

# TELL-TALE

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## Event Calendar:

### NOVEMBER

- 17 Charity Auction Dinner
- 18 "Wet Sunday" Dinghy Race
- 22 Thanksgiving Dinner
- 23-25 Thanksgiving Cruise
- 25 Winter Rum Race #2
- 28 Board Meeting

### DECEMBER

- 1 Champagne Brunch
- 2 "Wet Sunday" Dinghy Race
- 5 Membership Meeting
- 7 TGIF Christmas Party
- 9 Winter Rum Race #3
- 21 TGIF Burn-It
- 26? Board Meeting
- 30 "Winter Follies" Pram Race

## Charity Auction and Raffle

**Saturday, Nov 17**

*Bar Opens at 6pm,  
Dinner Served at 7:15pm*

### Menu

*Hearty Italian Sausage Zuppa  
Italian Bread with Butter or Herbed Dipping Oil  
Antipasto Salad  
Flavored Italian Ices and Cookies  
Coffee and Iced Tea*

**\$5.50 per person + Something to Auction**

**Reservations Appreciated**

**Thons 723-1126 Peggy Hill 725-8729**

### The Auction

*Immediately following dinner, you will enjoy a fast-paced auction and raffle. Bill Thon will be auctioneer and Eric Mareth will man the raffle table.*

*Items to be auctioned and raffled may be craft items, surplus house or boat items, or 'mystery prizes'. Bring your donation open for viewing, gift wrapped, or brown-bagged as mystery items.*

*A lot of needy people will be helped by your generosity, AND we'll have fun doing it. The charity to benefit from our auction is still under discussion, but will be announced at the beginning of the evening.*



# The Commodore's LOG

## Winding Down

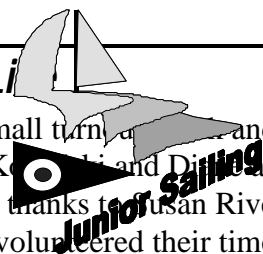
As this beautiful Fall weather tempts us back out onto the water for some overnight cruising, it reminds us that the year is coming to an end soon.

I'm looking forward to joining many of our members on the post-Thanksgiving Cruise being organized by Richard Oliver. This event has brought many pleasant times in the past, and is a great opportunity to work off some of that thanksgiving turkey and pumpkin pie. It's also an opportunity to use up and sample other member's left-overs during the raft-up parties typical of this event (weather permitting - as always).

Those who competed, or just attended some of the social functions, at the MYC Fall Regatta could not fail to be impressed by this event this year. Sherry Beckett and Dave Noble organized a great schedule of events and the plan was executed to perfection. I must admit to having had some trepidation over the risk associated with hiring a speaker of such stature and thus as costly as Gary Jobson, but the Regatta was financially successful and Jobson's presentation was inspirational. Many Kudos to the entire Regatta team on an excellent job.

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## The Party List



November 3<sup>rd</sup> we had our CPR class with a small turnout. Jackie Leahy, Marty and Jack Bibb, Katherine K... and Ned Buck all attended about 6 hours of CPR. Many thanks to Susan Rivers RN, from Health First, and her two instructors who volunteered their time to come and give us the class. If there is an interest they have offered to come back in the spring and do another class. I would also like to know if there is an interest in a first aid class. If there is I will see what I can do to get a class on a Sat. Let me know.

November 4 was to be the Big Brothers, Big Sisters sail. As we all know, the weather has been pretty iffy this past mo. and Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> was no different. Too bad. We will look forward to seeing it on our calendar another time.

**November 17<sup>th</sup>** is our annual Auction Dinner. It is hosted by Bill and Betty Thon. Please turn out and bring your items to auction off. Proceeds go to a local charity. Call Betty Thon for reservations.

**November 22<sup>nd</sup>** is our "Orphans" Thanksgiving dinner. If you haven't a family to share dinner with, come join us. Jack and Jackie Leahy, along with Chuck Harris and Nancy Eitapence, have it all worked out, so call them for reservations. We invite anyone who wishes to come, especially those cruisers who are staying around after the Seven Seas weekend.

**November 23-25** Richard Oliver is sponsoring an after Thanksgiving Cruise. See details elsewhere in the Tell-Tale.

**December 1.** December will arrive with a Champaign Breakfast on the 1<sup>st</sup> at 10 AM hosted by Gus and myself. After breakfast everyone can donate one hour of time to decorating the club. Please call for reservations.

**December 7<sup>th</sup>** is our great Christmas Party hosted by Betsy Baird. We should have a wonderful time, music, good food, and projects for the kids and Grandchildren. Who knows what mystery guest will show up.

