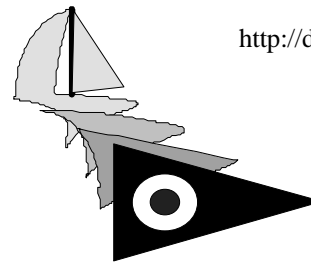


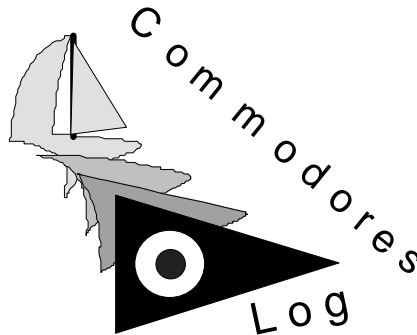
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These dog days of summer are beginning to drag on, I don't know about you but I can't wait for some cooler weather. Mary and I both view July, August and September as the off season for our sailing, only venturing out for races. Most of the rest of the northern latitudes are in their season now and in a month or two will have to pull their boats on the hard, cover them, and sail in their dreams thru the winter. I suppose I should quit complaining about a little heat, at least I can go to the boat in the off season and sail it or tinker with it. While our sailing brothers and sisters to the north can only visit their cold and lifeless dreams in their off season.

CPR class went very well, I feel

better now because if I hit the deck some night during TGIF, at least now there is a better chance I will survive to sail again, and I suspect there is nothing wrong with that priority. Additionally, Rose Baker is associated with Red Cross and has offered to look into a first aid class which would complement this CPR class.

Lenny Beckett provided a look into the joys of extended cruising after the September General Meeting and has offered to share more tips with us next month after the General Meeting. Mary and I both enjoyed Lenny's and Cherry's experiences and hope you will to.

One last thing, Maryilyn Moulton is still at Sea Pines Hospital in room 203B, her immediate family is far away and we are our her family too, so please go see her.

*Gus Williams III
Commodore*

Event Calendar:

- Sept**
 18 Rum Race
 26-27 Mermaid Regatta
 30 Board Meeting
- Oct**
 2 Rum Race
 7 General Meeting 7:30
 16 Rum Race
 17-18 Fall Regatta
 30 TGI Fright

1998 RACING SCHEDULE

Sept.		
Sat/Sun	12-13	IRYC Fall Challenge
Fri	18	MYC Rum Race
Sat	26	ECSA Fall #1
Sun	27	MYC Mermaid Regatta
October		
Fri	2	MYC Rum Race
Sat	3	ECSA Summer #2
Fri	16	MYC Rum Race

October		
Sat/Sun	17-18	MYC Fall Regatta
Sat	24	ECSA Fall #3
Sun	25	ECSA Women's #6
Sat	31	ECSA Fall #4
November		
Sun	1	MYC Rum Race
Sat	7	ECSA Fall #5
Sat/Sun	14-15	Cer. Cup Challenge
Sun	15	MYC Rum Race



PASTA, PASTA, AND MORE PASTA

The Melbourne Yacht Club was overflowing with pasta on Friday, August 17th. About 50 members and guests arrived bearing their favorite pasta dishes. The oven was packed with dishes to be heated for the pigout. The food was fantastic and everyone went home stuffed. Thanks from all of us to Kenner and Joan Smathers and Pete and Sally Anderson, for hosting this great TGIF. We hope this will continue to be an annual event.

PARTY CHAIRPERSONS NEEDED

I need help!
There are many members out there

who have yet to be involved in party planning. I need your help now. We have two upcoming parties in need of an organizer. We need someone to head up the Fall Regatta dinner on October 17th, and the Halloween TGIF on October 30th. Please get involved, it is really a lot of fun. If you can help out please call me at 779-3024 or contact me at Friday night happy hour.

CRUISING PRESENTATION

Sherry Beckett will present the second in a series of cruising programs after the October 7th general meeting. The program will pass on helpful hints on provisioning a boat for extended cruising, what foods are available or not available in the islands, what perishable fruits and vegetables will last the longest, and how increase the storage life of perishables.

Lenny Beckett
Rear Commodore

SEVEN SEAS CRUISING ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING 13-15 NOVEMBER

Once again SSCA's "GAM 98" will be held at the Eau Gallie Civic Center with boats anchoring in the river and dinghying ashore to Conchy Joe's pier. Last year there were almost 1100 cruising sailors registered for the weekend - a record attendance. The biggest GAM ever in 45 years! Over 100 boats were anchored or moored in local marinas - more than have ever sailed to an annual meeting before. Many other members drove to Melbourne and stayed in local hotels. All those who came had a wonderful time and want to come again this year.

The tentative program which is still evolving includes a catered BBQ on Friday night (NO Pot Luck again!), a more sedate dinner on Saturday night with guest speakers Tom and Harriet Linsky who will talk on 'How to keep your marriage afloat aboard a cruising boat', a mini boat show of vendors and advertisers, a flea market, talks and slide shows on numerous topics including health, repairs, ham radio, navigation and blue water cruising, a women's sailing seminar, coffee shop for snacks and socializing and lots of camaraderie as you meet old and new friends.

Last year many ECSA & MYC members volunteered to help with the organization of the weekend and we could not have done it without them. Once again we say a big THANK YOU to all who helped us. This year we have already started to look for vendors and speakers and we are now starting to enlist helpers on various committees such as Registration, Volunteers Roster, Food, Flea Market, Administration etc. If you would like to be part of this fun and informative occasion please call us to volunteer.

The GAM 98 is for SSCA members, guests and friends. Official volunteers will be admitted for the same price as members - \$5 only. Non members will be charged separately. Meals must be ordered in advance to assist with catering.

