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Event Calendar:

MAY

- 7 Fri Nite Rum Race
- 21 Fri Nite Rum Race
- 26 Board Meeting
- 29 Memorial Weekend
Cruise

JUNE

- 2 General Meeting
- 4 Fri Nite Rum Race
- 11 TGIF "Burn It"
- 18 Fri Nite Rum Race

**BOATS, BOATS, AND
 MORE BOATS**

If you missed the MYC seafood raftup, you missed the largest MYC social gathering of the year. Twenty-four boats swarmed near the Melbourne Beach pier and rafted to Jack and Jacki Leahy's new *Rainbow Chaser* (formerly Egret). They had just arrived from Tampa Bay to be the anchor boat for the raft. The boat, a 52ft Gulfstar, was christened during the evening. Nearly 125 people were treated to the usual meal of crab claws and shrimp provided by Hasty Miller and his committee which consisted of: Harry Stapor, Wayne Abare, Jack Bibb, Bill Burton, Ned Buck and Bob Sowden. The evening was well-planned, with great weather with light SE breezes and a half moon.



New Rainbow Chaser as Anchor boat



Jacki christening the new Rainbow Chaser

Numerous musicians on the foredeck of Island Time provided the entertainment. Thanks to Hasty and his crew for a great time.



The foredeck crew makin' music

MYC Spring Regatta

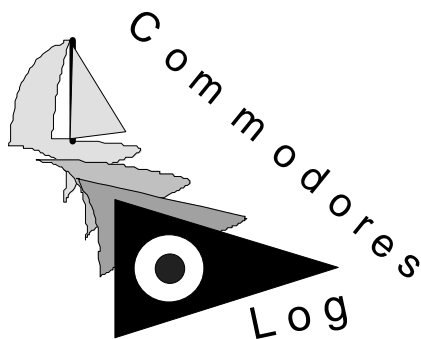
The Spring Regatta was held May 1-2. See the Fleet Captain's article inside.

Upcoming Activities

We are looking for someone to lead a cruise to Sebastian or Marker-21 on Memorial Day weekend. All that is required is to be a focal point to pass on information as to people's plans for the weekend. I will be getting ready for a trip to the Bahamas that week and won't be able to attend. If you can help coordinate the cruise, please call me at 779-3024.

I also need someone who will host a burn-it at the club on Friday, June 11th. This is this easiest club activity to coordinate and a good way for some of you new members to get involved in the club social activities. I will be in the Bahamas that week, but will be more than happy to give advice on how to handle the burn-it before I leave.

Lenny Beckett



Stardate Y2K-0.6521...

I experienced my first Y2K failure. And it was marine related. My Soundings subscription renewal paperwork failed due to my credit card expiration date being in the dreaded '00' year. MasterCard had to personally intervene.

Last month's general meeting featured an electrifying presentation by **Alan Payne**. I had followed his electrolysis problems over the last several years, and I had even seen the photos which he lost to alleged dock-master error. His misfortune turned to be our good fortune. It forced him to do the research which he shared with us. As usual, like with lightning, I'm still confused, but I can't blame that on Alan. Thank you Alan for a very nice talk.

Chris Reynolds has been doing some great things with the Treasurer's spread sheets. Guess what, **Harry Stapor** actually read the thing during the meeting and found a minor arithmetic error. I wonder if he noticed the factor of 10 error in the Stardate on last month's Commodore's Log? No one did, so the prize will rollover. Chris' improvements should prove useful to **Ned Buck**'s

House Report

*Spring has sprung... Fall has fell...
Summer's commin', and its hot as...it's susposta be...*

Many thanks to the small but mighty group that showed up for our Spring Cleaning party on the 24th. I realize I never made mention of it in the newsletter, but thanks to **Ned Buck**, **Rob van Name**, **Lenny Beckett**, **Mike Dunne**, **Vic Lucas** and **Joe Oliver**, we put a sizable dent in cleaning up the outside of the building.

Ned Buck managed to untangle the maze of wires to install brighter lights in the parking lot and in front of the bar entry door. More of those bright lights to follow.

Security is EVERYONE's Job

Security still seems to be a big problem at the club as several members have found doors and windows open at odd hours in the last month.

New combinations will be coming out for the gate and the doors that will take effect on June 1. You will be receiving them with your membership cards and directories.

I have been looking into a different method of access to the club using a pass card system instead of a key pad. The cost is in the neighborhood of \$1200-\$1500. If this were to be implemented each member would only be issued 2 pass cards and (in accordance to the club bylaws) guests and non-members MUST be accompanied by a member onto the premises. Sorry, but your brother, nephew, neighbor, sailmaker, great aunt, crew etc. should not be here without you and shouldn't be given the combination. I welcome feedback on this new approach to access to the club. Please call or email me to discuss your views and concerns...Phone: 561-589-3623 or Email: keladi@sunet.net.

