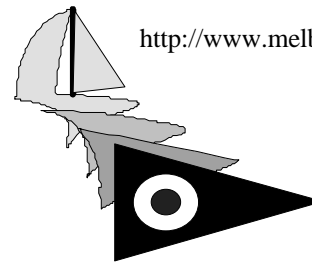


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Saint Augustine Cruise is a Windward Success



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(Read the whole story in the Party-Line on page 4)

Event Calendar:

May

- 5 Sea Food Raft Up
- 12-13 Spring Regatta
- 25 Burn-It
Rum Race #2
- 30 Board Meeting

June

- 6 General Meeting(7:30)
- 8 Rum Race #3
- 22 Rum Race



The survivors at Columbia's in St. Augustine



The **Commodore's** LOG

Under Way

The hardy souls who fought their way against northeast winds to St. Augustine last week, were rewarded with a pleasant weekend at the municipal marina so convenient to the historic downtown area. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres in a different cockpit each evening were great fun, and we enjoyed the company of those who were able to join us by car for a superb Sunday brunch at the elegant Columbia restaurant. The sustained northeast winds served to speed us home, well in time for the MYC general meeting on Wednesday. Congratulations and many thanks to Mary Williams for organizing such a great cruising event.

Spring racing is well under way with the Friday evening rum races, and Sherry Beckett has the Spring Regatta coming together well. Dave Noble has a very active junior sailing class program, and Hasty has his usual excellent Seafood Raftup well organized and ready to roll (weather permitting). It is gratifying to see such healthy participation in on-the-water activities at MYC.

Gabe's work party was most successful, cleaning up the grounds and expanding our glorious view of the harbor,

while Hasty again deserves kudos for a fine job of reconstructing our northeast porch deck

Down to Business

The Long Range Planning Committee held its first meeting in April, appointing Rob Van Name committee chairman. I was impressed with ideas parlayed, the eagerness of the committee to investigate solutions to our long-term needs, and I look forward to the emergence of a 5-year (or longer) plan with well developed goals and objectives.

At the May general meeting the members approved changing the asset-tracking requirement of the treasurer to \$500 from \$100. Vic Poor is busy transferring our accounting and billing system to QuickBooks, and to obtain the insurance necessary to protect the club, the directors, and our employees.

Rhonda Delmater has implemented the new "Provisional" member class with a package that provides the applicant with a temporary card, explains the privileges of the class, and the procedure for membership approval. Rhonda and the database committee are also modernizing our membership database from simple text files, and I look forward to seeing the final results of this effort

Marsha Millar, our secretary, has been wrestling with all the updates to our membership roster, and Rachele has been

doing her usual excellent job in composing our 2001 MYC Directory and incorporating our club rules and bylaw changes. You will be seeing the results of these efforts in your mail shortly.

Other Club Business

Your board is continuing to review listing MYC with the Yachting Clubs of America, and the pros and cons of offering reciprocal benefits to YCOA member clubs. To accomplish this we need to consider our ability to charge for T-dock usage and the desirability of employing a part-time dock boy. We will be forming a committee to address these issues this month, volunteers invited.

The board is also considering changes to our bylaws covering Joint membership, a status automatically conferred to spouses of Resident members, with a view to extending the privilege to committed domestic partners sharing the same address. Any change proposed will be sure to provide against abuse of this privilege, but be designed to treat non-married partners with equality and dignity.

I am most proud of our board, and look forward to further work with them, and you our membership, in making MYC the best that it can be for all of us.

Chris Reynolds
Commodore



The month of April was a busy one for the house committee. On the 7th of April, the Great LOVE THINE CLUB clean up/ brush up happened. The attendance was great and a great deal was accomplished: The yard was swept and cleaned, some of the more unruly trees were trimmed, now we can see the harbor from the lounge, and our neighbors from the East cannot complain from overhanging limbs. The Gates were repaired and locks were changed on them. The keys for the locks for the entrance gate and the East boat yard are in the annex, on the wall.

Thanks to Hasty for his single handed drive, the back teetering back porch was repaired, with help from Bill Baker, Harry Stapor and Lloyd Millard. Oh where

oh where were you Rob? The porch looks wonderful and safe. Thank again to all of you! Unfortunately I did not have a sign on sheet, but you all know if you were there. The food provided by Publix with the drinks-generosity of the club- we had a great day. Thanks again all of you!!!!

Please note, that the carpeting was replaced. Please take care of it or I have Pat (the enforcer) will get on your hide. I ordered two rectangular tables, that more of less matches of lounge decor, They will be delivered shortly. The house committee is working on the window treatments for the lounge and a display case for our trophies and other nautical paraphernalia.

