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Event Calendar:

DEC 2000

- 10 MYC Winter Race #3
- 27 Board Meeting?
- 31 New Years Eve

JAN 2001

- 3 Membership Meeting
& Election of Officers
- 7 MYC Winter Race #4
- 9 Social Calendar
Planning Meeting
- 21 MYC Winter Race #5
- 28 ECSA Women's Race

The Party Line

Caring, Sharing, and Giving Thanks

The major event at MYC in November was the annual Sharing Auction and dinner, once again sponsored by Betty and Bill Thon. As in previous years, many MYC members were most munificent in donating many lovely craft pieces and useful holiday gift and decorative items, and again in opening up their wallets to bid generously to win the auctions. The Serene Harbor home for abused families will be the most deserving beneficiary of our generosity during this holiday season. Thank you Bill and Betty for caring enough to work hard for this most successful event.

Thanks to Jackie Leahy and Nancy Eitapence, an impromptu potluck Thanksgiving Dinner was held at the club for boating itinerants in the area. I understand that a grand time was had by all, and interest has been expressed toward making this a regular event, - advertised to invite all MYC members and guests who would like to participate.

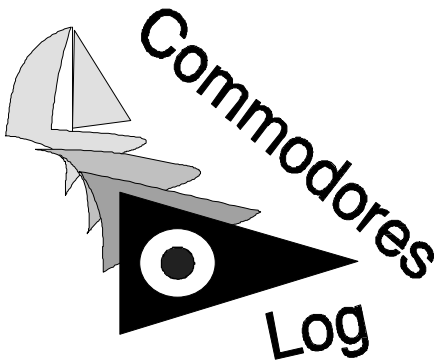
On the Water Front

On the day after Thanksgiving, many of us took our boats down the river to Marker 21 Island to join Sherry and Lenny Beckett's Raftup party. We had a fun evening on *Island Time*, but when Saturday dawned to dreary skies, bleary eyes, high winds and a weather forecast from hell, several boats bailed out and headed home (including ours). However, *Rainbow Chaser* and *Majjak II* headed down to join the group, the weather cleared, and those daring souls who braved the threat of 50 knot winds had a great party and sing-song round the campfire under starry skies. Thanks Sherry, and we are happy it worked out so well for everyone there.

The Winter Sunday Rum Race series got under way November 12th & 26th, and the bar was opened at 3:00 pm following the races on both occasions. Attendance was excellent, and it is planned to provide continued volunteer bartender service as long as the demand justifies. All other MYC members and guests are invited to stop in.

Holiday Season

As I write this, the annual MYC Christmas Party organized by Betsy Baird has already taken place. Although this year there were not many young children in attendance, both they and the many old children of MYC had a fun evening. The Madrigal Singers from the United Methodist Church at Suntree provided wonderful entertain-



Last month I reported that the general membership had approved the limited use of our club facilities by the Coast Guard Auxiliary for their monthly meetings. It was subsequently brought to my attention that this is a violation of club by-laws, as stated on page 24 of the MYC directory. I therefore sent a letter to the CGA retracting our offer, which was graciously accepted. I would like to sincerely apologize to the membership for bringing this forward without fully researching the issue.

We had a great attendance at this month's meeting probably due to Jack Bibb presenting a talk on what has worked well for he and Marty on their trips up and down the waterway. Thanks Jack, I'm sure people picked up some helpful hints.

The Nominating committee presented their recommended slate of officers for the upcoming year at Wednesday's general meeting. The list of proposed officers is published in this newsletter. Please review the list and attend our meeting on January 3rd and vote for officers for 2001. Nominations will be accepted from the floor during that meeting.

