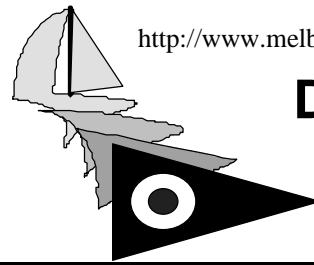


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December

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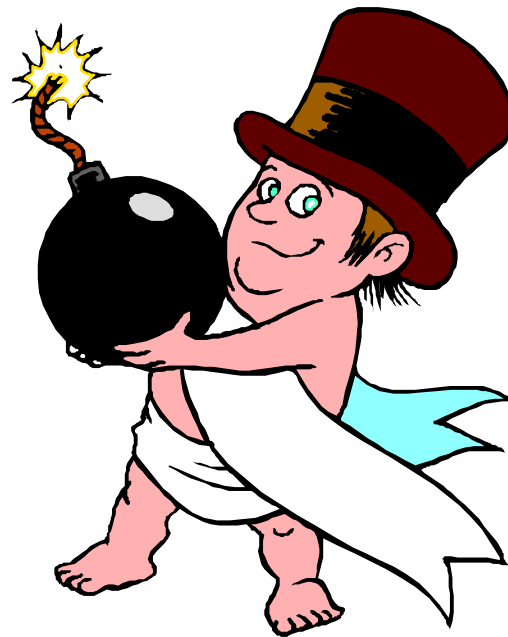
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Informal

## New Years Eve Party



## Event Calendar:

### December

26 Board Meeting

30 Pram Follies

### January

2 General Meeting(6:30)

6 Rum Race

11 Burn-It

20 Rum Race

26 Key West Race

Bring a dish to share and a crazy hat.

Awards to be given out to the craziest hats.

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# The **Commodore's** LOG

## Happy Holidays

As usual, Mary Williams has worked her magic to gather a great volunteer force, plied them with champagne, and the clubhouse is now beautifully decorated and ready for our holiday festivities. Betsy Baird is oversubscribed for the Christmas Party on Friday, and we are looking forward to eating hearty, hearing Christmas Caroling, and watching the children in awe of meeting Santa Claus and getting their presents under the tree. By the time you read this most of us will be already a few pounds heavier and well into the Christmas spirit from this event.

In addition there are other activities planned both on and off the water to keep us busy this month. Landlubbers will enjoy the upcoming Bunco party and burn-it, culminating in an informal New Years party at which we can all enjoy music, share hors d'oeuvres, and welcome the third year of this millennium together. For sailors, Sherry has the Winter Rum race series under way and has other hectic events planned involving fun in dinghies.

The Thanksgiving cruise was somewhat fragmented, with some going north on Friday and several heading south to Marker 21 on

Saturday. The weather cooperated and we had a pleasant Raftup and overnight stay on Saturday night. I expect there will be the usual informal group of cruisers heading downriver for a pre-New Years exploration. If in doubt of what's happening on the river, it usually pays to check with Rachele.

## Rates and Revisions

At the December general meeting the membership unanimously approved motions to amend the MYC Bylaws to increase the annual dues, initiation fees, and dock rents as proposed and documented in last month's newsletter. I am pleased that our members so readily accepted the board's recommendations as fair and equitable, and for recognizing that these changes are necessary for the long-term financial health of the club. In addition, the membership voted unanimously to make the changes to the Constitution and Bylaws to remove the bar management responsibility from the Entertainment director, and to create a Bar Director position responsible for the bar and kitchen with duties as outlined in last month's newsletter. I am greatly optimistic that this change will allow the incoming Entertainment director to focus more attention on regular theme-based parties and other MYC traditional social events. Meanwhile the Bar and Food director can streamline bar and kitchen operations, organize bar food after races, and make take-out food available at TGIF.

