

TELL-TALE



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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 have been mailed.
So, get your RSVP in now....

ECSA Sebastian Inlet Park Concert / Cruise

March 11th & 12th

Join us by car or by boat for a great day at Sebastian Inlet State Park. We will have pavilion # 1 on the South side of the inlet all day. This will be a "Burn-It" style event so bring something you like to throw on the grill for yourself and a side dish to share. The grills will be ready at 5:30 pm for cooking giving us plenty of time to be ready for the concert. If coming by car the cost is \$4 for one person in the car and \$8 for 2 or more in the car. If coming by boat you will exit the intercoastal at green marker 65. Head to the East keeping South of the point before turning to the North to anchor. Dinghy in to the South side of the point and pull up on the beach.



At 7 pm, the concert will start at pavilion #3 with *Remember When*.



Commodore's Log



So here we are, again! It is a rare honor to be the Commodore for a second year (term). There are few instances of this occurring in the 70 years of Club history. And since it is rare, I thought I would take this opportunity to just mention the three past Commodores who also share this honor:

Past Commodore Al Waschka (86, 94)

Past Commodore Gus Williams (97-98)

Past Commodore Ross Herbert (05-06)

On many occasions, I have mentioned that our Club Members are just amazing, and the three above are simply examples of amazing. I would like to take this opportunity to invite everyone to simply take a look at the "Club Officers" link at the bottom of our web page, and see how many of your friends have helped out over the years. And it should go without saying, but I will do so anyway, that for every Officer and Director you see listed, there are many other supporting Members who put in time working alongside them to make this Club; what it was, what it is, and what it will become.

So to my point, you are a great group of Members, and our new Officers and Directors will be asking for your help. For Veteran Members it's a great way to stay active in the club and mentor new Members. For New Members, it's a great way to figure out the ropes (lines) and make new Friends, it's a WIN – WIN. I encourage everyone to get involved. If you're wondering how to get in touch with someone so you can help out, you can use the Officers list to find their name, and then use the contact link on the Web site to touch base with them. Also every committee should have Monthly advertised meetings, so simply show up. If you need more assistance, just come and see me on any TGIF and I'll help you out!! Oh did I mention?

Don't forget about TGIF and the many great events and get-togethers we have to visit with friends, both old and new! We're a great club, and the best way for you to help keep it that way, is to come on down and participate!!!!

And....

Don't forget to read the rest of this news letter!

And on a final note. It is with a heavy hearts, that we at the Melbourne Yacht Club must offer our condolences on the passing our friend Commodore Jerry Kowalski (PC79), last month. A member of our Club for many years, and a friend to many of our members. You will be missed!

Commodore Kowalski, Jerry, may the next time we meet, be on a broad reach with you showing us the way home. God Bless you, Fair Winds and Following Seas.

Eric Stord / Commodore



House



As part of my introduction to my new role as Vice Commodore/House Chairman, I was given a couple of tours of the MYC property. While I have been coming to the MYC for many years to sail and participate in social activities, it is easy to overlook the property and buildings. When you walk

around the MYC campus and take a focused look at what we actually have, it becomes quickly apparent that we are very fortunate to have such a wonderful property.

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Fleet

On January 7th, **Gregg Kowalski, John Fox, Pat Lambert, John Martin** and **Art Crocker** presented RC 101 training for club racing. The class was attended by 54 sailors.



It was a month of storms as the Dragon Point coed racing, two attempts at a Marker 21 cruise and both Small Boat Sundays were canceled due to strong winds and rain. Fortunately, the Dragon Point Women's race and the two Rum Races were able to be sailed.

We held a CPR/AED/first aid class on January 26th with 20 people attending: **Pat Brown, Phil Spletter, Erin Walters, Tim Brustowski, Katie Laing, Sue Reynolds, Melissa Tribou, Craig Rastello, Patrick Lambert, Patrick Daniels, Karyn Daniels, Paul Henderson, John Light, Larry & Connie Etheridge, Sue Llibre, Michel Kareta, Shirley Young,** and **Dave Oatway** are now certified in CPR and the use of the club's AED.

We will be holding a fleet planning meeting on February 23rd at 18:30 to discuss club racing, for the Spring Regatta, and Cruising events for the year. All interested parties are invited to attend.

John Fox / Fleet Captain Rear Commodore



Treasurer

Greetings to all my MYC shipmates, it is an honor to be able to serve you as your new treasurer. I take the job very seriously and hope to serve your needs to keep the club moving forward at full steam.



First, I want to thank Del for his service as past treasurer and feel assured he will be there to help me over the learning curve these next few months.

Secondly, I want to recognize and appreciate the fact that the club's finances are in great shape going forward, thanks to a dedicated and professional board that is committed to excellence and service.

