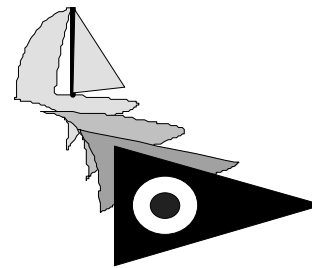


MELBOURNE YACHT CLUB

TELL-TALE



Aug-01

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Event Calendar:

AUGUST

- 11 Sun Cruz Casino Trip
- 17 Fall Rum Race #2
- 24 TGIF Wine Tasting
- 25 Bunco
- 29 Board Meeting
- 31 Fall Rum Race #3

SEPTEMBER

- 5 Membership Mtg, 6:30pm
- 7 TGIF Burn-It
- 14 Fall Rum Race #4
- 22/23 Mermaid Regatta
- 26 Board Meeting
- 28 Fall Rum Race #5

** Every Weds at 6pm **

Wet Wednesday Dinghy Racing

The Party Line

Between the rain and the heat it has been difficult to spend much time on the water. And, it has been a slow time for parties happening at the MYC. But, hold on to your hats because busy times are coming.

4th of July Party

The 4th of July was a huge success due to Carol and Ed Hakkila, along with Paul and Sally Wakefield. We had over 80 people attend the dinner, and then many took off on boats to watch the fireworks.

Join Us for a Sun Cruz, Saturday August 11

Sherry and Lenny Beckett are organizing a trip to go out on the Sun Cruz Casino gambling boat on Saturday August 11. Cost is \$10, and they will pick us up from and bring us back to MYC on an air conditioned bus. The price includes a sit-down buffet before we board. Reservations are required by Weds, Aug 8, but if you're just hearing about it, and want to go, call anyway and we'll see if we can fit you in. 779-3024.

Wine Tasting at TGIF, Friday, August 24

Barb Ehnert is organizing an informal Wine Tasting during TGIF on Fri Aug 24. Three quality red and three white wines will be sampled along with simple hors d'ouvres for 5.00 dollars a person. The best red and white will then be stocked at our bar for our sipping enjoyment. Life IS Too short to drink cheap wine! Amen. No sign up required. Call Barb at 259-3509 for questions.

Bunco, Saturday, August 25

Janet Martin has volunteered to organize another Bunco Party. Bunco is a very simple dice game that leaves you free to socialize, and is lots of fun (even the guys enjoy it). It's the best party mixer at MYC, so come have fun with us and meet some new people.

Labor Day Cruise Needs Sponsor

I am still looking for someone who will organize a short cruise for Labor Day Weekend. Failing that, ECSA and CBYC are cruising to the spoil island just inside the lock at Port Canaveral—maybe we can join them.

Burn-It at TGIF, Friday, September 7

Gabe and Pat Denes promise a hot fire and a cold salad for the Septem-



**The
Commodore's
LOG**

Commodore in Absencia Report from Wales

Having left the club in care of our Vice Commodore, Gabe Denes, I am sure he will be reporting all important MYC business in the Acting Commodore's Log this month. However, I have been keeping in touch via email, and have even proffered my advice on a few subjects over the past month.

I have also received the minutes of meetings sent promptly by secretary Marsha, and was impressed by the speedy wrap up of the last general meeting. I hope everyone enjoyed the new time schedule and took advantage of the open bar to make it a pleasurable social evening. We hope to enhance participation in our general membership meetings through this change.

Email has also allowed me to keep up with club events, and Sue and I were both anxiously awaiting news that our brave contestants in the Abaco regattas had made it safely home. We were impressed with MYC's strong showing, and congratulate all participants on surviving the nasty weather and performing so well.

We are sorry to be missing the planned gambling cruise with all our friends, as I'm sure it

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ber Burn-It. Join us Friday night—you bring the meat, we supply the rest.

Mermaid Regatta, September 22-23

Plans are underway for the Mermaid Regatta—an all women's race put on by the gentlemen of the club. This year's theme is a Hawaiian Luau, and the men plan a scrumptious luau meal, followed by "Hilarious Hula Antics". Tony Barile is organizing the dinner, and Chuck Delmater the entertainment—you men feel free to volunteer to help out.

Future Events

Look for information on a Flea Market in Sept. or Oct. by Mary and Gus Williams. And, also a CPR class to be organized by Mary Williams in Sept. or Oct. Anyone interest in either of these call Gus or myself – 727-3456 CPR will be an American Heart Association class **with** certificates.

A new item that will be showing up in the club are some Beer Mugs with our Burgee on them. They will be sold over the bar with beer and you will be able to take them home and keep them for your very own. They should be arriving soon.

There is a concern that alcohol is being sold from the bar to 21 or over people and they are in turn giving it to under 21 people. If you think this is being done please speak to a board member that is there the night you think you are observing this. This is not a huge problem but we do need to protect the club and our liquor license.

