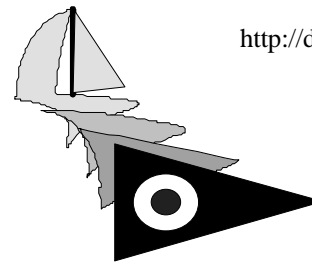


# TELL - TALE



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## MYC is Cruising to Margaritaville! Saturday, July 24



*We're having a parrot head party!  
What's a parrot head, you ask ... a  
Jimmy Buffett fan, of course!*

#### Featuring Live music by Doc and Pat

(nothing but Buffett tunes of course) plus a jam session.  
Pickers and grinners should come prepared.

Other events include a **parrot head hat contest\***, bowling with coconuts, a horseshoe tournament plus other fun and games.

**Bring your own lawn chair** for when we wear you out.

**What's for dinner?** Well of course, "smell the shrimp, they're beginning to boil" and "cheeseburger in paradise," "I like mine with lettuce and tomato, Heinz 57 and french fried potatoes," coleslaw, and "nibblin' on sponge cake" topped with strawberries, plus a tropical punch.

If you want "a cold draft **beer**," you will need to **bring your own**. "That frozen concoction that helps me hang on"( **margaritas**) will be **available** for a small cash donation.

**All of the above for only \$10/person.**



Begins at 6 at the home of Jan and Ralph Crawford on Rockledge Dr. (See directions on Page 5)  
Come by boat or by land and be prepared to party the night away!

**Reservations required.** Call Rachele Ross (254-8326) or Jan Crawford (504-0204) by Wednesday, July 21.

**\*Parrot head hat contest criteria:** Best theme of the party hat and Best Jimmy Buffett song hat.

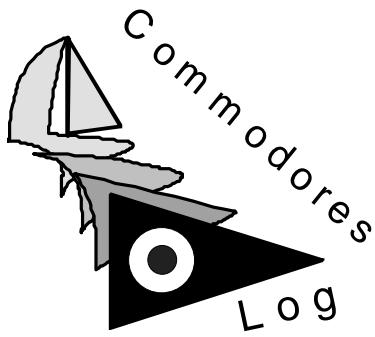
### Event Calendar:

#### July

- 23 Summer Rum Race #2
- 24 Parrot Head Party
- 28 Board Meeting

#### August

- 4 General Meeting(7:30)
- 6 Summer Rum Race #3
- 20 Summer Rum Race #4



Stardate Y2K-0.4849. Help Wanted. Only cool dudes and/or dudesses need apply. There is a vacancy on the Board of Directors for a House Committee Charman. Consider how you can impress your friends and family with your new rank of Rear Commodore. (Rear means very important.) Duties include cleaning the toilets, waterproofing the old annex building, tiling the clubhouse floor, spraying for bugs and rodents, and many other uplifting functions. CHET PRUSZYNSKI has submitted his resignation as he has become disabled and is unable to continue having as much fun as this position demands. Chet has served the club well and we will miss his help. Thank you Chet, and good wishes for a swift recovery. Should the club grow or do you like the status quo? NED BUCK's Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) has asked this question. At the committee's June 29 meeting Treasurer CHRIS REYNOLDS, recently returned from the Bahamas and soon to depart for Europe, presented an excellent analysis of the Club's finances, complete with multi-color graphs and intersecting lines. Bottom line seems to be that if we continue to spend as we seem to like to, we will run out of cash in three to five years. Dead broke -

penniless! Not really. The reality of our finances seems to be that we can continue to spend without raising dues and dock rents, as long as we refinance every 10 to 15 years. This fortuitous situation results from the increase in our property value (waterfront property goes up in value) and the relatively fast pay-off of our 15 year mortgage. And it seems to make sense for our club to have a mortgage - why leave a paid off club to future members we don't even know? It is also interesting to consider that the club is worth around a million dollars, so with 100 members that's \$10,000 per member. Not bad for a \$300 dollar initiation fee. But we must make good use of our million dollar property. I think we do.

I am more in the status quo camp, but GUS WILLIAMS and CHET were two members of the LRPC who were leading the charge for more club functions. TGIF is good, perhaps a TGIW or TGISunday Brunch?? All made possible by a modest increase in fees and perhaps a part-time manager person?? That sounds hard, but perhaps worth it?? How about RACHEL's hot tub?? Showers and a locker room in the annex. On second thought, maybe we should tear down that ugly leaky annex. Members should give this some thought and talk it up with the LRPC members. The committee will meet again in October, and before that time we are gathering suggestions.