## NomCom Report

Also at the December general

meeting Nominating Committee chairman Jack Bibb announced their recommended slate of directors for 2002. The vote to elect these candidates (and any floor nominees) to office will be made at the January general meeting. The committee's fine slate of directors is as follows:

Commodore: **Gabe Denes**  
Vice Commodore/House: **Rob Van Name**  
Rear Commodore/Entertainment:  
**Rhonda Delmater**  
Secretary: **Marsha Millar**  
Treasurer: **Mike Dunne**  
Director - Fleet Captain: **Gary Smith**  
Director - Dockmaster: **Dave Nesbitt**  
Director - Membership: **Tony Barile**  
Director - Youth: **John MacNeill**  
Director - Bar & Food: **Ross Herbert**

## Board Actions

MYC dry storage fees have not been adjusted for inflation since 1993. As we have recently increased club rental rates and now member rates, the board voted unanimously to update these fees. Based on an inflation rate of 3.5% for 8 yrs = ~32%, changes (effective February 1, 2002) will be made as follows:

Space categories (see p.21 of the directory):

- Waterside Mast-up: from \$1.29/ft/mo. to \$1.70/ft/mo.
- Dinghy Rack:  $\leq 10$  ft., from \$10.00/mo. to \$13.00/mo.
- Upper Area Trailered boats \$10.00/mo. to \$13.00/mo.
- Upper Area Sunfish, etc., \$5.00/mo. to \$7.00/mo.

Storage Locker Rentals increase from \$75.00/yr. to \$100.00/yr.

Finally, Sue and I wish all of you a wonderful Holiday Season and a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year.

**Chris Reynolds**  
*Commodore*



It was all quiet in the house front for the last two month. I am glad to report, the house committee spent all its budget and some, for the improvements and running of our fa-

cilities by October. We still have a lot to do, and thanks for the dues increases we will be able to do it.

Thanksgiving dinner for the "orphans" was a great success. Some 50 some of us gorge ourselves on three huge turkeys and a ham. The "pot luck" table was laden with the most delicious foods and deserts. Every one of us had a wonderful time, thanks to Jackie and Nancy and all their helpers. Now a good sport that I am and looking out

for your health, I am scheduling a work day for January 12, 2002, to restart the cholesterol laden hearts after the holidays.

Jack Bibb has repaired the porch and step lights for the balcony. Thank you Jack. I am wishing all of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

*Gabriel L. Denes  
Vice Commodore*



In November we had the Auction Dinner, hosted by Bill and Betty Thon. The food was wonderful and we had 58 people who attended. We auctioned off five hundred dollars worth of wonderful items and that money will go towards non-perishable foods for the Sharing Center.

The Orphans Thanksgiving dinner was next, hosted by Jackie and Nancy. And, I would have to say that their helpers were just about everyone who attended, even the non-member guests were helping. There were about 49 people who attended and lots of great food was provided by all. If you didn't make this one, next year is a must.

Following that, several boats headed out on the river to chill out. Richard Oliver and two boats went north and the rest went south. They all met up at Marker 21 a day or two later. Richards note is in the newsletter.

Last but not least was the Champaign Breakfast hosted by myself with Rhonda Delmater and Richard Oliver as my helpers. Thanks for your help. We had a great breakfast and most of the 39 people stayed to help decorate the Club for Christmas. Thanks to you all.

Betsy Baird put on a great Christmas Party. We had the Palm Bay High School Chorus come to sing for us and we had mystery Santa who came to see us. The room was packed for dinner, not unusual for Betsy's Christmas Parties. Betsy had lots of helpers which I won't mention for fear of missing someone. Thanks to you all for your hard work. Toys were brought by all for Toys for Tots and some of us got to watch part of the Melbourne Harbour boat Parade.

### COMING EVENTS

New Years Eve hosted by Mary Williams -727-3456 or marywindward@yahoo.com

This will be an informal party, bring a dish to share and a crazy hat. There will be awards to be given out to the craziest hats. Do you think we will get to see the Barbie Dolls again? It will be starting at 9PM

and end whenever. Stay on your boat if you don't want to drive. We also need several volunteers to bartend. Any interested takers?

