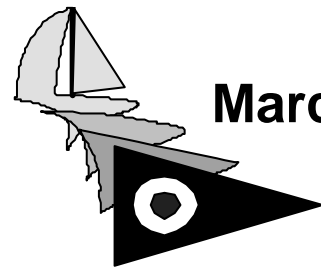


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Event Calendar:

MARCH

- 15 St Pat's Day TGIF
- 16 Commodore's Ball
- 17 Rum Race #2
- 22 TGIF Burn-It
- 24 Wet Sunday Dinghy Race
- 27 Board Meeting

APRIL

- 3 MYC Membership Meeting
- 5 April Birthday Celebration
- 7 Rum Race #3
- 12 April "Carry-In" Dinner
- 12 Rum Race #4
- 19-21 Spring Regatta
- 24 Board Meeting
- 27 Seafood Raft-Up

St. Patrick's Day



TGIF

Friday, March 15th

Green beer, Irish coffee

(in a MYC mug for \$ 6.50, if you like)

TGIF Burn-It

Friday, March 22nd

We supply

Scalloped Potatoes

Salad

Irish Soda Bread

Dessert

You Bring

Your main dish to grill

(steak knives if you want 'em)

\$4.00 Per Person

No Reservations Necessary

Bar Opens at 5:00, Grill Ready for cookin' at 6:00



UPCOMING EVENT

SEAFOOD RAFT-UP PARTY!

Great Food, Good Friends!

Saturday, April 27th

Meet at MYC at 6:00, ends at 11:00



The Commodore's LOG



Another month went by, and the club is still standing. The new Board took over and we had our first independent meeting. There is a song: "Its not easy to be green".

I am still learning how to wield the "hammer", and to keep everything in order. No wonder Mr. Roberts wrote these rules.

With all our stumbling and mumbling around, we still achieved a few things.

1. In memory of Brenda Shadbolt, and with Stu's cooperation, there will be a new trophy: The Brenda Shadbolt Perpetual Trophy. Stu, Dave Noble and I had a meeting, and this trophy will be introduced to you on March 16 at the Commodore's Ball. The trophy will be given to the boat captain who was the most active in the rum races, whether winning or coming in last (maybe even I have a chance?).

2. The Board approved three applications for membership. We are growing and busting at the seams.

3. The Board was gracious enough to extend the deadline for deadbeats for paying the annual dues, until March 31, due to the late distribution of the billings. I ask each and every one of you to pay before the deadline. Our club needs the money.

4. The Board discussed and formally agreed to purchase a Snipe for the youth program. This is a very nice boat, and it is available for all members, so use it.

All directors and officers have compiled lists of their committee members. It will be a good and hard working group. As a new twist, and because I really know myself well, I have also established a committee to advise your commodore. Maybe I will look smarter!

There are two big events this month, one to show we care, and one to fan our egos: The big/little sister/brother sail was on March 9 (Saturday), organized, as in every year, by Laurie and Brent Saunders. The other is the Commodores' Ball on March 16th. I hope both are well attended.

April will be a busy month, with Hasty's raft up and the Spring regatta. Sign up to eat in one and help in the other.

The trolls of the Crane Creek Bridge reappeared again. The lock was destroyed and the guests moved back into their condos. They provide wonderful and free entertainment for us. I still do not understand the decision of that Miami bleeding heart judge's ruling regarding the so called homeless. If they worked more and drank less and were somewhat more responsible, all these vagrants could live like humans. Rose Baker has contacted the appropriate agencies at the City of Melbourne, however, the City is having a hard time: The vagrants live in the City on land owned by the State of Florida under a Federal Highway. You see the dilemma.

If these colorful people get under your skin and you cannot take their actions any longer, call Rose, she has a phone number for you!

At the general meeting, Rob Van Name presented the Long Range Planning Committee yearly report. I am sure Rob will further elaborate on it in this Tel-Tale. As for the LRPC: three committee members will be rotated off the committee. We need three volunteers to replace them. Please call any board member if you are interested.

This is a very important committee, and candidates should be well versed with the club activates and procedures.

Please e-mail me (Sirveyor2@aol.com) if you have any suggestions for the benefit of our club.