I am receiving more bids for the surfacing of the East boat yard. The chosen one bailed out, the job was too small.

The boat rack problems are back again: The City of Melbourne needs to close the building permit and issue a CO (Certificate of Oc-

cupancy). I am working on it with the City's Building Department.

I have discussed the possibility of erecting a barrier wall by the sidewalk along US 1, to filter the noise and keep out the unwanted. DOT flatly refused it, however the permitting section will send me some forms and their ideas of what we can do on this DOT property. I will keep you informed of this development.

Don't forget: the gate and door combinations were changed on May 1. Please don't call me, I already forgot them.

Again thank you for the great attendance for the clean up party.

Gabriel Denes

Vice Commodore

MYC Racing Schedule for 2001

May	11	Summer Fri Nite Rum Race #1
	12-13	Spring Regatta
	19-20	Brevard Challenge (Cirripedia Cup)
	25	Summer Fri Nite Rum Race #2
June	8	Summer Fri Nite Rum Race #3
	17	Father's Day Generations/ Distance
	22	Summer Fri Nite Rum Race #4
July	6	Summer Fri Nite Rum Race #5
	20	Summer Fri Nite Rum Race #6
Aug	3	Fall Fri Night Rum Race #1
	17	Fall Fri Nite Rum Race #2
	31	Fall Fri Nite Rum Race #3

Sept	14	Fall Fri Nite Rum Race #4
	22-23	Mermaid Regatta & ECSA Women's #3
	28	Fall Fri Nite Rum Race #5
Oct	12	Fall Fri Nite Rum Race #6
	14-21	MYC Fall Race Week Sun, Oct 14 - Dingy Racing Tue, Oct 16 - Racing Seminar *Other Mid-Week Activities tbd*
Nov	4	Big Brother, Big Sister Sail
	11	Winter Sunday Rum Race #1
	25	Winter Sunday Rum Race #2
Dec	8	ECSA River Challenge (a Cirripedia
	9	Winter Sunday Rum Race #3

Check <http://home.cfl.rr.com/sailrace/myc> for updates & results!



April was the month for Rachele's party. This year it was the Celtic Fling and for those who missed it, it was a great party. Lots of laughter, music, good food and kilts. I understand that Chris Reynolds won the prize for the under the kilt contest. Way to go Chris. Our thanks to Rachel and her great crew who made it all happen. And of course, to those who attended. We would not have great parties unless the members attended.

On April 20th we had Margarita night with h'orderves brought in by the members. It turned out to be a very busy night for a TGIF. And, just as things started to quiet down, the Rum Racers showed up and things got very busy again. Thanks to you all who brought in the food. And, thanks to Barbara Ehnert who helped with the Margarita's. We actually made so many that we blew out the blender.

I am actually sitting on the boat right now, typing this out on the last evening of the St. Augustine Cruise. Three of us are anchored out just outside of the Titusville Marina and 2 of us are docked inside. What a great trip it has been. We set out early on the 25th of April and there were 5 boats. The first night was spent here at the Titusville Marina. The next day was quite blustery and the Mosquito Lagoon Crossing was quite wet and rough, especially for those who didn't have a dodger. Two boats turned around and one never left the Marina due to engine trouble, that was John and Elaine

Ryan who are regular cruising buddies of ours. Katherine and Jerry Kowalski joined them back at the marina and the Mike and Barbara Ehnert had a great sail all the way home.

The next day the Kowalskies and Ryans headed out to meet up with us in two days in St. Augustine while Sue and Chris Reynolds, Richard Oliver and his guests Ernst Hoffman and Cal Stow (one of our newest members) and of course Gus and myself continued on. That 3rd day was a good day for traveling, as was the rest of the trip.

On Sunday Barb and Mike Ehnert, Mike and Patti Henry, and Jack and Marty Bib drove up and joined us for Sunday Brunch at the Columbia followed by a leisurely day of shopping and socializing on the dock. It was a beautiful day.

So, here I am remembering all the fun, great friends, good sailing, wonderful food and the Cuban Jazz, which we listened to in St. Augustine.

Thanks greatly to all that joined the cruise; you are the ones who made it happen. Check the website for pictures.

By the time you receive this Hasty Millers Seafood Raft-up will have already happened. Weather permitting, we will have anchored out and had a great time. Hope you didn't miss it. More on that next in the next newsletter.

May 25th we have a burn-it scheduled. For those of you who don't know what this is it is a bring your own meat and the rest is provided. This will be put on by some of the new comers so lets all turn out for them. The cost will be \$3.50.

In June we have a Bunko night scheduled. No one has stepped up to

the plate as of yet and offered to sponsor the party. If you are interested please let me know. It's not a lot of work and is a lot of fun. Also an ice cream social is scheduled in June with a Barber Shop Quartet. More on that next newsletter.