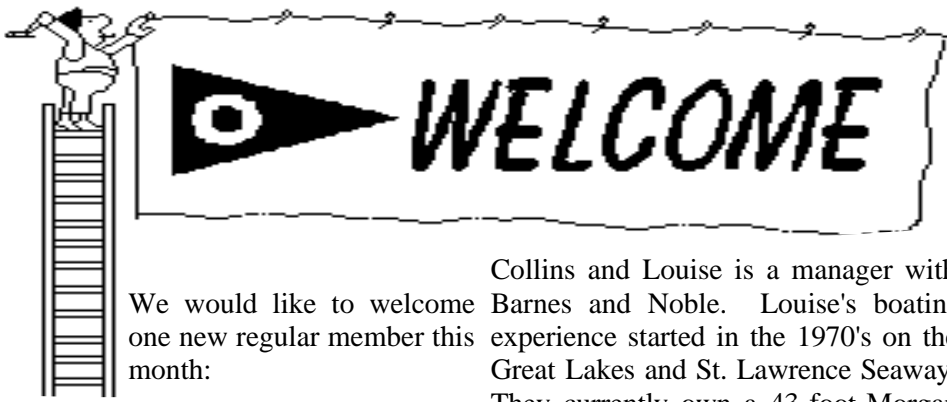
Jan 11th will be a Burn-it - Need someone to do this. It is something that is easy to put on so if you want to do something that isn't time consuming, this is it. Let me know if you are interested.

Jan 26th will be a Key West Party hosted by Nancy Eitapence. Her no. is 779-4400 for any questions, reservations or offers for help. More details to come out later.

Also, there will be a meeting to draft a social calendar for next year. We need all the suggestions and help we can get. After all, this is your club and we want to do things that you are interested in doing.

Gus and I would like to wish each and every one of you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. This year has been a great one as we hope it has been for you all.

*Mary Williams  
Rear Commodore*



We would like to welcome one new regular member this month:

- **Marlene and Daniel Sassaman** who are sponsored by Gary Smith.

We have reinstated:

- **Bill and Loni Watters** who are sponsored by Bill Thon.

The Watters started sailing in the 60's with Sunfish and racing on lakes in up-state NY. Their first "big" boat was a 23 foot Pop-Top O-Day, which they sailed in the Thousand Islands and Lake Ontario. They were members of Chautout Yacht Club. They also owned a 27 foot Tartan, and a 36 foot Loin, a wood boat made in England, followed by a move to Florida and a 33 foot T Morgan, and then a 33 foot Morgan Motor Sailer. They now have a 35 foot Ericson (OMA-OPA) and plan on doing some serious cruising as soon as they sell their Business after the first of year.

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

**Kevin and Louise Walters** who are sponsored by Jerry Ross.  
939 Branganza Ave. SE  
Palm Bay, FL 32909

Kevin and Louise have been living in the Melbourne area for 22 years. Their children are David (18) and Kristina (15). Kevin is an engineer at Rockwell

Collins and Louise is a manager with Barnes and Noble. Louise's boating experience started in the 1970's on the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway. They currently own a 43-foot Morgan named Godspeed and have enjoyed sailing in Melbourne and Florida and the Bahamas for the last four years. They are both members of the Banana River Power Squadron and are pursuing USCG Captain's licenses. They are both looking forward to sharing sailing experiences and participating in club events.

**Gordon and Sandra (Sandi) Moskowitz** who are sponsored by Jack Leahy.  
Melbourne Harbor Marina  
2210 Front St.  
Melbourne, FL 32901

Gordon has been around boats since he was 10 years old and has sailed for 45 years. He sailed off shore for about 10 years and sold his 42-foot Hylas Sloop in this summer and has ordered a 49-foot DeFever Trawler for delivery next spring. Gordon retired as an Engineering professor in 1998, and he and Sandi have recently selected Melbourne as their home. They are interesting in meeting other sailors and Gordon is looking forward to having an opportunity to crew on MYC boats from time to time.

## Membership News

I'm pleased to report that Stu Shadbolt has recovered well and joined us for the Christmas decorating brunch on December 1.

