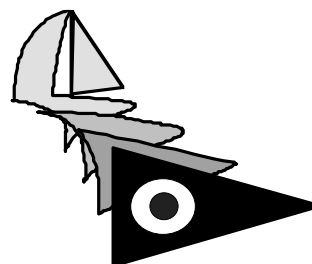


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Oct-99

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Event Calendar:

OCTOBER

13-17 Fall Regatta

22 Rum Race #2 (Fri)

27 Board Meeting

29 TGIF Halloween Party

NOVEMBER

3 General Meeting

7 Rum Race #3 (Sun)

19 TGIF Sharing Party

21 Rum Race #4 (Sun)

24 Board Meeting

DECEMBER

5 Big Bro/Big Sister Sail

MYC Fall Regatta... This Weekend!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13 - One-Design Racing

5:00 p.m. Registration/Skippers' Meeting

5:30 p.m. Racing Begins

After race Keg & Munchies

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14 - Optimist Regatta

-Seminar and Potluck Supper

4:00 p.m. Regatta Registration at MYC

5:00 p.m. Racing Begins

After race Soda & Snacks

6:00 p.m. Bar Open/Potluck Supper **Bring A Dish to Share!**

7:00 p.m. Guest Speakers Begin

Ethan Bixby, North Sails-Gulf Coast

Jim Duncan, Ocean Venture Racing (Havana Race)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15 - Reverse Handicap Race

5:00 p.m. Registration

6:00 p.m. Start First Boat

6:00 p.m. Early Registration for Sat./Sun.

Happy Hour w/Hors d'Oeuvres - **Bring One to Share!**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16 - Cruiser/PHRF & "Mother

Tub"

9:00 a.m. Pancake Breakfast (\$2)

Registration and check-in begin

11:00 a.m. Skippers' meeting

12:30 p.m. Racing Begins

4:00 p.m. Keg & Munchies Available

6:00 p.m. Bar Open

Italian Feast Served (\$9/adult, \$4/under 12)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17 - Cruiser/PHRF & "Mother Tub"

8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

9:45 a.m. Skippers' meeting

11:00 a.m. Racing Begins

More Details Inside, and at

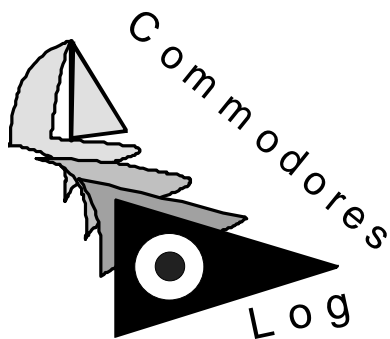
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Stardate Y2K-0.2301...

MYC is really hopping...

Thanks to **Dave Noble** and **Mary Williams** (and all their many helpers) for putting on the Mermaid and Fall Regattas, we are living up to our reputation as a true sailing and boating club. The parties and other activities associated with these events are even great fun for those of us who are land-locked for one reason or another. Dave and Mary and all their helpers have really been working hard. THANKS AGAIN!!

Joe Oliver has also been working overtime. He came to this month's Board meeting with two good suggestions. His unfortunate experiences on the West Dock lead him into the morass of the State of Florida's DOT bureaucracy. MYC might be able to essentially gain control of the road right-of-way next to our West dock by joining the Adopt-A-Highway Program. Perhaps we could plant some sort of noxious vegetation, maybe the Old World variety of bumbane. As suggested at the General Meeting, "Beware of Rattlesnakes" signs might also work.

Sally Wakefield has invited the main man in charge of the program to our next Board meeting. Negotiations could get tough, they want us to Adopt two miles of highway, we want only about 100 yards.

Joe's other suggestion picked up on an idea which has been floating around for some time now, and it looks like it might take flight. He brought a bunch of sam-

Update on Jettie Owen

Ed Note: In late September, longtime member Jettie Owen fell at home and broke her left thigh in several places. She had surgery shortly thereafter at Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville. What follows is an update on her status from Harry Stapor, who is in daily contact with Jettie's husband, Roy.

