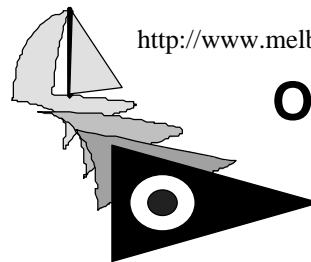


# MELBOURNE YACHT CLUB

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## Fall Regatta & Race Week

October 14-21

### Sunday

#### One-Design Racing (monohull/multihull/portsmouth classes)

9:00 a.m. Registration/Contl Breakfast  
10:00 a.m. Skippers Meeting

### Monday

#### Pizza & Racing Seminar - Gary Smith "Strategies for Winning in Melbourne"

7:15 p.m. Pizza Ordered (\$5pp, includes sodas)  
7:30 p.m. Seminar Begins

### Wednesday

#### FIT Gleason Auditorium Featured Speaker **Gary Jobson**

6:30 p.m. Exhibits by local marine organizations  
7:30 p.m. Gary Jobson speaks

### Thursday

#### Optimist Pram Fun Racing for Adults Radio Controlled Sailboat Racing Exhibition Potluck Supper & Slide Show - 'Abaco Race Week'

5:00 p.m. Opti Racing Registration  
5:40 p.m. Opti Racing Begins  
6:45 p.m. Opti Finals  
7:00 p.m. Potluck Supper & Slide Show

### Friday

#### Reverse Handicap 'Rum' Race Racer & Cruiser Classes / Non-Spinnaker Only

5:00 p.m. Registration and Happy Hour  
6:00 p.m. First Boat Starts  
BBQ Sandwich Plates in the Bar after the race

### Saturday PHRF Racing

9:00 a.m. Registration & Pancake Breakfast  
11:00 a.m. Skipper's Meeting  
12:30 p.m. First of 3 Races Begins  
**4:30 p.m. Italian Dinner**

### Sunday PHRF Racing

9:00 a.m. Registration & Continental Breakfast  
10:00 a.m. Skipper's Meeting  
11:00 a.m. First of 2 Races Begins  
3:00 p.m. Trophies Awarded for All Events

Directions and regatta details can be found on our Web site <http://www.sail-race.com/myc> or contact Sherry Beckett (321-779-3024 or [itbecketts@aol.com](mailto:itbecketts@aol.com))

### Event Calendar:

#### October

14-21 Fall Regatta week  
31 Board Meeting

#### November

3 CPR Class  
4 Big Brothers/Sisters  
7 General Meeting(6:30)  
11 Winter Rum Race #1  
17 Auction Dinner  
25 Winter Rum Race #2



# The **Commodore's** LOG

## **It's Great to be Back**

Summer is over and Sue and I are happy to be back among all our friends after a terrific 12 weeks in Europe. From our base in Wales we were able to enjoy a fabulous fortnight cruise on P&O's *Victoria* to visit all the Scandinavian and Hanseatic capital cities surrounding the Baltic Sea, climaxing in a tour of the incredible grandeur and treasures of the Czar's palaces in St. Petersburg. A spur of the moment lastminute.com opportunity for a week on the Greek island of Zakynthos was a great experience, providing insight into prospects of chartering a yacht in the Greek Islands. Our shock, sadness, and outrage at the WTC defilement depressed our spirits for the last few days, and our thoughts were with you all during this awful time, - as were those of all our European friends. It was nice to be in touch via the Internet and participate in all of the complex decision-making processes that challenge the board from time to time.

It was also nice to keep abreast of the happenings in the summer sailing programs managed by Sherry Beckett and Dave Noble, and the fun entertainment program organized by Mary Williams. Sue and I are going to have to get back in time for the Mermaid Regatta next year, just so we don't again miss the hilarious action at the post race dinner.

## **Down to Business**

I must congratulate Vice Commodore Gabe Denes for doing a fine job filling in for me during my absence, and for completing (with wife Pat's enthusiasm and help) the

clubhouse improvements that were recommended by Rachele's lounge upgrade committee last year.

The expenses involved in these upgrades and increased maintenance expenses, together with tentative acceleration of some projects by the Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC), created some concern regarding our projected financial position. This has led to various discussions on the need and methods by which we might increase our club income. However, our current financial position is excellent and we are on budget. We just need to review our projections, determine our priorities through discussions with the membership, and determine what increase in dues and fees may be justified. During these difficult financial times many have expressed the opinion that significant improvement items should be deferred, though an increase to cover inflationary expenditures and maintain healthy reserves should be made if needed.