It is appropriate, at this time, to give you a thumbnail sketch of my background:

I retired from the Coast Guard in 1999 after completing 22 years of honorable service to our nation. My last position was senior controller, Coast Guard Group Miami Operations Center, Miami Beach. Among my many assignments all around our great nation was a tour on the CGC Hammer, which at the time, maintained all the aids to navigation on the ICW from Titusville to Fort Lauderdale including the Okeechobee Waterway. I was on three other buoy tenders, two group operation centers, one Marine Safety Office and one training command as a law enforcement and navigation instructor.

After retirement, I went back to school attaining my BA, Business Administration from UCF. I have served as commissioner for the Town of Melbourne Village, and as treasurer for the American Homesteading Foundation.

I have sailed out of the club since 2005, first with **John Tworkowski** on *Fine Finish* and now with **Jack Clark** on *Caribe*. I met the love of my life, **Robin Floyd** at the club in 2014 and we have been inseparable ever since.

My past boat was the infamous J30 *Hiney Butt*, which I purchased in Key West and raced, cruised and lived on from Key West to Galveston to the San Francisco Bay to Miami Beach over a period of 20+ years. My current boat is a Freedom 28, which is on the hard in my back yard in the Village. She is undergoing a major retrofit and service life extension in preparation for cruising the Bahamas when Robin retires.

I look forward to providing service to you my shipmates at MYC. Please find me at the club during our weekly TGIFs with your check request forms or whatever your club financial concerns might be. You can always call me or send an email; I will get back to you within 24 hours if not sooner.

Tom Kjerulff / Treasurer

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 & Lynn Duerbeck / Entertainment Directors

Grog Locker

With a new year starting, the Bar & Kitchen are getting off to a great start. During January the Bar did \$2566 in sales with the help of a Wednesday Lunch and the Art Groups Greek Dinner. Thanks to all of you for your support.

As for the new year, the Bar and Kitchen Committee is looking for committee members along with all the committees at the club. Please take time to join one of the committees at the club, it will always make a difference. For the Bar, we plan on doing more dinners and Burn-Its for the members. We could always use your ideas to help come up with events for the members. You can always email the Bar & Kitchen with your ideas and suggestions at mycbar@melbourneyachtclub.com



Page Proffitt / Bar and Kitchen Director

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My appreciation is even stronger as I reflect back to my youth when I used to cut the grass/weeds/sand at the MYC when the only building on the property was the Annex. Think how many clubs and organizations in our community would be ecstatic to have this facility for their group. We are indeed fortunate.

As part of my tours, I was also able to see that there are a few things that we need to do. My goal is to continue to improve the buildings and property so that the MYC is inviting, comfortable and safe for our current and future MYC members. Here are the major activities (I am sure there will be more...) that I would like to do this year:

- Make a decision on how to proceed on the Tire Store building and start the work based on this decision
- Replace a major section of the decking on the back patio
- Complete the renovation in the storage area of the annex
- Multiple small projects to improve the property

To help keep the property in good shape and to complete the tasks I listed above, we need your help. If you have an interest in playing with power tools that are sitting in your garage, have a penchant for gardening, a desire to fix things, and/or an interest to improve the MYC campus please let me know.

Also, if you know of anything else that needs to be done to the property please let me know. I will be relying on everyone else's eyes to see problems as they come up.

I am looking forward to this opportunity and the upcoming activities over the year. Thanks for selecting me to lead this important role for the MYC.

Have a great month.

Gregg Kowalski / House Vice Commodore

Sailing Education



Sailing Education is off to a good start this year. I have the support of some great people and hope to involve more of you as the year goes along. Dates are being worked out at the moment for adult and youth beginning sailing classes. Beginner Adult (age 16+) Sailing Classes will likely begin in late April, and will run through May, and another class will be held in August. We already have 3 people signed up. See <http://www.melbourneyachtclub.com/Education/> for updates.

Space Coast Sailing (SCS), under the direction of **Phil Spletter** and the support of both MYC and Eau Gallie Yacht Club, are continuing to be active on Sunday and Wednesday afternoons. The varsity team is preparing for upcoming regattas on 2/11 in Vero Beach and 2/18-19 in Lake Eustis. The JV teams are continuing to develop their skills. Next month, when daylight saving time occurs, SCS varsity practices, along with the 3 relocated MYC Collegiate 420 vessels, will return to MYC. The JV team may remain at EGYC, so they may continue to sail both Open Bics and Collegiate 420s.

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 course offered by MYC during Brevard Public School's spring break. Details on this will be out soon.

Additional youth Learn-to-Sail opportunities will be available this summer.

Also, coming soon: single day, or weekend long sailing education opportunities for sailors who already have a basic understanding of sailing. This will include vessels such as 420s, Sunfish, Lasers, J-24s, and cruisers. Some topics will include intro to racing, refining sailing maneuvers and sail trim, safety, and rules of right-of-way. If there is something you would be interested in learning more about, let me know and maybe we can make it happen. If you are interested in hosting an opportunity, please let me know so I may put it on the calendar.

I look forward to serving you in sailing education this year and hope to keep those young and old, beginner and experienced, thirsty to learn more.

