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Event Calendar:

APRIL

- 8-9 Lagoon Day Cruise
- 14 TGIF Shish KeBurn-it
- 21 Fri Rum Race
- 25 Board Meeting

MAY

- 3 General Meeting
- 6-7 Spring Regatta
- 12 Summer Fri Race #1
- 13 Seafood Raft-Up
- 26 Summer Fri Race #2
- 31 Board Meeting

The Party Line

Starry, Starry, Night...

The Commodore's Ball on March 25th, though lightly attended, was one of the most enjoyable in recent memory. The club decoration was inspired, with romantic evening lighting effects, and the variety of popular music had everyone on the dance floor. Though I didn't use many of the Foxtrot steps taught at Brenda Shadbolt's dance lessons, some of the swing moves learned did add to our repertoire steps to the rock, reggae, samba, twist, etc., music. A truly memorable evening, that didn't break up 'till after midnight.



Outgoing Commodore Chuck Baird passes the Spyglass to Incoming Commodore Lenny Beckett

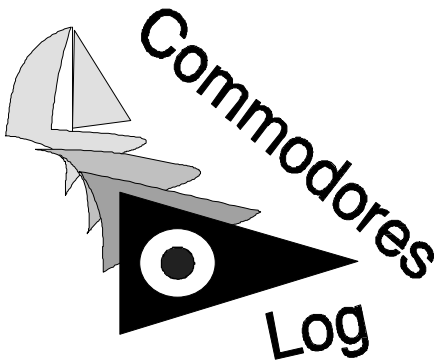
Green Beer, Donahey's, & Sunday Rum Races

Sixty members and guests (dressed in varying shades of green and orange) partook of the corned beef sandwiches, green beer, and Donahey cocktails at the St. Patrick's Day TGIF. Thanks to Sue and Pat Denes for helping prepare, decorate and set up for this event.

I opened the bar for the Sunday afternoon Rum Races in March, but despite email advertising failed to attract many customers beyond the race competitors. The first Sunday was worthwhile, as good weather brought out the racers, but the rainy second Sunday attracted only the most hardy and hasty characters, and the bar took in only \$4.50 in chits. The Rum Races are now on the DST schedule of Friday nights, and the bar will only be opened for other activities by special request.

Cruise News

Wild weather is forecast for the Raft-up planned prior to the Indian River Lagoon Day parade April 9th, and the MYC fleet will head north to Pineda rather than for Sebastian. Many are still finalizing their Bahamas cruise plans for late Spring/early Summer, so contact Mary Williams or me if you want to join a group heading for the Abacos.



Those of you that missed the Commodore's Ball this year missed a great party. Sherry and her committee did a fantastic job. I won't go into detail other than to congratulate our 1999 MYC award winners.

Jack and Marty Bibb won the Jay Moulton Cruising Award for their cruise to the Chesapeake Bay and also for their participation in most of our club cruises. Jack and Marty will be making the trip again this year and hope to be able to cruise more and dodge hurricanes less.

The U.S. Sailing Association Sportsmanship Award this year went to **Stuart Shadbolt**. Stu is a repeat winner of this award recognizing his efforts to promote sailboat racing. During the past year Stu organized and participated in the MYC Rum Races and club regattas, wrote a weekly column on sailing for the Today newspaper, and helped attract and organize the Olympic windsurfing trials in the Melbourne area.

The MYC Member(s) of the Year Award was awarded this year to **Brent and Laurie Saunders** for their unselfish efforts in publishing the MYC newsletter for so many years.

(The Party Line—Continued from page 1)

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendar now to attend the *Shish KeBurn-it* on **this Friday** (April 14th), and bring the meat or fish of your choice to cook on the grill. The turnout for the last burn-it was exceptional, so be sure to email, or call me or Sue (960-1158), to reserve your meal accoutrements. See the ad.

The popularity of the dancing lessons organized by Brenda Shadbolt has encouraged her to set dates for follow-on instruction and practice, scheduled for April 30th and May 21st. At only \$10.00 per couple, from 7:00 pm to 9-10 pm, they are a bargain. Contact Brenda for further details.

May – a great time out be out on the water. On May 6-7th MYC hosts the Spring Regatta, followed closely by Hasty Miller's famous and fabulous Moonlit Seafood Raft-up on May 13th. See ads for both events herein.

- Chris Reynolds, Vice Commodore & Entertainment Chairman



Jack and Marty Bibb
Jay Moulton Cruising Award



Stu Shadbolt
USSA Sportsmanship Award

This service to our membership rarely gets praise and recognition, only complaints. Congratulations Brent and Laurie, we really do appreciate you giving up those weekends to keep us informed about club events.

