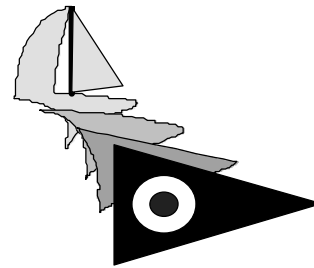


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Event Calendar:

OCT

- 12 Racing Rules Seminar
- 13 Fall Fri Rum Race #6
- 14 Bunco Party
- 18-22 FALL RACE WEEK
- 25 Board Meeting
- 28 Octoberfest
- 29 ECSA Womens Race #4

NOV

- 4 'Love Thy Club' Day
- 5 ECSA Womens Race #5
- 12 MYC Winter Race #1
- 18 Sharing Party

The Party Line

Fall is Here

And Sue and I are back from a cool and damp Britain to a warm and damp Florida, though we are optimistic that a cool front will soon clear the air for an active October at MYC. Thanks so much to Lenny and all who helped him organize such great MYC activities this Summer while we were gone. We relished the reports of these activities, complete with photos web-posted or e-mailed by Sherry, and often wished we could just nip back and participate. We thoroughly enjoyed having Stu and Brenda stop by Gilbert (our Sully 'Van) for a couple of nights in May, and hope that next year more MYC friends will be able to stop in and visit us there.

Upcoming Events

The major event of the month is of course the **Fall Regatta**, and there is much activity underway to make this a splendid experience for all participants. Even if you don't get out as a competitor, there is still the opportunity to help out around the docks and enjoy the post-race activities. See the regatta flyers and postings elsewhere in this newsletter for details.

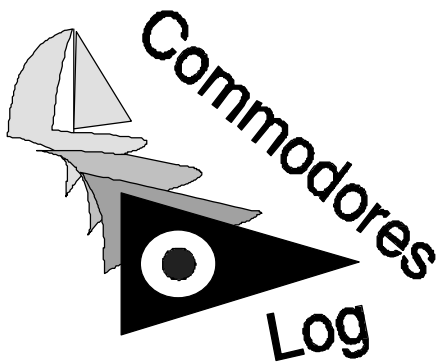
Other activities include another **Bonco party**, this time sponsored by Chuck Harris, who so thoroughly enjoyed the last one that he wanted another. It is scheduled for Saturday, October 14th at 7:30 pm, so contact Chuck to sign up and reserve your spot early. Sue and I weren't here for the last one so we are anxious to discover what we missed.

Octoberfest

Late in the month, when hopefully all the hops and barley in Bavaria will have been safely gathered in, it will be time to celebrate this most important harvest. On Saturday October 28th MYC members and guests will have the chance to rejoice appropriately with a good German beer, a German style meal, with dancing to the best Oompah band in the area. See the Ad in this TellTale for more details of this event.

Again, great to be back, and we look forward to seeing you all around the club this month.

- Chris Reynolds, Vice Commodore



The Nominating Committee for the 2001 officer election was selected during the October general meeting. The committee consists of:

Gus Williams
Stu Shadbolt
Bill Baker
Bob Sowden
Chuck Delmater.

If you have any suggestions for 2001 officers please contact anyone on the committee and give them your suggested names.

The MYC Mermaid Regatta couple of weeks ago was a total success. The ladies put on great races and impressed everyone with their racing ability. Over 100 people attended the Saturday night dinner and entertainment, quite an impressive turnout of participants and supporters. The women's teams are really starting to gain momentum and hopefully there will be even more teams organized and participating by this time next year. Keep it up girls!!! Check the Fleet Captain's report for more detail.

Our investigation into the acquisition of the Bill's Tire property is dead. The property has been sold and the new owner is not interested in selling. He is willing to lease the property, but at a price we could not afford

House Report

The Bar chair saga is still going on. VCM did return our money, after much haggling and name calling. I have reordered the chairs through Brevard Restaurant and Equipment Supply of Cocoa. The contract calls for delivery within six weeks of Sept. 22.