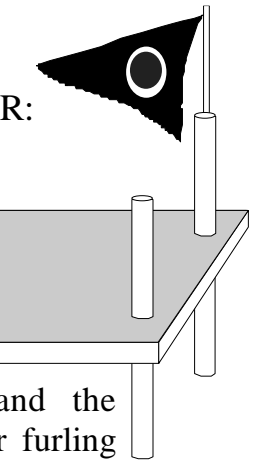
**Chuck Baird**  
**Commodore**

## FROM THE DOCKMASTER:

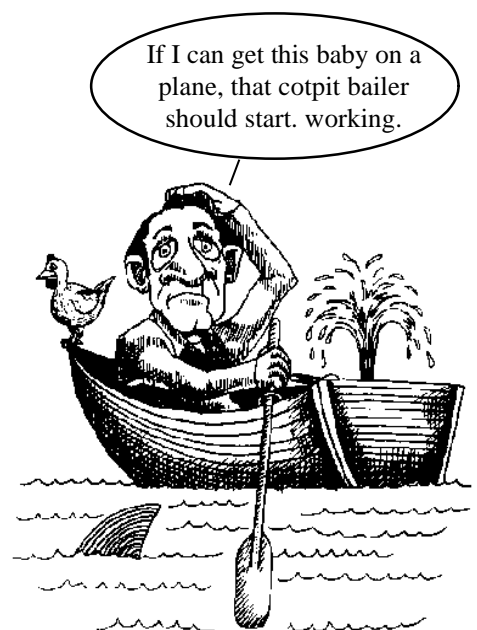
1. Hurricane season is upon us so please check your dock lines, chafing gear and the security of your furling head sails, if so equipped.

2. The rainy season has also returned so it might be a good idea to check that cockpit drains are clear. I try to keep an eye on them don't get to see all boats after good down pour.

3. Please ensure that your Florida registrations are up to date and provide me with copies of your insurance policy(s) ( umbrella policies too ).



**Rob Van Name**  
**Dockmaster**





Island Time is back home after a rainy month in the Bahamas. The trip was great and even though we had rain nearly every day, Island Time's cockpit remained nice and dry thanks to our great new dodger by Chuck and Nancy at Canvas Connection. We had the normal amount of things on the boat break; but, with spare parts and duct tape we were able to patch things so we had no discomfort. I was pleasantly surprised to find that with increasing cruising and commercial fishing pressure, that fishing is still excellent in the

Abacos. The Reynolds on Dreadnought spent a week or so with us in Double Breasted Cay, before moving on south. I'm happy to report that the four coconuts that Chris Reynolds planted on Sand Cay last year are now palms three feet high, spaced exactly right for hammocks. In a few years Sand Cay will have the look of the typical tropical island. The trip home from Great Sale Cay was exciting with lots of thunderstorms and forty knot winds.

Although we were not around to enjoy it, I'd like to thank Pat and Gabe Denes for putting on the burn-it on June 11th. The burn-its are always enjoyable and well attended. The next burn-it is scheduled for Friday, August 13th.

Thanks also to Paul and Sally

Wakefield and Ed and Carol Hakkila for organizing the 4th of July family picnic for the MYC. On Thursday Sally said she had only about 25 reservations, but that turned into 70 by the weekend causing them to hustle to accommodate the additional guests. This was one of the largest turnouts for a July 4th in some years. Thanks again Sally and Crew for a great party.

Rachele Ross is organizing a cruise to Margaritaville for Saturday July 24th. Don't miss this one, it will be the usual Rachele success. See the ad in this issue.

Glad to be back, see you at the club,

*Lenny Beckett  
Rear Commodore*



AT THIS TIME WE HAVE  
ONE NEW APPLICATION  
FOR RESIDENT  
MEMBERSHIP.

**Robert A. Boska** Sponsored by  
Mike Ehnert

Robert Boska grew up in Michigan and moved to St Petersburg, Fl in his teens. He spent three years in the Coast Guard then back to school in Washington DC. He worked for RCA, at the Cape from 1958 till he retired in 1988. After a year and a half of retirement he went back to work for Computer

Science Raytheon. In 1995 he retired the second time.

For the past 3 years he has been a part time, special projects person for Lockheed Martin on the naval tracking ship Observation Island.

Marion Valin, Bob's significant other, grew in Massachusetts. She taught primary school in Massachusetts, Hawaii, and Vermont before moving to Florida in 1979. She is presently the Media Specialist at Meadowlane Elementary in Melbourne.

