

# TELL-TALE

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## Event Calendar:

### SEP

- 15 TGIF Burn-It  
Fall Fri Rum Race #4
- 23-24 Mermaid Regatta
- 29 Fall Fri Rum Race #5
- 30 Board Meeting

### OCT

- 4 Membership Meeting
- 13 Fall Fri Rum Race #6
- 14 Bunco Party
- 18-22 FALL RACE WEEK
- 25 Board Meeting
- 29 ECSA Womens Race #4

## The Party Line

### Bonko—You Missed It! — Another coming Oct 14

Twenty people gathered at MYC on August 19<sup>th</sup> to play “Bunko or Bonko” (I’m not sure which name is correct). The game sounded complicated when it was explained to us, but turned out to be loads of fun. The best part about it was that after each short game, the winning couple at each table advances to the next table, and they are required to switch partners. So everyone ends up moving around and playing with everyone else. The game is simple enough that it doesn’t require much concentration, so there’s time to socialize. And then there was that stuffed ‘Alf’ zinging across the room when anyone rolled triple two’s. It is a great way to meet new people, and even those that attended ‘under duress’ had a ball. Thanks to **Mary Williams** and **Barb Ehnert** for organizing such a fun evening. We had so much fun that **Nancy Eitapence** immediately volunteered to host another one on Saturday October 14.

### Burn, Baby, Burn... (Next Burn-It THIS FRIDAY, Sep 15)

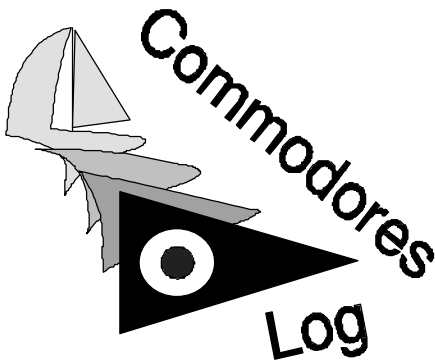
Thanks a bunch to **Ed and Carol Hakkila** for organizing the Burn-It on August 25<sup>th</sup>—the cheesy potatoes were great! About sixty people attended and everyone went away well fed. **Karl and Suzan Kiser** are planning another burn-it for September 15<sup>th</sup>. This is a Rum Race night so we will be starting the grill a little later so the coals will still cook for the racers. The grill should be ready about 6:30 PM. Bring your own meat to burn, and racers—don’t forget to invite your crew.

### Mermaid Regatta and Dinner—September 23-24

The Mermaid Regatta is coming up next week, Sep 23-24. Bob Sowden is organizing another evening of entertainment for all on Saturday night, and the men will be cooking dinner. Reservations not required, but are very much appreciated by the dinner planners. See the full regatta flyer inside.

- Lenny Beckett

(for Chris Reynolds, who promises to come back soon)



The September General Meeting was nearly a bust. We had to literally search the docks and the condo next door to come up with enough members to hold an official meeting. This was after an email message reminding everyone of the meeting.

We need member participation to run this club, and an hour per month invested in the operation of YOUR CLUB should be considered time well spent.

Please put October 4<sup>th</sup> on your calendar for next month's meeting. During this meeting we will be electing a nominating committee who will put together next year's slate of officers. If you want a say in who is running your club, then **be there!** If you have any suggestions for after-meeting programs to spark attendance, please let me know.

The subject of inadequate parking was raised during the last week's meeting. If you have ever arrived after six on a race night, you probably had a hard time finding a place to park. During regattas and other events, the shortage of parking is quite bad. The LRPC last year looked at the possibility of buying Bill's Tire store across the street, and

## House Report

There is another page in the ongoing saga of the new tables and chairs for the bar. VCM, our contractor, has been promising delivery of the chairs since June 21. Finally, through Pat's excellent detective work, we found that VCM HAS NOT EVEN PLACED AN ORDER with the manufacturer for any of the contracted items as of Sept. 6, 2000. As of Friday, VCM was fired and the money will be returned to us by Monday, Sept. 11. I will work directly with the manufacturer's representative to solve this matter. He assured me, that after the order is received by him, the items will be delivered within 4 weeks. Sorry about the delays, and thanks again **Pat Denes** for her excellent work to expose this crook.

