Spring Regatta

Jim Henry, Fleet Captain

Spring Regatta kicks off with a rules seminar Thursday, April 17 at 6 p.m. This will be geared toward racers who are not familiar with the racing rules. It is hoped this will get Spring Regatta weeks off to a roaring start.

The Regatta starts with Small Boats sailing from Ballard Park April 19 and 20. Boiled Shrimp Dinner at the club Saturday night, April 20. All members are invited to attend the regatta dinners. Meals are $12. Sign up with Rachel Ross or email me at: sailhenry@earthlink.net

Big Boats the following weekend, sailing from the club. Saturday as part of Big Boat weekend, a special course for the “Wine & Cheese Fleet” will be provided. This fleet will be limited to cruiser only types. Suitable prizes will be awarded. Entry fees for the cruisers will be half the regular fee. BBQ Dinner Saturday night, April 27.

Plenty of folks have volunteered to help run the races and work the land based activities. We may need a few more helpers for Big Boat weekend, if interested, see myself or John Fox.

Thanks to everyone for helping and thanks to everyone for participating. Spring Regatta time is a great time to enjoy being a club member…get involved.

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We started off April with a Hawaiian Luau organized by Rachelle Ross and Betty Thon. Bob Hughes helped out with cooking the pork on his BBQ trailer. Fun event!

GOING GREEN. Chris Gates pointed out an article in the Southwinds “Is Sailing Green” and stumped me with the question: How come we don’t recycle at the Melbourne Yacht Club??? Great question Chris! Rochelle is looking into obtaining the bins, and shortly we will also start to recycle all of our glass and plastic. Stay tuned for further details.

April also is the month that new members of the Long Range Planning Committee are elected. At the March meeting, we elected Bob Hughes to replace Ross Herbert, and at the April meeting we elected Steve Clendenin and Gary Killian to replace Rhonda Delmater and Barb Ehnert who have served their three year terms and are retiring from the LRPC. Thanks to Bob, Steve and Gary!!

We are already receiving a lot of interest resulting from the new Corinthian By Laws change. One new member was welcomed to the club at the April meeting, Matthew Wayne, who was nominated by Jim Edwards. I look forward to working with the new Corinthian members to expand athletic sailing to the Melbourne community. One of my assignments on the LRPC committee was to expand sailing thru the community.

The Melbourne City Council also recommended that we begin a dialogue with FIT to pursue common use of the FIT property. I found the sponsor of sailing and the Evinrude property and I wrote the following letter:

Junda Lin, Ph.D.
Professor of Biological Sciences
Director, Institute for Marine Research
Florida Institute of Technology
150 W. University Blvd.
Melbourne, FL 32901, USA

Hello Junda,

I look forward to meeting Tim. However, I am also interested in meeting with someone (perhaps it is you) to discuss mutually benefiting programs. The Melbourne Yacht Club has a vast wealth of sailing and racing experience that has provided sailing instruction and racing opportunities to FIT students in the past. It is my opinion that we can do more. Much more to the benefit of FIT. Just last month, we have modified our by-laws to change our Corinthian membership status to extend this membership to adults from 18 thru 30 at a dues of 50 dollars per year with no initiation fee until age 30. We have already seen applications for these younger members of our sailing community. We recently held the International Laser Masters regatta which was well received by all participants. This experience could provide the FIT sailing team with valuable experience. Would FIT consider holding a collegiate regatta here at home?? The Melbourne Yacht Club could provide experienced race committee personnel to hold a first class collegiate regatta here.

You may be wondering why I am sending a generous tone from my end. Our needs are simple. As the local marinas are going condo, waterfront real estate is rapidly disappearing from under our nose. The Melbourne Yacht Club, and the Evinrude facility are the ONLY parcels left that can support sailing in south Brevard county. While our yacht club has experienced tremendous growth recently, even with our renovation, Brevard County lacks a prime necessity to support competitive sailing, and that is the facilities required to launch and store dry sailed one design sailboats.

I have seen organizations working together to support one design sailing. I have based my own international J-24, Etchells, Lightning, Melges24 and Star boats down at the US Sailing Center in Miami for 15 years. The facility is simple, only a hoist and secure area for dry sailed boats kept in racing condition is all that is required.

