

TELL-TALE



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Commodore's Log



Fall is here and the weather couldn't be better, blue skies, nice breezes, and river to enjoy them on. We are a very lucky group here at the Melbourne Yacht Club.

Around the club we had the opportunity to have a couple of great and traditional events, the Decorating Party and our Orphans Thanksgiving. Both went off without a hitch, thanks to a number of members, Sonny Heck (and Russ) plus her crew for the decorating party; and Carol Mairs and crew for the Orphans Thanksgiving.

Don't forget next month's General Meeting is the Election of next year's Board of Directors. Their names should be elsewhere in the Tell Tails and I would like to take this opportunity to "Thank" the Members on the Nominating Committees, and the Members who are stepping up to the Helm as Board Nominees!!!!

I know everyone is busy with the upcoming Holiday's so I'll keep this shorter than usual. So from the Flag and Board of Directors we would like to wish everyone a safe and Happy Holiday season.

Warmest Holiday Wishes,

Eric Stord / Commodore





House



The House Committee had a very busy month continuing to improve the MYC campus.

While we completed the removal of the tires store, there are a couple of things we still need to do. We are planning to clean and repaint the wall that runs along the back of the tire store property.

We are also investigating how we want to proceed with improving the parking grounds (blacktop, painting parking spots, etc.). We will let you know what we will do and how we can use the members' help.

We replaced a large part of the deck behind the clubhouse. We had a great group of volunteers that helped make this happen. Several volunteers helped for almost 3 full days and everyone helped for at least one full day. It was hard work and fairly dangerous at times (we had 5 "fall-throughs" from the deck to the ground below...). Their efforts saved the MYC thousands of dollars versus having a contractor do this work. So, please thank the following volunteers for their efforts the next time you see them:

Eric Stord, Dean Butler, Rob Van Name, Harry Stapor, Mel Ford, Gary Briand, John Martin, Lee Phelps, Jackie Cope, Rick Cope, Sunny Heck (and Russ), Jack Leahy, Cathy Kowalski, Sally Familton-Phelps and Tom Eskridge.

The roof was also repaired this month. There were several issues with the roof that were addressed. Hopefully, all the leaking issues have been corrected. We will continue to monitor to ensure there are no other roof issues.

In addition, we have been busy taking care of other items around the club concerning general upkeep and other vice commodore responsibilities. The list includes:

- a. Commodore's Ball
Reminder that the Commodore's Ball is February 24, 2018 and will be held at FIT.
- b. General upkeep of campus.
Cleanup activities continue. We need more help to make sure the club looks good and stays safe. If you see something that needs to be fixed, go ahead and fix it.

Have a great month,

Gregg Kowalski / Vice Commodore / House



Fleet



The rescheduled Mermaid Regatta was held on December 2nd with 6 boats competing. Standings in the PHRF Fleet were: *Sleighride* 1st and *Maverick* second. Standings in the J-24 Fleet were the Jacksonville ladies in *QuickAss* 1st. The MYC teams of *Not Quite Right* 2nd, *Mo Cow* 3rd, and *Linda* 4th. It should be pointed out that the top three boats did not have a "male adviser" aboard. Gerry Moores was with us in spirit and Bob Sowden's *Banyan* was the signal boat for its final time. We thank them both for years of dedicated service to racing at MYC in general and women's racing in particular.

I negotiated making our MYC Spring Regatta on April 21-22 the final regatta of the Treasure Coast Youth Series. This greatly supports Space Coast Sailing and our regatta attendance. Approximate attendance should be: Sunfish 5-6 boats, Laser 8-10 boats, 420's 12-15 boats, Open Bic's 12-15 boats and Optimist (Sunday only) 20-25 boats. The NOR has been posted and the registration is open on Regatta Networks.

