



MYC Tell-Tale

June 2021

Melbourne Yacht Club Newsletter

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Calendar

JUNE 2021

- 10 - 6 pm - 10 pm Trivia/ Karaoke Series
- 11 - 6 pm - 8 pm Rum Race
- 12 - 1 pm - 4 pm Women on Water Mermaid Regatta
- 14 - Flag Day
- 16 - 7 pm - 8:30 pm Wednesday Bar Chit Races
- 17 - 6 pm - 9 pm Burn-It! Series
- 20 - Father's Day 1 pm - 4 pm Small Boat Sunday
- 23 - 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm Full Moon Series # 6
- 24 - 10:30 am - Noon Book Club
- 24 - 6:30 pm - 9 pm Seminar Series
- 25 - 6 pm - 8 pm Rum Race
- 26 - 1 pm - 4 pm Dragon Point Double-Handed Race
- 30 - 7 pm - 8:30 pm Wednesday Bar Chit Races

JULY 2021

- 1 - 6 pm - 8 pm Cornhole Series
- 4 - Independence Day
- 4 - 12 pm - 3 pm MYC Independence Day Regatta
- 4 - 1 pm - 4 pm Small Boat Sunday
- 4 - 4 pm - 9 pm MYC Independence Day Celebration
- 7 - 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm General Meeting
- 8 - 6 pm - 10 pm Trivia/ Karaoke Series
- 9 - 6 pm - 8 pm Rum Race
- 10 - 1 pm - 4 pm Dragon Point Summer # 3
- 11 - 1 pm - 4 pm IRYC Sunday Summer Race #1
- 14 - 7 pm - 8:30 pm Wednesday Bar Chit Races
- 15 - 6 pm - 9 pm Burn-It! Series
- 17 - 1 pm - 4 pm Women on Water
- 18 - 1 pm - 4 pm Small Boat Sunday
- 22 - 6:30 pm - 9 pm Seminar Series
- 23 - 6 pm - 8 pm Rum Race
- 25 - Parents' Day
- 28 - 7 pm - 8:30 pm Wednesday Bar Chit Races
- 29 - 10:30 am - Noon Book Club
- 29 - 6 pm - 9 pm Wild Card Series

See these area sailing sites for calendar updates

- <https://www.melbourneyachtclub.com/Calendar.php>
- <http://www.sailspacecoast.com/calendar/>
- <https://mycsailinged.com/schedule>
- <https://mycsailinged.com/summer-camp-schedule>



Commodore

Safety Lesson

Last weekend a couple of Past Commodores and I took the Boston Whaler out to rescue one of our members who had found the sunken island off of Fishermans Point. When we left Melbourne Harbor it was still light, though fading. What I thought would be a simple tug off the bar turned to an arduous task in the dark. It had been a couple of decades since I pulled a boat off a shallow, though I feel my experience was adequate to accomplish the save. BUT...

I learned some valuable lessons. 1. wear a PFD, all involved should have donned the devices (how many times have I "learned" this? Not enough, I guess). Persons were either tossed around or "running" on the decks and all it would have taken one simple slip or trip (plenty of opportunities) and an entirely new response would be required. 2. with upto 8 persons involved, communication should be between the two skippers, to assure each understood the game plan. 3. A bridle is ESSENTIAL for a proper tow. (lesson learned years ago and practiced) 4. When under tension DO NOT stand in line of a potential snapped tow line. 5 Boat being towed HAS to follow the tow boat, don't worry about running them over. The Tow boat can move faster than the sailboat. 6. Have a knife at the ready. 7 A six ton sailboat under full sail will (and did) win a tug of war contest with a one ton BW with a 90 hp outboard. If not for the quick thinking of the tow crew and bow person on the sailboat, the Friday Night Rescue would have made for a much longer night.

