly left us for a new home. We hate to see another old friend leave especially one that was so lovingly cared for. Bob always kept her up and could be seen on the dock weekly, she was clean and shipshape and secured with the proper dock lines, a good example for all of us. Starstruck, the last of our Lindenberg 28's on our docks, has also departed; a change in ownership necessitated her departure. Please welcome **Michael McClain's** Hunter 28.5 to the East Dock. We will be filling Morning Glory's slip from the wait list in the very near future.

The re-decking project that we have planned is on hold until we receive approval from the FDEP and can apply for a building permit. We are required to obtain a permit because some of the work, replacing underwater cross bracing and stringers, is deemed to be "Structural". This work will need to be signed off by a Licensed PE and a building inspector so requires a permit. Our FDEP consultant is currently working on the necessary paperwork.

In closing I would like to discuss an uncomfortable subject, that of DISUSED BOATS. In 2013 and 2014 the Dock Committee and board made a number of changes to the Bylaws to deal with this unpleasant and difficult subject. One of the things we did was to create a definition of what a DISUSED BOAT is and looks like. This is covered in section 12, page 29 of the current 2014 Club Directory. In short it asks; has the boat been used more than four times in the last 12 months? Is there excessive buildup of bottom growth? Is she green with algae or black with mold? Does she need serious canvas work? Are her running gear and control lines serviceable? And most importantly are her dock lines adequate, serviceable and ready for the coming storm season? Does your boat meet any of the DISUSED BOAT description? Take a walk down the dock and look at your pride and joy, is she shipshape and ready to go? We hope so because the Fleet Committee has lots of fun activities planned for the year and it is not all racing. We hope to see you out there enjoying your shipshape boat.

Jack Clark / Dockmaster

Sailing Education

The youth group continued to meet in March. The weather in March was cold by Floridian standards and windy – one Saturday had a Small Craft Advisory from the National Weather Service. The youth program is excited to welcome Coach **Sean Vandedrinck**. Sean is a graduate student in Ocean Engineering and Engineering Management at FIT. He grew up in the Canary Islands and is a lifelong sailor.



Coach Jordi invited the youth sailing class aboard his 36' PDQ catamaran. They watched the Sunfish Mid-Winter Championship and also had a GREAT view of the air show.

Due to several conflicts and the MYC Spring Regatta there will not be any class in April. Classes will resume on May 2nd. By then the weather should be really good and we can get back to sailing!

It is time to start rounding up volunteers for the Beginners' sailing class in May. Please volunteer and encourage the brave new sailors.

Margaret Knepper / Sailing Education



Two fishermen were on opposite sides of a lake. One yelled across to the other saying; "Any luck?" The second yelled back; "Real good here!"

Having not caught a thing the first wanted to get on the same side but couldn't find a way to do it. He shouted to the other; "How do I get on the other side?" The second answered; "You are on the other side."



MELBOURNE YACHT CLUB 2015 SPRING REGATTA April 18-19 and April 25-26

Small Boat Weekend

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

Small Monohulls \leq 20 ft.

- 9:00 Registration and continental breakfast at MYC
- 11:00 Competitors' meeting
- 12:30 1st warning - other races to follow
- 16:00 Sodas/snacks/keg at the club
- 18:00 Dinner served (approx. time) at MYC
- 19:00 Results posted

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

- 9:00 Continental breakfast at MYC
- 11:00 1st warning - other races to follow
- 15:00 Sodas/keg/trophies/hot dogs available

Classes expected: Sunfish, Laser, Collegiate 420,
Mono-hull Portsmouth, Raider

3+ boats make a class, with advance notice

Entry Fees: Adults \$40/includes 1 Sat. PM dinner
Students \$10 (dinner extra)
Extra dinners* \$12

