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MYC Commodore's Ball Saturday, February 25th

*Join us for the installation of
 the New Board*



New Location !!



**The Courtyard at the Oaks on Hibiscus Blvd.
 Melbourne**

Invitations with details to be mailed out soon so stay tuned.....

MYC SOUPER BOWL PARTY



Sunday, February 5, 2017 at 6:00 p. m.

Game begins at 6:30 p. m. ET

At this point, there are a couple of 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 or a snack 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.





Commodore's Log



Happy New Year's to all! With the January General Membership meeting comes the annual election of the MYC Board of Directors! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the 2016 MYC Board of Directors for their service to our Club. As you know, the Club simply does not run on its own. It takes people to look after the all the Regattas and other Events; along with the daily administration and other activities of an organization.

..... So a special THANKS... to the following Members, and their Families!

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And a huge "Welcome Aboard and Thank You" to the incoming Board of Directors (and their Families)!

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| Commodore: | Eric Stord (yes, me again) |
| Vice Commodore/ House | Gregg Kowalski (yes, him again) |
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| Docks: | Sean Freeman (yes, him again) |
| Membership: | Charlotte Parker |
| Entertainment: | Lynn Duerbeck |
| Youth Sailing/ Education: | Melissa Tribou |

I would like to make a special thanks to the Board Members who are continuing their service the Club, we couldn't do it without you! By the way, WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU EITHER, the Members. So thanks to everyone who participated and helped with all the great events we did this year.

December was yet another great month, with Members going to the Christmas and New Year's Eve parties. A really great time was had by all. I would like to comment on the wonderful friendship, and fellowship, the season brought to us all.

To kick off this year, MYC in conjunction with EGYC and the J/24 Fleet, are hosting the J-24 Midwinter Championship February 9th-12th. It is going to be great time, with MYC running the "water side" of the bulkhead and EGYC running the shore side; but wait; we're inviting all the Racers down to our club on Friday, February 10th to come and visit with us during TGIF. So, we're putting out the welcome mat and putting on a small dinner that night for the sailors. But we're expecting our Members to be there to join in to welcome the J/24 sailors to our regular TGIF. There is no better way to meet the Melbourne Yacht Club than at a TGIF. Please come down and join the fun. By the way, we may be looking for a couple of people to help out on Friday, please see Page or Lynn (new Entertainment Director) to lend a hand.

Special Notice: Also, and really important; we are looking to see if anyone has an extra room, or place (berth on a docked boat), that you would be willing to make available for the Sailors coming in from out of town. If you can help with housing in any way, please contact (our) **Jackie Cope** (jcope2011@hotmail.com or the number at the top of the Tell-Tale) with whatever housing arrangements you can help make! You never know when you may end up meeting a Champion ;) Again, thank you everyone, for a wonderful year!

Eric Stord / Commodore



House



The holidays are behind us and a new year ahead. A new board will pick up the torch and carry it forward into the new year. The annex plumbing has been completed and the contractor paid. The old restrooms & showers have been upgraded and are fully functional. There is still work to be done outside in the garden area and sod to be installed. We will try to have a garden work day some time in January or early February. We are still looking for someone to help clean the gutters on the club house, please call if you are willing. On the cork board in the club house, there is still a "TO DO LIST". If you see something that needs attention, please take a moment to write it down and pass it on to House. You don't need permission to take on a task you think you're suited for. So take a look at the list, there may be something that's right up your alley! It was noted that several tasks have already been completed by conscientious club members, and a big THANK YOU goes out to them!

Let me know your thoughts in person, by email or by using the Club's Suggestion Box. By email you can use our web interface at Melbournyachtclub.com or SailMYC.com, in the Find Us section, sending them to Vice Commodore. Wishing all a Happy Holiday.

Lloyd Millar / House Vice Commodore



Fleet



Since the last report, we have had several Fleet related events. Beyond the usual scheduled racing (Rum, Dragon Point, Small Boat) we had the New Year's Day Hangover Regatta and a Race Committee training session.