Have a good month and fair winds

- Gabe Denes, Commodore

April Birthdays

We will be celebrating March Birthdays at MYC on Friday, April 5th.



Rose Baker	April 3
Christian Delmater	April 3
Karen Knockel	April 5
Eden Bitzer	April 7
Rick Crockett	April 12
Louise Walters	April 17
Stu Shadbolt	April 26
Ken Kirk	April 28



The Party Line

Thanks to Mary Williams for hosting the Valentine Burn-It on February 17 in conjunction with the Couple's Race! We have since celebrated six birthdays for the month of March on Friday the 1st. Our next birthday celebration for April will take place on Friday, April 5.

By the time this newsletter reaches you, the Big Bro Big Sis Sail, hosted by Brent and Laurie Saunders will have been completed. Thanks to Brent and Laurie and those who helped host this event by supporting the cook out or by hosting crew.

Dawn your green duds for our next TGIF on Friday, March 15, as Jack and Jacki Leahy will be hosting a St. Patrick's Day TGIF. The bar will feature special provisions in honor of the occasion.

The annual Commodore's Ball spectacular will take place on Saturday March 16. And we will have a TGIF Burn it on March 22.

Also, start making your plans to attend the annual seafood raft up on April 27, which is a favorite event of many of our members.

The theme for the May 18 party has changed from Cowboy to Oriental, so put away your six-gun and find your kimono.

I've been asked to see if there's interest in a cruise during the Brevard County School system's Spring Break (the last full week of March). If you're interested, please let me know. Also, let me know if your teens would be interested in an opportunity to meet each other and any ideas you have on the subject.

If you would like to contribute ideas or volunteer to assist with any of our upcoming events, your participation is more than welcome. Either see me at TGIF or send an e-mail to rhonda@csi-inc.com. We still need to confirm hosts for the following events:

July 4 Dock Party (Fireworks)

July 27 Pizza Raft Up

Aug 31-Sept 2 Labor Day Cruise

Sept 20 Burn It with Full Moon Sail

November 23 Charity Auction Dinner

(date does NOT conflict with ECSA cruise or SSCA GAM)

Nov 29-31 Thanksgiving Cruise

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 have three nominees for membership this month:

James A. Yates, nominated by Cheryl Beckett

Jim moved to the Melbourne area in July of 1992, was self-employed in the wireless telecommunications industry and then retired in May of 1999.

Jim and his 12-year-old son, Steven cruise aboard their ketch, Carisma, during the summer months when Steven is not in school. The last two summers were spent cruising the Bahamas. Jim has been boating off-and-on since the age of 9 when his father built a 12' boat from plans in Popular Mechanics magazine

He has raced aboard 5-Speed with Gary Smith as skipper. He became hooked on racing and would like to crew aboard local racing boats as often as possible.

Jim would like to join the Melbourne Yacht Club to become more involved with the local racing and cruising community, and to enjoy the camaraderie of others who share the same interests.

Jeff and Debbie McGregor, nominated by Bob Sowden

Jeff grew up on the water and has always been involved in some form of boating. He started sailing at 9 years old on fresh water lakes in northern New Jersey, and moved to Melbourne in April 1981. He starting racing on J24 sailboats, and crewed on J24's for about five years. Since then he has crewed for various local skippers. He has crewed or raced Lasers, Hobie-cats, Thistles, Catalina 22's, Capri 22's, and Lindenberg 24 & 30's. Jeff is currently employed at Harris Corporation working as a design engineer in the Aerospace Division.

Debbie has spent most of her life in Salt Lake City, Utah where she enjoyed camping, hiking, skiing and painting. She has always enjoyed the water and has painted many seascapes while living in Half Moon Bay, California. Her sailing experience has been one vacation in the Bahamas, which ended in a very exciting return crossing back to Fort Pierce.

Jeff and Debbie would like to engage in the social and sailing camaraderie of the Melbourne Yacht Club.

HOUSE REPORT AND OTHER RAMBLINGS

MYC is looking for a tennant to rent the apartment in the Annex. The monthly rental fee is \$300 including utilities. If you know a responsible person interested in renting, please have them contact me at

r.vannname@ieee.org or 752-8077. No additional duties are required of the tenant.

I am looking for another House committee member to join us for 2002. Bob Boska and Phil Scalise have signed on so far.