I am very happy that I don't do this very often. It is a task that one does not purposely practice (unless Pro or auxiliary). If I should do it again, light or dark, Safety has to be priority and you have to know your limitations. I have since learned the rescue boat has Tow Boat insurance, but what may have seemed too easy for them to be involved. In the end - utilize Tow Boat especially in the dark. Please don't get me wrong, The MYC members will go way out of their way to help other members, proven time and time again over the history of MYC and we will continue to.

I had made a pinky promise with my crew that I would not discuss our exploit due to our loss of humility. But I feel our lessons may benefit other good seamaritans (just made up that word) in the future. That and the story had been drifting around the club from a different perspective. What happens to you if you break a pinky promise?

Big Thanks

A big thanks to the BOD for all the time and effort they have put forth into running the club. Their dedication to the club and its members need to be recognized. I realize that this is a volunteer effort and most have jobs they need to go to, yet they put more than a week's worth of work into preparing for regattas events, creating programs for Summer Camp and assuring the "i"s are dotted and "t"s crossed. also to those members who show up on a DAILY basis to help where help is needed. That being said Corey needs a volunteer(s) for the Summer Camp the week of June 14th, July 5th. We have paid instructors, but helping hands are required, no sailing experience necessary.

I'd like to thank Karyn and Patrick Daniel for donating a Sunfish to MYC. Good timing too. We have a Small Boat Sunday this weekend. Set it up take it out, compete. There are plenty of 420s available too. During the Spring Regatta the Commodore went to "rescue" a young sailor who had a hard time keeping a Laser upright, well in the process of getting everything sorted the mast and sail were lost to the river depths. I know there are a

bunch of Lasers out there that are not being used, does any one by chance have a radial rig available for donation?

The 43rd Mermaid Regatta now recognized as the Rachel Ross Mermaid Regatta has jumped to a whole other level, A racing fleet and cruising fleet will shove off on June 12th and all will arrive at Marker 21 for the after party and awards. Karen Williams has quite the plan with 16 boats already registered and over 100 female sailors. I am told we have more crew wanting to sail but we are short of boats, (just the opposite of our Spring Regatta- where skippers did not sail because of lack of crew) Hey guys do you hear the Sirens?

Entertainment Director, Frank Hujber got a decent response from MYC members with his Pool Table survey. Thank you to all that responded. The BOD is purchasing a table, location will be in the corner of the Great Hall back near the closet. The survey response suggested the Lounge area, but we know too well this is where clubs meet, Pickers play and meetings held so the BOD chose the great hall. Lets see how this works, I know of other clubs that have great socials based on tournaments, hopefully we will too. Please attend his planning meeting June 8th at 6:30.

This coming Month you will be receiving your 2021 MYC Directories, Ross Herbert, Bob Hughes and Gail Martin have worked diligently to get this sorted. The information that the Directory displays is the information in the membership Database on the website, so hopefully you have updated that as Gail has reminded you so many times. The dues and fee rates for 2022 will NOT be displayed in this directory. The BOD will make a presentation at the July meeting so that a vote can be made at the August meeting.

Trophies. trophies and trophies. The cases in the Great room are too full. Michelle Jennings is tackling the task of redesigning the cases on the West wall. Some of the older trophies will be removed while new lighting will highlight those that remain. We have received some pretty high priced quotes to do a new case and add glass fronts. Before we "can" this project or go forth, is there a artisan woodworker that could lend their expertise and skill to create the middle case?

Last year's project of remodeling the downstairs of the Annex is ready for our 2021 Summer Camp, thank you to Jill Dott and Corey Small, Bob Masterson and others for making Robert Scott's project look so good. Now what do we do with all those sails?

I am looking for someone to host a Junior program once a month, could be a movie night, a dance, or Gaming competition. Does anyone have any ideas? Saturday nights?

A couple of years ago the Bar Committee created a Green Check for the convenience of "Tipping" your Bartenders. Please utilize these bright green forms instead of tipping with chits.