**December 21<sup>st</sup>** is a Burn-it. I am looking for someone to host this one. If you are interested, call me.

**New Years Eve:** Our member who offered to do the New Years Party will be out of town so if you are interested in a New Years Party please let me know. I am hoping someone will be interested in doing this for the club.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving and if you are joining the Club for dinner on Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>, see you there.

- Mary Williams, Rear Commodore

**Note: The MYC Bar will be CLOSED for TGIF, the Friday after Thanksgiving.**

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As usual, Mary Williams has a busy schedule of events planned for the upcoming holiday season, so be sure to sign up to assist and participate - as is the MYC tradition - and let the festivities begin.

### And Down to Business

One of the duties performed last month was the election of a nominating committee, and they are busy at their task of interviewing and selecting candidates to manage the club next year. From the feedback I'm getting, the spirit of volunteerism is still alive and well at MYC and I think we will have a fine slate of nominees presented next month for election at the January general meeting.

In addition, after much discussion, the board voted unanimously to increase the initiation fees and annual dues by 6% and the dock rents by 10% in order to meet updated funding needs resulting from LRPC and Finance Committee recommendations. These recommendations are based on the principle that we should set aside adequate reserves to meet anticipated repair and replacement expenses, even though major improvements may be financed through borrowing. Although none of us likes to propose increases in rates, I think all of us have to agree that membership in this club is a bargain, and that the proposed new dock rates of \$3.38/ft/month are still a great deal. Details of the specific rate increase proposals are detailed elsewhere in this TellTale.

### Bar and Food Directorate

Most of us have enjoyed the occasional TGIF when Rachele would call out "who wants pizza?" For a few bucks we could enjoy a tasty couple of slices, Jack and Lenny would break out the guitars, someone would buy a couple of pitchers of beer, and we'd all have a great sing-along.

Many agree it would be nice to make the availability of some take-out food a regular event, instead of requiring everyone to head out to a late and expensive restaurant meal. However, to add that responsibility to the Entertainment chairman is impractical, as this job is already the most demanding task at the club since it involves running the bar in addition to planning all of our social events.

The proposed solution is to relieve the Entertainment Director of the bar responsibility, and creating the position of Bar and Food director. This involves changing the club constitution to increase the number of directors from 4 to 5, and alter the bylaws accordingly.

Modification to the MYC Constitution and Bylaws to effect these changes will be proposed and voted on at the Dec. General Meeting.

### Our Best Wishes...

.... go out to two of our favorite members recently undergoing serious medical procedures, - Stu Shadbolt and Rick Crocket. Our thoughts and warmest wishes for a speedy recovery are with you both, as is the strong hope and belief that you will share the joy of the upcoming holiday season with us all, - your MYC family.

- Chris Reynolds, Commodore

## 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  
MAR1123@aol.com)

### Got a contribution for the newsletter?

⇒ (Preferred) E-mail it to:

**tell-tale@  
melbourneyachtclub.com**

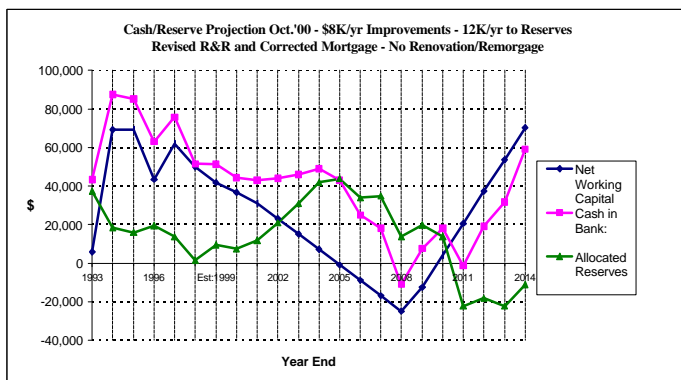
- ⇒ Drop it off in the box marked 'Newsletter' in the MYC kitchen  
⇒ Bring it to the membership meeting (PC format floppy or print-out)

Please include name & phone number.

# Rate Increase Proposals

I am pleased to report that great progress had been made toward resolution of the increased funding issue discussed last month. As requested, the Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) met to review their plans and financial projections. The LRPC review team recommended folding any major capital improvements into a master facilities upgrade plan, which would be funded through a refinance of the property, though maintaining the current minimal \$8K/year Capital Improvement Plan.

