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**Event Calendar:**

**SEPTEMBER**

- 14 Fall Rum Race #4
- 22/23 Mermaid Regatta
- 26 Board Meeting
- 28 Fall Rum Race #5

**OCTOBER**

- 3 Membership Meeting
- 5 TGIF Burn-It
- 12 Fall Rum Race #6
- 14-21 FALL REGATTA
- 31 Board Meeting

\*\* Every Weds at 6pm \*\*  
 Wet Wednesday Dinghy Racing

*The Party Line*

Thanks to all the people who work so hard to make the social events happen. Without you we couldn't make this club happen. As I look around the club I feel privileged to be part of such a wonderful place. We have wonderful members, and the club looks better than I have seen it in a long time.

**Fun Time Had By All on Sun Cruz, Aug 11**

Aug. 11th we had out Sun Cruz Gambling trip hosted by Lenny and Sherry Beckett. Approx. 23 people turned out and had a good time.

**Aug 24 Wine Tasting Was Great Success**

Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> we had a great Wine Tasting Party despite the distributor. Barbara and Mike did a wonderful job and managed to supply great wine to taste. The members seemed to enjoy themselves and I have never heard so much conversation about wine at the club. Thanks Barbara and Mike.

**Bunco Party on Aug 25th**

Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> we had a Bunco Party hosted by Janet Martin. There were enough people for several tables and a good time was had by all. If you have never attended a Bunco Party you should take the opportunity to do so, it is a great way to meet other members and you will enjoy yourself. If you think you might want to host a Bunco Party in the future let me know—it is an easy party to host.

**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. Seating is limited to 100 people, and we will be selling tickets (available in advance), to make sure we don't oversell the dinner. If you want to reserve tickets for this dinner, call or email Rachele Ross at [ross@fit.edu](mailto:ross@fit.edu) or 254-8326.

**Marine Flea Market, September 29th**

MYC Flea Market hosted by Mary and Gus Williams. Tables will be put out in the great room for you to display your items that you don't



# The Commodore's LOG

## Commodore in Absencia Email Reports from Chris Reynolds

*Chris has been checking in with the MYC Board via email, and keeping abreast of Board happenings and decisions.*

*His more interesting news—travel reports—is shared below.*

**Aug 25** – Just a note to say hello from an Internet cafe in Gdansk, Poland, as we now head homewards from St. Petersburg, Russia. Sue is off buying amber jewelry as I check my email. We'll also be stopping in Warnemunde, Copenhagen and Kristiansund before getting back to Southampton next Friday.

The weather has been great everywhere so far, and the shore tours have been fantastic. The treasures in the Hermitage and palaces in St. Pete were amazing, - some good photos to send you later.

The food and entertainment on the cruise have been superb - 5\* quality, and we figure if we had to pay for all that separately... essentially the cruise is free. We're both putting on a few pounds though, and will be wobbling down the gangway by the time we get home.

**Sep 4th** – We're about recovered from our cruise of the Baltic and are getting ready for

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need anymore and that you think someone else could use. We are inviting ECSA to join us in this. The cost of the tables is nothing, the cost of the Hot Dogs and Hamburgers cooked on the grill will be minimal. Soft drinks will also be available. This will start at 9 AM and will go until no one is left. Please join us in this event. Bring your dinghy's winch handles or whatever.

## TGIF Burn It – October 5

It's that time of year where it's cooling off, and cookouts are fun again. Come join us October 5 for another great MYC Burn-It.

## Future MYC Events for your Planning Calendar

**October 14-21 – Fall Regatta.** There are lots of activities planned that are of interest to the general membership. See the flyer elsewhere in the Tell-Tale.

**November 17th – Sharing Supper** – hosted by Bill and Betty Thon. This is a wonderful meal followed by an auction of items brought in by the members. All proceeds go to a charity. We have had some wonderful things brought in to auction, homemade and otherwise. And, I think that Bill missed his calling when he does his Auctioneer thing. **This is a 'do not miss' event,**

**Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> – Big Brothers/Big Sister's Sail** — This is hosted by Brent and Laurie Saunders. Bring your boat to the yacht club and pick up some "Bigs" with their little Brothers or Sisters and take them boating. This is followed by food and drink after and is always well attended. Put this event on your calendar.

**Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> – 'Orphans' Thanksgiving Dinner** — Hosted by Jack and Jackie Leahy and Nancy Etipence and Chuck Harris. Are you going to be without family this Thanksgiving this year. Or, maybe you would just like to join the MYC family for Thanksgiving. We also reach out to the cruising community and invite cruisers who are in the area. If you are interested in helping or attending, see the above organizers.

*- Mary Williams, Rear Commodore*

a week on the Greek Island of Zakynthos (or Zante) in the Ionian Sea, leaving Thursday am.

Best wishes to all

*- Chris Reynolds, Commodore in Absencia*

## MYC Board is Evaluating Need for Dues/Dock Rent Increase

At the October general meeting (Weds, Oct 3 at 6:30pm), the MYC board expects to offer some proposals regarding future expenditures and membership dues, slip rents, and other sources of funds to cover them. No final action will be taken at this meeting, but the discussion will be used as guidance by the board for a final proposal later this year.

- *The MYC Board of Directors*

## LRPC Requested to Provide Early Report

The MYC Board of Directors has requested that the MYC Long Range Planning Committee provide an interrim report—to provide input to the current budgeting process the Board has undertaken. Below is the report from LRPC Chairman, Rob Van Name.

The LRPC reviewed and more realistically shortened the life expectancy of various maintenance items used to drive our long-term forecast. The revised forecast makes the following salient points:

1. Many major items come due for replacement in the 2007 –2008 time frame causing our cash reserves to fall to a dangerously low level (under \$20,000) assuming we spend \$8,000 per year on capital improvements.
2. The club mortgage will be paid off in 2007.
3. The net worth of the club currently hovers at \$1,000,000 and using an inflation rate of 3.5% may exceed \$1,350,000 by 2007.
4. Our reserves peak at approximately \$ 52,000 in 2004 but are then drained by the expense to replace major items as mentioned above in 2008.
5. The projection shows the reserves never recovering due to the projected need for dredging in 2011.
6. The dock holds major future expenses due to the piling count ( 170 ) and the amount of decking. A rough order of magnitude to replace the docks is \$80,000. Fortunately, barring severe storm damage, we can deal with dock repair incrementally. A phased replacement of the dock parts was considered in the projection.

The LRPC is officially off for the summer and will resume operation in October. We are reviewing the following preliminary list of major recommendations:

- Youth sailing program boat upgrade to add four intermediate (2 person boats - JY15 or equivalent)
- Annex updates including revamped bathrooms and installing central air on both levels
- Parking lot fixed fencing program is advocated
- Behind the bar remodel

The above items have a rough order of magnitude cost of approximately \$52,000 if good used boats can be obtained. The LRPC will be reviewing and establishing a recommended final list with priorities in our final report.

## Bulletin Board

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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  
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### Got a contribution for the newsletter?

⇒ (Preferred) E-mail it to:

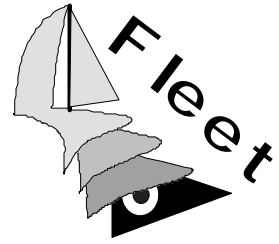
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- ⇒ Drop it off in the box marked 'Newsletter' in the MYC kitchen
- ⇒ Bring it to the membership meeting (PC format floppy or print-out)

Please include name &  
phone number.

## MYC Sweeps CBYC “Mellow Yellow” Race in Spinnaker Class

3 MYC boats made the trek to Cocoa Beach Yacht Club on Labor Day weekend to compete in the 40-mile Labor Day distance race—out around the weather bouy and back. Hasty Miller on Skimmer edged out Gary Smith on Five Speed for 1st place. Gary took 2nd, and yours truly and crew on Fast Lane took 3rd, with new-to-the-area sailor Jim Fryer on Cheyenne (now living aboard in Melbourne Harbor) close behind. Jim sailed the 40 mile spinnaker race single-handed, and was still very competitive.



