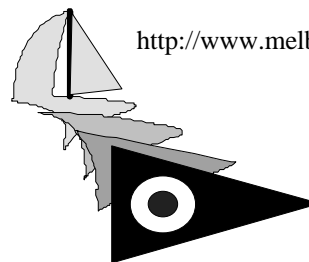


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Remember Margarita-ville?  
Remember Acapulco-ville?

## Well now it's time for Celtic-ville.

***A fun-filled event with the flavor of  
the British Isles ... a little Irish ...  
a little Scottish ... a little Welsh,  
and a very little bit of England.***

### Saturday, April 7

Bar opens at 6 • Dinner at 7 • \$10.00/person

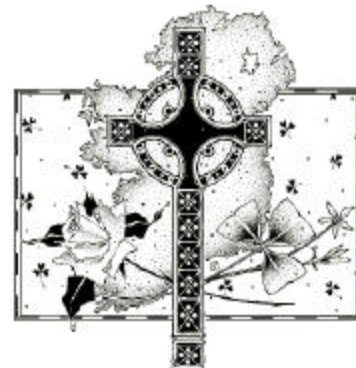
**Dinner** has an Irish flavor, featuring Corned Beef and Cabbage, Colcannon (mashed potatoes) and Irish soda bread. English trifle will be served for dessert.

**Entertainment** features a Scottish Dance troupe and a bagpiper or two.

**Fun and games** will feature an on-going dart tournament in the lounge, a sheepherding contest, tossing the caber, and a "Welsh spelling bee" (just kidding).

**Dress** for the occasion if you desire, there will be a costume contest and a prize for "most creative under the kilt."

**Please make reservations by Wednesday, April 3. Call Rachele Ross (254-8326/674-8963) or e-mail [ross@fit.edu](mailto:ross@fit.edu) or Ross & Jackie Herbert 757-9231.**



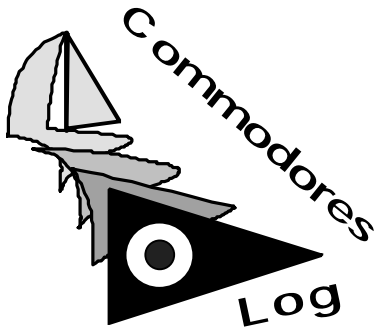
### Event Calendar:

#### March

- 18 Spring Rum Race #3
- 24 Ballard Park Cruise
- 28 Board Meeting

#### April

- 1 Spring Rum Race #427
- 6 Spring Rum Race #5
- 4 General Meeting(7:30)
- 7 Celtic Fling
- 20 Spring rum Race #6
- 24 St. Augustine Cruise



## Having a Ball

The 76 MYC members who attended the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Commodore's Ball last Saturday were treated to a wonderful night out. The imaginative room and table décor, to the theme of "Sailing on Ancient Seas", was quite brilliant – topped by a grand copper chandelier with real candles (though the floor never got a better waxing). The dinner was delicious, the band provided a variety of great songs to dance to, and the party lasted well into the night. Congratulations to my wife Sue for organizing such an enjoyable event, and many thanks to her and her many helpers who put so much work to ensure it's success.

## Major Awards

As part of the Ball ceremonies I was privileged to honor the recipients of our award winners for their contribution and exemplification of the spirit of adventure, camaraderie, and volunteerism of the Melbourne Yacht Club, as follows:

Jay Moulton Cruising Award, presented to Jack and Jackie Leahy for their bold decision to quit the rat-race life and cruise the Caribbean in their yacht "Rainbow Chaser". The presentation - by Sandra Burrige, Marilyn Moulton's daughter visiting from England – was accepted for the Leahy's by an emotional Faye Bitzer, who was quite overcome by the poignancy of the event. Currently in the Bahamas, Rainbow

Chaser is available for charter at special rates to MYC members, so check the bulleting board if you are interested.

US Sailing Sportsmanship Award, in a difficult split decision, presented to both Sherry Beckett and Karen Knockel for their outstanding contribution to our highly successful sailing programs last year.

Member of the Year, awarded to Rob Van Name for his continuing contribution as de facto Dockmaster, and his enthusiastic and cheerful



support of most of our events and activities throughout the year.

## Club Business

The board has been considering a

number of changes designed to enhance the experience of members and streamline the operations of the club. We are publishing a minor change to the Constitution (correct the Burgee definition to our "as used" version), and a Bylaw change to create a "Provisional Member class.

The new Provisional class will make it easier for us to get to know our new member applicants by allowing them to attend and feel welcome at our events and functions, before they have been through the full acceptance procedure. The bylaw change is necessitated due to our beverage license requiring us to serve only members and their guests, and member classes are defined in the bylaws.