Jettie Owen can be contacted via telephone at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville at (904) 296-5438. This telephone number "rings" in her room (Room 438 on the Subacute Care Unit), but please be patient—she needs help in "grabbing" the handset. Usually Roy is with her between 8 AM and 8 PM, and of course, any nearby member of the Nursing Staff will also help. Jettie is "making progress", but is still in the "early stages" of her recovery. Although both Jettie and Roy would like to effect a "transfer" back to the Melbourne Area for the remainder of the recovery process, Jettie's current condition is not yet "appropriate".

Labor Day Cruise Recap

Three MYC boats sailed to Port Canaveral for Labor Day weekend and docked at the Cocoa Beach Yacht Club. **Pat** and **Gabe Denes** on **Sir Veyor** sailed up on Friday and **Sir Veyed** the accommodations. **Island Time** and **Windward** sailed up on Saturday, arriving in the late afternoon. After securing the last boat, we settled on **Island Time's** back deck for margaritas while the air conditioners cooled things down. Jack and Jacki Leahy, Chuck Harris and Nancy Eitapence arrived by car and helped finish off the pitcher of margaritas. We had plenty of transportation, so the group piled into cars and vans and headed out for a great dinner at the port. On Sunday, **Island Time** headed for home and **Windward**, with Gabe and Pat as crew, went out for a leisurely sail on the ocean. **Sir Veyor** and **Windward** headed home on Monday.

Another group of MYC boats cruised south to Sebastian Inlet for the holiday weekend. **Kristina II**, **Thera P**, **Sleighride**, **Keladi**, and **Maverick** sailed down on Saturday and were joined by **Yankee Rebel II** on Sunday. The boats rafted for the usual fleet dinner on Saturday evening and rafted again on Sunday, while **Maverick** and **Keladi** went ashore for dinner.

- Lenny Beckett

ples of shirts, coolies, license plates, etc to show us with the idea that MYC would have such things displayed and available for members to purchase.

Gus Williams also showed us some shirts and hats provided by a supplier he has worked with. New member **John Russell** agreed to chair a committee to look into this further, with Joe's and others' help. It would be nice to have some nicer shirts, but I seem to prefer the ordinary regatta T-shirts. Perhaps adding a pocket would be nice, but collars?? - pretty radical and quite formal. Perhaps the fashion statement made by Fifi's close friend Charlene is some indication of my dress code.

Thanks to new member **Jim Duncan** for presenting the club with a Havana Cup burgee. My family and I really appreciate Jim's work, which allowed us to enjoy one of the most exciting cruises of our lives. He's done that for a whole raft of people—what a tremendous accomplishment. If you are interested in such things, don't miss his presentation during the Fall Regatta race week.

Lets all wish **Jettie Owen** a swift recovery! I sure hope to see her around the club again real soon.

- Chuck Baird, Commodore



WANTED Halloween Revelers



TGIF, October 29 at 7 p.m.

Applicants must be willing to humiliate
or otherwise debase themselves
all in the name of fun
and a good laugh.

JOIN US!



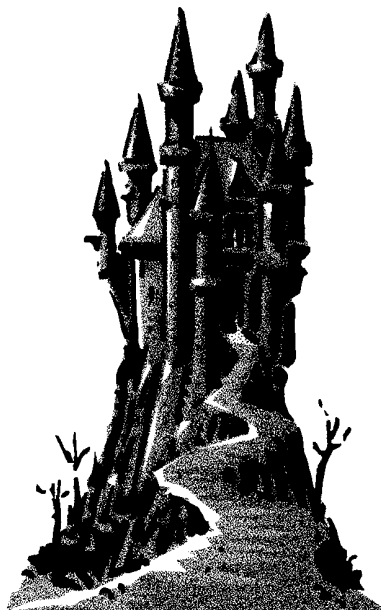
with or without costume
for fun, food, games
(no skills required),
and prizes (games,
and costume contest)

MENU

Knockwurst 'n Kraut
or Chili, Cole Slaw
Apple or Cherry Pie

Only \$5 per person

Reservations appreciated
Call Sue Reynolds
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(reynoldsc@aol.com) or
Faye Bitzer
728-8841
(fbitzer@harris.com)



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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, dur-
ing sailing classes.

