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Cinco de Mayo

May 5th during TGIF

Featuring a Taco Bar

\$5 per person

Mother's Day Brunch

May 14th from 11AM to 1PM

\$12 per person

Entertainment

As April showers bring May Flowers, entertainment will be moving into our Spring events. Our next committee meeting will be held on May 4th at 7 pm. Thank you to everyone that came out and gave input to our



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Commodore's Log

What a great Month! Let me tell you, we are simply the best Club ever! I can't tell everyone enough that our Club is what we make of it, and our members do a great job!



So this month we had a great St. Patrick's Day event that was lots of fun, and the food was great. It was held during a TGIF and of course Fridays are always a great time for membership to get together, and adding a theme always adds to the fun. Of course, we wouldn't be the club we are if we didn't give members a chance to come on down and help out around the club. So the Vice Commodore with a newly minted Garden Committee Chair, **Sunny Heck**, put together a Garden Work Party, "Great job done by all!" The club looks great! By the way, I'll take this opportunity to say, if you haven't been down to help out around the club in a while join a committee; or when you see the "Call to Volunteer" just simply come on down and get involved! Remember, you're always welcome to come on down and help, really you are. ;)

This month a lot of people were putting in a lot of planning for the Spring Regattas coming up this month. Not to mention Sailing Ed is putting together the instructional schedules, and is doing some really cool stuff this year like the Sailing Camp over the Brevard's School Systems Spring Break. So to keep track of everything, don't forget to visit our Website under the On The Water and Sailing Classes (respectively) in the Menu Bar to stay up to date with upcoming events and training. And as always, to keep track of other Club events remember to stop by and visit our Calendar, also located in our Menu Bar on the Website. Again, these events would be just other great ways to get involved, so don't miss out on the fun in participating and volunteering, the next morning you'll really feel the satisfaction of being involved, maybe a bit sore as well, sorry. ; } The feeling of doing your part is really unmatched and it is what makes the club what it is, Great!

Of course, one last thing, communications! We hold Club meeting, post emails and put out our newsletter, "Tell -Tale"; all with the idea of disseminating information to all of you, because YOU ARE the Club. But, the final element in communications is feedback, and we want to hear your thoughts, concerns and anything else, we work for you. Of course you can just talk to us when you see us at the club, or you can just send us your thoughts using the Message link on our Website under the "Find Us" in the menu bar. And I'll mention once again, the suggestion box is just waiting to be fed something to give to the Board. So let us know your thoughts!

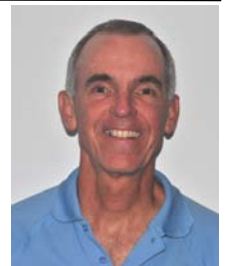
On a final note, let all remember to be careful out there on the water. The weather has been great, with the winds tending on the sporty side, so sail safe and appropriately, and have Fun!

Eric Stord / Commodore



House

The House Committee has had a very busy month doing a wide variety of activities around the MYC campus. We have several major projects on which we are working to improve the campus buildings and landscape.



The first major item was the Gardening Event on April 1 (and the follow-up on April 7 to pick up the remaining debris). I want to personally thank everyone who helped with this event. Sunny Heck did a great job putting on this event. Not only did she coordinate the activities, she cooked up a breakfast feast that cannot be topped. Thank you Sunny!

We accomplished a lot due to the help from the following folks:

Sunny Heck, Larry Etheridge, Jack Leahy, Jackie Leahy, Page Proffitt, Art Crocker, Patrick Daniel, Amy Roth, Tim Williams, Cathy Kowalski, Sean Freeman, JoAnne Freeman, Rob Van Name, Mary Evans,

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Gail Oliver, David Keane, Jackie Cope, Rick Cope, Carol Mairs, Charlotte Parker, Eric Stord, John Kowalski, and Jerry Dasson.

This team laid sod in two major areas of the property, trimmed a ton of plants, moved boats, replanted many plants, picked weeds, picked up the area, etc. If you want to get a sense of how much they realized, they filled the dumpster TWO times.

