

# TELL-TALE



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## MYC FULL MOON REGATTA



Date: August 20, 2016  
 Race Location: Rum Race Course  
 Skipper's Meeting: 7:30 PM  
 Start Time: 9:00 PM  
 Cost: \$15 per boat

## Save the Dates

*Mermaid School*

*Thursday, September 8, 2016, 6:30 to 8:30*

*Mermaid Regatta*

*Saturday, September 10, 2016*

*Racing followed by dinner*

**The new MYC property access codes for 2016-2017 are now in effect. Please refer to the back of your membership card for them.**



## Commodore's Log

July was another great month with the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Barbeque. The food was great and good time was had by all. There was a little twist, as the annual 4<sup>th</sup> hosts (Chief Cooks and bottle washers) Past Commodore (and Commodorable) **Bob & Wendy Hughes**, who have been driving this for years took a bit of a "side seat" to let **Brad & Jennifer Helin** drive this event. Again a great



job by everyone, to make event the success that it always is!

To continue on the above success theme, I want to make sure everyone is aware that volunteering is what makes this club what it is! All new members are welcome (and sort of expected) to help pitch in to continue the marvelous level of valued volunteerism, that makes this club what it is. We are far more than a simply a Yacht Club, we are a Family of kindred spirits, a Fraternity of Mariners. Some of us have sailed the oceans in professional capacities, in the Naval or Merchant Services; while others simply for the pleasure of the adventure, and all of us "for the horizon". The difference between the two groups is small, but the similarity is enormous, as the common factor is the calling of sea. It is with this spirit I call to all members, but especially the newer ones, step up and be counted in the rolls of the many who have stepped up before you, and get involved.

Now to the "Tricky Question", how do I get involved? There are so many areas where everyone can help out and contribute. I (your Commodore) try to make every TGIF (Friday) and you can ask me to help you get started. But you can do it yourself! In the front of the MYC Directory there is a list of the committees you could join, or just let the committee know you're available to help. So look at what's available, and join in!

On other fronts for July, if you got out on the water you know it could be hot. When you add the heat with the humidity, you have a mix that could spell double trouble. Let's all try to be careful out there and stay hydrated (trouble 1) and watch the weather for pop up storms (trouble 2).

July saw the LRPC second meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Again Chairman Melfi and committee took to task important long-range concerns of the club. These issues are of great importance to the club and I would like to take this opportunity to thank him and his committee, for their ongoing efforts!

As always, come on down to the Club and visit with some old friends, and make some new ones. Remember TGIF is every Friday and it is always a great time, so see you there!

Finally, this month I simply get to wish everyone and safe and happy summer. So get out there and enjoy it!

**Eric Stord / Commodore**



## House

Vice Commodore Lloyd is overloaded with work this month. Look for his thoughts and observations next month.



**Lloyd Millar / House Vice Commodore**



## Fleet

Rear Commodore Gregg is out of town this month. Look for his comments and insights next month.- ed.



**Gregg Kowalski / Fleet Captain Rear Commodore**

# Membership

## MEMBERSHIP GOALS

Dear Members, You have been doing a stellar job. Each week we have had more and more visitors interested in joining the Melbourne Yacht Club. Last Friday night six new people were here to see the club. This place is so special to all of us. Sailing is our passion. Having a drink with each other is our time for sharing memories. How do you feel about meeting 60 new Resident Members? Kind of exciting. Well, we have a goal of 60 new members in the next 16 months.



## MEMBERSHIP ACTIONS

In July, special Thanks to **Karen Williams** for sponsoring **Sunny Heck**. Sunny is up for consideration as Provisional applying for Resident membership at this time.

Sunny has lived in the Melbourne area for over thirty years. Sunny loves fishing, boating, and sailing – everything that has to do with water and Florida. Sunny is an Engineer and currently works for an Army Contractor.

## MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

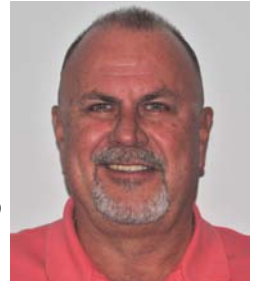
Resident = 140, Non-Resident = 26, Corinthian = 9, Emeritus = 1, Junior Resident = 9, Provisional = 1, Extended Provisional = 0, Honorary = 10, Total 196

**Kit Salmon / Membership Director**

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## Dock Notes

Started getting some tops on the pilings on the West side of the docks thanks to some help from **Jack Leahy**. He found some of the old copper plate that we re-formed to fit on some of the pilings and found a few of the black covers. Unless anyone has a source for more of those copper sheets (they're costly these days), we'll be getting some black poly cones to go over the remaining pilings.



Also cleared one of the big trees hanging over the East Yard, allowing us to move another boat in there for **Tom Weber** who, with his friend **Toby** from Chicago and the ever-helpful **Jack Leahy**, helped take those branches down and get them into the dumpster for the Tuesday pickup. Thanks to their efforts, the East Yard is looking much better and the masts are clear of the branches.

More is coming now that the weather is starting to get a tad less oppressive and we're still waiting on the formal report for our dock and seawall inspection. We'll keep you posted!

Please feel free to contact me with any questions/issues: [submarineveteran@gmail.com](mailto:submarineveteran@gmail.com)

**Sean Freeman / Dockmaster**



After a very successful fishing trip a huge shipment of sardines came in and was warehoused. Because the warehouse bill wasn't paid, the owner of the warehouse sold the sardines to a friend. As word came out that the price of fish was about to skyrocket, the owner of the warehouse bought back the sardines at a higher price.

Thus began an endless round of buying and selling, with the price going higher and higher. After the tenth transaction between the two men, the friend thought it would be a good idea to sample the merchandise and see what they had. A can was opened. The sardines were dreadful - bony, skimpy, and drenched in an acrid oil. The friend told the warehouse owner, who said, "Look, these sardines aren't for eating. They're for buying and selling! "

## *Sailing Education*

Word of our program is spreading and people from all over the world are coming to sail with us! That's an embellishment but it is true that we had international visitors join us and be part of a really good week.

Saturday was the last day of the June sailing classes. The day began with the pram class and we were joined by Scarlett and Zander, visiting us from Melbourne, Australia! There Scarlett began sailing Optis in the green fleet last fall. She has already won a regatta and moved up to the more competitive red fleet and has been invited to sail in a regatta in China. The wind was light for leaving the harbor but all the boats made it out into the river. Unfortunately the wind died completely so everyone tied up to the coach's boat for a swimming session. After being towed in and putting the boats away, the graduation ceremony, including ice cream was held.

New classes began July 9th and are filled to the limit. Some of the students came back for the second or third time which is really nice to see.

After a week off to celebrate the 4th of July, classes resumed at MYC. In the morning, we welcomed Charlotte and Sophie who joined Alyssa, Carter, Justin and Zoey in prams while Alexander sailed a Sunfish for the first time. In the afternoon Alex and Ashley moved up from last month's pram class where they joined two Wyatts, Liam and Zach to sail 420s. Sophia and Grace made a guest appearance in conditions that were very favorable. We were fortunate to have Connor, the captain of the FIT sailing program and Catlyn who sails at FSU join us to help with instruction for the day.

Classes at MYC continued on Saturday. Unfortunately there was no wind for the morning class but this writer took the class out on his boat. While motoring to the east side of the lagoon we encountered some bottlenose porpoises that wanted to play alongside our boat. It was a really amazing moment for kids of all ages.

The fall adult class is full to capacity with 12 students and 5 on standby, who will have to most likely participate in the spring class of 2017.



***Eckart Schneider / Sailing Education***

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## *Entertainment*

Coming up on Friday September 16th is Talk Like a Pirate Night. **Gerry Moores** has arranged for a band. Bring a dish of something to share. Create or dig out your finest pirate outfit. And come on down to celebrate International Talk Like A Pirate Day!