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

New Address

Ralph & Mickie Billings
723 Fairway Drive
Melbourne, FL 32940
255-6995

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 num-
ber in case we need to contact you.

Fall Regatta Info

Racing Events

Wednesday Night One-Design Racing

Racing for mono- and multihull one-designs, such as Lasers, Sunfish, and Hobies. Boats will race three races at the mouth of the Melbourne Harbor. Launching is available at the Club hoist or Front Street launch ramps. Trophies awarded through third place in each class plus open (Portsmouth) class. One-design fleets intending to race as a class should notify the Regatta Chairman by Friday, October 8 to ensure trophy presentation. Four boats constitute a class. (See *Contacts*.)

Thursday Night Pram Regatta - Ages 9-15

Bring your own pram or use one of the Club prams. Prams available on a first-come, first-served basis. Trophies awarded through 3rd place.

Friday Night - Reverse Handicap

Scoring will be by reverse handicap for cruiser/PHRF non-spinnaker only boats. First start time will be 6 p.m. Start times will be available from the committee boat on station. The committee boat will be announced at registration. Trophies awarded through fifth place.

Sat/Sun Courses

PHRF A (spinnaker planing), PHRF B (spinnaker non-planing), and Nonspinnaker (Mother Tub), classes will race one race each day south of the Melbourne Causeway. Trophies awarded through third place in each class. The Bert McAllister Perpetual Trophy will be awarded at the Sunday trophy presentation to the PHRF yacht with the fastest overall combined time for the two days. Cruiser fleets such as Catalina 22 or J-22, intending to race as a class should notify the Regatta Chairman (See *Contacts*) by Friday, October 8 to ensure trophy presentation. Four boats constitute a class.

Entry Fees

*10% discount with proof of USSA membership.
All entry fees include one door prize ticket*

\$50 per skipper / All Events + Sat Dinner

Includes skipper's entry fee to all events plus a Saturday night dinner ticket.

\$40 per skipper / Sat/Sun Racing + Sat Dinner

For Sat/Sun participation only. Includes skipper's entry fee plus a Saturday night dinner ticket.

\$15 per crew / All Events + Sat Dinner

For Sat./Sun. crew who wish to participate in all other events. Includes entry fee for all events & dinner ticket.

\$10 per participant

For Wed. night racing, Thurs. night Optimist race, or Friday night race only. Includes entry fee to event.

Other Activities

Thursday Night Potluck

Please bring a dish to share that serves 8-10. Plates, flatware, tea and rolls will be provided.

Speakers (after dinner)

Ethan Bixby – Owner of North Sails-Gulf Coast located in St. Petersburg, Florida. Ethan learned to sail in Melbourne at MYC. He holds three World Championship titles, one in 505s and two in Corel 45s. Ethan also holds five North American/National titles in Windmills, 505s, and Interclub. Presently, he is committed to another Corel 45 World Championship campaign, traveling back and forth to Spain to prepare.

Jim Duncan—New MYC member, and organizer of the Tampa to Havana Race, will have a slide presentation on the Tampa to Havana Race.

Saturday/Sunday Breakfast

On Saturday, a pancake breakfast will be served at 9 a.m. Coffee, juice, pancakes, bacon, sausage and fruit. A \$2 donation is asked.

On Sunday, a complimentary continental breakfast will be provided from 8:30 a.m.

