

# TELL-TALE



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## 2016 Board Members

At the January General Membership meeting held on Wednesday, January 6th 2016, the membership elected the 2016 Board of Directors.

The following members were elected to the Board:

### Officers

Commodore	<b>Eric Stord</b>
Vice Commodore/House	<b>Lloyd Millar</b>
Rear Commodore/Fleet	<b>Gregg Kowalski</b>
Secretary	<b>Jackie Cope</b>
Treasurer	<b>Del Wiese</b>

### Directors

Entertainment	<b>Pat Brown</b>
Docks	<b>Sean Freeman</b>
Bar & Kitchen	<b>Page Proffitt</b>
Membership	<b>Chris Salmon</b>
Sailing Education	<b>Eckart Schneider</b>

The new Board will take office at the beginning of New Business during the February General Membership meeting on Wednesday, 3 February 2016.

## 2016 Dues & Docks Increase Approved

At the January General Membership meeting held on Wednesday, January 6th 2016, the membership approved a three year Dues and Dock Rate schedule. The annual change for the dock slip rate and each class of membership shall be as follows:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018 and thereafter</u>
<u>Resident Initiation Fee</u>	<u>\$750</u>	<u>\$750</u>	<u>\$750</u>
<u>Resident Dues</u>	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$515</u>	<u>\$530</u>
<u>Junior Resident Dues</u>	<u>50% of the Resident Member class dues</u>		
<u>Non Resident Dues</u>	<u>\$50</u>	<u>\$55</u>	<u>\$60</u>
<u>Extended Provisional 6mo.</u>	<u>50% of the Resident Member class dues</u>		
<u>Corinthian</u>	<u>\$50</u>	<u>\$50</u>	<u>\$50</u>
<u>Dock Rate per ft per mo plus tax.</u>	<u>\$ 4.88</u>	<u>\$ 5.03</u>	<u>\$ 5.18</u>



## Commodore's Log

We have received information from the Orlando office of the DEP. They formally submitted our application to the state for final approval. We expect that process to be completed by the end of January. Once the formal approval is received, we can use the T-docks.



Congratulations to Commodore-elect Eric Stord. He and the new board have many tasks to take on. They will need your support to complete them.

**Tom Knowlton / Commodore**



## House

Fellow members, what a great holiday season! Thanks everyone for helping out and attending the different events, a good time was had by all. But with the holidays over the un-decorating had to begin, never my favorite part of the season as I wish the holidays could last all year. On this note, I would like to thank a



few Members who stopped by to lend a hand in the decorating putting away department.

The Un-Decorating Party Members were:

**Greg Crawford, Amy Lacy, Jacki Leahy, Carol Mairs, and Tim Williams, Thank you!**

We really do have the Best Club Members!!!!!!

With the Thanks completed, let's not forget there is still the Club's "TO DO" on the cork board. You don't need permission to take on a task that you think you're suited to handle. So take a look at the list, there may be something that's right up your alley!

Don't forget to share your thoughts with us, in person, by email or by using the Club's New Suggestion Box. By email you can use our web interface at "melbourneyachtclub.com" or "SailMYC.com", in the Find Us section, send to Vice Commodore. Or, to share your thoughts in person, and come to the monthly House Committee meeting on the Wednesday before the General Membership (this month January 27<sup>th</sup>) meeting at 5:45PMish, Everyone is always Welcome.

As always, Thanks again for everyone's contributions!!

**Eric Stord / House Vice Commodore**

## 2016 MYC Landscaping Report

Here is my New Year's resolution for the MYC landscape in 2016:

*All areas shall be completed and, therefore, all that will need to be done in the future is maintenance.*

This is very doable. Here's what's happening in the near future:

Sean Freeman has donated 6 crotons which I will be planting this week on either side of the boatyard gates. He is growing some more for us which will be planted to extend from the boatyard gate along the white fence to the condo fence as soon as they are ready.

Sean has also adopted the strip in the lower parking lot behind the 420s. He is going to work his magic with that area.

Lynn and Tim Goris are going to remove the stones from their area by the front door extending to the front parking lot. They are also going to remove all the oleander and replace them with plumbago. They are planning

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## *Fleet*



January continues to be a bit slow for the Fleet Committee. Rum Racing and Dragon Point racing continues as scheduled. Watch the "On The Water" tab on the MYC homepage. There was a Hangover Race on January 1st, with eight boats taking part.

