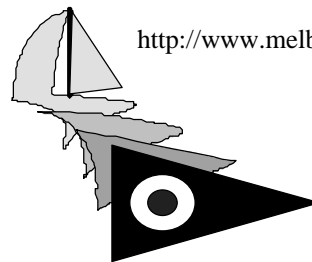


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Every Weds night thru October

For both Adults & Kids

**6pm Start off Front Street Park**

(just S of Melbourne Causeway on the West Side of the River)

- Multiple Short Course Races
- No Skippers Meeting \* No Entry Fee

Race Instructions Available from the Committee Boat

**Classes to Include:**

Sunfish

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***Dust off those dinghies in the Garage  
& come sail with us!***

## Event Calendar:

### July

20 Summer Rum Race #6

25 Board Meeting

27 Burn-It

### August

1 General Meeting(6:30)

3 Fall Rum Race #1

25 Bunko Party



# The **Commodore's** LOG

## **Water, Water, Everywhere....**

Summer is here and what better place is there than to be out on the water (unless, of course, you can be in cool Europe). Sue and I missed our opportunity to go to the Bahamas again this Spring, but we have promised that next year we will be better organized and get any dental surgery done earlier. We had planned to go over with Bob Sowden and Karen on Memorial Day weekend, - we were disappointed not to be able to go, but pleased to learn that they still had a great time over there without us.

Sherry Beckett, Gary Smith, Jim Miller, and Paul Alexy have demonstrated MYC's racing prowess at Green Turtle, after a hairy multi-squall Gulf Stream crossing, and are now warmed up for race week at Marsh Harbour. We wish them every success, lots of fun, and an easy passage home.

The rum race series and junior sailing programs are active under the careful management of Sherry Beckett and Dave Noble. Sherry put on a Father's Day race that even succeeded in getting me and my sons out on the water. In spite of our baggy old sails we managed to pull a third place in the cruiser category, and we shall be sure to make it an annual event. And,

with Mary manning the bar, the post-race burn-it was just fabulous.

## **Down to Business**

Taking over the MYC books and transferring them over to QuickBooks Pro was a daunting task, and I must congratulate Jan Crawford and Vic Poor for accomplishing the transition so smoothly. I was very impressed and pleased with the statement and balance sheet provided at our last meeting.

In order to fully utilize QuickBooks' features your next monthly statements will look somewhat different than you are used to. However, there will be proper accountability for all charged items, and those willing to accept email billing will benefit from the decreased paperwork. The transition of our club employees to a payroll system this month is also challenging, but we will mutually benefit from the worker's compensation protection.

I'm also impressed by the progress of our database committee, and the work that Rhonda Delmater, Vic Poor and Brent Saunders have put into designing and setting up our new on-line member database which is now in Beta testing. Elsewhere in this TellTale you can learn more about how to access and update your member records, and I encourage you to check it out and provide feedback to Rhonda.

## **Board Actions**

At the July general meeting it

was resolved that the starting time of the MYC general meetings would be moved to 6:30 pm from the current 7:30 pm, for a trial period. Board members will be encouraged to keep their reports concise in order to finish within about an hour, and the bar will be opened by a volunteer board member at 7:30 pm.

We hope that this arrangement will encourage more members to participate in the meetings and enjoy a pleasant social hour afterwards. I know that Marsha, who is doing such a super job as club Secretary, will really appreciate the prompt adjournments.

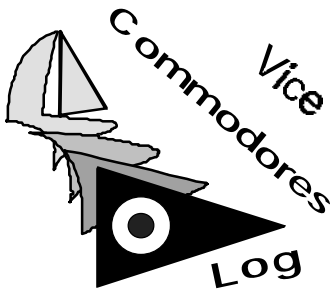
## **Summer Slowdown**

The MYC 4<sup>th</sup> of July party will be over when you read this, and I hope all had a good time. Sue and I will have fled to cool and green pastures in Wales, and won't be back until September 25<sup>th</sup>, though we will be in regular email contact.

However, the gavel has been passed to Gabe Denes and he assures me that he will maintain law and order and a high degree of discipline in my absence. You have a great board to manage all aspects of the club and our only regret is that we will miss you, our friends, and the many activities they have planned this Summer.

We shall keep in touch, and look forward to seeing everyone again in the Fall.

*Chris Reynolds  
Commodore*



Everything is quiet in the home-front. The house committee is planning the following activities”

1. The lounge update: The window treatments will be finished and in place of the week of the 4th of July. Thanks for Sandy Kish's effort, they look real nice and nautical.
2. The “wall” between the kitchen and banquet room will be remodeled by adding two more columns at the ends of the wall and installing a mirrored background, with trophy shelves at the end quarters and an etched scene of sailboats racing around a buoy at the center. This will greatly add to the depth and the light of the room and cut a lot of the noise from the kitchen area.
3. The trees will be trimmed and shaped within the next week or so. The estimates are in.
4. The first floor of the annex will be cleared out, anyone has any personal materials in there (beside the lockers) please move them this week. If you'd like any of the Furniture stored in there please claim it. Whatever is not out of rooms by the end of this week, will be either given to CITA or trashed.
5. Sue Reynolds and I have worked out a plan to improve our parched yard areas by using a Xeriscape design. The plants in this design need very little mois-

ture and consists manly of native Florida vegetations, plants and flowers, and reducing the turf area. This will eliminate the sprinkler system. Also the appearance of the sign at our entrance will be enhanced by the same landscape design.