The new FY 2000 operating budget was approved unanimously by the general membership at the April meeting. Special thanks to **Chuck Harris, Chris Reynolds** and the finance committee for putting together such a good plan. Thanks also to the Long Range Planning committee, under the direction of Ned Buck, for all the work they did putting together a 20-year financial plan for MYC. This plan will make it easy for future LRPC and finance committees to do their job.

Lastly, thanks to all the 32 members who showed up and accomplished so much on Gabe's work weekend. This is the best work effort I have witnessed at the Club. Thanks to **Gabe Denes** for organizing it.

-Lenny Beckett, Commodore

The Spring Beginners Sailing Class started with 12 kids. By the way they took to the boats on the first day indicates that this should be a very successful class. Sari Wakefield and I will try once again to teach the art and science of sailing and the environment of the Indian River Lagoon. For the first few weeks the young skippers will be sailing between the US1 and railroad bridges. This is a great arena if the wind is blowing, not only do the kids get to show off their skills to the citizens of Melbourne, but they also get treated to up close encounters with the manatees and dolphins. Later in the class we will move to the river, but not before all the youth sailors are comfortable.



An Intermediate Class will start Thursday, May 4th and possibly another Beginner Class can follow that. If you know of any high school or college age sailors (actually any adult) interested in helping Sari and I teach, please have them contact me, we certainly can use the help.

The chase boat is due for an annual check up. As of this time, I'm on a waiting list at Space Coast Marine. Due to the trailer situation I will have to trailer the boat on my personal trailer. Please do not worry if you see the chase boat missing for a few days this month.

The Sunfish Sunday Series did not go too well. Just remember that these boats are for Club member use. I will be using them for the Intermediate Classes, but if it is a nice day, rig one or two and go sailing. Remember too, boats that don't get used tend to be broken, as most boaters know.

- Dave Noble, Youth Director

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

Treasurer's Report

Thanks for approving the budget that Chris Reynolds, myself, the Finance Committee and the new board have worked on, to continue the LRPC's plan for the future. Ned Buck, all the members of the LRPC and in particular, Chris Reynolds have really done an excellent job of developing a plan that will carry the Club through the next five years and longer. All those people made my job as new treasurer a matter of understanding their work and not getting in the way. Now all I have to do is keep Gabe and Rachel from spending us into bankruptcy! I'm looking forward to seeing their work on the interior. (and to going to Bahamas in May!)

- Chuck Harris, Treasurer

Club Lock Combinations Changing

On April 30, all the combinations to the Club facilities will be changed. You should receive your new membership card, with the new combinations listed, in the mail prior to April 30. Call Sally Wakefield if you don't receive your card, or Gabe Denes if you have problems with the locks.

Got a contribution for the newsletter?

⇒ E-mail it to:

MYC@dataflowsys.com

- ⇒ Drop it off in the box marked 'Newsletter' in the MYC kitchen
- ⇒ Bring it to the membership meeting (PC format floppy or print-out)

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

FLEET REPORT

Rating Corrections

Beginning with the April 21st Rum Race, we will be trying out the following modifications to the ECSA PHRF ratings:



Subjective: Skimmer's base rating is changed from 120 to 114. Skimmer is one of the few Nightwinds to be fully equipped for racing, and her sistership Glass Frog dominated her class at Key West Race Week a few years ago with a rating of 123. It was subsequently changed to 114.

Objective: All racers: to your present ECSA base ratings, add the following:

- For non-spinnaker: +12 sec/mile
except sport boats (with asymmetrical spinnakers): +18 sec/mile.
- If the boat is not dry-sailed: +12 sec/mile
- If the boat does not have a genoa made from a laminated or exotic material (that is, the boat has only a dacron genoa): +12 sec/mile
- If the boat has a roller furling genoa: +6 sec/mile
Exception: If the boat has the roller furling built in, like the Hunter Legends: no correction.
- If the boat has a solid two-bladed propeller: +21 sec/mile
If the boat has a solid three-bladed propeller: +30 sec/mile
Exception: If the boat has a solid propeller in an aperture: no correction.

Note: 'no correction' means that the existing PHRF data already accounts for the condition. For example, you can't add a folding prop to a boat with an aperture, so all the boats in the data base have solid props.

Rating Examples:

Skimmer (Miller) = 114 + spinnaker + r.furl + wetsail = 144.