If you are interested in renting the club for personal reasons, let me know. I can give you all the information when you call.

For those of you who are going to the Bahamas this summer, have a safe trip. And remember, the time spent sailing is not deducted from your life span.

*MaryWilliams
Rear Commodore*

Celtic thanks!

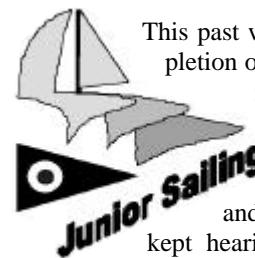
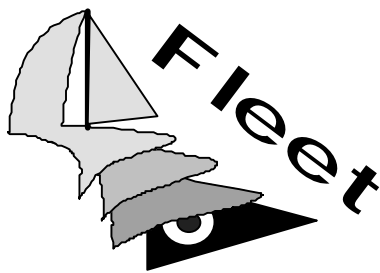
A great party thanks to all who pitched in to help and all who came and enjoyed.

Rachele & Jerry Ross, Jackie & Ross Herbert, Party and Mike Henry, Rhonda & Chuck Delmater and their guest Nancy Cox, Sally and Pete Anderson, Dorothy Crowe, Tom McFarland, Rose Baker

With special thanks to Rose Baker for the trifle, Sally, Pete, and Janet and John Martin for the incredible castle which added so much to the ambiance of the occasion. Also, Stu for his great emceeing job and Brenda Shadbolt for her games enthusiasm as well as everyone who participated in the games (especially the blindfolded sheep dogs). Rob Gribbroek of the Melbourne Pipe and Drum band was great on the bagpipes

and the Brevard Scottish Country Dancers were marvelous. Everyone who dressed in costume added so much to the flavor of the fling and those who didn't had a great time as well. The food, although semi-authentic, was great and you really don't want to know what was under the kilts. Thanks to the four brave souls who participated. Thanks to all who lent a hand with the moving and shaking.

Rachele Ross



trophies at the end of the series to the top 3 in each class.

Spring Regatta - May 10 - 14

By the time you get this newsletter, the Spring Regatta should be well underway. On Thursday night there will be a potluck with speaker Ethan Bixby from

This past weekend saw the completion of the 2001 Junior Sailing Intermediate Class. We had 10 students who participated in Optimist and Sunfish. By the end I kept hearing "let's go racing".

From what I witnessed they certainly excelled in their practice starts and upwind work, it seemed just a little while ago I was yelling how to get out of irons. This class could never have been as good as it was without the help from John MacNeill, Thank You John. Due to his organization, John was able to get a majority of kids on various boats for the Rum Races. At first I thought this was a good thing, but now all the kids want to sail in the Spring Regatta are big boats, what no Optis! Whatever, each of the students is eager to continue this program, so after this next Beginners class I would like to offer another Intermediate session. Or better yet, offer a one-design sailing night, open to Jr. and adult alike, Wednesday or Thursday, which is better for you. Starting July 11th or 12th lets sail our dinghies on a weekly basis, how 'bout getting Sunfish out there, or maybe Lasers and a Portsmouth class. I'll be happy to run the races, if someone wants to do the coordination, any interest? Give me a call.

The same day the Intermediate class ended, a Beginner's Class began. 15 Students were introduced to the pleasures of sailing. After 2 hours of lecture and rule reciting, we let each student jump into an Optimist Dinghy sailed by two of our Intermediate Sailors, Alina Briand and Robert Tottingham. Each of the kids were all smiles after experiencing this short preface to sailing. We will be challenged handling this size class, but with volunteers such as John MacNeill, I'm sure it will work out. Maybe it is time to expand the fleet (I know a bunch of you just cringed). Stay tuned while I pursue the LRPCs recommendations.

*Dave Noble
Youth Director*

Spring Rum Racing Concluded

April 20th was the last race of the Spring Rum Race Series. Going into the final race there were 3 boats in contention for the top prize... Five Speed, Fast Lane and Sleighride. Rob Van Name on Nordic Star won that race convincingly, but Five Speed managed to stay ahead of Fast Lane and take the series.

Summer Series Rum Race Dates

May 4 May 25 June 8
June 22 July 6 July 20

May 11 - 'Rum Race' in conjunction with Spring Regatta (not part of the series)

Results & Schedules are always on the Racing Website
<http://www.sail-race.com>

North Sails. And Friday night a Reverse Handicap (Rum) Race, with 'pizza by the slice' afterwards. And Saturday and Sunday, both one-design and PHRF racing. We are expecting a big turnout this year.

