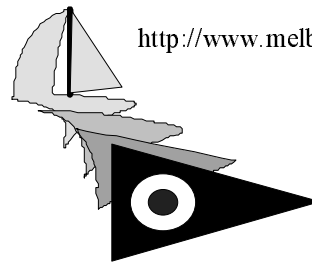


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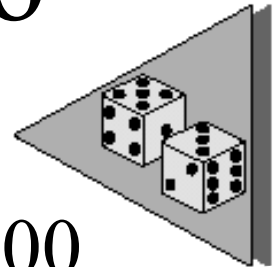
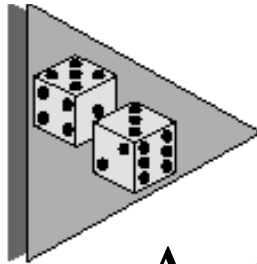
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Saturday Night Bunco



7 p.m.

August 19, 2000

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)

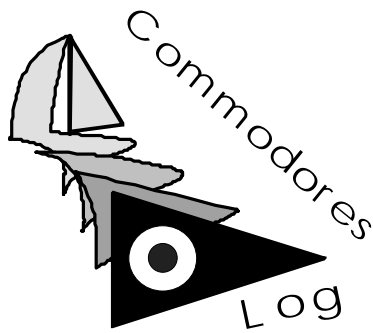
Event Calendar:

August

- 19 Bunco
- 25 Burn-It
- 30 Board Meeting

September

- 6 General Meeting(7:30)
- 23-24 Mermaid Regatta



We have more on the Melbourne Harbor thefts. Two weeks ago Melbourne Harbor Police found two youths asleep under the Melbourne causeway in a stolen boat full of stolen gear. After a chase on the river, the youths were arrested in Melbourne Beach. At least two boats at MYC lost gear, so if you haven't checked your boat in a couple of weeks, do so and report anything missing to the Melbourne police. Hopefully, these arrests will put an end to the theft problems in the harbor.

The web page address I gave you last month for space launch info was incorrect, which explains why I couldn't connect. The correct address is: www.patrick.af.mil

This site contains a lot of info besides the launch schedules, check it out.

We have been experiencing problems with non-members parking in the MYC lot. Following a suggestion by Rose Baker, the board approved the purchase and erection of two signs inside the east fence to alert people that the lot is for MYC members and guests only.

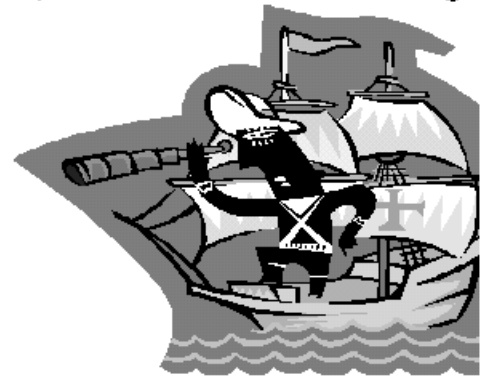
Thanks to Jack and Jacki Leahy

for putting the annex apartment back in livable shape. The place was a real disaster area when they started. After hauling lots of trash, cleaning, repairing plumbing, painting and renewing the carpet, the place looks nice. Our new tenant, Mike Grayson, has moved in and has started his duties as steward. If you see Mike around the club and grounds, please give him a welcome. Gabe wants to continue putting the annex in better shape. If anyone has stuff stored in the basement of the annex, please remove it or have it thrown away.

The Beckett's second boat, *Fast Lane*, is back in the water after much work by a number of people. Unfortunately, every race scheduled since she was launched has been rained out and Sherry is bouncing off the rigging in anticipation of her first race. *Island Time* is feeling so neglected lately she will rebel on the next outing and leave me with dozens of things to repair.

