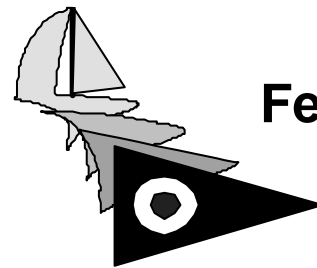


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Event Calendar:

FEBRUARY

- 17 Couples Race & Burn It
- 23 International Party
- 24 "Wet Sunday" Dinghy Race
- 27 Board Meeting

MARCH

- 1 March Birthday Celebration
- 6 MYC Membership Meeting
- 8 March "Carry-In" Dinner
- 9 Big Bro Big Sis Sail
- 15 St Pat's Day Sing-Along
- 16 Commodore's Ball
- 22 TGIF Burn-It
- 27 Board Meeting

Valentine's Burn-It And Couple's Race Sunday, February 17



Couple's Race *(not just for couples)*

Rum Race format with 2pm start

Special Rating Correction Factors

Each Male/Female Couple aboard -13 seconds

Dodger or Bimini Up -40 seconds

Boat not raced in 2001 *(except fun races)* -40 seconds

More than 2 years since last bottom job -40 seconds

Grill Hanging off the Back -13 seconds

See the Rum Race Start Times Sheet
on the Club Bulletin Board

(If you are not listed, Call Hasty Miller)

Burn-It

You Bring

Your main dish to grill
(steak knives if you want 'em)

We supply

Baked Potato

Salad

Dinner Rolls

Dessert

\$4.00 Per Person

No Reservations Necessary



Bar Open at 3:00, Grill Ready for cookin' at 4:00



The Commodore's LOG



This is the first of my twelve reports on the state of the club. I must start by thanking for your confidence in electing me to serve the club and its members for the year 2002. It is an honor and a privilege, and I will try my best to live up to your expectation. You have blessed me by electing an excellent Board, and I am looking forward working together with its members.

How can you have better people than Fearless Rob Van Name as Vice Commodore and House Chairperson, former director Rhonda Delmater as Rear Commodore in charge of entertainment, our incumbent Secretary Marsha Millard, Mike Dunne our Treasurer, who fielded that job previously, Tony Barile our very experienced director in charge of membership, the great Aussie, Gary Smith our Fleet Captain (promised not to sail for the ESCA this year) , John (Dinghy) McNeill in charge of the youth and small boat racing programs, and David Nesbitt or new master of the docks and last but not least Ross Herbert who is voted in for the brand new directorial position in charge of bar and booze. Who could ask for better people? Thank you all for volunteering.

As a brand new commodore born on February 6, 2002, I am still a little wet behind..., I have not much to report.

Not taking Rob's thunder away, I would like to file this, my last report as House Chairperson:

On January 11, we had a successful work day. Altogether 29 MYC members and 4 potential members showed up. The ground crew had planted bushes, flowers, cleaned up the flower beds and the grounds, painted the vestibule to the front entrance, John McNeill's Boat Yard Crew has sorted out and repaired our small boat fleet and categorized its myriad parts, lines, shackles,

And the racing paraphernalia. Some renegades repaired the offending faucet at the south end of the dock.

All in all we had a wonderful time and after lunch and libels most everyone retired either to sail or a well deserved rest.

I and the club are forever thankful for the help of, in no special order:

John McNeill, Greg Apotsos, Tony Barile, Jim Parker, Stu and Brenda Shadbolt (Brenda your flowers are thriving), Jim Gibson, Joe Wise, Floyd Bryan, Rob Van Name, Lois and Phil Scalese, Mike Greyson, Eckhardt Schneider, Harry Stapor, Amy and Jim Lacy, Ross Herbert, Rose and Bill Baker, Marsha Millar, Betsy Baird, Steve Shippee, Bob Bosca, Jerry Kowalski, Jacki and Jack Leahy, Grant Ball and Hasty Miller, and non members Jim Fryer, Jim Edwards and Lynde West.

The last two years as your honorable House Boy was a great experience. The job humbles you at sometime and also gives you a feeling of accomplishment.

With this last House report I give the keys to or Fearless Vice Commodore Rob Van Name. So if the roof is leaking, there is no toilet paper in the head, the gate locked, cannot find the keys for this and that, please call Rob. I have I ascended this heavenly job of Commodore.

