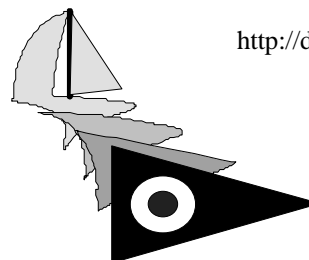


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Fall Regatta Race Week

OCTOBER
13-17, 1999



Wednesday Night

One-Design Racing (Lasers/Sunfish/Multihulls, etc.)

5 P.M. Registration at MYC

5:30 p.m. Racing Begins

Thursday Night

Optimist Regatta

4 p.m. Registration at MYC

5 p.m. Racing Begins

Seminar * Pot Luck Supper

6 p.m. Potluck Supper at MYC

7 p.m. Speakers Begin

Guest Speakers Include

Ethan Bixby – Corel 45 and 505
World Champion and Owner of North
Sails/Gulf Coast

Jim Duncan – Ocean Venture
Racing, Organizer of the Havana
Cup

Friday Night

Reverse Handicap Race for Cruisers\PHRF (non-spinnaker)

5:00 p.m. Registration (Start times
available from
the committee boat) * 6 p.m. First
Start

Saturday

All-class Regatta for Cruiser /PHRF

(Spinnaker/Non-Spinnaker and
Cruiser/Mother Tub)

11 a.m. Skippers' Meeting at MYC

12:30 p.m. Race Begins

Saturday Night

An Italian Feast with Live Music and Fun

Dinner Served at approximately 6:00
p.m. at MYC

Sunday

More Racing (classes as Saturday)

9:45 a.m. Skippers' Meeting at MYC

11:00 a.m. Race Begins

Event Calendar:

September

25/26 Mermaid Regatta

29 Board Meeting

October

6 General Meeting(7:30)

13-17 Fall Regatta

29 Halloween Party

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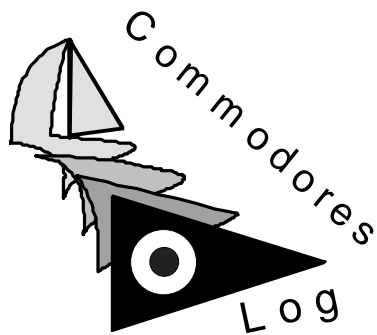
January

1 Millennium Bash

Door prizes Awarded at all Events

Contacts

For details, pre-registration or dinner reservations, contact
Regatta Chairman Dave Noble/779-5222 * Fleet Captain Mary Williams/727-3456
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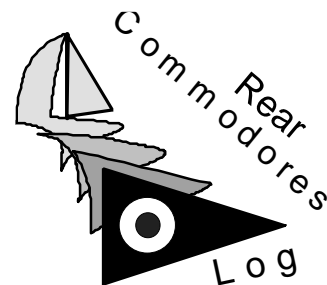
Stardate Y2K-0.3260. Innocent sailors have again been victimized by a vicious Y2K-type problem. The week count rollover in GPS machines has evidently raised havoc with MYC sailor's navigation abilities. HARRY STAPOR reports that his Garmin 75 can't even find itself in his own slip. Harry was found wandering around the West dock looking lost and disoriented. ROY OWEN reports that JACK BIBB's GPS was unable to locate itself in the Chesapeake Bay, challenging Jack's ability to safely return to his dock. Jack was accused of filling the ether with half truths about how to fix the problem. Roy's solution - try autolocate mode. Well duh! It worked for my Garmin 45, but not before it got lost on my own roof looking for a clearer view of the satellites. Thanks Roy. Roy also tearfully reports that SPARROW is for sale, but his vagueness about price makes one wonder.

Thanks to STU SHADBOLT for inviting the lovely and talented LAURA CHAMBERS to the general meeting. It was really

enjoyable to hear about the upcoming Olympic Boardsailing trials in October directly from the number sixth ranked US sailor. Good luck to you Laura.