Happy birthday to our members that celebrate in December:

- December 1 Betty Thon
- December 2 Marty Bibb
- December 6 Sherry Beckett
- December 9 Phyllis Harris
- December 14 R Brent Saunders
- December 18 William Baker
- December 21 Lenny Beckett
- December 22 Wendy E Hughes

My apologies to those who were missed because their birthdays are not in MYC's database. If you send me the information, I will be happy to update the database. Or you can update your own information at <http://www.melbourneyachtclub.com>.

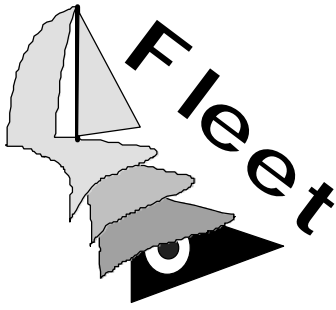
All of our members including those who are non-resident or traveling want to know what's going on with you, so please send information to me at [Rhonda@csi-inc.com](mailto:Rhonda@csi-inc.com).

*Wishing you joyous holidays,  
Rhonda Delmater  
Director of Membership*

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per year for Rum Racing--to cover the cost of trophies, etc. If you haven't yet registered, please fill out a registration form (found in the gray book in the Bar), and give it to Hasty or Sherry. Be sure to check your Rum Race Rating/Start Time as posted on the bulletin board.

In the ECSA Challenge Cup on December 8, MYC won back the Cirripedia Cup from ECSA. MYC boats who helped win the cup back were:

- Caliente - **Bob Sowden**
- Fast Lane - **Sherry Beckett**
- Slot Machine—**Gerry & Gregg Kowalski**
- Animation- **Jim Lacy**

**Rum Racing**

We are halfway through the winter Rum Race Series. The remaining 3 races will be in 2002--Jan 6, Jan 20, and Feb 3. We have initiated a \$15

**Adult Pram Race / Winter Follies**

Everyone had so much fun doing the Adult Pram Races at the Fall Regatta, that I want to do them one more time before I retire as fleet captain. On Sunday, December 30, we'll launch all the prams (6 or 7), and sail as many heats as we need to, and then do a championship race. Hopefully Hasty Miller, crowned King of the Prams at the Fall Regatta, will be out to defend his crown. Sign up at TGIF next Friday, or email me to get on the list.

*Sherry Beckett  
Fleet Captain*



Not has happened of late for the Junior Sailing Program, however much will have to happen if we want to expand and improve the program. What do you foresee the program to be like next year, or within five years? Let Dave Noble or John MacNiell know and we will invite you to a planning meeting this year. What would you think of fully certified instructors? More or bigger boats to choose from, traveling to regattas, teams for US Sailing sanctioned latter events, just some of the things to be considered. Let us have your input, at least for one night.

**MYC Member Information**

You can now get addresses, phone numbers, email address and other member information about any of your fellow members. You can also update your own information whenever you want.

To log on, go to *Melbournyachtclub.com*, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the *Member Information* box at the bottom of the page. You will be asked for a *UserName* and *Password*. Use your last name combined with your member number for the *UserName* and your member number for the *Password*. For instance, if my name were Homer Simpson and my member number were 123, my *UserName* would be simpson123 and my password would be 123. You can change your *UserName* and *Password* at any time.

Once in, you can view any members information by clicking on their name. While viewing your own, you can modify it by changing the pertinent information and then clicking on the **SAVE** button. There is a **SAVE** button for your membership information and one for each individual in your family.

If you have any problems or questions, feel free to email me.

*Brent Saunders  
Sweptaway@cfl.rr.com*

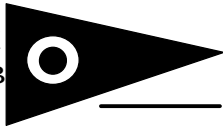
On a personal note, I and my family would like to thank MYC and the community's sailors for their support and generous contribution, in our time of challenge. With the extra effort and sacrifices made to try to rebuild our business, you have made it easier. I know my attention has wandered from the duties at MYC, I specifically would like to recognize John MacNeill, Greg Apotsos, and Joe Wise for their efforts in the MYC sailing program.

*Thank You  
Dave Nobel  
Youth Director*

# Merry Christmas To All



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