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Event Calendar:

JANUARY

- 6 Sunday Rum Race #4
- 12 Work Day
- 13 "Wet Sunday" Dinghy Race & Dinghy Sailing Seminar
- 20 Sunday Rum Race #5
- 27 "Wet Sunday" Dinghy Race
- 30 Board Meeting

FEBRUARY

- 1 Birthday TGIF
- 2 Key West Party
- 6 Membership Meeting
- 3 Sunday Rum Race #6
- 8 "Carry In" Dinner TGIF
- 10 "Wet Sunday" Dinghy Race
- 17 Couples Race & Burn It
- 23 International Party
- 24 "Wet Sunday" Dinghy Race

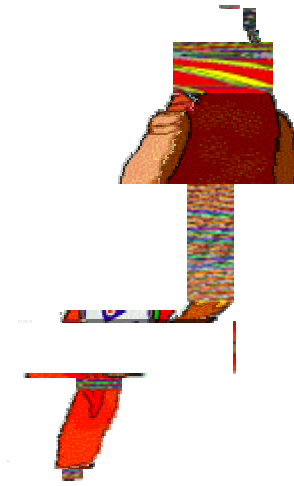
Key West Party

Saturday, February 2

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

Shrimp! Boat Drinks!

Key Lime Pie!



Tropical Attire

Tacky Tourist/"Dress Down" Contest

**Reservations Required
by Weds, Jan 30**

Rachele Ross 254-8326, Nancy Eitapence 953-8302





The Commodore's LOG



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| Director - Dockmaster: | Dave Nesbitt |
| Director - Membership: | Tony Barile |
| Director - Youth: | John MacNeill |
| Director - Bar & Food: | Ross Herbert |

This is a fine group of people who I am sure will serve the Melbourne Yacht Club well over the next year. It consists of an excellent mix of experienced members, new members, and existing directors moving into new positions. You are in good hands.

Happy New Year

For those fifty-sixty or so revelers who showed up at MYC for the informal New Year's Eve party, a lively and merry time was had by all. Fancy and outrageous hats were worn, Auld Lang Syne was sung at midnight with linked arms, and most enjoyed great music and dancing – some 'till past three o'clock in the morning. Those of us who stayed aboard our boats to avoid the drive home partook of a fine breakfast in the clubhouse to get us moving again. Little organization was needed; lots of delicious hors d'oeuvres were brought to share, and this ad hoc party was great fun for all. This way of managing a New Year's party, similar to last year, is well on the way to becoming a MYC tradition.

The great MYC Christmas Party seems like a distant memory now after all the other activities of the season, but Betsy Baird deserves special thanks for once again hosting such a fine and entertaining event. Sherry's "Pram Follies" in the Harbor last week was entertaining to watch and fun for all, and nobody even got wet! This month should be a time to relax a little, and just enjoy the rum races and upcoming burn-it.

Eleven-Twelfth's Done

At our January general meeting no floor nominees to the MYC board were forthcoming, and the membership unanimously approved the slate of directors and officers proposed by the nominating committee. In case you have mislaid your last Tell-Tale, here is the new board that will be taking over at the conclusion of old business at the February general meeting:

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| 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 |

I am also optimistic that the new officer position of Bar and Food Director will add noticeably to the pleasure of our entertainment activities and TGIF experiences at the club, this year and in future years. By making each responsibility more manageable, we can look forward to traditional, well-organized entertainment events, and Friday nights enhanced with regular events and frequent organized carry-in food availability.

Final Words

Your incoming Commodore writes the next Commodore's Log, so I leave you with some last thoughts:

Y2001 has been a good year for the Melbourne Yacht Club. We have a growing membership, we are financially sound, and we have made great progress in transitioning our bookkeeping and member database to modern technologies. Our spirit and tradition of volunteerism is alive and well, and our entertainment events have been well-attended and great fun for all. Our regattas, sailing classes, rum races, and other waterborne activities have never been so well organized and had such enthusiastic participation.

Our clubhouse is looking neater and more attractive than it has ever done, and the LRPC is working on a master facilities concept to be recommended to the new board next month. We have reached out to other similar clubs in the area regarding reciprocity and coordinated events, and we have an ongoing YCOEC committee to continue this initiative in this and future years.

Over this past year I have worked with a fine, intelligent, and energetic board of directors who have served MYC well. I solemnly thank each and every one of them for their wise counsel, hard work, and support over this past year. I believe we can look back with pride on our achievements.

