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Event Calendar:

APR

- 23 Fri Nite Rum Race
- 24 Seafood Raft-Up
- 28 Board Meeting

MAY

- 1-2 Spring Regatta
- 5 General Meeting
- 7 Fri Nite Rum Race
- 26 Board Meeting

JUNE

- 2 General Meeting

The Party Line

Those of you who missed the Commodore's Ball probably missed the best event of the whole year. **Betsy Baird** and the rest of the board's mates put on a beautiful dinner and dance to honor the change of watch. A fantastically delicious chicken dinner was cooked and served by the culinary class of Palm Bay High School. The beautiful floral arrangements and boutonnieres were provided compliments of Lenny Beckett Jr. and his shop, Rockledge Rose and Wine.

The annual awards presentation honored several people for their outstanding accomplishments for 1998.

Ned Buck received the **Member of the Year Award** for his unselfish participation in club projects, such as: cleanup day, dock work, painting, seawall and just generally helping to fix whatever needs fixing. In addition, you can always count on Ned and Diane to be active participants in the club social events. Congratulations Ned, and thanks for all you've done.



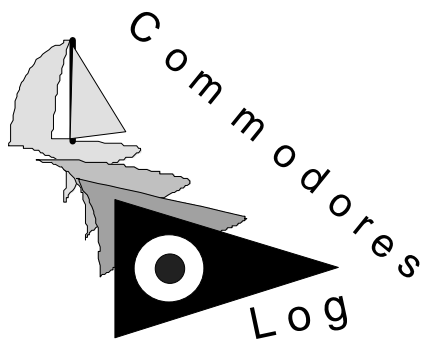
Commodore Baird Presents
 Member of the Year Award
 to Ned Buck

Dave Noble received the **Sportsmanship Award** for his outstanding efforts in leading our MYC Youth Program, as well as his participation in the overall MYC racing program. Dave took a non-existing youth program and turned it into one that is one of the best in the area. His dedication has led MYC to again make some needed investments in our youth, allowing them to experience the joy of sailing, being competitive, and learning sportsmanship. What a good way to sow the seeds for members in the future. Thank you, Dave, for all that you're doing.

Bill and Kitty Burton received the **Jay Moulton Cruising Award** for their efforts in promoting and organizing a cruising rally to Cuba. Those that participated have my envy. Maybe next time Island Time will be able to participate in the cruise to the largest and most intriguing island in the Caribbean. Congratulations Bill and Kitty.

Thanks a bunch to **Chet and Harriet Pruszyński** for their help in

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Stardate Y2K-0.07291...

No silly Y2K stuff needed to start this month's log. The board this month had the great pleasure to elect **Marilyn Moulton** an honorary member. **Sally Wakefield** suggested this action via E-mail to the board members and in her absence **Tony Barile** brought it before the board at our April 7th meeting. Our pleasure at this does not approach the great pleasure and enjoyment that Marilyn has brought to the members of MYC over the years. Thank you Marilyn and congratulations on a much deserved honor.

Speaking of pleasure and enjoyment, the Commodore's Ball had plenty of both. Thank you **Betsy** for making it happen. (That was definitely a politically correct thank you.) Of course she had tons of help — too numerous to properly enumerate. "**Little**" **Lenny Beckett's** generous (at no charge to MYC) and beautiful flowers from his Rockledge shop were great. (I took the arrangement from the Commodore's table to a family luncheon the next day and received many valuable points.) **Gus and Mary Williams'** suggestion for

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putting on the corned-beef and cabbage dinner for St. Patrick's Day. I couldn't have done it without them.

We have two upcoming party events... the **Seafood Raft-Up** and the **Spring Regatta**. See ads inside for details on both events.

Get your reservations in by April 21 for the Raft-Up, and bring your friends. Those of you who would like to attend but can't come in your own boat, there will be plenty of boat space available for you. Ask around at the bar at TGIF, or if you need a lift, let Hasty Miller or Jack Bibb know and they will try to arrange it for you.

Lenny Beckett

Scenes from the 53rd Annual Commodore's Ball



Dave Noble
Sportsmanship Award

catering by Palm Bay High not only gave us a wonderful dinner, but was a good thing for the club to do. I might feel differently about the whole thing if Betsy had been able to serve her much dreaded Bread Pudding.

