

# TELL-TALE



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### New Year's Eve

### Dinner & Dance Party

### With Live Music

**RSVP (the earlier, the better) no later than Saturday, December 29<sup>th</sup> to Gail Martin – [Gail.Oliver@cfl.rr.com](mailto:Gail.Oliver@cfl.rr.com)**

**No Shows WILL be billed**



Bar opens at 6 pm

**Dinner \$12 p/p – served from 6:30 pm until 7:30 pm**

**Party \$20 p/p – Live Music & Dance Party (light hors-d'oeuvres)**

**begins at 9 pm – 1 am with a Countdown to Midnight**

**Attend both events for \$32 p/p and receive \$5 in (free) Bar Chits**

Chefs Bill & Charlotte Parker

#### Menu:

Roast Pork

Sweet potatoes

Broccoli and Cauliflower Medley

Tossed Salad

Hot Brownie Sundae

Bring your family and friends – the more the merrier!



## Black Light Party

**Saturday, January 26, 2019**

**7 pm – 10 pm**

**\$12 p/p**

**Dancing, Socializing & Appetizers**

**“Flyer DJ Service” Playing your favorite tunes**

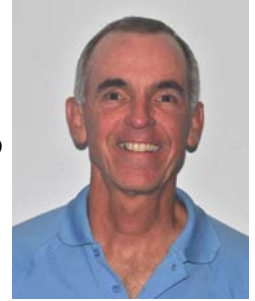
**Please let me know songs you would like to hear at the party.**

**RSVP by Monday, Jan. 21st to Gail Martin [Gail.Oliver@cfl.rr.com](mailto:Gail.Oliver@cfl.rr.com)**

**No Shows Will Be Billed**



## *Commodore's Log*



In early December we had two major events at the club that brought out large numbers (both members and guests) of people to the club, that were well run and were a lot of fun. The first event was the Mermaid Regatta. Thanks to Peggy Snead and her vision which helped ensure the regatta would be a huge success.

Between the well-attended training session on the Thursday before the regatta, the excellent racing on the water, and the entertaining and delicious dinner, the Mermaid Regatta was a rousing success.

The following weekend was the Christmas Party. Gail Martin (and sidekick John...) led another enjoyable event. With 18 kids and many families in attendance, the party was everything anyone could ask for – Santa arriving on Sleighride, gifts for the kids, live Christmas music and a tremendous dinner. It was great to have young families, not-so-young families, and several new member families at the party. Another fun evening at the club.

Over the past month or so, we have started positioning the club for the 2019 MYC calendar year (February through January). The first activity was to pull together a nominating committee to fill all the board positions. A vote at the December general meeting approved the committee. The nominating committee consists of Del Wiese (lead), Ross Herbert, Rob Van Name, Pam Crocker and Dick Tillman. I thank this team for taking on this difficult job and ensuring we have a slate of candidates for the 2019 board. The committee is gathering the names for the new board at this time. The nominees will be presented to the MYC at least two weeks before the January general meeting via a posting on the bulletin board and an email to all members. The board will be up for a vote at the January general meeting.

I also wanted to catch everyone up on where we stand in adjusting our membership dues and dock fees. We voted on the bylaws during the December General Membership meeting and the bylaws were approved by the membership. This change will help position the club to face the pending capital expenditures that we expect over the next few years. I want to thank the membership for their support and suggestions during this process.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

***Gregg Kowalski / Commodore***



# House

There were no major projects that happened last month. As usual, lots of small maintenance projects and repairs occurred. Thanks to everybody that helped with those and thanks to everybody that helped with cleanup and decorating the clubhouse for the Holidays!

**Dean Butler / House Director**

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## Dock Notes

First of all, let me take a minute to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year!