- Rob Van Vame, Vice Commodore

Dennis Scott, nominated by Bob Sowden

Dennis grew up in Indiana and Ohio, moved to Melbourne in June, 1965 and came to work for Radiation Inc. as an engineer. He still works for that company, which has since become Harris Corporation.

During the mid to late 60's He owned two sailboats, a Windmill and a one of kind 21 foot cruiser. He was part of the active Windmill fleet at that time.

He recently has revived his interest in sailing. He has ordered a Maine Cat 30 catamaran due for delivery in June of this year.

He would like to socialize and learn more about sailing and cruising with the Melbourne Yacht Club Sailors.

-Tony Barile, Director of Membership

Are You Not Renewing Your Membership ?

Members who do not wish to renew their 2002 membership are urged to submit a resignation letter to the MYC Board to avoid delinquent status, and facilitate possible re-instatement at a later date.

Whispers from the Grog Locker

On March 8th the second Bar Committee sponsored Dine-in dinner was held. With the help of Paty Henry, and Rachele & Jerry Ross there were 44 Chinese dinners served (Thank you for the help).



The next Dine-in dinner will be in April on Friday, 12 April 2002. I am planning a Pizza Hut P'ZONE™ dinner with a choice from several of the different types of P'ZONE™. The price should be in the \$4.00 per person range. I will put a sign up sheet in the bar about two weeks prior to the Dine-in date, so please sign up to ensure your dinner. Dinners will be served to those who sign up and if there are extras they will be sold on a first come basis.

I am open to suggestion on what to serve at the Dine-in dinners; however, as the past two dinners have shown, they need to be kept simple. If you have a favorite cuisine, please let me know and I'll see what I can do.

Those of you who attended last night's TGIF may have notice that the Budweiser tower on the Draft Beer dispenser has grown another beer tap. My plan is to put a smaller keg on this tap, so we can rotate a variety of beers through the club. There is a choice of several different beers available in the smaller keg sizes: Budweiser Light, Michelob, Michelob Light, Michelob Honey Lager, Michelob Hefe-weizen, Michelob Black & Tan, Redhook, Redhook Seasonals, Kirin Ichiban, "Doc" Otis, and Killarney's Red. I think for the inaugural keg I will start with the Killarney's Red. If one of these beers interests you, let me know.

Another thought I had was to talk with our distributors and see if they would be willing to sponsor a "beer" tasting during one of the TGIF nights.

You may remember that in addition to managing the bar, I have responsibility for keeping the kitchen stocked as well. One of the "big" consumables we have are the eating utensils used during parties and events. In the past, each party/event has been responsible for supplying their eating utensils which has lead to either no utensils for a party, or a mass of leftover, mis-matched stuff being stored in the kitchen pantry, as well as costing the party/event for the extra unused utensils. After researching the price of a standard place setting (two forks, one spoon, one knife, one Divided Dinner plate, one Dessert Plate, and

two napkins), and found that the cost comes to 20 cents a setting, I talked it over with the board. We agreed that, in the future, parties should add 20 cent per person to the party costs when Kitchen supplied utensils are used. This amount will be transferred to the Bar/Kitchen account to cover the stocking of the pantry. Hopefully this will ensure that there is always an adequate supply of utensils available.

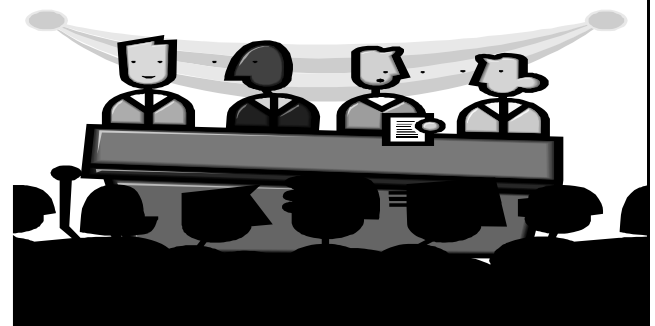
As usual, if there is anything, Bar or Kitchen, you see that we are out of, please send me an email at ross2629@bellsouth.net (the best way), or let me know at the next TGIF.