A community sailing facility that is jointly managed by the Melbourne Yacht Club, and FIT would provide a springboard to develop strong competitive collegiate and one design sailing within the Indian River again. FIT could achieve recognition for its sailing teams, while collecting income from sailboats from the Brevard community using the Evinrude center.

I look forward to discussing this opportunity with you, or feel free to pass this along to the proper authority.

Kind Regards,
Art Ahrens, Commodore
Melbourne Yacht Club
Ph 321-777-6872

I received a response from him last week:

Dear Art,

Thank you for your letter about establishing a jointed sailing program. Unfortunately, we don’t have much area where the water is even deep enough to wet slip boats and we really don’t have room to store any on land as we’re crowded enough as it is. Also, our docks and seawalls are in poor condition and extra traffic and strain from moored boats surely won’t help. However, we would certainly be interested in jointly hosting events. Please

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MYC presents

Cinco De Mayo
Friday, May 2
Dos de Mayo!

$7.00 / person

Menu:
Mexican Casserole
Tacos
Pinto Beans and Rice
Papaya, Avocado, Red Pepper Salad

Dos Equis bottles will be on special for $2 and we will have $2 Margaritas.

Dinner served at 6:30pm.

We will probably have a "second" serving once rum racers get in, so it would be great if people could let me know if they are racing when they sign up.

Sign up sheets will be on bar or email to bobandkaren46@juno.com

Reservations by Tuesday, April 29

John Martin 432-5213
Dock Master’s Report

Ramp Project – We are continuing to evaluate the ramp and attempting to keep it free of the green growth, which obviously likes the shallow clean slope and lots of bright light. Cleaning the ramp and moving the sand was accomplished by the “Sandy Men Who Could.” Many thanks Team, next time I’ll remember the beer!

General Maintenance - One of the finger piers went down like an elevator, much to Kevin Glaser’s surprise. Apart from getting wet up to the middle, no harm was done, he was able to transfer all his worldly goods to Jim Gibson before he managed to clamber back on board. Repairs have already been completed, many thanks to Jack Leahy. I have been informed that we have some unwelcome guests in the pram rack – those carpenter bees will be dealt with shortly. As with the broken courtesy lights. Please let me know of any other imminent problems on the docks – “A stitch in time …”

People seem to have been having fun adding information to the dry storage photos. If you have not already done so, please append your name to your boat on the photographic record presently displayed in the North East corner of the Ball Room.

Hurricane Warning – Due to the reduction of space in the East Yard following the renovation, there will be no room to transfer the Sunfish/Lasers from the West bank when there is a hurricane warning in force. Consequently boat owners presently storing boats on the West bank will need to be prepared to move their boats to safety away from MYC property.

The annual renewal of the wet slip agreements is going really well, and if I am lucky all the rest will turn up in the Dock master’s mailbox without any prodding.

Please Note - Liability insurance now has to be in place before any club member can visit and moor up at any club slip or the T Dock. I already have records of all wet slip members insurance records with respect to the $300,000 liability. But to save any last minute request, if club members would like to forward a copy of their insurance highlighting the relevant $300,000 liability coverage I will happily file and maintain that record.

Now here is a nice touch that should save both Dock master and insurance holder some effort at renewal time. Your insurance company can and will if requested, forward a statement/copy of your liability coverage, stating $300,000 or greater, to the Dockmaster at MYC. All other details can remain private.

David Lister, ‘08 Dock Master

SPRING REGATTA – Fleet Report

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We are looking for a used trailer to replace the rusted out one used for our Carolina skiff. If you know of one that might be available please advise me or Andy.

Volunteer response for monthly cleaning of our Key West 18 has us covered thru mid year. If you are willing to help on a one day a year basis let me know. Currently, “Wet Sundays,” dinghy racing is managed by volunteer R.C. from the dinghy fleet. It would be nice to have a more permanent R.C, perhaps on a quarterly basis, to run the races. Please contact Jim Henry if interested

Rum Race on April 4 was a wild ride. Wind recorded at 20 plus with some powerful gusts. Rum Races are a great way to enjoy a Friday night at the club.