Thanks for using the club and getting involved



Dave Noble
MYC Commodore



Docks / Vice Commodore

Slip W04 is now available for rent, wait list members have been notified. Slip E09L is in the final stages of assignment once fit checks are complete. If you have a boat and need a slip, get on the wait list. We have had some new members sign on as well a couple of older members.

I want to thank all slip holders for the annual renewal agreements and requested boat information. We significantly increased our data base on boats kept at the club, but we still have a few more to go. **Robert Van Name** has been compiling the data as well as slip information. It is a very tedious job and what little I have done all I can say is thank you **Robert Van Name**.

The dock committee will be meeting on June 10th to discuss everything Docks. We have a lot of balls in the air so to speak with topics of Insurance, Boat Lift quotes, maintenance of the docks, and security. We are also trying to get a better handle on boats in dry storage.

At some point the channel in the harbor and out to the intercoastal will be dredged. The big question is when this will occur. We want to be able to piggyback on this effort while the equipment is in the harbor. We are attempting to find out by contacting the Brevard County Natural Resource Management Office and hopefully we can coordinate with them to get our dock area cleaned out at the same time.

For the time being, combo locks have been placed on the gates where you enter into the east yard. We have had trespassers come in the night to fish off the docks. A couple of them were confronted by the police and told to leave. Not sure if we have seen the last of it, so to be safe, we have placed the locks on the gates. The combo is the same as the car gate and will be changed once the car gate combo changes. Sorry for the inconvenience, hopefully it will be temporary.

Keep safe on the water.



Robert Scott
Vice Commodore, Director
Docks



House / Rear Commodore

Plenty of house activity at MYC this past month. Advanced Roof Technology, Inc is being contracted to replace the roof on the Club House and Annex Building. And outdoor deck furniture has been ordered for members to be able to sit outside and enjoy the great view of Melbourne Harbor we have here at MYC. Also, AmeriLawn Landscape Service has started providing weekly landscape service at MYC. And the investigation for getting a sprinkler system at MYC continues with the well water testing good for irrigation.

Lastly, please remember to NOT share any of the gate codes with none members and do NOT use anything to prop open the doors at the club other than the door stops secured to the base of the doors! A new access security system for MYC is in work, but in the meantime, please be vigilant and help keep the club safe and secure for the members.

See you out on the water –



Paul Henderson
Rear Commodore, Director
House

Bar

The new Thursday night events are a big contributor to sales.

Masks are no longer required in the clubhouse, but members are still encouraged to respect social distancing.

We may have to make some changes in our selection of draft beers. Carroll has reduced deliveries to once a month, and we just don't have room to store a month's supply of all eight of our draft beers. If we have to stop carrying some of the drafts, we will keep a supply in bottles,

As always, if anyone has any suggestions, questions, or comments (especially about ways to encourage social distancing), please contact me, either at the club or by phone or e-mail. My e-mail is timothywilliams@cfl.rr.com, my cell phone is (321) 794-7040.



Tim Williams
Bar Director

Entertainment

Thursday in the month of May brought the first of all of our Thursday Series events: cornhole, trivia, burn-in, and our first seminar. Thanks to Dean Butler, Kathy Butler, Claudia Proffitt, Art Crocker, and Page Proffitt, and of course the volunteer bar staff for their work on producing these events. At each event, there were over twenty participants and the indicators are that these events will enjoy continued success. The second round of the Thursday Series' were a little slower, but still enjoyed by all.

Join us for MYC's Independence Day Celebration, at the Clubhouse on July 4, 2021 starting at 4:00 PM until 9:00 PM. Admission is \$17 per person, with break for kids TBA. **Reservations are required!** Emails sent to mycentertainment@melbourneyachtclub.com will be the ONLY way to submit your reservation request. Please specify the number of adults and children. The menu includes...

- Pulled Pork
- Beef Brisket
- Ribs
- Potato salad
- Corn
- Watermelon

Attendees are invited to bring dessert donations (but they're not required). Reserve your space now!!!

