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2017 Seafood Raft-up

Saturday 8 April

\$16 per adult/\$8 under 12
 (tax included)



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

Deadline for reservations is midnight Monday 3 April

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.





Commodore's Log

Just like every year, the New Board is up and running and taking on the challenges of the New Year. The calendar is filling up with lots of great events and of course these events simply wouldn't be the same if you weren't there the help share in them! By the way, you know that means we'll be looking for help ;)



As far as what happened last month.... Well, we had a Great Souper-Bowl party. I wish I could say the 3rd place dish I brought was a labor of love on my behalf, but I cannot as the Commodore-able Suzanne cooked it up for me, thanks Sweetie. The First Place honors went to the "Chili" by our very own Bartender Chris D, great job Chris.

We followed this with a joint venture with the EGYC for the J-24 Midwinter. As in the past, MYC ran the Water side, (Great Job, Commodore Lambert and RC par excellence) and we were AWESOME!!! This year came with a bit of twist on the shore side, as we hosted the Fleet to a Friday Night dinner and social at MYC. It was a tremendous hit and everyone had a great time and the Sailors loved MYC's hospitality. Thanks to our Shore crew, Commodore Proffitt and ALL who lent a hand for the MYC dinner. I would also like to give a special shout out to our ever lovable J-24 Governor, Dave Noble, for his effort in putting this together. It takes over a year to piece something like this together (lots of moving parts to make something like this a success, and it was a HUGE success). It wouldn't have happened without Dave and the entire MYC TEAM!

We, also had a great Commodore's Ball! Thank you everyone for putting this together and for coming out to the event. It was truly a wonderful evening, Suzanne and I simply can't Thank everyone enough. What a great time!

If you weren't there you missed the awards, so here they are:

- Member of the Year award: Hasty Miller
- Spirit award: Rosemary Barton
- Sportsmanship award: Art Crocker
- Cruising award: Marion and Joanne Terry
- Shadbolt Memorial Trophy: Dave Noble
- After Guard Perpetual Trophy: Rob Van Name
- Mermaid Regatta: Jan McNally/Lisa Savoy
- Youth Sailor of the Year (Haberland): Tim Brutaski

So everyone remember that we are Great Club with Great Members! Don't forget that the latter; leads to the former. So what I'm saying is it's our Great Members who make our Great Club. Remember to come on down and participate with your fellow Members. You'll be glad you did!

On a final note, a post script so to speak, I have some very sad news to share. It is with regret and a deep sadness that I inform everyone of our loss, with the passing of Linda Tillman. A long time Member, Wonderful person, and a true Sailor's Sailor; May we wish Linda Fair Winds and Following Seas.

Eric Stord / Commodore





House



We had an active month as we started addressing areas to improve the MYC campus. A house committee meeting was held with about ten members in attendance in mid-February. Thank you to all who attended. The top priorities that we determined were the following:

- I. Determine if electrical wiring in Annex is an issue.
- II. Plan a work day for deck replacement in March/early April.
- III. Plan a work day for garden areas in March/early April.
- IV. Find a new head gardener.
- V. Determine plan for future of tire store, get approval from board and start implementing plan.
- VI. General upkeep of campus.

One of the first actions that was taken was to identify a new MYC Head Gardener. Amy Lacy has been the head gardener for many years and did a tremendous job, but has decided to retire from her role. If you see Amy around, please thank her for the great job she has done to our grounds. In my new role I walked around with Amy to better understand what is required to keep the grounds looking nice. It is amazing the variety of plant life on our campus that she and her team developed in her role.

With Amy leaving, we needed to find another head gardener. Sunny Heck offered to take on this significant role. Sunny is very knowledgeable about landscaping, very enthusiastic and has some great ideas to continue to improve our landscaping. Please reach out to Sunny and find out ways you can help her out.

To start addressing the other top priorities, we have had a couple of companies look at the electrical wiring in the annex and will be providing quotes soon. We will determine how to proceed based on these quotes and recommendations.

I had a contractor look at the deck to provide an estimate of how much it would cost to have a company install new decking (either wood or a plastic alternative) so we can determine which approach we want to take (we install or have someone else install). We will make a final decision at our next house committee meeting.