Saturday Night Dinner

An Italian feast (see Ad, back page) Strolling musicians providing a taste of Italy and fun will be the order of the evening.

Special Awards

In addition to the place awards for each event, the following additional awards will be presented:

Boat of the Week

The boat that has the best combined score for Friday, Saturday and Sunday racing.

Sailor of the Week

The individual who does best in the Wednesday dinghy racing, is present at the Seminars and has the best score on the boats sailed on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, combined.

Bert McAllister Perpetual Award

The Boat with the best, combined elapsed time for Saturday and Sunday Races.

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Lessons Learned

(Ed Note: Karen Knockel filed a protest against the Mermaid Regatta Race Committee regarding Sunday's start. The basis of the protest was that, when a boat starting in the previous group sailed away with the starting line bouy, the Race Committee should have restarted the start sequence of the second group, after replacing the buoy. The Protest Committee, after much deliberation, denied the protest, ruling that the bouy was immediately replaced, and that no signal for race delay was given, or required.. Due to space constraints, I couldn't include all of Karen's letter.)

"...As it turns out the fault was all mine. I should not have let the distraction of the weather and moving pin mark keep me from being prepared to start. In fact, under such conditions, I should have been even closer to the line and as prepared as possible to start. It would have been far better to go ahead and start, regardless of the situation, and maybe get called back, than to hang back expecting a postponement."

"I learned a lot by going through the protest process. It is useful to be forced to fully understand the rules of this game we play. Unfortunately, the protest process is time consuming and laborious, but I don't know of a better way of settling situations where a participant feels they have been put at an unfair disadvantage by the actions of another."

"I thank the protest committee for their time in this matter. I especially thank the race committee, for without them we wouldn't get to enjoy this challenging sport."

- Karen Knockel

Mermaid Regatta Results

What an exciting Mermaid Regatta we had! For those who missed it, hope you make it next year. For those of you who did make it, good going! Despite the weather, we had a good turnout, and because of the weather, we had an exciting race.

SATURDAY

Spinnaker 1. Sandy McAllister 2. Karen Knockel 3. Patty Massey
Non-spinnaker 1. Sherry Beckett 2. Rachele Ross 3. Mary Williams

SUNDAY

Spinnaker 1. Sandy McAllister 2. Karen Knockel 3. Patty Massey
Non-spinnaker 1. Sherry Beckett 2. Mary Williams 3. Rhonda Delmater

COMBINED

Spinnaker 1. Sandy McAllister 2. Karen Knockel 3. Patty Massey
Non-spinnaker 1. Sherry Beckett 2. Mary Williams 3. Rhonda Delmater

OVERALL

Sandy McAllister

Many Thanks to...

Tony Barile, Pril Clendenen—Registration
 Rachele Ross—Organization, flyers, great T-shirts
 Bob Sowden, Jerry Ross and the Committee Boat crew
 Lloyd Millar, Ken Kirk, Rick Crockett, Steve Clendenen, & Dinner Helpers
 Laurie Saunders, Stu Shadbolt—Fashion Show organizers
 All the "Ladies" who participated in the fashion show:
 Terry Orner, Chuck Baird, Ned Buck, Bob Sowden, Chuck Harris,
 Rob VanName, Lenny Beckett, and Gus Williams

The dinner was a great success. There were so many people in the kitchen that I couldn't keep up with all of them. I wish you could have seen the look on Lloyd's face when we told him we were expecting over 100 people!