See you in or on the water.

- Gabe Denes, Commodore

March Birthdays



We will be celebrating March Birthdays at MYC on Friday, March 1.

- Amy Lacy 3/4
- Mike Ehnert 3/10
- Harvey Melfi 3/13
- Kevin Walters 3/21
- Jerry Ross 3/27



The Party Line

The year has gotten off to a good start with our first monthly birthday celebration on February 1, that was celebrated by Fifteen members in attendance with birthdays in January and February. We enjoyed a big red velvet cake with lots of candles, which was quite appropriate for February. Please remember to make sure your birthday is entered in the MYC database (see insert?)

On February 2, we enjoyed a fabulous **Key West Party** complete with Shrimp, Key Lime Pie, and Pina Coladas. With creative decorations and local festival entertainers for the sunset that included a sinking sun and even the "green flash". Thanks to Nancy Eitapence and Rachele Ross who chaired the event and their big party committee of Betsy Baird, Marion Valin, Rose Baker, Diane Buck, Jack & Jackie Leahy, Patty Henry, Harvey & Nancy Melfi, Jack & Marty Bibb, Faye Bitzer, Lenny Becket, Jim Miller, Rob Van Name, John McNeal, Sherry Beckett, Judy Drawe, Pete & Sally Anderson, Paul Alexy, Al Waschka, Chris Reynolds, Chet Pruzinski, Pat & Gabe Denes, and Mary Williams.

On February 8, we enjoyed our first "**Carry-In**" **Chicken Dinner**, thanks to the efforts of our new Bar Director, Ross Herbert.

The **Entertainment Committee** has been formed and includes the following members that attended the calendar planning session on January 5: Pat Denes, Patty Henry, Jackie Leahy, Sandi Moskowitz, Sue Reynolds, Rachele Ross, Mary Williams (and me). We have a combination of big events and small events with something going on almost every week. We have plans to repeat many of our favorite events, revive some old favorites and have some brand new events.

Upcoming events:

In coordination with the **Couple's Race on February 17**, there will be a **Valentine's Burn-It** following the race. Of course you don't have to race to join us for the fun.

We will celebrate **MYC's March Birthdays** on Friday, March 1. The next "**Carry-In**" **Chinese Dinner** will be on March 8. The **Big Bro Big Sis Sail**, has been rescheduled to Saturday, March 9. On Friday, March 15, we'll have a St. Patrick's Day Sing Along at TGIF. The **Commodore's Ball** will be March 15, followed by a **Burn it** on March 22.

So you can plan your festive attire, start digging out your western dud's for the Cowboy Party planned for May 18.

Thanks to all who are participating in planning and hosting events, so we can all have a great time at MYC.

- Rhonda Delmater, Rear Commodore and Entertainment Chair

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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.

Membership News

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

Andrew Lazarewicz, sponsored by R. Delmater.

The board accepted two new applications for membership that were announced at the general meeting on February 6.

Clay and Maggie Morgan who are sponsored by John Russell

363 Amberjack Place, Melbourne Beach, FL

Clay is a Floridian who was raised in Broward County, began his career in Miami, and moved to Brevard County in 1989. He has been an attorney since 1987 and started his own firm, Morgan & Barbay P.A. in 1997. He was a power boater for several years until he got into sailing about 3 years ago. He has a hunter 27 kept at Waterline Marina.

He is interested in MYC to participate with the sailors and work on his cruising and racing skills. He hopes to be an asset to the club and appreciates the opportunity.

Nicky Samuelson who is sponsored by Gary Smith

435 3rd Ave B, Indialantic, FL

Nicky is applying as a Corinthian Member. She has crewed on Five Speed as foredeck, is a full-time FIT student, and lived on a Swan 43 with her parents for 18 years.

Non-resident status was granted to **Gene and Vera Mangold** of Cloudcroft, New Mexico.

Fifteen members with birthdays in January and February celebrated at the club on February 1 with a big red velvet cake with lots of candles.

The "year end" totals for MYC membership are:

5	Corinthian
8	Honorary
17	Non-Resident
126	Regular
2	Provisional
158	Total

New Burgee Lapel pins are now available for \$3.