Thanks to **Dave Noble** for planning and **Pat Lambert** for running

the races.

As my term as the Fleet Captain is coming to an end I would like to pass on some more thank yous. Last month's article covered our Dragon Point, Rum Race, and Small Boat volunteers. This month, I would like to continue with the rest of the Fleet volunteers.

Our club is a hot bed of racing in Brevard County as well as the rest of Central Florida. The reason our club is popular with racers is because of the excellent race executives we have. Our on-the-water race officials are the best in the state and by the quality of races we host, the rest of the state knows it too.

We host six club regattas each year and in 2015 we hosted two state and national races as well. Of these eight races, six of them were run by **PC Pat Lambert**. When there was something I needed to know as a new Fleet Captain, it was Pat that I went to first. His vast racing knowledge is an asset this club should appreciate. Thank You Pat for making my job so much easier.

The other two races were run by **Gerry Moores**. If Pat was my "number 1" go-to person for help, Gerry was "1A". He was always ready to help any time I asked and that was above & beyond his running the Dragon Point racing twice a month, every month. Thanks Gerry.

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this job for the end of the month. I will be sending out an email asking you to help them out, so please respond to the call.

Joyce Alexy is going to finish up her area where the fiddlewood tree is planted with possibly some small shrubs and/or ground cover.

I am going to plant the large oyster plants by the front fence where the hickory pignut was removed and also plant jasmine vines on that fence.

The strip of oyster plants along the condo fence in the upper parking lot is going to be converted to all large oyster plants. We will find another use for the smaller oyster plants in that area. I have talked to several people who all seem to agree that a more uniform look will be better.

I am going to plant a row of large oyster plants in front of the pram storage area.

The following areas need to be adopted:

- ~ the sign area
- ~ the 2 areas of jasmine vines on the front fence to the left and right of the 2<sup>nd</sup> club entrance
- ~ the oyster plant strip on the east side of the front parking lot by the condo fence
- ~ the strip in front of the boatyard gates where the crotons are going to be
- ~ the area by the west fence in the upper parking lot that includes the oleander and philodendron
- ~ the oyster plants in front of the pram storage area

Please rally to the call and adopt an area. Call me at 321-544-3262 or email me at [amylacy24@gmail.com](mailto:amylacy24@gmail.com)

And if you have a garden area that you haven't worked on in awhile, why not make a resolution to do so, especially while the weather is cool. Happy New Year and Happy Gardening!

***Amy Lacy / MYC Master Gardener***

# Membership

The Membership Committee did not meet in December. I was unable to continue work this month on analysis of resignations over the history of the club. Membership process reference was created and posted in the "Chartroom".



## Membership actions:

- Resident applicant **Frank Hujber** received final approval at the January 4, 2016 board meeting.
- Corinthian applicant **Carlyn Reep** received provisional approval in an email board concluded December 9, 2015. Final approval of the Ms. Reep's application will be proposed at the February 1, 2016 board meeting.  
Carlyn is a chemistry graduate student from New Hampshire currently attending Florida Institute of Technology. She enjoys fishing, cooking, and pottery, as well as, her English bulldogs. She would like to increase her experience with sailing at MYC and make friends in her new adopted home.
- Extended Provisional members **Scott & Amanda MacLeod** have chosen not to convert to resident members citing personal reasons.
- Resident members **Art & Gayle Greenman** have resigned effective January 31, 2016. They are no longer planning to buy a boat.

**Key Items:** Board vote issues, Informational

## Membership Statistics:

Resident = 148, Non-Resident = 25, Corinthian = 10, Emeritus = 2, Junior Resident = 6, Provisional = 0, Extended Provisional = 3, Honorary = 12 Total of 206

**Gary Briand / Membership Director**

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The rest of the Fleet Committee were a wealth of help and guidance as well. I would like to thank **Page Proffitt** and **John Martin** for all their help. Stop by the club any day of the week and one or both of them are at the club doing something to help the members. Thanks to **Jim & Lynde Edwards**. If you want to be successful as a Fleet Captain, you need these two on your committee. It's nice to have two former Fleet Captains to bounce ideas off. They've seen it all and are always available.

