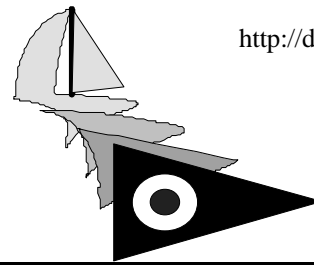


# TELL - TALE



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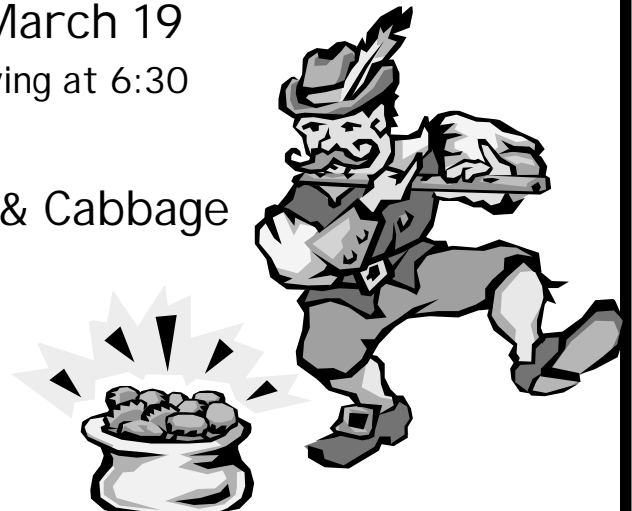


## TGI F Dinner

Friday, March 19

Start Serving at 6:30

Corned Beef & Cabbage



## Event Calendar:

### March

21 Winter Rum Race #6

31 Board Meeting

### April

7 General Meeting 7:30

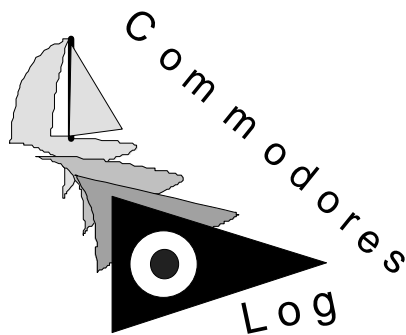
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19 St. Pattys Day TGIF

23 Spring Rum Race #2

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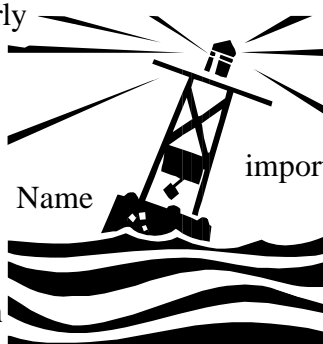
1 Spring Regatta



Stardate Y2K-0.8356. My boat insurance renewal came recently, across the top it had added "Not responsible for Y2K related losses". This is getting serious. Jackie Leahy told us at the general meeting that older model GPS receivers might have Y2K related glitches occurring as early as August of this year.

Speaking of boat insurance, Dockmaster Rob Van Name tells me that the following slip renters need to supply him with updated insurance

forms: DUNNE, PARKER, BAGNELL, LUCAS, ABARE, SOWDEN, OWEN, PAYNE, MCALLISTER, and SHADBOLT. That's 25% of the renters! I'm particularly sensitive to this issue, because when I was Dockmaster I worked hard at this. Eden Bitzer was most impressed with the zeal with which I pursued delinquent insurance form cases. He said that whereas people like Jack Bibb, Al Waschka and Hasty Miller would be remembered for their work on dock construction and repair and bottom land lease negotiation, I would be remembered as a paper pushing bureaucrat. Think he was giving me a compliment?



Don't forget that Alan Payne is presenting the results of his research on boat grounding and electrolysis at the April 7 Meeting. Guy Pelchat, who has also studied this problem and made various measurements, plans to attend and offer his two cents worth. He is especially qualified as his boat has more free electrons than most. I've recently measured the impedance between the DC boat ground and the green AC wire on my boat. It should be quite large to prevent FPL from messing with your boat, but some say it can present a danger to people

connected between your boat and ground. Oh well, what's more important, boats or people?