I have also had a couple of contractors visit the tire store to provide an assessment of what we should do. We will develop an approach at our next house committee meeting that we will then present to the board.

Have a great month and please volunteer for some of our major house activities this year. Look for announcements for upcoming work days for the deck and for the garden areas.

Gregg Kowalski / House Vice Commodore





Fleet



Jack Leahy completed the new RC storage room and I have started moving in and organizing. Take a look when you have a chance; thanks to Jack the Annex has never looked so good. The Key Largo is back after engine repairs and it's running great.

A fleet meeting was held on the 23rd. We identified some possibilities for cruises and discussed the Spring Regattas.

An E-mail with our Spring Small Boat NOR was sent out to over 50 Sunfish and Laser Sailors in Florida as well as the high school 420 programs in the area. We will be holding the event at MYC and will be needing lots of help.

For Big Boat Weekend the racing fleets will have mostly the same format we have used in the past. We are changing the format for non-racers by having a Pirate Treasure Fleet. Each boat will be given a different list/map with clues to find their way to the treasure. In addition to our usual beer, there will be free rum punch for anyone wearing Pirate attire for the day.

Our Club Judge Seminar on April 8th is up to ten people registered and there are ten slots still available with a month to go. The seminar has been advertised throughout area D and we will likely be at or near capacity.

Page has a cruise to Sebastian Inlet organized for March 11th. Also on March 11th, the Space Coast Sailing team will be participating in a regatta in Vero Beach. Several MYC members are assisting the regatta to help with RC duties and scoring.

John Fox / Fleet Captain Rear Commodore

Entertainment

Hi to everyone! It's time to begin scheduling our Entertainment events for the year. Our first Entertainment Committee Meeting is scheduled for March 13th at 7PM. This meeting is open for anyone interested in helping out with MYC events. Please join us at MYC to discuss events coming up and the areas where you can volunteer. Let's make this a great year filled with old and new ideas! Thank you, Mary Evans, for your help with the J24 regatta. We appreciate you!



Our St Patty's Day Celebration is being held on Friday, March 17th as a TGIF extension. Come out for a St Patty's Day drink and some great company. Keep your eyes open for our mischievous little leprechaun as he has been known to hide his gold coins around our club. If you happen to come across one, take it up to the bar and exchange it for a drink.

"May your blessings out number the shamrocks that grow, and may trouble avoid you wherever you go".

Lynn Duerbeck / Entertainment Director

Grog Locker

The bar did great for the month of February with an income of \$3122 with the J-24 Regatta Dinner accounting for a good part of the total. Everything is running smoothly behind the bar. All the equipment is running properly and there are no problems to report.



For the month of March, the Bar & Kitchen Committee will be putting on a St Patrick's Day Dine In on Friday, March 17th. This will be a first come-first serve dinner, so no reservations are required. Dinner will be served about 6:45 PM, for a \$5 cost. This dinner will include Shepherd's Pie, Salad, bread and a dessert.

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Sailing Education



We have started planning education opportunities for adults and youth. A committee meeting will be held March 9 to plan upcoming classes, camps, and getting all vessels ready to sail.

The storage room in the Annex for all the small boat equipment has been cleaned and some reorganizing has taken place. A work day to continue getting everything ready for the sailing classes will be set soon.

Dates have been set for Beginner Adult (age 16+) Sailing Classes and they are filling up. The cost for MYC members is \$150 and non-members is \$175. The spring session begins April 20 and will run for 5 weeks. The class meets on land at 6:30pm on Thursday evenings and 9:30am Sunday mornings for sailing. Dave Oatway will be the instructor, and he will need assistance. J24s will also be needed for the first on-the-water session, April 23. Please contact me if you can help.

Middle school and high school youth with little to no experience, and a desire to learn sailing will have an opportunity to learn through a beginning sailing camp offered during Brevard Public School's spring break. This will be 3 days filled with sailing and interactive STEM classroom activities. The dates are Monday, April 10- Wednesday, April 12, 2017; 10am – 3pm. The cost will be \$100. US Sailing's REACH curriculum will be used for the camp. We will cover wind, weather, buoyancy, boat design, marine pollution, and boat safety.