If anyone knows a good carpenter or refinisher to refurbish our tables, please give me a call or E-mail (Sirveyor2@aol.com)

The flooring will be done by Floorcraft, a very reputable local firm. I will meet their representative on Sept. 12 and will sign a binding contract for their work.

Thank you for the **Leahy's** and **Hasty Miller's** advice—the rails on the annex balconies are repaired.

Most of the "stuff" are removed from the first floor of the annex, now we need to clean and organize it. We may found a good use for it for youth groups etc.

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recommended that the price and ongoing maintenance costs of obtaining Bill's was too much for the club to handle. However, in retrospect, that may have been a wrong decision. Our existing mortgage will be paid off in 2006. We could probably refinance the club for the purchase of Bill's, with resulting payments about the same as we are presently making on our existing mortgage. I have asked the LRPC to revisit the Bill's issue and present their findings to the board In October.

While reviewing the MYC insurance policy for renewal, I noticed an exclusion for liability payment in the event of a hazardous material spill. I contacted our insurance agent and expressed concern about this exclusion. The response was "no underwriter will write a policy for your type of operation without that exclusion. If they would, you could not afford it." In the event of such a spill, the individual boat owner is responsible for cleanup, fines and property damage. The dollar amount of which can be staggering. Accidental spills can happen easily—a can of varnish knocked overboard, a fuel tank leak which results in the automatic bilge pump dumping 50 gallons of diesel oil into the harbor are examples. The club requires boat owners at the dock to have liability insurance. Please make sure your insurance is valid and for your own protection, make sure you are covered for accidental spills.

*-Lenny Beckett, Commodore*

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Thanks to **Grant Ball** and **Jack Leahy** (again) for repairing the gate. It was back in service on Saturday morning, after it was damaged on Friday.

I had several complaints from our condo neighbors regarding our back yard weed collection, they want us to do something with it and the trailers. It is a pretty ugly site from the condos. I asked Mike, our Steward, to weed whack it and agent orange it, for a quick fix. We seriously need to address this situation, together with the back patio, as soon as possible.

If you see Mike Greyson around say hello to him. He is doing an excellent job as Steward, Gate Keeper and Gardener.

We will do some tree trimming and back patio fixing at our semi annual "love Thyne Club Labour Day" on Saturday, November 4. You all are cordially invited to this event. Bring your shovels, rakes, hammers, saws etc. The club will supply the drinks and lunch. Remember more make merrier.

**PLEASE KEEP OFF THE BACK PATIO UNTIL IT IS REPAIRED.**

Please lock doors and turn off the lights. Remember this is yours and my club, keep it ship shape! Thank you and see you around.

*- Gabriel L. Denes, Rear Commodore & House Chairman*

### Dockmaster Notes

Thanks to **Grant Ball** for servicing the club hoist. As we enter the prime hurricane season, please give a thought to the unthinkable, and check your boat's dock lines and chafing gear.

The outer floodlight on the west dock is working again. The wait list has been updated so check the bulletin board for the latest edition.

*- Rob Van Name, Asst Dockmaster*

We have moved!

#### Mr/Mrs Charles Squires

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TELL - TALE keeps us updated on happenings at MYC and we look forward to receiving/reading it every month.

*-Charlie Squires*



**Barb Ehnert Explains Bonko to Jerry Ross, Eden Bitzer, and Betty Thon**

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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.

# Mermaid Regatta Flyer

## New Membership Applications

### PAUL & JOYCE ALEXY

*Sponsors: Jack & Jacki Leahy, Jerry & Rachelle Ross*

Paul and Joyce returned to their Merritt Island home from Cleveland, Ohio in April, 2000.

In Ohio, they belonged to the Lorain Yacht Club since the early 70's. They had a number of sailboats, enjoyed local club racing, along with some regional regattas. In 1988, they won "Boat of the Year" in the PHRF class. Afterwards, they did some cruising.

Paul has been a sales rep. for a large computer company, for the last 25 years. Alexys have three grown children.

