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Event Calendar:

APRIL

- 20 Spring Rum Race #6
Margarita TGIF
- 23 Board Meeting
- 24 St. Aug Cruise – May 2

MAY

- 2 Membership Meeting
- 4 Summer Rum Race #1
- 5 Seafood Raft-Up
- 10-13 Spring Regatta
- 25 Summer Rum Race #2
New Member Burn-It
- 28 Board Meeting

The Party Line

“Low Country Boil”, Mar 24 at Ballard Park

For those of you who missed the Low Country Boil you missed a great time. I, for one, had no idea what a Low Country Boil was and was pleasantly surprised. About 50 of us joined together at Ballard Park for this event and we all had a great time. Some of us came by car and a few boats arrived packed with people. The next morning about 12 of us enjoyed a great morning sitting out back of Karl and Susan Kiser's home having a wonderful breakfast. The morning couldn't have been nicer.

We all need to thank Paty and Mike Henry for this wonderful event, along with their helpers. Those people would be: Ross and Jackie Herbert, Susan and Karl Kiser, Judy and John Drawe, and special thanks to Racele and Jerry Ross. Also, thanks to all the people who were there when help was needed. These thanks are directly from Paty Henry and from all of us who enjoyed the day.

Celtic Fling, April 7

By the time this gets out we will have already had Rachele's Celtic Fling and I am sure that will have been a party not to miss. Rachele's parties are always the best (see photos back page).

Margarita Night, TGIF, April 20

April 20th is Margarita night at the club for TGIF. Anyone who is attending that night, please bring in some hors d'ouvres to share. We will be serving frozen and regular Margaritas.

St. Augustine Cruise, April 25 – May 2

For those of you who wish to join us in St. Augustine, and haven't contacted me, please do so. Plans are on the way. We have had our first meeting, and there are about 7 boats going up. We have 2-3 other couples that are driving up for the weekend, and staying in a motel and joining us. Weather permitting, we will have a group who will be leaving Ponce Inlet and taking the outside route to St. Aug Inlet. The second group will be taking the inside route. We have a few group events planned, and I am sure we will have a great time.

Seafood Raft-Up, May 5

The St. Augustine cruisers will be arriving home just in time to enjoy Hasty's Seafood Raft-up. See Ad for this event inside...

Moving Ahead

Your board of directors have settled into their positions and are doing a great job. Mary has a great entertainment schedule lined up for us to enjoy; Sherry has the fleet involved in an array of racing activities; Dave has his sailing classes underway; and Gabe has most of his house improvement projects planned and included in Vic's newly approved budget.

After the first few board meetings that stretched late into the evening, I think we have thrashed out a number of issues important to the health of the club and are now on a steady course. The most important issue is related to protection of the club against liability in the event of employee injury. After considerable consultation and study the board has decided it is necessary to purchase the worker compensation insurance, and to properly treat our bartender, cleaner and custodian as employees. We are also protecting the financial health of the board by purchasing Directors and Officers insurance.

Unfortunately, **there is no insurance protection available** that will cover our many volunteers against injury, so please be aware that when you per-

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The Board has elected to make a change in the fee for renting the club. The fee has gone up approximately fifty percent, but even with the increase it is still a real deal. The new fee structure and a few policy changes and clarifications will be published in the annual Membership Directory (coming out soon). See me for details in the meantime.

The other change you will see is a sign in the tip jar that says, "cash only". This change is because the Bartender cannot spend the chits.

Hopefully, you will start seeing coffee and snacks at the General Meetings on a regular basis. Betsy Baird has offered to be in charge of this project. Her job is to find different people to act as a Host or Hostess who will provide the food for the meetings. If you are willing to do it for one of the General Meetings, please let her know. Her number is 724-6173.

Last Sunday was the last Sunday Rum Race until the Fall time change so the bar will not be open on Sunday's until then. Having the bar open after the Sunday Rum Races has been a great success and we will continue to do that when the races move back to Sundays. We had a wonderful cookout that was organized by Sherry Beckett after this last race. We might want to look at doing that more often after the Sunday Rum Races.

Hope you have a wonderful April and for those who are getting ready to go to the Bahamas, don't work too hard.

One last thing, I think there was an Al Washka sighting. Can anyone confirm that?

- Mary Williams, Rear Commodore

form volunteer work for the club you are only covered by your own health and accident insurance policies. We are of course protected against accidents during normal club activities.

LRPC Appointees

In a new spirit of volunteerism the board was able to select for nomination two replacement members for the Long Range Planning Committee from a field of 8 members who were willing to serve in this most important capacity. Priority was given to qualifications, availability, and not having served on this committee before. At the April general meeting the membership approved Susan Kiser and Mike Henry to replace retiring members Chuck Baird and Rachele Ross, joining Stu Shadbolt, Gus Williams, Gary Killian and Rob Van Name on the committee.

