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Event Calendar:

APRIL

- 12 FRIDAY Spring Rum #4
TGIF Dine-In (P'zones)
- 19-21 Spring Regatta
- 24 Board Meeting
- 26 Spring Rum #5
- 27 Seafood Raft-Up

MAY

- 1 MYC Membership Meeting
- 3 TGIF May Birthdays
- 10 Spring Rum #6
TGIF Dine-In (Lasagne)
- 18 Chinese Festival
- 24 Summer Rum #1
- 29 Board Meeting

The Party Line

Completed Events

The **Commodore's Ball** was the big event for March. Pat Denes and her committee put on "An Evening of Elegance" that lived up to its name, complete with the string quartet! The Karaoke kept many entertained, singing and dancing until after midnight.

Thanks to the Leahy's for hosting TWO events during March - the **St. Patrick's Day "Sing a Long"** and the March **Burn-It** on the 22nd with the help of Amy Lacy. Thanks to Marsha Millar for hosting the **April birthday celebration** in my absence on April 5. The May birthday celebration will take place on Friday, May 3.

Upcoming Events

Spring Regatta, April 19-21—This year's Spring Regatta will kick off with a Friday Night 'Rebel Rally' — a Rum Race-style race so named in memory of Brenda Shadbolt, who was an avid rum racer. We will also serve pizzas in the bar after the race. Saturday and Sunday will be both PHRF and small boat racing (on two courses), with a BBQ Dinner served late on Saturday afternoon, as the racers come off the course. The traditional hotdogs and Awards Ceremony will be approximately 3pm Sunday afternoon. Club members are invited to all activities. See the flyer inside for additional details.

Seafood Raft-Up, April 27—The Seafood Raft-Up is our largest on-the-water event, and not to be missed. Even if you don't have a boat, you should plan to attend the raft-up. It is customary for people WITH boats to host people WITHOUT boats. See Raft-Up details in the flyer inside.

Dine-In Dinner, May 10—Lasagne—2 seatings 6:30 and 8:00 (to allow for Rum Racers)

Chinese Festival, Saturday May 18—The festival will feature a Chinese buffet including soup, egg rolls, main dishes, rice, dessert, fortune cookies, and Chinese tea. A Chinese dragon will entertain us and its handlers will also give us martial arts demonstrations. Rachel's usual silly games, etc., will add to the excitement. Put this date on your calendar, you won't want to miss it. (Details next month)



- *Rhonda Delmater, Rear Commodore and Entertainment Chair*



The Commodore's LOG



The view is clear again. Our resident bridge dwellers are locked out, Jack and Jacki's life is dull again—no more entertainment from our group of trolls. Thanks Rose Baker.

Now they were faced with a different problem—uninvited visitors—A member's guest's children and friends loitering. When asked to leave by our fearless stewards, these young punks told them to get lost, this is not their property and besides if Jack/Jackie don't leave them be, they will do damage to their boat/equipment, etc. etc and so forth. Jack being an Irishman and not overly worried about these young innocents, invited them to try, at which time they smartly withdrew.

This incident brings me to the question, what to do about our security. Your Board pondered the question and discussed and rejected (again) the idea of a card reader (very expensive, but secure). What we agreed was the more workable solution was:

A. Issue several combinations for the gate: for each large event: Spring Regatta, Mermaid Regatta, Fall Regatta, a different set for the Dinghy Racers and a different one for the Rum Races and one set for deliveries and other services. These numbers will be given to the chairperson of the event and after the event, the combinations will be taken out of the pad. This gives Rob something to do each month or so. Poor guy, did not know what he got himself into. The set of numbers given at the end of this month to the members are to stay with the members.

B. The gate will stay open during these main events, and before all boats and crew leave one designee will close the gate. This method not only eliminates the tendency for members to give out the combo to friends and crew members, but also saves wear and tear on the gate mechanism.

Security is important, I found even with the gates closed unwanted people wondering around. Our boats are expensive, the equipment on them are

expensive, I like to keep both in their place. I know, the few thefts may have been done by bums in boats, and there is not much we can do about it, except the diligence or our stewards.

Please keep the gate combination to ourselves, for our own good.

Your Board recommended and you approved three new members for the LRPC: Bill Baker, Tony Barile and Floyd Bryan. Go get them guys and give us direction for the future.

This will be a busy month: Our great Aussie fleet captain, recovering from surgery, braved his wife's scorn and is heading up this event, As I understand everything is in place and this annual event will go down in history, as the best regatta ever. Thanks Gary.

Hasty's Raft Up: Don't forget to sign up: annual event to take the boat out eat and meet and get snickered.