Floorcraft will install carpeting in the lounge and tiles for the rest of the club building.

The first floor of the annex is cleaned, as much as possible.

Unfortunately Bill's Tire Store across the street was sold. We may have to look at other places to solve our parking problems.

PLEASE OPEN BOTH GATES when we have a function or a large gathering, such as regattas. Someone with a large truck hit the gate again, and caused damage to the gate as well as to his truck.

Please make time and write it in your calendar: NOVEMBER 4 (Saturday) will be our semiannual clean up party, I ask all who can, please come. More makes merrier, and makes work lighter.

PLEASE STILL STAY OFF THE BACK PATIO. IS STILL NOT RE-PAIRED.

Thank you for locking the doors and turning off the lights.

- Gabriel L. Denes, Rear Commodore & House Chairman

just to increase our parking space. We do have permission from Florida Tech to park in their vacant lot, just down the street from MYC on the right, for special events. We will have to provide Florida Tech with insurance and our insurance agent indicates the fee for this is very reasonable. **Please refrain from parking in Bill's lot; we have no parking agreement with the new owner.**

MYC will be putting the club name on the sides of our pram fleet. This was suggested at our last general meeting as a method for the club to get some free advertising. The membership thought this was a great idea and the motion carried unanimously. I have seen the pram fleet out in the river several times and those young sailors are quite impressive. MYC and Dave Noble need to be credited for that.

-Lenny Beckett, Commodore

More Boat Break-Ins Reported: Guy Pelchat reported at the Membership Meeting this month that his boat, M&M, has again been broken into, and things taken. His boat was locked up (but not impregnable). We believe these incursions are coming from the harbor. Everyone should check their locks and be security conscious. Please report any incident.

Love Thy Club Day

Saturday, November 4th

9:00 am

Come help us make our club look nice!

Bring work clothes, gloves, shoes, and a hearty spirit.

ECSA Racers—

*See Gabe ahead of time, for a special
'pre race' project, so you can help, too.*

"Many Hands Make Light Work"

Congratulations to Chuck Harris!

Chuck has recently passed his 100-ton Captain's License test.

Bob Sowden (aka Dorothy) is 50!

Bob and Karen and friends will be celebrating Bob's big one in the bar this Friday.

MYC Sweeps CBYC ADSCOR Race Spinnaker Class

Skimmer (Hasty Miller), Five Speed (Gary Smith), and Fast Lane (Sherry Beckett) came in 1-2-3 in the CBYC Double-Handed Distance Race Oct 6. (Ask Commodore Lenny how much fun he had.)

Fall Regatta Potluck –EVERYONE Invited

Thursday, October 19

Fall Regatta TGIF

Friday, October 20

***Bring an Hors D'Ouvre Party
(Racer's Too)***

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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.



OktoberFest

With the



Famous & Fabulous Alpine 3 Oompah Band

Saturday, October 28th, at 6:00 pm

Dust off your Lederhosen

Grasp hold of your Frau/Fraulein
Join us for great Food and Entertainment

Including:

“Men in Shorts” Contest

“Wildest Polka” Challenge

Menu

Pork Tenderloin

German Potato Salad, Sweet Red Cabbage

Rolls and Butter

Black Forest Chocolate Cake

Bar featuring German Beer Specials

Only \$10 per person

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New Membership Applications

Greg & Kristen Apotsos

Sponsor: Bob Sowden, Jr.

Greg and Kristin are both avid sailors. Greg grew up sailing and racing Sunfish and Lasers on Lake Erie, where he was also a sailing instructor. Kristin started off racing Comets and Thistles before serving as a sailing instructor in New Jersey and at the San Diego Yacht Club. Kristin sailed for Ohio State University. Greg sailed for University of Michigan.

Greg and Kristen are both professionals and have been in the area for approx. three years.

They have recently purchased a 23' Sea Sprite called "Jolly Mon" and are looking forward to get back into sailing and participating in the MYC Regattas.