We completed the Fall Rum Race series in December. We had a good turnout of boats for the series. Congratulations to the winners of the Fall series:

Racing Fleet

- Dave Nesbitt** – Epic (55 points)
- Dave Noble** – Half Ass (42 points)
- Gregg Kowalski** – Slot Machine (37 points)

Cruising Fleet

- Suzanne Crockett** – Maverick (54 points)
- Jack Clark** – Caribe (49 points)
- Pat Lambert** – Down Pat (33 points)

Starting with the Winter Rum Race series, scoring for each series will be based on each boat's best 5 positions out of a series of 6 races. This will allow those that have to miss one race in a series the opportunity to still be competitive in the series.

On New Year's Day, we had a beautiful day of racing during the Hangover Regatta. Instead of picking a rum race course, the only instructions were each boat had to do an "A" course and then a "B" course, one which needed to be clockwise and one counter-clockwise. This made for an additional layer of strategizing to figure out the fastest course for each boat. The winners were **Dave Noble** in the racing fleet and **Rick Crockett** in the cruising fleet.

We conducted a Race Committee training course on the morning of January 7. More than 50 folks participated in the training which consisted of Race Committee 101, Small Boat Race committee duties, and how to operate the Key Largo. Those who attended are now qualified to be race committee for Small Boat Sundays and to support race committee for regattas. Thanks to **John Fox**, **PC Pat Lambert**, and **Art Crocker** for providing the

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Entertainment

There's no news from the entertainment committee this month. **Jerry Ross** had to cancel the Marker 21 party planned for January 7 – bad weather.

I am passing the baton to the next entertainment chair, **Lynn Duerbeck**. I had a wonderful time as entertainment chair and hope to stay involved this coming year. My thanks to all of you who participated in entertainment this year. It's been wonderful to see how our club members pitch in and make things happen.



Patricia Brown / Entertainment Director

Grog Locker

The Bar and Kitchen are doing well with all the equipment working for a change. We do have a few private parties coming up and have everything under control in these areas. With a new year starting, the Bar Committee will be having some meetings to lay out some events for the new year. We will have more information as the events get placed on the calendar by the committee. Unfortunately, we had to reschedule the Marker 21 party in January due to bad weather. You should see a new date shortly. Let's all have a great new year at MYC!



Page Proffitt / Bar and Kitchen Director

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training. MYC boat owners that race their boat will be required to support MYC racing events each year, so this training helps prepare the racers to provide this support. There will be a mentor program for those who want some additional help conducting the races.

Please note that the J/24 Mid-Winters are happening February 9-12. The event is sponsored by Eau Gallie Yacht Club and the Melbourne Yacht Club. **Dave Noble** is still looking for RC help, housing support for the participants and dinner support on February 11 at the MYC. Please let **Dave Noble** or me know if you can help in any of these areas.

We have created the 2017 MYC Race Calendar. It is on the MYC calendar, sail-race.com and was sent to all MYC members via email. It is a full slate of racing opportunities.

Given all of these different racing opportunities, everyone should come out and race in at least one event each month. If you decide not to race, please consider helping with the regattas or series races. The more hands we have the easier it will be and you will have a great time on the water. Just send me an email if interested.

One last note. This is my last Fleet report. I am handing the Fleet Captain/Rear Commodore reigns over to **John Fox**. John has done the Fleet Captain role before and I know he will do a tremendous job over the next year.

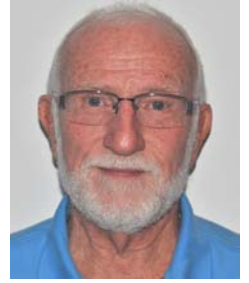
Gregg Kowalski / Fleet Captain Rear Commodore



There's this sailor with a pet parrot. But the parrot swears like an old sea captain. He can swear for five minutes straight without repeating himself! Trouble is, the sailor who owns him is a quiet, conservative type, and this bird's foul mouth is driving him crazy. One day, it gets to be too much, so the sailor grabs the bird by the throat, shakes him really hard, and yells, "QUIT IT!" But this just makes the bird mad and he swears more than ever. Then the sailor locks the bird in a kitchen cabinet. This really aggravates the bird and he claws and scratches everything inside. Finally the sailor lets the bird out. The bird cuts loose with a stream of vulgarities that would make a veteran seaman blush. The sailor is so mad that he throws the bird into the freezer. For the first few seconds there is a terrible racket from inside. Then it suddenly gets very quiet. At first the sailor just waits, but then he starts to think that the bird may be hurt. He opens up the freezer door. The bird calmly climbs onto the man's outstretched arm and says, "Awfully sorry about the trouble I gave you. I'll do my best to improve my vocabulary from now on." The man is astounded. He can't understand the transformation that has come over the parrot.

