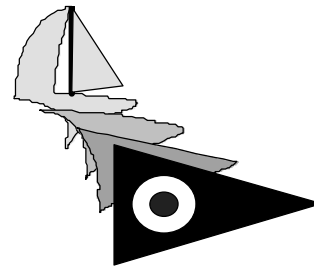


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Come Cruise with us to Acapulco-ville!

(Like Margaritaville but with a Mexican flavor.)

**Saturday, July 15 • \$11/Person •
Cash Bar**

Happy Hour 6:30 p.m. • Dinner 7:30 p.m.

Fun and Games 8:30 p.m.

At the home of Jan and Ralph Crawford in Rockledge

Live music by *Los Hombres*

Costume contest with prizes for

"Best Mexican" or "Tackiest Tourist"

Alcapulco Cliff Diving, Piñatas, Musical Sombreros,
Macarena Dancing, and more!

Menu includes

Tacos, Chicken Enchiladas, 7-Layer Bean Dip,
Mexican Rice, Fruit, Flan and Punch

Drinks available include Magaritas, Tequila shots,
Sangria, Corona, Dos Equis (for anything else BYOB)

Please make reservations by Wednesday, July 12.

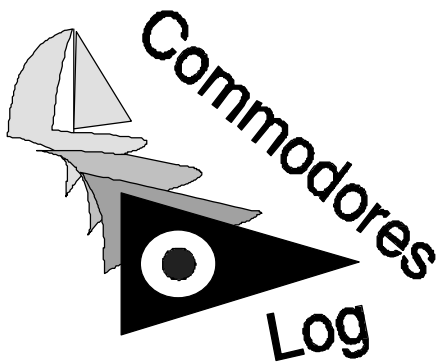
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Directions to Acapulco-ville

BY SEA: Sail north to Marker 86 (north of Pineda Causeway). Turn to 300 degrees magnetic. Anchor off shore in front of yellow cottage. Dinghy in and walk up drive next to yellow cottage.

BY LAND: Drive north on US 1 to stoplight at Barnes Blvd. Turn right onto Coquina Road (Barnes Blvd. only goes left). At river, turn right onto Rockledge Drive. Count 8 houses. Turn right onto drive at 2019 Rockledge Drive, between a blue house and a small yellow house. Acapulco-ville is in the large house at the top of the hill.



On June 22nd I attended a meeting at Port Canaveral hosted by General Pettit, Commander of the AF Range Safety Operation at PAFB. The purpose of the meeting was to solicit boater inputs to help the Air Force better communicate to the boater community the status of the restricted areas outside the port during launch windows. The goal is to reduce the incidence of boaters violating the restricted zones during launch countdown. The AF is proactively putting several things in place to help in this effort. They have established a toll free telephone number, which gives updated launch information for both mariners and aviators. That number is **1-800-470-7232**. This number will be posted at most marine interests in the area such as marinas, bait shops, yacht clubs and boat ramps.

The AF is also establishing a website, **www.patrickaf.mil**. However, I tried to connect this morning and apparently the site is not yet up. In addition, the boaters passed to the AF the most commonly used VHF channels in the port area.

The US Coast Guard has agreed to broadcast Notice to Mariners on Ch 16 and four additional channels. One of problems has been that fishermen

The Party Line

While Chris and Sue are off hiking all over Europe, I am filling in as Entertainment Chair. Chris left everything in good shape and has full calendar of events coming up.

The Burn-It still seems to be our most popular event. The June 30th Burn-It attracted 54 people who enjoyed a nice dinner for a measly three bucks (plus the meat). On July 4th MYC hosted a free potluck dinner which was attended by 25-30 people, most of which stayed and watched the great fireworks show put on by the City of Melbourne.

Be sure to get your reservations in for Rachele's Acapulco party scheduled for July 15th. Pull out your favorite Mexican garb and compete for prizes as the best dressed Mexican or the "tackiest tourist". Rachele and committee have lots of other games and contests planned along with good music to dance to (see ad).

