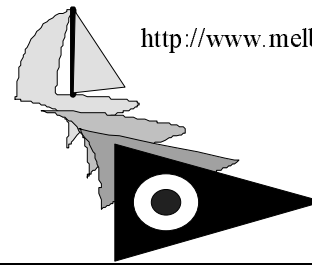


# TELL - TALE



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*coming soon..*

## Melbourne Yacht Club 54th Commodore's Ball

*March 25, 2000*

**IN APPRECIATION OF  
THE 1999 OFFICERS  
AND COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

6:30 pm Hors d'oeuvres / Cash Bar  
7:30 pm Candlelight Dinner  
8:30 pm Presentations and Awards  
9:00 pm Dancing and Music

## Event Calendar:

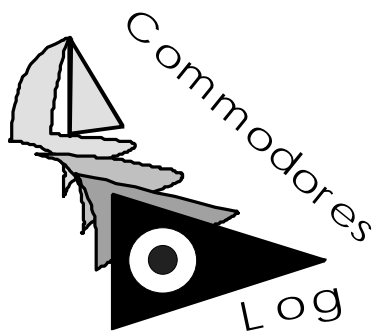
### March

- 5 Rum Race
- 12 Sunfish Race
- Dance Lessons
- 17 St. Patti's TGIF
- 19 Rum Race
- 25 Commodores Ball
- 29 Board Meeting

### April

- 4 General Meeting(7:30)
- 9 Indian River Lagoon day

*Watch your mailbox for your invitation  
to this gala event!*



When this article is published the Becketts will be enjoying "Carnival 2000" in Trinidad, W.I. We are flying to Trinidad for two weeks of revelry with cruising friends starting March 23<sup>rd</sup>. During that time the Vice Commodore, Chris Reynolds will be filling in for me at MYC.

Everything involving the change of watch and new board responsibilities is progressing on schedule. The financial audit has been completed but I have yet to see the final report. We anticipate no findings in the audit, and expect some recommendations from the audit committee. The race schedule and social calendar have been established and will be posted on the bulletin board. Near term events will be published in the newsletter. This looks like another good year of racing, cruising and parties.

The building permit for the expanded dinghy rack has been approved as submitted by the City of Melbourne. Thanks a lot to Rob Van name, Hasty Miller, and Rose Baker for smoothing over that oversight.

The Rear Commodore, Gabe Denes, is planning a work/cleanup session for the weekend of March 11<sup>th</sup>. I'll be back from Trinidad just in time to help out, I hope to see many of you there. We can use all the help we can muster, so put it on your calendar.

*Lenny Beckett  
Commodore*

## Relay for Life

You may or may not know that several of our MYC members are survivors of cancer. Those of us lucky enough to have been spared the anguish, anxiety, stress, and fear invoked by being told, "you have cancer", should be thankful.

Rob Van Name's wife, Maria, is a survivor of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. She is fortunate to have a twin sister who provided matching cells for a bone marrow transplant in 1993. Two of our good MYC friends have quite recently suffered under the surgeon's knife to excise other manifestations of this scary affliction, and there may be more MYC survivors who I am not aware of.

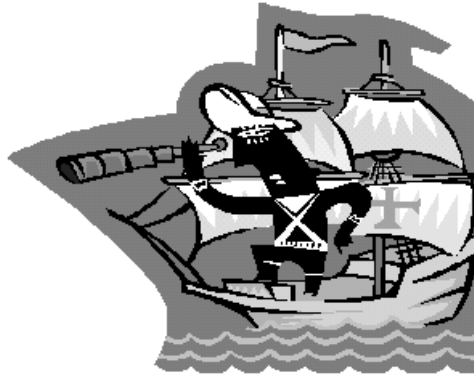
Rob and Maria have placed an announcement on the club notice board of the "Relay for Life" walk-a-thon, to be held April 7th at Cocoa Village, - they are participating and are looking for sponsors. Maria told me, "We are not looking for a lot. Donations of \$10 or so would be most welcome". Donations (checks) made out to the American Cancer Society can be placed in the envelope on the bulletin board. That is the easy part.

Every small amount contributed helps in the fight for cures for cancer. Effective treatments are being found which are saving thousands of lives. Remember, this could happen to you.

Bring your checkbook to the club next Friday. Let's support our cancer survivors.

Chris Reynolds

# The Party Line



The Melbourne Yacht Club must be composed of more Lovers than Sailors, as the attendance for the Valentine's Day Burn-it was greater than for any of our major sailing events. More than 80 attendees turned out to scorch their sacrifices to Cupid on our super-fired-up barbecue grill. Though supplies were stretched thin, we appreciate all your tolerance. The florist grade rose corsages were beautiful, and our thanks to Lenny Beckett Jr. for preparing them. Sue did a great job of putting on this event, and wants to specially thank Tony Barile, Chuck and Nancy Harris, and Dorothy Crowe, for helping with the serving and cleanup.