And Behold the Magnificent DANCING COMMODORE's. We finally had to run them off and close down the Ball. The last dance(s) featured past commodores (and their partners) **George and Rene Behnke**, **Skip and MaryAnn Seiler**, **Betty and Bill Thon**, and incredible but true, the only husband and wife past-commodore dance team in the New World, **Rose and Bill Baker**. Betsy and I were proud to share the floor with this magnificent group.

Where is the weird letter?? The club received a strange document sealed in an Anthrax-proof envelope from Jacksonville and addressed to Melbourne Yacht and Country Club. It was many pages of hand written drivel about **Bill and Hillary Clinton**, and their alleged relative **Adolph Hitler**. The writer was concerned they were mounting some sort of attack via the sea - hence our club's selection? It scared me so I put it back in my mailbox. On second thought, I was going to give it to **Gus Williams** to forward to the FBI, but upon return to my mailbox, it was mysteriously gone. Did this really happen??

Thanks to **Stu Shadbolt** and **Gus Williams** for allowing themselves to be elected to the Long Range Planning Committee. Chairman **Ned Buck** has called a meeting Tuesday April 27th at 7 pm.

- Chuck Baird, Commodore

Bulletin Board

Free to Good Home

Windsurfer - Learner's board, some wear, but usable. Good first board.

Roller Furling - Working roller furler & foil for 30-40' boat. Call for details. Will provide advice on installation in exchange for cold beer.

Lenny Beckett - (407) 723-7954

Incoming Commodore

Outgoing Commodore
Gus and Mary Williams

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

Flowers for the Ladies

Jerry and Rachele Ross
enjoy the superb dinner

MYC Has a Web Page!

www.dataflowsys.com/myc

Parking Plea

Please **do not** park in the area of the lower lot, in and around the pram rack and mast up storage, during sailing classes.

Classes are scheduled Thursday 6 to 8 pm, and Saturday 9 am. to 12:30.

Contact Dave Noble if you have any questions.

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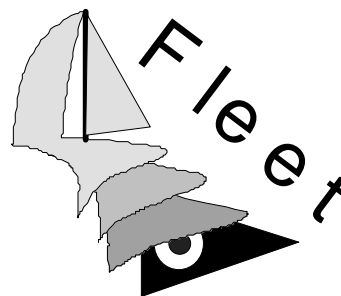
Got a contribution for the newsletter?

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.

Fleet Report



The annual **Spring Regatta** is coming up on May 1-2 and I hope to see a lot of you there. If the weather holds up it should be a wonderful weekend for sailing. If the weather is questionable just call my home, 727-3456, and if I am not there I will leave a message on my answering machine.

I am looking for 2 more people to help with registration for the regatta so if you are interested please let me know.

If you are not interesting in racing then come to the barbecue afterwards. Serving will start at 4PM — It is going to be done by Woody's and they will be cooking down by the docks. I can already smell the food cooking, can you? The price is \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children under 6 so I encourage everyone to come and enjoy the post-race barbecue on Saturday May 1.

I am excited to be able to announce that the club will be purchasing a "Chase Boat". It will be a 16 ft. skiff with a 25 hp engine. This last Wednesday night, the Board approved the budget and I haven't had time to purchase the boat, but it will be soon. The boat will not only be used for races, but Dave Noble will be using it for his Youth Group, and it will also be available for members to use. There will be a protocol for who uses it etc. which has not been established yet, but will be soon. It can also be used for our island parties to shuttle people back and forth from land—those who can't get there by boat. I do foresee quite a few uses for the boat. The biggest thing that I can't stress enough is that, even though the Fleet Captain will be ultimately responsible for the boat, it is up to the people who use it to take care of it. If we don't, we won't have it for very long and replacing it probably wouldn't be an option, certainly not right away.

The Rum Races are still going strong. April 9th was the first Friday night Rum Race for the Spring Series. (hope you didn't show up on Sunday). The next Rum Race will be April 23rd.

Just a note of interest. **Gus and I** and **Ned Buck** will be leaving on April 15 to help **Jack and Jackie Leahy** bring their new boat over from Tampa Bay. First stop will be MYC. So, keep a look out for a 52 ft. sailboat on the end of the dock. It gives Gus and I hope to see people being able to follow their dreams. Congratulations Jack and Jackie.