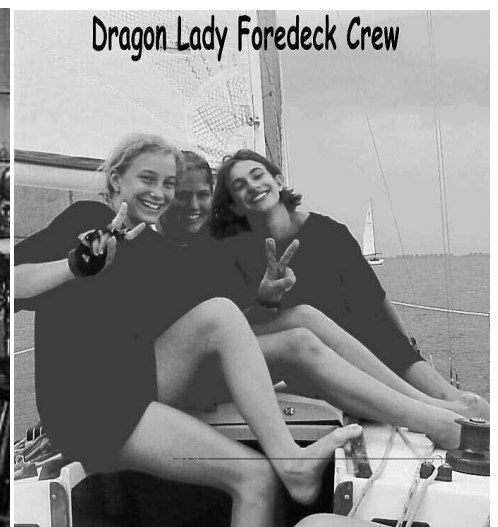
-Mary Williams, Fleet Captain



Terry Orner collects Fashion Show prize from Stu Shadbolt



Sandi McAllister and 5 Speed First Place overall



Sherry Beckett's young Dragon Lady crew Goofing off on the Downwind Leg

New Membership Applications

STEPHEN AND TAMMY-ANN MOON

1955 Shore View Dr. Indialantic, FL 32903
(407)984-0098

Sponsor: John Russell

Steve and Tammy-Anne have three children ages 7, 5 and 4 and moved to the Melbourne area in 1994. Steve is an Attorney that specializes in cases involving Admiralty and Maritime Law. He works out of an office in Port Canaveral. Tammy-Ann is a Nurse and Mom.

Steve has been "boating" as long as he can remember. He currently owns a Melges 24 one design and loves to race. With the press for time, as many of us relate to, he is thinking of maybe replacing the Melges with a cruising sailboat that is better suited for family activities. Steve has built ship models, produced marine artwork, but now wants to spend time on the water with his family.

The Moons love the water and are anxious to become involved with the activities at MYC.

DANIEL AND BARBARA FAHERTY

children Danielle (7) and Taryn (3)

200 Brevard Ave, Cocoa, 32922
(407) 639-2969

Sponsor: John Russell

Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Faherty have lived in the Cocoa area for several years. Daniel practices law and is a senior partner with the firm of Cianfrogna, Telfer, Reda, Faherty & Anderson, P.A.

Daniel was Commodore of the Titusville Yacht Club in 1989-90. He enjoys racing and has had many victories in local area racing.

Daniel has been recently helping with developing race techniques on "Renegade" [Dr. Russell's boat], and is now interested in joining the MYC. He and his wife are also interested in cruising. He has two children, ages 3 and 7, whom he also hopes will become interested in sailing events.

THOMAS DONALDSON

Permanent Address: 1728 Kenyon St. N.W.
Washington DC 20010

Winter Address: Eau Gallie Marina

Sponsor: Chuck Baird

Tom Donaldson has been sailing since 1933 in his own and friends boats. Most of his time has be spent racing. He has made a number of blue water passages, racing to Bermuda. He has served as Commodore of one of the Maryland yacht clubs.

Since his retirement, Tom has been mostly cruising the East Coast and the Caribbean. on his "Tabula Rasa", a Fisher 34, with inboard diesel. He is spending a lot of time in the Melbourne area, and considers it his home base. As such, he is looking forward to the sailing camaraderie of the MYC.

WILLIAM AND MICHELLE SHOAFF

777 Beacon St NW, Palm Bay, FL, 32907
725-7774

Sponsor: LLoyd and Marsha Millarl

Bill and Michell are both teachers. He is a professor of Computer Science at Florida Tech and She is a Special Resource Education teacher With The Brevard Co. System.

They presently sail a 27' Compac named "Cat's Paw" and have anchored at Marina Isles for the past six years. They are looking for folks who share their sailing interests, and enjoyment of cruising. They are looking foward to some serious cruising at retirement, and are tooking to the MYC members to share their experiences in this area.

Nominating Committee Selected: Harry Stapor agreed at the October meeting to head up the Y2K nominating committee (for Officers & Board positions, as listed on the front page of the newsletter). The committee consists of Harry, Sherry Beckett, Jerry Kowalski, Ned Buck, and Tony Barile. If you are interested in serving as an officer or board member, or know someone who might be willingly drafted, please let the nominating committee know.