The parrot spoke again, "By the way, what did the chicken do?"

Sailing Education



Sunday, December 4 was an awesome sailing day! Practice was held early in the morning to avoid a conflict with the MYC big boat racing in the afternoon. Four boats sailed in breeze that built to 12-15 knots while we were out. Coaches Erin and Jack began the day by setting up four buoys for a mark rounding drill. The point of the drill was to optimize the approach to the mark so that immediately after rounding the mark, the boat is sailing at full power, in the direction of the next mark. Mark roundings are very important because many places can be gained or lost quickly at a mark and with more practice, the technique and the scores will improve.

As mentioned previously we are making plans for next semester and they should come together soon. In any event it appears that there is a lot of interest and new faces. As a result it is likely there could be more candidates than our team can support so tryouts and selections are very likely. In addition to sailing ability, attendance, attitude and conduct will also be important selection criteria. Stay tuned; details will be announced as they are set.

Typically when experiencing challenging conditions it's rough. Wednesday, December 14th's, conditions were also challenging with extremely light and shifty breeze which is rare for our area. Fifteen people came to practice and did a good job of rigging and getting underway; all boats were off the dock at 4:00PM. With sculling and rocking, the fleet made it out to the practice area where one race was run. The wind ranged from zero to 2-3 knots with occasional puffs that came through from different directions. The wind shifted 180 degrees during the starting sequence so the fleet began by going downwind. After rounding the first mark, the wind shifted again for a brief beam reach to the finish. With the sun setting, the boats were sent in, just in time for another shift to give a light air beat back into the harbor. All teams did a good job of keeping the boats moving as they were frequently in a tight group. On only her third sail, Amanda, with some coaching from Jessica, did an amazing job sailing the boat back to the harbor in extremely light air.

Wednesday, December 12th marked the last practice of the fall semester. Looking back, the progress that has been made in all facets of small boat sailing by the team during the past four months is amazing. Many thanks to **Bob Ingram, Erin Walters, Jack Mueller, Connor Cassidy, and Christian Gotsch** for their coaching and instruction. Since the end of September, practices were run on 20 days. A total of 20 different people practiced with an average of ten people per practice. Thus, there were 200 person-days on the water. Elizabeth gets the attendance gold star for making 19 practices. Silver stars go to Brayton, Tim and Zack for making 18th with 15 practices, Shannon and Sykes earned bronze. In the regatta department, 14 people sailed in regattas on seven days. In all there were 40 people-days of regatta sailing. Considering only a few had any experience four months ago, it's been a good semester!. There are two more chances planned to get together this year.

Looking ahead to next semester, there are a lot of exciting changes in the works. Connor Cassidy will serve as our Head Coach. He is a student at FIT and a US Sailing certified instructor who grew up in the ranks of youth sailing and spent most summers in Maine sailing on boats of all sizes. During the school year, he lived in Atlanta and was part of a strong HS sailing culture. In addition to coaching here, he will be traveling with the team when we travel to out-of-town regattas. We are still trying to nail down the final details but assuming a larger number of people sail next semester, the plan at this point is to have two groups of sailors, the more experienced sailors and teams sailing as a varsity team and the less experienced sailing as a JV. The tentative schedule is for the varsity to sail on Friday and Sunday afternoons at Eau Gallie Yacht Club from mid-January until mid-March when daylight savings time begins. There the boats will be on a floating dock that is 2-5 minutes away from an excellent sailing area. If it all works out, EGYC will very graciously grant us an opportunity to sail there so we can spend more time focused on improving. If this all comes to pass it will be on an experimental basis for two months until daylight savings time resumes. That said, it is clear that everyone has been very positive about working together to help grow and sustain youth sailing in the area. For those new to the sport of sailing a more introductory series of practices will be conducted on Wednesday afternoons at MYC. The focus will be to get skippers and crews trained to fill positions on the varsity team as

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they open up. Connor will lead these practices as well. When the details at EGYC are finalized, I'll send out registration materials.

The sailing team had their first annual Holiday party on Sunday, December 13th. Thanks to Brittany, Elizabeth and Natalie for organizing everything. The secret Santa delivered a wide range of gifts. The whole team received a very nice gift on, December 17th, when we learned that EGYC agreed to host SCS until March, when daylight savings resumes.