I will conduct a survey and pass on the results to the board at our next meeting. Please voice your opinion so we can make an informed decision.

Fair Sailing Chet Pruszynski Rear Commodore

Long Range Planning committee, which has to program out the next five years, as well as define the reserve funds for house, dock, and the newly conceived Fleet/Youth fund. Our fleet expenditures are becoming a bigger deal with **Dave Noble**'s flurry of youth activities and **Mary William**'s Fleet program's purchase of an MYC chase boat. Who saw that in this year's budget?

This month's general meeting featured the presentation of certificates to the Pram Class graduates. What a nice group of kids! It's great to see them enjoying the Club's facilities. **Dave Noble**, **Chris Duer** and **Sari Wakefiled** were presented with Three Cheers, led by **Roy Owen** and joined by the general membership, and the kid's parents and guests.

The weather for the Spring Regatta started out pretty scary! I saw **Gus Williams** and **Gabe Denes** getting ready to set bouys in weather that chased me off the river. Thankfully, it got better as the weekend progressed. See Mary's full report elsewhere in the newsletter.

Good luck to the **Jack** and **Jackie Leahy** and their new Mega Yacht. It was a featured attraction at **Hasty Miller**'s wonderful raft-up. Now there was some nice weather.
- Chuck Baird, Commodore

Hot Buttered Rum Series Wraps Up

Due to a really bad mistake on my part, this article was left out of last month's newsletter. Apologies to Stu and all the Rum Racers. Sherry

The Winter Rum Races were a breeze! Six breezes, in fact. There wasn't a Sunday afternoon from January 10 through March 21 when a cold wind blew less than 15 knots. Most days it piped to 20 knots with higher gusts. A crew on one blustery race asked me, "Where's my hot buttered rum?"

Made for some spirited sailing and, happily, the breezy conditions didn't discourage too many of the regulars.

Each race had a different winner! **Rob Van Name**, in *Nordic Star*, won the first race on January 10. It was really honking that day and you could almost hear that J-30 whisper, "Oh boy, 25 knots!"

The second race on January 24 was won by **Eric Carlson** in his J-24, *Fury*. Eric had bugged me incessantly about our Rum Race series and even expressed an interest in becoming a member of MYC. Haven't heard from him since.

Dave Noble in *Spraylash* took the third race on February 7 and on February 21, the other **Dave, (Nesbitt)** was first across the finish in his Hinterholter, *Epic*.

The dynamic duo, **Knockel/Sowden** won race five on March 7. Hard to beat a Lindenberg in capable hands.

In the final race on March 21, when the wind again had the river white capped, **Steve Clendenin** in his Hunter 25, *Gallant Gal*, left all contenders at the starting line and never looked back. And that included two sail changes in the middle of the race! At the finish he was still a minute ahead of *Nordic Star* and **Brent Saunders** in *Swept Away* who were bow to bow and closing fast.

The series winner turned out to be the guy who sailed the most (5 out of 6) races, **Rob Van Name**. He had a total of 12 points for the series. Surprisingly, the next three places were tied with 7 points each. To break the 3-way tie, the Rum Race Committee chose to award second place to the skipper who sailed the next highest number of races, **James Parker** in his Wavelength, *Dragon Lady*. That put **Knockel/Sowden** in third and **Dave Nesbitt** in fourth. Consistency pays.

A great series... If there was any common denominator among all contenders it was a small logo at the tack of their sails that read "South Sails." The first race of the Spring Series will be on FRIDAY night, April 9. Since I'm landlocked a little while longer, please contact our right, good Fleet Captain, **Mary Williams**, for further details.

- *Stu Shadbolt*

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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.

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

Please include name & phone number in case we need to contact you.

A Note of Thanks...I'd like to express our deepest gratitude to all our friends at MYC who were so thoughtful with their cards, prayers and flowers during my recent surgery and subsequent recovery. Words cannot adequately express how much your concerns meant to us. Nor can I explain how significantly you contributed to the post-op recovery. YOU made the difference! The road back will be slow but we hope before too many more TGIF's slip by we'll be able to take a cup of kindness (harumph, harumph, harumph) with each of you. **Stu and Brenda Shadbolt**

Spring Regatta A Big Success

For those of you that missed the Spring Regatta you missed a fun weekend. We had about 20 boats turn out for Sat. and an added 6 cats on Sunday. Saturday's conditions started out a bit brisk...winds 20-25Kts (and someone on the Committee boat said they saw 30 Kts). But by Sunday the wind had settled down and blow a more normal 15Kts. On the long downwind run on Sunday afternoon, we were even complaining about not enough wind.



Rob Van Name in Nordic Star

Spinnaker

1. Duncan MacKenzie
2. Greg Kowalski
3. Gerry Smith



Dave Noble in SprayLash

Crusing Class

1. Rob Van Name
2. Mary Williams
3. Brent Saunders



D. MacKenzie in Turbo Dog

Non-spinnaker

1. Dave Noble
2. Libre
3. Dick King

Many thanks to all the helpers...

