Melbourne Yacht Club will be sponsoring a blood drive on Saturday November 17, 2012. The Big Red Bus will be in the upper parking lot from 2:00pm until 5:00pm. Please come and give the gift of life.
Commodore’s Log

I am amazed at the level of activity that goes on to make the club run smoothly. As I sit through a board meeting and listen to all the things your officers are involved with, it leads to my amazement. Your board is doing a great job of protecting your interests and making good things happen for MYC. These things, coupled with the welcoming friendly reception prospective members receive from the membership; contribute to our excellent recent surge in membership.

Member Ray Gogan has a weather station on his dock on the east side of the river, about due east of the Conlan Blvd. intersection with US1. A link to his station is on the MYC web site, “Local Weather” under “Other Sailing Links”. We are going to see if this station supports our needs before preceding any further to get approval to install a station in the river.

Progress on the annex upgrades is proceeding. We are working to get a structural analysis of the building before proceeding to get quotes on the things we’ve identified to be upgraded. The upgrades being considered include windows, air conditioning, plumbing, electrical and first floor restrooms primarily.

The bylaws indicate we should have elected a nominating committee at the October meeting. I did not realize this until just before the board meeting, too late to take effective action to prepare for the general membership election. At the general membership meeting, I asked for a motion to postpone action until the November meeting and it passed. This still gives the nominating committee six weeks to take action; the committee recommendations are due two weeks before the January meeting.

We have ten boats registered for the 13-14 October MYC/PCYC ocean races, six of them from MYC. I view this as excellent turn out for this inaugural event. We are looking into a three or four weekend series in 2013, with awards for overall winners in addition to awards for each of the weekends. It looks good for the resurgence of ocean racing under the leadership of MYC!

I have had good response to my query regarding a dockmaster replacement and will take action next week. It again demonstrates one of the strengths of this club; people step up to make things happen when unexpected things happen.

As other retired members will tell you, it is amazing how busy one can be and not be at work 40 or more hours each week. My personal situation recently has been very busy. As such, my efforts to consolidate and review board member inputs regarding possible bylaw changes has not made much progress. My time situation should improve in the next few weeks and this task is high on my list of priorities.

Del Wiese / Commodore

House

We will be having a busy month coming up with Fall Regatta just around the corner.

Please note a change with the outside bathrooms. The entry locks have been removed. One of the locks failed, so it was decided to remove both. We are, also, testing gutter guards on the roof’s gutters to see if this will help keep the oak leaves and acorns out. Hopefully this will keep our drains from clogging.

Please remember it only takes a little help from each of us to keep our club in good shape.

Page Proffitt / Vice Commodore

YOU MIGHT BE A SAILING BUM IF:
your wind instruments cost $2,000, and you have a bucket for a head...
**Fleet**

The 34th annual Mermaid Regatta was lots of fun as always, thanks to **Rochelle Yates, Rachele Ross** and **Susan Jackson**, and their landside team providing Caribbean entertainment and great food. The Pirates Grog race, run with a lot of spirit by **Phil Splettter** and **Gerry Moores**, had an eventful race on Saturday, with storms threatening, a grounded boat rescue, and even a man overboard drill. Since all of the ladies were dressed as mermaid pirates, (or was it pirate mermaids?), such adventures were inevitable! They fit right in with our visiting pirate Captain Dan and his parrot Captain Morgan. As **Gerry** would say: "Arrrrgh!"

The racing fleet of J/24’s and PHRF boats had two races on Saturday in a mix of wind, until the storm that did not quite make it to us, took the wind away and the fleet retired to the clubhouse. Sunday started with a video review by **Jim Henry** of Saturday’s races (taped by **Ross Herbert** and **Del Weise**), and wind in the 5.5 knot range – enough to start the races on time. A few shifts and more wind brought the fleet some exciting moments by the time they completed the fourth race in 13-15+ knots. Our thanks to **Jack Clark** and his R/C crew for two days of great, close racing! R/C was **Larry Etheridge**, **John** and **Nancy Fox**, **Pat Lambert**, **John Martin**, **Jim Lacy**, **Jim Edwards**, **Jim Schaub**, **Bill Haberland**, **Me**, and of course **Jack Clark**. **Page Proffitt** and his trawler **Miss Hannah** were a great platform for the signal boat- thanks everyone!

First place finishes were spread around the fleet, but when **Tom Knowlton** (thanks **Tom**) finished the scoring it was **J-Mouse** in first, **More Cowbell** second, and **Moxie J** with third. To illustrate how close the racing was, **J Mouse** was first overall, a mere 35 seconds ahead of **More Cowbell**; **Moxie J** took 3rd ahead of **Mischievous Half**, by 1 second! Good job R/C and racers, and thanks for making the 34th Mermaid memorable. Just wait until next year!

The Ocean Race at Port Canaveral Yacht club is our next event; Oct 13-14. This is a joint venture between MYC and PCYC; hopefully the first of many. Like our regattas here on the river, there will be a “race” fleet as well as a “fun” fleet. The info is on the website, and Commodore Del is the chairman, so contact him if you have questions.

**Lynde Edwards / Rear Commodore—Fleet Captain**

**Entertainment**

We had a great turnout of pirate wannabees for Talk Like a Pirate Night. The new band was great, and kept the dance floor crowded. We celebrated Head Pirate, **Gerry Moores’** birthday with a beautiful seafaring pirate cake. There was a costume contest. Winners are: Best Female Pirate – **Pam Worth**, Best Male Pirate – **Bob Sowden**, and Best Couple Pirates – **Tom** and **Marjorie McIlree**.

