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DOCK NEWS

Out with the old...



In with the new!





Commodore's Log



Ahoy MYC!

My apologies for not having a July newsletter but my computer crashed hard and it took too long to get it replaced - apparently, I burned out my motherboard. Also, our newsletter editors, **Tom and Jen Eskridge** were out of town.

So I thought about making up for it with a long and laborious message and then thought better of that idea...

So, I have been able to capture the photos I took at our "Declaration Day" party on July 4th and will see about getting those posted on the website.

As you can see clearly, we're making great progress on the Dock Refurbishment project and we're running ahead of plan. The West Docks are nearly complete and we'll soon be starting on the East Docks. BZ to all of you who purchased a custom plank for the Dock effort - you're all "Plank Owners" of our new marina!

At the August general meeting, a motion was made and unanimously passed to end the print-version of the newsletter except as requested by members for a nominal fee. I expect this will happen very soon so please advise us if you wish to continue to receive a print version. The on-line version is in full-color and can be found at:

<http://www.melbourneyachtclub.com/NewsArchive/?New=1>

Finally, let's remember that it is Hurricane Season so be prepared to make preparations at home and at the club in the event we're given proper warning.

Until next month,

Sean Freeman / Commodore



Vice Commodore / Fleet



Rain, Rain, Go Away! Too many sailing events are being canceled. Seems the small boats can't get a break having most if not all of their Sundays cancelled due to the afternoon rains and lightning. The Summer Rum Race series has had 50% of its races canceled. The Dragon Point series, especially the Womens Series can't catch a break either. As much as I don't think rain should stop us

from sailing, lightning is an immediate termination to considering on sailing. Please use your Apps and monitor the area lightning strikes. Make wise choices

The Full Moon Series seems to dodge the rains. It is later, after most storms have dwindled and the winds start to stabilize for the early evening. We have been getting 5 or so boats out, all who state they have a wonderful time. What we don't get, is the Moon. Though I try to time the starts just prior to Moonrise, the clouds just want to stay put and cover the light. Any way we will be tenacious and try again this month to see the moon. August is usually the time for the Full Moon Regatta, but due to the dock construction the PRO did not feel confident that the needed participation would attend. So be it, we will continue the Full Moon Series throughout the year. August 15th and September 14th. Starts are at 7:30.

July 20th and 21st, MYC and Eau Gallie Yacht Club co-hosted the J24 Southeast Regional Championships in conjunction with the Florida State Championship which was the final regatta of the Florida State Series - that is a lot of regattas in one! **Pat Lambert** and team pulled off a wonderful event on the waters north of the Eau Gallie causeway. While **Charlotte and Bill Parker** with **Page Proffitt** served up a wonderful dinner for the

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participants and a number of MYC members. I appreciate those members who supported the dinner , it tends to make an event more financially stable. But I appreciate more Charlotte, Bill and Page's efforts. **Eamon De Lister** of Miami won the SEs, and the State Championships. The Florida Yacht Club J24 sailed by **Dan Borrer** received 2nd in the championships, but did well enough to win the Overall Florida State Series award. Third place in the championships was MYC's **Dave Noble** sailing with **Angela Lambert, Terry Williams and John Skinner**.

September 1st is a Sunday and it is smack in the middle of Labor Day Weekend, once again we will be racing for the MYC Dinghy Championship. This event is sailed in the MYC 420s, the skipper must be an MYC member, the crew does not need to be. We usually have more teams than boats, so a rotation is necessary. Utilizing the floating dock, crews switch out between races on the course. (it is suppose to save time) A matrix is generated so that each team sails multiple races, with the scores tallied up later to the best of the RCs ability to determine a winner. Sometimes we are challenged (not sometimes – always) due to weather or boat breakdowns, never the less all have a good time. If you wish to challenge please E-mail Dave@sailawards.com to sign up.

I'm trying to put together a LOCAL KNOWLEDGE night at MYC. A sit down presentation /discussion of where to sail and what to lookout for, the best mechanic to go to, where to find a rigger, fiberglass work, Who does your bottom cleaning and what do they charge, but do they rub your paint off? How 'bout destination sails, where can you get a bite to eat and tie up easy enough? So if you are new to the area please attend Wednesday September 11th at 6:30 – The Bar will be open.

The week after Labor Day the Key Largo will be hauled for a cleanup, the hull is stained by the river waters, the decals faded and the bottom grown over. Please see **Dean Butler** to help pretty up the boat.

East Coast Junior Sailing Regatta Oct 13th, Once again the little ones will be scrambling all over the MYC Campus. We can use your help. About 50 sailors and their families attend this regatta and if the weather is fair we can expect more. If the weather is not fair than we need more help, for the safety of the sailors. This is a very enjoyable one day regatta and MYC shows off its true spirit, please come have fun with us.