### **Party Planners Needed for Christmas and New Year's Eve**

Traditionally, MYC has a party early in December that focuses on Christmas and the children.

And traditionally we have some kind of a New Year's Eve celebration.

For these events to happen again this year, we need an event chair for each – you know, a party planner. If you would like to volunteer, please let me know. And if you know someone who's just waiting to be asked, give me his or her name and I'll make the call.

It's important to get started on planning these two events if we want entertainment, whether it's a chorus, or a band, or a DJ, December is a busy time and we need to book soon.



***Patricia Brown / Entertainment Director***



Two sailors meet each other on a pier. Both are dragging their right foot as they walk.

One points to his foot and says: "Pearl Harbor, World War II!"

The other points his thumb behind and says: "Seagull crap, 20 feet back!"

## *Grog Locker*



The Bar and Kitchen had a great July with a Taco Dinner on the 15th and a Wednesday lunch on the 20th. Even though we are in the middle of summer and many of our members are gone the club is still very active. Keep an eye on your emails for the events coming up at the club.

The bar was open for the J-24 meeting on August 4th with one of the best presentation of sailing rules of racing that I have seen. **Will Moore** gave the basics of what to be aware of on the course and the rights of way and over laps. Even being an old "Stink Potter", it was even interesting to me. Come on out to the next J-24 meeting and learn more about sailing and racing in the Brevard area.

The bar had one of its better incomes selling about \$2700 in chit sales for July. This was possibly due to the great July 4th dinner and party. If you missed the Melbourne July 4th fireworks you missed one of the best in many years.

We have been working to get the keg cooler fixed. The compressor is on its last legs and has been making lots of noise. Repairs on this should be done shortly.

I have to thank my Bar Committee for all the great help they have given me. I could not do all the work on the bar myself. Please if you are not on a committee at the club get involved. The club only has three employees, the bartenders, and relies on all the support and repairs around the club on its members. House, Fleet, Entertainment and Membership are all in need of your support to keep the club running smoothly.

*Page Proffitt / Bar and Kitchen Director*

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## **Sept 16<sup>th</sup> 2016**

# **Talk Like A Pirate Day**

### **Band Starts at 8:00 PM**

**Wear ye best/worst pirate outfit or it may be the Brig for ye. *ARR***

## **Bring some grub to share**

### **Special \$2.50 rum drinks**



# Mid-August 2016 – September 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
14 Bar Opens at 2PM 	15 Cuba Cruise Talk	16 Arts n' Crafts Crew 10am	17 Wednesday Lunch	18	19 TGIF Bar opens at 5:00 	20 Dragon Point Women's Race Moon-lite Regatta 
21 Small Boat Racing Bar Opens at 2PM 	22	26 Arts n' Crafts Crew 10am	24	25	26 Rum Race TGIF Bar opens at 5:00 	27
28 Bar Opens at 2PM 	29	30 Arts n' Crafts Crew 10am	31 House Committee Meeting	Sept 1	2 TGIF Bar opens at 5:00 	3
4 Small Boat Racing Bar Opens at 2PM 	5	6 Arts n' Crafts Crew 10am	7 General Membership Meeting 6:30PM	8 Mermaid School 	9 Rum Race TGIF Bar opens at 5:00 	10 Mermaid Regatta 
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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.

## MYC Board 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.

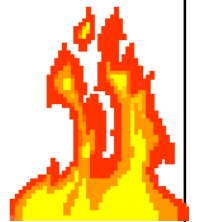
## Tabs and Box Tops Challenge



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 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>

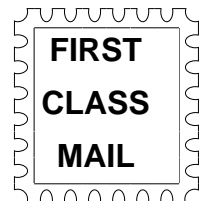
**Burgee History:** <Short text paragraph about how the burgee was donated>

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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.*



*August 13th  
Bunco Party*

*August 17th  
Wednesday Lunch*

*August 20th  
Moonlight Regatta*

*September 8th  
Mermaid School*

*September 10th  
Mermaid Regatta*

*September 16th  
Talk Like A Pirate*

*September 21st  
Wednesday Lunch*