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**Melbourne Yacht Club**

**2009 Commodore’s Ball**

**Saturday, March 7**

**Melbourne Yacht Club**

**1202 East River Drive**

**Melbourne, Florida**

**Cocktails 6:00 p.m.**

**Dinner 7:00 p.m.**

**$30 per person**

**R.S.V.P. by February 28**

321-951-3946  rochellery@bellsouth.net
I am truly honored to serve as your Commodore. Thank you, members for your support and much appreciated guidance.

The 2009 board are an eclectic variety of talented people. I am certain we will have a great year. I want to hear from you regarding any aspect of club operations. It is your club and I wish to lead in a direction you wish it to go. Please, get involved and help the club fulfill its chartered purpose.

Art Ahrens was an effective Commodore and accomplished so much in 2008. I have some very big shoes to fill. Congratulations to you, Art.

I would like to extend a huge thanks to Bob Hughes, Ross Herbert, Neal Tompkins, Kevin Glaser, Billy Shaw, Page Proffitt and Jack Leahy. You all worked so hard and successfully completed the new audio and visual system. It is very professional and will be enjoyed immensely by all.

The clubhouse is in great shape, looks terrific and is ready for our enjoyment. Please help keep it in shipshape condition throughout the year.

Members, please join us Saturday, March 7th for the 2009 Commodore's Ball.

We will get to enjoy the new sound system in our newly renovated club house. As part of cocktail hour, our 60th anniversary cocktail glasses will again be available. To receive this memento, add $1 to your cocktail purchase.

Hope to see you all at the ball.

Best regards,

Rochelle Yates/Commodore
Low Country Shrimp Boil

Friday, February 20th

Fun & Food for All

First "Dump"
Around 6:30 PM

Only $7 Bucks ea

Secret recipe from the Georgia low country

Reservations required by Feb 18. Sign up early at the clubhouse or call Diane Gabik 321 952-2802
Wow, my reign as House Committee Chairman started with a bang. Within 24 hours of taking on my new job the main gate decided to have a “come apart” and was inoperative. Fortunately, Jack Leahy and Bob Hughes, our two resident gate experts, diagnosed the problem quickly and were able to secure parts locally to put it back in operation. Thanks Bob and Jack.

SECURITY. Obviously having the gate working quickly was a must. Currently, the fence along the west property line is being repaired so we will once again have some protection from those enjoying easy access from the sidewalk along Highway 1. Soon, the House Committee will evaluate additional dock lighting. Please ensure the lock codes are not shared with non members. I realize it is convenient to pass the code to friends/crew by cell phone vs. walking to the gate, but such action is a breach of our rules. Remember the outside head door locks, code 2727 may be shared.

MAINTENANCE. The annex roof is in very bad shape and leaking badly. This will be addressed immediately, and hopefully an approved expenditure can be implemented before the rains start. This has to be high priority in our plan for this year, as last year it was deferred, as the burden of serving two mortgages steered us to waiting till this year for annex improvements.

DECORATING. I am extremely happy that nearly all the decorating was finished last year, and I might add finished in a very fine manner. Some shelves and trophy cases remain to be completed.

LANDSCAPING. The grounds continue to be improved by our active landscaping group. Seems we have gotten thru the freeze in pretty good shape but I haven’t gotten with Amy Lacy, the expert, yet with the specific results. The fence around the air conditioners and propane tank is currently being installed. Climbing plants will be added along the fence for blocking off this area. Keep up the good work landscaping committee.

IMPROVEMENTS. We are enjoying a first class installation job of our new sound system, including a wireless microphone. It was used at a recent TGIF and was a real treat. Rochelle’s report identifies those we owe thanks to for getting this accomplished.

Our House Committee consists of Jack Bibb, Sandra Bryan, Steve Clendenin, Bob Hughes, Amy Lacy, and John Martin.

I am fortunate to step in as House Chair at a time when the clubhouse is in such great shape. Please help us keep it in this condition. Thank you all.

Jim Henry/Vice Commodore/House

MYC Calendar Online
http://melbourneyachtclub.com/MemberDatabase/calendar.php3
Our next big event is the Famous **John Drawe** Low Country Boil to be held on Friday, February 20. I hear the first "dump" will around 6:30 pm. I am assuming he is talking about shrimp. There will be shrimp, sausage, corn, potatoes, onions, and more for only $7.00 per person. To make sure there is plenty of shrimp waiting for you, your family and friends, please register before February 18th on the sign up sheet at the bar, or by calling 952-2802 and leaving a message.