## MYC Loses the Cirripedia Cup to ECSA in the Sep 8 ‘Not Labor Day’ Race

Though not strictly in accordance with the Cirripedia Cup rules, in the interest of fun racing, MYC took the C-Cup to the ECSA ‘Not Labor Day’ Race and lost it. ECSA had 6 boats competing for the cup, and MYC only managed to field 4. It was a great day for sailing, and the MYC boats did their best—with Dick King on his Catalina 22 taking 1st in the Non-Spinnaker Class, But ECSA looked tough out there. MYC will have a chance to win the cup back in the Fall Regatta.

## Rum Racing Fall Series Going Strong

Friday night Rum Racing has continued with mostly good weather. Current Standings after 3 races:

**Racers:** Nordic Star, Luff Affair, Fast Lane, Skimmer, Five Speed, Esprit, Impulsive, Sleighride, Dragon Lady

**Cruisers:** Sea Turtle, Solitude, Jolly Mon, Red Sky, Epic, Hawk, Ta-Keel-A, Therapy, Yankee Rebel

Fall Rum Racing continues on the following dates: Sep 15, Sep 28, Oct 12.

## 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. We are expecting about 10 boats this year. An event not to be missed. See Ad back page of the newsletter.

**Fall Regatta Race Week – October 14 – 21. See Ad on facing page. Tickets are now on sale for the Gary Jobson night. Jacki Leahy is in charge of ticket sales, and is encouraging members to check out blocks of tickets to sell to their friends. To make this regatta a financial success, we need to sell out the 500-seat FIT Auditorium.**

**Volunteers Needed:** We are still organizing volunteers to help out with the regatta, most specifically we are looking for a One-Design/Dinghy Race Committee on Oct 14. This month we are also looking for Door Prizes for the regatta. If you know someone with a local business who would donate something appropriate, please ask them! Call Dave Noble at 779-5222 or NobleDC@gateway.net.

## Upcoming Local Races (details on [www.sail-race.com](http://www.sail-race.com))

CBYC Fall Regatta – October 6 & 7 (a good tune-up race for our Fall Regatta)

KPYC Fall Regatta – October 13-14

ECSA Fall Women’s Series – October 28

ECSA Fall River Race Series – Oct 27, Nov 3, Nov 10

- Sherry Beckett, Fleet Captain

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

**See regatta flyer at**

[http://www.sail-race.com/myc/MYC\\_Fall\\_Regatta/myc\\_fall\\_regatta.html](http://www.sail-race.com/myc/MYC_Fall_Regatta/myc_fall_regatta.html)

## Junior Sailing

The Summer Beginner Sailing class finished up at the start of school—10 children completed the class, and are wanting another. So due to demand, I have started another beginner class on Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>. John MacNeill will teach, but he does need some assistance. Please contact John if you are available.



### “Wet Wednesday” Going Strong

Come on out to our Wednesday Night Races, especially if you have a Sunfish—there is quite a fleet forming. Dave Silverman has been dominating, but our Juniors are hot on his transom and getting closer to taking the gun each week. It also looks as though the Laser Fleet will be picking up a few boats too (can you believe it—the Force Fives even have a fleet). If we can get the FIT team and their 8 FJs sailing we will have the horizon full of sails. It makes for a good show from the Charthouse Bar.

- Dave Noble,

## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

August was a hot and busy month. We accomplished some small goals: The long awaited cleanup of the annex is complete. All chairs, tables, and other junk was either taken to the city dump or donated to the Salvation Army (only they wanted it). Thank you Bob Boska, Rose and Bill Baker, Mike Greyson for your help.

The screened porch was painted and spruced up, with the help and efforts of the two Bakers, Bob Boska and Ross Herbert. The final woman's touch was added by my better half. However someone walked out with three of the armchairs and left us with three very ugly plastic chairs. **THE ARMCHAIRS ARE CLUB PROPERTY.** Please return them immediately and take your plastic chairs back.

Note the wall erected between the kitchen and the dining room. The side panels are reserved for trophies only ( I applied special glue to the "Cirripedia Cup". The middle panel will have a mural painted on it by Deb Ollin, a local artist.

Someone dismantled the chain on our gate, It is now repaired. Whomever he/she was, member or guest, please call or e-mail me, so we can present you with the invoice for the repairs.

All members should know, that there is a crank for manually opening the gate, as well as is a lock, to open the other side of the gate. The crank and the key for the lock are hanging just inside the annex, on the entrance wall. They are well marked. Please use it and then contact me, but do not dismantle or destroy anything.