Santa, also, provided a boat. A 420 has been donated. It hasn't been used in a while so it needs a really good cleaning and replacement of rigging and hardware but the hull appears to be very good. It will be a little while before it is ready to go but when ready, it should be a good addition to the fleet. Another sign of growth is that planning is underway to design and build a trailer structure that will give us the capability to take up to three boats to out-of-town regattas. While the schedule is tight, we hope to have it ready to attend the George Washington's Birthday regatta in Eustis the middle of February. Some more regatta sails are on order. Many thanks to **PC Hasty Miller** and **Grant Ball** from MYC who are leading the design and fabrication efforts. The trailer for our coach's boat has been seriously upgraded by **Robert Duerbeck** with welding provided by **Grant Ball**. The new year is getting off to an awesome start!

In closing, 2016 has been a great year for Sail Education and I would like to extend special thanks to **Phil Spletter** for his tremendous efforts to promote youth sailing! As of January 2017 the torch for Sail education has been accepted by **Melissa Tribou**.

Eckart Schneider / Sailing Education

The Small World of Sailors

*(This was originally written in 2003 by **Jack Bibb**)*

I never cease to be amazed at how many people we meet while sailing, who know people we know, or have been places we've been, but these coincidences that have happened over the last few years have really astounded me.

My wife Marty and I are both originally from Richmond, are recently retired, and have lived in Florida for 35 years. In the early 1950's I helped my father build a small cottage on the Rappahannock River (The Rivah), which we still own, and where we've spent the last four summers. Marty's grandparents lived on the Rivah at Waterview about 1-1/2 miles downriver from us. When I moved to Richmond in 1958 as a sophomore in high school we lived about 2 miles from Marty. I knew her two uncles who were friends of my father, but didn't know her. We finally met at the Rivah on Labor Day 1963 just before our senior years at Randolph Macon Women's College and VA Tech. She was at her uncle's cottage next door to ours, resting up from a long week of partying. I showed up with Snipe #2555, a sail bag and a couple of beers, and we've been sailing together ever since.

More recently, right after I retired in 1999, we sailed (motored) our Cal-33 *MAJJAK II* from Florida up to Virginia via the ICW. Our trips up in May and back in October were great fun so we did it again in 2000. While spending the summers at the Rivah, I began crewing with Randy Pugh who races a San Juan 28 *ELUSIVE* out of Hampton Yacht Club. Randy is the brother-in-law of my first-ever high school girl friend.

After the 2000 Hurricane season I conned Randy into helping me ferry *MAJJAK II* from her slip in Urbanna down to Oriental, NC, for the first leg of the trip back to Florida. Randy and I had a fine 4-day cruise down the Bay and the ICW to Oriental and Whittaker Creek Marina, where Marty met us with Randy's car. After we refueled and moved to our assigned slip to wait for her, I was sitting in the cockpit with Randy, drinking a cold one and picking a few tunes on my boat guitar. A guy who'd just arrived on a boat two slips down called, "Randy, is that you?"

Randy answered, "Buddy, is that you?" It was Buddy & Dariene DeRyder, who Randy knew from Hampton Yacht Club, and who were ferrying a friend's boat down to Florida.

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Marty arrived shortly after that and the five of us went to dinner at the M&M Café – excellent food at reasonable prices. Randy left for home the next morning, but we stayed at the marina another day waiting for nasty weather to pass. We traveled down the ICW in company of or at least in contact with Buddy and Dariene until we reached the Cape Fear River, where they went over to Bald Head Island, and we continued on southward.

In May 2001 Marty and I left for Virginia, by car this time. In June we received an email from friends Harvey and Nancy Melfi saying that they were at the Chesapeake Boat Works in Kilmarnock aboard their Hardin 45 *STARDUST* for diesel repairs, and could we join them? Since Kilmarnock was just across the Rappahannock and only about 30 miles from our cottage, of course we drove down to see them. We took them to the diesel parts store where Harvey got everything he needed, then after lunch at Lee's Restaurant, Marty and Nancy went shopping. Harvey had hired a mechanic to do the repairs since he didn't have a couple of the special tools needed for the job.

