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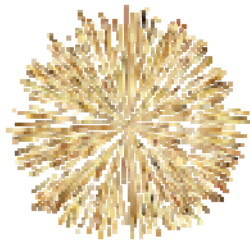
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Fathers' Day Afternoon & Burn It

Sunday, June 18th



July 4th Barbeque & Fireworks

Tuesday, July 4th





Commodore's Log



What a Yacht Club! As I said last month “we are simply the best Club ever!” April brought the spring Regattas (both Small and Big Boat), our first ever STEM Youths Sailing Camp, US Sailing Judge Seminars and Adult Sailing Classes.....Wow, Thank You Everyone!!!! Events such as these only happen with the “Spirit of Involvement” and Members an-

swering the “Call to Volunteer”. I need to admit, that many times we see the same faces answering the “Call” and this time we saw many of those same faces. But I am very proud to report there were also many new faces answering the call as well ;) So again, Thank You ALL, and keep coming out!!!!

April also saw the LRPC kick-off meeting, and the election of this year’s Chairman. Congratulations and a “Hearty Thank You” to **Past Commodore Tom Knowlton** for accepting this position. I would also like to thank the following newly elected LRPC member, **Jack Clark** (an old hand at the LRPC and a Past Chairman), **Art Crocker** (first time LRPC Member); continuing LRPC members, **Past Commodore Bob Hughes, Gerry Moores**, and Special Thanks to **Brent Saunders** for staying on an extra Year to back-fill a vacancy.

On somewhat of a special note, I wanted everyone to know many of our Members have not only donated time, but also money. It’s not very often, and don’t worry as we’re certainly not asking for any donations. One of the most interesting donations I’ve seen is through a little known practice of sponsoring a first time Youth Sailor to take one of our Sailing Classes. We have had in the past, and “currently do” have Members that have done this. To tell you the truth, I’m not aware of any formal vehicle to do this and it appears to happen more by chance, or simply being at the right place at the right time. When this happens a Member opens their hearts, along with their wallets, and a youth who would otherwise not have the opportunity to try sailing is given that opportunity, a “scholarship to take the class” so to speak.

I don’t know all the Members who have donated like this in the past, and I’m not asking for anyone to do this right now. I would just like to let everyone know that these Members walk among us and exist as shining beacons of what our Membership is made of, the most caring and giving group of Sailors and Friends I’ve ever had the privilege of knowing, and I say that most sincerely. We (my Family) just had an anniversary in March of this year, the celebration of my Family’s 10th year as Members of the Melbourne Yacht Club. Let me tell you, my Family already knew I was a “good guy”, but there is no doubt in my mind that I am a better person for knowing all of you ;)

This brings me to my point, we volunteer our time and money to support our Club and the Community around us. Our goal is to advance the knowledge of Seamanship and Sailing, while helping others find the joy and serenity (or chaos) of “chasing that horizon”. In that spirit, a Member has made a donation to specifically “promote the club’s sailing/racing programs, either juniors or adults”. This Member could have been any of us, but it was from a Member who is no longer with us, **Linda Tillman** who made this gift by bequest. The Board has passed a motion and will work out the details, to make this into the vehicle to help those to find Sailing at MYC; to help those who otherwise might lose the opportunity. So, as I said, we are working the details; but the one thing we know right as we put this “scholarship fund” together, it will be in honor of Linda, and serve a purpose she wished to benefit. She was a Champion when she was with us, and is still, in her passing. Thank You **Linda**, Fair Winds and Following Seas.

Eric Stord / Commodore



Fleet

Fleet had a busy April, starting off with the US Sailing Club judge seminar on the 8th. We had 11 people attend: One from CRYC, two from USSCMC, one from LESC, one from IRYC and six from MYC; Jack Clark, Tom Knowlton, Craig Rastello, Karen Vander Maiden and Sunny Heck.



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House



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

We have been gathering final quotes for repairing the clubhouse roof, repairing the A/C units in the bathrooms, replacing the stove/oven in

the annex and will be gathering quotes on the tire store (once we determine our go-forward plan). Based on priorities and the cost to complete the items we will determine which ones to do first. A special thanks to the Leahy's for "hosting" the different contractors on the MYC property.