Coming in May is the world famous RAFT UP organized by internationally renowned Raftologist, Hasty Miller.

See you on the water and at the bar.

SPRING REGATTA SUMMARY

RACING RULES SEMINAR APR. 17, 6 p.m.

SMALL BOATS APR 19/20
Shrimp Dinner at Club

FRIDAY NIGHT FUN RACE APR 25
(Rum Race format)

BIG BOATS APR 26/27
BBQ Dinner at Club

Jim Henry, Fleet Captain

April 2008
I am in the process of gathering together all the updates and changes to be put into the 2008 MYC Directory. This year we are doing a couple of new things. 1.) We are willing to sell extra copies of the Directory to members (beyond your normal one per member), but only if you place an advance order with me. 2.) We are adding member pictures to the Member Roster section. I have been collecting pictures for the Roster over the past several months. The following is my current list of members with pictures available for inclusion in the 2008 MYC Directory. If your name is not on this list and you would like your picture included, please get in touch with me.

- Al & Missy Waschka
- Alice & Art Ahrens
- Andy Burke
- Barbara McIntyre & Bob Burson
- Bill & Betty Thon
- Bill & Charolette Parker
- Bill & Margie Matheson
- Bill & Rose Baker
- Bill Dale
- Bill Haberland
- Billy Shaw
- Bob & C’Anne Gauthier
- Bob & Karen Sowden
- Bob & Wendy Hughes
- Brent & Laurie Saunders
- Cal & Nancy Stow
- Carol Mairs
- Charles Junkunc
- Cheryl Whitaker
- Chet Pruszynski
- Chris & Patti Gates
- Chris & Sue Reynolds
- Chuck & Margie Matheson
- Chuck & Rhonda Delmater
- Chuck Noles
- Dave & Lisa Noble
- Dave Levinthal
- David & Joan Lister
- Del Wiese
- Denny Scott
- Diane & Koral Gabik
- Diane Gabik
- Dick & Linda Tillman
- Dorothy Crowe
- Dorothy Riedel
- Doug & Pam Worth
- Faye Bitzer
- Floyd & Sandy Bryan
- Gary & Louisa Killian
- George Shaw
- Glen Gray
- Grant & Debbie Ball
- Hasty & Julie Miller
- Jack & Jacki Leahy
- Jack & Marty Bibb
- Jan Crawford
- Jay & Pam McClure
- Jeff & Debbie McGregor
- Jerrie & George Hixon
- Jerry & Rachele Ross
- Jim & Amy Lacy
- Jim & Becky Henry
- Jim & Delores Miller
- Jim & Elaine Schaub
- Jim Edwards & Lynde West
- Jim Gibson
- Joe Riedel
- John & Judy Drew
- John & Lynda Geraci
- John & Nancy Fox
- John MacNeil
- John P Martin
- Joyce & Paul Alexy
- Karl & Susan Kiser
- Kitty & Bill Burton
- Larry & Connie Ethridge
- Lenny & Nancy Beckett
- Matt & Katie Santino
- Meghan Riley
- Michael & Jennifer Slayton
- Michael & Tandy Copps
- Mike & Dee Wilson
- Mike & Pati Henry
- Mike Gallagher
- Mike McClain
- Neal & Sue Tompkins
- Ned & Diane Buck
- Page & Claudia Proffitt
- Patrick & Angela Lambert
- Paul Lindenberg
- Peggy Hill
- Pete & Susan Putnam
- Pete Anderson
- Phil & Brenda Spletter
- Phil & Lois Scalise
- Richard & Susan Oliver
- Richard Krubel
- Rick & Suzanne Crockett
- Rochelle Yates
- Ross & Jackie Herbert
- Sherry & Dave McCampbell
- Simon Koumjian
- Steve & Prill Clendenin
- Thomas Donaldson
- Ty & Phyl Harris
- Wallie & Lynne Everest
- Will & Nancy Garvy

Ross Herbert, Secretary
March was another good month. Caroline Shea joined our committee - thanks for helping out Caroline! The Dine-In was a great success due to the efforts of Jackie Leahy and her committee. I personally appreciate Jackie for stepping up to the challenge and keeping our Dine-Ins going by organizing and pulling off our St. Pat’s dinner. Jacqueline Cope, and Connie Etheridge made the wonderful Irish Crème cakes and the brownies. Rose Baker, Rick Cope and Deb Bush prepared 12 Shepherds Pies. Gerry Moores took care of sign up and set up. Ross Herbert took care of the house checks. Marty and Jack Bibb served. Larry Etheridge and Jack Leahy cleaned up along with many other things that needed done. They served 85 people.