Honoring our outgoing Commodore: Pat Denes, my dear wife, and her many helpers put together one of the most memorable and elegant commodore's ball ever. All 98 and some of us had a wonderful time. Thank for the rum race on the following Sunday, we kind of aired out. One partygoer asked me if I knew if had a good time. The entertainment, food and dancing were great. Thanks again Pat and company.

Because of pure laziness I am writing this log in the last minute. If I left anything out blame time: its 5AM Saturday morning.

- Gabe Denes, Commodore

May Birthdays



We will be celebrating May Birthdays at MYC on Friday, May 3.

- May 3 Greg Apotsos
- May 3 Jim Lacy
- May 5 Floyd Bryan
- May 7 Susan Kiser
- May 9 Rachele Ross
- May 15 Jon Delmater
- May 29 Chuck Delmater
- May 31 Carolyn Parker



Last Call for Directory Updates

The MYC 2002 directory is going to press very soon. If you have not checked and updated your info in the online database, please do so immediately. Things that change the most often are email addresses and phone numbers. Please verify yours today.

If you don't have online access, check the 2001 Directory, and contact Tony Barile or Marsha Millar to make sure your information gets updated.

Receive Your MYC Bill Electronically

It is now possible to get your MYC monthly statement electronically. It looks and prints just like your paper bill. Save mailbox clutter, and save MYC quite a bit of money by opting for an e-bill. To start your e-bill, email Mike Dunne (mwilliamd@att.net) or Jan Crawford (jancrawford@earthlink.net). You can always go back to a paper bill if you don't like it.

Bahamas Plans

From Chris Reynolds: Several MYC members are planning a Spring cruise to the Abacos on or about May 19th, for about three weeks. Current participants include the Bitzers, Andersons, and the Reynolds'. A weekend shakedown cruise to Vero Beach/Sebastian is contemplated for later this month, and a meeting to discuss itinerary and route is planned.

If you are interested in joining this group, call or email me at 777-5622 or ReynoldsCC@aol.com, and I'll keep you informed of our plans.

Also: Cocoa Beach Yacht Club is hosting a seminar - Tips and Tricks for Trips to the Bahamas, from the perspective of both sail and power, on Wednesday, April 17th at 7:00. Both couples doing the presenting have a wealth of experience, and promise to share it. Also, CBYC is serving Jamaican Jerk Chicken for dinner that night, starting at 6:00. MYC Members are invited to attend the seminar and dinner. Please call 784-5902 to let them know if you are coming (so they make sure they have space), and indicate if you plan to have dinner as well.

Interested in a Greek Islands Cruise?

Harvey and Nancy Melfi are trying to organize a cruise to the Greek Islands. The cruise would be on a Royal Olympic ship or a Orient Lines ship for seven or ten days. We would fly to Rome or Athens to meet the ship.

Ports of call might include: Istanbul and Kusadasi (Ephessos) in Turkey, and the Greek islands of Patmos, Mykonos, Rhodes, Crete, and Santorini. We also would have the option to spend some land time before or after the cruise. The time frame for the trip is September or October 2002. If there is enough interest we could arrange a presentation at the Club, by a travel agent. Hopefully we would have sufficient numbers to qualify for a group rate. Contact the Melfis at melfi@umbc.edu to express interest.

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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 three new members this month:

Jeff and Debbie McGregor

Dennis Scott

Jim Yates

The board accepted five new applications for membership that were announced at the general meeting on April 3.

John C. and Lynda Geraci, sponsored by Jim Miller

340 S. Lakeside Dr.
Satellite Beach, FL 32937
321-773-1437
JGeraci@Harcourt.com

John is responsible for all computer platforms for Harcourt, a major school publisher, in Orlando.

John has been sailing since college, where he was a certified Red Cross sailing instructor. Geracis presently sail a 39' Pearson, inboard diesel, named Avventura.

Lynda owns a "Recovery of business function in the case of disaster" business.

Both the Geracis enjoy sailing and the cruising lifestyle, have attended several MYC functions, and are interested in associating with the sailing community that exists at MYC.

Richard and Corrine Robecki, sponsored by Tony Barile.

22405 S River Rd.
Melbourne Beach, FL 32951
321-676-1671
WITRR@cfl.rr.com

Richard recently retired from his own electronic company in Melbourne, Florida. His early sailing was on a Flying Dutchman, on long Island Sound. He raced his Jet-14 in New Jersey and his Sunfish in New England. His pleasure boat was a Hunter 35.

Corrine is a retired school teacher. The Robeckis, are interested in joining the sailing community, at MYC, and John, in particular, is ready to race his JY-15 in the dingy races.