Other Club Business

At the April meeting the members approved a change to the MYC Constitution to correct the Burgee definition to our "as used" version. Also approved was the Bylaw change to create a "Provisional" member class that allows resident member applicants to attend and feel welcome at our

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Minor Bylaws Change Proposed

As a by-product of the effort to upgrade our accounting system, Vic Poor has pointed out that our current Bylaws mandate that the treasurer maintain a properly inventory of all capital purchases over \$100. He and the accountants feel that, in this day and age, this number is much too low to be practical, and requests that it be increased to \$500. Below is the proposed change, as submitted by the Board:

Article 3, Section 6, Second Paragraph - The text "He shall keep a property inventory of capital purchases (over \$100) and their location, custody, and disposal." To be changed to "He shall keep a property inventory of capital purchases (over \$500) and their location, custody, and disposal."

This change will be voted on at the May General Meeting.

2001 Directory Updates Needed

We are in the final stages of gathering input for the 2001 MYC Membership Directory. Please check your info in the 2000 Directory. If any info (besides children's ages) has changed, please let Club Secretary, Marsha Millar, know ASAP.

Delivery Crew to Bahamas

Sherry Beckett is looking for 1-2 hardy, experienced people to help sail Fast Lane (an L28) to/ from Abacos end June (over) and mid-July (back). Amenities are sparse, but it's a seaworthy boat and a charm to sail. 779-3024

Dockage Wanted

New member Greg Apotsos is looking to 'borrow' vacated MYC slips while the owners are out summer cruising. For lack of available dockage at MYC, Greg keeps his 23' Sea Sprite on a mooring in the river. If you're going to be gone for a couple of weeks and don't mind loaning your slip, please give Greg a call at 733-5885.

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events and functions, before they have been through the full acceptance procedure.

The board has approved changes to streamline our accounting system, membership database, and move them fully over to QuickBooks. We have updated our decade-old private party and alcoholic beverage policy and brought the club rental rates up to date with inflation. These policy changes will be published in the next directory listing.

Your board members are working hard to make the Melbourne Yacht Club the best that it can be. They are a great group. I hope you will show them your appreciation by enjoying the club facilities and environment, participating in all the fun events they have organized, and volunteering to help when called upon – or just when you see a need.

-Chris Reynolds, Commodore

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Parking Plea

Youth Sailing Classes have started again. 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?

⇒ (Preferred) E-mail it to:

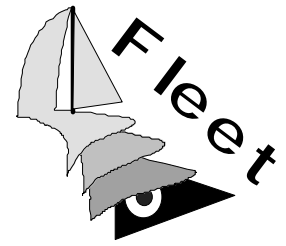
**tell-tale@
melbourneyachtclub.com**

⇒ 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.

Rum Racing

We are 5 races into the 6-race Spring Series. Five Speed and Fast Lane are tied for first place, with Sleighride only 2 points behind—any of the 3 could win the series with a win in the final race. Skimmer and Nordic Star are further back only because they've missed a race or two. Points details are on the website.



It has been very interesting racing on the new courses. I, for one, really like the challenge that having a different course each week provides tactically. We are all still struggling with new-course issues like 'which side of the mark am I supposed to start/finish on'? So far the 'protest committee' (Hasty and I) have been very forgiving of the start/finish confusion--in every instance the offending boat HAS been within 2 boatlengths of the mark, and HAS NOT gained an advantage by being on the wrong side of the mark. This 'forgiveness' will end with the Spring Series. In the last race at least 3 boats grounded at least briefly on the sandbar between Mark S and Marker 8, even though it is clearly marked on the chart...

I promised I would poll the racers at the end of the series for a decision on whether to keep the new course layout, or go back to the old 6-A-9 course. If you've Rum Raced this series, please be sure to give me your vote and any comments (email is best).

NEW DATE FOR FIRST RACE OF SUMMER RUM RACE SERIES: MAY 4 vs. MAY 11

May 11 will be a Reverse Handicap Race also, just not part of the Summer Series

Spring Regatta, May 10-13

Spring Regatta plans are well underway. See the Spring Regatta ad for details. There is a \$5 discount for early registration (in my hands by May 5)—so get your registration in early. Info and registration forms are on the racing website and on the club bulletin board.

We are still looking for a few volunteers--primarily 'chase boat' (we have boats, we just need operators), Race Committee helpers, and Saturday dinner helpers. See me or Gary Smith if you'd like to volunteer.

We ARE planning to have a separate one-design course and Race Committee. If you know of local sailors with Sunfish, Lasers, Hobies, etc., encourage them to come out and race. We are also hoping to have a good turnout from our younger sailors.

The Spring Regatta is a Cirripedia Cup Race, so MYC racers should make sure their ECSA PHRF certificates are up to date, in order to participate in MYC's defense of the Cup.

Other Area Racing

ECSA is having a rum-race format 'Mug Race' on April 21, on the ECSA Fun Race Course north of the Dragon. Start time is 1:00—awards at Conchy Joe's at 5pm. There is a Fun Race chart on the website.