The Treasure Coast Series dates are:

Regatta #1 – USSCMC (Jensen Beach) Sunday, January 21, 2018

Regatta #2 – PBSC (Palm Beach) Sunday, February 18, 2018

Regatta #3 – TCYSF (Fort Pierce) Sunday, February 25, 2018

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Membership



It is our greatest pleasure to announce that Past Commodore **Harry Stapor** has been conferred the distinguished Emeritus membership status. To qualify a member must be a member of the Melbourne Yacht for an accumulation of 45 years. He joins Past Commodores **Tony Barile** and **Jack Bibb** and deceased Past Commodore **Betty Thon** in attaining this membership status. Did anyone notice that all of the Emeritus members were once a Commodore? Harry remarked that it would be a very difficult feat to achieve Emeritus without serving as Commodore. Congratulations Harry!

Please welcome our newest members that received their final approvals at the board meeting on December 4th. Resident members **Geoffrey Swain, Russ & Bert Bradley**, and **Bob & Shawna Patterson**. Final approval was also given to Corinthian member **Jack Mueller**.

Now it is my pleasure to introduce to the membership via our newsletter this month's membership applicants.

The Stricklan Family

Christopher (Chris) Stricklan and his wife Christina are being sponsored by **Will Moore**. Chris sailed in the Fall Regatta and has attended one of our rum races. Their son William attended the STEM class held this summer sponsored by Sailing Education. This is the first year that MYC offered this program which was lead by our Sailing ED Director **Melissa Tribeau**. Since that class their son has joined the Space Coast Sailing team. The Stricklan's want to be near like-minded people who love sailing like they do.

Chris is a software engineer that works for Raytheon CSI as an Engineering Manager. Christina was a director for a medical services company who provided services to Holmes Regional Hospital, Sebastian Medical Center and Melbourne Same Day Surgery. She has spent the last 5 years homeschooling their two children William 10, and Juliette 7.

In 1993, Chris co-founded the sailing club at Melbourne High School. For two years he sailed Hobie Cats in local regattas with his friends. Now the Stricklan's have renewed their interest in sailing thru their son William. They look forward to building their skills and cruising the Caribbean.

One other change in membership status is **Kevin Villa** who has converted his membership from a junior resident status to resident status.

(Resident = 148, Non-Resident = 23, Corinthian = 9, Emeritus = 3, Junior Resident = 8, Provisional = 4, Extended Provisional = 0, Honorary = 10)

Charlotte Parker / Membership Director

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Regatta #4- YSFIRC (Vero Beach) Saturday, March 3, 2018

Regatta #5 - MYC (Melbourne) Saturday - Sunday, April 21-22, 2018

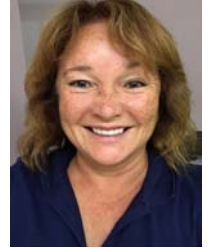
I had been reviewing our fall regatta lineup since having Mermaid, A J24 regatta, and two fall regattas in a short time span puts a huge strain on recruiting volunteers. Spreading the regattas out over a longer period of time would be desirable for other reasons as well.

The J24 fleet wants their regatta on the last week of September or first week of October. The youth programs have a lot of new sailors in the fall, who need some time in the boats before they are ready to travel. So a schedule with our Fall Big Boat weekend near the end of October, Small Boat Weekend mid-November, and Mermaid in early December, as it was this year, would probably work out well. It will of course be up to our incoming Fleet Captain to finalize the schedule for those.

The NOR for the Hangover Regatta on New Year's day is now posted on the MYC "On the Water" Page. Dave Noble will be the regatta chairman for the event.

John Fox / Rear Commodore / Fleet

Entertainment



A group of volunteers gathered together to decorate the clubhouse on a Saturday for the Holidays. If you like the holiday cheer that you see around the clubhouse, please, forward your thanks to the following members:

Eric Stord, Lynn, Christopher and baby Savannah Duerbeck, Page Proffitt, Jack & Jacki Leahy, Gregg Kowalski, Dean Butler, yours truly, Russ Pappas, John Moore, Mary Pietras, Harvey & Nancy Melfi, Gail Martin, Connie Etheridge, Amy & Jim Lacy, Charlotte Parker, Mike & Christine Gallagher, and Rachel Ross. Big thanks to all!