To this end I have called for an accelerated interim report of the LRPC, and a budgetary review by our Finance Committee. The board will evaluate their recommendations and if deemed necessary, will present specific revenue generating proposals to the membership at the November General Meeting, and publish these in the Tell-Tale for action at the December meeting.

## **Board Actions**

The board approved the continued use of the West T-dock by Rainbow Chaser until mid January. These slips are available for limited use by visitors and members at the discretion of the Dockmaster and the board provided they do not interfere with club activities. The Leahy's provide valuable benefits to MYC security by their presence, and Jack and Jackie's volunteer efforts are much appreciated.

On Wednesday I was able to experience my first General Meeting at the new start time of 6:30 pm. We managed to conduct our business, appoint a Nominating Committee, and adjourn by 7:20 pm and the bar was opened (by me) at 7:30 pm. It was nice to be able to discuss club matters in such a relaxed environment with so many of our members, and I see the new arrangement as very successful. I encourage more members to participate in the meetings and enjoy a pleasant social hour afterwards.

Thanks again to this fine board of directors for continuing to serve the club and our membership over the past few months.

*Chris Reynolds*  
*Commodore*

## **Nominating Committee Elected**

At the October General Meeting the membership unanimously elected the following members to be your Nominating Committee for the next board of directors:

Debra Ball  
Lenny Beckett  
Jack Bibb  
Faye Bitzer  
Hasty Miller

This is a short lived but important responsibility. Their duty is to carefully select the best group of officers who are willing to manage the club next year. They must publish a slate of directors to be published at least 2 weeks prior to the January General Meeting, during which the new directors will be voted into office by the membership

## Chasing the Chase Boat

A well-researched piece of advice about handling the MYC chase boat and how to avoid having it handle you. This boat has an evil tendency to turn to the right because of the prop-torque of the 25hp motor. If any of you have used this boat, you know it wants to pull the tiller out of your hand at anything over half-speed



During the Saturday races of the MYC Mermaid Regatta I increased the friction setting of the steering on the motor to reduce the torque-steer. I was only treating the symptom, rather than the disease. As I would soon discover. All day, I had sheltered my digital camera from the spray while heading into the wind. When I started upwind on the next to last leg, I put it in my gear bag. As I approached the windward mark from well to the left, to avoid having my wake interfere with the boats, my hat blew off.

It had a tether clamped to my shirt collar, which pulled off. I looked back and saw it on the water. It doesn't float for long, so I turned the boat to the right to circle back and retrieve it.

The torque-steer took the tiller out of my hand and slammed the motor into a sharp right turn. As the port chine of the hull dug in, I was hit with about 4Gs of load and I found myself being pitched involuntarily out of the boat to port. Fortunately, I was launched on a trajectory that put me beyond the propeller so I have no "manatee scars".

I cannot explain why, as the tiller left my hand, that an inadvertent reverse finger-roll twisted the throttle to idle as the motor put the boat into it's hard right turn.

As I was flying thought the air I was doing an instant inventory. Digital

camera is in the gear bag, cell phone is clipped to my belt, wallet is in my back pocket, reading glasses are in my shirt pocket. Then I hit the water. My style would not have been rated well by the judges.

When I'm on a powerboat while underway, I always wear a life jacket. I'm so thankful for this self-imposed rule, now more than ever. (Take a lesson here!)

As I came back to the surface, I saw the 16-foot Carolina Skiff idling in a slow clockwise circle. I swam towards it just in time to see the port stern pass me by. At this point I was making another stupid decision by trying to hold my, now-soaked cell phone, above the water in my left hand. That hindered my swimming ability. I watched and waited while the boat came around again.

This time, I swam to the right position to grab the port gunwale amidships as the boat came back around. After a struggle, due to my out-of-shape body, I grabbed an attached line and pulled myself aboard. My cell phone was

emitting electrical arcing sounds, so I removed the battery pack. Too late, it was toasted. My reading glasses are being used by the fishes. Don Knotts comes to mind here...

I drove the skiff back towards the committee boat in time to take pictures of the finish of the racing sailboats during the second race on Saturday.

To give credit to the focus of the racers, nobody had noticed that the club launch was circling without an operator. The obvious problem is that if the cameraman makes a spectacular mistake, nobody is there to record it. I've taken pictures of some amazing errors in the last few years. Now I understand how lucky you can be to have nobody taking pictures of your worst screw-up.

I've found a possible scapegoat. It's me. I had noticed that the skeg behind the prop of the Mercury motor is loose. I didn't tighten it and it turned on me, literally!