In March we sold over $2,000 in member chits and the bar was open for 10 events during the month. Our support is in place for the Spring Regatta and we are looking forward to the Luau being put on by the Entertainment committee.

The next Dine-In is May 2. The theme is Cinco De Mayo and the price is $7 per person. The menu will include tacos, pinto beans and rice, Mexican casserole, and papaya, avocado, red pepper salad. Dos Equis bottles will be on special for $2 and we will have $2 margaritas.

On May 11, will have a Mother’s Day Brunch. Plan on bringing the family to MYC for Mother’s Day! We will serve from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Moms will get flowers. We will have made to order omelets, pancakes and sausage, breakfast casserole, shrimp cocktail, fruit trays, coffee cakes and breakfast breads. Again the price is $7 each. There will be Mimosas and Bloody Mary’s. The bar will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for this event instead of the normal 2-6 p.m. hours.

We want to add activities on some Sundays to encourage members to come out to the club. We are preparing a questionnaire to see what activities members would be interested in. We will pass out the questionnaire at the May General Meeting and will send it out via email during April.

Karen Sowden Bar/Kitchen Director

April 2008
MEMBERSHIP REPORT

NEW RESIDENT MEMBERS
Claudia and Page Proffitt sponsored by Ross Herbert
Ann and Tom Knowlton sponsored by Rochelle Yates

NEW PROVISIONAL NOMINATION
Matthew Wayne, sponsored by Jim Edwards, has been nominated for Corinthian Membership. Matt is 25 years old and has been sailing and racing for about 10 years on both dinghies and keelboats. He sailed competitively, as skipper, while at Penn State in the Middle Atlantic Intercollegiate Sailing Association. He was also a 2 year officer for the team as Alumni Liaison and Race Captain.

Matt was a sailing camp counselor at YMCA Camp Tockwogh in Delaware and obtained his US Sailing Small Boat Level 1 Certification.

He moved to Brevard in 2006 and works for Harris Corp. Jim Edwards and Chris Gates contacted him through the sail-race.com crew forum and he has been sailing with them for a year and a half. Matt says, “I see joining MYC as a great opportunity to be more involved with the club, the members and the sailing community.”

Matt is the first member nominated under the new Corinthian by-law.

Membership Status Change
Meghan Riley, a Corinthian member for 4 years has applied for Resident member status under the new by-law change regarding Corinthian members.

Membership Resignations
Mallory Berry, Corinthian Scott Lucas, Non Resident
Sari Wakefield, Corinthian Alan and Vivien Payne, Non Resident
Emily Jensen, Corinthian

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:
Resident = 166  Non Resident = 22  Corinthian = 8  Honorary = 10

Jim Lacy, Membership Director

Entertainment at the Luau and MYC Hula dancers.
Photos by Ross Herbert

April 2008
House Report

The work party on April 5 was very productive. To our crew of volunteers, thank you all for your efforts: Harry Stapor, Alice Ahrens, Amy Lacy, Larry & Connie Ethridge, Jim & Becky Henry, Andy Forman, Del Weise, Simon Koumjian, John Martin, Bob Hughes, Floyd & Sandy Bryan, Bill Burton, Ron Osler, and to Ross Herbert a special thank you for making sure we all had nourishment. We did not check off the entire list, but made a nice dent in it. We relocated the ferns, cleaned out the gutters, freed down spouts of obstacles so debris can wash away, raked and bagged leaves, stripped rattan furniture, moved all donated items to storage, replaced light bulbs, blew off the deck and stoned areas as well as the parking lots.