Also coming up is a Bunco party hosted by Barb Ehnert and Mary Williams scheduled for Aug. 19th. What is Bunco??? Whatever it is, it sounds illegal. See the ad on the back page of this issue for details.

Our next Burn-It will be held on Fri., August 25th. Plan ahead and join all your friends at MYC for an enjoyable evening. If you know any prospective new members, the burnit is an excellent way get them acquainted with MYC.

- Lenny Beckett

use special channels to communicate and don't monitor Ch 16. Another aid being investigated is an electronic billboard placed at the entrance of the port to inform boaters leaving the port of the current status of the restricted areas. The upcoming shuttle launches for the space station have a five minute wide window, so boats in the restricted area will result in at least a one day delay costing millions of dollars. Hopefully, these efforts should help reduce the problem. I had hoped to have a chart depicting the restricted areas to publish in this issue, but I haven't received it as yet.

Instead of canceling the MYC June general meeting, we should have held it in the Bahamas. Six MYC boats (*La Vie*, *Island Time*, *Suzy Q*, *Sparrow*, *Stardust* and *Swept Away*) all appeared at Double Breasted Cay at the same time, without any prior planning. We had 14 people aboard *Stardust* for a potluck dinner one evening. That's about as many people as we had at this week's MYC meeting.

The Melbourne police have notified us that there has been a rash of boat thefts in Melbourne Harbor in the last couple of weeks. Two crab boats from above the bridge, a canoe from somewhere up the creek and a boat from Florida Tech were stolen in about a week's time. Nothing is missing from MYC that we are aware of, but everyone needs to heighten his or her security awareness.

-Lenny Beckett, Commodore

UPDATE FROM THE BIBBS

JAMAICA, VA JUNE 19-23. **Greetings from Virginia and the "Rivah"!** Marty and I left MYC at Mile 919 on the ICW at 4:30 PM on April 30 and arrived in Portsmouth, VA at Mile 0 at 3:30 on May 14. We planned to make better than 60 miles per day and succeeded except for the one day we stayed in Georgetown, SC. Two places where we anchored, Big Tom Creek and Charleston Harbor, both in SC, had 9-10 ft tides, and almost 2 knots of tidal current. Weather was ideal the whole trip, even on our lay day in Georgetown, where I changed oil and did a little diesel maintenance. Only bad weather we had was motor-bashing into 20 kt winds through Sapelo Sound and St. Catherine's Sound in GA. We tied up to the dock at the Sanitary Fish Market & Restaurant in Morehead City, NC, had dinner there and got to stay for free. We missed our favorite stop in Beaufort, SC, because of a Sea-Ray boat rally which filled the entire Downtown Marina. The best anchorage we found on the ICW was at the south end of the 20 mile long Alligator-Pungo Canal, just east of Belhaven, NC.

Most of our travel days started at dawn when I'd get up and put coffee on, then go pull anchors or untie us and head out. One of us would drive and one fixed breakfast. We had no groundings and no anchor rode around the keel this trip. We motored most of the way, motor-sailed a lot more than we did last year, and actually got to sail down the Alligator River in a good stiff beam reach breeze. When we reached the bridge at the mouth of the Alligator R. the breeze quit, and we motored by auto-pilot and GPS the entire way across Albemarle Sound through a 1- 2-mile visibility haze. As happened last year, we met a lot of nice folks on the trip, and the power boaters were all very courteous about slowing down to pass us. All except for one yo-yo who waked us pretty badly near Swansboro, NC, and was immediately boarded and cited by the local Coast Guard Crew. There really is justice in the world.