Don and Pamela Millar

Sponsor: Gary Killian

Don Retired as a military Aviator. Pamela is the Mgr. of Buckeye Tech Corp.

Don has enjoyed sailing and has owned a Laser, Force 5, and a Hunter 27'. He is now a part-owner in "Sparrow" a Hunter 33'. We will look forward to seeing Don and Pamela around the MYC docks with "Sparrow".

Gary Smith

Sponsor: Jerry Ross

Gary is a well known and outstanding sailor in the Melbourne Area. He has been a Melbourne Yacht Club member in the past, and now wishes to rejoin. Gary has been an active participant in recent MYC Regattas, in his Lindenberg 28, *Five Speed*, and has also participated in several recent cruises and MYC parties.

Gary is a realtor with Pruitt Realty in Melbourne. He has three grown children, all excellent sailors.



**Paul and Joyce
Alexy**

-Tony Barile, Membership Chairman

Mermaid Photos



Above: The ladies listening to racing tactics at a seminar taught by Gary Smith



Left: Bob Sowden as Dorothy ("has anyone seen my Toto?")

Below: Grant Ball and Gus Williams belting out "YMCA" (and loving it)



Fall Regatta Flyer



Five races of the Fall Rum Race Series have been completed, the 22nd Annual running of the Mermaid Regatta was run on September 23rd and 24th, and preparations are well underway

for the Fall Regatta, under Dave Noble.

The Rum Races are still bringing out a lot of boats, and the finishes are very close. In close situations, the angle of the line is difficult to judge. In the future, if anyone finishes with a good lead, if he would remain for a few minutes to judge the finishes of a following clump of boats, it would be appreciated. FYI: the start line is a line west of Marker 6, perpendicular to the rhumb line to Marker A. The finish line is a line west of Marker 6 perpendicular to the rhumb line from Marker 9. The next Rum Race is Friday, September 29th.

Grace Belcher won the Spinnaker class in the Mermaid Regatta, beating three other boats, while Polly McQuillen won the Non-Spinnaker class and the weekend overall trophy, beating five other boats. It was a real pleasure to see and hear all the ladies in the club after the racing, showing the same animation and camaraderie that the guys do after a big regatta.

On October 12th at 7:00 PM in the clubhouse, Bob Sowden will lead a seminar on racing rules. This is important not only for those new to racing, but for those of us who learned the rules so long ago that much of what we know is obsolete. The first order of business will be sending out for pizza, so get there on time or get your order in to myself or Sherry Beckett.

Dave Noble has the Fall Regatta planning well in hand. He has rounded up a lot of sponsorship, and there will be some very nice door and raffle prizes offered. As it did last year, the event starts on Wednesday evening, with events every day through Sunday. We have been especially careful to tap people who would not otherwise race for the committee, so we expect a large turnout for the racing.

- Hasty Miller, Fleet Captain

Mermaid Regatta Results

Boats Registered: 10

Ladies Participating: 61

Dinners Served: 100

Men Helping Out: Many Many

Overall Winner

Polly MacQuillen – Frenzy

Spinnaker Class

1st – Five Speed – Grace Belcher

2nd – Fast Lane – Sherry Beckett

3rd – Volant – Karen Knockel

Non-Spinnaker Class

1st – Frenzy – Polly MacQuillen

2nd – Sleighride – Rachele Ross

3rd – Epic – Mary Williams

Bowline Tying Race

Fastest Knots – Five Speed

‘Most Creative’ - Flying Buckeye

**MANY THANKS
FROM ALL THE LADIES
TO ALL THE GUYS THAT
HELPED OUT!!**

**Special Thanks to Bob Sowden for all
his work with Women's Racing**

Saturday Night Bonco

October 14, 2000 - 7 p.m.

What's Bonco?

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

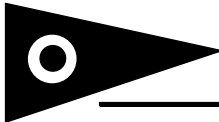
Beer, wine and snacks served during the game.

Coffee and dessert served following.

Reservations required – sign up in the bar or

Nancy Eitapence – 779-4400

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