Refined Repair and Replacement (R&R) estimates resulted in a minor increase in recommended reserve funding from \$12K/year to \$13.2K/year. However, this plan projected a major cash crunch by the end of 2008, due to inadequate income to properly fund reserve requirements, as shown in this chart (Figure 1).

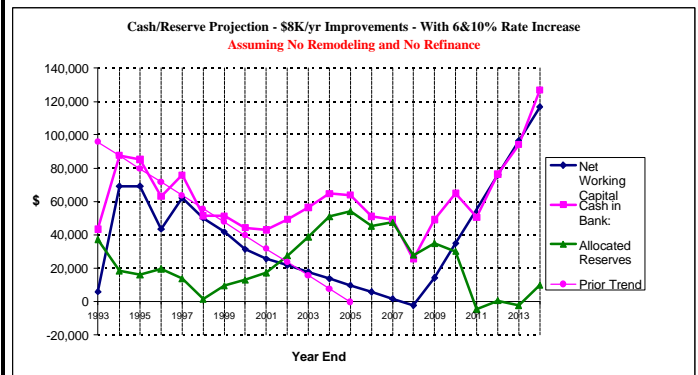


**Figure 1**

Note that the chart shows a major increase in income starting in 2009 due to payoff of the current mortgage, even though it is likely we would remortgage before then if major capital improvements are performed on the club. That would involve a significant change to the funding projections, and would require increased income to meet the new mortgage payments.

However, with a rate increase sufficient to cover the R&R reserve requirement and \$4K/year of the Improvement Program, minimum recommended cash balances and reserves are maintained, at least for the next several years, as shown in Figure 2.

The Finance Committee performed their financial re



**Figure 2**

view, concluding that we are on track with the budget as presented to the membership last Spring. However, club maintenance and cleaning expenses are higher than last year, and an increase in operating expenses is anticipated to balance next year's budget. The board evaluated these findings and recommendations and has proposed the following specific revenue generating actions:

### Board Recommended Increase in Dues and Rents

Initiation:	6% (\$365 to \$385)	Est. Δ Inc.	\$ 240
Annual Dues:	6% (\$275 to \$290)	Est. Δ Inc.	\$2,160
Dock Rents:	10% (\$3.07 to \$3.38/ft)	Est. Δ Inc.	\$4,750
Misc. Increases (Board Approval):			<u>\$ 350</u>
		<b>Total Est. Δ Income:</b>	<b>\$7,500</b>

#### Disposition of Increased Income:

1. \$1,200 to Increase Reserve allocation to \$13.2K/Yr.
2. \$2,300 to Balance Budget (Higher maintenance costs)
3. \$4,000 to Offset Capital Improvements (Only \$4K. from Cash)

The above background and proposal, together with recent rate increase history, were presented at the November membership meeting and met with general approval.

A vote to amend the bylaws to implement these changes will be made during the December general membership meeting.

**Chris Reynolds**  
**Commodore**

## Proposed Constitution and Bylaw Amendments

The specific wording of the changes to the MYC constitution and Bylaws proposed to implement the organizational changes and rate increases discussed at the November General Meeting, are as follows:

### A. Bar Director Position

#### 1. Constitution

##### ARTICLE 5: Officers

Change the second sentence to read:

"The Board of Directors shall consist of all officers and **five (5)** directors elected by the membership."

#### 2. Bylaws

##### ARTICLE 7: Committees

**Section 3:** This section states that:

"The Entertainment Committee shall be responsible for all social events held by the Club. The Chairman of this Committee ..... will oversee and direct the annual social calendar and budget, *as well as the management, operation, and budget of the bar.* ....."

Modify the paragraph to delete the phrase:

", as well as the management, operation, and budget of the bar"

**Sections 9 thru 11:** Re-label these sections to be numbered 10 thru 12.

**Insert new Section 9:** To read as follows:

"The Bar and Food Committee shall be responsible for the management, operation, and budget of the bar and the kitchen. The committee shall consist of a Bar Director who is a member of the Board of Directors, and at least two other members. The Bar Director shall be responsible for maintenance of the club's alcoholic beverage license, and ensure that purchase, sale, and consumption of alcoholic beverages at the club conform to our license and the laws of Florida. This Committee shall have responsibility for provisioning and staffing the bar and kitchen, and for organizing bar food and snacks not associated with specific social events organized by the Entertainment Committee."