We have had a really productive year on the Docks. If you recall, we split up many of the Dock-related tasks which has really helped us stay on top of the day-to-day chores while cleaning up key policy issues and preparing for a complete dock replacement. As many of you may know, I have a small business in Rockledge which consumes most of my time. I believe if it weren't for our fantastic Dock Committee and volunteers that have stepped up, the MYC Dock function this past year would have been mediocre at best. Instead it was quite good. I am hopeful we can keep the momentum going and all indications seem to suggest it will. In fact, all thirteen members on the 2018 Dock Committee have agreed to stay on in the coming year. With the Dock replacement looming, their continued support will be invaluable in 2019 and I can't thank them enough.

So today, all 41 available slips are rented. We have 29 members now on the waitlist and the club's dry storage is essentially full.

We have two new fold-down ladders on the east dock thanks to the hard work of **PC Del Weise, Jack Clark,** and **PC Rob Van Name.** On another front, **PC Al Waschka** has been trouble shooting electrical issues with the MYC Club sign (also on the east dock). We should be able to fix the malfunctioning sign after the New Year based on what we know so far.

Last, the Docks Committee is performing its annual review of our Submerged Land Lease obligations. Our plan is to report results of the review to the Board by end of January as required by MYC Policy.

It has been a pleasure serving as the Dock Director this past year. I sincerely appreciate all the new friendships, the efforts of the Dock Committee, and overall support from both the Board and Membership.

Thanks to all and Happy Holidays!

**Dave Nesbitt / Dock Director**



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## 2019 Proposed Board

I want to present the proposed 2019 MYC Board to the membership. A vote will be conducted at the January General Membership meeting on January 9<sup>th</sup>. It is required that we present the proposed board at least two weeks before the general meeting. The names are also available on the bulletin board in the clubhouse.—  
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Commodore – Sean Freeman

Vice Commodore/Fleet – Dave Noble

Rear Commodore/Docks – Dave Nesbitt

Treasurer – Pam Crocker

Secretary – Angela Lambert

Director/Membership – Page Proffitt

Director/House – Robert Scott

Director/Entertainment – Ken Bettam

Director/Bar – Tim Williams

Director/Sailing Education – Rob Downey

## *Entertainment*

The monthly Birthday Celebration will be held on December 7th at TGIF.

The Annual Local Charity Donation Drive ended Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> with a total of \$1,785 in signed Pink Entertainment checks and a \$20 Publix Gift Card. A check for \$605 was presented to **Phil Spletter** for Space Coast Sailing Education Assoc., a check for \$600 was presented to The Haven for Children to provide a field trip for the children to Planet 3 Extreme Air Park, and \$600 in Gift Cards was presented to Nana's House.



I would like to thank all the volunteers who came out to decorate the Clubhouse and enjoy a wonderful breakfast on Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>. **PC Page Proffitt** took the decorations out of the attic before the event, **Rosemary Barton** and daughter **Jennifer Helin** whipped up a fantastic breakfast feast. Volunteer decorators included **Dean Butler, Debbie Ball, Nancy & Harvey Melfi, Amy Lacy, Pat Reilly, Tim Williams, Cathy Kowalski, Susan Kiser, Ross Herbert, Sunny Heck, Carol Mairs, Connie & Larry Etheridge, Peggy Snead and Gail & John Martin. Betsy Baird** came on a different day and decorated the Main door area. Thank you volunteers for making the Clubhouse a festive place to enjoy the Holidays.

**Carol Mairs** once again organized and hosted the MYC Orphan's Thanksgiving Dinner with an intimate group of 13. Everyone brought a dish to share and did a task. Volunteer **Pam Crocker** manned the bar while her husband **Art Crocker** took pictures. We thank **Ross Herbert** for putting the pictures on the MYC photo page.