Further details maybe obtained from the SSCA office at: 1525 Sth Andrews Ave., Suite 217, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316 Tel: 954-463-2431 * Email: SSCA1@ibm.net * WEB site is: <http://www.sca.org>.

Or call: Don and Rhoda Bosley 777-1713
Warren and Nancy Abbott 799-0746
Bob and Pat White: 773 -1873
Susan Kiser 757-5757



The Board has approved one application for resident membership this month, which was presented and published in August.

We would like to welcome to MYC:

Clarke and Janice Walker

Sponsor: Chet and Harriet Pruszynski

When you see Clarke and Janice

at the club, or on the river in Katie Lee (their Hunter 30-year!!) please welcome them to MYC.

Again, thanks for all your support this year. We have some great new members! Remember if you know of someone who's interested in finding out more about us, please let me know and I'll contact them.

Casting off for now,
Faye Bützer

MELBOURNE YACHT CLUB

20th Mermaid Regatta

Sunday, September 27

featuring

❖ Fun Racing ❖

Cruiser PHRF (Spinnaker & Non-Spinnaker) and One-Design Classes

Four boats constitute a 1-design class. If insufficient entries, Portsmouth ratings will be used.

Female skipper and all female crew required.

One male ("observer only" after the white flag) allowed if desired.

Skippers' meeting at 1:30 p.m. • Race begins at 2:30 p.m.

Trophies and keg follow the race.

❖ Dinner Prepared by the Gentlemen of the Club ❖

Menu to include

Homecooked barbecued ribs and chicken, twice baked potato, salad, rolls and dessert.

Dinner served at approximately 6 p.m.

❖ Great Door Prizes ❖

ENTRY FEE

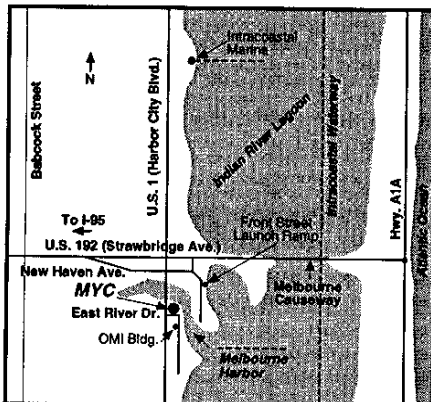
\$30/cruiser—\$25 w/proof of USSA

\$20/1-design—\$15 w/proof of USSA

Entry fee includes 1 dinner per skipper, 1 commemorative item for skipper and each crew, and 1 door prize ticket for skipper and each crew. Extra dinner tickets \$8.00 ea. and extra door prize tickets \$.25 ea. or 5/\$1.00.

Advance dinner reservations appreciated but not required. Please sign up before the race if possible. All racers, spectators, guests, and club members are welcome and urged to attend.

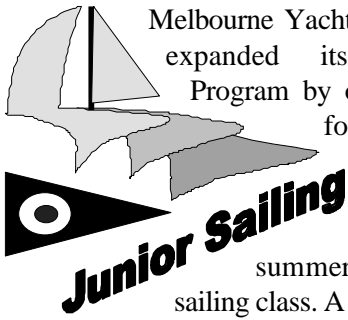
Overnight accommodations available on request.



**For more information contact
Bob Sowden at 727-1809
or Rachele Ross at 254-8326**

TO REACH MYC: from I-95, follow U.S. 192 (New Haven Ave.) east to U.S. 1 (Harbor City Blvd.), about 6 miles. Go south one block and turn right (east) on East River Drive then left (north) at the first driveway.





Melbourne Yacht club has expanded its Junior Program by offering a follow on course to this past summers' basic sailing class. A beginners

course, directed towards competitive sailing is beginning September 10th and will take place every Thursday and Saturday through October. Three quarters of the last class are returning to refine their sailing abilities in the newly purchased Optimist prams and Sunfish. Also purchased were four sails for the prams, Fred Bremen of Bremen Sails was able to put a package together to allow us to re-rig all the usefull prams, so if anything we should look very stylish in the harbor. My goal with this program is to teach the kids enough, in order to entertain the idea of participating in the US Sailing Junior Olympics at Jensen

Beach in November. A "Green Fleet" for Optimist Dinghies will be sailing. The Green Fleet is for the beginner sailor who has not participated in racing for more than one year.

Many persons have talked to me in the past and offered their assistance in producing these classes and because of my disorganization I had not the actions for them to pursue. However with time I'm learning the most help we need is in the upkeep of the prams and Sunfish. I'm compiling a list of those things that would be nice to have or do with the boats and facility, so if inclined please give me a call to receive your "free" action.

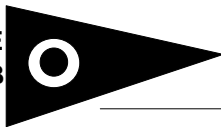
Please notice every Thursday and Saturday till Halloween classes will be taking place at the club please do not park and leave your vehicles unattended in the lower area of the club. Especially with the seawall construction, I can envision

confusion in trying to launch and retrieve 15 dinghies on the ramp, particularly with a car parked in the area, thank you.

Just in time for the MYC's Mermaid and Fall Regatta a two day discussion of Racing Rules and basic sailing tactics will take place. 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. on September 22nd & 23rd at MYC, a panel of "racers" will be available to answer your questions and describe sailing scenarios to help you make those split second decisions on the race course. Bring your rule books or your stories and with some props and visual aids your starting techniques, upwind tactics and mark rounding maneuvers will be enhanced. This is not meant to be any high intensity sailing course, but just a resource to allow the active Rum Race sailor to take that next step towards rock star sailing.. For more information call Dave Noble 779-8404.

Dave Nobel

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