Jim Edwards and Lynde West, sponsored by John McNeill.

259 Ocean Residence Ct.
Satellite Beach, FL 32937
321-779-9558

edboat@aol.com

Jim is an owner/partner in D&E Distributors, distributing products for the marine industry, including paint coatings. He previously was in the yacht management business in Ft. Lauderdale. Jim started sailing at age 6, and at age 8 entered the racing arena, in one design class.

Lynde moved here from Seattle, WA where she took, and enjoyed, sailing classes.

They both are interested in helping John with the race committee work, mixing with the MYC crowd, and owning a PHRF boat in the future.

Kurt E. Nicholls (Corinthian Member), sponsored by John McNeill.

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Melbourne, FL 32901
321-674-8667
knick360@hotmail.com

Kurt is a Masters student in Chemical Engineering at Fla.Tech. He competed in local regattas in Barbados and other offshore regattas. He has crewed in MYC rum races on Skimmer, and Fast Lane, and is now competing in our "Wet Sunday" races. He would like to get closer to MYC, as a Corinthian Member.

William H. and Nancy H. Garvey, sponsored by Jim Miller

2005 Atlantic St. #422
Melbourne Beach, FL 32951
321-726-0738
wgarvey@att.net

Bill lived and worked in the Chicago, Ill area for 34 years and recently retired from a publishing company. For over 25 years he has sailed and raced on Lake Michigan. He currently owns a J-24, and prior to that an 18 foot centerboard sailboat.

Nancy is a retired school teacher. She and Bill are members of the Sheridan Shore Yacht Club in Wilmette, Illinois.

The Garveys are currently looking for a 24 to 30 foot sailboat, and would like to share their interest in sailing with the sailing community of the Melbourne Yacht Club

- Tony Barile, Director of Membership

Whispers from the Grog Locker

By the time you read this, we will have switched back to the Friday Rum Race schedule, which adds a new dimension to the Friday Dine-ins. To accommodate the racers and to keep from starving the TGIF diners, we have decided to have two seatings for dinner. This is why you will start seeing a "Seating" column on the signup sheet. If you want your dinner held for the Rum Race seating please circle "RR"; however, if you would like to eat during the earlier seating, please circle "EB". The early seating will still be at 6:30 PM. The second seating will be at 8:00 PM to give the racers time to dock and clean up a bit before sitting down to dinner. An additional thought for the Rum Race skippers, would be to remember to check with your crew member's to see if they want to be signed up for dinner, too. As your guest, your crew is more than welcome to have dinner with you at the club.



The next Dine-in dinner will be in May on **Friday, 10 May 2002**. I am planning an **Italian dinner** consisting of Lasagna, salad, garlic bread, and a dessert. I'm still working on the price, but it will be listed on the signup sheets. 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 pleased to note that the rotating pony keg seems to have been a success. There has been a request for Michelob Honey Lager, so that will be next. Just so you know, 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. If one of these beers interests you, let me know.

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

Big/Little Sail - A Great Success



We had a fantastic turn out for the Big Brothers & Big Sisters Sailing event. It is a great testimony to our club that we had more boats and volunteers than we had Big & Little participants. In all we escorted 35 Big's & Little's around the river on a beautiful day.

Thanks to all of the volunteers: Jack & Jackie Leahy, Hasty Miller, Eckhart Schnieder, Jerry Kowalski, Paul Alexy, Del Wiese, Floyd & Sandy Bryant, Rick Crockett, Dave Silverman, Jim Miller, Rob Bagnell, Lachlan Smith, Ross & Jackie Herbert, Jerry & Rachele Ross and Daniel Watley. Special thanks to Dave Silverman & company for working the grill. I am sure I have forgotten someone, so extra thanks to you. You all should be proud of a great day of sharing our wonderful sport of sailing.

Laurie & Brent Saunders

MYC House Notes

- Received three bids for the fixed fencing and plan to award the job shortly.
- John McNeil appears to have conquered the running Annex toilet.
- Working to lease the Annex to a business.
- House Committee members are Bob Boska and Phil Scalise with Mike Henry providing contractor support.

Jack Leahy constructed a step garden using native materials between the West dock and DOT fence and replaced many dimmers in the club house.

- Rpb Van Name, Vice Commodore

SEAFOOD RAFT-UP PARTY!



SATURDAY, April 27, 6:00

Once again, it is time for the legendary MYC Raft-up Party. We will meet at MYC at 6:00, cast off by 6:30, and be at anchor off Melbourne Beach by 7:30. For those who are interested, there will be a race to the anchorage, with a bottle of "Starboard Wine" for the winner. For dinner, we will have:

Shrimp	Vegetable Munchies	Beer	(2 cans apiece.
Crab Claws	Rolls	Coke	Really thirsty folks
Baked Potato	Brownies	Diet Coke	had better bring
		Diet 7-Up	extra.)