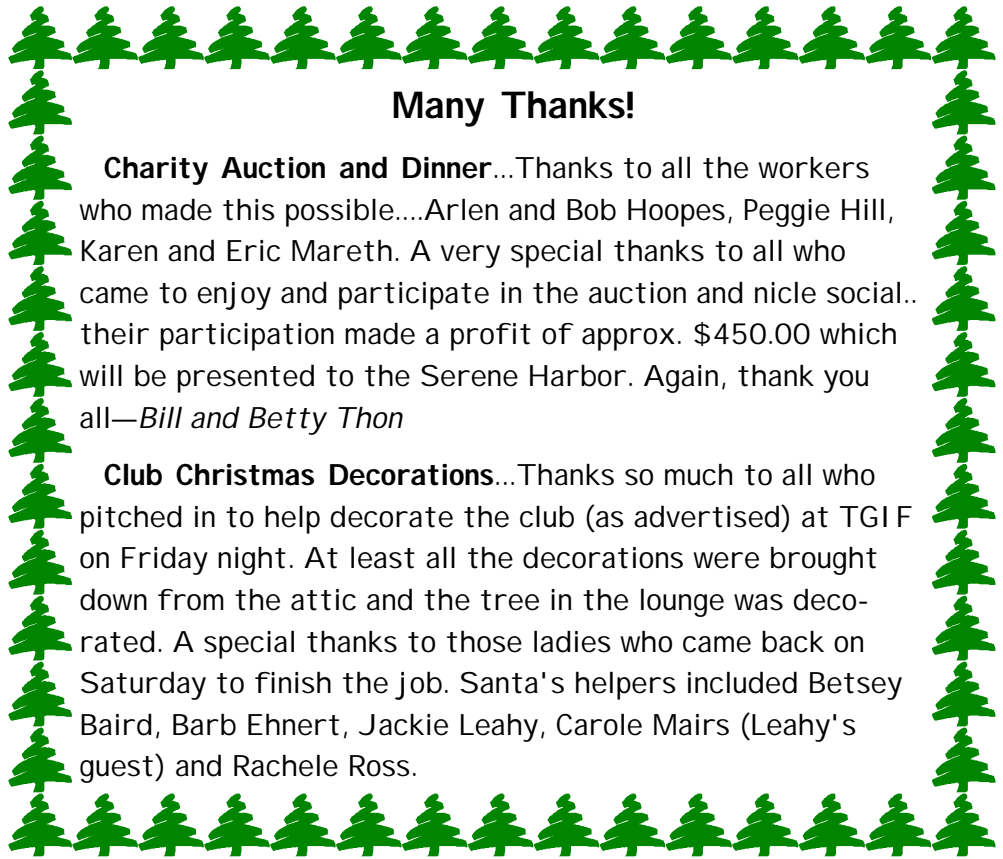
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ment following a delicious dinner. The Thon's nephew Eric played a great Santa to the children, and Stu Shadbolt finished the evening by providing a poignant and humorous reading from "A Child's Christmas in Wales" by Dylan Thomas.

We have not heard from anyone interested in hosting a New Years party at the club this year, so Sue along with Faye Bitzer are planning an informal get-together on New Year's Eve from about 9:00 pm to after midnight. They are working on developing a theme, - something to do with Druids and Stone Circles?? Anyway, if you are in the spirit that night, plan on coming along. Bring your favorite CD and an hors d'oeuvre to share. I'll have the bar open.

Early January is usually (holiday recovery) quiet with a seafood event held toward the end of the month, though that is not currently planned and will likely be replaced by a burn-it. We'll let you know the details in the January TellTale.

- Chris Reynolds, Vice Commodore



Many Thanks!

Charity Auction and Dinner... Thanks to all the workers who made this possible....Arlen and Bob Hoopes, Peggie Hill, Karen and Eric Mareth. A very special thanks to all who came to enjoy and participate in the auction and nice social.. their participation made a profit of approx. \$450.00 which will be presented to the Serene Harbor. Again, thank you all—*Bill and Betty Thon*

Club Christmas Decorations... Thanks so much to all who pitched in to help decorate the club (as advertised) at TGIF on Friday night. At least all the decorations were brought down from the attic and the tree in the lounge was decorated. A special thanks to those ladies who came back on Saturday to finish the job. Santa's helpers included Betsey Baird, Barb Ehnert, Jackie Leahy, Carole Mairs (Leahy's guest) and Rachele Ross.

Thanks to Rear Commodore Gabe Denes and his decorating committee for all the work that has been done inside the club. The new flooring is installed throughout the entire clubhouse, the new bar furniture has been received and the existing bar tables are out being refinished and should be back shortly. Thanks Gabe, the club looks great! Thanks also to Rachele and her crew for the Christmas decorations.