Congratulations to Prill Clendenin, she was among eight finalists for teacher of the year in Brevard County.

Let's keep Stu Shadbolt and Marilyn Moulton in our prayers. Stu is recovering from serious surgery and Marilyn has had to spend time at Sea Pines. Kindhearted members Tony Barile and Rose and Bill Baker have been visiting Marilyn. Rose reports that Marilyn may attend the Commodores Ball - probably hoping for some bread pudding.

*Chuck Baird  
Commodore*



### LASAGNE FOR LOVERS

Thanks to Ed and Carol Hakkila for hosting their usual great lasagne dinner for Valentines Day and our annual couples race. Their helpers included: Paul, Sally and Sari Wakefield; Jack Bibb; and Rose and Bill Baker. The Hakkila crew served about 45 people, none of which went home hungry.

### COMMODORES BALL

By the time you receive this newsletter the Commodore's Ball will be history. I will have a complete rundown for you in next months newsletter.

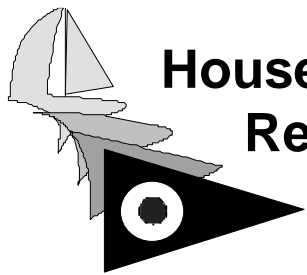
### ST. PATTY'S DAY

Yours truly, will host a traditional St. Patrick's Day dinner of corned beef and cabbage on Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. It won't be on the real St. Patty's day, but we will try and capture the Irish spirit.

### EASTER CRUISE

Planning is in the works for a cruise on Easter weekend. I don't know where to exactly, but who cares. Its just good to get away somewhere. The cruise will probably end up at MKR-21 or Sebastian Inlet. Join us for some informal good fun and cockpit parties.

*Lenny Beckett  
Vice Commodore*



# House Report

Not much to report as I am new to the job so the easiest thing to say is "HELP". This is our club and to make it run smoothly we all need to pitch in. I am open for input and have laid out an active year for the house upkeep / repair and maintenance.

This month I want to hit on a subject that is very important and that is SECURITY. If you made it to the general membership meeting I made it very clear that we have become very lax about closing up and securing OUR club. After finding the FRONT door open on a Thursday night (not just unlocked but ajar 6 inches) this made me realize that maybe we need to rethink methods of opening and closing the club. After spending several Saturdays here watching NON members key in the gate combination, maybe pass cards that can only be used by one is the answer.

More to follow. But remember THIS IS YOUR CLUB. KEEP IT LOCKED UP AND DON'T GIVE OUT THE COMBINATIONS

*Chet Pruszynski  
Rear Commodore*



At this time we have one new application for resident membership.

*Terry M. and Carol A.  
Orner Sponsor: Gus  
Williams III*

*Terry and Carol* live at 2260 Hickory Dr. in Melbourne. Terry is a USAF Major, assigned to the Joint Stars Test Force at Northrop/Grumman Facility on NASA Blvd.

In their previous assignment they lived in Hampton, Va. and were members of the Old Point Comfort Yacht Club. Terry actively raced a Hunter 28.5 and a Pearson 30. He also owned a Hunter 33.5 and enjoyed cruising the Chesapeake Bay with Carol.