Thanks to **John Tworkowski** for keeping the racing marks in working order.

Thanks to **Dave Noble** for taking care of all the trophies for all the club events. I can't image how much time I would have had to spend on this if it weren't for Dave.

Lastly, I would like to thank **Patti White** for being the real Fleet Captain of MYC. This position is all about planning and I am not trying to gain favor when I give her all the credit. She has fleet running like a machine because of her planning and organization. Without her, our fleet would be sunk.

Thank you for letting me be your Fleet Captain. I would like to wish the incoming Fleet Captain, **Gregg Kowalski**, all the best for the upcoming year and ask you to volunteer for his committee.

**Dean White / Fleet Captain**



**Hawsepiper** – An informal term for a merchant ship's officer who began his or her career as an unlicensed merchant seaman, and so did not attend a traditional maritime academy to earn the officer's license.

# Dock Notes

I would like to start my Dock Notes for January by saying thank you to the Dock Committee for all their help and assistance during my term as Dock Master in 2015. Every one of the committee was supportive, and provided inputs and assistance when I need help. I would also like to thank the slip holders for all their cooperation during my term.



Next, I would like to welcome **Sean Freeman** as our new Dock Master for 2016! I hope everyone on the docks will be as supportive and helpful to Sean as they have been to me. Sean is a newer member to the club and he and his lovely wife, JoAnne, have the Pearson 27, *Santana* berthed on the East Dock. If you have a second say hello to Sean and thank him for taking on responsibility for our water front.

**MYC Slip Holder House Keeping:** Everyone with a wet slip should have received an e-mail note from me asking for a new 2016 Slip Renters contact and a request for proof of insurance and a copy of their Florida Boat Registration. Some have already placed copies in the Dock Master box. Thank You. Updates are due in February every year.

**West Lawn Boat Census:** The west lawn small boat storage area is full! It's great to see so many Lasers and Sunfish at the club and last Sunday's small boat racing sure showed the boats off. I think we had 14 to 15 boats out! The west lawn storage, also, requires a Storage Contract and they need to be updated for 2016. If you have not already provided one, please download the form in the MYC web site and place it in the Dock Master's box in the club house. You will also begin to see blue painters tape on the boat covers on the west lawn, please put your name on your boat so, we can contact you, if necessary.

**Dock Maintenance:** We expect to begin replacing dock pilings on the East and West docks in February. Pilings to be replaced will be marked with a stripe of Orange tape. If you are a wet slip holder and see Orange tape on a piling in or around your slip the Dock Master and/or the Dock Committee will be contacting you if it's necessary to have your boat moved so we can get the pile driver into position for the replacement. We expect to be changing out about 23 of the older "black" 1977-era pilings before this year's storm season.

*Jack Clark / Dockmaster*

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## Sailing Education

### Youth

December has been a relatively slow month. Four high school boys sailed two weekends including one using Optimis in harbor when it was too windy on lagoon. **Evan Cabre** and **Phil Spletter** are U.S. Sailing certified Level 1 instructors. Youth classes will start again in May. In the meantime, some of the youth will be sailing in the Sunday dinghy races.



Justin went to the US Sailing Olympic Festival in Jensen Beach. Through the generosity of the Ft. Lauderdale YC, one of the premier youth sailing programs in the country, he was provided a boat and welcomed into their support infrastructure, including coaching, in the Green fleet which is intended to provide a low stress introduction to racing. Saturday, December 4th was too windy for the green fleet to sail at all, so they spent the day discussing sailboat racing on the shore with the coaching staff. Sunday was less blustery but still too challenging for the first timers, so he went out on a support boat, then later a coach's boat, to observe the action and get a better idea of how youth sailboat races are conducted.

### Adult

In an attempt to get more women out sailing, **Suzanne Dunphy** organized a women's practice sail. Unfortunately, the wind did not cooperate on Dec 4 and the sailing was canceled. The next weekend had four J24's and a J22 out for the fun Dragon Point race (24 people total). All the J-24's downsized to the smaller jibs and raced head-to-head with the J-22 for some fun and educational racing. The focus was on getting people in

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# Entertainment

After the festive, bright and bouncy feelings brought on by the Christmas & New Year's holidays, January provided a nice time to bump it up with Rum Races Parties, TGIF's and the friendly social interactions that accompanies both!