Mary Williams, Fleet Captain



New Membership Application - HARVEY AND NANCY MELFI *Sponsor: Tony Barile*

Harvey has retired from NASA Goddard Space Center in Maryland after 31 years. He is in the process of retiring again from teaching Physics at the University of Maryland Campus, near Baltimore, this Spring. Nancy is a retired Ob-Gyn Registered Nurse practicing in Annapolis. They have three grown children and grandchildren.

Harvey's first sailboat, during the 60's, was an 18' daysailor. After one season, the Melfi's moved up to a Catalina 22 (sail number 22). They enjoyed the Catalina until the family outgrew it. In the 80's a Hunter 28.5 was procured. The Melfi's presently own a Hardin 45, which they acquired in 1994. The Hardin, named *Stardust* is a fiberglass ketch, manufactured in Taiwan in 1980. *Stardust* will have a berth at the Harbor Square Marina, off the Cape Canaveral Barge Canal.

The Melfi's will be moving to their townhouse at Pineda Ocean Club in Satellite Beach at the end of May. They expect to spend time cruising the Keys, the Bahamas, the Caribbean and visiting children and grandchildren. Harvey and Nancy are looking forward to sharing the social and cruising experience at MYC.

- Tony Barile, Membership Director

1999 MYC SPRING REGATTA

May 1 & 2

FRIDAY, APRIL 30

6:30 p.m. Early registration at MYC
(complimentary beer and wine)

SATURDAY, MAY 1

9:30 a.m. Coffee and donuts at MYC

Cruisers (at MYC)

10:00 a.m. Registration and check-in begins
11:00 a.m. Skippers' meeting
12:30 p.m. Yellow (formerly white) flag (approx.)

One-Designs (at Front Street Ramps)

10:00 a.m. Registration and check-in begins
11:00 a.m. Skippers' meeting
Noon Yellow (formerly white) flag (approx.)

Post-Race Activities

4:00 p.m. Keg and sodas at club house,
results posted

SUNDAY, MAY 2

9:00 a.m. Coffee and donuts at MYC

Cruisers (at MYC)

9:30 a.m. Late registration (\$15 if sailing Sunday only)
9:45 a.m. Skippers' meeting at MYC
11:00 a.m. Yellow (formerly white) flag (approx.)

One-Design (at Front Street Ramps)

10:00 a.m. Late registration (\$15 if sailing Sunday only)
11:15 a.m. Yellow (formerly white) flag (approx.)
No skippers' meeting unless posted

Post-Race Activities

3:00 p.m. Keg and sodas at MYC
3:30 p.m. Trophy presentation

Courses

ONE-DESIGNS - All one-design classes will sail three races on Saturday and two on Sunday. Five boats constitute a class. All others will use the Portsmouth rating system.

CRUISERS - PHRF A (spinnaker), PHRF B (nonspinnaker), and Cruiser (nonspinnaker/assigned rating) classes will race one race each day.

Awards

Trophies awarded through third place in each class. Fleets intending to race as a class should notify the fleet captain by Friday, April 23 to ensure trophy presentation.

Entry Fee

Entry fee is \$25 per skipper. USSA members receive a \$5 discount with proof of membership.

Parking

Parking in the lower driveway inside the gate will be reserved for boat trailers of specified classes only. Parking at the east end of East River Drive on Florida Tech property is permitted. Parking at the tire store adjacent to the Club is prohibited.

For more information contact
MYC Fleet Captain
Mary Williams 727-3456

Saturday Nite Barbecue

Served from 4 until 6
\$8/adult-\$4/child

Menu

Barbecue beef,
pork and chicken,
beans, slaw, rolls and dessert.

All skippers, crew, club members
and guests are invited to attend.

Advanced reservations appreci-
ated but reservations also
accepted at registration.

For reservations or
more information,
call Barb Ehnert at 259-3509.

SEAFOOD RAFT-UP PARTY!