I will be out of town from August 4th through the 18th so if you have any problems relating to parties or the bar please speak to Gabe Denes during that time. I am on my way to Wisconsin for 2 weeks. See you all when I get back.

- Mary Williams, Rear Commodore

will be lots of fun. However, we are booked on a cruise later this month on a P&O liner for 2 week's tour of the Baltic, with stops at Amsterdam, Copenhagen, Stockholm, Gdansk, Helsinki, and even St. Petersburg, Russia. I understand our cabin is directly below the ship's casino. We'll be sure to let you know how it was, and bring back lots of photos.

We have been enjoying the cooler weather and I have been frequenting my old village tennis club, both to participate in the social tennis and the social events. We plan to stop by the Penarth Yacht Club to exchange burgees, and possibly establish an ongoing relationship. We'll let you know how it works out.

Meanwhile, hope you all enjoy your Summer however you are spending it. Keep in touch, and we'll look forward to seeing everyone at the end of next month.

- Chris Reynolds, Commodore in Absencia

Junior Sailing

The Summer Beginners class is wrapping up, 12 kids have successfully navigated through this course. Once again it has been great seeing these kids develop through the program. From never being in a boat to singlehandedly the prams through the always fluky channel and performing their tacks and jibes in the river.



I'd like to thank John MacNeill for his guidance with the classes this summer. John has been there each week, twice a week and has been able to pick up my slack. The weather had been a bit more of a challenge this time around with the afternoon thunder storms and Tropical Depressions, but still the kids had a blast.

So what is the next step? I'd like to hold one more Beginners Class and one more Intermediate Class before the time change. There are a few kids in this past class who are ready to assert themselves on a race course and maybe we can train them quick enough to join our Wet Wednesday Races. But then again I think there is enough interest to have another Beginners Class, please give me a call if you know any child who is ready to learn how to sail. Once we get a minimum of 8 kids we will start a class, whatever it may be, Beginner or Intermediate

I hope you have been reading your e-mails about the Wet Wednesday Races. John MacNeill has been doing a great commentating of the exciting time we've had. Again the weather has challenged us, but those nights that we have sailed have been FUNNNNN. With lots of races back to back, even the professionals are getting a work out, but no one is complaining. We should have a class of Sunfish out this next time, and Force 5s too. John Drawe has had his Raiders out in numbers and maybe if club members talk to him you may be able to get out there, if not in the Raider come down and use a club Sunfish. Even if you don't want to sail, come join us on the committee boat or after the race at the bar.

- Dave Noble, Youth Director



*Commodore Reynolds,
In Wales for the summer*

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Our MYC 'Family'

If you know of milestone news about an MYC member, please pass it on, so we can all share in congratulations.

We would also like to know if a member is sick or being hospitalized, so MYC can send a card or something appropriate.

(email Marsha Millar at
MAR1123@aol.com)

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.

Five Speed, Sea Turtle Win Big for MYC & ECSA in the Abacos

Summer is a little slow on the racing scene, but 4 MYC boats (Five Speed, Fast Lane, Impulsive, and Sea Turtle) took advantage of the break in local racing to travel to the Abacos, in the Bahamas, for the big racing event called 'Regatta Time in the Abacos'. All 4 boats competed in the 'Around the Great Turtle' warm-up race, and each placed in their respective class. In the 5-race RTIA series, Five Speed, sailed by Gary Smith and sons, won both their class (A Fleet/Spinnaker) and the racing division. To win, Gary had to be heavily-favored local boat, Abbey Normal, a B-32. Sea Turtle, a Beneteau 38 raced by Jim Miller and sons, won their class, Cruising Class "D". They were narrowly beat for the Cruising Class overall trophy by E-Ticket, a boat out of Hillsborough Inlet Sailing Club.



Rum Racing Summer Series Completed Skimmer, Jolly Mon Winners

Rum Racing struggled through the month of July, with two races having to be postponed due to weather. But the series was finally completed on Friday, July 27th. 20 boats participated in the series. Final results:

Racers: Skimmer, Sleighride, Nordic Star, Fast Lane, Dragon Lady, Five Speed, Impulsive, Esprit, Volant

Cruisers: Jolly Mon, Keladi, Yankee Rebel, Red Sky, Solitude, Therapy, Maverick, Morning Glory, Rowan, Spiced Rhumb, Flying Buckeye, Ta-keel-a.

Upcoming MYC Regattas

Mermaid Regatta – September 22 & 23. Racing for all-women crews (one male observer allowed). Big Luau with 'Hula Boys' on Saturday night. An event not to be missed. Lenny Beckett is Regatta Chairman, give him a call at 779-3024 to volunteer.