A friend from VA Beach, Randy Pugh, helped me take MAJJAK II on another motor-bash the nearly 20 mile trip from Portsmouth across Hampton Roads to the Hampton YC, where he's a member. We stayed there 3 days while we shuffled cars etc. and got the cottage opened up. Then we had a great sail up the Chesapeake Bay from Hampton to Urbanna. Randy & I and two friends of Karen's took a ride on a 2 knot tide with quartering SW winds at 20-25 kts. The cubit meter topped out at 8.8 and stayed over 8 a lot of the time. We made the 60 NM trip in 8-1/4 hrs - over 7-1/4 kts average. Glorious ride!!!

We missed OP SAIL 2000 in Norfolk June 16-18, but all the Tall Ships were scheduled to sail up the Bay Tuesday (6-20) for the next event in Baltimore. We took MAJJAK II down the Rivah to the Bay early so we wouldn't miss them. One "short ship" ELEANOR MARY (65 ft gaff topsail cutter) showed up about 1:50. Then between 2:45 and 6:00 we saw 8 more including the ES-MERALDA (330ft, 4 masts), AMERIGO VESPUCCI, SIMON BOLIVAR. We got as close as we wanted for pictures, - there was no security patrol. At least 60 boats at one count were out on the bay where we were just to see them. We spent the night at Deltaville, and left the next morning for Onancock across the Bay. We left in a SSW wind about 15 kts which gave us a nice beam reach all the way to the markers over there. Only problem was the 3 ft seas catching our stbd qtr and sending us into a corkscrew-like motion with almost every wave. The dinghy passed us twice when it was surfing down a wave front.

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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.

Got a contribution for the newsletter?

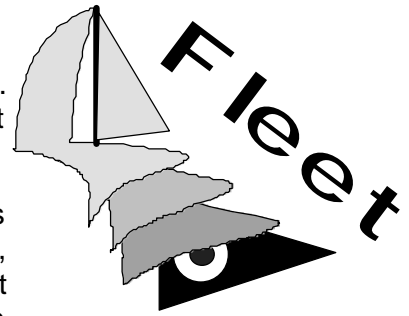
⇒ E-mail it to:

**tell-tale@
melbourneyachtclub.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.

Fleet Report



We have one more race in the Spring Rum Race Series, on July 21. Winners will be announced and trophies given at the next race on August 4th, which will be the first race of the Fall Series.

The race on July 7th was interesting. Before the race, the weather was threatening, and I am sure that some people wanted me to cancel the race, but I didn't. If you don't race in threatening weather in the summer, you don't race. Also, it is the individual skipper's responsibility to decide whether to race or not. When it looked like we were going to be hit with a thunderstorm, two boats dropped out.

My personal feeling is that there is no better time to test out your boat and your heavy weather handling skills than in a race in the Indian River. Guys, this is the bunny slopes. The river is shallow, and soft sand all around, not coral like the Bahamas. Boats are all around to lend you aid. If your mast is going to come down, this is the time, not when you are 50 miles east of Ft. Pierce. As far as lightning goes, if you are off-shore, you will have to sail through thunderstorms. It is not fun, but it is not as dangerous as it seems. For most lightning strikes, the grounded mast dissipates the charge in the water around the boat, and the lightning will hit near you, but will not hit you. I have personally had several dozen lightning strikes hit within two boat-lengths, and have not been hit yet. However... it does happen. Out of my personal friends, Bill Osbourne's boat was struck while racing, knocking Mike Vetter, the helmsman unconscious, and blowing the speedometer transducer out of the bottom of the boat. Floyd Bryan's boat was struck at the MYC docks, frying all his electronics. Tom Conroy's boat was struck at his home dock, blowing out the masthead light bulb, but doing no other damage.

For a lot of boats at a lot of docks for a lot of years in the lightning capital of the country, that is not much damage. So, the next time it looks ugly on a Friday night, come on out and race with the rest of us fools.