Changes are underway to streamline our accounting system, update our private party and alcoholic beverage policy, and several other enhancements are under consideration by your board. Wherever possible, when the board is satisfied a change is beneficial to MYC, the amendment will be accomplished through modification to our rules, policies and procedures.

*Chris Reynolds  
Commodore*

## MYC Music Center Upgrade

MYC music center? What's that? For those who haven't peeked in every nook and cranny at MYC they may not know that we have a stereo system in the little closet off the main meeting room.

Chris and Sue Reynolds have donated a new(er) stereo receiver/amplifier, together with a tape cassette player and a CD player (Wow! Modern!) This replaces the ancient Sharp tape unit and Fisher amp whose faded control markings were so hard to figure. If anyone wants or lays claim to the old stereo units, please contact Gabe Denes or they will be disposed of. If anyone would like instruction on how to use the new system, please contact Chris Reynolds.

*Chris Reynold*



Thank you very much for electing me to this "exulted" position and to let me further bug you for more and more funds for redecorating and improvements in and around our club. As you know, my mother died in November and my Father followed her in January. These were a hard few months for Pat and I, as well as our families. We thank you for your thoughts and prayers. It really helped.

This is a new and exciting year for MYC. There are many things on the burner, some relate to matters of our clubhouse and the grounds. I cajoled and roped in some enthusiastic members for the house committee: my wife Pat, Bob Boska, Ross Herbert and Wendell Kish, with consulting help from Sandy Kish and Karl Kiser.

I am going to continue the redecorating of the lounge and banquet room and do some needed improvements to the grounds:

1. We are getting price quotes for three new rectangular tables for the lounge and some kind of a display case for our trophies, shirts and other paraphernalia Pat is looking into valances for the windows and some "art" work for the walls.
2. I am soliciting estimates for a sprinkler system for the yard.
3. I received an estimate for the paving of the East boat yard.
4. Sometime later this year our oak trees, etc., will need some serious attention. I will asked for reasonable estimates. I don't believe it is a club function, the liability is too great.
5. After the sprinkle system is installed, I would like to have some of you



The MYC membership committee for 2001 has been formed and the members are Greg Apotsos, Tony Barile, Laurie Saunders, Brenda Shadbolt, and Rhonda Delmater. We are currently developing our objectives and plans in the areas of Recruiting; New Member Assimilation; Member Involvement, Information & Retention; Young Adults; and Publicity/Public Relations. Members are encouraged to contribute ideas in these areas to any committee member.

Please join in welcoming to our membership:

**Richard and Susan Oliver**  
**Eckart and Joanne Schneider**

Our new member applicants are:

**John and Judy Drawe**  
**Sponsor: Gus and Mary Williams**



John began sailing in 1963 on the Great Lakes in Michigan and has been hooked ever since. His first boat was a wood-planked center-board overnighter, which he aptly named "Sail & Bail". He progressively worked up to a 30-foot Islander, but discovered his real love is for smaller boats. He has owned and raced several dinghies and a Ranger 22. His current boat is a 16-foot Raider.

John worked in the transportation industry for 40 years and recently retired from Blue Bird Bus Company. He is presently operating a small sail repair and sailboat shop in Sebastian.

Judy is a fair-weather sailor but loves social activities. John took her to a sailboat show on their first date, and they've been married for 28 years. Judy is an active antiquier and has owned several small shops.

John and Judy have recently relocated to Sebastian and are interested in developing friendships, sailing, and racing with the club. The duo "cleaned up" at the Bunco party on February 24.

*Happy sailing!*  
**Rhonda Delmater**  
**Membership Director**

muscle men to help lay sod.

We are planning a workday for April 7th. Please bring saws, chisels, screw drivers, hammers etc. together with rakes, shovels and brooms. We will repair the back porch, repair or maybe replace the closet doors and install louvered windows between the kitchen and the banquet room. I need all hands on board. This is an ambitious program.

I asked one of my concrete/asphalt contractors opinion about the resealing of

the parking lots and driveways, in his opinion the seal is in good shape and should easy last for 2-3 years longer.

I am looking forward for the next year. I promise to keep you all busy.

*See you around*  
**Gabriel L. Denes**  
**Vice Commodore**





Chairman - Mary Williams  
 Member - Nancy Eitapence  
 Member - Betsy Baird

In January a large group of us met to brain storm some ideas for this years social Calendar. Those people were as follows: Rachele Ross, Chris and Sue Reynolds, Patty and Mike Henry, Sally Anderson, Nancy Eitapence, Betsy Baird, Sandy Kish and Sherry Beckett. Our final draft is hanging up on the board and if you wish to look it over , please do. If you wish to sponsor any of the events I would be glad to hear from you. Or, if you would like to add an event, please contact me.