Everyone had an amazing time at the Souper Bowl Party. There was a great crowd and plenty of delicious entries of soups, chowders and chilis, along with appetizers and televisions in every room, thanks to the IT committee. *(See more Souper Bowl photos on page 8.)*

There were 19 attendees at the First Aid Course given on Sunday morning, January 25th, with a focus on handling emergency issues on the water and away from shore. The course concluded with a demonstration of an AID. Completion certificates were presented to attendees at TGIF by **Nancy Melfi**, who coordinated the event. *(See list of participants on the Bulletin Board on page 11.)*

The Entertainment Committee met to plan the 2009 entertainment calendar and assign event hosts. There will be several major event theme parties as well as a couple of Friday evening events, which have been coordinated with bar. **Ross Herbert** has entered the information on the MYC Club calendar.

Following is the Entertainment Calendar to date.

February 20 (Fri.): **LOW COUNTRY SHRIMP BOIL**, Host - **John Drawe**
March 20 (Fri): **IRISH CELEBRATION**, Hosts - **Patty & Dennis Cherone**
May 8: **HASTY SEAFOOD RAFT UP**, Host - **Hasty Miller**
May 9: **MOTHER’S DAY BRUNCH**, Host - **Karen Sowden**
June 6: **BARCELLONAVILLE**, Host - **Rachele Ross**
June 19-21: **FATHER FEST WEEKEND**, Hosts - **Jennifer Slayton & Diane Gabik**
July 4: **ANNUAL JULY 4th BARBECUE**, Host - **Bob Hughes**
August 9: **TALL SHIPS IN THE CARIBBEAN**, Host - **Rhonda & Chuck Delmater**
September 11 (Fri): **TALK LIKE A PIRATE**, Host - **BAR**
October 10: **SCAVENGER HUNT PIZZA PARTY**, Host - **Jacki Leahy**
October 30 (Fri): **HALLOWEEN IN THE BAR**, Host - **Rochelle Yates**
November 14: **SHARING AUCTION**, Hosts - **Debbie McGregor & Sue Tompkins**
November 26: **ORPHAN’S THANKSGIVING**, Hosts - **Jack & Jacki Leahy**
December 5: **HOLIDAY PARTY**, Host - **Diane Gabik**
December 12 or19: **GRAND CANAL BOAT PARADE PARTY**, Hosts - **Doug & Pam Worth**
December 31: **NEW YEAR’S EVE PARTY**, Host - **Ross Herbert**

*Diane Gabik/Rear Commodore/Entertainment Director*
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February 2009
FROST BITE CRUISE
The cutoff for updates to member information for the roster portion of the 2009 Directory is quickly approaching.

All of the individual member information for the directory comes from our website member database.

Please check your database entry and make any needed corrections.

If you don’t know how to access the database through the Melbourneryachtclub.com website, please call me (757-9231) and I will tell you how to get in. I cannot make these changes for you.

Thanks for keeping your website information up to date.

Ross Herbert/Secretary
Bar & Kitchen Report

The transition of responsibilities is going smoothly between Karen Sowden and myself. There’s a lot to learn in a short time. We are aggressively looking for a replacement bartender to replace the one we lost.

Pam Worth has graciously accepted to run the kitchen for us. Thanks Pam.

That is it for now, Here’s to your health.

Gerry Moores/2009 Bar & Kitchen Director

We were open for 10 events and sold almost $2400 in chits.

Bob and I cleaned the kegolator, small refrigerator and kitchen cooler including cleaning the coils. I made recommendations to the Long Range Planning committee regarding bar and kitchen. One recommendation was to plan on replacing the kegolator as it is getting old and doesn’t work as well anymore.

Sue Ashton unfortunately has had to resign. She asked me to express to the membership that she really enjoyed meeting and working for us.

I met with Gerry Moores and we reviewed the Bar Director duties and took inventory. I gave Gerry the reserve chits. Gerry and I conducted the monthly bartenders meeting on Monday Jan 23. Gerry is forming his committee.

It has been a great year and I have enjoyed being your Bar Director. We had over $32K in sales for the year compared to about $24K last year – thanks for your patronage. It is a tribute to the renovation and our club spirit. I appreciate the patience of the membership.

I am very grateful to all those who have helped throughout the year. First my overwhelming thanks to our bartenders throughout the year; Melanie, Kathy Christy and Sue, who have been very fun to work with, so patient with me and totally dependable. Thanks to Bob or all the help and understanding. I am so grateful to Gerry Moores for always being there and tending bar whenever I needed someone. Thanks to Doug Worth for ensuring the regatta kegs where always where they needed to be when they needed to be there. To Diane Gabik, my sincere appreciation for standing in for me when Bob and I were in the Bahamas and for being on my bar committee. Thanks to all the members of my bar committee who help in various ways throughout the year; Caroline Shea, Connie Etheridge, Lynde Edwards, Marlene Sasmaman, Page Proffitt, and Jennifer Slayton. I really appreciated the help with Dine Ins provided by Jacqueline and Rick Cope and Nancy and Lenny Beckett even thought they were not part of our committee. And thanks to Denny Scott and Faye Bitzer for participating on our Cruisers Panel.