Fall Race week is going to be upon us before we know it, we have had a planning meeting last month , but more are needed. We are going to stick to the same schedule as last year. Oct 19th and 20th will be the small boat racing, Monday the 21st – a presentation., Tuesday the 22nd – mid day Old Fogey's Race, Wednesday the 23rd **Pat Lambert** is hosting Practice starts for all you Rum Race addicts. Thursday is the ADULT Opti races. And Friday Saturday and Sunday will be a mix of Around the bouy races and distance races for the PHRF boats, Each day will be scored separately. On Saturday and Sunday the One design Classes (yes classes) can race windward leewards.



Do you have a design for a T-Shirt? contact
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***Dave Nobles / Vice
Commodore / Fleet***

Rear Commodore/Dock Notes



Slip Utilization -

40 out of 42 slips are currently rented with 31 members on the waitlist. Slip E11R was vacated by the **Leahy's**. We had five members petition the Dock Master for the slip. **Lynn and Tim Goris** had the earliest Original Slip Application Date (OSAD) and were given a shot at the slip. Unfortunately, the slip was deemed unsuitable for the Goris's boat when the Fit Check was performed per our policies. The Dock Committee is now looking for shuffle opportunities to accommodate the Goris'.

On a related topic, **Bob and Karen Sowden** sold their boat Banyan. Slip W13 is now available and may be a good shuffle opportunity for the **Goris'**. The Dock construction project is preventing the Committee from performing fit checks so for now, we are on hold with the **Goris'** slip assignment and going out with a Notice of Available Slip for the W13.

Last, we may have another slip opening up on the West Dock. I believe it will be one of the smaller slips. Please keep an eye out for a Notice of Available Slip once it becomes official.

Dock Update -

General Construction - As everyone can see, work is progressing at a good rate. East Coast Docks is doing a fantastic job and the Docks look great! The Committee worked with ECD to evaluate several concepts for the Finger Pier construction. Steve proposed to utilize a single step down with a simple collar design to construct the pier. **Grant Ball, Hasty Miller, and Harry Stapor** also offered some very clever design concepts and attachment methods. The Committee considered the options and elected to go with ECD's recommendation.

Electrical - **Rob Van Name** has been overseeing the electrical work being performed by Commercial Electric. So far things appear to be going as planned. East Dock power will be going down sometime around Aug 17 to facilitate installation of the new main breaker box and power pole. Power may be down on both Docks for one to two weeks with power on the West Dock coming on first followed by the East Dock once the reconstruction is finished.

Also worth mentioning, in order to prepare for installation of the new power pole and electrical service, the team needed to relocate all of the lasers and signage along the western fence. The following people stepped up and helped to get this done: **Jack Clark, Mel Ford, Hasty Miller, Jack Leahy, Grant Ball, and Pat Lambert** (may have been others too). Thank you for everyone's support!

Plumbing - **Mel Ford** organized the purchase of supplies from Tucker's Cut-Rate Plumbing and working with ECD, was able to make good progress installing the piping. Mel is utilizing a dedicated post design to hold the spouts and risers.

Schedule - If you can believe it, we are actually ahead of schedule by about 2 weeks. East Coast Docks is targeting **August 19** for commencement of work on the East Dock. **Jack and Jackie Leahy** working with **Pat Lambert** will have their work cut out for them as boats are moved between Melbourne Harbor Marina, the West Dock, and the East Dock. This should be fun to watch so grab a cooler of beer and a chair and enjoy the show August 17 and 18.

Adopt a Plank Program - **Angela Lambert** reports the first round of engraved planks has arrived. She has also reported a total sale of 50 planks. That's more than \$6k of net revenue folks. Great Job Angela and thank you **Noble Awards** for supporting the project!

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,

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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).

It's Hurricane Season Again -

Please keep an eye on any named storms and be prepared to prepare your property in accordance with our established guidelines. You know the drill; double up lines, remove sails and Biminis, and plan accordingly for rising water. Have a look at Jack Bibb's "Hurricane Prep Discussion" on the website under Documents and Lists for a quick refresher before the storms come our way.

Dave Nesbitt /Rear Commodore/ Dock Director

Membership



Hello Members, we are in the slow time of summer with rain and heat keeping us from our boating activities. We are still doing well with Membership, though. Currently we have 138 Resident members for a total of 175 with all the other type of members counted in. At this past General Meeting we welcomed in **Mike and Peg Linden** to the club as Resident member as well as **Ben Crockett** as a Junior Resident. You have probably seen **Mike** on his beautiful Tartan Ten, named Sudden and **Ben** has been sailing with **Rick Crockett** on Maverick, (no relation). As you see these new members around the club introduce yourself and welcome them.

I am currently working with our Treasure, **Pam Crocker** in researching the possibility of getting credit card payments for the club bills. The reason I bring this up is that I believe this will help immensely with membership and our members being able to pay their bills on line. We will keep you informed as we get our procedures in place.

On Friday, September 13th I will be hosting a "Cheese Burger in Paradise" party. We hope to have a good turn out with entertainment and good food. Make sure you have your calendar marked for this date. Since we will not be taking reservations we will be serving 72 dinners first come/first serve at 6:30 PM. We will have some of our committee's decorating the club with a Key West theme. So dust off your sandals and get your best Key West attire for this party coming up.

You too can host a party for the club. Just let one of the board members know what you would like to do and we will have a group of people to help you out!

