

# MELBOURNE YACHT CLUB

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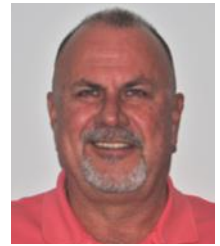
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## Commodore's Log



Ahoy MYC!

The Holiday Season is upon us! Let us all enjoy the cool weather and have fun as we celebrate the holidays this month.

Many of you may have noticed that we've been troubled this year due to the absence of our **Entertainment Director, Ken Bettam** who has been unable to support us due to personal matters. As such, we needed to make a few changes:

Although not our traditional Christmas Party this year, **Secretary Angela Lambert** came up with a great alternate – A "Dock Walk" with an "Open Boat" event on our new piers on Friday the 20<sup>th</sup>!

On that note, we're struggling with a New Year's Eve event and are considering some form of a more "informal" event. Stay posted as we figure it out and determine interest from membership, which was not overwhelming at our last Friday gathering.

As you may have noticed, **House Director Robert Scott** is leading an effort to replace the showers in our exterior restrooms. Please volunteer to lend a hand as we continue preparations for an early January installation of the new showers.

Until next month,

**Sean Freeman / Commodore**



## Vice Commodore / Fleet



This past weekend (week) was fun filled at MYC. Not only did we have a well-attended December General Meeting on Wednesday, we also had a Mermaid School on Thursday, another stellar Happy Hour Friday evening, 41st Mermaid Regatta on Saturday, followed by a Fall Race Week Make Up Race on Sunday! Watch out MYC, we may have to hire a full time staff to handle this much fun. All of what had

happened this past week was done by club members, volunteering their valued time to assure everyone had an enjoyable time. I am not a member of too many clubs, but from what I have experienced over the past 40 years at Melbourne Yacht Club, we do a pretty damn good job. All by Volunteers ( for the most part- most of you would not know how to mix a "manhattan", so a mixologist is paid) You may have issues with your board members time to time, but be sure to know they are passionate of their position and contribute unseen efforts. It is the Committee Members who make it happen! They are the organizers, the contributors and usually the hands on member that you meet and greet at the races, the dinners, seminars and parties. They are the persons setting up, cleaning up and all tasks in between. They are MYC CLUB MEMBERS! Not paid staff. If they ask for help – HELP! We welcome you to join the committee of interest, spend a little time experiencing the efforts and skills that go into running MYC. All members should try it – at least once, so you can truly appreciate your fellow member's diligence. Please anytime you go to MYC and you notice something needs attending, go ahead pick it up, sweep it up, clean it up. It will be that much less that some other club member will need to do.

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# *Rear Commodore/Dock Notes*



Season's Greetings from your Dock Committee. We had a really great year with the completion of our new docks. The committee worked really hard to pull that project off, finishing the job within two weeks of our estimated completion. The total job was \$20k below our approved spend and was more than \$40k below the estimated price presented to membership in 2018. In addition to the dock reconstruction project, the committee managed to assign nine(9) slips this year utilizing the slip assignment policy established in 2018. Comparably, we only assigned six(6) slips in 2018. Dock record keeping is in really good shape and the Dock Committee delegation of duties really seems to be working. If you recall in 2018, my committee and I worked to establish 4 key positions within the Docks Function. They include Dock Director, Dock Master, Docks Administrator, and Dock Finance. Job descriptions are posted in the Chart Room for each of these positions. Importantly, the Dock Director roll is too much for any one person and this type of delegation and structure is needed for Docks to function. The structure worked and the committee was highly effective in accomplishing many things throughout the last two years. If we can keep this momentum going, Docks should be in really great shape as the new board takes over in Q1 2020.

Slip Utilization— 40 out of 42 slips currently rented with 33 members on the waitlist. The only remaining open slip is W06. It was offered to **Tim and Kara Mathews** but a communication error delayed receipt of the award notification. The Mathews are now in the slip and all is well.

W13 was a pain in the rear to fill. We had two failed fit checks and eventually offered the slip to the **Nunez's (Jose and Cristina)**. This is the first slip assignment under the new policy where the awardee does not have a boat. They have ninety days to purchase a boat and accept the slip. This is now or first conditional assignment. They will be billed at 30' until their new boat is in and measured.

**Michael Mandese** notified the club of his resignation. He has vacated slip number E05L. A Notice of Available Slip has gone out. The Slip is 30' by 11'.

Also, E02R also became available. Notice has for this slip has gone out. Both E05L and E02R will be assign on or around Dec 19.

Dock Update— Remaining work includes:

Cross-bracing replacement on West Dock will occur in 2020

Install 6 Additional Cleats on end of East T Dock

Electrical - Adding step light to dinghy dock and adding additional light on end of East Dock

Transient Boats - As a reminder, all transient guest and boats using the T-docks are required to carry liability insurance. Guest should carry proof of insurance with them at all times when utilizing MYC facilities. In addition, contact information needs to be provided to the Dock Master in case we need to reach the owner regarding their vessel. Use of the MYC T-Docks should be coordinated with our Dock Masters (**Jack and Jacki Leahy**).