At this time, summer youth sailing is planned for Saturdays, as it has been in the past. Planning for additional youth learn-to-sail opportunities, like a week-long camp is being considered.

Space Coast Sailing (SCS), under the direction of Phil Spletter and the support of both MYC and Eau Gallie Yacht Club (EGYC), are continuing to be active on Sunday and Wednesday afternoons through May. The three 420s that were moved to EGYC for daylight saving time will be returning to the club later this month, and the varsity group will resume practice at MYC. Some of the students will be heading to Vero Beach on March 11 for the Steve Martin Memorial Regatta. As of now, there are four 420s and one Opti that will be sailing.

Congratulations are in order to **Tim Brustoski** (Coach Tim), who was awarded the "Bill Haberland Youth Sailor of the Year" award by the Melbourne Yacht Club. It is awarded each year to an MYC member aged 8-18 and is based upon accomplishment, leadership, spirit and sportsmanship. He has been a driving force in the growth of the youth sailing program and is very deserving of the award.

Melissa Tribou / Sailing Education

(Grog Locker, Continued from page 4)

On March 11th, maybe a little late for this newsletter, we will be heading down to Sebastian Inlet State Park for a "Burn-It" with ECSA. I hope all of you have been getting my weekly emails letting you know what is going on around the club.

Lastly, the Bar Committee will be having a Wednesday lunch on March 22nd for a great Chicken Tender Lunch and more, all for only \$5. Lunch starts at noon sharp. After lunch we will be talking about your upcoming cruises you may have planned going over routes and suggestions from others. **Reservations are required!**

Please email Page Proffitt at rpp1@pageproffitt.com and let me know how many are coming so we have enough food.

The Bar & Kitchen Committee will be having a meeting to outline coming events on Tuesday March 21st at 6:30 PM. If you have any suggestions or would like to be on the Bar & Kitchen Committee, come on down to the meeting.

Page Proffitt / Bar and Kitchen Director



The Ship's doctor was interviewing a sailor who was apparently trying to get a medical discharge from the navy. "What seems to be the problem?" asked the doctor. "I believe I am a dog, woof - woof", responded the sailor. "I see." said the doctor, eyebrows raised, "How long has this been going on?" "Ever since I was a puppy!"

Membership

I am having a great time as your membership director. It is exciting to meet so many new people interested in sailing and in the friendly atmosphere of our club. Lots of newcomers coming to Melbourne like **Dean Butler**. Dean comes from Washington and has recently purchased a Pearson 30. His provisional membership was approved by the board in March and unless any of you have any objections he will receive final approval in April. **Phil Scalise** is sponsoring him and thinks Dean fits right in. **Robert & Mary Ellen Gonzales** are also new provisional members but ssh!, **Mary Ellen** doesn't know it yet. You see their membership, is a gift from their daughter **Jackie Gonzales**. You will get to meet the couple on Friday night when their daughter gives her parents their birthday presents. Jackie is a new hire at Northrup Grumman. She came into the club and met **Gerry Moores**. Instantly she realized that this is the place to get connected and be a part of something. "This will give my parents a way to meet people." Jackie's mom, **Mary Ellen**, loves cooking and working in the kitchen. Robert wants to renew his sailing interest from his youth. He used to sail the finger lakes of New York when he was at Cornell University.



We have had three couples who winter in Melbourne, inquire about being able to hang out with us while here in town. They are older and don't want to use our boats. They want a place to hang out and enjoy our company and our facility. We don't currently have a membership that accommodates a non-resident who wasn't previously a full residential member. Is this something as a club we want to consider?

Our membership is diverse. One of this year's objectives of the membership committee is to be sure that there is something for everyone that keeps members coming back to our club. Serving on the membership committee this year are: **Jack & Jacki Leahy, Rick Doran, Noriko Iwasaki, Harry Stapor, Karen Williams** and **Chris & Heidi Salmon**.

As of June 1st Provisional to Permanent Status: **Nicholas & Rachael Mussacchio** are Junior Resident; **Jerry Dasson** and **Mary Connor** are Resident; **Tammy & Mike Durante** (Tim, Brendan, Rachel, Joey) are Resident; **Tom & Irene Weber** are Resident; New Junior Resident: **Alina Briand**.