I am sure you will all be as good to Gerry as you have been to me and I know next year will be another record year for the MYC Bar.

Appreciation List

Bartenders – Melanie, Kathy, Christy, Sue
Bob
Gerry
Doug
Diane – helping while on vacation
Caroline, Connie, Page, Lynde, Diane, Marlene, Jennifer – committee members
Jacqueline, Rick, Nancy, Lenny, Jack and Jackie – Dine Ins
Denny, Faye - Cruisers panel

Karen Sowden/2008 Bar & Kitchen Director

February 2009
Dock Master’s Report

In the past month, David Lister and I have spent some time evaluating the docks and making some minor repairs. Currently, the docks are in good condition, in view of their age. Further, since last year’s dredging, there should not be any issues with draft.

For those members with boats at the docks, it is requested that you take a minute to survey the dock area around your boat and contact me with any concerns you might have.

I look forward to my year as DockMaster. See you on the dock!

Grant Ball/Dock Master

Fleet Report

As I sit here preparing my first Fleet report, I wonder where to begin.

Thanking the outgoing Fleet Captain, Jim Henry for leaving a committee in great shape and proper trim is a good start. I know I have big shoes to fill and shall endeavor to do my best.

One of the great things about being part of the Fleet Committee is its many responsibilities. Organizing and running our many regattas in Bristol-fashion is of utmost importance.

Our Spring, Fall and Mermaid Regattas are what most people in the local sailing community have come to know as the best run events in the area.

Add in a Ladies Spring Fling, Ladies Laser Masters, No-Frills and Hangover regattas for this year and the RC will be kept busy.

Fleet is looking forward to offering an expanded cruise schedule this year. While planning cruises is not my best point of sail, the indefatigable Page Proffitt will be at the helm and promises great things.

Rum racing is as popular as ever, as evidenced by the recently completed Winter series and will be once again be under the leadership of Hasty Miller.

Add in Fleets’ input to the Waterfront Redesign discussions, Small Boat Sunday’s and any help we can offer Adult/Youth sailing, and it makes for a challenging year.

We can use a lot of help and a great way to do so is to join our Fleet Committee.

Our meeting schedule will be announced soon and there is plenty of worthwhile things to be accomplished.

Next month I will get more into our upcoming 30th Annual Spring Regatta. It’s going to be a great event.

Fair Winds,

Pat Lambert/Fleet Captain

Membership Report

Dues notices have been sent out and I would like to remind everyone that if you’re having financial difficulties, alternative payment schedules can be arranged. Contact your new Membership Director, John Martin, or Treasurer, Del Wiese, to make arrangements.

It’s been a pleasure serving you all as Membership Director. See you at the club.

Membership Resignations

Keith and Diane Jones, returning to the UK.
Matt Salatino
Ned and Diane Buck
Kelley Dragon

Current Membership

Resident = 158, NonResident = 23,
Corinthian = 15, Honorary = 10

Jim Lacy/Membership Director

February 2009
First Aid Course

On January 25, 2009 MYC sponsored a very successful First Aid Course presented by Mr. Richard Ames from Wuesthoff Health System. Twenty members and guests completed the course. They are:

Nancy and Harvey Melfi, Marty and Jack Bibb, Joan and Dave Lister, Amy and Jim Lacy, Diane Gabik, Kim Struther, Denny Scott, Faye Bitzer, Deb Ball, Anna Chavaustie, Barbara McIntyre-Burson, Rick Crockett, Jerrie Hixon, Tom Moor, Jackie Carroll, Jacki Leahy

KAYAKING

On Saturday, Feb 14th, kayakers went to Goat Creek in Malabar. We met at 10 a.m. next to the Indian River Lagoon just north of Valkaria Road.

If you would like information about future trips or plan on joining any of the trips, please contact me, John Martin, at ihmartin@mindspring.com or at 321-432-5213. Bring snacks/lunch, drinks, sunscreen, PFD, and a whistle.

Remember that the club has a kayak that anyone may use. Please let me know if you want to use it, so I can reserve it for you. There is a paddle for it in the annex.

John Martin/09 Membership Director

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Please include your name and phone number. Also, include captions with any pictures you submit including names, dates, places, etc.

FROST BITE CRUISE

Thanks for the photos, Ross Herbert!
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 events.

LOW COUNTRY SHRIMP BOIL
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

2009 Commodore's Ball
Saturday, March 7

IRISH CELEBRATION DINNER
FRIDAY, MARCH 20