6. The East yard WILL BE improved and will be either asphalted or rocked. The last two programs will need participation from everyone in the club. The implementation with the xeriscape design will start within a month and I will ask for participation. This work will continue through out this

and possible next year.

The backbreaking work for the East yard will be postponed into the cooler months, maybe November, December for some weekend.

The clubhouse is yours, please take of it. The chairs and tables MUST be stacked into the cradles after use. The chairs leave rust marks on our brand new floors, they are hard to remove, and cost unnecessary monies.

*Respectfully  
Gabe Denes  
Vice Commodore*

### MYC at Race Week Abaco's

The beautiful sailing of the last two minutes.

days has made the somewhat worse than normal crossing fade into distant memory. We have been traveling 'en entourage', which is kind of fun. (Five Speed, Fast Lane, Island Time, Koko, and Impulsive).

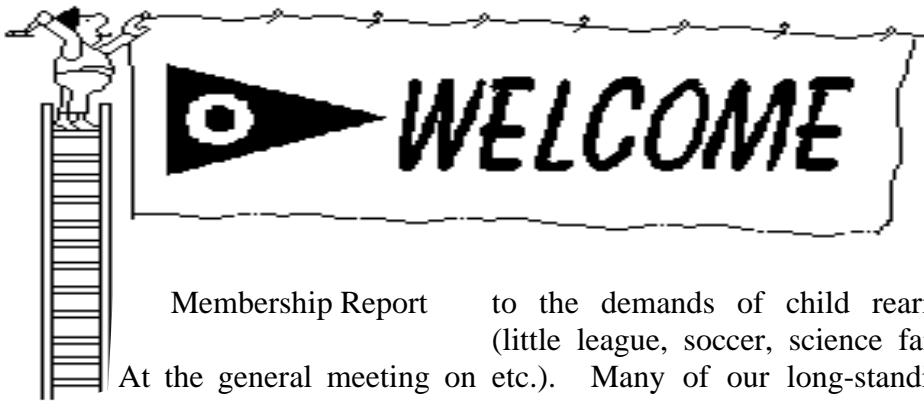
We stopped overnight last night at Allans-Pensacola. Most of the crews went for a walk to the 'Signing Tree', which is now 8 trees wide. They made appropriate monuments for each boat. A few of the Five Speed boys went out spear fishing, and did a great job--catching a few Hogfish and some 'summer crabs'.

Today's sail down Abaco Sound from Allans to Green Turtle was simply idyllic. Wind at 10-15 kts. Plenty of sunshine. The azure and turquoise waters of the sound sparkling in the sun. Jimmy Buffet tunes on the CD player. The 25 mile beat seemed to pass in

Everyone congregated this afternoon at the Wrecking Tree bar in New Plymouth--waiting for Customs to open at 5:30 (Sat/Sun hours are early mornings and late afternoons). We all finally got checked in by about 7pm. Meanwhile, the crews were still hanging out at the Wrecking Tree. (some really got Wrecked). Boats we know are filtering in, including Jim Yates on Charisma, and Jerry Butz and Zack Duys on Blue Lou, and we ran into Jim & Delores Miller on Sea Turtle in tow.

Skipper's Meeting for the first race is tomorrow (7/1), and the first race is 7/2 at Green Turtle.

*Sherry Beckett  
Fleet Director*



### Membership Report

At the general meeting on July 2, we welcomed Bob and Wendy Hughes as new members and presented their burgee. Please join me in welcoming Bob and Wendy.

to the demands of child rearing (little league, soccer, science fairs, etc.). Many of our long-standing members fondly remember Bill and Margie, and many others know Bill from Harris. Bill and Margie's daughter is now in California working for George Lucas and raising twins of her own, and their son recently completed medical school and is beginning an internship in Jacksonville.

Bill and Margie have recently char-

tered in Greece and the BVI's. Bill is about to retire from GE-Harris so they believe they will finally have the time to enjoy and support MYC.

Please join me in welcoming Bill and Margie back to MYC!

You can now access the MYC membership directory through our website. Click on "membership information" at the bottom of the page and follow the log-in instructions.

*Happy sailing!*  
*Rhonda Delmater*



Cal and Nancy Stow became members in June, but we caught up with them for a "photo opp" at the July 4 BBQ.



At the July 2 general meeting, the membership voted unanimously to reinstate Bill and Margie Matheson, who had been members previously from '80 to '83 but dropped out due

## Membership Information Now Online

If you haven't visited our web page recently, it now has the entire membership information available. You can look up member names, phone numbers, street addresses, email addresses and boat names with the click of a mouse. It's all password protected so only club members can access it.