Resident = 148, Non-Resident = 25, Corinthian = 11, Emeritus = 2, Junior Resident = 10, Provisional = 2, Extended Provisional = 2, Honorary = 10

Charlotte Parker / Membership Director

Dock Notes

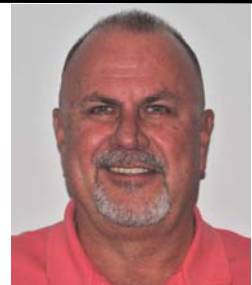
Spring is upon us and that means setting our clocks forward again this coming Sunday, March 12th. This also means more opportunity for an after-work sailing excursion. Be sure to check your running lights!

The Seawall project will not be starting for at least another 10 months, as our local contractors are still extremely busy addressing many residential repairs from our last visit by hurricane force winds. So, this entire season will be uninterrupted by major construction work around our marina.

Boats and trailers on dry storage have become an issue where I need your help. Please take the time to IDENTIFY your boat/trailer on the property, including those items over at the Tire Store. House is working to determine the go-forward plan for the Tire Store and this will have implications to those that have items stored over there.

Please feel free to email me with any issues/suggestions/recommendations/etc. at:

submarineveteran@gmail.com



Sean Freeman / Dockmaster



Small Boat Weekend

April 22-23

Sunfish Laser
420 O'Pen Bic
Portsmouth

See NOR for details.

There be Treasure in the Water

Big Boat Weekend

April 29-30

J-24 PHRF
Pirate Treasure Fleet
See NOR for Details



Come Claim yours at The 2017
Melbourne Yacht Club Spring Regatta

Small Boat Entry \$18.00

*The Grill lights right after sailing, bring your own dinner
or purchase Burgers and Dogs from Captain Proffitt.*

J-24 or PHRF Entry \$50.00 (includes one dinner)

Pirate's Treasure Fleet \$40.00 (Saturday Only)

Extra Dinner Tickets \$15, Free Rum Punch for those in Pirate Attire.

Free Beer for the Captives. Dinner fit for a Pirate King & Queen at 1800.

Mid-March 2017 – April 29, 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
12 Rum Race Bar Opens at 2PM	13	14 Arts n' Crafts Crew 10am	15	16	17 St Patrick's Day / TGIF Bar opens at 5:00	18 Dragon Point Women's Race
19 Small Boat Racing Bar Opens at 2PM	20	21 Arts n' Crafts Crew 10am	22	23	24 TGIF Bar opens at 5:00	25
26 Bar Opens at 2PM	27	28 Arts n' Crafts Crew 10am	29	30	31 TGIF Bar opens at 5:00	Apr 1 April Fool's Day
2 Small Boat Racing Bar Opens at 2PM	3	4 Arts n' Crafts Crew 10am	5 General Membership meeting at 6:30PM	6	7 Rum Race TGIF Bar opens at 5:00	8 Seafood Raftup
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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.

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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.

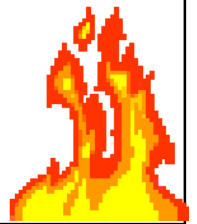
Tabs and Box Tops Challenge



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:

Burgee Represents: <Club>

Burgee From: <Location>

Burgee Donation date:

Burgee Donor: <Name>

MYC Donor: <Name>

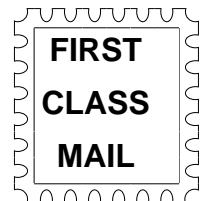
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The Tell Tale is the official newsletter of the Melbourne Yacht Club. Deadline for submissions is the first Wednesday of the month. All MYC members are encouraged to submit articles or notices of interest to the Club.



*St Patrick's Day
March 17, 2017*

*April Fool's Day
April 1, 2017*

*Rum Racing moves to Fr4iday
April 7, 2017*

*Seafood Raftup
April 8, 2017*

*Spring Regatta Small Boat
April 22-23, 2017*

*Spring Regatta Big Boat
April 29-30, 2017*