As teenagers both Bob and Marion had sail boats. In the past two years have they have, happily taken up the sport again. They now own a 23 Ft. Aquarius named "Morning Glory".

They are looking forward to

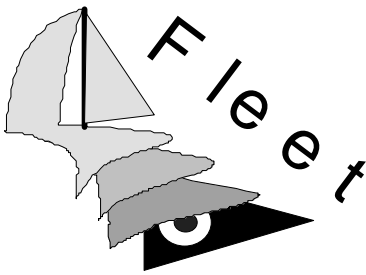
participating in the club's many social and sailing activities .

**Please look out for our  
new member.**

**Paul Henderson,** sponsored  
by Dave Noble

Please welcome him and introduce him to the club members. When possible, inform the new member as much as you can about the club, and how the club is run by the members. If you need assistance with a new/prospective member, my phone number is (407) 727-0681 or e-mail Bariletm@aol.com.

*Thanks,  
Tony Barile  
Membership Director*



It was a beautiful sunny day, winds from the East at 15-20 kts. There were about 20 boats that turned out to race for the Distance Race. What an exciting start, everyone over the line on time and the race was neck in neck the whole way. Not in this life time, or this year anyway.

It was a cloudy day with rain up until about 30 min prior to the skippers meeting, which was at 10:00 a.m. on Father's Day. Five boats turned out for the race which turned into seven after deciding the Committee Boat should race and the Chase Boat became a sailboat and entered too. The food was scratched due to lack of participation and the race was on. It was a self starting race racing down to marker 21 and back.

The start was quite exciting with seven boats crossing the line in a

down wind start with practically no wind. We were all jammed together and we couldn't get out of each others way, no wind. As the race went on the sun did finally come out and the wind did pick up some. The last boat finally came in after about 3hrs. All in all it was a good time. The results are as follows, 1st Place - Dave Noble, 2nd place - David Silverman, 3rd place, Rob VanName, and 4th place - Rick Crockett. The non placers were Delmater, Williams, and Denes. Afterwards everyone went home to celebrate Father's Day.

I would like to thank everyone who helped and or offered to help for the Distance Race.

They are as follows: Rachael Ross, Dave Noble, Gus Williams, Gabe and Pat Denes, Rose and Bill Baker and Steve Bell. For those of you I didn't mention, don't worry, I'll be calling on you another time.

I want to remind all the women out there that the Mermaid Regatta is coming up in Sept., Sept. 25 - 26 to be exact. Now's the time to be getting your crew together. It is a two day race this

year with a dinner on the evening of the 25th to be presented by the men of the club. So, men. We will be needing a Committee Boat and a Dinner with some entertainment following. Who's up for it? I expect my phone to be ringing off the hook with people volunteering. Don't wait too long guys or you will miss your opportunity.

The Rum Race Spring Series is over. Thanks for everyone's help that have filled in for Stu while he has been out. I know Stu appreciates it and since I don't participate in the Rum Races it really helps me out. The Summer Series starts on July 9th. With all this rain it is amazing that we are still on schedule.

To all of those who have returned from your Spring cruises, welcome back.

I'm sure there are plenty of stories to be told and we'll all be looking forward to hearing them.

I am still looking for a trailer for our 16 ft. skiff. If anyone has any ideas of where to get a good deal on one please let me know.

*See you out on the water.*

*Mary Williams*

Coming in September

# Mermaid Regatta

2 days of fun sailing and men's fashion

## RUM RACE WRAP UP

The Spring series ended on a whimper. We're back in the season of afternoon dark skies, towering cumulous, lightning, squalls and strong, short-lived gusts.

Except for the threatening skies, none of that happened for the sixth and final Rum Race on Friday, June 18. But the off-again, on-again rain most of the day discouraged all but the captains courageous.

Two skippers ventured forth; **Jim Parker** on *Dragon Lady* and **David Nesbitt** on *Epic*. This time the geriatric gobs (**Parker, Kowalski, Bryan**, with the help of the younger **Petrick** and **Mark Parker**) prevailed over *Epic's* 30-something crowd. Jim won the race and third place for the series. David placed second in both.

This was the second time in this series the Rummings wound up in a match race. Back on May 7th, with the last of the winter winds howling a swan song, **Rob Van Name** on *Nordic Star*

and **J. D. Smith** on *Cool Runnings* fought both the conditions and each other. Rob showed once again that a J-30 in a blow is beatable only by another J-30, which *Cool Runnings* is not.