So far we have had several great events. On Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> we had a burn-it that was hosted by Diane and Ned Buck and a little help from their friends. It followed the Couples Race and turned out very well. We had 45 people attend and it was lots of fun.

Faye Bitzer did a great job with the Bunko party that was on Feb 24<sup>th</sup>. Twenty-three people attended. The Bar was manned by Chris Reynolds and everyone had a great time. Thanks Chris and Faye.

On Feb 21 we had a speaker from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife who gave us a little insight on the new Zoning. Although he didn't give us any idea where these new zones were, he did give us some other in-

sights on areas of the issue. On March 7<sup>th</sup> the state will be holding a meeting in Viera to hear the publics ideas on the zoning. This is a preliminary to their actual new zoning that they will be putting into effect soon. I would encourage everyone to stay on top of this issue.

Coming up in March is the Commodore's Ball on March 10<sup>th</sup>. By the time you get this the Ball will be over and I'm sure you will be hearing great things about it.

March 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> we will be having the Cruise to Ballard Park. If you like Cajun food this will be a great time. You can anchor right off Eau Gallie Harbor, or inside if you can find room and don't mind shallow anchoring. And, if you don't wish to boat there you can go by land. It is being sponsored by Patty Henry and reservations need to be made with her or Rachele by the 20<sup>th</sup>. You can't beat it for five dollars.

We are having our first pre St. Augustine cruise meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. So far we have 11 boats interested in going. We have one boat that is looking for a few people to go with him. If you think you might be interested, contact Richard Oliver at 773-3659. The dates for the trip are

April 24<sup>th</sup> through May 2<sup>nd</sup>. And, if you are interested in coming up and staying in a motel and joining us for our weekend events, let me know.

There are a few new things coming up. One you have actually seen, if you have been to the bar recently, and that is our new bar chits. One warning. Do not wash them in anything you really care about. They bleed.

The second change will be a change in the Party Rental Policy. We have not made any final decisions as of yet and any changes made will not affect anyone who has a party on the books.

The Bar remains open for the Rum Races. Gabe Denes was kind enough to open it up last Sun. even though the race had been canceled. Go Gabe! And a big thanks from me.

I hope everyone is happy with the way things are going so far and I am always open to suggestions.

We canceled our speaker to follow the General Membership Meeting because we thought the meeting would run too long. I would be interested in your ideas about having speakers so let me know.

*Mary Williams  
 Rear Commodore*



## SPRING CRUISE TO BALLARD PARK

Saturday, March 24

4 p.m. til dusk (eat about 5 p.m.)  
 BYOB and chair

\$5.00/adult \$3.50/under 10

Menu includes

Cajun Fish Dip & Crackers

Low Country Boil

(sausage/potatoes/onions/corn/shrimp)

Corn Muffins & Butter

Beignets (New Orleans Pastries) for dessert

JOIN US BY CAR OR BY BOAT.  
 PLENTY OF ROOM TO ANCHOR.  
 Dinghy service available, call Sea Owl on VHF.

Please make reservations by  
 5 p.m., Wednesday, March 20.  
 E-mail: Paty Henry  
 market@iu.net  
 Phone: Rachele Ross  
 254-8326 or 674-8963



# **SEAFOOD RAFT-UP PARTY!**



**SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2001 6:00 PM**

Once again, it is time for the legendary MYC Raft-up Party. We will meet at MYC at 6:00, cast off by 6:30, and be at anchor off Melbourne Beach by 7:30. For those who are interested, there will be a race to the anchorage, with a bottle of "Starboard Wine" for the winner. For dinner, we will have:

**Shrimp, Crab Claws, Baked Potato  
Vegetable Munchies, Rolls, Brownies  
Beer, Coke, Diet Coke, Diet 7-Up  
(2 cans apiece. Really thirsty folks had better bring extra)**

**COST IS ONLY \$12.00 PER PERSON**

The food will be distributed from the seven party committee boats. Details will be covered at the party. In the interest of better organization, please include the name of the boat (or its owner) that you will be aboard, when you make your reservation.

## **PLEASE NOTE:**

**Skippers:** Inviting someone to ride with you does not obligate you to pay for them.

**Crew:** Asking for a ride to the party does not imply that you are asking the skipper to pay your way, so don't be shy about asking. Most skippers will be delighted to have your company.