Big Boat Weekend

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

- 9:00 Registration and continental breakfast at MYC
- 11:00 Competitors' meeting, all fleets
Courses will be a combination of W/L and distance races
- 12:30 Wine & Cheese Fleet start - one fun distance race on Sat.
- 12:30 Racing fleets 1st warning- other races to follow
- 18:00 Dinner served (approx.) and results posted at MYC
- 19:00 Wine & Cheese Fleet awards follow dinner

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

- 9:00 Continental breakfast at MYC
- 11:00 1st warning - other races to follow
- 15:00 Sodas/keg/trophies, hot dogs available at MYC

Classes expected:

(Sat & Sun) PHRF Handicap, J/24, C-22,
(Sat only) and Wine and Cheese Fleet
4+ boats make a class, with advance notice

Entry Fees: PHRF / One Design boat \$50/includes
one Sat PM dinner
Wine & Cheese boat \$30/includes
one Sat PM dinner
Extra dinners* \$15

See www.sail-race.com for NORs and registration forms

Dean White, Fleet Captain - 321-305-0978 for questions or windsorite@hotmail.com or
mycfleet@melbourneyachtclub.com or MYC (Day of races only) 321-768-9921

The Race that was NOT!

MYC, PCYC and FPYC had worked together to arrange an ocean race from Ft. Pierce to Port Canaveral on March 14-15. But a 100 foot barge sinking in the Ft. Pierce Inlet forced a delay until March 28-29. A week before the race there were nine boats registered but the weather forecast was predicting strong northerly winds. Boats started dropping out. Finally, just four boats started the race: **Tony Godden/Mayhem**, **Del Wiese/Chasing Rainbows**, **Hasty Miller/Skimmer** and **Mike O'Toole/Varmint** from FPYC.

The weather forecast was correct, we had 15-20 knot winds from the NNW. The first leg was from the Ft. Pierce sea buoy to R10 at Bethel Shoal, 16 nm at a heading of 016. Shortly after the start *Mayhem* broke a lower shroud but kept the mast in an upright position. Now there were three. *Skimmer* got to Bethel first (no surprise). When *Chasing Rainbows* got there we quickly determined that the next leg, from Bethel to R2 north of the Port Canaveral channel, was 40.8 nm with a good bit of wind almost directly on the nose. Some quick calculations resulted in the realization we'd probably finish at 3-4 am Sunday with half the remaining race in the dark. We decided that was just "too much fun" and retired. *Varmint* and *Skimmer* did likewise and therefore "the race that was NOT!"

Del Wiese / PRO



Slip for Sale!

North walk #4, a privately-owned 42 ft. slip is for sale in Melbourne harbor. Max length of boat can be no more than 42 ft. and draft no deeper than 4 ft.! The slip is located facing the Ichabod's Dockside Restaurant just to the left of it! The slip is privately owned and asking price is \$35,000. If interested, call **Mary & Gus Williams** at either 321-243-8337 or 423-827-7190.



Mid-April 2015 – May 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
12 Bar Opens at 2PM	13	14 Art group 10am	15	16	17 TGIF Bar opens at 5:00	18 Spring Small Boat Regatta Low Country Boil Dinner
19 Spring Small Boat Regatta Bar Opens at 2PM	20	21 Art group 10am	22	23	24 Rum Race TGIF Bar opens at 5:00	25 Spring Big Boat Regatta
26 Spring Big Boat Regatta Bar Opens at 2PM	27	28 Art group 10am	29	30	May 1 TGIF Bar opens at 5:00	2 Seafood Raft-up
3 Small Boat Races Bar Opens at 2PM	4	5 Art group 10am	6 General Membership Meeting	7	8 Rum Race TGIF Bar opens at 5:00	9 Dragon Point Co-Ed Race
10 Mother's Day Brunch	11	12 Art group 10am	13	14	15 TGIF Bar opens at 5:00	16
17 Small Boat Races Bar Opens at 2PM	18	19 Art group 10am	20	21	22 Rum Race TGIF Bar opens at 5:00	23 Single-Handed River Race
24 Bar Opens at 2PM	25 Memorial Day 	26 Art group 10am	27	28	29 TGIF Bar opens at 5:00	30 Dragon Point Women's 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.