COST: ONLY \$12.00 PER PERSON

The food will be distributed from the seven party committee boats. Details will be covered at the party. In the interest of better organization, please include the name of the boat (or its owner) that you will be aboard, when you make your reservation.

Come One, Come All

Skippers: Inviting someone to ride with you does not obligate you to pay for them. **Crew:** Asking for a ride to the party does not imply that you are asking the skipper to pay your way, so don't be shy about asking. Most skippers will be delighted to have your company. **Everyone:** Get signed aboard a boat before you make your reservation, so we can know how many are where.

WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS, COME ANYWAY! We'll find a boat for you.

Everyone: Bring Life Preservers and Boat Shoes.

All Skippers: Please pick up a copy of the raft plan either at the club before we cast off or from SKIMMER (Hasty's boat) before the raft-up. You need to know where your boat belongs.

THE RAFT BREAKS UP AT 11:00 Sharp

Also serving on the party committee:

Harvey & Nancy Melfi
Harry & Katy Stapor
Ned and Diane Buck
Chuck and Rhonda Delmater
Bob Sowden / Karen Knockel

**RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED
and CLOSE
WEDNESDAY NIGHT APRIL 24.**

**Hasty and Julie Miller 723-7395
Jack and Marty Bibb 723-7954**



MELBOURNE YACHT CLUB 2002 SPRING REGATTA



APRIL 19-21

*AN ALL-CLASS REGATTA
FOR PHRF (SPINNAKER,
NON-SPINNAKER
AND TRUE CRUISER)
ONE-DESIGN (MONOHULL
AND MULTIHULL)*



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

5:30 p.m. Happy hour and registration for Sat./Sun.
6:00 p.m. PHRF Reverse Handicap "Rebel" Rally Fun Race

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

9:30 a.m. Coffee and donuts at MYC

PHRF

10:00 a.m. Registration and check-in at MYC
11:00 a.m. Skippers' meeting
12:30 p.m. 1st class flag

ONE-DESIGNS

10:00 a.m. Registration and check-in at MYC
11:00 a.m. Skippers' meeting at MYC
Noon 1st class flag

POST-RACE ACTIVITIES

5:00 p.m. Barbecue dinner served, keg/sodas,
to 6:30 p.m. results posted

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

9:00 a.m. Coffee and donuts at MYC

PHRF

9:30 a.m. Registration (if sailing Sunday only)
9:45 a.m. Skippers' meeting
11:00 a.m. 1st class flag

ONE DESIGNS

10:00 a.m. Registration at MYC (if sailing Sunday only)
11:15 a.m. 1st class flag (no skippers' meeting
unless posted)

POST-RACE ACTIVITIES

3:00 p.m. Keg/sodas/trophy presentations
Hot dogs available

RACES

FRIDAY NIGHT "REBEL" RALLY FUN RACE

A reverse handicap race for PHRF boats. No spinnakers allowed. Check at MYC or R/C boat for start times and course direction. Race course is two short triangles south of the Melbourne Causeway. Pizza available after the race.

SAT. & SUN. ONE-DESIGNS

All one-design classes will sail multiple races on Saturday and Sunday near the Melbourne Causeway. Five boats constitute a class. All others will use the Portsmouth rating system.

SAT. & SUN. PHRF

PHRF (spinnaker and non-spinnaker) and true cruiser classes will race three races on Saturday and two races on Sunday. Sunday's race will also constitute a Cirripedia Cup challenge race.

AWARDS

Trophies awarded through third place in each class on Sat./Sun. Special "rebel" awards presented for the Friday nite race.

ENTRY FEE

There are no fees for Friday activities. Entry fee for Saturday and Sunday is \$30 per skipper. \$15 entry fee for students. Entry fee includes one skipper's dinner. Sunday only entry fee is \$15 and \$10/student (no dinner included). Additional dinner tickets \$8/adult, \$4/under 12.

FRIDAY NITE "REBEL" RALLY IN MEMORY OF



BRENDA LEE SHADBOLT

DETAILS AND REGISTRATION MATERIALS

CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEB SITE

[HTTP://WWW.SAIL-RACE.COM](http://www.sail-race.com)

or contact Gary Smith, Fleet Captain
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Commodore's Ball 2002



A good time was had by all...

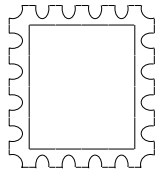


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