Upcoming events are ...

- June 18 – membership party
- July 4 – Independence Day celebration
- August 14 – Black & White Party
- Thursday night series will continue

We are working on procurements for the Bosun's Locker and hope to have some inventory by July 4th.

Come and join us on Thursday nights!



***Frank Hujber, Director
Entertainment***

Fleet

May was off to a good start with the WOW getting a race in Linda took first over NQR in PHRF A and B fleet was all Maverick. They are warming up for the Rachel Ross Mermaid regatta coming up in just a weeks June 12th. Karen Williams is heading up the effort coordinating with Pat Lambert PRO. Please join in even if you aren't sailing in the Regatta to the destination! Which will be Marker 21 so it's the Mermaid Cruise. WE STILL NEED A FEW MORE BOATS TO FILL IN FOR A FEW MERMAIDS!

Rum race series is moving along with just one race to go for the Spring series it is a tight race in all fleets for the top three spots.

Small Boat Sundays is seeing a bit of an uptick in the 420s coming out last race we had three so there are still several more slots open. We had a number of Lasers and sunfish participating also so grab a club boat and come sail.

Changes to upcoming schedule include :

- Fourth of July race changing to July 4th from Saturday July 3rd . Peter Fischel is heading this up
- The Commodore's Full Moon Regatta in July is moving to August 21st from July due to Pat's schedule conflict
- Ohio shoals race is on again July 31st contact Del
- Youth Regatta changing from December to September 19th with the possible addition of a Laser fleet.

New Series Wednesday Night Bar Chit Races twice a month

6/16 6/30 7/14 7/20 8/11 8/25... The format will be pursuit style Rum Race. Bar chits will be given out after the race based on random criteria 30\$ entry for the series.



***Chuck Tanner, Director
Fleet***

Sailing Education

Summer camps started this week, and they wouldn't have been possible without the dedication of our 2021 staff: Stephanie Ring and Sarah Schuringa.



During the school year Stephanie is an 8th grade science teacher in Cocoa. She joined Melbourne Yacht Club as a junior member two years ago through her friendship with Kevin Villa and the crew of Alivio. Last year Stephanie's volunteer work with the summer camps was so noteworthy the club had to offer her a full time position with the camps this year. With over 100 campers this summer, Stephanie's

role managing the daily camp events is irreplaceable. Stephanie's big heart and passion for sailing really shows and she hopes to one day move to the US Virgin Islands and teach elementary school science from a 45 foot ketch.



Sarah is currently a student at the University of Miami, majoring in Political Science and International Studies. Growing up in New York City, she was fortunate to sail during the summer at Southampton Yacht Club. She started in their summer sailing program at 8 years old in a Hunter 140 and a couple weeks later moved into an Opti. Sarah has competed in both Opti class and in Laser youth class. After high school, she switched to sailing Flying Junior's on the University of Miami sailing team. This summer is her fifth summer as a sailing instructor, and she has accreditations from US Sailing as a Level 2 instructor. Sarah worked at Southampton Yacht Club for three summers coaching Hunter and beginner Opti sailors, just as she had been coached growing up. When the pandemic hit and NYC was not opening for the summer of 2020, she was hired as head sailing

instructor at Eau Gallie Yacht Club. This summer she is happy to be our instructor at Melbourne Yacht Club youth sailing program.

Special thanks also goes out to our volunteers for last week: Phil Spletter, Jackson Bjorklund, Justin Tribou, and Taylor Sherman. If you see Sarah, Stephanie, or any of our volunteers at the club, please give them your thanks and raise a glass. It's going to be a busy summer but it is their hard work that will launch a successful summer camp program.