We have started the process of planning next year's Commodore's Ball. We have reached out to FIT to use a banquet room on their campus. It is a large room with plenty of windows and they will cater the event. It should make for a great location for the Ball. We have submitted our application and will now determine the costs to ensure we keep the price to our members reasonable. It is also another event (see the recent Spring Small Boat Regatta where we used the FIT docks and property) where we are working closely with FIT that will help enhance the MYC-FIT relationship.

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

- Batteries purchased for clubhouse needs

- Cleaned up remaining debris from the Garden Party

- Working to design a guard rail for the bar (the bar stools are scratching the bar)

- Will fix rain drainpipe in May

- Fixed shelf in men's bathroom in May (thanks to Jack Leahy)

- Completed fire inspection (thanks Leahy's and Page Proffitt)

One other reminder. If you have guests visiting the MYC (either for social events or for racing) they must park outside of the gate. The parking area beyond the gate is to be used by MYC members only.

Have a great month,

Gregg Kowalski//Rear Commodore/House

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We held the Spring Small Boat regatta with 53 boats attending. (At one point we had 58 registered). Every one of MYC's 420's was sailed. There were 15 in all. In addition to the usual Raiders, Sunfish and Lasers, we had a fleet of Aero's and Open Bic's who came for the first time. Our youngest competitor was 6 years old and the oldest was 80. Thanks to the efforts of many MYC members, the regatta was a great success and I think we will have most of the people back bringing friends with them.

On Big Boat weekend we had 17 racing boats and two entries in the Treasure Hunt. There was plenty of wind to test the sailors both days. Most people seemed to have a good time sailing with us.

I do not have all the expenses from everyone, but I think we are very close to breaking even or a little ahead. We sold every shirt we ordered, but over ordered on big boat dinners.

In May, we will have Dragon Point Co-Ed and Women's racing, two rum races, the Double-Handed race on May 13th, Small boat racing on May 14th, and a Laser Treasure Coast series date on May 20th.

I would like to remind everyone that they should look to the MYC website "On the Water" page for the latest information about MYC's upcoming events, NOR's, SI's etc. Usually Sail-Race does a good job, but is not operated by MYC and its owner is not accountable to us in any way. It can, at times, take several weeks to get outdated information removed from Sail-Race and replaced with the corrected version. It takes only a few minutes to update our website when things need to be changed.

John Fox/ Rear Commodore/ Fleet



Treasurer

Greetings from your MYC Treasurer

I am always gratified to see your smiling face at TGIF or on the water, but what warms my heart the most is your dues check. So my heart is warm these days as my friendly reminders have worked and most that needed one have sent in their much needed dues

check. Thank you! We still have a few stragglers, though. Our fiscal house is in order.

For the many hard working volunteers at MYC who need some cash to keep the wheels turning, just a few notes: MYC has many contractors who bill us, some on a recurring basis and some as needed. For those, Jan and I use the web bill pay function at our Community Credit Union. It takes about a week for the contractor to receive the check and I try to get it processed the day I receive it via email. Now if you leave a check request form in my box I will get it when I check it and just when is not set in stone. I try to check my box at TGIF or before but no guarantees there. So, if you have a time-sensitive check request, please call me, back it up with an email. Most reputable contractors will provide a written estimate for large jobs. I can always write a check for the amount ahead of the work commencement or a deposit and leave with the committee member coordinating the work, entrusting that the work is monitored and is satisfactory. That is your responsibility, not mine. I want to avoid to the extent possible members using their funds for large club business expenditures. The exact number has evaded me but I will say \$300 for now and see how that goes going forward. I think we can do this if we work together and do not leave things to the last minute. Having said all that, I will not pay a thing if I do not have a signed check request form. I have accepted them after the fact for emergencies like a blown fan on a refrigerator, etc. That is the rare exception.

I will be gone June and July this summer so Jan and Eric can write checks. I will check my email weekly as available as I will be helping Ross move his boat to New England so Internet access will be spotty. More to come on this.



Tom Kjerulff/ Treasurer

Grog Locker

Again no problems to report for the Bar & Kitchen. We were able to get through the Spring Regatta making everybody happy. The committee is in the process of adjusting prices on some of the products behind the bar due to price increases that have changed over the past years. We are also looking at all the normally ordered products and getting cost comparisons from our regular vendors. This will help the club, making sure we are getting the best price for products. Any suggestions you may have for the Bar & Kitchen are always greatly appreciated.