Carol Mairs' annual Orphan's Thanksgiving gathered 30 people together to give Thanks and partake of a delicious turkey dinner. Put this event on your calendar, if you would like to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday with a warm group of friends next year. Carol chairs this event every year. Please, give her your big Thanks.

After the December 3 rum race, we marked **Dick Tillman's** 81 birthday and **Linda Tillman's** celebration of life. There were wonderful memories shared of Linda's life by those whose lives she touched. If you weren't able to attend, please, see the live video of the event on the Melbourne Yacht Club's Facebook page.

Gail Martin did an amazing job organizing the Christmas party on December 9. **Jerry Ross** brought Santa and a few Elves in on *Sleighride*. **Amy Lacy** provided the presents for the kids, and read a Christmas story. **Cathy Kowalski** was Mrs. Clause. Cathy organized a crafts' project of a Christmas ornament for the kids to take home and helped Santa distribute 20 presents. Yours truly found the Santa, made balloon animals for the little ones, and instructed older kids in the balloon arts.

December 25, Christmas Day.

Mark your holidays for the MYC Orphan potluck Christmas party. We will have food and a white Elephant gift exchange. The price for the food (prime rib, mashed, veggie, fruitcake) is \$10. Bring a wrapped gift valued between \$10-20 for the gift exchange and your favorite holiday dish to share.

New Year's Eve, 2017

Lynn Duerbeck volunteered to chair the New Year's Party this year! Please, tell Lynn what you can do to make this yearly event a great success!

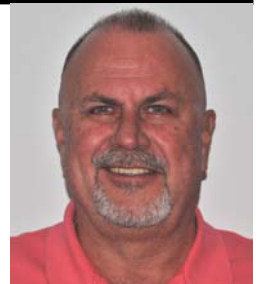
- Plans for the club in the works for the next couple of months, more details to follow:
Mid- January clubhouse garage sale, save your treasures!
- February 18, 2018. **Dave McKenney** with **Emily Randle** will perform a Trop Rock concert for us at the clubhouse. Admission is \$15 for non-members and free for the members of the club. See more information in the Event shared to the MYC Facebook page.

If you have an event or an activity that you would like to see happen at the club, please, let me know, or drop a note into the suggestion box. We can never have too much fun!

Sunny Heck / Entertainment

Dock Notes

Next week the seawall replacement project begins. It's likely that we'll need to move some boats around to accommodate Steve and the Crew from East Coast Docks, so be expecting a call from me to help out by relocating your boat. Steve expects that the project will take 2-3 weeks and there will be some access challenges to the piers during this effort. The rule for this period is "caution and patience". Power and water services will likely be down during much of the period as they are going to need to shut those down as they are digging back for the new installation.



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

Sean Freeman/ Dock Master

Grog Locker



The bar is doing well with all necessary items ordered. The bar sales for the month of November were \$2496.50. We have now replaced the "Large Microwave" in the kitchen and it was used for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinners. Last month and on into December we have had a number of events used by our members. On December 2nd we had the Mermaid Regatta and dinner. Everyone had a great time on the water and socializing afterwards. On December 3rd Dick Tillman had a Celebration of Life for Linda and his 81st birthday. **Gail Oliver/Martin** pulled together one of the best Christmas Parties ever, with our own **Pam Crocker** manning the bar for all the festivities. Of course on the 10th of December we had **Gerry Moores'** Celebration of Life. The club was packed with friends and family remembering the life with Gerry.

As for coming up Bar will be closed for TGIF on Friday, December 24th, Christmas Eve.

Sunny Heck will be having an MYC's Christmas Day Orphans Potluck Dinner, December 25, 2017 2-5 pm.