Melissa Tribou / Sailing Education



Absentee pennant – Special pennant flown to indicate absence of commanding officer, admiral, his chief of staff, or officer whose flag is flying (division, squadron, or flotilla commander).

Ahull –

1. When the boat is lying broadside to the sea.
2. To ride out a storm with no sails and helm held to leeward.

Axial fire – Fire oriented towards the ends of the ship; the opposite of broadside fire.

Azimuth compass – An instrument employed for ascertaining position of the sun with respect to magnetic north. The azimuth of an object is its bearing from the observer measured as an angle clockwise from true north.

Banyan – Traditional Royal Navy term for a day or shorter period of rest and relaxation.

Barrelman – A sailor that was stationed in the crow's nest.

Beam ends – The sides of a ship. "On her beam ends" may mean the vessel is literally on her side and possibly about to capsize; more often, the phrase means the vessel is listing 45 degrees or more.

Best bower (anchor) – The larger of two anchors carried in the bow; so named as it was the last, *best hope*.

Bombay runner – A large cockroach.

Membership

Thank you, all of the members of the Melbourne Yacht Club that took it upon themselves to introduce their friends, fellow workers, and strangers to the Melbourne Yacht Club in 2016.

It has been a pleasure for Chris to show the club to all the people that became members this year. I am looking forward to 2017 being an outstanding year as your Membership Director.



MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

During December –1 New Member for us to consider.

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MEMBERSHIP ACTIONS

Special Thanks to **Jack Bibb**

Patrick T. Reilly – for Resident December

When he was 11 years old, he learned to sail a Sunfish at a Boy Scout summer camp and a few years later, he earned the merit badge. He has been sailing ever since. He bought a Sunfish when his family moved to Satellite Beach and sailed it every weekend and summers. He entered his first regatta at the Eau Galle Yacht Club when they used to sponsor races in the 1970's and 1980's. He bought a Laser in 1994 and retired the 22 year old Sunfish.

He has been crewing with **Jim Boyd** since 2000 on his J22's and the Laser 28 mainly as the foredeck guy. He started working at Harris Corp in 1978 and he is a Satellite Antenna Engineer.

Special Thanks to **John Fox**

Karen Vander Meyders – Resident for January

She was born and raised in Dover, Delaware and spent summers on the Indian River in Clarksville, Delaware. She started sailing with her parents at the age of 5 at the Indian River Yacht Club and the Rehoboth Bay Sailing Association and has never stopped sailing. She graduated from the University of Miami with a Bachelor of Science degrees in Civil Engineering and Architectural Engineering. After college she moved to California and worked in the aerospace industry.

She has been very active at the Lake Arrowhead Yacht Club sailing (skipper & crew), race committee (Club Race Officer), socializing and being on the board. She has been Director, Fleet Captain, Rear Commodore (social aspects), Vice Commodore (restaurant & bar), Commodore and Staff Commodore. The boats I have skippered and crewed on are; Sunfish, Lightning, Flattie 18, C-Scow, MC-Scow, Hobie 16, Hobie Wave, Catalina 26 & 28, Rangers, Hunters, Holder and Laser.

She recently moved to Melbourne Beach and looks forward to being an active member of the Melbourne Yacht Club.

Business to be voted on at Board Meeting Jan.

Gareth Reynolds as Resident

Jenny & Tom Eskridge as Resident.

Timothy Brustoski as Corinthian

Jack Bibb as Emeritus

Membership Statistics Total 215

Resident = 151, Nonresident = 26, Corinthian = 12, Emeritus = 2, Junior Resident = 11, Provisional = 1,

Extended Provisional = 2,

Honorary = 10

Charlotte Parker / Membership Director



Mid-February 2017 – April 1, 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 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 Commodore's Ball
26 Rum Race Bar Opens at 2PM	27	28 Arts n' Crafts Crew 10am	Mar 1 General Membership Meeting 6:30PM	2	3 TGIF Bar opens at 5:00	4 Dragon Point Coed Race
5 Small Boat Racing Bar Opens at 2PM	6	7 Arts n' Crafts Crew 10am	8	9	10 TGIF Bar opens at 5:00	11
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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.

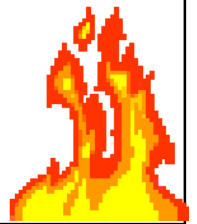
Tabs and Box Tops Challenge



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>

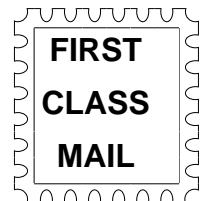
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The Tell Tale is the official newsletter of the Melbourne Yacht Club. Deadline for submissions is the first Wednesday of the month. All MYC members are encouraged to submit articles or notices of interest to the Club.



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

***ECSA Sebastian Inlet Concert
March 11 & 12, 2017***

***St Patrick's Day
March 17, 2017***

***April Fool's Day
April 1, 2017***