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 1999 , 6:00

Once again, it is time for the legendary MYC Raft-up Party. We will meet at MYC at 6:00, cast off by 6:30, and be at anchor off Melbourne Beach by 7:30. For those who are interested, there will be a race to the anchorage, with a bottle of "Starboard Wine" for the winner. For dinner, we will have:

Shrimp	Vegetable Munchies	Beer	<i>(2 cans apiece.</i>
Crab Claws	Rolls	Coke	<i>Really thirsty folks</i>
Baked Potato	Brownies	Diet Coke	<i>had better bring</i>
		Diet 7-Up	<i>extra.)</i>

COST: ONLY \$10.00 PER PERSON

The food will be distributed from the seven party committee boats. Details will be covered at the party. In the interest of better organization, please include the name of the boat (or its owner) that you will be aboard, when you make your reservation.

Come One, Come All

Skippers: Inviting someone to ride with you does not obligate you to pay for them. **Crew:** Asking for a ride to the party does not imply that you are asking the skipper to pay your way, so don't be shy about asking. Most skippers will be delighted to have your company. **Everyone:** Get signed aboard a boat before you make your reservation, so we can know how many are where.

WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS, COME ANYWAY! We'll find a boat for you.

Everyone: Bring Life Preservers and Boat Shoes.

All Skippers: Please pick up a copy of the raft plan either at the club before we cast off or from SKIMMER (Hasty's boat) before the raft-up. You need to know where your boat belongs.

THE RAFT BREAKS UP AT 11:00 Sharp

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED and CLOSE WEDNESDAY NIGHT APRIL 21.

Hasty and Julie Miller 723-7395

Jack and Marty Bibb 723-7954

Also serving on the party committee:

Bill and Kitty Burton Harry and Katy Stapor Ned and Diane Buck
Wayne and Katy Abare Bob Sowden and Karen Knockel

Junior Sailing Program News

New Beginner's Class Started

MYC's Junior Sailing Programs are up and running again. A Beginner's class started on April 1st with 10 children participating in Optimist Prams.



After the first night of orientation, the kids were let loose in the harbor, paired up in the prams, and they proved they will excel in this month-long introduction. It won't be long till each of the kids are able to maneuver the vessels themselves.

I'd like to thank the MYC members responsible for restoring the grassy area along the new sea wall. This is a perfect area for staging the prams and folding sails. I would also like to request that everyone refrain from parking in the area of the lower lot, in and around the pram rack and mast up storage, during the sailing classes. Twice last month, a sunfish and the prams were blocked, causing maintenance tasks to be delayed. Classes are scheduled Thursday 6 to 8 pm, and Saturday 9 am to 12:30 pm. And it is important we have immediate access, since our time is so limited.

Use of the Club Dinghies

Several members have asked about using the dinghies. The five Sunfish, one Phantom, four Optimist and four Clearwater Prams are club boats. When they are not in use by scheduled classes, they are available for use by club members and their guests. All that is asked is, they remain available for the classes, and they are put away in an orderly manner. If, during use, they accidentally get damaged, please try to repair it or at least notify me so I won't be surprised, come class time.

USE THE BOATS!

Youth Regatta?

I had the pleasure of attending US Sailing Center/Martin County's Easter Seal Regatta last month to watch my son Kyle race. I noticed there are a number of clubs with start up programs. These clubs share an interest to unite the East Coast clubs on a periodic basis. Just maybe MYC could host a regatta or other event to interest the youngsters, do you have any unique ideas? Let me know.

Intermediate Class to Start in May

An Intermediate Sailing Class will start in early May. If you know of a youth who knows the basics of sailing and is interested in racing make sure they contact me. This will be a five week Thursday PM and Saturday AM. class.

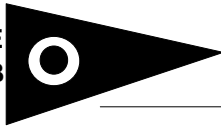
- Dave Noble

Space Coast Race Schedule

April	
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

June	
2	IRYC Summer Series #1
4	MYC Spring Rum Race #5
5,6	TYC Regatta
9	IRYC Summer Series #2
12	CBYC Mermaid Regatta ECSA Spring Series #3
16	IRYC Summer Series #3
18	MYC Spring Rum Race #6
19	ECSA #4
20	MYC Distance Race
23	IRYC Summer Series #4
26	CBYC Mellow Yellow Ocean Race
27	Performance Sails Dinghy Race
30	IRYC Summer Series #5
July	
3,4	CBYC Fire Cracker Regatta
7	IRYC Summer Series #6
9	MYC Summer Rum Race #1
10	ECSA Series #5
11	ECSA Womans Series #5
14	IRYC Summer Series #7

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

**FIRST
CLASS
MAIL**