The Saturday night meal (catered by Woody's Barbeque) was organized and served by **Barbara Ehnert** and helpers. On Sunday, we had dogs and burgers by **Chet** and **Harriet Pruszynski** and **Ned Buck**. I'd also like to thank **Jerry Ross** and his One Design committee boat group, and **Mike** and **Bobby Huck** who were the PHRF committee boat. And the chase boat group... my husband, **Gus Williams**, **Gabe Denes** and **Jack Leahy**. Gus and Gabe had a really wet cold job, as Saturday's chase boat crew.

Thanks also goes out to **Rachele Ross**, who designed the flyers and T-shirts. She was also helpful in answering my many questions, as was **Dave Noble** and **Bob Sowden**. **Tony Barile** and **Pril Clendenen** did a great job with registration and Tony made sure we all had breakfast before a day of sailing. And to those of you who offered your help, thanks.

Sherry Beckett did a really wonderful thing for the regatta. She took pictures during the race and plugged them into her lap top and showed them after the Regatta. Nice touch. We all enjoyed them.

The next regatta is the Distance Race on June 20th. See you then. In the mean time, don't forget the Rum Races. If you have any questions on Regattas for our area, they are posted on the board at the club.

As you all know, we have a new boat at the club, our new Chase Boat. Right now it is sitting on a trailer that Dave Noble has loaned us. We need to give Dave's trailer back to him, so we need to replace it. If anyone knows of a trailer for a 16 ft. Carolina Skiff please let me know. *Mary Williams - Fleet Captain*



Dave Andrews

One Designs

1. Dave Andrews
2. Kris VanNostrum
3. Mike Martin

*Photos can be downloaded from MYC website: <http://www.dataflowsys.com/myc>
click on topic 'Annual Regattas'*

Intermediate Class to Start in May

An Intermediate Sailing Class will start in the next week or so (call Dave for details). This is for youngsters who know the basics of sailing, between the ages of 9 and 18. This will be a 5-week Thursday PM / Saturday AM. class.

Summer Camp

There are tentative plans underway for a 2-week sailing summer camp, to be held in July. Contact Dave Noble for details. (779-8404)



New Membership Applications

BOB AND DAWN SCHNUCK

Sponsor: Vic Poor

Robert and Dawn are MYC neighbors and will be soon living in Unit 304 at 2220 S. Front Street, Melbourne.

Bob is retired and is active in a number of community activities, including Ham Radio and work at the Daily Bread. He has a 100-ton Offshore Captain's License and owns a 41 foot Hatteras (Orion).

Bob's career included engineering and Computer Analyst positions with the FBI, Michigan Bell, Ford Motor and IBM Corp. Bob also has been a Caribbean charter boat captain from 1984-91.

Their family includes four grown sons and grandchildren.

They obviously have a lot in common with MYC members and are looking forward to the social and boating experience at MYC.

JIM AND PENNY GIBSON

Sponsor: Alan Payne

Jim and Penny live at Carissa Rd. Melbourne, Fl.

Jim has been an Investment Consultant with Sun-Trust Securities for the past five years.

The Gibsons lived in Ft. Lauderdale prior to relocating to Melbourne. They owned a Catalina 22 and sailed South Florida Waters. While in Ft. Lauderdale, they were members of the Miami Yacht Club, and participated in club and other race/cruise events.

The Gibsons are looking forward to make new friends with those who share their love of the water and boating.

Welcome Aboard: Harvey & Nancy Melfi - Hardin 45 - Stardust

Please look out for our new members and guests, and welcome them and introduce them to other club members, when possible.

When sponsoring anyone for membership the applicant shall attend at least one 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 the participative nature of our club. If you need assistance with a prospective member, my phone number is (407) 727-0681 or e-mail BarileTM@aol.com .

Dock News

1. In case I cannot be reached, other Dock Committee members are:

Jerry Kowalski 723-1624
Floyd Bryan 724-5335

2. Does any club member have a lineman's safety harness and climbing spikes that they could loan the Dock Committee? We are attempting to trim and cap the outer pilings.

3. I need folks renting lockers in the annex to please put a temporary label with their name on their locker so we can get an accurate inventory.

4. Please tell me if there are items on the docks that need fixing. My number is 752-8077 and my email is r.vaname@ieee.org.

5. The MYC docks waiting list continues to undergo update. There has been quite a bit of movement lately. I've posted a fresh waitlist on the bulletin board. Do not lose hope.

Thanks,
Rob Van Name, Dockmaster

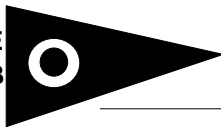


Mary Williams and crew at the Spring Regatta



Sleighride waiting for the raft to build

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