*Thankful to be here to tell the story,  
John MacNeill*

### TGIF Memorial Candle-Lighting Generates \$500 in Donations

The compassion and generosity of MYC members showed on Friday, Sept 14, when we held a brief candle-lighting ceremony at TGIF in memory of the victims and volunteers in the September 11th disaster. Even Melanie Adams, our bartender, donated her tips that evening. Several members not present also emailed contributions in the form of authorizations to write an MYC bar chit for a specified amount. After the candle-lighting, held out of the wind on the back deck, the small group sang 'God Bless America' under Rachele Ross's direction.

A total of \$300 was raised by the membership. The MYC Board has voted to add another \$200, and a \$500 check was mailed to the Red Cross September 11th Fund in MYC's name.



Two applications have been received and the membership committee hereby requests that these two new applicants be presented to the General Membership at the October meeting and be published in the newsletter.

**Jim and Amy Lacy** who are sponsored by Cheryl Beckett.  
1281 Stephanie Court  
Indialantic, FL 32903

The Lacys met while taking a celestial navigation course and have been married for 22 years. They enjoyed sailing a 26' Snapdragon from Long Island until their children took over, but they continued occasional racing throughout the years. Jim took a transfer with Grumman to KSC 13 years ago and is now working for USA.

Amy has been a homemaker and has been on the Melbourne Central Catholic HS school board for the past three years and the Hology Name of Jesus Festival team since 1997.

Both Jim and Amy got back into sailing when Amy joined Sherry's crew last summer. They are in the process of acquiring a Melges '24, and now that their children are in college they have time for sailing once again. They are looking forward to continuing their participation in MYC events.

**Gerald and Judith Moores** who

are sponsored by Bob Sowden. Gerry started out his sailing career crewing on a 50' sloop in "Cape Cod Bay" and has been crewing ever since, and most recently with Bob and Karen on La Vie and Volant.

Gerry has served on race committees for MYC and ECSA events for

several years. He has made many friends at MYC while attending many functions as a guest.

Gerry has recently become a boat owner for the first time with the acquisition of the Flying Buckeye (Paceship 23') from Chuck Delmater.

He is looking forward to belonging to our group of fine yachtsmen and yachswomen, and trying his hand at racing.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Rhonda Delmater  
Membership Director*

### **Big Brothers/Sisters Sailing Event**

**Boats and Sailors NEEDED for Nov.4, Sunday, from 12:30 PM to 3:00PM**

We will be serving Burgers and Dogs to the kids and their Big Brothers and Big Sisters at 12:30 before sailing. Here are some Frequently Asked Questions about this event:

**What time do I have to show up and where?** There will be a barbeque at MYC from 12:30 until 1:30. We will be matching people with boats during the barbeque. At 1:30 we would like to depart the docks. You sail around for about an hour, and then come back to MYC and unload your crew.

**How many people will be on my boat?** This depends on how big your boat is and how many people you feel comfortable with aboard. Usually we put between 2 and 4 people on each boat.

**Do I have to feed them?** No you do not have to feed them. They will have already eaten at the barbeque.

**What age Kids will be there?** The kids will range in age from 7 to 14  
**Will I need child size life jackets?** You do not need to have child sized life jackets. If you have some small life jackets it would be advisable to have the younger children wear them.

**Will each child be accompanied by an adult?** Each child will be accompanied by an adult, their "Big Brother or Big Sister".

**Everyone who has participated in this event in the past has had fun and felt good about sharing their love of sailing with others. Come get some good feelings of your own this Sunday!**

Please call Brent & Laurie Saunders at 779-8774 or e-mail us (trop@cfl.rr.com) with your most positive and enthusiastic response. Many thanks for your participation.





I'm sorry to say that the Flea Market was canceled for the end of Sept. Unfortunately I pulled my back out and was hardly getting around at that time. It would have been a good time to have one due to the weather. If anyone is willing to put it back on the calendar let me know. Otherwise, Gus and I will try again sometime in the first of the year.

Back by popular demand is a CPR class to be given Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9-3:30. The class is going over Adult and Pediatric CPR but not Baby. If anyone needs baby please let me know right away. At the end of the class you will be issued a "Heart Saver" card and it will be good for 2 years. There will be a few books that I will purchase for the club that need to be reviewed before the class and if you wish to keep a book I can get you one, they are about 5-10 dollars. If you need CPR for any reason, i.e. Captains License, I am leaving it up to you to check and find out if this is what you need. I also need to find out how many people are interested in attending because the AHA is specific as to how many instructors per students there needs to be. There will be a small fee for lunch and a \$2.00 fee for your card. Please register as soon as you know you are interested. My no. is 727-3456. The instructors will be donating there time.

Gabe and Pat Denes did a great job with the Burn-it on Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>. The Burn-its continue to be a popular event. The next one is on Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>.