We have been gathering costs from contractors for a variety of repairs to buildings. Thanks to the Leahy's for meeting with the different contractors who visit the MYC to provide quotes. We will be making priority decisions as to what we want to have done first on the following areas given we have other major costs to consider (seawall, docks and tire store):

1. **Electrical wiring in the Annex.** Wiring and circuit boxes are very old and need to be addressed.
2. **Clubhouse roofing repairs.** There are some leaks and loose shingles that need to be addressed.

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

1. **Removed a dying tree near building.** (thanks to Amy Lacy for coordinating)
2. **Removed several major branches over porch area.** (thanks to Amy Lacy for coordinating)
3. **Captured 3 squirrels as part of removal of squirrels from clubhouse** (they were living in the attic) and blocked entry into building (thanks to Page Proffitt and John Kowalski)
4. **Cleaned clubhouse gutters** (thanks to John Kowalski)
5. **Set up raccoon cages** (thanks for Charlotte Parker for the traps and Page Proffitt) to capture raccoons
6. **Requested estimate from roof contractors to repair leaks** (thanks to Leahy's for hosting contractors)
7. **Completed A/C inspection with City of Melbourne** (thanks to Leahy's for hosting inspector)

As I said at the start of this letter, it has been a busy month. There is more to come as we make decisions about the tire store (apparently a great conversation topic) and determine which items we are going to repair.

Have a great month,

Gregg Kowalski / House Vice Commodore



Fleet

April is Regatta time at MYC with small boat weekend on the 22nd and 23rd. We are expecting about 40 boats in Sunfish, Laser, Aero, 420, and Open Bic classes plus the open (Portsmouth) fleet. This year, FIT is letting us launch and store boats there for the weekend so everything is being run out of the club. RC slots are full, but if



you have a powerboat, extra safety boats are always a good thing. Shore side, we have a need for people to help direct our visitors as to where to put their boats and park. The lower parking lot, inside the gate will be for boats only.

For Big Boat weekend, whether you are a racer or not, we have a fun weekend planned for you. Pat Lambert has great courses planned for the J-24 and PHRF fleets. For the non-racers, we will be having a Treasure Fleet with navigational clues to follow to locate "treasure markers". Lynn Duerbeck is planning a Caribbean themed dinner party complete with island music. So even if you don't sail, come join us for the evening.

We also have some wicking tee-shirts for the regatta. Short sleeves are \$15 and long sleeves are \$20. There is a signup sheet at the bar for them.

Lets go sailing! It's why you bought the boat.

John Fox / Fleet Captain Rear Commodore

Grog Locker



The bar did great for the month of February with an income of \$3122, with help from the J-24 Regatta., Everything is working well on the bar. The Bar & Kitchen Committee had a meeting on March 21st with 12 members attending. The committee worked on a few items for 2017, like having more TGIF dinners and doing another wine tasting on an upcoming TGIF. It was, also, decided that we will continue the Wednesday lunches once a month, which has had a good following. It was suggested that we acquire a heat lamp for keeping food warm on the bar while serving. It was also suggested that we look into additional beers to be served at the bar. This recommendation was met with different views. Unfortunately, we have only six taps and we need to keep a balanced selection for the membership.

The Bar and Kitchen committee will be doing the dinner for the Spring Small Boat Regatta on April 22nd and will be working closely with Fleet for the Big Boat Regatta.

At the end of April, on the 27th, Claudia and I plan to go cruising on Miss Hanna down to the Keys. We plan on being back by the 20th of May. I already have two of my committee members stepping up to handle any orders that we may need and to cover the bar.



Treasurer



Over the past few months I have been able to monitor the substantial amount of expenses this club incurs in its day-to-day operations. To be sure I was quite surprised. Capital improvements have been made on the annex and the clubhouse needed a new air conditioner. We have a contract going forward for the repair of the sea-

wall, and the docks are in need of significant capital outlays. So we need your dues to pay our bills.

Last week I had to send out over 20 reminders via email to folks who are late in paying. I was surprised at the amount. I do not have any historical perspective but it seems like a lot to me. For most it is a reminder as our lives are very busy and things get missed. But some are simply ignoring the notes, only a few though. Since we are a volunteer club run by our friends, I hope a friendly nudge is all it takes and thank you if you responded with a check.

On another note, please do not use your own money to make substantial payments for club business. Companies need to bill the club. Yes it will take a few weeks to process. If a company is so strapped for cash that they demand payment immediately then, perhaps we should look elsewhere.