**Jacqueline Cope / Entertainment Director**

**Behind the Bar**

This is **THE** month to come down to the Melbourne Yacht Club, We have exciting activities every weekend.

Every summer drink special we have had will be available with the last of the hot weather. See you there.

**Christopher Salmon / Bar Director**

纪委 If a lighthouse keeper forgets to turn off the light, does that mean the sun won’t shine?
Come Race in the Atlantic!
13 & 14 October 2012

MYC & PCYC are sponsoring ocean races Sat. and Sun!

Expected Races/Classes:
25 nm spinnaker & non-spinnaker classes, and a 15 nm Fun class.

Complimentary dockage at PCYC; contact Gil Perry
321-482-0167

Early registrations must be received by Monday 1 October
Early registration is $50 (incl. one dinner)
Registration on 13 October is $60 (still incl. one dinner)
Additional dinners $20

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MYC Fleet Captain
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Schedule of Events:
Saturday
Registration 0800
Competitors meeting 0900
First start 1030
Dinner (approx) 1800

Sunday
First start 0930
Awards following Racing
Membership

This month Pat Brown was accepted as a resident member. She is a graduate of the Sailing Education Program. Dean and Patti White were presented to the general membership at our last meeting to be considered by the membership and voted upon this month. They are currently students in the Sailing Education Program. Gary Briand, our director of Sailing Education, has been a great source of new members for the MYC. Gary coordinates with me and we invite his students to our functions to let them know about all aspects of our club.

Patti and Dean White are new residents of Florida. They are very active outdoorsmen and own a 33’ Watkins sloop which will be Rum Racing very soon. They took the adult sailing class to learn how to sail. That’s after they bought a 33’ sailboat. These are our kind of people. I invited them to the Pirate Party and Dean made baklava even before becoming a member. They hope to make new friendships at MYC. Say hello to them.

There are some Corinthian members coming up on the thirty year-old Corinthian age limit, ending their status as Corinthians. All of MYC encourages them to take that next step to Resident membership. It is a big step and the Membership Director can advise and help with a smooth transition. MYC, as an organization, needs younger members with a fresh perspective and especially their time and talent and energy to help run our club.

We are increasing the number of our young members but always welcome more.

John and Nancy Fox are resigning as members effective January 31, 2013. They joined in 2003, and have been a big part of the club. Their expertise at running and officiating regattas has raised the club’s reputation as a sailing venue not to be missed. Good luck to them in the future. Chloe Mallet, a Corinthian member, has resigned due to personal reasons but hopes to rejoin in the future.

The Melbourne Yacht Club membership is an ever evolving entity. Members come and go or change their status. The current membership is Resident 160, Non Resident 18, Corinthian 17 and Honorary 11. We’ve added a bunch of new members this year and have cleaned up the database to better reflect the actual membership. The trend is decidedly up. Thank you all for your support.

Jim Lacy / Membership Director

Mermaid Regatta Summary

It was a learning lesson for me…. Rachele Ross is going to be one tough act to follow. All of the support and advice given to me was welcomed. I took notes and will refer to them next year as I help Rachele prep for the 35th annual Mermaid Regatta.

A BIG thank you goes to Jack Clark, Page Proffitt, Del Wiese, Ross Herbert, Jim and Becky Henry, David Silverman, Bill Haberland, Jerry and Rachele Ross, Jack and Jacki Leahy, Pat Lambert, John Martin, Phil and Brenda Spletter, Gerry Moores, David Keene, Jim and Lynde Edwards, Ken Windsor, Steve Shippee, Rick Cope, Peggy Sneed, Jim Gibson, Jim Shaub, Larry and Connie Etheridge, John and Nancy Fox, Susan Jackson, Jim Lacy, and Simon Koumjian. You all pitched in to help make things flow smoothly. We appreciate you all very much.

The gentlemen who brought the ladies Black Beards Grog were very brave men, with their eye patches on, fighting the heat to bring us cold drinks. I am sure all the ladies were as happy to see them as was the J-Mouse team. Thank you Nick Schauman, Kendrick Buchala and Andrew Wilson. If I forgot anyone, it is not intentional, just a very busy weekend.

Past Commodore Jim Henry did quite well critiquing the video that our Commodore Del Wiese recorded of the racing on Saturday. Thank you, Jim, for the helpful hints and the light hearted comedic commentary. I suspect the ladies took it to the water on Sunday based on the improvements I saw. The competition was stiff out there on the water.

Ross Herbert, thank you for always being our Photo 1 photographer. Pam Vanderveer, thank you for back up photos; and thanks to Tom Knowlton for driving and scoring our regatta.

I am looking forward to next year.

Rochelle Yates / Planner in Training
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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.

ARTISTS GATHERING  Every Tuesday morning at 10:00 AM.

Boating Classes
The local Coast Guard Auxiliary is offering a boating safety class, “About Boating Safety”, on Saturday, October 27th. The class includes information about boat handling, state and federal regulations, and recommended safety equipment. Successful students may qualify for boating education discounts, and will earn their Florida State Boater Education ID Card. Cost for the class is $35, with discounts for families, and includes lunch. If interested, contact Public Education staff officer Grant Ball at 321-727-1500.
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.

MYC/PCYC Ocean Race
13-14 October

Fall Regatta
20-28 October