The Commodore's Ball on March 25<sup>th</sup> will honor the outgoing board and welcome the new management. Dust off your blue blazer and slacks gentlemen, and be sure to reserve early for this, the only formal event of the MYC calendar. I understand the music (by the Kruzamat-

ics) will inspire more couples than ever to hit the newly waxed dance floor. We expect some stylish swooshes and swirls from those who will have tuned up their talents at dancing lessons on March 12<sup>th</sup>, arranged by Brenda Shadbolt. Call Brenda for any last minute vacancies that may occur. (I understand some husbands are jumping off roofs to get out of dance lessons).

St. Patrick's Day fortuitously falls on a Friday this year, and we plan to celebrate the auspicious occasion with a "Donahey" party. The "Donahey" is a drink invented by an inveterate Boston Irishman, and is guaranteed to make you feel like an Irishman on St. Patrick's Day.

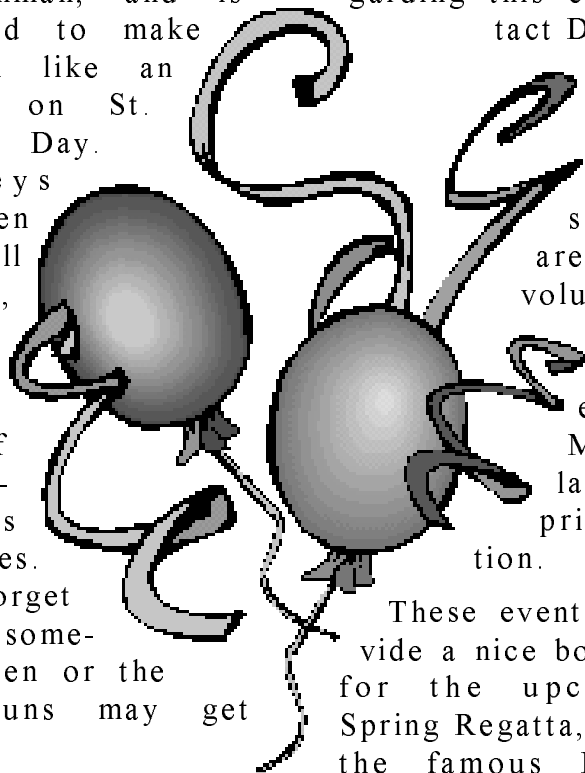
Donaheys and green beer will be served, along with h corned beef s and - w i c h e s and pickles. Don't forget to wear something green or the Leprechauns may get you.

## Cruise News

April will be here shortly, a good time to be on the water, and some are making plans for spring cruises to the Ba-

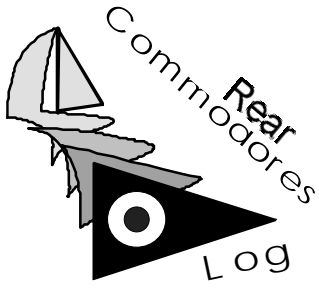
hamas. Sue and I are contemplating a 2-3 week foray in late April early May with Harvey and Nancy Melfi, and I understand that Gus and Mary Williams and Jerry Kowalski are heading off for a long trip on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Adventurous souls wishing for company on a cruising venture may contact the above for advice and possible accompaniment.

Various groups are organizing an Indian River Lagoon Day for April 9<sup>th</sup>, and all MYC boats are urged to participate in the celebrations. I understand there will be various events, including Kayak races and a large raft-up. Watch for announcements regarding this event, or contact Dave Noble for further details. Easter will also be upon us soon, and we are looking for volunteers to organize an Easter weekend trip to Marker 21 Island or other prime destination.



These events should provide a nice boat shakedown for the upcoming MYC Spring Regatta, May 6-7, and the famous Hasty Miller Moonlit Seafood Raft-up on May 13<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy!

*Chris Reynolds*  
*Vice Commodore*



I knew something unusual and outlandish was going to happen in Y2K. You elected me Rear Commodore, not knowing what you got yourselves into. I know I have to write a report each month, so here is the first one:

1. Thank you Victor for handing over a smooth running house. Your efforts are very much appreciated, and I would like to ask for your help in the future.

2. I have begged several people to serve on the house committee, and finally I cornered (literally) Ned Buck, Wendel Kish and Steve Clendenin to look after the outside and my wife, Sandi Kish and Sally Anderson to help me with the inside happenings. You guys are public now, you cannot back out!!!

3. I am excited about a very ambitious plan for the improvements and continuing smooth operation of MYC. This is our house and grounds, I need all of your input and help in achieving the following goals:

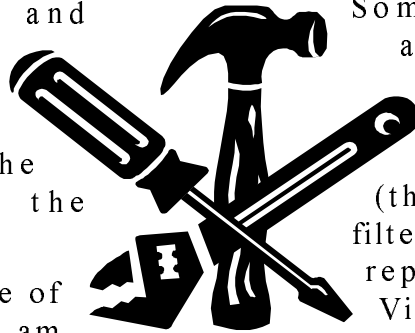
**INSIDE:**

- A. Re-carpet the lounge area
- B. Re-tile the kitchen, hallway and both bathrooms
- C. Re-paint both bathrooms
- E. Refurnish and re-decorate the Lounge.