Page Proffitt/Bar & Kitchen

Sailing Education

Melbourne Yacht Club sailing education programs are in full force at the moment with three classes running, and more to come. Last month, we had our first youth sailing STEM camp during Brevard County's spring break, and we also started our first beginning adult sailing class of 2017. The success of the camp has led to our confidence in holding another camp, which is scheduled during the last week in June. This will be held June 26-29 from 9:30am-3pm each day. Half the day is spent on land doing hands-on activities, and the other half is spent on the water. Please pass the word to your families and friends. For more information, and to register, please go to <http://www.melbourneyachtclub.com/Education/Docs/Youth%20Sailing%20Camp%20Flyer.pdf?767943649>



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Do you have any sailing experience, teaching experience, or do you love children? WE NEED YOU! Please let me know if you are available to help with this camp.

Adult-learn-to-sail programs are also popular, as the first class offered this spring was filled weeks before it even began. This prompted me to open another opportunity this summer. A Saturday class opened for beginning-to-sail 420s. This class is held every Saturday in May and June, from 1-4 in the afternoon.

The first summer Opti class began May 6th and will run every Saturday morning this month. Sponsorship was given for some students. Please look out for more information concerning the opportunity to sponsor a child to sail.

Sailing Education tech-shirts are being put together and should be ready in a couple of weeks. Each sailing class member will receive one.

The search is still on to find a newer 420 to add to the fleet, and possible retirement of an older vessel. Please let me know if you see one available in good condition.

With all of these programs, it takes quite a few volunteers to make it a success. We have had quite a few step up and I thank you, very much. In the adult sailing class, four big boats took students out to learn during the small boat regatta, and conditions were fabulous. Thank you to **Jim and Amy Lacy**, **Eckart Schneider**, **Jerry Ross**, and **Frank and Karen Dawson** (with skipper **Geoff Swain**) for the use of their boats and instructing the members of the class. I would also like to thank **Tim Brustoski** and **Dave Oatway** with instruction of the classes. We also had numerous volunteers help with the students' first day out in 420s. This included **Gary Briand**, **Angelo Piazza**, **David Keane**, **Sykes Evans** and **Natalie Powers** of Space Coast Sailing, **Kevin Hoffman**, and new member, **Dean Butler**, who motored one of the coach boats around.

In the Beginner Opti class, we had a great deal of help from **Karen Williams**. It is great to see all of you come out and help new sailors be successful. If you did not see my note above, here it is again- WE NEED YOU! Please let me know if you can help out at all this summer with classes and camps. I will greatly appreciate it.

Melissa Tribou / Sailing Education

Entertainment

April kept all of us busy with Spring Regatta festivities and May has started off with lots of fun, too! We had a great Cinco de Mayo TGIF with a taco dinner dine-in. We started serving at 6:30 and didn't finish until all the rum racers came in.

Mother's Day Brunch is May 14th and is being hosted by Charlotte Parker with many helpers volunteering to pitch in. Father's Day is June 18th and we are planning a Father's Day race at 3:00 around our rum race course to be followed by a burn-it starting around 5:30 pm. For those of you who don't know what a burn-it is let me clue you in. Everyone brings their own meat to cook on the grill and then everyone brings a dish to share. My favorite time is hanging around the fire having a cool one and visiting with our MYC family. More info to come.

July 4th will be hosted again this year by Brad and Jennifer Helin. It is always a great turn-out with lots of MYC members with their family and friends. The club upstairs deck is a great place to watch the fireworks after dinner or you can catch a ride with someone going out to view the fireworks from the water. Plan to join us.

Lynn Duerbeck / Entertainment



Membership

The membership committee has been busy answering phone calls, e-mails and giving tours to prospective new members. We have two Resident memberships in the application process and two Corinthians applying for membership.

Our directories are being prepared most graciously by **PC Ross Herbert**. We are proud of our directory because it includes our history and traditions in addition to our current list of members. A hard copy of the directory is very important to some of you and a soft copy would be appreciated by others. This year we are going to mail out the membership cards to everyone but will include a post card to be mailed back if a member would like a hard copy of the directory mailed to them. The board feels strongly about continuing our tradition of compiling a directory but maybe we don't need to print and distribute over 200 copies per year. All you have to do is mail in your post card or pick up your directory at the club.