-Lenny Beckett, Commodore

MYC Officer Nominations

Submitted by the nominating committee consisting of Gus Williams, Stu Shadbolt, Chuck Delmater, Bob Sowden, and Bill Baker.

After much deliberation we propose the following Slate of Officers and Directors for the Board of Melbourne Yacht Club for the year 2001.

Commodore	Chris Reynolds
Vice Commodore	Gabe Dennis
Rear Commodore	Mary Williams
Secretary	Marsha Millar
Treasurer	Victor Poor
Director Fleet	Sherry Beckett
Director Youth	Dave Noble
Director Membership	Rhonda Delmater
Director Docks	Rob Van Name

The above slate requires two exceptions from the club Bylaws. These must be approved and confirmed by the general membership of the club during the formal election of officers at the January General Meeting. The Nominating Committee recommends that these be handled as a "one time" exception, and not constitute a change in Bylaws.

1. Chris Reynolds expects to be absent from the country for a maximum of two sequential monthly meeting cycles during next summer. This is a total of four meetings including Board and General meetings, plus any unscheduled meetings that might be needed during that time. See Article 2: Duties of Officers. Section 1.
2. Dave Noble is proposed for a third term as Director Youth. Only two terms are permitted by the Bylaws. We believe that his exceptional efforts in this position should be extended for another term. See Article 8: Elections. Section 4.

Voting on this slate of officers, and any nominations that may be submitted from the floor, will be done at the January Membership Meeting, on January 3rd.

Youth Class Planned for Xmas Week

Dave Noble is planning an advanced racing class for the kids during the Xmas break. Contact Dave for details. 779-8404

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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



MYC Sweeps Ohio Shoals Ocean Race

The Ohio Shoals Ocean Race was almost canceled by the Cocoa Beach Yacht Club, due to lack of participation in earlier races, mostly by their own members. So MYC showed up with five boats for the race on November 18th, which accounted for half of the fleet. We finished first through fourth in the Spinnaker class, and first in the Non-Spinnaker class. *MYC rules!*

Spinnaker Class:

1st	Five Speed	Gary Smith
2nd	Skimmer	Hasty Miller
3 rd	Fast Lane	Sherry Beckett
4 th	Impulsive	Paul Alexy

Non-Spinnaker Class:

1st	Windward	Gus & Mary Williams
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Winter Rum Race Series

The first race of the Winter Rum Race series was a bit handicapped by the sudden realization that there was no mark near the Melbourne Beach pier. So everyone rounded whatever crab pot seemed appropriate and had a good time (these results will not be counted in the Series results). The second race, held on November 26, had a good (but recumbent) race mark, but little wind. The wind, which had been more than adequate for most of the race, died to zero on the final leg. Sherry Beckett sneaked over the line just ahead of Mac McQuillen, who led Paul Alexy and Rob Van Name across.

Meanwhile, Mr. John Stewart of South Melbourne Beach found our missing mark on his beach right opposite Marker 21. He called us, I finally got the message when I returned from Atlanta, and the mark has been recovered, repainted, and is now on the chain where the recumbent mark had been. Examination of the chain of the old mark revealed that the last link was worn almost to nothing. I believe that this has been caused by nothing more than the abrasion of the chain on the sand as it is dragged around the anchor. I also feel that the chain needs to be replaced every summer as a standard part of each Fleet Captain's duties. ***Thanks a bunch to Rob Van Name and Chet Prudzynski for their help on the mark!***

A 'Rum Race Correction Factors' worksheet, and the Rum Race Start Times have now been posted on the MYC Web Page. Note that the start times worksheet has been revised several times over the years. If you happen to have an old one at home, please throw it out, and get a copy of the new one, to make sure we're all working off the same sheet! (The latest one is the same as was published in early 2000)

MYC Retains Cirripedia Cup

On Saturday, December 2, the ECSA River Challenge Race was held north of the Eau Gallie Causeway. The ECSA was challenging to again try to recover the Cirripedia Cup. It was a good try, but MYC prevailed. Results are:

Non-Spinnaker:

1 st	- Dick King - MYC
2 nd	- Jim Connor - ECSA
3 rd	- Greg Apotsos - MYC

Spinnaker:

1 st	- Bob Sowden - MYC
2 nd	- Mac McQuillen - ECSA
3 rd	- Eric Carlson - IRYC
4 th	- Gary Smith - ECSA
5 th	- Hasty Miller - MYC

- Hasty Miller, Fleet Captain

New Membership Applications

Gene & Vera Mangold

Sponsor: Harvey & Nancy Melfi

Vic & Flo Poor

Gene and Vera Mangold, are retired and are in the process of buying a 40' Albin (Trawler) and are moving to the Melbourne, Florida area.