**Everyone:** Get signed aboard a boat before you make your reservation, so we can know how many are where.

**WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS, COME ANYWAY! We'll find a boat for you.**

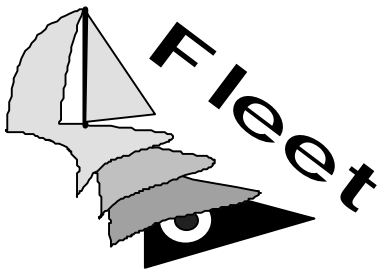
**EVERYONE: BRING LIFE PRESERVERS AND BOAT SHOES.**

**ALL SKIPPERS:** Please pick up a copy of the raft plan either at the club before we cast off or from SKIMMER before the raft-up. You need to know where your boat belongs.

**THE RAFT BREAKS UP AT 11:00.**

**RESERVATIONS CLOSE WEDNESDAY NIGHT, MAY 2. CALL:  
Hasty and Julie Miller 723-7395 Jack and Marty Bibb 723-7954**

**Also serving on the party committee:  
Bill and Kitty Burton Harry and Katy Stapor  
Ned and Diane Buck Chuck and Rhonda Delmater  
Bob Sowden and Karen Knockel**



## Spring Rum Racing Racers: 1 Weather: 1

The first Rum Race of the Spring Series went off without a hitch on Feb 18<sup>th</sup>, using the new course. At least two boats started (either accidentally or purposely) at the old start mark instead of the new start mark. Everyone had a nice time in pleasant conditions going counter clockwise around the 'A' course. Rob Van Name won handily in Nordic Star, followed closely by Five Speed, Fast Lane, and Sleighride. Anyone planning to race this series, that still needs a copy of the new course, contact me.

The second Rum Race on March 4<sup>th</sup> was weathered out by a frontal squall line. The weather had been sailable all week, and was sailable within 3 hours after race time, but just wasn't very good at race time. Six crews showed up at the club on Sunday ready to race, but none were keen to go out in the rain and high winds, and with the threat of perhaps another squall coming through. Fun Racing that ain't.

The last two Sunday Rum Races are March 18<sup>th</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>, and then we switch to Friday nights with the first Friday race on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

## Race Committee Class Bears Fruit

About 30 people, approximately half of them MYC members, attended the Race Committee Class put on by Mike Huck on Feb 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Some of the graduates from MYC

graciously loaned their time to RC some of the ECSA Winter Series Races, and did a fine job (thanks Mike for teaching, and Lenny, Stu Shadbolt, Gabe Denes, and Chuck Delmater for helping out). And graduate Jack Bibb has already offered to be head Race Committee for the Spring Regatta.

## On the Horizon

The **Spring Regatta** is coming up in May. Gary Smith has volunteered to be Race Chairman for that race. He is holding an organizational meeting on March 13<sup>th</sup>, to finalize format, flyers, T-shirts, etc. He will be looking for volunteers to help with the regatta--if you are approached to do a small part, please say YES.

The Couple's Race was such a success that I plan to do something similar but different for the Distance Race, which happens to fall on Father's Day this year (June 17). I am calling it the 'Generations Race'--with the emphasis of getting family members out on the boats, and rating factors that should encourage the barnacle-encrusted cruisers to come out. My ideas are on the racing website, and we'll publish final details here in the newsletter in June.

Dave Noble has completed discussions with Gary Jobson, and we have a firm commitment for him to be our featured speaker at the **Fall Regatta**. Plans are to hold this in the FIT Auditorium, which seats 500 people. Dave wants to also have a 'warm up' speaker--if you have ideas or suggestions, contact Dave Noble.

Keep up with all the local racing news on our new racing website: <http://home.cfl.rr.com/sailrace>.

*Sherry Beckett*  
*Fleet Director*



Well there is less than a month to go till a new Junior Sailing Program begins, I have not had nearly the response to a Beginners Class like

that of past years due to the lack of communication. I miss your column, Stu. On the other hand I have had numerous requests from the kids of past classes to continue on. Therefore I am rearranging the schedule. An Intermediate class will begin April 5<sup>th</sup>, and run through May 5<sup>th</sup>, followed by a Beginners Class in May.