Our fiscal position remains sound and with your support we will continue to do so.

Tom Kjerulff / Treasurer

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scheduled events. Again, I encourage anyone and everyone interested in helping out with these events to please attend our monthly committee meetings. We had a good turn out in March and many of you were here for our April meeting as well. I would like to continue this trend throughout the year. There is something for everyone to do, and each of you bring your own special talents to the table. New ways of adding to the old keeps our club a happening place to be!

On April 29th, we will be having our Big Boat Regatta Caribbean Theme dinner. The cost for the dinner is \$15/pp and will be catered by Hazel's. We will be having a selection of Caribbean chicken entrees and rice and vegetables along with a salad and dessert. We are looking for volunteers for set up and take down for this event.

Cinco de Mayo will be run as a TGIF extension on May 5th. We are setting up a Taco Bar. The cost for this will be \$5/pp. Volunteers will be needed for set up and clean up. Please come out and enjoy some yummy tacos and great company.

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Sailing Education



Sailing Education is off and running at high velocity! Spring adult sailing classes due to begin April 20th are full. I have opened a new 420 class that will run Saturday afternoons from 1PM-4PM beginning May 6th. This class will be combined with older youth. We need volunteers on April 23rd from 9:30AM-12PM to go out sailing in either a J24 or J30. We also need at least one other person with a larger vessel to take some adult students out that morning. On May 7th and 14th, from 9:30AM-12PM, we will need six volunteers to go sailing on 420s with the new students.



Youth STEM camp was held April 10th-12th and we had eleven children ranging from age 8-12. Coaches **Tim Brustoski**, **Phil Spletter**, and **Page Proffitt** helped run the water side of the camp, and **Gareth Wyatt**, a local high school physics teacher instructed the land side of the camp. They sailed optimists on day one with minor challenges, sailed with coaches, including **Robert Duerbeck**, in 420s on day two, and a portion sailed Optimists with great confidence and excitement on

day 3. **Eckart Schneider** volunteered to take some of the kids out on his boat on day 3, and they all returned with smiling faces. Camp days also included making anemometers, learning points of sail and knots, experiencing simple machines (like pulleys), testing out different hull shapes with clay, and building their own sailboats out of recycled materials and racing them. Special guests, VC **Greg Kowalski** and **John Fox**, came and gave short presentations.

The success of this camp has led to several inquiries for membership, continued sailing opportunities, and a future camp session being scheduled for the last week in June.



Summer youth sailing sessions are currently set for Saturdays and we will need help with those. If you are able to contribute your time to at least one Saturday sailing session, please let me know. The May Saturday morning Optimus session is full.

I have been approached by members interested in sailing clinics being held, in which you may learn, or improve on a skill. One possible suggestion was in operating a spinnaker. Is there interest by club membership to do this? It would probably be a day-long session. Please let me know if you are interested in teaching or participating in such a clinic. Additionally, it was mentioned to hold a female learn to drive workshop. Again, is there interest, or is there someone willing to instruct this?



Space Coast Sailing is continuing to practice Wednesday and Sunday afternoons through May. This schedule may change for the summer. The summer schedule has not yet been determined.

We are searching for a new 420 to add to the current fleet, and replace an older 420. This was approved by the LRPC a while ago. Please let me know if you see any 420s for sale that may be in good condition.

I am pleased sailing education is off to a great start this year. I thank all who have helped me out so far. I am currently seeking others who are willing to lend a hand (or two). So

who's in with me?

Melissa Tribou / Sailing Education

Membership

Dean Butler is now officially approved as MYC member. He received his burgee at the April general membership meeting. I called him this evening to get the name of his boat so that you would know him when you see him on the river. He is calling her Sailing Vessel 128. Ask him about how and why he chose that name. Our conversation continued and he told me about his plans to circumnavigate Hutchinson Island this week. I envy him and can't wait to hear about his adventure. He is currently keeping his Pearson 303 up at Waterline Marina.



Robert & Mary Ellen Gonsalves also received their final approval and received their new burgee. I keep telling Robert that he needs to get his name on the dock waiting list and get a boat that will fit into the 25 x 10 ft slip that our dock master, Sean Freeman has available. He needs a boat to go with his burgee. Mary Ellen has already treated us at TGIF with her delicious brownie cookies. Yet another great addition to our MYC family.