A number of abuses of club privileges by non-members, pseudo-members, and generally rude people have been recently reported to the MYC Board. In fact, this has caused a certain crabbiness amongst the members, as well as a few uncomfortable confrontations around the parking lot and launch ramp. Moving swiftly to attack this problem, the Board has decided to form a committee. Already the problem has been given a name - USAGE OF THE CLUB BY NON-MEMBERS, a flash of brilliance deemed so powerful by the Board, that it earned its inventor, TONY BARILE, the chairmanship of the committee. Other members include LENNY BECKETT, JERRY KOWALSKI and BOB ERICKSON. First meeting is September 8 at 7pm. If you have any ideas about this, talk to the committee members or come to the meeting.

*Chuck Baird
Commodore*



As your new Rear Commodore I'm still trying to organize all the tasks for each month. If you notice something that needs attention please let me or any board member know.

The MYC has storage lockers available for rent. You can contact Joe Erickson if you need one and do not have one. If you are using a storage locker and did not pay for it or do not intend to pay for it, please have it cleaned out by 30 September.

Two rattraps have been placed to catch our illusive rat. One is in the kitchen under the stove and another is in the attic. Please be careful in these areas.

The last Rear Commodore gave me several new yacht club ensigns from various places. They have been hung up above the bar in the lounge.

The broken spotlight that shines on the gate has been repaired. Hopefully this repair will discourage people from climbing over the gate breaking off the spikes. The two broken spikes

were replaced this month. Please enter the gate slowly and wait until it is fully open. The gate guide that someone ran into has been repaired. (I sure would hate to see the car!)



and one to Sebastian Inlet. I will let you know how these turned out in next month's newsletter.

Remember that if you sponsor or are in charge of a function at the MYC that you are responsible for the cleanup of the facilities before you leave.

The heart and soul of any club is its members and the work they do. I wish to give a big "thank you" to Pat & Gabe Denes for planting the 10 Bougainvillea bushes along the west fence and to Grant Ball for welding the bases on the gate spikes.

*Vic Lucas
Rear Commodore*

Thanks to hurricane Dennis the pizza raft-up scheduled for August 28th had to be canceled. That turned out to be a good decision, as we had winds gusting to 30 MPH on the evening of the 28th. I will try and reschedule this popular event between races in our busy fall racing schedule.

MYC hosted 57 people for the burn-it on Friday the 13th. We had only planned on about 50 people, so I apologize to anyone who may have been shorted on food. I would like to thank Tony Barile and my wife, Sherry for helping out with the burn-it

We have two cruises scheduled for the Labor Day weekend, one to the Cocoa Beach Yacht Club

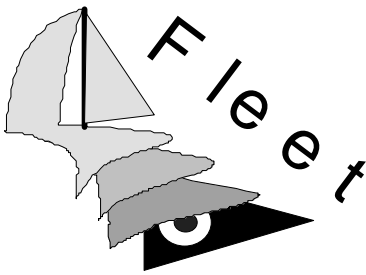
We have two racing events, besides the normal Rum Races, scheduled in the next few weeks. The first is the two-day Mermaid Regatta on Sept. 25th and 26th. Guys, come out and support your favorite team. The second is the annual fall regatta. Our fleet captain, Mary Williams and youth director, Dave Noble have a full week of activities planned for this one. Be sure and check out the flyers in this issue on these two racing events.

We also have our annual Halloween party scheduled for Friday Oct. 29th. More Information on this one will be published next month.

*Lenny Beckett
Vice Commodore*

CPR CLASS COMING SOON

Look for the date in the next Telltale



We have 2 events coming up in the near future. The first is the Mermaid Regatta which is September 25-26. I would like to encourage everyone to come out and participate.

The Mermaid Regatta is a 2 day regatta this year with a GREAT dinner cooked and served up by the gentlemen of the Club. We will be having shrimp and scallops on a skewer, or if seafood isn't your thing then

there will be chicken. Rice and a salad will come with it. A fix it yourself sundae bar will be for desert. The bar will be open at 5PM and wonderful Caribbean music will accompany all this. There will also be a surprising fashion show done by many of the men of the club. Don't miss the festivities. In October we are having our Fall Regatta Week. It is October 13-17 and is another first for MYC. On Wed. the 13th there will be a One Design race run by the Florida Tech. racing team. Thurs. the 14th will be a pot luck dinner with several interesting speakers and the Jr. Sailors will be racing that

night also. The bar will be open for beer and wine along with soft drinks. Friday the 15th will be a reverse handicap race using the same format as the Rum Races. Saturday and Sunday will be regular racing with a hot breakfast on Saturday morning and Dinner with music and an open bar on Saturday night. A busy but interesting and fun week. If you are attending the dinner on Thursday please bring a dish to share. Please see the adds in the news letter for more details and for any questions please contact Dave Noble or myself. See you there.