The Mermaid Regatta was a huge event thanks to the guys. Lenny Beckett was in charge of the event, Chuck Delmater the entertainment, Tony Berile in charge of dinner with Mike Petrick in charge of cooking and Bob Sowden in charge of the race committee. For those of you who don't know, Mike attended the Disney Culinary School a few years ago and we are certainly lucky to have him cook for us on occasion.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Oct 5 Burn-it** - Harriet Diamond and Chet Pruszynski 1-561-589-3523

**Nov. 3 CPR** - Mary Williams 727-3456

**Nov.4 Big Brothers-Big Sisters Sail** - Brent and Laurie Saunders 779-8774

**Nov.17 Auction Dinner** - Bill and Betty Thon 723-1162

**Nov. 22 Orphan Thanksgiving Dinner** - Nancy Ettipence and Chuck Harris 779-4400 and Jack and Jackie Lehey 795-2156.

**Nov.23 Thanksgiving Cruise** - Looking for someone to organize. Let me know if you are interested.

Just a short word about the Auction Dinner. This is how it works. Bill and Betty organize the dinner, always with great food. Before dinner everyone who attends, and some who don't, bring items to be auctioned off. Some are store bought and some are homemade. Some of the best items are the secret items in a brown bag. After the dinner Bill does a wonderful job as an auction-

eer auctioning off the items. I personally think he missed his calling. Then the money goes to a local charity. If you haven't attended one of these, you should. It is a lot of fun and for a good cause.

The Big Brothers sail has been a big event in the past few years and is something that is lots of fun and it gives all who attends a wonderful feeling to share our love of boating with others. It is a short sale and food when we get in.

Our Orphan Dinner has been a growing event for several years. This year it will be an official MYC event. It started out to be a place that some of our members could share dinner with cruisers who are here in the area and aren't going home for Thanksgiving. This year we will open the bar and make it a bigger event. If you attend, you need to bring a dish to share and MYC will supply the Turkey.

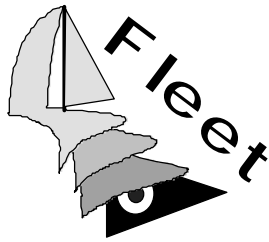
See you after the Annapolis Boat show. We are driving up with Nancy and Chuck to Va. where we are meeting the Bibbs. From there we are all spending a few days at the boat show. See you when we get back.

*Mary Williams  
Rear Commodore*

Cocoa Beach Yacht Club

**Marine Flea Market**

Saturday and Sunday  
October 20 - 21st  
Hours - 9am-6pm  
910 Mullet Dr.  
in Port Canaveral  
Booths are still available  
call 784-5296 for inform



### Another Successful Mermaid Regatta

Eight boats and about 50 women turned out for a beautiful weekend of very competitive racing. On Saturday, the spinnaker boats did two 5.3 mile races, and the non-spinnaker boats did one 10.6 mile race. On Sunday, all boats sailed the same 5.1 mile course.

Saturday night, the men of MYC put on a wonderful luau, complete with roast pig and hula 'boys'. Tony Barile and crew served 117 dinners and still had left-overs!

After the racing on Sunday, the women also competed in a 'Bowline Tying Relay Race'.

Rachele Ross and crew on Sleighride won the overall Mermaid Regatta trophy, awarded to the boat with the lowest total corrected time for the weekend. The racing was very close in the spinnaker class, with 3 boats finishing within seconds of each other in the final race on Sunday, and deciding the overall finish order for the regatta.

### Fall Regatta Fall Regatta

See the ad on the facing page for a list of events and times. The entire club membership is encouraged to

participate in all of the events—seminars, social hours, fun racing, etc.

The first event is **Sunday, October 14**—Dinghy Racing. Based on the turnout we've been having at our 'Wet Wednesday' Series, we expect 15-20 boats, with classes to include Opti's, Multis, Lasers, Sunfish, and Force Fives, plus an 'open' class. There are still enough beginners racing that, if you're interested, you should come join us, even if you haven't been racing recently. Entry fee is only \$15 and includes you in the 'Sailor of the Week' competition.

On **Monday, Oct 15**, Gary Smith of Five Speed fame will share with us his tips and techniques for winning races in the Melbourne Area. Pizza-by-the-slice will be available, starting at 7pm, for those who arrive hungry. Gary's seminar starts at 7:30.

On **Wednesday, Oct 17**, internationally-known sailor and sports commentator, Gary Jobson, will be speaking at FIT's Gleason Auditorium. Tickets are still available, and are \$10 in advance / \$15 if you wait until Wednesday. Please help us by passing the word around to your friends in the sailing community—Gary's presentation will be of interest to *all* sailors, not just racers.