-Rhonda Delmater, Director of Membership (2001)

HOUSE REPORT AND OTHER RAMBLINGS

Thanks to Gabe for handing the House over to me in good shape. The club has recently engaged the services of the Leahy's as onsite MYC stewards. They will also be providing grounds care. In my brief tenure Jack has already repaired the annex plumbing and worked on the club house chimney flashing. The annex is being freshened up for a new tenant. Please contact me if you see problems with the house or annex. Call Dave Nesbitt if you have dock related items.

- Rob Van Name, Vice Commodore/House



Gordon & Sandra Moskowitz



Jim & Amy Lacy



Kevin & Louise Walters

Whispers from the Grog Locker

As I write this we have just finished the first Bar Committee sponsored Dine-in dinner. With the help of Jackie Herbert, and Jack & Jacki Leahy there were 40 Chicken dinners served (Thank you for the help).



The next Dine-in dinner will be in March on Friday, 8 March 2002. I am planning a Chinese dinner with a choice from several entrees & rice, an egg roll, tea/soda/coffee, and the ubiquitous Fortune cookie. I am still working on a price, but I am aiming at the \$4.00-\$5.00 range. I will put a signup sheet in the bar about two weeks prior to the Dine-in date, so please sign up. Dinners will be served to those who sign up and if there are extras they will be sold on a first come basis.

My desire is, throughout the next year, to have a mixture of different dinners brought into the club. If you have an idea or favorite cuisine, please let me know.

Another idea I am researching is the addition of a third beer tap and passing a rotation of draft pony kegs through it. I am working with our beer distributor and once we have the logistics of the tap worked out, I will be getting a list of the different beers from which we can choose.

In addition to managing the bar, I have responsibility for keeping the kitchen stocked with plates, utensils, spices, coffee, etc. If there is any thing you see that we are out of, please send me an email me at ross2629@bellsouth.net, or let me know at TGIF.

- Ross Herbert, Director of Bar & Food

Brenda Shadbolt

We are saddened to report the death of our member, Brenda Shadbolt, on February 8, 2002. A retired physical education teacher, Brenda became the MYC's resident games' mistress. We will remember her whistle and firm directions with affection and smiles.

Brenda also conducted dance lessons and, at the wheel of Yankee-Rebel, was a strong competitor and often winner of club races. Dressed in her scorched T-shirt and carrying an iron, we will remember her famous comment of, "I know nothing." Brenda added many smiles and much laughter to the club.

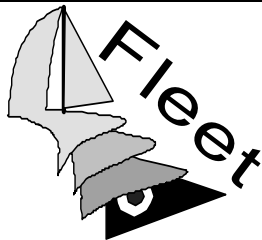
She will be greatly missed by her husband, Stu Shadbolt, her daughter Heather, and her many friends at the Melbourne Yacht Club.



Andy Lazarewicz



Gerry Moores



Fleet Report

As your new fleet captain for the year 2002, I am really looking forward to a great sailing season. There has already been quite a bit of work accomplished behind the scenes to hopefully improve racing participation both at Melbourne Yacht Club, ESCA and other clubs.

The biggest change has taken place with yacht club member Jim Miller taking over the position of ECSA rating chairman and my appointment of Hasty Miller to represent Melbourne Yacht Club on the ECSA rating committee. At the first rating committee meeting on January 29, 2002, the Policies and Procedures were reviewed and many changes approved essentially putting the decision making back in the hands of the rating committee for our local ratings rather than simply adhering strictly to the national average. This means that there quite possibly could be some changes in base ratings during the renewal period but the most significant change is the adoption of county-wide correction factors that can be administered by each club if they wish; these correction factors to appear on the new rating certificates along with the base rating which is the one that ECSA will report to the national authority. I commend these changes and, along with a significant reduction of cost, there is now no good reason why every racer in the county should not have a proper rating certificate. The cost is only \$10.00.

I have asked Hasty Miller to continue on in his position of rum race administrator. Obviously, the Hasty Ratings that we've been used to using will continue unchanged unless Hasty decides to fall in line directly with the ECSA correction factors but that will be up to him.