Paperwork - **Rob Van Name** (Docks Admin) has circulated a list of slip holders owing the club paperwork. If you are on the list of shame (as I am), please submit the required information asap. This would include valid Insurance Declaration Page, copy of vessel registration, and updated slip rental form.

Happy holidays again and we hope to see everyone on December 20 on the Dock. Dress up your boat and bring a beverage or snack to share during this informal holiday Dock Party!

***Dave Nesbitt /Rear Commodore/ Dock Director***

So who volunteered this past week? **Pat Stadt** with his wife **Michelle Jennings** did. They organized the 41st Mermaid Regatta which also featured a Knotty Night hosted by **Peggy Snead**. Each had the help of **David Lister** for the Event Posters. **Hasty Miller, Del Wiese** and **Dick Tillman** for Marlinspike Seamanship Lessons. **Robert Scott** for House Preparations, Decorations and Serving Dinner. **Ross Herbert** for Breakfast, afternoon Slide Show of on the water action and Sound System Set-up. **Jeff and Justin** for Table Set-up. **Stephanie Ring** for before and after Dinner Music. **Pam Crocker** and **Tim Williams** for Mixing and presenting the Margaritas. **Dick Tillman** for Dockside Drink Service. **Charlotte Parker** for baking cookies. **Cathy and Gregg Kowalski** for Preparing, Cooking and Serving Dinner. **Jackie Cope** for Cheesecake Squares. **Michelle Jennings** for Registration, Dinner Setup, Decorations and Rum Cakes.

On the water , **Pat Lambert** with his RC team of **Jim Schaub, Marybeth Crawley, Nick Schmitz, Art Crocker, Larry Etheridge, Jack Clark, Karen Vander Meyden, P/C Ross Herbert** and **Angela Lambert**.

And for the Make Up Race, **Karen Vander Meyden** did a great job as PRO with the help on the water of **Jim Schaub, Mary Beth Crawley, Julia Davis, Art Crocker** and **Frank Hujber**. On shore **Cathy Kowalski** prepared food for the sailors, while **Robert and Marybeth Scott** did clean up since there was a Private Party to follow .

Do you want to know who won the races?

The Mermaid Regatta was won by **Suzanne Dunphy** sailing the J24 "*Not Quite Right*", with second awarded to **Melissa Tribou** on the J24 "*Linda*" while third went to **Stephanie Ring** sailing the J28 "*Alivio*".

In the Fall Race Week Make Up Race First in PHRF B was **Pat Lambert** on *Down Pat*, second place to **Kevin Villa** on *Alivio* and third place to **Del Wiese** on *Anteres*.

PHRF A first Place was **Dave Noble** on *Half Ass*, Second place **Brad Stowers** sailing *Hillbilly* and third place went to **Gregg Kowalski** and **Slot Machine**

The overall Winner for the 2019 Fall Race Week was awarded to the team of *Half Ass*, with the crew of **Dave Noble, Angela Lambert , Terry Williams** and a guy picked up on the dock, **Kelly something** (thanks Kelly)!

Follow MYC members participating in the SORC - **Phil Scalise, Tom Knowlton, Pat Lambert; Brad Stowers, Angie Stowers, Dave Nesbitt**. They have all performed well in the respective yachts of *Santarella* and *Hillbilly* in the series and are sure to be noticed in the races to come. SORC.com

Don't forget The Hangover Regatta January first go to "On The water" for more information.

MYC Fleet Committee convened with area clubs to create a tentative 2020 schedule. Goto MYC's on-line Calendar to see all the local sailing.

*Dave Nobles / Vice Commodore / Fleet*

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## *Sailing Education*

MYC Sailing Education finished a successful 2019 with hope of continuing to expand efforts in introducing future sailors to our sport in 2020. The re-designed website and return to having a US Sailing Level One instructor helped in promoting and providing a memorable experience. A video of our summer camp program will offer parents a glimpse next year for what will be offered to children. MYC members and non-member volunteers who assisted deserve thanks for all their help.

**Rob Downey / Sailing Education Director**

# House

MYC decorated the clubhouse for the Holidays on December 2 and everyone who participated got into the spirit. Once we got all the decoration boxes down from the attic the club members got right to the task of stringing lights and decorating. A big thanks to the many members who had done this before, they knew just how everything was to be displayed and laid out.



The old shower stalls in the outside bathrooms have been torn out to make ready for the new stalls. New tile work will begin after the new year giving time for everything to dry out. Unfortunately, the club will not have showers in those two bathrooms for the next several weeks but the shower in the annex bathroom is still operational. Please keep it neat after use. The new showers have been a long time coming but once in should serve us well for a long time. Thanks to **Tony Godden** and his company for finding the time to perform the new install.