### Thursday, Oct 18 is Fun Nite.

There is a sign-up sheet posted on the club bulletin board to reserve your spot in the Adult Pram Fun Racing, with start times at 5:40pm, 6:00pm, and 6:20pm. We have slots

for 21 people. You won't have to rig the pram yourself and the course is just 'around the buoys' in Melbourne Harbor. Come join us for the fun and stay for the pot luck afterward. Our Radio-Controlled sailing buddies will also be holding a race in the harbor and joining us for dinner.

On **Friday, Oct 19**, we'll have a traditional 'Rum Race', with BBQ sandwiches available after the race. **Saturday/Sunday** will be the standard PHRF racing, with a delicious Italian dinner Saturday night.

The awards ceremony for the week of racing will include 'Boat of the Week' and 'Sailor of the Week', as well as class trophies, and will be held in the MYC ballroom on Sunday afternoon.

### Racing Website:

<http://www.sail-race.com>

### Fall Regatta Volunteers Needed

We are looking for (primarily)

- (a) Race Committee members for the Dinghy Racing day, Sun Oct 14. See Sherry Beckett or Dave Noble.
- (b) Food helpers on Mon, Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun (see Rachele Ross to volunteer)
- (c) Registration and T-Shirt sales helpers on every day (see Karen Knockel to volunteer)

Please lend a hand for an hour or two...

"Many hands make light work"

**Thank You—Thank You  
Thank You**

The women who participated in the

### Mermaid Regatta Results

#### Spinnaker

- 1st - **Tonya Meister** - Five Speed - Lindenberg 28
- 2nd - **Mary Anne Ward** - Animation - Melges 24
- 3rd - **Sherry Beckett** - Fast Lane - Lindenberg 28
- 4th - **Karen Knockel** - Eraser - Melges 24

#### Non-Spinnaker

- 1st - **Rachele Ross** - Sleighride - J/30
- 2nd - **Mary Williams** - Volant - Wavelength 24
- 3rd - **Bridget Cooper** - Rowan - Rogers 26
- 4th - **Marie Knight** - Red Sky - Cal 25

Mermaid Regatta would like to thank ALL the men, both volunteers and supporters, who made this year's regatta special.

Lenny Beckett, Bob Sowden,  
 Jerry Ross, Jack&Jacki Leahy,  
 Ross Herbert, Chuck Delmater,  
 Gerry Moores, John Drawe,  
 Tony Barile, Gabe Denes,  
 Mike Petrick, Bill Matheson,  
 Stu Shadbolt, Eckart Schneider,  
 Art & Alice Ahrens

Our Hula Boys...  
 John Drawe, Gerry Moores  
 and Bob Sowden

*Sherry Beckett*  
*Fleet Director*

## Editorial

If you know me, you know I am not one to jump onto the Soap Box. However, last Sunday Laurie & I experienced something which upset us to no end.

We had stopped in at one of the few eateries on the water (located by the Eau Gallie causeway). While we were waiting to be served, a live report about the first Afganistan offensive came on the TV above the bar. Immediately, the bartender turned the sound down and tried to change channels. When we objected, we were told that this was a "Sports Bar" and we had to watch "Sports". Well, I

don't get mad often but I was fuming then. After thousands of people have been killed and while we are sending our military men in harms way, I for one think hearing about the first "strike back" is infinitely more important than "Sports". After telling the bartender and the manager this and being met with replies of "it's not really affecting us now", we stormed out. I won't speak for anyone else but I will never again patronize an establishment who thinks so little of our country and our military men.

*Brent Saunders*  
*Newsletter Editor*

## The "Bells of the Ball" at the Mermaid Regatta



Conch Blowing Competition



Eckart Schneider and George Behnke compete in Hula Dancing Contest





# GARY JOBSON

Wednesday, Oct. 17 • 7:30 p.m.  
Florida Tech Gleason  
Performing Arts Center  
150 W. University Blvd., Melbourne

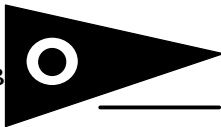
World class sailor, Olympics commentator and America's Cup winner, Gary Jobson will be featured during MYC's fall regatta race week.

Jobson will cover the 2000 America's Cup—Who Won and Why, Sydney 2000 Yachting Olympics and Ultimate Sailing, turning his passion for sailing into a crowd-pleasing performance.

**Tickets \$10/advance, \$15/door.**  
**Contact Dave Noble 321-779-5222**  
**noblede@gateway.net.**

or

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