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*Valentine's Day
Couples Race
&
Lasagne for Lovers*

The Race

No pre-registration req'd

Skippers Meeting 1pm

*Roses & Champagne
awarded to the winners*

*Call Mary Williams for
more info 727-3456*



The Dinner

Bar opens at 4pm

Dinner at 5pm

*Menu includes
Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert*

\$6 Adult - \$3 Under 12

Reservations Appreciated - Carol Hakkila - 984-9479

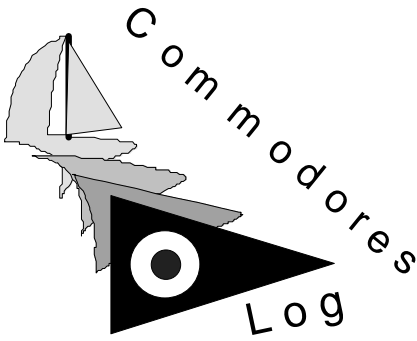
Event Calendar:

FEB

- 14 Couple's Race & Lasagne for Lovers
- 21 Winter Rum Race #4
- 25 Board Meeting

MAR

- 3 General Meeting
- 6 Commodore's Ball
- 7 Winter Rum Race #5
- 19 St. Patricks Day TGIF
- 21 Winter Rum Race #6
- 31 Board Meeting



Stardate Y2K-0.91233...

Seems like a good way to start a Captain's or Commodore's log. Gus allowed me to write this month's column, even though the gavel is not passed until February's General Meeting. I appreciate his confidence in my ability to "lead the Club into the next century". Perhaps even the next Millennium - or is that a year later?

We all owe Gus thanks for his great tenure as Commodore. An unprecedented two consecutive years. Perhaps he would consider appointment as Commodore for Life? Commodore in Perpetuity?

On March 6, Betsy and her helpers and the new board will be hosting the Commodore's Ball in honor of Gus and the outgoing board. Join us!

Commodore Baird... Sounds pretty important. It must be important, since I got my name in the paper. Florida Today (2/1/99 aka Stardate Y2K-0.91233), not just the Wednesday supplement Mullett Wrapper, but the real paper.

Dave Noble must also be pretty important, considering the huge size of his planned Youth Program. Dave, along with many other active club members bring more to the Club than a fleet of Commodores.

Painting Party a Big Success

by Chuck Baird

Fifteen people took advantage of the free painting party hosted by the House Committee on January 23rd. It was quite a stirring event. It made the clubhouse look considerably better, even though it didn't really need painting. (At least that's what Jerry Kowalski and I were saying during a TGIF beer-induced laziness).

I'm glad that Mary Williams had better vision than we did. We can thank her for making this event happen. We completed the entire inside of the Club, with the exception of the restrooms. We left that for those unfortunates who had excused absences and feel left out.

Guess what? Ned Buck, Vic Lucas and the Bakers were among the first to arrive, and the last to leave. I think that same thing happened at the Spring Clean-up. In fact, it seems to happen often. With very little organization, the workers found their own tasks and kept out of each others way.

We all knew we were in luck when pro-painter Joe Oliver showed up with his own equipment bag. Gary Killian assumed the role of Damage Control. He could hear a drop of paint fall to the carpet from across the room. Rob and Maria Van Name worked enviably well together as a team. (reminded me of Grant and Debbie Ball painting their boat).

Special thanks to Rose and Sally for returning during the week to put stuff away. It was nice to see such relatively new members as Joe and Rob and Maria attend such a major fun event.

The following 15 people helped out:

**Ned Buck
Joe Oliver
Lenny Beckett
Rose & Bill Baker**

**Vic Lucas
Gary Killian
Maria & Rob Van Name
Sally & Paul Wakefield**

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

A big thanks are due to Stu Shadbolt, whose well written articles and information appear regularly in the Monday Sports Backpage and Sunday Outdoor sections.

And thanks to you all for having me as your Commodore, particularly the Officers and Directors and volunteers who help make it so much fun!

- Chuck Baird

Bulletin Board

The Party Line

Lenny Beckett

BURN-IT

The burn-it held on January 22nd was a late success. Early in the evening few people had arrived and it appeared as if the evening was going to be a bust. Late comers boosted the attendance to 47 and allowed the party to finish with black ink on the ledger. Thanks a bunch to my wife Sherry, and Em And George Utting for all their help.

COUPLES RACE/LOVERS DINNER

Valentines day is approaching. Why not treat your favorite person to a days sailing on the river and a romantic dinner at the club. Put in your reservations and enjoy a great dinner hosted by Ed and Carol Hakkila.

COMMODORE'S BALL

Betsy Baird and the incoming Board's wives will be holding the annual Commodore's Ball on March 6th. Be sure and get your reservations in early to assist these ladies in planning the usual good time. This is the annual awards presentation and installation of the officers for the coming year. Don't miss it!

ST. PATTY'S DAY

On Friday, March 19th, the club will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day with a traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner. There will be sign-up sheets in the bar for reservations or call me at 779-3024.

- Lenny Beckett

Slip to Sublet

Any MYC member interested in subletting a slip at the club docks, suitable for up to 35 feet, for May - Oct 1999,

contact Jack Bibb

(407) 723-7954

MYC Activities E-Mailing List

Ideally, all MYC activities should be published well in advance. But we find that many activities just happen at the last minute (especially cruising activities, which are weather-dependent).

If you'd like to get on an e-mail list for last-minute MYC activities and reminders, send an e-mail to Sherry Beckett at

ITBecketts@aol.com

Make the subject of your e-mail

"Put me on the MYC list"

MYC Has a Web Page!

www.dataflowsys.com/myc

Alan Payne to Present

"Electrolysis & Boat Wiring"

At the General Meeting on April 7, Alan Payne will present the results of his research and personal experience on the topic of Electrolysis and Boat Wiring.

