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Board Notes

STATE OF THE MUSEUM, FISCAL YEAR 4/1/05 – 3/31/06

The Board of Directors of MYM has given many hours of volunteer time this year. New Board members with extensive non-profit experience have contributed to the education of the Board. We are unified in our determination to help MYM become an outstanding public service organization.

We are proud of our accomplishments and want to report our progress to you:

- **BY-LAWS** In order to better conform to standards of accepted not-for-profit governance, the Board is proposing a new set of By-Laws for membership approval. These By-Laws and our Articles of Incorporation are being reviewed by the prominent local law firm of Crary-Buchanan. The By-Laws will be forwarded to you shortly for your review and vote.

- **FACILITIES** We have had several “focusing” and “visioning” sessions with museum professionals which have helped us unanimously decide to pursue relocating to the 65 acre Martin County Indian Riverside Park (IRP). The dollars received from a sale of the Kanner Highway location, combined with pledges, donations and grants, would fund our relocation.

We have concluded that our current location is too small and remote. We are presently located off Kanner Highway on less than one acre of buildable space with a 1,100 sq. ft. house, a garage, a 3,000 sq. ft. quonset hut for our boat collection and 22 parking spaces; we have about 8 visitors per week. The opportunity at IRP will provide a 14,000 square foot building, a 7,000 square foot building and a 2,500 square foot house, plus County maintained roads and grounds ...many times more than we presently have. There we would have ample room for parking, proper exhibits, displays, meeting rooms, educational programs and restoration projects.

The proposed site at IRP is located on and above the Indian River in Jensen Beach. We would be in good company with neighbors such as the US Sailing Center, the Leach Mansion, the new Children’s Museum, the Fountain Plaza and the Park Pavilion where hundreds of people visit per week.



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Everything we have is for the public. What better place to serve the public than at IRP? Relocation and its attendant challenges would require considerable effort from members, the Board and professional assistance, but the organization we serve will grow and thrive if we take full advantage of our opportunities now.

- **FINANCE** We have created an operational budget and a proper Chart of Accounts so we may comply with grantors' requirements for financial accounting and reporting.
- **LONG RANGE PLANNING** We are working with several foundations that want to assist our goals both financially and by loaning and/or giving exhibits for the collection. They will lift us to a new level of fully supported, professionally guided programming and directorship.
- **COLLECTION** We have adopted a collection policy that outlines the procedures that are to be followed in accessioning and de-accessioning the collection. This document is available at the MYM on Kanner Highway.
- **PROFESSIONAL MANAGEMENT** We have pledged to hire professionals in any discipline needed to clear up any organizational problems.

As a member of the Maritime Yachting Museum, you will be receiving a ballot in the mail, asking you to vote favorably on the changed By-Laws. Please take time to vote and return your ballot as soon as possible. We appreciate your support and value your membership. If you would like to take a more active role in the museum, you can help by volunteering, signing up new members, or lending a hand with exhibits, restoration efforts and upcoming projects.

Respectfully submitted,
The Board of the Maritime & Yachting Museum

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