Finally, Sue and I wish you all a healthy and prosperous New Year, and may our experiences as Melbourne Yacht Club active members continue to be the most memorable of all our lives.

- Chris Reynolds, Commodore

The Party Line

December was a wonderful month. It started out with a Champagne Breakfast, after which we decorated the Club for Christmas. Breakfast was delicious—I had wonderful help from Rhonda Delmater and Richard Oliver. Thanks for your help. The decorating was done by the help of almost everyone who attended, but I have to give special thanks to Cal and Nancy Stowe, who did their share of decorating and came back to finish much of what was left undone by the rest of us. Also, Betsy Baird returned to help finish, and Bill and Betty Thon purchased the wreaths that were on the front door. A big thanks to you all, the club looked beautiful.

Our Christmas Party was a sell out. We hardly had enough room to put everybody in the Great Room for dinner. Betsy did a great job. Thanks to Betsy and all her elves.

New Years was a perfect example that you don't have to do a lot of work to make a party come together. I have to thank the Whitakers and Jack Leahy for doing such a great job bartending. And, thanks for the great "tunes" Chris Reynolds. The party was a success and I think most of us were still there at the stroke of midnight. There were rumors that there were still people there at 3AM. Is that true?



Last weekend Nancy Eitapence, Jack and Jacki, and myself went through the decorations that were spread out throughout the club. We threw out a lot of stuff that was just looking tired or had become food for the 4-legged animals that visit our attic on occasion. We then boxed up what was left according to themes and put it back in the attic. If you are looking for decorations for a party, look there first.

I am cancelling Bunko for early Jan. but we will be having a Key West

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Your Mother Doesn't Live Here

Remember the sign in your college dorm that said "Your Mother doesn't live here—please clean up after yourself?"

Please keep that in mind when you're leaving a table in the bar—take a minute to clean up after yourself and your friends...

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.

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Party on Feb 2nd, being hosted by Nancy Eitapence. If you are interested in helping, let her know.

Today we had a meeting of minds and came up with a busy calendar for next year, or I should say this year. It will be posted so please take a look and pick an event that you would be interested in helping with. If everyone gets involved in one event we will be in great shape. I need to give a big thanks to Rhonda Delmater who took charge of the meeting. If today was an example of how she will be doing her job of Rear Commodore for the rest of the year we will have nothing to worry about. I think her experience as Membership Director will be of great value to us all. Thanks also to Patti Henry, Rachele Ross, Jacki Leahy, Pat Denes, Sue Reynolds and Sandi Moskowitz who attended the meeting with Rhonda and myself. A special thanks to Sandi who is a brand new member who had the courage to jump right in there and attend our meeting.

As you know, the responsibilities of Rear Commodore have been split up into two jobs and a new Bar Director position has been added to the board to do this. This hasn't happened too soon. Even dividing the jobs up it will be busy for both Rhonda and Ross. Ross' job of Bar Director will be expanded to be just more than just the bar but developing a way to have meals offered on occasion at the club and to maintain the kitchen. Neither of them can do their jobs alone and help form us all will be appreciated. If you are interested in serving on a committee with either person please let them know.

Gus and I have moved off of Windward so that we can sell it. We hope to do so before our new boat, Floridian (a Caliber 40 LRC), arrives. Our e-address is the same, as is our phone no. We will have an extra number of 773-1501, which you can also reach us at.

Mary Williams - Rear Commodore

Upcoming Events

Feb. 1 - Jan/Feb. Birthday Celebration

Feb 2 - Key West Party

Feb. 8 - Carry in dinner (to be announced)

Feb. 17 - Valentine Burn-it

Feb. 23 - International Party

HOUSE REPORT AND OTHER RAMBLINGS

It was a quiet month, with all the holidays, the visiting, eating, drinking, kids and grandkids.

The house and grounds are in as good a shape as can be expected with the available resources.

Pat Denes' Corner Store has done a lot of business (I am sure she made a big plus in the national picture of consumer satisfaction).

Hasty made good of his promise and designed and built the burgee in our ball room floor. It is a work of art! Thank you Hasty.

I am organizing and calling for a work day for January 12, Saturday. All able bodied members are invited and strongly urged to attend. Bring your shovels, rakes, paintbrushes etc. and lets spruce up the club. The work will start at 9 A.M. and finished after lunch. The club will serve food and drinks.