Maverick (Crockett) = 186 + spinnaker + wetsail + dacron + prop = 243

All Racers: On a copy of your ECSA rating certificate, (or any sheet of paper that defines your base rating) write down your new corrections, add them to your base rating, and send a copy to me at 1350 Worth Ct. NE, Palm Bay, FL 32905 (or e-mail me at hasty@digital.net)

Look up your new start time on the front cover of the gray three-ring binder in the MYC Lounge.

The Spring Regatta will be run in two cruiser classes: Spinnaker, using the ECSA ratings uncorrected, and Non-Spinnaker, using the new ratings. We will start to accumulate data.

- Hasty Miller, Fleet Captain

Rummers Spring Into Action

Among the awards presented at this year's Commodore's Ball were four, etched, clear-glass plates for the winners of the Rum Race Winter Series. The attractive awards were designed by our own "artist in residence," **Dave Noble**.

Winter racing, typically, saw some breezy conditions several Sunday afternoons. Winds gusting above 20 knots torqued both sheets and jaws. Yet this popular reverse handicap series mustered from six to thirteen competitors each day. For folks who enjoy racing on the river ours is still the best game in town.

Jerry Ross on Sleighride took first place honors. He and **Hasty Miller**, on Skimmer, wound up tied with 19 points each for the series. As is the custom, the winning boat in the final race breaks the tie. In third place was the dynamic duo, **Bob Sowden** and **Karen Knockel**, with 9 points. And in fourth was the Yankee Rebel very capably helmed by **Brenda Shadbolt** and her "Yank."

Hasty's been crunching numbers with the fervor of an IRS accountant to bring us a more equitable rating system. And I'm working on a book called, "Rum Race Ratings for Dummies." Hasty's commendable efforts should attract more players to the game we've all enjoyed for the past six years. (Gosh, has it been that long? Yes! and that doesn't include the years Hakki Etam ran the show.) See you 'round the buoys.

April 21 – Spring Rum Race #5
May 12 – Summer Rum Race #1
May 26 – Summer Rum Race #2
June 9 – Summer Rum Race #3
June 23 – Summer Rum Race #4
July 7 – Summer Rum Race #5
July 21 – Summer Rum Race #6

- Stu Shadbolt (head rummy)

SEAFOOD RAFT-UP PARTY!



SATURDAY, May 13, 2000, 6:00

Once again, it is time for the legendary MYC Raft-up Party. We will meet at MYC at 6:00, cast off by 6:30, and be at anchor off Melbourne Beach by 7:30. For those who are interested, there will be a race to the anchorage, with a bottle of "Starboard Wine" for the winner. For dinner, we will have:

Shrimp	Vegetable Munchies	Beer	(2 cans apiece.
Crab Claws	Rolls	Coke	Really thirsty folks
Baked Potato	Brownies	Diet Coke	had better bring
		Diet 7-Up	extra.)

COST: ONLY \$10.00 PER PERSON

The food will be distributed from the seven party committee boats. Details will be covered at the party. In the interest of better organization, please include the name of the boat (or its owner) that you will be aboard, when you make your reservation.

Come One, Come All

Skippers: Inviting someone to ride with you does not obligate you to pay for them. **Crew:** Asking for a ride to the party does not imply that you are asking the skipper to pay your way, so don't be shy about asking. Most skippers will be delighted to have your company. **Everyone:** Get signed aboard a boat before you make your reservation, so we can know how many are where.

WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS, COME ANYWAY! We'll find a boat for you.

Everyone: Bring Life Preservers and Boat Shoes.

All Skippers: Please pick up a copy of the raft plan either at the club before we cast off or from SKIMMER (Hasty's boat) before the raft-up. You need to know where your boat belongs.

THE RAFT BREAKS UP AT 11:00 Sharp

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED and CLOSE WEDNESDAY NIGHT MAY 10.

Hasty and Julie Miller 723-7395

Harry and Katy Stapor 725-4994

Also serving on the party committee:

Bill and Kitty Burton Wendell and Sandy Kish Ned and Diane Buck
Chuck and Rhonda Delmater Bob Sowden and Karen Knockel

New Membership Applications

THOMAS AND CHERYL WHITAKER

Sponsor: Harvey & Nancy Melfi

Tom and Cheryl lived in Annapolis, MD until 1998. Once they were retired, they move aboard their 39' Benford Cutter named "Easy Street". With grown children and little responsibilities, they sailed the Bahamas and Caribbean. "Easy Street" is now in Trinidad, and the Tom and Cheryl plan to rejoin her in November 2000 for more cruising.

The Whitakers recently purchased a condo in Satellite Beach. They have caught up with and were introduced to Melbourne Yacht Club by their Maryland neighbors, the Melfis.

