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# Maritime & Yachting Museum Newsletter DECEMBER, 2005



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*Co-chairs Bob Bush and Karlin Daniel make plans to take MYM to the next level*

### Board Notes

In the last Newsletter, we mentioned the appointment of a special Advisory Committee to prepare a strategic plan for the present and future years. As a part of that work, the Board has agreed to engage the services of Robert Kovacevich, of Avatar, specialists in bringing new funds and powerful information about how non-profits like MYM can grow to a substantial force in our community. Co-chairs Bob Bush and Karlin Daniel have begun the process of identifying resources friendly to MYM. The Board voted unanimously to relocate from our current property to existing, renovated buildings on a 65 acre campus at Indian Riverside Park in Jensen Beach. There, we can join the molecular force that is evolving around a suite of community resources, including the Leach Mansion, the Children's Museum and the Sailing Center, with plenty of County-maintained grounds and parking facilities. Of course, there are many, many issues to consider before such a move would be undertaken. We invite your comments and appreciate your encouragement.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

That's life, folks...

A volunteer's service history seems to evaporate the first day he decides to discontinue his contribution. It is a little sad, but this is what happens to most of us. New folks come in, full of their new ideas and the organization pulses with a slightly altered beat. My parents tithed and volunteered for their church in my hometown for forty years. Then they got old and could not do what they had done before; then a new minister came. Their service was not remembered. Who was to "blame"? No one, really. That's life.

We have several new volunteers: Bea Radliff works in the office, the library and enjoys washing boats. Milly Kohlman works in the office and enjoys computing. Pat Bartell has tackled several extensive typing projects with excellent skills. Russ Bartell has managed to squeeze in time to survey six of our vintage vessels even though his professional life as naval architect and marine surveyor is very busy. Now is a good time to thank the faithful ones who fix fences, varnish boats, wash boats, clean up and do computer work and office work. We can also thank the Board for being truly interested and devoting their time and talent to our organization

Most organizations can count very few individuals that stay the course, remain dedicated in spite of not being personally held up for recognition. Lucky MYM to have had Bill Milligan who contributed so much to our organization and whose memory remains bright.

Our library has been the beneficiary of Bill Milligan's estate: a bequest of over 500 books on marine subjects. We plan to dedicate the library to Bill at a special party on Sunday, January 29, 2006. BRING FOOD (drinks provided) and help us celebrate him, one more time.

MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!

**Sunday, January 29, 2006**  
**Special Pot Luck Noon Dinner**  
**To celebrate the dedication of our library to**  
**Bill Milligan**



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### *NEWS BY JACK THE LIBRARIAN*

A warm welcome back to all our snow-birds. As you are probably already aware, the museum is on the move. Our newest volunteer, Bea Raddiff, has been helping me. We have been busy accessioning all the books, but with Bill Milligan's bequest of his extensive library, many of them had to be put into storage; we ran out of room on the shelves very early in the project. The shelves have now all been labeled so books can more easily be found. A loose-leaf-binder catalogue of all the books will be on the library table by the beginning of the New Year. A sign-out system will be in place for borrowing by members. We are now in the process of removing the duplicate books from the shelves to make more room.

We seem to be missing a few books that have not been signed out, so if any of you out there borrowed one and didn't return it, now would be a good time. The library is for the use of all members, but a couple of rules had to be made so we could keep track of our books. The rules are listed on the sign out sheet, so please read them when you sign out a book. As I have stated before, one perk of being a librarian is that I get a chance to check out the books before accessioning. Ours is one of the most extensive maritime research libraries around and are starting to receive inquiries on maritime questions.

One thing we do need is more room...as well as more volunteers. It's your museum, so please come on down. We need help in all departments of the museum. Over the summer we got several new volunteers who are working out great.

At the last board meeting, a few members who we don't see often came down to see what was happening with the museum. I was glad to see them, as the more input we have, the more the museum will grow in the right direction. One of the things I heard is that they want more information, to which I reply, come on down and get involved. We welcome your input and ideas. Constructive criticisms help build up the museum and steer it in the correct direction.

Most people joined the museum because, like me, they have a passion for things nautical. They like to sail boats, repair or build boats, were in the navy or Merchant Marine, fish, or just love the sea. Whatever your passion is, you haven't lost it. Come down and look around. Chat and shoot the breeze and swap sea stories. We have some very interesting "old" salts who love to talk and even listen once in a while. Rekindle that passion and get involved once again. We need your help to guide and keep your museum on the right track. Big things are happening and as I said (once or twice) before, we are on the move. Now is the time to come aboard and not be left standing on the dock.

*Jack*

### COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

The annual Stuart Boat Show will be held at the North end of the old Roosevelt Bridge beginning Friday, January 13, through Sunday, January 15, 2006.

#### Editor's Note

If we have your email address you will get the newsletter first and in living color. Everyone else gets the news by regular mail; it takes longer, is simply duplicated without color and it costs a lot more.

You may have noticed that the Newsletter has not been published since September. We had an interruption in cable service after hurricane Wilma until the end of November! Then your editor had Thanksgiving celebrations in another state. Mother Nature and I apologize to you for the interruption in service. (No, you may not have a refund!)