The gates to the club is for our security. In case of any event, where you feel the gates need to be temporary kept open, please be sure you have someone closes the gate, after all the guests arrived. **DO NOT LEAVE THE GATE OPENED.**

This is my last report, as a house chairman and I will give the reins and a box full of records into the capable hands of Rob Van Name. So if the plumbing is leaking, the lights don't work, the toilet paper is missing, the floor is dirty, the grass is burned, the gate is opened, the side yard is full of weeds, the neighbors are complaining and myriads of other large and small things do not work, this is your last chance to call me, after Jan 31 its Rob's call.

I like to thank all of you helping me realize most of my two year plan for the house and grounds. I enjoyed it.

Thank you!

Gabriel L. Denes,

Vice Commodore

Membership News

Welcome New Members!

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

- **Kevin and Louise Walters** who are sponsored by Jerry Ross.
- **Gordon and Sandra (Sandi) Moskowitz** who are sponsored by Rhonda Delmater.

New Membership Applicants

The has board accepted one new application for membership:

Andrew Lazarewicz who is sponsored by Rhonda Delmater.

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Andy recently relocated to Melbourne and is working under contract at Patrick AFB as a physicist. He enjoys sailing, diving and mountaineering. He lived in Hawaii for eight years and sailed on a Cal-40. He continued to sail when he moved to Boston and cruised from Baltimore to Bermuda. Andy promised himself he'd join MYC when he relocated to the area.

Thanks to members of the 2001 Membership Committee:

Greg Apotsos
Brenda Shadbolt
Tony Barile

I appreciate your ideas and support.

Other Membership News

I don't have any good news or concerns to report this month.

Please see the rear commodore's report for a list of birthdays for the months of January and February that we will celebrate at TGIF on February 1!

Our apologies to those who were missed because their birthdays are not in MYC's database. You can update your own information at [http://www.](http://www.melbourneyachtclub.com)

melbourneyachtclub.com, or contact the Director of Membership.

Wishing you joy, health, prosperity and great sailing in the coming year,

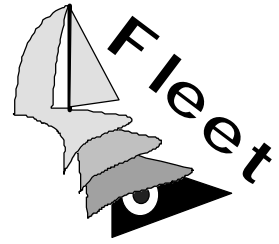
We're going to start celebrating birthdays the first Friday of every month. On Feb. 1 we're celebrating both January and February's birthdays:

Jan. 3 Bob Hughes
Jan. 12 Roy Owen
Jan. 13 Betsy Baird
Jan. 13 Tony Barile
Jan. 13 Chris Reynolds
Jan. 14 Barbara Ehnert
Jan. 15 Michael Dunne
Jan. 15 Hasty Miller
Feb 2 Alice Ahrens
Feb 2 Rob Van Name
Feb 4 Amy Lacy
Feb 8 Nancy Melfi
Feb 11 Robert Boska
Feb 13 Gabriel Denes
Feb 15 Grant Ball
Feb 15 C. Daniel Delmater
Feb 15 Ross Herbert
Feb 15 Sue Reynolds
Feb 17 Debra Ball
Feb 18 Lynden Kirk
Feb 19 Shelly Hughes
Feb 22 Art Ahrens
Feb 22 Ty Harris
Feb 22 Chester Pruszynski
Feb 27 Nicki Beckett

Rhonda Delmater—Director of Membership

Winter Follies “All Ages” Opti Race

Marginal weather and the holidays greatly impacted participation in the Opti racing in Melbourne Harbor on December 30th. Six hardy souls (none remotely resembling kids) braved the weather and signed up to race. However, the small number of participants meant that we could run 3 races. Everyone who participated had a ball. Jim Edwards turned in a very consistent performance, to take the regatta with 3 first places. Sherry Beckett beat out Paul Alexy by one point to take 2nd place. New members Amy and Jim Lacy took 4th and 5th. Jack Leahy’s friend Jim, in his first time in a pram, managed to clinch 6th place.



Dick Tillman to Give Dinghy Racing Seminar Sunday, January 13th at 11am

Legendary local racer Dick Tillman has volunteered to give a seminar at MYC on Sunday, January 13th, focusing on Laser and Sunfish setup and tactics.

“Wet Sunday” Racing Going Strong

We continue to have great turnout for our ongoing ‘Wet Sunday’ series. Approximately 10-15 boats have been turning out on any given Sunday.