The board approved the request of **Peggy Snead** and **Gerry Moores** to merge their memberships.

We have been receiving lots of inquiries about our club through e-mail and phone calls. New residents are coming to the area and long time residents are finding MYC for the first time.

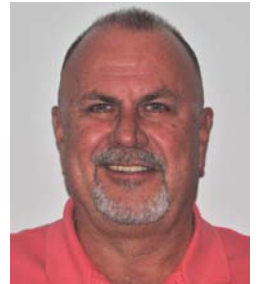
Thanks for making our club such a welcoming friendly club.

(Resident = 149, NonResident = 25, Corinthian = 10, Emeritus = 2, Junior Resident = 10
Provisional = 0, Extended Provisional = 2, Honorary = 10)

Charlotte Parker / Membership Director

Dock Notes

Well, your friendly Dockmaster is getting just a tad "peeved" over a failure on the part of too many members that have not answered my many requests to identify their property that is in dry storage. Please put your identification on your property such that it is readily visible. If you own a boat, dinghy, or kayak and it's on Club property, it must be identified as to ownership or we'll just consider it to be abandoned property and we'll dispose of it accordingly I guess



I will be flagging boats this coming weekend. I'm getting many requests from members for storage and I would like to accommodate them. Unmarked property will be disposed of to make room for members requesting dry storage.

Some members have property that is INSIDE the tire store – all of this needs to be REMOVED as soon as possible as that building is UNSAFE and will likely be razed in the near-term.

Please feel free to email me with any issues/suggestions/recommendations at: submarineveteran@gmail.com

Sean Freeman / Dockmaster

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Our Mothers Day on May 14th is going to be a Family Affair Brunch to celebrate all of our special Moms out there. We're holding this Brunch between 11 am and 1 pm. We're extending this invite to include others outside of our club as well. Please join us for a toast to honor our moms and a delicious brunch to follow. The cost for this event will be \$12/ pp.

Last month, our St Patty's Day Celebration was a night full of good friends and a good night by all. Ross Herbert found one of the gold coins our MYC leprechaun left in our club. Cheers Ross!

Lynn Duerbeck / Entertainment Director



- A couple of the worst things crew or passengers can say to a sailboat's captain:
- Why are the other sailboats so much faster than yours?
 - UH OH....I think the head's clogged!



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
16 Small Boat Racing Bar Opens at 2PM	17	18 Arts n' Crafts Crew 10am	19	20	21 TGIF Bar opens at 5:00	22 Spring Regatta Small Boat
23 Spring Regatta Small Boat	24	25 Arts n' Crafts Crew 10am	26	27	28 TGIF Bar opens at 5:00	29 Spring Regatta Big Boat
30 Spring Regatta Big Boat	May 1	2 Arts n' Crafts Crew 10am	3 General Membership meeting at 6:30PM	4	5 Rum Race TGIF Bar opens at 5:00	6 Dragon Point Coed Racing
7 Bar Opens at 2PM	8	9 Arts n' Crafts Crew 10am	10	11	12 TGIF Bar opens at 5:00	13
14 Mother's Day Brunch Small Boat Racing	15	16 Arts n' Crafts Crew 10am	17	18	19 Rum Race TGIF Bar opens at 5:00	20 Dragon Point Women's Racing
21 Bar Opens at 2PM	22	23 Arts n' Crafts Crew 10am	24	25	26 TGIF Bar opens at 5:00	
28 Small Boat Racing Bar Opens at 2PM	29 Memorial Day	30 Arts n' Crafts Crew 10am	31	June 1	2 Rum Race TGIF Bar opens at 5:00	3 Dragon Point Coed Racing

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.

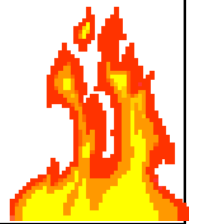
Tabs and Box Tops Challenge



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>

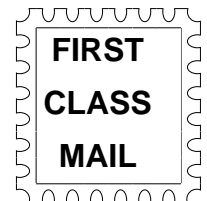
Burgee History:<Short text paragraph about how the burgee was donated>

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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.



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

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

***Cinco de Mayo
May 5, 2017***

***Mother's Day Brunch
May 14, 2017***