Tom and Cheryl have lots of cruising experience. They previously owned an Islander 32, Columbia 34, and a Morgan 41. They cruised on a Westsail 32 for 20 months in 1990 till 1992.

Since they are new to our area, the Whitakers have enjoyed the camaraderie of the MYC and would like to make new friends with cruising and traveling interests.

JUDY BRETT

Sponsor: Tony Barile

Judy located to Florida this past year and is a realtor with Pruitt over on beachside. She knew she was at home in the Melbourne area when she drove over the causeway, and saw all the sailboats on the water. She recently attended a MYC TGIF, and enjoyed the casual atmosphere and the "do it yourself" approach by the MYC members.

She has two grown children, and has held a number of professional positions including Director of Sales for Holiday Inn in Augusta, Ga.

Judy is interested in "being on the water" and taking part in the sailing community. She's ready and willing to serve on any of our committees.

House Report

It pays to advertise. The Melbourne Yacht Club Great Spring House Cleaning has been accomplished with minimal moaning. I took out the whips and chains and made the Club look like a bee hive of activity. Not one person was injured (except me) and no one dared to complain within my earshot. I feel that the following members and helpers need to be recognized and thanked for their diligent work and enthusiasm:

Outside Crew:

Chuck (Pressure Cleaner) Harris
Stu (The Brush) Shadbolt
Alan (The Varnisher) Payne
Lenny (The Plumber) Beckett
Chris (Locksmith) Reynolds
Karl (The Gutter) Kiser
Lloyd (The Gutter Too) Millar

Kitchen Crew:

Nancy Eitapenc
Sandi Kish
Sue Reynolds
Betsy Baird
Marsha Millar
Jackie Herbert

Yard Crew:

Brenda Shadbolt
Sandi McAlister
Jim Gibson
Rob Van Name
Jack Bibb
Bill Baker
Rose (Mistletoe) Baker
Ross (The Fence) Herbert

Wrecking Crew:

Chuck Delmater
Hasty Miller
Jerry Ross
Jerry Kowalski

Sunday Helpers

Bill Baker
Wendell Kish

Besides general cleaning and yard work, the following was accomplished:

- New fiberglass doors were hung on the back doors of the kitchen and the lounge.
- There is a new combination lock on the lounge door similar to the other outside doors, with the same combination as all the other doors.
- Gutters were cleaned and new screens put
- The back boat yard is ready for paving
- A few new bushes were planted along the west fence

The Bar Redecorating Committee, headed by Rachele Ross, is putting a great deal of work into defining, designing and estimating the task. Rachele gave a report of their activities to the Board and the Membership at the March meeting. The House Committee and I are looking forward to working with Rachele and her committee to start the re-decorating as soon as possible.

We had a wonderful Commodore's Ball on Saturday, and although it was not a strict house committee affair, I'd like to thank Sandi Kish, Sherry Beckett, and my wife, Pat, and all the ladies and gentlemen who helped with the decorations. We all had a wonderful time at the ball.

Please lock doors, windows, and gates!!! See you around the Big House.

- Gabe Denes., Rear Commodore / House

DANCE WITH ME—?

Fourteen MYC couples danced the night away Sunday, March 12, learning the now popular SWING, FOX-TROT and, at Eden Bitzer's request, an introduction to the WALTZ. It was a fun evening and a timely warm up for the Commodore's Ball.

Bill Serafini, a professional instructor who has taught for Arthur Murray, among others, led us through the moves—assisted by his partner and prize-winning student, Mary Clark.

Our Club's "great room" proved perfect for the practice. Following the enthusiastic response to the first session, the plan is to offer these one-hour lessons followed by a half-hour practice on a monthly basis. Session #2 is set for **Sunday, April 30**, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. With ten or more couples the cost for each couple is **only \$10**, and that includes the "buffet" (cokes and cookies).

The second lesson will review steps learned and then introduce new dances according to the group's desires. "Fred & Ginger-Wannabees" should call Brenda Shadbolt at 259-3571 to sign up. Group size must be limited to 15 couples.

Shish K eB ab BURN-IT

TGIF, April 14th at 7:00 p.m.

MYC Scorched Earth Policy:

**You bring the beef, fish, or whatever,
to grill, and we supply:**

- **Vegetable Kebabs to Scorch**
⇒ **Tomato, Onion, Zucchini, Mushroom**
- **Garlic Bread (Burn to Taste)**
- **Dessert**
- **Coffee**

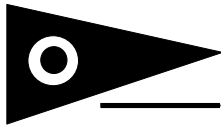
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