Page Proffitt / Membership Director



House



The fourth of July Celebration was a big success and a lot of fun and good food has had by all. For those that did not get on a boat, the Club house was a perfect venue to view the City of Melbourne fireworks.

A big thanks to **Bob Hughes** for providing the smoker and to **Brad Helin** and his friend Scott for laboring all day in the heat to cook the ribs and chicken. Again, the event was successful due to the many volunteers coming together to make it happen.

Volunteers were as follows:

Brad Helin	Page Profitt
John Martin	Sean Freeman
Rosemary and Dan Barton	Sally and Lee Familton
Tom Knowlton	Dean Butler
Katie Austin	Ryan Johnson
Ken Bettam	Melissa Tribou
Ric Doran	Mary Reed
Gary Briand	Jack and Jackie Leahy
Ryan Johnson	Marybeth and Robert Scott

Plus, the many others that chipped in to help clean up and put away tables and chairs. Thank you, all.

Robert Scott / House

Sailing Education

The Sailing Education programs that began on March 1st, finished on Sunday, August 4th. Four different sessions were conducted beginning with a three-day weekend for Harris Young Professionals, a five-day summer camp for children 9 to 15 and finally two programs each extending over a period of three weekends for stu-



dents ranging in age from 15 to 53. A total of 31 students earned sailing knowledge and MYC gained a net income of approximately \$4,200 during the five-month period. The four sessions amounted to 57 hours of instruction time. We were pleased to have **Pete Collins** as our US Sailing Level One lead instructor for the last three sessions. MYC and the Space Coast Sailing Foundation will be sharing Pete's availability as both programs move forward in developing stronger educational and team sport efforts. EGYC will also be a component in the overall plan. By sharing a small group of US Sailing Level One certified instructors and each entity having a somewhat different focus relating to age and needs of students, overall strengthening of interest in sailing will evolve to the benefit of all. Sailing education's goal at MYC can

be a year-round endeavor, profitable, and supportive to the growth of our sport. There are currently no MYC programs scheduled as we take a short period to evaluate and structure our plans for the future. The Sailing Education website can be found at <https://mycsailinged.com/>

Rob Downey / Director of Sailing education

Mid-August 2019 – early October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
18 Small Boat Sunday 1-4pm Bar Opens at 2	19	20	21 420 Dinghy Practice 6-7pm	22	23 Charlotte Parker Father's Memorial 10am-2pm Rum Race #5 6-8pm	24 Sea Turtle Preservation Meeting 4-9pm
25	26	27 MYC Book Club 7pm-9pm	28 420 Dinghy Practice 6-7pm	29	30	31
Sep 1 Dinghy Championship 11am—3pm	2 MYC Board Meeting 6-8pm	3	4 General MYC Meeting 6:30-7:30 pm	5	6 Summer Rum Race #6 6pm-8pm Bar opens at 5pm	7
8	9	10	11 Local Knowledge Presentation 6:30— 8:30pm	12	13 Cheeseburger in Paradise Party 5-9pm	14 Full Moon Series #7 7-9pm
15 Small Boat Sunday 1-4pm Bar Opens at 2	16	17 SCS Board Meeting 6:30-8:30pm	18	19	20 Summer Rum Race Make-up 6-8pm	21
22	23	24 MYC Book Club 7pm-9pm	25	26	27	28 MYC Volunteer Workday 7am-2pm
29 Small Boat Sunday 1-4pm Bar Opens at 2	30 MYC Board Meeting 6-8pm	Oct 1	2 General MYC Meeting 6:30-7:30 pm	3	4 Fall Rum Race #1 6-8pm	5 Northrup Grumman Day of Sailing 11am-5pm

Space Coast Sailing News

After an organizational meeting at MYC, the Space Coast Sailing Team will hold the first practice of the fall semester on August 17 at EGYC. This year we will approximately double in size to 30+ sailors. With a bigger group and range of experience, we will be organized into green fleet sailors in the morning and red fleet sailors in the afternoon. We also plan to sail at regattas in Palm Beach, Jensen Beach, Ft. Pierce, Vero Beach and Melbourne.

Congratulations to **Thomas Schuerger** who won a Sunfish regatta in Tampa!

We remain very thankful to all who support to our program including EGYC and MYC as well as Freedom Boat Club, Advanced Water Engineering, Intracoastal Brewing Co., Totty Construction Co., TJM Construction Co., Goin' Deep, Keron LLC, Porsche, Audi and Mercedes Benz of Melbourne, Phantom, Fla. Alarm & Security, Northrop Grumman, Matrix Composites, Vanderveer Properties, Michael Kahn P.A. and Craig Rastello, CPA.

Phil Spletter

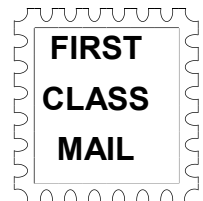


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*August 23
Summer Rum Race #5*

*September 1
Dinghy Championship*

*September 6
Summer Rum Race #6*

*September 14
Full Moon Series #7*

*October 4
Fall Rum Race #1*