Intermediate Sailing Class starts Oct 9th. This is open to 9 to 15 year olds who have some sailing experience. Presently there are 6 students, all sailing in the Optimists. This class will emphasize competitive sailing, and we hope to travel to one or two regattas in Florida. Thursday October 14th the junior sailors and others will participate in the Fall Regatta Race Week. Should be fun!

Meet the Olympians: October 2nd, Sari Wakefield and I set up a booth at the “Meet the Olympians” event at Ballard Park. Due to weather or whatever there was not a lot of people to show off our program to. Only three persons signed our log. However, the Fall Beginner Class was able to launch four Optis and sail around the Eau Gallie Creek area, unfortunately two claps of thunder and a flash ended our demonstration. It was an awful lot of work for 20 minutes of sailing. By the way did you see the picture on the front of the “Florida Today” Local Section Sunday, October 3rd? Thank you Sari for your help.

Fall Regatta Dinghy Race: Use the club’s Sunfish in Wednesday’s Dinghy race, MYC has 6 of them. Hurry up and get down there, first race is at 6:00. What are you waiting for—get goin’!
- *Dave Noble*



Parker Sweeps Summer Rum Racing Series

Jim Parker, with a well-coordinated crew including son **Mark**, **Jerry Kowalkski** and **Mike Petrick**, proved again that a fast boat (a Lindenberg 24) in capable hands is hard to beat. Hard but not impossible. In the fifth race of this series, even the **Yankee Rebel** managed to put **Dragon Lady** behind her. That’s only mentioned to encourage all other mother-tub skippers to GET OUT THERE and **JUST DO IT!**

- 1st Place - Jim Parker**
- 2nd Place - Dave Noble**
- 3rd Place - Dave Nesbitt**
- 4th Place - Hasty Miller**

We’ll present these awards during the Fall Regatta.

It was another successful series with an average of eight boats showing up on the course. Considering the summer weather, that’s not bad. (At least one avid sailor in our club won’t even unfurl a sail in July and August).

We’ll start the **Fall series** on **Friday, October 8th**. The second race of our series is set for October 22. When we make the switch to Day-light Saving Time we’ll go back to the Sunday afternoon format.

The Supreme Allied Commander, All Rum Race Resources, (SACARRR) may add a twist to one or more of the races. Stay tuned to the white board in the bar. **Steve Clendenin** mentioned this idea after his first place finish at a Banana River regatta hosted by the Patrick AFB YC. During one race all skippers were obliged to toss overboard a flutable object, i.e. seat cushion, life jacket, fender, etc. BUT NOT CREW MEMBER and then make a retrieval. The skippers could choose any time after the start to go through this drill. Sound like fun?

- *Stu Shadbolt*

House Report

MYC has two storage lockers left and available for rent. You can contact Joe Erickson if you would like one.

NEEDED: Volunteer to manage the kitchen upgrade. The money is in the budget!

Joe Oliver has volunteered to help organize the clean up of the property between MYC and US1 (YEA!). This will happen on the MYC Fall Clean up day. I’m trying to decide on a good date.

Please make sure that ALL doors and windows at the club are locked if you are the last one to leave.

If you notice something that needs attention please let any board member know.

Vic Lucas. R Commodore



Big Brothers / Big Sisters Sailathon

12:30 Dec. 5, 1999

Come out and help introduce sailing to some very deserving young people and their mentors.

If you are interested in helping out, please call Laurie or Brent Saunders 725-8199.

You'll be glad you did.

Fall Regatta Dinner

6:00pm Saturday, Oct 16

"A Taste of Italy"

featuring
an Italian Feast of
Chicken or Egg Plant
Parmesan, Pasta, Salad,
Garlic Bread/Rolls,
and Italian Pastries

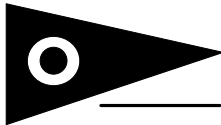
\$9/adult – \$4/under 12

Live music by David T plus
fun, games, & door prizes!

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

Reservations Appreciated — Rachele @ 254-8326

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