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.

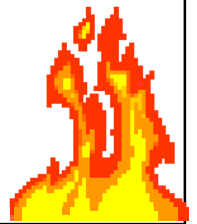
Tabs and Box Tops Challenge



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.

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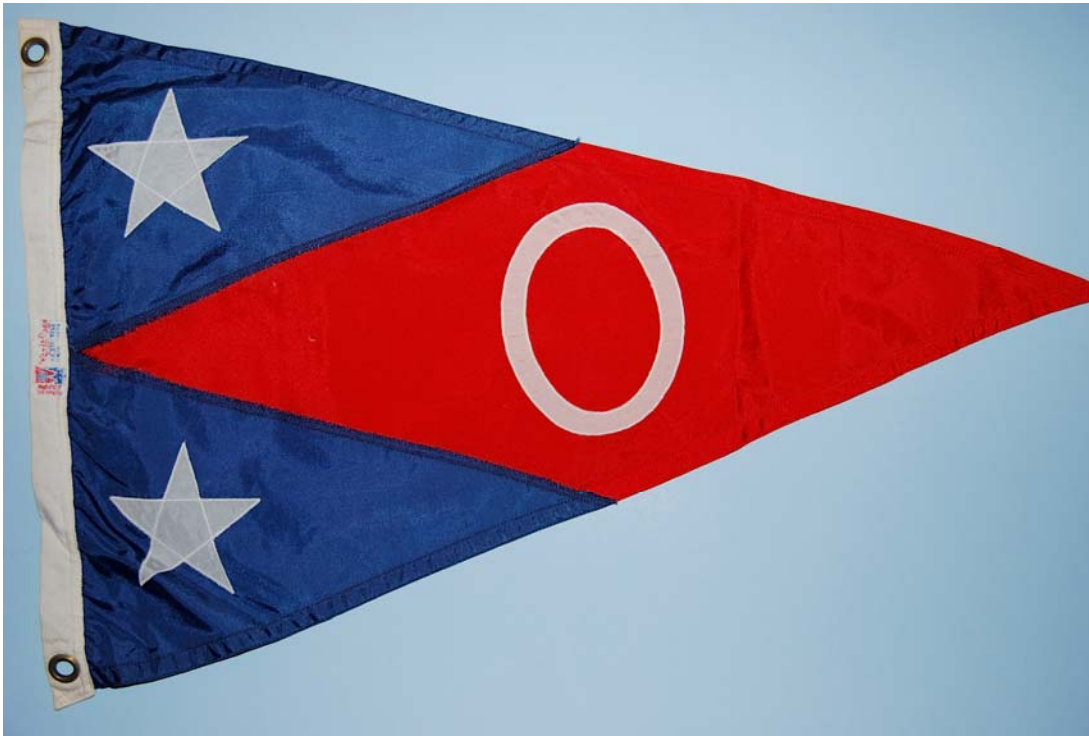
**FUEL STORAGE IS NEVER ALLOWED IN THE ANNEX!
NOT EVEN A LITTLE!!**



Help Needed

We are looking for club members who are willing to help with our Tell-Tale newsletter. We will provide the training and the software. We also need proof readers. If you are willing to help please contact any of our board members.

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>

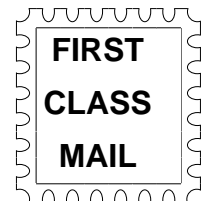
Burgee History: <Short text paragraph about how the burgee was donated>

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YACHT CLUB**



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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.



*Apr 11th
Spring Work Day*

*Apr 18th
Low Country Boil Dinner*

*Apr 18th—19th
Spring Small Boat Regatta*

*Apr 25th—26th
Spring Big Boat Regatta*

*May 2nd
Seafood Raft-up*

*May 10th
Mother's Day Brunch*