Gene and Vera have extensive offshore experience, cruising in Mexico, East and West Gulf, US East Coast, Eastern Caribbean, and South America.

Gene was Yacht Club Commodore for Venture Sailing Club and Captain's cove Yacht during 1968-1974 in Dallas, Texas. During this period he was race committee chairman for both clubs and won first overall for several years in Dallas CCA class..

From 1974-1998, the Mangolds were members of the Bay Yacht club, Corpus Christi, Texas. Gene started the cruising program here. From 1980-1990, Gene organized the Gulf Coast Cruising Association, for the Texas Coast.

They are both enthusiastic about joining the Melbourne Yacht Club to share in the Social, Cruising and racing activities.



John MacNeill

Bruce & Christine Roffi Hopkins

-Tony Barile, Membership Chairman

Proposed St. Augustine Cruise

I am thinking about planning a MYC club cruise to St. Augustine. My thoughts are to provide a few motel rooms for those who wish to join but not take the time to sail. Also, there is a nice municipal marina there, and I am sure arrangements could be made for dockage for those who would rather dock than anchor out. There is also lots of anchoring out room.

This would be done in the Spring in April/May time frame as not to interfere with summer vacations. The trip would be about a week.

Anyone interested in participating or helping to plan this, please give me a call soon!

Mary Williams - 727-3456

marywindward@yahoo.com

House Report

The chairs are in, and the tables are out, but will be back by the 15th of December. The furniture maker had some trouble removing the paint from the table pedestals. However we have solved that problem.

The flooring is all in, shiny and new. Thanks for Karl Kiser's help moving the refrigerators and other heavy items. Commodore Lenny, Karl and I removed everything on Tuesday and replace everything on Wednesday and the floors were shined by Thursday. How is that for fast work? Thank you fellows!

The old bar area chairs and bar stools will be sold to the membership at \$10 and \$20 each, respectively. The best of the chairs will be kept for use on the back porch, but some will be for sale. All bar stools will be sold. Please contact me if you are interested in either of these items.

The house survived the Fall Regatta, except the gate. Why do people have to climb it? Please tell your guests and crew to have someone open it for them. It costs money to replace the spindles.

By the way, does anyone know the combination for the lock on the side gate? If you do, please call me.

It was a great and exciting year, and I think we did accomplish most of our goals for the year. I am looking forward to the New Year and new challenges.

- Gabriel L. Denes, Rear Commodore



Big & Little Sail

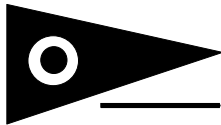


Many thanks to all of the Skippers & Crew who helped out at the "Big & Little Sail". Boats attending were: Skimmer (Hasty Miller), Yankee Rebel (Brenda & Stu Shadbolt), La Vie Dansante (Karen Knockle & Bob Sowden), Majjak (Marty & Jack Bibb), Island Time (Lenny Beckett), Fast Lane (Sherry Beckett), Argo Navis (Allen Pane), Look Out (Harry Stapor), Rosy B (Rose & Bill Baker), Sparrow (Louisa & Garry Killian), Sybaris (Bobby & Mike Huck), Spirit (Gary Bobowski) & Swept Away (Laurie & Brent Saunders). Extra thanks to Steve Clendin, Ross Herbert, Jack & Jackie Leahe (and anyone else I have forgotten) for helping out in the kitchen & at the grill.

We had over 70 people attend the event. The weather was brisk, making it exciting for all who participated. This event is one of the highest attended events for the "Big Brother/Big Sister" organization each year, and everyone had a wonderful day. The Big Brother/Big Sister volunteers spend 4-8 hours each week of quality time with a boy or girl who is in need of additional adult companionship. Everybody who came out and helped did a very good thing. We am proud to be one of you.

Laurie & Brent Saunders

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