As most have heard MYC was going to join forces with the FIT Sailing Team, by helping them purchase a fleet of Flying Juniors. This would have been a win/win situation. MYC would have gained two boats for it's older Juniors and possibly an adult sailing program and FIT would have

### J/22 Sailboat For Sale by Original Owner

- 1983 Hull #222, always maintained in excellent condition, very fair hull and keel, no blisters.
- Fast competitive racer with current PHRF Certificate
- Boat kept in dry storage for 8 years
- New Hall J/22 mast, new rigging, new halyards
- 4 1/2 coats of Interlux Interprotect 2000 Epoxy Barrier January 2000
- Original Hood main, jib and spinnaker
- SS Bow Pulpit and Lifelines, Speedmate Knotmeter, anchor and line
- 2.5 HP Mercury OB new 1999
- Triade J/22 trailer, overhauled 2000 with new springs, lights, pads and paint
- Complete with portfolio of tuning guides, go-fast articles and past J/22 Class newsletters

*\$7800, call Jim Boyd (321) 259-8829*

access to a great facility. However I did such a great job promoting sailing to the FIT administrators, they decided to buy all of the FJ fleet and sink in money to clean up and repair the FIT Anchorage. Well all is not lost, I'm trying to create an "arrangement" with FIT, so the MYC Junior Program might still be able to use the FJs.

I have seen a few e-mails in the past month about High School sailing and the program Scott Hubel at Performance Sail and Sport is offering. I think it would be great if the Melbourne area could get a team together for this fast growing interscholastic sport. Just to let you know, Scott and I have

talked of this and I have encouraged my older Juniors to pursue his endeavor, as Scott has encouraged the younger sect to look into MYC sailing instruction. If you know of any High School age Juniors interested in sailing competitively please have them visit Scott's store just North of Pineda on US1, or call me at 779-5222. Some parents have asked that I start a HS program ( due to the distance or cost), though I would love to try, I want to stick with the teaching, but I'm sure as our juniors develop we may be able to meet with Scott's program and have a race or two.

Shirt Sales

Wondering where your shirts are? Please come to the General meetings to pick them up.

I will be placing orders every Quarter, That means this April's General Meeting I will be putting an order together, so if you wish to get a shirt that is the time to do it.

I'm looking for any one who wants to coordinate sales at the TGIF, call me at 779-5222

*Dave Nobel  
Youth Director*

### Proposed MYC Policy Changes

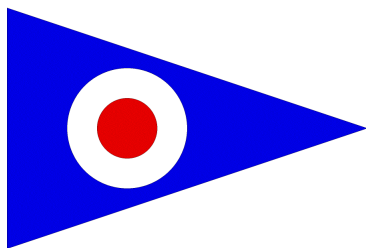
The following proposed changes to MYC Constitution and Bylaws were discussed at the March General Meeting, and will be voted on at the April 4<sup>th</sup> General Meeting.

#### 1. Constitution

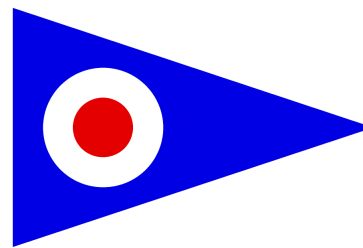
##### Article 3: Burgee

It is proposed to change Article 3 of the MYC Constitution to reflect the way the burgee is actually drawn and used on club signs, documents and memorabilia. The written article defines a burgee of poor symmetry.

If approved, the current wording "The centers of the circles shall be one **third** of the distance from the hoist to the tip." Shall be changed to read: "The centers of the circles shall be one **quarter** of the distance from the hoist to the tip."



Circle Distance = 1/3



Circle Distance = 1/4

#### 2. Bylaw Changes

##### Article 1: Membership

**Section 1.** It is proposed to add a fifth class of membership to the list in Section 1, titled "**5. Provisional**". The first sentence shall read: "Membership of MYC shall consist of **five** classes, .....

An additional paragraph shall be added at the end of Section 1, as follows:

**"Applicants for membership whose nomination for Resident membership has been accepted by the Board of Directors, and whose initiation fee has been deposited with the treasurer or bookkeeper, shall become Provisional Members of MYC. Provisional members shall be issued with a temporary membership card with an assigned membership number valid for 60 days, allowing them to attend MYC events and write bar and party checks and be subject to club billing. Provisional membership shall be converted to Resident membership upon completion of the normal publication and approval process as defined in Article 4 of the MYC Constitution."**



# Commodores Ball is a Smash



Member of the Year - Rob VanName



Sportsmen of the Year—Sherry Beckett & Karen Knockel



Outgoing Commodore Lenny Beckett and New Commodore Chris Reynolds

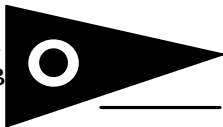


Bob & Eden Ham it up on the dance floor



Faye Bitzer accepts Molton Cruising Award for Jack & Jackie Laehe

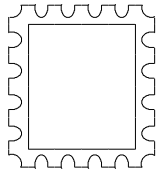
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