To get there, go to:

<http://www.melbourneyachtclub.com>

Then click on "**Club Information**", then "**Member Information**". Enter your member name combined with your member number as the login and your member number as the password. (i.e. Login: smith9234, Password: 9234). Click on a member name to view that member's information.

Right now it is view only, but soon you will be able to update your own information such as phone numbers, street address etc..





Now that the hot time of the year has hit, most of us are slowing down and trying to stay cool and out of the rain. Most of us are managing to do that quite well.

The bar is doing quite well. I don't know if anyone has noticed but there have been a few new items added to the bar. I am trying to add some new beers and I am getting rid of some of the beers that people are just not drinking. This month I have added a beer made in Key West called Key West Sunset Ale. So far the comments on it are favorable. Another drink I have added is Smirnoff Ice, which really went over well on the 4<sup>th</sup>.

Barbara Ehnert is making arrangements to have a Wine tasting event. I think it is time to evaluate our wine. If you wish to help with this, let me know.

Our burn-it following the Father's Day Distance Race was very nice. We had about 30 people stay and have dinner and it was great to see boats out there that normally aren't racing. I would like to thank Brenda and Stu Shadbolt for their help with the dinner and also Carol and Ed Hakkila.

Our 4<sup>th</sup> of July dinner was a huge success thanks again to Carol and Ed Hakkila and Sally and Paul Wakefield. What I thought would be a turn-out of 40 or so turned out to be 85 plus. We had quite a few

boats that headed out to see the fireworks after dinner and a small group stayed behind and watched from the porch of the club. I also have to say thanks to Rhonda Delmater who helped me bartend. There were times where it took two of us to take care of the bar.

I have heard from several people that they wished that there were other things going on other than just TGIF. If anyone has any ideas, let me know.

There are some rumors going around that Brenda Shadbolt may be organizing another go around with the dance lessons. Sounds like fun to me. I know the people who attended the last session had a ball. You better start soon Brenda. Some of us need more time than others to get ready for the Commodores Ball.

I am looking for someone to host a Burn-it for July 27<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested please call me, 727-3456, or let me know when you see me.

If you are looking for something to do for the club, this is an easy thing to put together.

Coming up in Aug. is the Pizza Raft-up hosted by Lenny and Sherry Beckett. For those of you who are interested in a relaxing night out on the hook, this is it. Generally, it is the same rules as the Hasty Raft-up in that we will break up at a pre-determined time.

We also have a Bunko Party

scheduled for Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>, which will be hosted by Janet Martin. We may even squeeze in another one before then.

September will bring a Flea Market. The date will be announced at a later date. This is a good time to do an inventory of all your STUFF. Who knows, something you are ready to get rid of may be something that someone else has been looking for. We are looking for people to help us with this so if you are interested let Gus or myself know.

Also, in September is the Mermaid Regatta. If you all remember, this is a time for the women to get out and race followed by dinner and entertainment, all put on by the men of the club. The last few years have been particularly entertaining. We are looking for many good men to do the same this year. So guys, get your wigs and high heels on, September will be here before you know it.

To all of you who have helped with projects with the club this year, thanks. Without you, we wouldn't have the great club that we have today. You all deserve a standing ovation. Those of us that have been around for a while need to take some of the newer members under our wings and assist them to get involved, a mentoring system.

*Mary Williams  
Rear Commodore*

### **New General Membership Meeting Time**

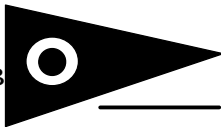
In an effort to attract more members to the General Membership Meeting on the 1st Wednesday of the month, we will try moving the meeting time to **6:30 pm** with the bar open immediately afterwards.

## MYC Racing Schedule for 2001

<b>July</b>			<b>Oct</b>	12	Fall Fri Nite Rum Race #6
	20	Summer Fri Nite Rum Race #6		<b>14-21</b>	<b>MYC Fall Race Week</b>
<b>Aug</b>				<b>14</b>	<b>Sun - Dingy Racing</b>
	3	Fall Fri Night Rum Race #1		<b>16</b>	<b>Tue - Racing Seminar</b>
	17	Fall Fri Nite Rum Race #2		<b>19</b>	<b>Fri—Reverse Handicap Race</b>
	31	Fall Fri Nite Rum Race #3			<b>*Other Mid-Week Activities tbd*</b>
<b>Sept</b>			<b>Nov</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Big Brother, Big Sister Sail</b>
	14	Fall Fri Nite Rum Race #4		11	Winter Sunday Rum Race#1
	<b>22-23</b>	<b>Mermaid Regatta &amp; ECSA Women's #3</b>		25	Winter Sunday Rum Race #2
	28	Fall Fri Nite Rum Race #5	<b>Dec</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>ECSA River Challenge (a Cirripedia</b>
				9	Winter Sunday Rum Race #3

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