After six races the final tally was **Rob Van Name, first; David Nesbitt, second; Jim Parker, third** and **Duncan MacKenzie**, on *Turbo Dog*, **fourth**. Maybe we should lobby the frugal Scot about the advantages of membership. Are you listening, Tony?

So next we move into the Summer Series starting on **Friday, July 9th**. Time to replace the 110% headsail you've been carrying all Winter. Hank on the biggest Genoa collecting dust in your garage. Empty the potable water tanks. Run your fuel tank down to fumes. Get rid of all the cold weather gear stored in your wet lockers. And maybe install a lightning dispenser on top your mast. You might not need as much rail meat, either. How you uninvite your

faithful crew who have weathered the winter storms is an exercise in maritime diplomacy.

**BUT COME JOIN THE FUN!** Remember, only on Friday nights can we make it back to the Club in time for the last of Happy Hour. There were six races in the series just completed and four different winning skippers. So stop whining that only the Big Dogs win. You CAN if you TRY!

P. S. If anyone reading this has an idea on how we can make the Rum Races more **fun**, CALL ME. Maybe we need to throw in a fox and hounds start, or a Reverse-Direction-Each -Time- the-Manatees-Score-A-Run, Race, or a LeMans start from anchors down, or a First-To-Conchy-Joe's-for-a-Drink, Race. The Rum Races don't ALWAYS have to be around the buoys.

*See you around the docks.  
Stu Shadbolt*

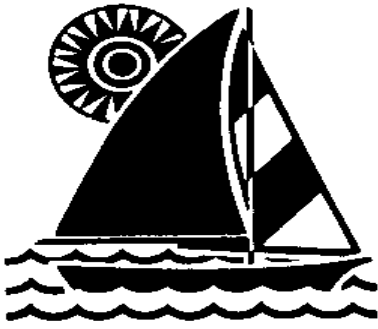
### Directions to Jan and Ralph Crawfords - 2019 Rockledge Drive (Parot Head Party)

**WATER ROUTE:** Sail North. At Marker 86 turn 300° (or so). Look for yellow and blue cottages and balloons on dock. Drop anchor in 8 ft of water ~120 ft off shore. Dinghy in or call us on VHF - we'll come git ya.

**LAND ROUTE:** North on US #1 to the light at Barnes Blvd. You will pass Palm Coast Patio Furniture (if you look up you can see the cupola peeking over the hill) on



the right. Turn right at the light (Barnes becomes Coquina at this point) to take you down to the river and Rockledge Drive. Turn right, count 6 houses, to a blue house next to a yellow house with a chain link fence. Turn up the cement drive of the blue house to the three story house up the hill.



## Youth Report

MYC is concluding it's June Intermediate class. A total of 9 children participated in the Optimist and Sunfish. We concentrated on competitive sailing sometimes getting up to 5 races in a session.

July 19 will be the start of MYC's, summer camp. The mornings of Monday, Wednesday and Friday for two weeks, we will conduct a beginners class. There are plenty of openings, we would like to have 12 to 15 students. We will also try to

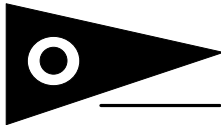
concentrate on preparing a couple of kids who will be attending the Optimist Nationals. The Nationals will take place in Hampton, Virginia during the first week of August, 300 skippers are expected.

I'm sure you heard MYC owns a chase boat. The Youth Sailing Committee recognizes that they are responsible for the care and maintenance of the 16' powerboat. The equipment; anchor, safety kit, gas tank, flush muffs will be located in the annex or on the boat. All other gear required will be supplied by the user. The gas will be filled each week that sailing class is conducted and should remain above a half tank. If a member is to use the boat they are required to put everything, including the gas, back in better shape than they found it. A Check /Sign Out List will be located with the gas tank in the annex and is mandatory to be completed prior to departure. A

placard will be mounted on the boat describing the procedure of setup, launch, operation and retrieval of the vessel. For an MYC member to use the boat they must be at least 18 years of age, have some experience with outboard operation, carry all equipment listed on the check list and use the boat in a seamanship like manner. We would like to keep the requirements simple for the use of this vessel. However, realize club functions (sailing class, regattas, raft ups and etc.) have priority. If you should have a special need or circumstance for the use of this vessel please contact Dave Noble or Mary Williams ahead of time. To try to keep some order, a calendar will be located with the check list, please complete this when you plan to use the chase boat.

*Dave Nobel  
Youth Director*

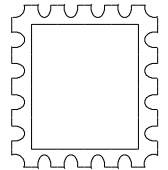
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