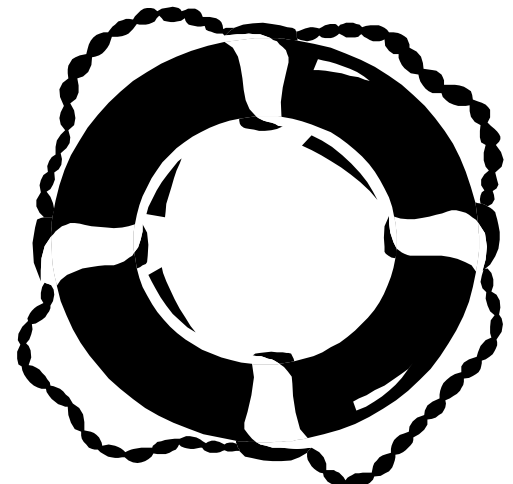
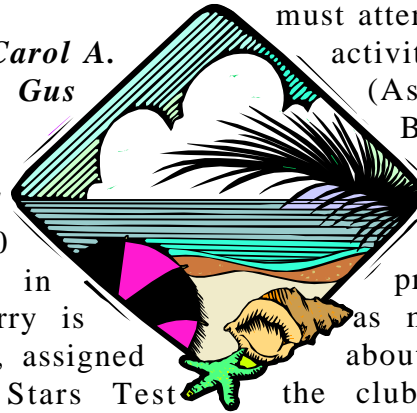
While stationed in Japan, Terry crewed on an all Japanese racing team in a Dehler 38. In addition he sailed Hobie Cats in Darwin, Australia, Panama City, FL and Pataya, Thailand, plus a Beneteau 42s7 offshore the east coast of U.S.

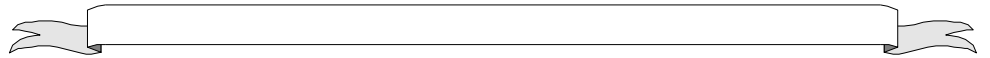
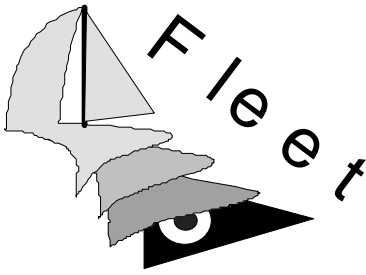
Terry is scuba certified, is interested in helping with the MYC junior program. He is

an experienced and interested sailor, wants to share the sailing experience at MYC in the racing and cruising programs.

Please look out for our new members and guests, and welcome them to the club. When sponsoring anyone for membership the applicant must attend at least on club activity as your guest (As written in the Bylaws). 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 .

*Tony Barile  
Membership Director*





## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Teaching has got to be one of the more difficult jobs to do in today's times. Good teachers are hard to find and we happen to have an exceptional one amongst us. Prill Clendenen is that person.

Prill was nominated for Brevard County teacher of the year and was one of 8 finalists. This is an attribute to her hard work and dedication to the profession.

Here, here Prill. MYC is lucky to have you as a member, and this is just one more reason for me to be proud to call you my friend.

*Mary Williams*



If you know of someone in the club who deserves recognition, submit it to the Tell-Tale.

This past month was a wonderful month for sailing if you like lots of wind. It seemed to me that every time we wanted to go sailing it was 20 kts., or more.

We had a good turn out for the Couples Race despite the wind. Combining it with the dinner was a good idea, I'd like to see it happen that way again next year.

The Rum Races are still going strong. We are just about finishing up with this series of races so if you couldn't make this series then look for the Spring Series which starts April 9th. The last two for this series is March 7th and the 21st. Hope to see you out there.

May 1-2 is our Spring Regatta. The Regatta Committee met on March 2nd and came up with some good ideas. We will be advertising in some magazines and sending invitations to

Yacht clubs and individuals around Fla. We also intend to get in touch with some One Design Fleets, hopefully to spark some interest in One Design racing again.

We will also be serving the Saturday dinner earlier so people can have their families and friends come join in the festivities following a day of racing.

I do need to thank Barb Ehnert,

Rachael Ross, Jim Miller, Lenny Beckett, Tony Barile and the Sowdens for turning out for this meeting. Your help is greatly appreciated.

If there is anyone who would like to help with the Regatta please let me know. We are in need of a Committee Boat and Chase Boats.

*Mary Williams  
Fleet Captain*



### GPS Y2K OK?

(or The Sky is Falling, The Sky is Falling)



Sounds like alphabet soup to me. If you haven't heard it yet, I'll fill you in. There is a Year 2000 "problem" with the GPS system. It's not really a Y2K bug since its critical date is not 12/31/99. But with all of the hoopla over Y2K it makes great head lines. It is referred to as the GPS EOW bug (great more acronyms) and its critical date is 8/22/99.