December 8<sup>th</sup> – Annual Christmas/Holiday Party – 61 Adults and 18 Children ranging from 2 to 14 attended. Santa, aka **Dean White**, arrived on the sailboat *Sleighride*, skippered by **PC Jerry Ross** and accompanied by his elves, **Patti White**, and **Mike & Christine Gallagher**. Mrs. Clause, aka **Mary Pietras**, had the children and some adults dipping pretzels in tasty treats. She took the children down the dock to meet Santa and helped Santa pass out the presents, while Santa spoke to each child and had his picture taken. A chicken dinner (chicken cut up by **John Martin**) was served followed by **Amy Lacy** reading *Twas the Night Before Christmas* by the fireplace. The Swingtimer's, a division of the Melbourne Municipal Band, entertained us as they sang and played Christmas and Holiday songs. The Chipmunk song was a big hit with the little ones, who twirled and danced along. Our Commodore, **Gregg Kowalski** and his wife Kathy helped serve dinner, while **Patti White** signed people in. **Peggy Snead, Eric Stord, Gregg & Kathy Kowalski** cleaned the kitchen up. **Jerry Ross, Craig Rastello, John Martin** put tables and chairs away. It was a true team effort and we left the club cleaner than when we found it. **Dean Butler** had been in earlier that day and was kind enough to sweep up the popcorn and smashed cookie crumbs which were left over from TGIF. If I missed anyone, I apologize.

### **Upcoming Events:**

December 31<sup>st</sup> – New Year's party – Charlotte & Bill Parker are once again hosting this end of the year Party with Bill's Famous Pork Roast and Live Music for a Dance Party. Please see flyer for details.

January 26<sup>th</sup> – Black Light party – Get ready to Dance and Party as our DJ spins the tunes and black lights illuminate the room. Please see flyer for details.

Please remember that MYC is a volunteer based club. As the old saying goes, "many hands make for a lighter load".

*Gail Martin / Entertainment Director*

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## *Sailing Education*

MYC just purchased 6 new sets of 420 sails. The 2018 Mermaid Regatta raised funds to help pay for the sails. Past funds from classes and camps also helped fund the sails. These new sails were beautifully made by local sail maker South Sails. Please plan to come out and try them during our January Small Boat Sundays either January 6<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup>, in 2019!



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# Membership

Last month we presented two new memberships to the general membership and they each received final approval at the board meeting on Dec 3d. We welcome **John & Pam Stimpson** and we welcome **Todd & Laureen Klinger**.



This month it is my pleasure to introduce two more applicants. The first new applicant is **Jeff Smith** and his wife **Nicole**. They are being sponsored by **Jose Nunez** who is a fairly new member himself. Jeff learned to sail as a kid growing up in Northern Ohio but became serious about sailing when he moved to San Francisco Bay area in 1966, when he started his career with NASA. He was the founding member of the NASA Ames Sailing Club and served on the Board of Directors in 1998; and he served as their Commodore in 2002 & 2003. He has many stories to tell of racing and cruising on the San Francisco Bay but after 20 years of living there, he and his wife sold their boat and moved to Cocoa Beach. They currently own a Gemini 105MC 34 ft. cruising catamaran named Colibri. They are looking forward to many adventures on board and sharing those adventures with new friends here at the Melbourne Yacht Club.

The second new applicant to introduce to the membership is the **Schuerger** family. **Todd, Sonya**, and their son **Thomas**, are being sponsored by **Phil Spletter**. Thomas is involved with the Space Coast Sailing program. He is bitten by the sailing bug and his mom says she has now caught it in a major way too. Sonya is a nurse at the Viera hospital and Todd is a lineman for FPL. They stay very busy keeping Thomas transported to his swimming, sailing, and saxophone band practices, but they manage. We can't wait to teach Sonya how to sail and see them out there on the water.

One more piece of membership news. **Bill Baker** has requested to change his membership from Resident to Non-Resident. He is selling his Florida home and will be returning to live full time in Blowing Rock, North Carolina. It was a sad day last year as I watched him take out his Sunfish one last time before he sold it, as he prepared to leave his Florida home.

Our current membership totals are as follows:

Resident = 155, NonResident = 18, Corinthian = 5, Emeritus = 3, Junior Resident = 7, Provisional = 2, Honorary = 9

**Charlotte Parker / Membership Director**

*Sailing Education (Continued from page 4)*



Also, stay tuned for a planned workday to do some repairs to hulls and centerboards and get the boats optimized for spring.