In taking over from Sherry Beckett, who was fleet captain last year, I have some very large shoes to fill. However, she assures me that she will keep a close eye on things to make sure that I don't screw up too badly. My main thrust for this year will be to continue on with the good work already in progress to get more boats out on the water and participating in sailing events. We have seen a tremendous resurgence recently of small boat sailing and I would encourage all you old timers out there to bring those Sunfish and Lasers out of mothballs.

I see good things happening with cooperation between the various clubs in the county and I expect a banner year for PHRF racing as well. We have a number of new sailors in the area and fleet participation will be up there as well.

Congratulations to Melbourne Yacht Club member Jim Miller for his recent third place overall finish in the Ft. Lauderdale to Key West race, a tremendous performance.

Finally, anybody who has an old Sunfish, Laser or similar dingy laying around or knows of one laying around should contact John MacNeil to donate such boats to the youth sailing program. Of course, these boats can also be borrowed by members for the regular dingy racing.

I look forward to a great year of sailing at MYC and hope to see as many of you as possible participating out on the water.

- Gary Smith, Fleet Captain

Winter Series Rum Race Results

Racing Fleet

1. Rob Van Name—Nordic Star
2. Jerry Ross—Sleighride
3. Floyd Bryan—Esprit

Cruising Fleet

1. Dave Nesbitt—Epic
2. Jim Miller—Sea Turtle
3. Rick Crockett—Maverick

Junior Sailing

MYC is the proud new owner of a 1985 Snipe. It joins our ten Prams and four Sunfish and will be used in our intermediate sailing classes. It will also be available for club members to use in the dinghy races or any other time. Please reserve it in advance for the races.



For those who don't know Snipes, they're 15-1/2 feet with a main and jib. It's a high-freeboard boat that will be drier to sail than a Sunfish.

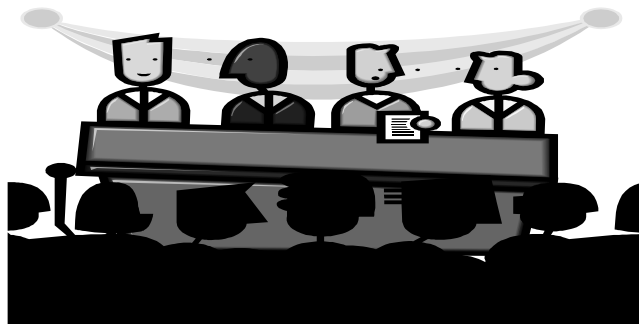


Beginner's Class - March 21st

The first 2002 beginner's class will start on Thursday, March 21, 2002. Classes will run for five weeks on Thursdays from 6-8pm and Saturdays from 9am to Noon. Cost is \$35. They are open to the public for ages 8 to 15. We still have openings, spread the word. Please contact John MacNeill at 723-6213 or sail@32903.org to register.

- John MacNeill, Youth Director

BOARD ACTIONS



The MYC board of directors approved the following motions during the past month:

- 1) Motion to accept Andy Lazarewicz as members made by Gabe Denes and 2nd by Sherry Beckett. All concurred.
- 2) Letter requesting change from resident to non-resident status was received by Gene & Vera Mangold. Motion to do so made by Gabe Denes and 2nd by Sherry Beckett. All concurred.
- 3) New applicants: Clay & Abby Morgan sponsored by John Russell. Motion to accept membership made by Marsha Millar and 2nd by Mary Williams.
- 4) Proposal to transfer Chuck Harris' membership to Nancy Eitapence was made by Chris Reynolds with 2nd by Rob Van Name. Discussion followed. All concurred.
- 5) Chris Reynolds presented nominations for Audit Committee to the membership: Marty Bibb & Ned Buck. Motion to accept - all concurred.

—Marsha Millar, Secretary

Alice Hett

Our prayers and condolences go out to Tom Hett (Commodore 1992) and new member Wendy Hett Hughes on the death of Alice Hett, beloved wife and mother, and good friend to many MYC members. She will be missed by all.

Big Brothers/Sisters Sailing Event



Boats and Sailors NEEDED for March 9, Saturday, 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!

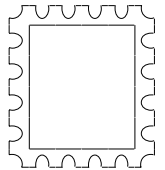
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