Gary Smith and I are just amazed at the number of people who have come out of the woodwork to pitch in (about 30 club members and a few non-club members so far), and I'm sure we'll draft a few more over the weekend. Full report of results and thank-you's next month.

I did want to mention that Steve Clendinin helped us obtain sponsorship from Florida Highway and Marine Insurance company in Cocoa Beach. The donated a generous check to help defray regatta expenses. I have just re-insured Fast Lane with them--they were about half the price of my former insurance with Boat U.S. There are cards and brochures from them in the clubhouse--you should get a quote from them next time you re-insure.

*Sherry Beckett
Fleet Captain*

Race Balls Patched

In preparation for the Spring Regatta all the inflatable orange race marks were repaired, and needed no less than 50 patches!! One required 18 by itself. But now we have 11 working marks that hold air for more than 24 hours. Two were beyond repair and were scrapped. To all who use the inflatable marks: Please be careful how you handle them and how you store them after use. Do not store anchors or anything else on top of them. There are now three boards with mark-hanging nails on the wall in the storage room downstairs in the Annex. Use these boards to keep the inflatable marks off the floor where they have been stepped on and punctured.

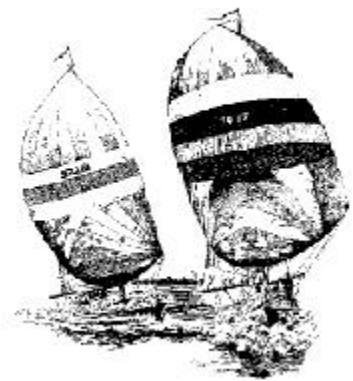
Your Race Committee

Rum Racing - Spring Series		
Boat/Place	Pts	Races
1. Five Speed - Gary Smith	43	5
2. Fast Lane - Sherry Beckett	42	5
3. Sleighride - Jerry Ross	39	5
4. Nordic Star - Rob Van Name	27	4
5. Skimmer - Hasty Miller	22	4
6. Impulsive - Paul Alexy	17	5
7. Yankee Reb - Stu Shadbolt	16	3
8. Epic - Dave Nesbitt	15	4
9. Keladi - Chet Pruszynski	11	2
10. Dragon Lady - Jim Parker	6	1
Maverick - Rick Crockett	6	1
11. Cubie I - Richard Oliver	5	2
Solitude - Eckart Schneider	5	3
Spiced Rhumb - Mike Ehnert	5	3
12. Watercolors - Tom Moor	3	1
13. Swept Away - Brent Saunders	2	1
Therapy - Mike Holmes	2	2
14. Hawk - Bill Striker	1	1
15. Sirveyor - Gabe Denes	1	1

We had 18 boats race in the Spring Series--the average participation in any given race was about 12 boats--a nice turnout, with a fairly even split between racers and cruisers.

Summer Rum Racing Started May 4

The Summer Series, which runs approximately every other Friday thru the Summer, started May 4. We are retaining the format on the new course started with the Spring Series. However, we will be scoring the 'cruising boats' & 'racing boats' separately, and giving



SPRING REGATTA

May 12 & 13, 2001

**An All-Class Regatta for
Cruiser PHRF (spinnaker/non-spinnaker) and True Cruiser
One-Design Monohull, Multihull and Portsmouth
(5 boats constitute a class)**

Thur. May 10 6:00 p.m. **Potluck Dinner** with Ethan Bixby of North Sails as featured speaker

Fri. May 11 5:30 p.m. **Happy Hour/Registration for Sat./Sun.**

6:00 p.m. **PHRF Reverse Handicap "Rum" Race (non-spinnaker only)**

Sat. May 12 **Cruisers**

10:00 a.m. Registration at MYC

11:00 a.m. Skippers' Meeting at MYC

12:30 p.m. 1st of 2 Races Begins Noon

4:30-6:30 p.m. Saturday Barbecue/Ya'll Come! (results posted)

Sun. May 13 **Cruisers**

9:45 a.m. Skippers' Meeting

11:00 a.m. Race Begins 11:15 a.m.

3:30 p.m. **Post Race Activities at MYC**

One-Designs

10:00 a.m. Registration at MYC

11:00 a.m. Skippers' Meeting at Front Street Ramp

1st of 3 Races Begins

One-Designs

No Skippers' meeting unless posted

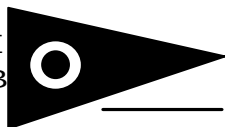
1st of 2 Races Begins

ENTRY FEE
(includes one dinner)
\$30/skipper
\$25 early registration
\$15/student

Details and registration materials can be found on our web site
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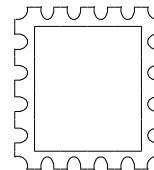
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