Please be aware that a small sailboat sign-out procedure is in effect. "Conditions of MYC Fleet Use" forms are available for members and guests to sign. Please make sure these are on file with the sailing education director prior to taking out an MYC- owned boat. A sign-out book is also available in the annex. Please fill this out when checking out a boat.

I would also like to announce the nomination of Rob Downey to serve as our potential Sailing Ed Director for 2019. Even though I am wrapping up my time as your Sailing Education Director, I will continue to support the program through the committee. Please let me know if you would like to serve on the committee in 2019.

**Melissa Tribou / Sailing Education**



## Fleet



Get ready for the New Year! Please join us on the Race Course for the 2019 Hangover Regatta. This is always a fun race for the j24s and PHRF boats, afterwards enjoy the stories in the MYC Bar.

November was an easy month of sailing for MYC members. The Sunfish Class had their District Championships, new member **Todd Klingler** received Second Place, while **Dick Tillman** took home Third Place. Several boats participated in Ft. Pierce Yacht Club's Fall Regatta, and by my observation MYC won the Overall Club Challenge that was to take place. Thanks to **Hasty Miller**, first in B Fleet, **Dean Butler**, second in A Fleet and **Sean Freeman**, third place in A Fleet.

**Brad Stowers** sailing *Hillbilly* finished Third Place in Class and Third Place Overall in the SORC Miami to Nassau Race, beating some very high dollar campaigns. Once in Nassau, the crews participated in a Match Race Challenge using Nassau Yacht Club's J22s. *Hillbilly* crew members, **David Nesbitt**, **Pam Vanderveer** and **Marty Stoll** sailing as "Team Epic" won the challenge again beating professional teams.

This just in: December 7<sup>th</sup> *Hillbilly* finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the ultracompetitive SORC Fleet in the Wirth Munroe Race - Miami to Palm Beach. Nice Sailing!

A few MYC members sailed in the Kings Day J24 Regatta at The Florida Yacht Club. **Dave Noble** with **Dick Tillman**, **Paul Henderson** and **Terry Williams** sailed on *Half Ass*, while **Rob Downey** crewed on *Rumblefish*. The PRO of the well-managed event was **Pat Lambert** with help from **Art Crocker**. This is always a "must do" regatta; this year the winds and currents did not cooperate as only three races were completed.

December 1<sup>st</sup> was the Mermaid Regatta and prior to that was the Mermaid School. **Amy Lacy**, **Suzanne Dunphy** and **Dick Tillman** held a panel discussion on tips, techniques and tricks of Helming. The discussion was held before a crowd of women sailors; all of who left affirming that they too were capable of helming a yacht.

The regatta was managed on the water by **PRO Jim Schaub**, conducting two races for the six entrants in ideal conditions. Congratulations to **Suzanne Dunphy** for winning Overall.

In conjunction, **Heidi Salmon** organized a "Cruise" to Marker 21 Island. Three boats loaded with Mermaids-who do not race, enjoyed the day on the water.

**Dean White** put together a Dinner for the Mermaids, while **Vice Commodore Freeman** performed with his band "*The Hemmingways*". With a raffle to support the Junior Sailing program, it made for a very entertaining evening, to culminate a long day at MYC. See Regatta Chair **Peggy Snead's** report.

January 20<sup>th</sup> of 2019, MYC will be hosting the East Coast Junior Series, welcoming Optimist, Open Bic and 420 sailors from all parts of Florida. Last Fall we had a small number of participants with it being the first regatta of the series; now that all the programs are active we expect a mass of sailors. We will need all the help we can get. Keep a lookout for our next planning meeting and please support.

There is more to come - we will finish the Rum Race Series on the 16<sup>th</sup> of December, and then take a short break during the Holidays. Talking about holidays, are you still baffled what present to get your sailor? How 'bout a PFD, or boating shoes, they can always use sailing gloves or a knife, an anemometer is neat to bring along or a starting watch helps too. Stocking stuffers can include membership to US Sailing or a class association. Sailing Calendars, the racing flag stick-on is something even the best sailor refers to. Merry Christmas.