- Ross Herbert, Director of Bar & Food

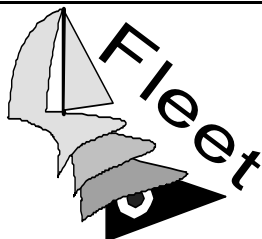
MYC visitors to the Miami Boat Show on February 18th. (l-r) Gus Williams, Mike Ehner, Pete Anderson, Paul Alexy



BOARD ACTIONS



Board actions are now posted on the MYC Bulletin board at the club.

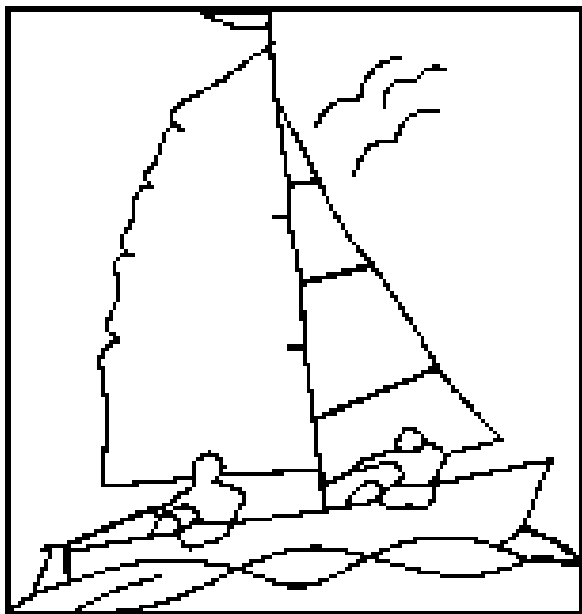


Fleet Report

The second Spring Regatta planning meeting was held on March 7th at MYC. Present were Sherry, Rachel, Ross, Dave, John, Jack, Jackie, Hasty, Stu and Gary.

The T-shirt design was finalized and the correct number of T-shirts was decided upon. The race flyer and the Southwinds advertising were approved. The list of volunteers for most categories was finalized. Bill Baker has agreed to head up the one-design and Portsmouth race committee. We have several volunteers to back him up. We have plenty of volunteers for the PHRF race committee but we are still short the lead person to be in charge. Stu Shadbolt volunteered his boat to be used as race committee even though he would not be available himself. Ross Herbert has things well in hand for bar supplies, Saturday night barbecue, coffee and donuts and hot dogs on Sunday. In short, everything seems to be going along very smoothly at this point. Our next planning meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 2nd at 6:30 p.m.

Spring rum racing continues with race #2 on Sunday, March 17th, and race #3 on Sunday, April 7th. Note the change from Sunday racing to Friday evening racing on April 12th for the 4th race. Yes, we have two rum races in one week, Sunday and the next Friday.



Note the proposed Catalina 22 Regatta March 23rd and 24th has not been scheduled leaving an open weekend except for Sunday dingy racing.

The Wet Sunday racing continues in March on Sunday the 24th.

April 19th through 21st is MYC's Spring Regatta including dinghy racing Saturday and Sunday with "multiple" short-course races; hopefully, seven or more races so we can have a throw-out.

PHRF racing begin Friday, April 19th, with a rum race type course using the regular Hasty reverse handicap format. We plan on three races on Saturday and two on Sunday.

John MacNeill's youth sailing program begins March 21st. Contact John at 723-6213. E-mail at Sail@32903.org.

- Gary Smith, Fleet Captain

Race Results

MYC Wet Sunday Results 2/24

1. Greg Apostas - Laser
2. Bill Haberland - Sunfish
3. Dave Noble - Sunfish
4. Chris Gates - Sunfish
5. Mac McQuillien - Sunfish
6. James McParrish - Laser
7. Joe Wise - Sunfish
8. Marlene Sasserman - Sunfish

Lower BoatUS Rates for MYC Members

MYC members can pay half price for BoatUS annual membership, only \$9.50 per year. The special co-op group rate number is **GA80782Y**. For details, check the bulletin board at the club.

Junior Sailing

The Club Sunfish now have "MYC" lettering on their bows to clarify which ones are available for use by Club members. The club has added a Snipe to our fleet for use in our intermediate sailing class. It's also available for use by club members.

The Dinghy Races continue at 2pm on the opposite Sundays from the Rum Races.