Lenny Beckett

The Party Line



About 58 people attended the Acapulco party at The Crawford's house. Only two boats, Skimmer and Blue Moon, anchored out. The unsettled weather scared the rest of the normal cruising folks away. There was plenty of entertainment to keep everyone busy. In addition to a band, the committee provided games, which included Acapulco cliff diving, piñatas, a costume contest and a Mexican hat dance. Plenty of food and fruits were available to keep everyone from going away hungry. Here is a thanks from Rachele to all those who helped make it happen:

The Cruise to Acapulco-ville was great fun and a huge success. Special thanks to Jan and Ralph Crawford for loaning us they're home again. What a wonderful place to



WE'RE FAMOUS

(sort of)

Check this out...



John MacNeil, one of Hasty Miller's crew, wrote an article for 'Coastal Angler Magazine' on his experiences in the the very stormy Rum Race a few weeks ago. It includes a nice photo of Skimmer taken by yours truly.

You'll find it at: <http://www.camirl.com/>.

Look for the article entitled 'Watching Paint Dry'

Sherry Beckett

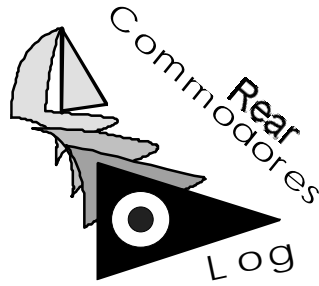
have a party! Thanks also to Jack and Jacki Leahy along with Ross and Jacki Herbert for the yummy margaritas and sangria and all their hard work. Brenda Shadbolt did a rip-roaring job of organizing and making the fun and games happen. And of course you can't have a great party without all those other helpers who chop veggies, transport loads of stuff, make pudding, etc. Those folks include Judy Brett (who at the last minute didn't even get to attend), Bob Boska and Marian Valin, Betty Thon, and Pegge Hill. And the fun couldn't happen without all those who not only attended but were willing to participate in the silliness. A good time was had by all. Thanks so much again to all for your help.

Rachele Ross

Mary Williams will be organizing a bunko party for Aug. 19th. I think this is some sort of game using dice. Mary has promised to teach us all about the game, so lets enjoy finding out what it is. Check the ad in this issue.

Our next burn-it is scheduled for Aug. 25th. Bring your own meat to burn and the club will provide the fixings. The grill should be ready to burn about 6:00.

Lenny Beckett



The annex apartment is cleaned, painted, cracked windows replaced, plumbing repaired and replaced, rotten cabinets floors replaced, and one of the room a/c replaced, to the tune of about \$1,400. The place was an absolute mess, and was used by the previous tenant as a repair shop and storage for outboard motors, parts and tools. The new steward/tenant Mike Grayson has signed the lease and work agreement and will start his duties on August 1. Some of you already met him, he has been cleaning up the yard and our garbage for about two weeks now. He has a son, who will be living with him at the annex. He will be a FULL TIME STEWART. The first floor of the annex is still full of your stuff. Please remove these as soon as possible. We had some problems with the

delivery of the chairs, however the problems were solved at this board meeting, and hopefully we will have delivery very soon. I have ordered and will put up signs on the East side of the parking lot: PRIVATE PARKING, for MYC members and guest only. This may or may not solve the parking problems.

We will have another clean up and "fix it" day sometime in October. I will keep you informed, and I am hoping to get the some turnout we had for the spring cleaning. I promise to have more food for everyone.

After parties or other gatherings please clean up, and return everything to its place.

It is a great year and we are making progress toward replacing worn and broken parts. It may take a little time, please bear with me.

See you around

*Gabriel Denes
Rear Commodore*

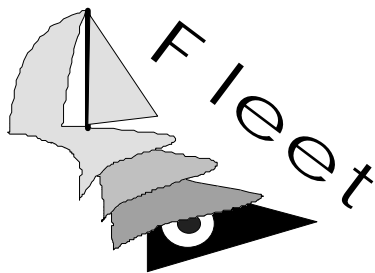


Polka Lessons

Get ready for the Octoberfest Party
Learn or brush up on the Polka



On a Sunday night in late Sept. or early Oct. from 7:30-9:00 only \$10 a couple if 10 or more couples are interested. Professional dance instructor-taught at the club; refreshments included. See or call Brenda Shadbolt 259-3571 if you are interested.