Cocoa Beach Yacht Club is holding their Spring Regatta in the ocean on April 28-29. One day of racing will be 'around the bouys' near shore and the other day will be a ~20 mile distance race. Info and registration forms are on the racing website and on the MYC bulletin board.

Abaco Race Week – July 2 to July 11 – Several MYC and ECSA boats are planning to head for the Hub of the Abacos for 'Regatta Time in Abaco'. This 10 day series of races and parties starts with the Around the Great Turtle Race on July 2, and ends with the final race in Marsh Harbor on July 11. Details (as much as we know) are posted on the website. Come to race or come to party...

The Racing Website: <http://home.cfl.rr.com/sailrace>

- Sherry Beckett, Fleet Captain

**Spring Regatta Flyer
Goes Here**

SEAFOOD RAFT-UP PARTY!



SATURDAY, May 5, 2001, 6:00

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

COST: 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.

Come One, Come All

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 (Hasty's boat) before the raft-up. You need to know where your boat belongs.

THE RAFT BREAKS UP AT 11:00 Sharp

Also serving on the party committee:

Bill and Kitty Burton
Wendell and Sandy Kish
Ned and Diane Buck
Chuck and Rhonda Delmater
Bob Sowden / Karen Knockel

**RESERVATIONS ARE
REQUIRED and
CLOSE**

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MAY 2.

**Hasty and Julie Miller 723-7395
Harry and Katy Stapor 725-4994**



New Membership Applications

Calvin (Cal) and Nancy Stow

Sponsor: Chris Reynolds

The Stows moved to Melbourne Beach in December 1988 after living in New Hampshire for more than 11 years. Cal recently retired as a pilot for a small cargo airline, flying 727's in Brussels, Belgium. Nancy works as a regional account executive for a giftware manufacturer.

They have both been interested in boating and sailing for many years, but have much more power than sailing experience. They have sailed small boats on up to a J-22, and Cal recently completed an ASA keel boat course on an O'Day 22. Both would like to get more involved in sailing and cruising, and they have recognized that MYC is a great place to get such experience. They are looking forward to meeting and learning from other people who have an interest in sailing and look forward to owning their own sailboat in the future.

Bruce and Patricia Fletcher

Sponsor: Chuck Baird

Bruce has been sailing since he was a boy and bought his first boat at 15. It was an 18-foot wooden day sailor that had nearly been destroyed when it broke loose during a storm. He learned to sail after he restored it and has been hooked ever since. Bruce had another boat from '76 to '86, followed by a 12-year dry spell.

In 1998 Bruce and Pat bought a 22-foot Chrysler and Pat began to learn to sail. They have been sailing as actively as possible and are interested in getting a bigger boat, they have also taken some ASA sailing courses. Both are interested in being involved with a good group of people that have a common interest in sailing and being around the water.



**Please Welcome
New Members:
John & Judy
Drawe**

-Rhonda Delmater, Membership Chairman

House Report

I am writing this report on Friday. By the time you read it the Great Annual MYC Clean up/ Spruce up will have already happened. I thank every one of you for showing up and helping our club and grounds look spiffy.

The carpeting in the lounge is not even six months old. Someone had spilled something on it, and in the process of cleaning it, the carpet was damaged. So we called upon our insurance carrier. The carpet will be replaced for an out of pocket cost of \$470.00. Please, if you spill something, sop it up with a paper towel.

(See Commodore's Log about insurance issues) Purchasing these policies, without which the club should not function safely, put an end to my drive for an irrigation system. Well, we'll do it next year, and the fencing a year after that. The funds left over from the Capital Improvements Budget will finish the lounge decorating, the display area (I leave it as a surprise, Ross Herbert is working on this), and the East side yard paving.

MYC is a PRIVATE CLUB, belonging to the members. No other person shall be on the grounds and in the house without the member present. Immediate family means wife and children living with the club member. Children do not mean ages 1 through 99. If your children bring any guests sit is up to you, the member, to control them. There shall be NO HORSEPLAY, DRINKING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES and any other raucous behavior while the members family or guest are visiting.

A member reported, that for several days last month, some teenagers were on the club grounds. I also heard that the clubhouse doors were open. If you see anyone on the grounds, whom you do not recognize, please challenge them. Guest of a guest of a club member should not be on the grounds or in the house, without the club member present. We have enough liabilities as is.

Please keep turn the lights off and lock all doors and gates when you leave.

Thank you!

- Gabe Denes, Vice Commodore

Dockmaster notes

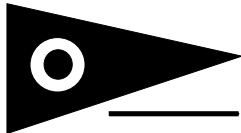
Members renting slips at MYC need to supply a copy of their current proof of insurance annually. I am developing a growing list of stragglers that need to submit updated info. To check your insurance renewal date stop by the club house bulletin board and check the insurance list. The list is sorted by oldest renewal date at the top of the sheet on down to the most recent renewal date. If your name is up near the top you need to hand in a copy of your current proof of insurance.

- Rob Van Name, Dockmaster

Celtic Fling Photos



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