As Harvey and I sat in his cockpit, waiting for the mechanic and the girls and drinking a cold one, I was playing a few tunes on Harvey's guitar. (Does this sound familiar?) We noticed two dinghies poking around the marina, and as one of them passed *STARDUST*'s stern, it stopped. The guy driving yelled out, "Jack, is that you?" I answered that it was, and it was Buddy and Dariene. Buddy said that if it was a white-haired guy sitting in a cockpit, drinking a beer and playing a guitar, it had to be Jack. The couple in the other dinghy was Buc and Betty Lawrence. Buc had recently retired from NASA's Langley Research Center where he knew our rocket scientist daughter, Karen.

Now, if you think that was far-fetched, read on...

In 2002, I started sailing a Sunfish in some fun races at Melbourne (FL) Yacht Club with some other "older" guys. When Marty and I arrived at the Rivah cottage in May, I began looking for local regattas where I could race my Rivah Sunfish. I went to Fishing Bay Yacht Club in Deltaville one Sunday in July, and sailed the only Sunfish in the regatta. The club members I met made me feel very welcome. While I was unrigging in the parking lot after racing was done, I chatted with a guy who'd been sailing a Flying Scot. The Regatta Chairperson came over and told me that I couldn't go home yet, because they had an award for me for "being" the Sunfish Fleet. The guy from the parking lot and I went to the trophy presentation, after they called my name and I returned with my nice trophy glass, he with met me with eyes as big as baseballs. He said, "You're Jack Bibb? I'm Phil Webb!"

Phil was my roommate at VA Tech in 1962. We hadn't seen each other since graduation in 1964.

The MYC Arts and Crafts group is sponsoring their annual TGIF dine-in on Friday, January 27th.



The theme is Greek with Greek music and great Greek food The fare will not be limited to spinach pie and baklava.

Dinner will be served at 7 pm, with a cost is \$10 per person to the first 60 people

.There will be some slides of Greece (more contributions to the slideshow by those who have traveled there would be appreciated),

In addition to the Greek music, afterwards there will be a showing of the movie "Mamma Mia". No reservations required.

January 2017



Mid-January 2017 – February 25, 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 8  Small Boat Racing Bar Opens at 2PM	9	10 Arts n' Crafts Crew 10am	11	12	 TGIF Bar opens at 5:00	14
 15  Rum Race Bar Opens at 2PM	16	17 Arts n' Crafts Crew 10am	18	19	 TGIF Bar opens at 5:00	21
 22 Small Boat Racing Bar Opens at 2PM	23	24 Arts n' Crafts Crew 10am	25	26	 TGIF/Mama Mia Greek Night Bar opens at 5:00	28
 29 Rum Race Bar Opens at 2PM	30	31 Arts n' Crafts Crew 10am	Feb 1 General Membership Meeting 6:30PM	2	 TGIF Bar opens at 5:00	4
 5  Souper Bowl Party at 6PM	6	7 Arts n' Crafts Crew 10am	8	9	 TGIF Bar opens at 5:00	11
 12  Rum Race Bar Opens at 2PM	13	14 Arts n' Crafts Crew 10am	15	16	 TGIF Bar opens at 5:00	18
 19  Small Boat Racing Bar Opens at 2PM	20	21 Arts n' Crafts Crew 10am	22	23	 TGIF Bar opens at 5:00	25 Commodore's Ball

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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ARTS-N-CRAFT CREW 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.

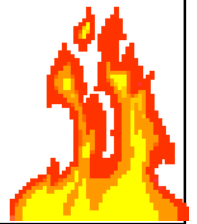
Tabs and Box Tops Challenge



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:

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Burgee From: <Location>

Burgee Donation date:

Burgee Donor: <Name>

MYC Donor: <Name>

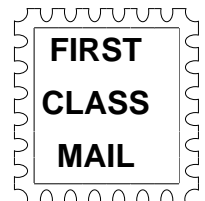
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The Tell Tale is the official newsletter of the Melbourne Yacht Club. Deadline for submissions is the first Wednesday of the month. All MYC members are encouraged to submit articles or notices of interest to the Club.



***Mama Mia Greek Dinner
January 27, 2017***

***Souper Bowl Party
February 5, 2017***

***J-24 Midwinter Championship
February 9-12, 2017***

***Commodore's Ball
February 25, 2017***