The Long Distance race was held on June 11th, and six boats raced. The turnout was light partly because the weather had been bad for the last three days, and was still ominous on race day. Frank Ziolkow won in his new SR 21.

The Summer Rum Race Series has been concluded with a rain-out. Winners will be announced after the first race of the Fall Series on August 4th.

The ladies are all ready for their 22nd (!) Annual Mermaid Regatta on September 23 and 24. They have food, entertainment, and a race committee. All they need now are participants.



Friday August 25
Bring your meat & burn-it on our grill

Cost \$4.00/person

Includes salad, potato, desert, plates, and the grill.

Grill ready around 6

LADIES! This is a wonderful chance to get together in teams and demonstrate both your team skills and your boat-handling skills. COME ON OUT. MEN! Stand by your women.

Hasty Miller
Fleet Director

Membership

New MYC Applicant

Roy Michael (Mike) Millar--- Sponsored by Marsha Millar

Mike Millar was born and grew up in Melbourne, Florida. He graduated from Mel Hi, and consequently spent a lot of time on and around the Indian River Lagoon.

He is presently a RN at one of the Laboratories at Wuesthoff Hospital.

Mike has owned two powerboats, and is now one of the owners or "Sparrow" (Roy Owen's old sailboat). He is very proud to have made his first "crossing" this past May. It looks like he is truly a sailor now!

Tony Barile



We need you. The Fall Regatta Race Week is coming on soon. Last month we met for our first planning meeting, we determined that each club member needs to be involved for this to be as big of a success as it was last year. Please contact Dave Noble, 779-5222 or email noblede@gateway.net to volunteer. We are hoping once again to have sponsors contribute so we can offer more to the sailors. If you know of business willing to contribute please let me know and I'll

describe the levels of sponsorship we offer.

I need an individual or group to take on an easy project of refurbishing a small boat that we have plans to raffle, we can not wait too long on this, so if you know anyone who can polish and varnish, we sure could use their assistance.

Do you have an remote control sailboat? If so get it tuned up and charged up. We are adding an R/C regatta during the race week.

There are lots of slots to be filled, PLEASE help us out. Next planning meeting is August 16th at 7:00 at MYC. Hope to see you there, call me to let me know you are interested.

Dave Nobel
Youth Director

MELBOURNE YACHT CLUB



22nd Mermaid Regatta

Saturday/Sunday, September 23/24

featuring

❖ Fun Racing ❖

*Cruiser PHRF (Spinnaker & Non-Spinnaker)
and True Cruiser 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 11:00 p.m.
Hot dogs and trophy presentation to follow the race

❖ Dinner Prepared by the Gentlemen of the Club ❖

Steak dinner with all the trimmings 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 Vaudeville Revue ❖

The gentlemen of the club will be entertaining us with comedy and song.

❖ Great Door Prizes ❖

ENTRY FEE

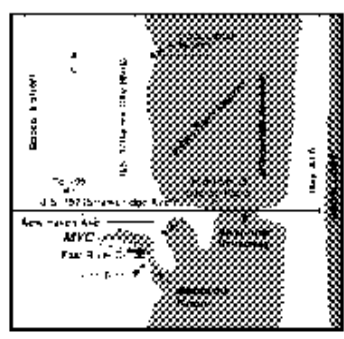
\$35/cruiser—\$30 w/proof of USSA

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.



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.

*For more information or reservations, contact
Mary Williams at 727-3456
or Rachele Ross at 254-8326*

HOT NIGHTS IN ACAPULCO-VILLE



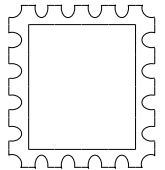
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