Since they have returned to Florida, they do not feel complete without sailing in their schedule. They are in the process of purchasing a 30' S2, to be named *Impulsive*. Paul has been heard in the bar on Friday night, rashly promising to give all the racers a run for their money, as soon as *Impulsive* is race-worthy.

They have attended a number of MYC functions in the last few months. Including the Acapulcoveille Party (photo below), the Bunco party, and at least one recent Burn-It. If you see them around the club, please introduce yourselves and make them feel welcome.

Paul & Joyce Alexy



Watch out for Gangs at MYC! They have taken command of the Optimist Dinghies and are very intimidating, with only a couple of hours of experience they are tacking and jibing throughout the harbor like they have been around the Horn a time or two. I was pretty impressed that each child took the helm and sailed the Optimist in and out of the Melbourne Harbor channel in the first class. These 12 students will be controlling the waters through the month of September, so watch out. Please do not park in the dinghy area.

I tried several times this year to accommodate the graduates of previous beginner classes, with a more advanced sailing program. For whatever reason each attempt failed and the students did not get what I promised. I found that my time demands were just too great and the planning was not sufficient. However I did invite the two MYC members, **Kai Duncan** and **Kyle Noble** to receive instruction from **Chris Duer**. Every Wednesday at 5:00, the two rig Optimist and go out to the river for tuning tips and racing instruction. I have been in contact with some of the other junior sailing programs around the county to invite them to the Fall Regatta to challenge MYC's juniors. Congratulations to Kai and Kyle, members of the MYC Junior Sailing Team.

I would like to thank **Sari Wakefield** for her time and participation in the development of the MYC Sailing Classes. You may or may not know, Sari moved to Oklahoma this fall to attend The University of Tulsa. Her help has already been missed, however I wish the best to her and her ball playing. Thanks Sari.

I had the pleasure of sailing with **Rob Van Name**, in the Friday September 1<sup>st</sup>. Rum Race. It was fun crewing again and meeting new and potential new members. However the real pleasure was seeing an MYC member being in the right place at the right time in order to save two souls.

**Dave Nesbit** sailing *Epic* in the Rum Race was leading the fleet and came across a father and son floating in the middle of the river. The two had been separated from their capsized Hobie Cat, and were struggling to stay afloat. Dave and his crew assessed the situation and were able to get the two aboard

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**Epic.** The father and son were not in any condition to get back on the catamaran, let alone right it, so Dave's crew righted the Cat and sailed it to the harbor, where all were delivered safe and sound. Having had similar experience in the past, both as the savior and the sufferer, I know Dave is being humble and thinking this was no big deal, but he was in the right place at the right time and had a major impact to these men's lives. **Congratulations Dave and crew.**

The **Fall Regatta**, it is coming and coming fast. So much still needs to be done and **we need your help to get it done.** Do you have a friend, relative or employer that would be willing to donate a door prize? If so please contact Dave Noble 779-5222, so I can coordinate it. At this time, I do not have any door prizes and not too many leads, so will this be a total flop or will you help MYC and ask your favorite restaurant or area retailer for a gift certificate.

- Dave Noble, Youth Sailing

## Labor Day Cruise to Kennedy Point

On Labor Day Weekend, several MYC boats invaded Kennedy Point Yacht Club for three days of fun in the sun. Boats included **Sleighride, Rainbow Chaser (Jackie & Ross Herbert too), Morning Glory, SirVeyor, Renegade, Renown & Sea Owl.**

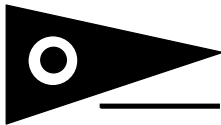
On the trip up, **Bob Boska** on *Morning Glory* found a unique way to conserve on fuel. He may not want to talk about it!!!

KPYC was the usual great host. We did our own bar-b-que on Saturday night, and participated in their party on Sunday night. The pool was delightful!! All agreed that a pool was the next project for the MYC work weekend. (Right next to Rachele's hot tub.) The music was good but loud the first night, and great on Sunday.

We hope to do a reciprocal party as soon as all our "pickers" are back. Jack Bibb, WHERE ARE YOU???

- Jacki Leahy

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