### B. Rate Increase Proposal

#### 1. Bylaws

##### ARTICLE 3: Membership Dues and Fees

###### Section 1: Dues

The Annual Dues for each class of membership shall be modified as follows:

Honorary Member: No charge – No change

Corinthian Member: Change from \$20.00 to \$30.00

Non-Resident Member: Change from \$20.00 to \$30.00

Resident Member: Change from \$275.00 to \$290.00

###### Section 2: Initiation Fees

The Initiation Fee schedule shall be modified for each class of membership as follows:

Honorary Member: No charge - No change

Corinthian Member: No charge - No change

Resident Member: Change from \$365.00 to \$385.00

##### ARTICLE 6: Privileges

###### Section 3: Rental dockage:

This section to be modified to increase the dock rent from \$3.07 per foot to \$3.38 per foot, to read as follows:

"Rental dockage, when available, shall be for use by Resident Members only, for a fee of **\$3.38 per foot** per month plus applicable sales taxes....."

### C. Effectivity of Changes

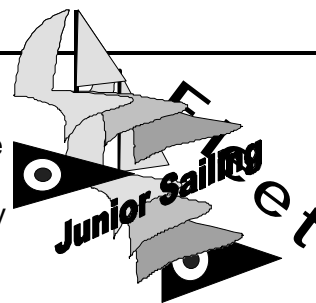
It is proposed that the Bar director position be filled effective immediately upon approval by the membership. The rate increases are proposed to become effective for MYC fiscal year 2002 starting February 1, 2002.

These proposed changes will be discussed and voted on at the December General Meeting, on December 5th.

- Chris Reynolds, Commodore

## MYC Fall Regatta Week Was A Great Success

The Fall Regatta is over for another year (thank God). Dave Noble's grandiose plans came to fruition once again, with the help of many many MYC volunteers. The new format, of having the Dinghy Racing on the Sunday before, worked very well, we think. We had about 20 dinghies race. And most of the dinghy racers also had the chance to race in the PHRF racing the next weekend. Here are the stats:



- 20 Dinghies Oct 14
- ~30 people attended Gary Smith Seminar Oct 15
- ~150 people attended Gary Jobson Presentation Oct 17
- 21 Prams raced + RC Boats + Good attendance at potluck on Oct 18
- 16 boats raced in Rum Race Oct 19
- 26 Boats / 4 Classes Raced on Oct 20/21
- 350+ meals served, not counting coffee and doughnuts (thank you Rachele and others).

Our Race Committee, headed by Jack and Marty Bibb, did another stellar job. We are getting such a good rep for putting on regattas, that people around the state are calling me to find out when our regattas are next year, so they can put them on their race calendar.

The Adult Pram Race generated so much interest that I am going to try it again on Dec 30—named the MYC Winter Follies. More on that in next month's newsletter.

I am not sure we've finished adding up the final total (Richard Oliver was still hawking photos in the bar on Sunday—watch out if he approaches you with a photo-sized box in his hand!). But we had a net profit of about \$250—better than some years and worse than others. The Gary Jobson event was not the financial success we'd hoped it would be.

### Upcoming Racing

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

Winter Rum Race Series starts Nov 11. We are requiring a tiny annual Rum Race registration fee of \$15 to cover the cost of trophies. If you haven't signed up, please do so after the first Rum Race you sail in.

Informal "Wet Sunday" Dinghy Racing starts Nov 18, 2pm. **Contact John MacNeill to reserve a club dinghy 723-6213 or sail@32903.org.** We have 3 club sunfish, 6 Optis, and several 'loaner' boats available. If you call or email John by Saturday, he will confirm availability of boats prior to Sunday's racing. If you own a sunfish or laser that's not being used, please give John a call—there IS a high demand. We are also looking for or people to volunteer to be Race Committee some Sunday. John also plans to have a few 'maintain the dinghies' sessions for an hour or two before racing, a few Sundays over the winter.

Dec 8 is the ECSA River Challenge Regatta. This is our opportunity to get the Cirripedia Cup back. ECSA Ratings ARE required to sail for MYC for the Cup.