How often do you see the full Moon come up and say "I bet that would be something gorgeous to see on the river". Well now you will know. I am planning to start a Full Moon Series, no matter what day of the week it may be. On the Full Moon we will have a short race with a long celebration in the bar. Stay tuned; first try is Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:30PM start. 3 – 5 mile race (all depends on the weather)

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*Fleet (Continued from page 6)*

I have received numerous accolades for the MYC Fall Race Week and I appreciate the kind words. We tried a few new things this year and for the most part they can be considered great successes. Most likely this coming year we will expand or refine them, maybe make them stand alone events or add them to the Spring Regatta. If you should have any suggestions for creating more or less, please let me know. What I want to remark about the Race Week is: it could never have been as much fun and enjoyable without the efforts of MYC's volunteer base. Certainly our Race Management teams who start months in advance to assure all goes smoothly even though the weather can make it a challenge, once again excelled. Also those persons who took it upon themselves to assure items were attended to such as: The launching and hauling of dinghies and support craft, the guidance in parking and handling trailers, the greeting of sailors at registration, the manipulation of data for scoring, The meals which we expect so much of, are created and served in an efficient and inexpensive manner that participants receive more than enough to satisfy. Also thanks for the support in addressing issues, so they don't blow up to become major problems. Lastly, thank you one and all who create the lasting impression for our visitors of what a great yacht club we have.

**Dave Noble, Rear Commodore / Fleet**





# Mid-December 2018 through January 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 16 Rum Race Bar Opens	17	18 Arts n' Crafts Crew 10am	19	20	21 TGIF Bar opens at 5pm	 22 Dragon Pt Women's Race
23 Bar Opens at 2pm	24	25  Christmas Day	26	27 Board Meeting	28 TGIF Bar opens at 5pm	29
 30 Rum Race Make Up Day Bar Opens at 2pm	31 New Year's Eve Party	Jan 1 Hangover Regatta	2	3	4 TGIF Bar opens at 5pm	5
 6 Small Boat Racing Bar Opens at 2pm	7	8 Arts n' Crafts Crew 10am	9 General Meeting 6:30 - 7:30pm	10	11 TGIF Bar opens at 5pm	12
 13 Rum Race Bar Opens at 2pm	14	15 Arts n' Crafts Crew 10am	16	17	18 TGIF Bar opens at 5pm	19
 20 Small Boat Racing Bar Opens at 2pm	21 Full Moon Series	22	23	24 6 to 7 pm	25 TGIF Bar opens at 5pm	26 7-10 Black light Party 
 27 Rum Race Make Up Day Bar Opens	28	29	30	31	Feb 1 TGIF Bar opens at 5pm	2 Groundhog Day



# 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.

## WARNING

**FUEL STORAGE IS NEVER ALLOWED IN  
THE ANNEX!  
NOT EVEN A LITTLE!!**



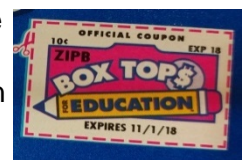
## Help Needed

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.

## Tabs and Box Tops



Please remember to deposit the tabs from your beer and soda cans and the Box Tops for Education in the plastic jars located near the door to the back deck. You can find the Box Tops on many of the items in your pantry and on some items in your freezer. The tabs go to the Ronald McDonald collection site. The Box Tops help teachers purchase supplies for their classes.



# 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>

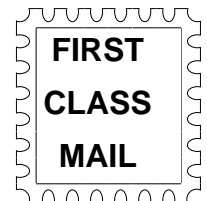
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***December 31, 2018  
MYC New Year's Eve Party***

***January 1, 2019  
MYC Hangover Regatta***

***January 26, 2019  
Black light Party***

***February 3, 2019  
Souper Bowl Party***