The House Committee has been working to come up with a conceptual theme for the decorating of the clubhouse. After receiving much input and a lot of deliberating by the committee everything has fallen into place and the concept is pretty simple. The basic decorating scheme has been determined by the bar. The bar is traditional in its design and it also sets the stage for what the wood tones will be and, as a yacht club our decorating will be a nautical traditional theme.

This is how the theme will be implemented. Valances are going to be placed above the windows in a Waverly fabric with a nautical chart design. It has an off white background and blue graphics. Also panels are going to be placed of the same fabric or a solid (TBD) on the big wall in the upstairs room to help, along with the valances to deaden the noise. Phil Scalise and Simon Koumjian are making the valances. Lois Scalise and a helper or two are going to finish them with the fabric. Then back to the guys to put them up.

The two sets of rattan furniture, one donated by a club member and the other purchased very reasonably from an estate sale are going to be stained to coordinate with the bar entrance called ‘Life Lines’ which will be a list of people who have contributed to the club financially.

Another plan in the works is to have a wooden plaque at the donors would like to pick them up and donate them to another cause. Victorian blue sofa, the nautical lamp, Burgees, where and how to display them - This has been discussed at length. Currently we are leaning toward being able to rotate pictures on a monthly or whatever basis, which ought to make the job somewhat easier.

The Board agreed to look in to posting a sign on or near the gate that reminds vendors and members to enter the gate head on. The gate has taken a beating from attempts to make the sharp right turn to the lower section of the lot.

Then we will put up pictures and that may be the hardest part trying to decide on which ones. However, we are leaning toward being able to rotate pictures on a monthly or whatever basis, which ought to make the job somewhat easier.

We will be purchasing a storage cabinet to be located out side of the Annex in which to store gas cans and other flammable liquids.

Bob Hughes has received two quotes for the parking lot re-sealing and re-lining.

Burgees, where and how to display them - This has been discussed at length. Currently we are leaning toward placing them on short dowel’s and hanging them at an angle along the beams, spaced out enough for viewing.

We are planning a membership ‘garage sale’ in the future to which members can bring things from home that they would like to sell. The profits will go to our club re-decorating. At the garage sale we will also sell the old tables and chairs and the items that people have already donated to the club that don’t fit into the theme unless the donors would like to pick them up and donate them to another cause. Victorian blue sofa, the nautical lamp, and dolphin.

Another plan in the works is to have a wooden plaque at the entrance called ‘Life Lines’ which will be a list of people who have contributed to the club financially. The donated monies will go into our decorating plans for now and in the future member donations can go to whatever project the club is working on at the time.

Rochelle Yates, Vice Commodore/House
Youth & Adult Sailing

Session I of Adult sailing instruction classes is well underway with 10 students. The week of April 7th there are no classes due to Spring Break, classes resume on April 10th. The schedule for Adults for 2008 has been corrected so please use the version you see below. Adult Session II, which starts May 1, is almost full so if you intend on participating please contact me at 321-506-3402 or youth@melbourneyachtclub.com.

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The Thursday evening chalk talks have been well attended, no doubt due to the fine discussion of the art of sailing...albeit the pizza helps. Last week we had a surprise guest speaker, Jim Henry, who engaged the class in an energetic discussion about what point of sail to use at different course headings relative to the wind. Well done Jim! Many thanks to all who have helped the class including those who came out to manage the Key Largo chase boat. In particular, I want to commend Steve Clendenin, Marlene Sassaman, Rochelle Yates, Jim Henry, Paul Lucas, John Martin and Ross Herbert. Also, a special thanks to Jerry Ross for repairing the Pram. The program continues to need membership support for both big boat activities and chase boats.

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Youth sailing instruction sessions are filling up fast. Current schedule to the left. We will need help for the youth sessions. In particular, if your child is young, it is highly recommended that parents participate in the classes.

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On a personal note, I encourage all MYC members and supporters to stay aware and support the efforts of Commodore Art Arhens’s efforts to engage FIT in the enhancement of sailing activities associated with the club. We have a beautiful and unique harbor and an active and engaged sailing community can only enhance fulfillment of our club’s charter.

Sail on!

Andy Forman, Youth Director
Participants of the MYC Adult Sailing Class enjoyed the on-the-water training on a Saturday morning in March.

Photos by Ross Herbert