Here's the calendar for the Melbourne Yacht Club's Youth Sailing Classes for 2002:

March 21 to April 20 - Beginner's class (Prams)

May 2 to June 1 - Beginner's/Intermediate class (Prams, Sunfish & Snipe)

June 13 to July 13 - Beginner's class (Prams)

July 25 to August 24 - Intermediate class (Prams, Sunfish & Snipe)

September 5 to October 5 - Advanced class (Sunfish & Snipe)

Each class runs Thursdays from 6-8pm, Saturdays from 9am-12:30pm for five weeks.

Cost \$35.

These classes are open to ages 7-16, membership not required. Please spread the word.

- John MacNeill, Youth Director

Dockmaster

We are in the process of pulling together this year's dock maintenance budget. We are particularly interested in replacing a number of pilings which have taken on an interesting hour-glass shape. Members aware of any other dock maintenance issues should contact me at dnesbitt@matrixcomp.com.

Docks and Youth Sailing will be collaborating on the design and build of movable racks for Lasers & Sunfish. Anyone interested in supporting the effort should contact John MacNeill or myself at the email address above.

- Dave Nesbitt, Dockmaster

FLORIDA STATES SALES TAX ISSUES

There have been a series of questions raised recently regarding the Florida Sales Tax and how the Melbourne Yacht Club should handle the tax.

Annual Resale Certificate for Sales Tax (exemption certificate)

The club is regularly issued a Resale Certificate, which exempts the club from paying the sales tax for items it buys for **RESALE**. Hence the club can avoid paying the tax for any item bought where we plan on reselling the item to members or guests.

- Examples of items to be **resold** are food, beverages, shirts, hats, etc.
- Examples of items that we do **not** plan on **reselling** are paper products, utensils, cleaning supplies, gasoline, paint, etc. These items may also be referred to as consumables. We ought not buy these products without us paying Sales Tax. The club would be violating the law and subject to penalties if these purchases were identified in an audit.

All items the club sells to members or guests shall have sales tax added to the selling price. This shall be true for items sold for cash or through the club's voucher system. All vouchers signed by members shall automatically have the sales tax added by the bookkeeper.

If you are running a regatta or a party it is to the club's benefit to use the Sales Tax exemption whenever buying resale items. This will reduce your cost and help your bottom line. We **must** charge sales tax on non-consumable items (food, tee shirts, hats, etc.) even if you paid tax on the original purchase.

Note: One of our biggest problems has been a sale made to guests at our regattas. If the entry fee, for example, is twenty dollars the guest must be charged \$21.20 [\$20.00 plus the \$1.20 sales tax]. In cases where you think you will be dealing in many cash sales, you may elect to set the price at a number that with the sales tax included comes to an easily dealt with number. For example you may choose to price the MYC hat at \$9.43, and adding the tax brings the gross price to \$10.00.

Final Report of the MYC 2001 Long Range Planning Committee

The following is an edited version of the LRPC's final report, submitted on 2/1/02:

The LRPC reviewed and shortened some of the life expectancies in the long range financial spread sheet. Additionally the kitchen remodeling was removed from the projection as a separate item. The LRPC felt this should be part of a clubhouse renovation. The Club remains in good financial condition in view of the rate increases scheduled to begin in February of 2002. Capital spending of approximately \$ 8,000 can continue with an adequate level of cash on hand.

The LRPC suggests that the MYC board commission two studies:

- Develop a site master plan for the club
- Develop a youth sailing master plan

The LRPC recommends that the following concepts be part of the site master plan:

- Provide a centrally located bar
- Relocate bathrooms to the south of the clubhouse away from the water view
- Enlarge the kitchen
- Enlarge the great room
- Extend the deck
- Relocate the boat shed per the site master plan
- Construct a wall along the west property line
- Locate new showers and toilets below the deck
- Review storm water run-off

Year 2002 Projects:

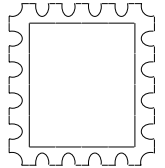
1). Begin a phased parking lot fencing program with the installation of fixed fencing in 2002. Installation of gates would take place in future years. 2). Purchase two additional boats for the Youth sailing program. 3). Continue exploring reciprocity with other yacht clubs.

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