Resident = 147, Non Resident = 25, Corinthian = 10, Emeritus = 2, Junior Resident = 10, Honorary = 10.

Total 204



Charlotte Parker/Membership

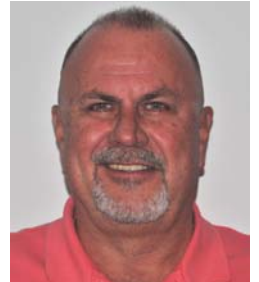
Dock Notes

We've been having some visitors to our docks these past few weeks, both welcomed and not-so-welcomed.

Many thanks to **Jacki Leahy** for keeping track of the reservations and helping to get people on the T-Docks and into vacant slips during the regattas and (thankfully) continuing to do for the club all the time – these are the “welcomed” visitors.

The “unwelcomed” visitors have been some local Raccoons who have been visiting our garbage pails down by the docks and bringing their “supper” onto various boats at our docks. We have considered removing the trash pails and are looking at replacing them with something with a secure lid. In the short term, please ensure that any food waste is not placed in the trash bins while we find the solution to discourage these visitors from using our boats as a cafeteria. Please carry any food waste up to the big green receptacle at the street.

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



Sean Freeman/ Dock master



A boat painter was awarded the job of painting a small sailboat and when the owner asked him, how long it would take him to finish the job, he replied, "Two weeks".

Three weeks went by and the owner, a little concerned of the delay, confronted the painter. "Hey Paul", said the owner, "You told me that it would take you two weeks to paint my boat and it's been three weeks... What's up with that?" The painter put his paintbrush down, looked the owner square in the eye and said, "That was two NAUTICAL weeks, like a nautical mile, they're a little longer".

Captain Hook is finally getting old and wants to live out his days peacefully in a quiet town. The only problem is that the locals did not accept his crusty 'ol ways. The Capt'n decides to get some culture and prove his worth by attending the opera "Pirates of Penzance". (He can relate to that!) Truly loving the entire play he felt assured he would now be accepted. When the end came everyone stood up, applauded, and yelled Bravo!

He stood up, applauded, and yelled, "Ouch, Ouch, Ouch!"





Mid-May 2017 – July 1, 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 14 Mother's Day Brunch Adult Sailing Class Small Boat Racing	15	16 Arts n' Crafts Crew 10am	17	18  Adult Sailing Class 6:30-9:00pm	19  Rum Race TGIF Bar opens at 5:00 	20 Dragon Point Women's Racing
 21 Adult Sailing Class Bar Opens at 2PM	22	23 Arts n' Crafts Crew 10am	24	25	26  TGIF Bar opens at 5:00	
28 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
4  	5	6 Arts n' Crafts Crew 10am	7 Membership Meeting 6:30pm	8	9  TGIF Bar opens at 5:00 	10
11 Small Boat Racing Bar Opens at 2PM 	12	13 Arts n' Crafts Crew 10am	14	15	16 Rum Race TGIF Bar opens at 5:00 	17 Dragon Point Women's Race
18  Fathers Day Afternoon & Burn It	19 	20 Arts n' Crafts Crew 10am	21	22	23  TGIF Bar opens at 5:00 	24
25 Bar Opens at 2PM	26	27 Arts n' Crafts Crew 10am	28	29	30 Rum Race TGIF Bar opens at	July 1 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.

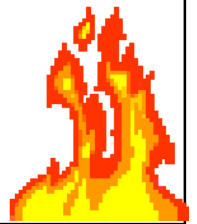
Tabs and Box Tops Challenge



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>

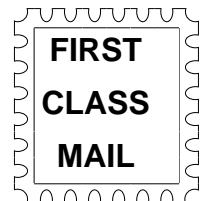
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The Tell Tale is the official newsletter of the Melbourne Yacht Club. Deadline for submissions is the first Wednesday of the month. All MYC members are encouraged to submit articles or notices of interest to the Club.



**June 18th
Fathers' Day Afternoon
& Burn It**

July 4th Barbeque & Fireworks