This presentation will commence immediately after the General Meeting and last about a half hour.

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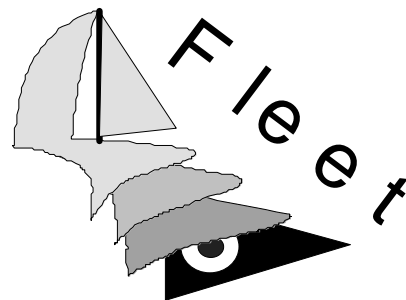
Got a contribution for the newsletter?

Drop it off in the box marked 'Newsletter' in the MYC kitchen, bring it to the membership meeting (PC format floppy or print-out), or (best) e-mail it to:

MYC@dataflowsys.com

Make sure you include your name and phone number, so we can call if we have questions.

Racing News



First off I would like to say that Bob Sowden has done a wonderful job as Fleet Director these last few years. He will be hard to follow, but I am planning on receiving pointers from him along the way.

The one item to look forward to from the fleet department is the Couples Race on Valentines Day. The Skippers Meeting will be at 1PM, followed by the race which will be conducted in a Rum Race fashion. It will be a reverse handicap using the Rum Race course. There will be a minimal fee for the race.

The race will be followed by a wonderful dinner at 5PM and the bar will be open at 4PM. No need to bring anything but yourselves. See you there.

The Rum Races have continued to be a great success, probably the most attended race around, thanks to Stu Shadbolt. Stu has run the races the last few years and has offered to do so again this year. Thanks Stu!

For those of you who are not sure of the race schedule, it is posted on the board at the club. It does include events with all the racing clubs in Brevard County. I am amazed at just how much racing goes on in this county.

This year we will be replacing and fixing regatta equipment. I am looking for a few good people to serve on the fleet committee, if you are interested please let me know. I can be contacted by phone, 727-3456, or by E-mail, mgwindward@aol.com. All suggestions are welcome also.

See you on Feb. 14th.

Mary Williams
Fleet Director



Please look out for new members approved this month, and make them feel welcome...Steve and Lisa Bell, John and Terry Russell, and Bill and Bonnie Jacobs.

At this time we have one new applicant for Resident Membership:

JOSEPH S. WISE
Sponsored by: Faye Bitzer

Joe lives at 2340 Bent Pine Dr. Melbourne. He has four grown up daughters and is a retired executive from the Insurance business.

He grew up in Drexel Hill, Pa. He is a graduate of Penn State and has a *masters from the American College, Bryn Mawr, Pa.*

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Joe has done bareboat chartering four times in the Caribbean and has sailed the Chesapeake Bay a number of times. He belonged to the Susquehanna Yacht Club for many years and raced Comet Sailboats up and down the East Coast.

While at the Susquehanna Yacht Club, he served the various chairs of the yacht club and also as Commodore.

He likes "wet bottom" sailing in his Sunfish and sailboard. He is interested in meeting sailors in the Melbourne area, participating in a group that promotes sailing, and occasionally crewing on larger boats.



Joe is looking forward to the sailing and social activities of the MYC.

Please look out for our new members and guests, and welcome them to the club.

When sponsoring anyone for membership, the applicant shall attend at least one club activity as your guest (As written in the By-laws). It is also the sponsors responsibility to inform the prospective member as much as you can about the club, and how the club is run by the members.

If you need assistance with a prospective member my phone number is (407) 727-0681 or e-mail Bariletm@aol.com.

Melbourne Yacht Club's Junior Sailing Program is on a roll again.

This year we are hoping to at least double the size of last years participation. As of now the plan is an ambitious one, with three beginner classes, two Intermediate classes and a two week day camp.



Beginner classes

April 1 – May 1
August 5 – August 28
Sept 2 – Sept 25

Intermediate classes

May 6 – June 12
Sept 30 – Oct 30

2 week day camp (Beginner/Intermediate)

July 19 – July 30

Please understand these are tentative plans. We will be working with other clubs on the east coast to try some interclub events (seminars and races). The classes are based towards 9yr to 15 yr olds, but we will except up to 18yrs of age. We will be utilizing the Optimist dinghy and Sunfish. The 'boat of choice' for Juniors in Florida, is the Optimist, and that's what I concentrate on.

This year there will be a charge for the intermediate classes and day camp (the beginner class is still no charge and all these classes are open to the community) in order to cover expenses.

There have been some concerns about insurance and the board is presently working with Lonnie Pruitt to assure we can offer the same beneficial program to the community as we have for the past few decades.

Some members have asked about an adult class, if interested contact me and maybe the Fleet program will offer something.

Again I ask, if you would like to help with the maintenance and instruction please call Dave Noble at 779-8404

February 13 and 14 there is a Optimist Regatta with 300 entries in St. Pete I'll be picking up two new McLaughlin Optimist there. Our fleet is slowly growing.

- Dave Noble

coming soon...

Melbourne Yacht Club 53rd Commodore's Ball

March 6, 1998

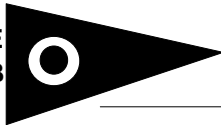
**In appreciation of the 1998 Officers
and Committee Chairpersons**

6:30 pm Hors d'oeuvres / Cash Bar
7:30 pm Candlelight Dinner
8:30 pm Presentations and Awards
9:00 pm Dancing and Music

Watch your mailbox
for your invitation
to this gala event!



**MELBOURNE
YACHT CLUB**



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*The Tell Tale is the official newsletter of the
Melbourne Yacht Club. Deadline for sub-
missions is the first Wednesday of the month.
All MYC members are encouraged to submit
articles or notices of interest to the Club.*

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