- Sherry Beckett, Fleet Captain

Fall Regatta Winners
Laser 1st – Warrick Smith
Sunfish 1st – Dave Silverman
Force Five 1st – John MacNeil
Portsmouth 1st – Michael Barile
Multi 1st – Dave Andrews
King of the Prams – Hasty Miller
Rum Race Winner – Sea Turtle – Jim Miller
SR Max 1st – Changes in Lattitudes
Cat 22 1st – Flip, Flop, Fly
Non-Spin 1st – Sea Turtle – Jim Miller
Spinnaker 1st – Five Speed – Smith Boys
Sailor of the Week: Warrick Smith
Boat of the Week: Sea Turtle – Jim Miller

## Membership News

### **MYC has one new application that was presented at the November general meeting:**

**Marlene and Daniel Sassaman**, sponsored by Gary Smith

500 S. Shannon Ave.  
Indialantic, FL 32903  
321-768-0045

Marlene's e-mail: [sass4sail@cfl.rr.com](mailto:sass4sail@cfl.rr.com)

Daniel's e-mail: [saldcat@cfl.rr.com](mailto:saldcat@cfl.rr.com)

Marlene is an avid sailor and racer who has numerous racing and cruising credits including winning the first all-female crew to finish the annual Jacksonville from Palatka Mug Race three times, solo sailing the Miami-Key Largo race and 6<sup>th</sup> place skipper at the 1990 Hobie Nationals.

Marlene has been a counselor for the Brevard County School System for 23 years and is pursuing an advanced degree in higher education. Her interests in MYC include encouraging other women to take the helm, assisting in club activities and meeting her personal desire to "sail, sail, and sail some more."

**Four new regular memberships** have been approved and migrated to. Please join me in welcoming:

Art and Alice Ahrens  
Jim and Amy Lacy  
Gerry and Judith Moores  
Phil and Lois Scalise

Don and Pam Millar have changed from regular to non-resident membership.

### **Member Database Online**

We're still looking for more information about individual members on your web site. YOU can now maintain your own information on line at <http://www.melbourneyachtclub.com>. You can avoid missing any important mail by making sure that your address is correct. Each individual can enter when your birthday is - so we can celebrate! (You can enter the Month and Day without revealing the year you were born!) We'd really like to be able to wish you a happy birthday individually. And of course you can enter

your committee interests, so we know how best to get you involved in our club. If you don't have access and need to update your information, please contact the secretary, Marsha Millar, or the membership director, Rhonda Delmater.

### **Member News**

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

Stu Shadbolt underwent open-heart (bypass) surgery on Tuesday, November 6 at Holmes Regional Medical Center. We all wish Stu a speedy and thorough recovery.

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](mailto:Rhonda@csi-inc.com).

*Rhonda Delmater – Director of Membership*

### **Dockmaster Notes**

If you are keeping a small boat on MYC property and haven't signed up for dry storage rental please contact me to sign up. Dry rental applications are posted on the bulletin board in the clubhouse. The fees are modest and your rental helps defray the cost of running the club and Gabe won't accuse me of inattention or worse. We're also looking into constructing a rack to hold several Sunfish.

Expect some motion on the waitlist when a 25 foot slip becomes available this month. Thanks to Jack Leahy for regenerating one of the dock carts.

### **Crew Wanted for Caribbean Cruise**

I'm hoping to take my 40' cruiser, CUBIE, to the Caribbean in January thru April 2002, and am looking for potential crew for segments of the voyage. If you are interested please contact me for further details.

Richard Oliver 773 3659  
[richardoliver69@hotmail.com](mailto:richardoliver69@hotmail.com)

## “Orphans” Thanksgiving Dinner

Originally conceived as a private gathering to give a few club members without local families, and their transient friends, a place to gather on Thanksgiving, the “Orphans” Thanksgiving has now gone public, thanks to Jacki Leahy and Nancy Eitapence.

**Cost \$6 per person plus a dish to share**

**We provide the paper products  
and the turkeys and ham.**

*Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share.  
"What dish means Thanksgiving to you?"*

**Reservations: Jacki Leahy 795-2156  
Nancy Eitapence 779-4400.**

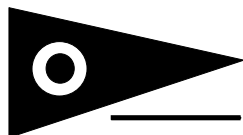
We are going to try to coordinate the food if we can. Bar will be open.

## After-Thanksgiving Cruise

1. Leave MYC about 11am Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>.
2. Head north to between Canaveral Barge Canal and Addison bridge – just north of power lines – near Marker 53 – About 28nm from MYC. Opposite a place called Pine Island. From this anchorage you can see the shuttle on the launch pad.
3. Anchor in 7-8ft of water on east side of intra-coastal – good holding - mud.
4. Possibilities – raft up for drinks and pot luck supper, or drinks/snacks on one boat, dinner on your own.
5. Saturday morning – after breakfast – head south to Marker 21 – spoil islands.
6. Anchor, go ashore, drinks party, eat.
7. Anyone not wanting to go Friday could meet at the spoil islands on Saturday.
8. Sunday — return in time for Rum Race at 2pm.

**Cruise Coordinator: Richard Oliver 773 3659  
richardoliver69@hotmail.com**

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