Do not forget, the club is private property. If you have guest, you must accompany them, if any harm done to person or property by your guest, you as host will be fully responsible for their actions.

At the general meeting your board brought up the possibility of obtaining funds for the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of the house, yard, docks and the youth program. There were interesting discussions. It is in your interest to read Rob Van Name's report from the LRPC and to answer Vic Poor's invitation to join us for the next general meeting, to discuss our financial matters.

- Gabriel L. Denes , Vice Commodore

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“co-op” mindset that makes all our events affordable.

--Finally—Get up to speed with the process of membership (refer to p.7 under by-laws in the MYC 2001 Directory).

\* There is a new designation of “provisional member” which allows the person who has filled out the application for membership and paid the initiation fee to be issued a temporary card for the purchase of bar and party chits.

Procedures of membership application and policy are explained on pages 16 & 17.

**MANY THANKS TO THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN SPONSORS IN THE PAST, WHO ARE SPONSORS NOW AND WHO WILL VOLUNTEER IN THE FUTURE.**

-Rhonda Delmater, Membership Chairman

## Being a Good Sponsor to a New Member

You have just signed your John Hancock to an application submitted by a potential new member. Now what? You are their sponsor!! One who assumes responsibility. Intimidating? Not really. We found out in a survey of recent new members that you “sponsors” are doing a great job!!

The most mentioned attributes of a good sponsor is to make sure the applicant will:

1. Meet the club members and start helping them match names with faces.
2. Know what is going on at the club—and on the water—and be invited to join in the fun and the work.
3. Understand the process and responsibilities of becoming a member—and the privileges of being a “provisional member”\*.

Here’s how to make these happen:

--Invite them to Happy Hour (and out with the gang for dinner afterward); introduce them around.

--Potential members are required to attend one club activity, excluding TGIF—tell them you are going to a special theme party; encourage them to sign up and tell them you’ll save them a seat.

--Remind them of our monthly General Membership meeting and meet them there—bar is now open after the meetings, which now start at 6:30.

--If you race your boat in the Rum races, invite them along to see how it’s done, or not done, whichever may be the case.

--If they are interested in crewing and you don’t have a boat, try to get them a ride with a skilled sailor who enjoys introducing someone to the “joys” of racing.

--If you are headed down to Marker 21 with the “gang” or joining the Annual Seafood raft-up—make room for them on your boat—or offer to be on theirs if they need help with rafting up.

--If you are helping serve at a party; get them to spoon up some potato salad with you in the kitchen; thus instilling the

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## New Member Directory Info

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# 23rd Annual MYC Mermaid Regatta September 22nd & 23rd

*Two Days of Women-Only Racing* – ENTRY FEE \$35/cruiser–\$30 w/proof of USSA membership.  
Entry fee includes 1 dinner ticket per skipper and 1 door prize ticket for each skipper and crew.

## SATURDAY

11:30 a.m. Registration  
12:30 p.m. Skippers' meeting  
1:30 p.m. Race begins  
4:00 p.m. Bar opens – Live music  
6:00 p.m. Dinner begins

## SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Continental breakfast  
10:00 a.m. Skippers' meeting  
11:00 a.m. Race begins  
3:00 p.m. Hot dogs, team bowline tying  
contest and trophies

## Saturday Night Luau

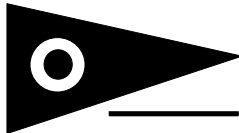
Hilarious hula antics and a scrumptious luau (complete with roasted pig) will be presented by the gentlemen of the club. Advanced dinner reservations **required** by close of registration Saturday morning (seating limited to 100).

Dinner tickets \$10 or \$5/under 12. Door prize tickets 5/\$1. For more information or reservations, contact Lenny Beckett at 779-3024 ([lennybeckett@aol.com](mailto:lennybeckett@aol.com)), Rachele Ross at 254-8326 ([rross@fit.edu](mailto:rross@fit.edu)) or visit our racing Web site.

*All racers, club members and their guests are welcome and urged to attend.*

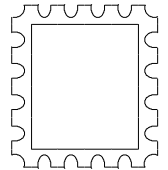
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