*Mary Williams
Fleet Captain*

NEW YEAR'S EVE Y2K BASH

Making your plans to celebrate arrival of the new millennium?



MYC is having the party of the year!

Come celebrate with us in style
at a masked ball with live music, dancing,
fun, food and great door prizes.

*We need you for the best New Year's
party in Melbourne.*

Rumbles Ruin Rum Race

The fourth race in our summer series was a wash out. About five minutes after the Chief Executive Officer of the MYC International Rum Race Consortium wrote "CANX" on the white board in our bar, we had a sound and light show hosed down by sufficient wet stuff to float Noah. Great timing, CEO-MYCIRRC!

The first buoy-go-around in this summer's series was the race from Hell. The stupid wind blew back and forth from 0 to 12 knots and, before the agonizing finish had clocked 360 degrees making us stupid skippers look even stupider. The guys with the

chutes made out on that one. In fact, Duncan MacKenzie was able to carry his spinnaker on all three legs of the course! And he won. (The CEOMYCIRRC, see above, has since declared that RUM RACES ARE NON-SPINNAKER EVENTS!). Jim Parker was second, Dave Noble trailed "Dragon Lady" and Rob VanName took an atypical fourth.

Contrariwise, the second race was a beaut. With a 16-knot southeast wind that stayed steady in both direction and velocity all evening, we had the closest contest I've seen in Rum Racing. The final tally was

Parker, Noble, Hasty Miller (by less than a bowsprit) and, atypically, VanName.

In the third race the names were the same but in different order, i.e. Parker, Miller, VanName and Noble. SO THAT MAKE 'DRAGON LADY' THE TARGET BOAT! Let's get more mother tubs out there to crowd the course and make those headless, outboard propelled, ungalleyed galleons go around us!

Stu Shadbolt

Thank You MYC!



For warming our house with considerable fervor! It was a grand party made all the grander by the ultimate party person - Rachele! Thanks go to her bevy of ladies; Patty, Katherine, and Diane and gents; Jerry, Ned, Paul, the guy in the yellow T-shirt, and many others whose names have

escaped my attention, and the Parrot Head Band! WOW! We were especially pleased to see so many of you choose to arrive by sea. It was a marvelous sight and worthy of our bragging to neighbors on how much we enjoy sailing activities - they believed we only knew how to build casa-deluxe! They were impressed! Thank You! We will strive to order up a bit more breeze on

the veranda for the next time you all have a hankering to "changes 'n latitudes, changes 'n attitude". Thanks also to the breakfast bunch who whirled through the KP duties like pros. We had a marvelous time with marvelous friends! Please all come drop anchor again!

*Jan Crawford
Crawford Ledge 7/99*

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MELBOURNE YACHT CLUB

21st Mermaid Regatta

Saturday/Sunday, September 25/26

featuring

❖ Fun Racing ❖

Cruiser PHRF (Spinnaker & Non-Spinnaker) and Mother Tub Classes

Female skipper and all female crew required.

One male ("observer only" after the white flag) allowed if desired.

Saturday skippers' meeting at 12:30 p.m. • Race begins at 1:30 p.m.

Keg/sodas to follow the race • Dinner begins approximately 5:30 p.m.

Sunday skippers' meeting at 10 a.m. • Race begins at 1:30 p.m.

Hot dogs and trophy presentation to follow the race

❖ Dinner Prepared by the Gentlemen of the Club



Dinner served at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Advance dinner reservations appreciated but not required. Please sign up before the race if possible.

All racers, spectators, guests, and club members are welcome and urged to attend.