The EOW obviously stands for "End of Week", but you knew that didn't you. Way back in the 80's some dwebe programmer (takes one to know one) decided to base the GPS calendar on

1/1/1980 and to save space allow it to count to a maximum of 1024 weeks and then roll-over to 0 (just like a 1953 dodge speedometer). Well that roll-over occurs on Aug. 22, 1999. Ergo EOW. Simple, yes? Although there are "problems" in the satellite portion of the system, they will most likely be resolved by August.

So, what does this mean to me? Well, if you have a GPS which was designed with this roll-over in mind, nothing. The manufacture simply designed this knowledge into the device. However, if

you have some really ancient (circa 1994) GPS, you will want to check with the manufacturer about its EOW compliance. Most, if not all, have web pages specifically dealing with this subject. A good place for more information and links to most manufacturers is: <http://www.mitre.org/research/cots/GPS.html>. Just to be sure, keep up your dead reckoning navigation skills.

*Tell-Tale Editor  
Brent Saunders*

# COUPLES RACE

If you enjoy sailing alone, with your spouse, in 25 kt winds then sailing in the Couples Race on Valentines day at MYC is where you needed to be.



1st Place - Karen Knockles & Bob Sowden with Fleet Captain Mary Williams

Actually, 8 couples decided that it was a good idea to do the race, none of who knew the winds would build to 25 kts. None the less, we had a wonderful time. And if everyone had a race like we did, it was not only windy but



2nd Place Hasty & Julie Miller

heated on the boat at times.

In all seriousness, it was a great time. The final results were, Bob Souden and Karen in 1st place, Hasty and Julie Miller in 2nd



3rd Place and obviously still talking - Mary & Gus Williams

place and Gus and myself in 3rd. We did have 2 boats scratch along the way.



Honorable mention to - Kim & Dave Silverman

The race combined with the dinner was a great combination and Carol Hakkila and I decided to try the two events together again next year. Hopefully it won't be quite so windy next year.

**Mary Williams**  
*Fleet Captain*



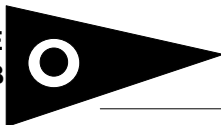
Past Commodores line up at the Commodores Ball. Watch for more next month.

# Space Coast Race Schedule

Mar	
13	CBYC Spring Triangle
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20	ECSA Winter Series #5
21	MYC Winter Rum Race #6 TYC Winter Series #4 IRYC Spring Warm up Race
27	ECSA Series #6
28	ECSA Womans Series #2 Performance Sails Dinghy Race
Apr	
9	MYC Spring Rum Race #1
10	ECSA #7
11	TYC Spring Series #5 ECSA Womans Series #3
14	IRYC Spring Series #1
17	ECSA Alternate Race Day
18	Performance Sails Dinghy Race
21	IRYC Spring Series #2
23	MYC Spring Rum Race #2
24,25	CBYC Abscar Distance Race
28	IRYC Spring Series #3

May	
1,2	MYC Spring Regatta
5	IRYC Spring Series #4
7	MYC Spring Rum Race #3
8	CBYC Make it Fun Ocean Race ECSA Spring Series #1
12	IRYC Spring #5
15,16	IRYC Brevard Challenge
19	IRYC Spring Series #6
22	ECSA Spring Series #2
23	ECSA Womans Series #4 Performance Sails Dinghy Race
26	IRYC Spring Series #7
29,30	CBYC Memorial Day Race
31	EGYC Memorial Day Race
Jun	
2	IRYC Summer Series #1
4	MYC Spring Rum Race #5
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12	CBYC Mermaid Regatta ECSA Spring Series #3
16	IRYC Summer Series #3

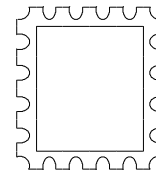
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