We erected some poles entering the annex parking lot (some refer it to the tire store parking lot) with the goal to make it limited access to MYC members and guests only. We had three extra- wide load 60,000 pound trucks park there one day aging the asphalt and making a mess. A yellow chain will be strung between the poles once US1 access is blocked. Please watch out for them, reflective tape has been applied to make them more visible.

One last thing, a thanks to **Peggy Snead** for updating our first-aid kit. She replaced the old WWII vintage bandages and supplies. I forgot to mention in last month's newsletter.

Until next time have a great Holiday.

**Robert Scott / House**

## *Bar*

Friday happy hours are in full swing – we are seeing good crowds, so come out to see old friends, and meet new ones. On December 20, we will be celebrating the holidays and the completion of the docks with a pot-luck party in the bar and on the docks.

Thanks to all who helped with the Mermaid Regatta and the other special events in the last few months.

As always, if anyone has any suggestions, questions, or comments, please don't hesitate to contact me, either at the club or by phone or e-mail. My e-mail is [timothywilliams@cfl.rr.com](mailto:timothywilliams@cfl.rr.com), my cell phone is (321) 794-7040.

*Tim Williams/ Bar*

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## *Space Coast Sailing News*

We concluded a really good semester with 36 sailors sailing weekly practices and our racing team participating in four regattas. While all of our team has made tremendous progress, a big congratulations to **Ben Mohrman** for winning the Open Skiff fleet in the Florida East Coast Series and placed fourth at the US Sailing Jr. Olympics. Also sailing in the Jr. Olympics were **Jackson Bjorklund** and **Thomas Schuerger** who sailed their first 420 regatta with a spinnaker and trapeze, thus taking a big step. The team celebrated the semester with our Holiday party.

We remain very thankful to all who support to our program including EGYC and MYC as well as Southern Pine Lumber, Porsche, Audi and Mercedes Benz of Melbourne, Flavin Nooney and Person, Intracoastal Brewing, FPL, Keron LLC, Ciao Bella, Shifting Gears, Goin' Deep, Ginnyll, Vanderveer Properties, Phantom, Sublime, the Heinen and Côté Families, Firm Options, Santarella, Ferguson's Automotive and Marine, Long Doggers, Sailbad the Sinner, Noble Awards and Craig Rastello, CPA

*Phil Spletter*



## December 2019 – early February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
22	23	24	25 Christmas! 	26	27	28
29 Fall Rum Race Make-up 2-4pm	30 MYC Board Meeting 6-8pm	31 New Year's Party 7pm-12am Raft-Up Marker 21	Jan 1 2020	2 General MYC Meeting 6:30-7:30 pm	3	4
5 FPYC Monthly Race 12-4pm	6	7	8	9	10 Full Moon Series #1 6-8:30pm	11 IRYC Dragon Point Series 1-4pm
12 IRYC Sunday Winder Series 12-4pm MYC Winter Rum #1 2-5	13 Reynold's Birthday Party 6-10pm	14	15	16	17	18 Dragon Poing Women's Race 1-4 MMA 4-9
19	20 Martin Luther King, Jr Day	21 MYC Art Group 10am-12pm	22 !	23 SORC Ft Lauderdale to Key West Race	24 SORC Ft Lauderdale to Key West Race	25 SORC Ft Lauderdale to Key West Race
26 FPYC MLK Race 12pm-4pm MYC Winter Rum #2 2-5pm	27	28 MYC Ladies Book Club 7-9pm	29	30	31	Feb 1 IRYC Cat 22 Champs FPYC Monthly Race FPYC Cruise
2 IRYC Cat 22 Champs FPYC Monthly Race IRYC Winter Series 1-5	3 MYC Board Meeting 6-8pm	4 MYC Art Group 10am-12pm	5 General MYC Meeting 6:30-7:30 pm	6	7 IRYC Aero Midwinters  Full Moon Series 6-8pm	8 IRYC Aero Midwinters  Commodore's Ball 6-9pm

# *MYC Ladies Book Club*

Did you know MYC has a Ladies' Book Club?

We meet the last Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm in the clubhouse. Now that I've said that, our next meeting is Tuesday, January 7th. That's actually our December meeting which would have been Christmas Eve so we moved the date to the first Tuesday in January. If you would like to join us, our book for that meeting is ***Bel Canto* by Ann Patchett**. Then our regular schedule resumes with our January meeting on Tuesday, January 28th. We read all types of books, fiction, historical fiction, non-fiction, biographies, you name it. All ladies welcome!

Amy Lacy

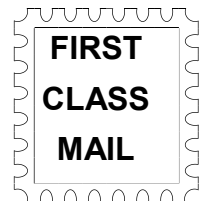


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***January 1, 2020  
MYC Hangover Regatta***

***January 7  
MYC Ladies Book Club***

***January 12  
MYC Winter Rum Race #1***

***January 26  
MYC Winter Rum Race #2***

***February 8  
Commodore's Ball***