Summer camp spots still available

Spread the word! Melbourne Yacht Club is now taking registration for adult classes and summer kids camps. We have a new schedule, new staff, and exciting new curricula to offer. Scheduled classes include:

- Summer Camps, 9am - 4pm Monday through Friday starting June 7th and ending August 6th:
 - June 7 - June 11: Beginner Opti & 420
 - June 14 - June 18: Intermediate Opti & 420
 - June 21 - June 25th: Adventure Camp

 - June 28 - July 2: Beginner Opti & 420
 - July 5 - July 9: Intermediate Opti & 420
 - July 12 - July 16: Adventure Camp

 - July 19 - July 23: Beginner Opti & 420

- July 26 - July 30: Intermediate Opti & 420
- August 2 - August 6: Adventure Camp

At MYC we are really proud of our **Adventure Camp** program. While the beginner and intermediate camps focus on learning the fundamentals of sailing in a fun way, the Adventure Camps offer the chance for campers to put their sailing skills to work. Campers get the opportunity to day sail larger vessels on the intracoastal waterway under the supervision of our sailing instructors. There are fun destinations along the Indian River lagoon so pack a lunch and join us!



**Corey Small. Director
Sailing Education**

Membership

Resignations: Four
 Resident to Non-Resident: One
 Provisional to Resident: Five
 Junior Resident to Resident: One
 New Provisional: Two
 Added as a Joint Account: One
 Resident to Honorary: One

Resident = 129, Non-Resident = 19, Corinthian = 2, Emeritus = 5, Junior Resident = 3,
 Provisional = 2, Extended Provisional = 0, Honorary = 8

Ross Herbert and the BOD have been getting the Club Directory finalized for printing. Members have been solicited for changes on their information for the Directory several times.

With the blessings of Karen Williams about the Mermaid Regatta a special e-mail was sent to the new members from 2020 and 2021 encouraging them to get on a boat, meet new friends and get involved at the Club.

There will be a 2020 & 2021 New Member orientation presentation and appetizer event on Sunday afternoon, June 13th at 3 pm. Page and Claudia Proffitt will do the presentation, we will

serve appetizers and have them meet some of our friendly members who are at the Club that day.

At the June 18th TGIF, we are encouraging members to show up and bring a prospective new member to the Club. Appetizers will be served. We are hoping to showcase our friendly members and our beautiful Clubhouse and facilities.

Karen Williams asked if I would have her suggestion of a name change to the Mermaid Regatta put on the agenda for the BOD June meeting as new business and presented at the General Meeting on Wednesday night June 3rd. She suggested the new name of The Rachele Ross Mermaid Regatta. Rachele put in countless hours helping make the Mermaid Regattas of past years a success. The name change was unanimously voted in.

The order of 50 MYC Burgees came in. The charge will be \$30 (which includes tax). If your burgee is tattered and faded, why not replace it now? They are in the Bosuns locker.

Let's keep up the good work as Ambassadors to the Club and keep bringing in new members.



Gail Martin
Membership Director

Wanted / For Sale

New feature. If you have boating related items that you need or wish to sell, we can list them here.

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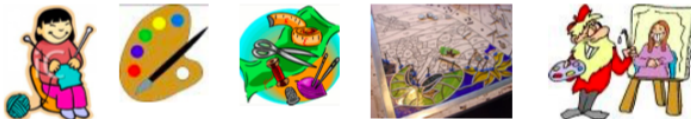
Please remember to use (and print clearly) the PRIMARY MEMBER'S LAST NAME and membership number on all purchases; Bar Checks, House Checks, Bosun Locker Checks, etc. Also, please include your membership number on personal checks.

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.

Warning

**Fuel storage is never allowed in the Annex!
Not even a little!!**



ARTS-N-CRAFT CREW

First and third Tuesday morning of each month at 10:00 AM.

MYC Book Club

The MYC Book Club meets the last Thursday of the month at 10:30am at the yacht club. We welcome new members both men and women. Contact Sue Kiser at susankiser551@yahoo.com for more information about the current month's selection.

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