Fall Regatta Race Week – October 14 – 21

Sunday, October 14 – One Design & Dinghy Racing

Monday, October 15 – Local Racing Tactics – Gary Smith

Wednesday, October 17 – Gary Jobson (FIT Auditorium)

Thursday, October 18 – Adult Pram Racing, Radio Controlled Boat Racing,
Pot Luck Dinner, Abacos Slide Show

Friday, October 19 – PHRF Reverse Handicap Race (aka Rum Race)

Saturday & Sunday, October 20 & 21 – PHRF Racing

Dave Noble is Regatta Chairman. Lots of volunteers will be needed to help pull this off. Please call Dave at 779-5222 or NobleDC@gateway.net

Upcoming Local Races (details on www.sail-race.com)

ECSA Summer Series Race #2 – August 18

ECSA Fall Women's Series #2 – August 26

CBYC Mellow Yellow Ocean Distance Race – September 1

ECSA Labor Day Race – September 8

CBYC ADSCOR Double-Handed Ocean Distance Race – September 15

Our Racing Website: <http://www.sail-race.com>

- Sherry Beckett, Fleet Captain

New Membership Applications

Art and Alice Ahrens

Sponsor: Gabe Denes

The Ahrens recently moved to Indian Harbor Beach after living in Boynton Beach for the past 12 years. Art joined AirNet in late April and was previously with Motorola.

Art began sailing in 1967, and began racing in greater Chicago in 1976. In the 70's and early 80's he raced in IOR and MORC classes, and has been racing J-24's since 1982. He has experience in several other classes.

The Ahrens have been members of the Coconut Grove Sailing Club and more recently the Palm Beach Sailing Club where Art was the sitting Vice Commodore, and served on numerous committees. Art's other interests include astronomy, flying and rowing.

Art and Alice look forward to supporting sailing in the Melbourne area, and "helping MYC support our sport"!

Keep an eye out for Art in his J/24, Woodstock.

-Rhonda Delmater, Membership Chairman

From the Dockmaster

The hurricane season is upon us! Please check how you have your boats tied up in the event we get strong winds and high water. Also review the dock policy regarding hurricane preparation that was updated a few years ago, especially regarding removal of roller furling headsails and dinghies, should a hurricane watch occur.

I am always in the search for updated copies of your boat's liability policy. The due dates are shown on the insurance list on the bulletin board at the clubhouse.

One last note about dockside airconditioner use. If you run a shore powered airconditioner on a regular basis please remit an additional \$10 with your dock rental fee payment. We are on the honor system since the dock slips do not have separate electric meters.

More Membership News

Brenda Shadbolt is surveying members who have joined in the past 18 months to gather feedback about our sponsorship and new member processes, and is gaining some valuable insight. We plan to publish a newsletter article on the role of a sponsor in a future newsletter.

For our membership database: Bob Erickson has reconstructed a historical list of membership numbers that will be added to the database for posterity. Rhonda is in the process of reconstructing records of chapter officers by year, which will also be saved in the database.

"Hey, Baby - What's Your Sign?" What Committees Interest You?

YOU can now maintain your own information on line at <http://www.melbourneyachtclub.com>. We have a place in the database to maintain individual committee interests and birthdays. (You can enter the Month and Day without revealing the year your were born!) We'd really like to be able to wish you a happy birthday individually. If you don't have access and need to update your information, please contact the secretary, Marsha Millar, or myself.

Member News

Happy Birthday to those who celebrate in August - I wish I knew who you are!

Two of our members are seriously ill. Lynden Kirk is having open heart surgery any day now, and Arlene Hoopes is also expected to have surgery in the near future. Please join me in wishing well to these members and their families.

Sadly, we lost a member last month, Kathleen Thomas, who I'm sure many remember fondly.

All of our members including those who are non-resident or traveling want to know what's going on with you, so please send information to me at Rhonda@csi-inc.com.

Wishing you smooth sailing,

-Rhonda Delmater, Membership Chairman

August promises to hold some excitement with slip rearrangement so please bear with me.

- Rob Van Name, MYC Dockmaster

Wine Tasting

At TGIF, August 24, in the Ballroom

\$5pp to cover costs

3 White Wines

3 Red Wines

Hors D'Ouvres

*The best Wines Will be Stocked in the Bar
So come choose your stuff!*

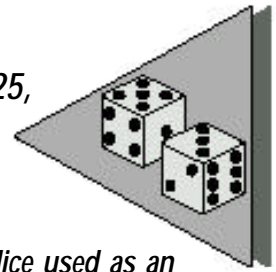
No Reservations Required

Questions?

Barb Ehnert 259-3509

BUNCO!

*7pm Saturday, August 25,
in the Bar*



What's Bunco?

*An easy-to-learn game of dice used as an
excuse to win prizes while you snack, drink,
and chat with your friends.*

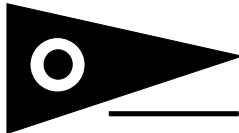
*Beer, wine and snacks served during the game.
Coffee and dessert served following.*

*\$5 per person
covers cost of prizes & snacks & such.*

*Reservations Required
(we need an even number of players)*

Janet Martin 773-6942

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