- Hasty Miller, Fleet Captain

ECSA Fall Women's Series

Sunday, July 30	Off the Dragon
Sunday, August 27	Off the Dragon
Sat/Sun, Sep 23-24	Melbourne Yacht Club
Sunday, October 29	Off the Dragon
Sunday, November 5	Off the Dragon

All starts 1:30 pm, approx 6 mile course (except MYC)

For Additional Info

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Karen Knockel - (561) 567-3661 (Vero)
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No Boat? Want to Crew?

Get on the Women's Crew Exchange! Our boats are always looking for fit, motivated crew
Sherry Beckett 779-3024 or email itbecketts@aol.com

Beginner Class Completed

Saturday June 24th was the last class of a 7week Beginner/Intermediate class.

15 students participated in the optimist class. The 6 club owned optimist, 1 club owned pram and 3 privately owned boats were used. The weather allowed for sailing every class. Many lessons were learned this time around. Another beginner class will be offered in September.



Competitive Sailing Class Starts July 18

Starting July 18th a Competitive Sailing class for kids ages 9-15 will be offered, Chris Duer and Sari Wakefield will conduct the class. There is enough room for 5 more students if you know of anyone please contact Dave Noble (779-5222) right away, the kids must have some sailing experience. There will be a \$50 charge and the class takes place two nights a week for 5 weeks.

Junior Sailing Regatta in Planning Stages

I will be contacting the area yacht clubs to see what kind of interest there is in a Junior Sailing Regatta here at MYC. I would like to have a yacht club challenge to include MYC, EGYC, IRYC, CBYC, TYC and KPYC. Since the yacht club rivalries of the 80s have dissolved, why not start another along a different route. If you know of any youngsters involved in other sailing programs contact Dave Noble so we can include them. I'm hoping we can do this in mid August and another during our Fall Regatta.

Fall Regatta Planning Meeting – July 19

Coming up next week July 19th I am having a preliminary planning meeting for the Fall Regatta, If you want to be involved, AND YOU DO, call Dave Noble (779-5222). We will take our lessons learned from last year to improve this event and also try to expand it here or there. If you have suggestions of race format or anything else please show up July 19th at 7:30 at MYC.

- Dave Noble, Youth Sailing

House Report

Our club survived the June vacations, in spite of ourselves.

After the lovely months of May and June, almost everyone has returned from vacations in the Bahamas and other destinations. It was rumored that there were enough Club members at Double-Breasted Cay in late June, that our Commodore was tempted to hold the June meeting there.

By the time you read this report, our new chairs and bar stools should have arrived, and the tables removed for 'reconstruction'.

The next step in the bar area project is to install the flooring. For this we plan on new carpeting in the lounge, and tiles in the hallway, kitchen, and ballroom.

Our current Steward, Stan Knapf, is moving. A new Steward, Mr. Michael Greyson, will be moving in after the Annex apartment is cleaned. He is committed to stay for at least two years. He will live and stay full time in the Annex apartment, and from my interview with him, I am sure he will take good care of us.

The bottom floor of the Annex has become a catch-all for tools, boat parts, biminis, etc. THIS BUILDING IS NOT A GENERAL STORAGE AREA. Please remove your belongings from the East room of the Annex by the end of July, or you will force me to remove and discard them. Please cooperate and keep your Club ship-shape.

Reminders: Please turn off lights and check the locks on all doors. If you use a water hose, be sure it is turned off when you are finished. DO NOT give out the club lock combinations to anyone.

See you around.

- Gabe Denes,, Rear Commodore / House



NEW MEMBERS

**JOHN AND
JANET MARTIN**

Saturday Night Bunco

August 19, 2000 - 7 p.m.

What's Bunco?

An easy to learn game of dice used as an excuse to win prizes while you snack, drink, and chat with your friends.

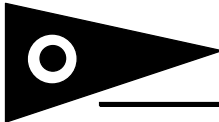
Sign up soon — 12 people needed for a game but more than one game can be played at once.

Beer, wine and snacks served during the game.

Coffee and dessert served following.

Reservations required — Barb Ehnert (259-3509) or Mary Williams (727-3456)

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