MYC Racing Schedule Set for the Year

Rum Races

Winter Rum Race Series: Jan 6, Jan 13, Feb 3

Spring Rum Race Series: Mar 3, Mar 17, Apr 7, Apr 12, Apr 26, May 10

Summer Rum Race Series: May 24, June 7, June 21, July 5, July 19, Aug 2

Fall Rum Race Series: Aug 16, Aug 30, Sep 13, Sep 27, Oct 11

Winter Rum Race Series: Nov 10, Nov 24, Dec 8, Jan 5, Jan 19, Feb 2

Dinghy Racing

'Wet Sunday' Dinghy Series: Every other Sunday until DST

'Wet Wednesday' Dinghy Series: Every Weds during DST

'All Ages' Opti Regatta: May 11

Other Races & Major Regattas

Couples Race: February 17

Big Brother/Big Sister Sail: March 9

Catalina 22 Regatta: March 23-24

Spring Regatta: April 19-20

Seafood Raft-Up: April 26

Father's Day 'Generations' Race: June 16

Mermaid Regatta: September 14 & 15

Fall Regatta: October 20-27

Gary Smith to Be 2002 Fleet Director

I have somehow conned our busiest local racer into taking over the MYC Fleet Captain duties (with promises of continuing ongoing support on my part). Gary and I and John MacNeill (with lots of advice and help from our friends) will continue to try to build enthusiasm and participation in MYC's sailing and racing activities.

ECSA Rating Discount Negotiated for MYC Members

A new Ratings Chairman has taken over the ECSA Rating job. Jim Miller (who also happens to be an MYC member) has new ideas about reviving support and participation in the important function of maintaining officially-sanctioned ratings for boats racing in the area. He has asked MYC's support in enforcing the 'ECSA Ratings Required' rule for our major regattas. In return, we have negotiated a 50% discount for MYC members for the Rating application. Jim also plans to empower MYC's representative on the ECSA Ratings Committee with the ability to issue ratings. This will make the rating process significantly easier and cheaper for MYC Members. There is now no excuse for anyone at MYC to not have an ECSA Rating. The nominal \$10 fee goes primarily toward administrative fees and the substantial membership fee that ECSA must pay to belong to the National PHRF rating organization.

ECSA Rating Application forms are on the sail-race.com website, and will be posted on the club bulletin board.

Upcoming Races

ECSA Winter Series—Feb 2nd & 9th—Chuck Delmater at 773-1177 (Details & Reg Forms on website)

ECSA Women's Spring Series—First Race Jan 27—Sherry Beckett at 724-9376

John MacNeill Plans Busy Year for Youth Program

John MacNeill is taking over the 'Youth' helm from Dave Noble. John has planned a total of 5 Youth Classes to run through the warmer months. Each class runs for approximately 5 weeks, and includes sailing and classroom instruction on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings.

Cost for the Beginner Class starting on March 21 is \$35. For reservations, call John MacNeill at 723-6213. MYC Membership is NOT required to participate in MYC's youth program.

John and Sherry have also been talking to the youth program directors at CBYC and KPYC, and have scheduled 3 'All Ages' Opti Races during the year, to give the kids (and interested adults) some racing time in the Opti.



Youth Classes

Youth Beginner - March 21
Youth Beginner - May 2
Youth Intermediate - June 13
Youth Beginner - July 25
Youth Intermediate - Sep 5

'All Ages' Opti Races

MYC - May 11
CBYC - July 20
KPYC - Sep 7

Come down to the club Saturday January 12th to help out on the work party, along with sprucing up the house there will be a gang working on the dinghies and a rack for the Sunfish, "build it and they shall come".

Dinghy Racing Seminar
Sunday, Jan 13, 11am-1pm

By Dick Tillman

**Dick will demonstrate Laser and Sunfish
rigging, tactics, and strategy**



**Afterwards, come race in the 'Wet Sunday'
Dinghy Race (starts at 2pm)**

For Further Info: Sherry Beckett 724-9376

**"Many Hands Make
Light Work"**

**Come Join Us on Saturday,
January 12 at 9am**

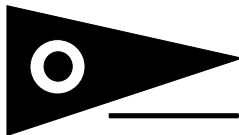
For a Club Workday

Under the Direction of Gabe Denes,
we will work together on various projects
to repair and beautify the club
house and grounds

**Bring shoes, gloves, and work
clothes & basic yard and repair tools**

Refreshments Provided

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