Sunny will be doing her best cooking for all to enjoy. Let Sunny know if you are coming at sunny_heck@yahoo.com \$10 per person cash / Prime Rib, veggies, Mashed Potatoes, fruitcake. Bring a wrapped gift, \$10-20, for the white elephant exchange.

We will also have a New Years Eve Party with **Lynn Duerbeck** and her committee working hard putting every thing together. Please watch your emails and sign up for this event soon at easternfa2012@gmail.com.

There will be a Celebration of Life for past commodore **Rose Baker** on Monday, New Years Day at MYC. That date is significant as it is Rose & Bill's 61st Wedding Anniversary. The bar will of course be open. All are welcome to come to where we will wish her a resounding "bon voyage" on this her next major journey. If you have questions call Bill at 828-295-8677 or email williamr.baker@prodigy.net.

Page Proffitt / Bar and Kitchen Director

2018 Board Nominations

The 2018 Nominating Committee was:

Del Wiese
Brent Saunders
Gary Brian
Karen Williams
Pam Crocker

We are pleased to announce the following members and the positions they have volunteered to fill:

1. Commodore – Gregg Kowalski
2. Rear Commodore/Fleet – Dave Noble
3. Vice Commodore/Bar – Sean Freeman
4. Treasurer – Tom Kjerulff
5. Secretary – Pam Crocker
6. Director/Docks – Dean Butler
7. Director/Entertainment – Gail Oliver
8. Director/Membership – Charlotte Parker
9. Director/Sailing Education – Melissa Tribou

At this time we are still looking for a member to fill:

10. Director/House

Respectfully submitted,

PC Del Wiese / Chairman





Mid-December 2017 – Early-February 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 17 Rum Race Bar Opens at 2pm	18	19 Arts n' Crafts Crew 10am	20	21	22 TGIF Bar opens at 5pm	23
24 Bar Closed	25  Christmas	26 Arts n' Crafts Crew 10am	27	28	29 TGIF Bar opens at 5pm	30
31  No Rum Race New Year's Eve Party Bar Opens at 6pm	Jan 1 New Years Hangover Regatta	2 Arts n' Crafts Crew 10am Board Meeting 6:00pm	3 Board Elections Membership Meeting	4	5 TGIF Bar opens at 5pm	6
 7 Small Boat Racing Bar Opens at 2pm	8	9 Arts n' Crafts Crew 10am	10	11	12 TGIF Bar opens	13
 14 Rum Racing Bar Opens at 2pm	15	16 Arts n' Crafts Crew 10am	17	18	19 TGIF Bar opens at 5pm	20
 21 Small Boat Racing Bar Opens at 2pm	22	23 Arts n' Crafts Crew 10am	24	25	26 TGIF Bar opens	27
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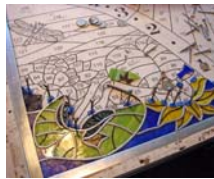


INVOICE REMINDER: Please remember to use (and print clearly) the PRIMARY MEMBER'S LAST NAME on all purchases; Bar Checks, House Checks, Bosun Locker Checks, etc., including membership number. Also, please include your membership number on personal checks, so bookkeeping errors can be kept to a minimum.

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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.

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>

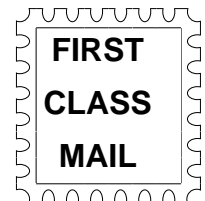
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The Tell Tale is the official newsletter of the Melbourne Yacht Club. Deadline for submissions is the first Wednesday of the month. All MYC members are encouraged to submit articles or notices of interest to the Club.



*December 16, 2017
Grand Canal Boat Parade*

*December 25, 2017
Orphan's Christmas Dinner*

*December 31, 2017
New Year's Eve Party*

*January 1, 2018
Hangover Regatta*

*February 24, 2018
Commodore's Ball*