Then, as we step into February: MYC SOUPER BOWL Party Sunday, February 7, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. The game begins at 6:30 p.m. ET. 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.

**Greg Crawford / Entertainment Director**

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## Grog Locker

New Year's greetings to all of you -- and the very best that New Year 2016 has to offer. As I write this, the Florida Lottery jackpot has climbed to an surreal \$1.5 billion. Let's hope one of us is Florida's newest billionaire (actually, millionaire, after voracious taxes)! Of course, they would be expected to solve all the club's financial issues!



Speaking of money matters, bar revenue for December, 2015, is \$2,618, which is a increase of 3% over December, 2014. The YTD/year end total is \$33,880.00, which is \$2,731 and 9% over YTD 2014.

New Year's Day Hangover Race was surprisingly successful, with eight or nine boats participating, bringing in about \$350. Even so, while New Year's Day fell on Friday this year, everyone was over the holidays and partying by about 6:00 PM. or so, and the bar closed by 7:00 PM

As always, remember the bar offers:

- Margaritas at only \$2.50 (while Tequila supply lasts),
- Specialty Cocktails – the Deep Eddy and the Tropical Kiss Martini and,
- Guinness nitrogen cans.

See you soon.

**Pamela Crocker / Bar and Kitchen Director**

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positions on the boat where they weren't usually sailing to learn something new. There were four total races with the driver and crew rotating to a new position on the boat. Everybody had a good time. There will be more fun rotating racing coming.

**Margaret Knepper / Sailing Education**



One day a would-be "rookie-pirate" was wondering how he could become a better pirate. 'Already having a peg leg, a hook, and a patch, but what else would make me the best pirate around?' He thought and thought. Finally, he figured that a parrot is what he should have, one that could repeat nautical sayings and sit on his shoulder.

Walking along a beach he spied several birds in a big tree. Knowing that he could never climb the large tree, he enlisted the help of a local native. Up the tree and down again went the native returning with a beautiful Scarlet Macaw. Seeing that it was a red bird, he asked why it wasn't gold, the color of doubloons, or green like money. The native responded, "Those weren't ripe yet!"



# Mid-January 2016 – February 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
17 Rum Race Bar Opens at 2PM	18	19 Art group 10am	20	21	22 TGIF Bar opens at 5:00	23  Dragon Point Women's Race
24 Small Boat Bar Opens at 2PM	25	26 Art group 10am	27	28	29 Bahamian Party TGIF Bar opens at 500	30
31 Rum Race Bar Opens at 2PM	Feb 1	2 Art group 10am	3 General Membership Meeting 6:30PM	4	5 TGIF Bar opens at 5:00	6  Dragon Point Coed Race
7 Small Boat Souper Bowl Bar Opens at 2PM	8	9 Art group 10am	10	11	12 TGIF Bar opens at 5:00	13
14 Rum Race Bar Opens at 2PM	15	16 Art group 10am	17	18	19 TGIF Bar opens at 5:00	20  Dragon Point Women's Race
21 Small Boat Bar Opens at 2PM	22	23 Art group 10am	24	25	26 TGIF Bar opens at 5:00	27  Commodore's Ball
28 Rum Race Bar Opens at 2PM	29 Leap Year Day	Mar 1 Art group 10am	2 General Membership Meeting 6:30PM	3	4 TGIF Bar opens at 500	5  Dragon Point Coed Race
<b>Dania Flea Market</b>						



# 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.

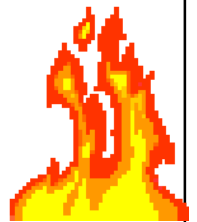
## Tabs and Box Tops Challenge



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!!**



## 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>

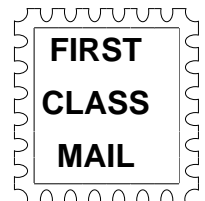
**Burgee History:**<Short text paragraph about how the burgee was donated>

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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.*



*January 29th  
Bahamian Party*

*February 7th  
Souper Bowl Party*

*February 27th  
Commodore's Ball*