**OUTSIDE:**

- A. Improve the boat yard on the East side by de-weeding, plastic lining and laying of rocks.
- B. Repair the back deck
- C. Repair all outside doors and paint (varnish) them.
- D. Plant a hedge along the West fence.
- E. Clean up and repair the basement and bathrooms in the annex.
- F. Repair the leaks in the annex.

To achieve some of these goals I am organizing a double workday on March 11 and 12 (Saturday and Sunday) at 9 A.M. and 11 A.M. respectively. I ask all able bodied men, women and children to show up with basic gardening tools (shears, rakes, shovels.) The first day we will clean the yard. The second day we will repair and paint the doors and windows as needed.



Call NED BUCK (725-1591) or GABE DENES (773-3376) with REGRETS ONLY. PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL BOATS WILL BE SEQUESTERED FOR THIS EVENT AND THE MARINA WILL BE OUT OF BOUNDS! ONLY DOCTOR'S NOTES OF EXTREME ILLNESS WILL EXCUSE YOU FROM THIS TASK OF LOVE!!

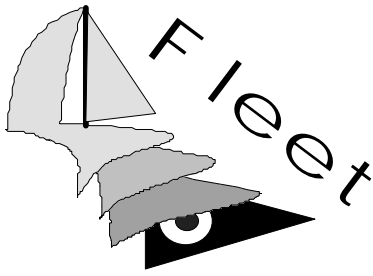
Seriously, I do need your help: **MANY HAND'S MAKE LIGHT WORK"**

The house decorating committee is hard at work, to asses all avenues for the decorating, furnishing and flooring the clubhouse.

Some work has already been done: New towel racks in both bathrooms (thanks Gabe), A/C filters washed and replaced (thanks Vic), Bar plumbing fixed (thanks Lenny), garden in front of the lounge entrance cleaned and replanted (thanks Pat, Rose and Bill).

I look forward to an exciting 2000.

***See you on the water!  
Gabe Denes,  
Rear Commodore***



## RATINGS (Pt 2)

Last month we talked about the philosophy of ratings, and what the framers were trying to achieve. This month we will discuss the PHRF rating in detail. The philosophy behind the PHRF rating is that the standard rated boat will be as good as it can be made to be; that is, high-tech sails, folding or no prop, faired foils, smooth bottom, and dry sailed. In general, no allowance is made for failure to bring boats up to this standard. What allowance that is made is somewhat perfunctory, with little science to back it up. The national data base contains a lot of data from a lot of races around the country, but the heaviest weighted data is based on the winning times, which are made by the best prepared boats.

For our Rum Races, our philosophy is that the races are not important enough to be worth specially preparing your boat for, so you will run what you have. For example, we have two

Lindenberg/Wavelength 24's. One is dry sailed with an enamel bottom and one is wet sailed with anti-fouling paint. Are these two boats really equal? Or to take it a step further, the skipper of one boat scrubs his bottom before a race, and the skipper of an identical boat doesn't bother. Are these two boats really equal? Drawing the line gives rating committees gray hair.

One area that I think needs some revision is the PHRF propeller allowance. Nationally, the standard boat with an inboard is assumed to have a folding/feathering prop (if the boat doesn't have an aperture.) A solid two blade prop gets a six seconds per mile credit and a three-bladed prop gets a nine second per mile credit. However, a 35 foot boat has about 150

pounds of drag at 6 knots. Recent data from separate tests in *Cruising World* and at MIT show that the appropriate solid two blade prop has about 30 pounds of drag, and the three blade prop has about 45 pounds of drag at six knots. (A folding/feathering prop has about 3 pounds of drag). This is equivalent to something like a half a knot, or 30 to 40 seconds per mile of rating!

Your rating committee is also studying the effects of roller furlers, exotic sail materials, and wet sailed bottoms to see if we can assign reasonable credits for boats that are not all tarted up for racing. I hope that we can have workable rating adjustments by next newsletter.

*Hasty Miller  
Fleet Captain*



# It's Spring Work Party Time!

## Saturday, March 11, 9am

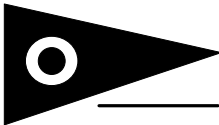


Come in your grubby clothes (with shoes)  
Bring gloves and basic garden  
and household repair tools  
(see Gabe Denes for details)

Lunch and drinks provided by the House  
Committee

## "Many Hands Make Light Work"

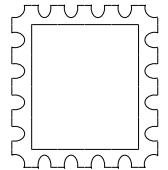
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