❖ After Dinner Live Music and Fashion Show ❖

The gentlemen of the club will be modeling fashions you won't want to miss.

❖ Great Door Prizes ❖

\$35/cruiser-\$30 w/proof of USSA

Entry fee includes 1 dinner/skipper and 1 door prize ticket/skipper and crew.

Extra dinner tickets \$8 or \$4/under 12.

Extra door prize tickets 5/\$1.00

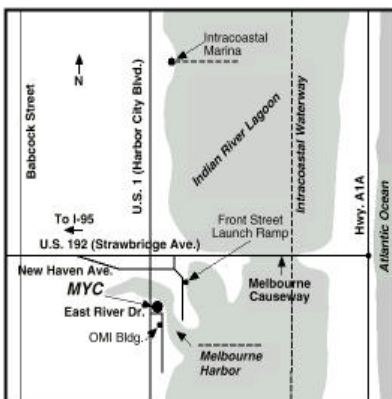
Overnight accommodations available on request.

For more information or

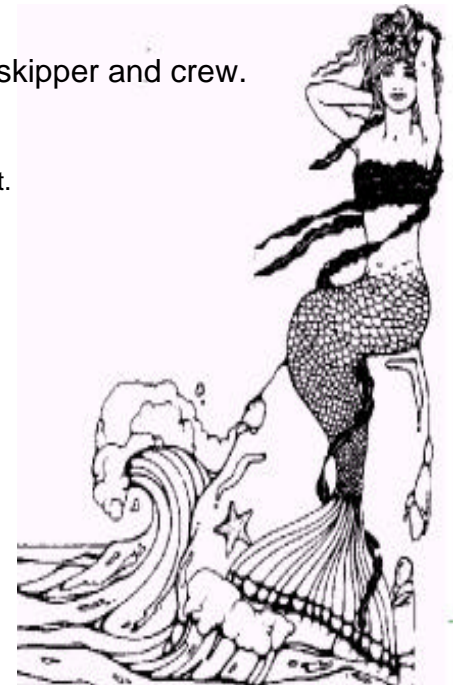
reservations, contact

Mary Williams at 727-3456

or Rachele Ross at 254-8326



TO REACH MYC: from I-95, follow U.S. 192 (New Haven Ave.) east to U.S. 1 (Harbor City Blvd.), about 6 miles. Go south one block and turn east on East River Drive then north at the first driveway.



Meet the Olympians!

The Olympics are coming to Melbourne! That's right, for the first time in our Space Coast's history an Olympic event will be held right here on the Indian River. The 1999 Olympic Windsurfing Trials will be sailed off Dragon Point from October 14 to 24. Between 40 and 70 of the best Windsurfing sailors in America will compete for the two windsurfing berths on our Olympic team. On the last day of the trials the top male and female sailor will be selected by the U.S. Olympic committee to represent the USA at the Sydney 2000 Olympics a year from now.

This is a MAJOR event and community help is an absolute

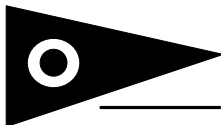
necessity. I am proud to report that the Melbourne Yacht Club already has been exemplary in their pledge of support. Rachele Ross designed the regatta logo for the T-shirts and banners. Mike Huck will run the committee boat and arranged for the Eau Gallie Yacht Club to be the regatta venue. Dave Noble will display and demonstrate Optimist prams at the "Meet the Olympians" day at Ballard Park. For the past half year Chris Duer and I have been working with the SPOT (Spacecoast Partnership for the Olympic Trials) organizing this event. Our clubhouse will be the site for the awards ceremony on October 24 (and I'm looking for volunteers to set up a keg of beer and some

finger food or a "burn it" for that afternoon) and our MYC Board of Governors has generously contributed \$500 towards the trials expenses.

On October 2, at Ballard Park, we will host a "Meet the Olympians Day." We'll have sailing and small craft exhibitors, food and beverage vendors, windsurfing simulators and demonstrations and a chance for the public to meet as many of the competitors as we can muster. Bring the kids; it's going to be a great Saturday afternoon and a unique opportunity to CATCH THE OLYMPIC SPIRIT!

Stu Shadbolt

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