

## TELL-TALE

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**Event Calendar:****AUGUST**

- 16 Fall Rum #1
- 17 Hurricane Party
- 23 TGIF Burn-It
- 28 Board Meeting
- 30 Fall Rum #2
- 31-2 Labor Day Cruise

**SEPTEMBER**

- 4 General Meeting
- 6 TGIF Sept Birthdays
- 13 TGIF Dine-In (Mexican)  
Fall Rum #3
- 14-15 Mermaid Regatta & Dinner
- 20 Burn-It & Moonlight Sail
- 27 Fall Rum #4
- 31 Board Meeting

**The Party Line****Completed Events**

Thanks to the **July 19 Burn-it** committee who hosted a special celebration in honor of Five Speed and Sea Turtle. Lynde West and Jim Edwards made a wonderful pasta pesto salad, Brent Komler made a delicious Romaine lettuce mandarin orange salad with his own secret recipe dressing and Rachele Ross made the yummy Spinakker (Yogurt/CoolWhip) pie. Harriet Diamond also pitched in to help set things up. Jack and Jacki Leahy cooked hotdogs and hamburgers for those late arriving racers who came unprepared.

After dinner, a special ceremony was held to congratulate the Regatta Time in Abaco trophy winning MYC crews ( the Smith boys and crew of Five Speed and Jim Miller and his Sea Turtle crew). MYC also received recognition as a result of their winning efforts. Good job and thanks to all!

**Upcoming Events**

Our next party is the **Hurricane Party** on August 17. (Hopefully it will only be imaginary.) Dress for inclement weather and bring the food that won't survive without refrigeration as well as your entry for the SPAM/Vienna sausage contest. (See ad on the back page).

On Friday, August 23, Mary Williams, Barb Ehnert, and the Stows are putting on a **Burn-It**. There is no Rum Race this time, so there should be less of a crowd at the grill and bar.

There has been no volunteer to host an **MYC Labor Day Cruise**. The East Coast Sailing Association is cruising to the 4th island north of the locks in the Banana River, and their festivities will include potluck dinner on the beach on Saturday and Sunday evenings. If anyone is interested in joining the ECSA cruise, let me know and I will see how they feel about having MYC'ers join the party.

There are at least 14 birthdays to be celebrated on September 6. We could use some more honorees to help blow out their candles!

The **Mermaid Regatta** is coming up on September 14-15, and the guys are promising another great dinner for the women—this year's them is 'Gay Paree'. Plan to get your reservations in early, as this dinner is *always* popular, and space is limited.

- Rhonda Delmater, Rear Commodore and Entertainment Chair



# The Commodore's LOG



This little "article" is kind of a half time report and musings...

I am a comparatively new member of MYC, but had a good fortune to be elected and to serve on the Board in one capacity or another for the last 5 years. I have never seen the club more active, more enthusiastic and growing in membership and spirit, than in the last year. Some of our senior members concur with me on this.

Thanks to Rear Commodore Rhonda's work, there are more and better attended parties. It is not unusual to have 10-15 boats at Hasty's rum races, to have more than 20 boats for our raft up, to have a hundred or so members, families and guest attend some of the functions. Ross' Friday night dinners have grown from a paltry 5-6 persons to 30 or more. Tony Barile, our membership chairperson presents 3-4 new member applications each month. And our Great Aussie fleet captain assures me that our Fall Regatta will be the biggest ever, spread over two weeks, and maybe attended by a 100 small and large boats. John, our youth director and outboard expert and his pick-up crew are doing a fantastic job with teaching not only the kids, but now adults too, how to make those little boats fly. To watch some kids' faces after their sail is uplifting, and to listen to John's enthusiastic account of the days teaching/learning experience is wonderful. Dave, the dock master is working to repair the faulty pilings. The house is running smoother than ever, and the new fencing looks great, thanks to Vice Commodore Rob's efforts. The two Jackies handle the yard, the plants, and the myriad of other small and large projects, that make the club run smoothly expertly.

We are growing both in size and spirit, and this is the good news. Of course all this growth comes with a price: the club is busting at its seams.

The Long Range Planning Committee and your Board have come up with some ideas to keep the growth, the integrity and quality intact. Both entities, working together, are trying to come up with solutions to this wonderful problem of growth. We have looked into several options, talked to City Officials, and set many hours contemplating and discussing our options. Attached to this TELL-TALE is a survey for an opinion poll.

Please read it fill it out and if you wish, give your comments and thoughts. The LRPC as well as the Board need your input and direction. Please, either mail the letter back, place it in the any of the officers racks at the entrance to the kitchen, hand it to any board members or LRPC members as soon as possible. It is important, that you participate.

I have been directed by the Board and the LRPC to make some changes to our bylaws. I asked Bob Erickson to come up with the wording and here it is:

Add Section 7 to Article 1 and leave the rest of the Article as it stand:

Article 1, Section 7:

"At its discretion, the Board of Directors may limit or cap Resident Membership at a level it feels is compatible with the capacity of the Club facilities. The Board of Directors shall take into account parking areas for vehicles and seating capacity for the Clubhouse or other limits as the Board of Directors see fit."

I would like to have this Section become part of the bylaws, upon the approval of the membership. This is essential for the following reason: Until we can expand our facilities, we must not overcrowd our present facilities—we need to preserve the quality of our club. At this time we have no vehicle to legally limit the membership; refusal of an application could bring a discrimination law suit. This small change in the bylaws may prevent this, This Section will be only used if necessary, and with great deliberation, by the Board.

## August 23 TGIF Burn-It

You supply the meat, and we supply the rest! Grill lit at 6pm. Featuring a 'potato bar' with both white and sweet potatoes, salad, and 'mystery dessert'. Cost: \$4.00 per person. No Reservations Required!

Info: Mary Williams 727-3456 (gone 8/8-8/19) or Barb Ehnert 259-3509

## September Birthdays

We will be celebrating September Birthdays at MYC on Friday, September 6th.

Sept 3 Jim Gibson  
Sept 6 Chris Gates  
Sept 6 Karl Kiser  
Sept 9 Rose Baker  
Sept 10 Flo Poor  
Sept 16 Steven Yates  
Sept 18 Penny Gibson



Sept 21 Mary Williams  
Sept 22 Gary Smith  
Sept 23 Faye Bitzer  
Sept 23 Gerald Moores  
Sept 26 Peggie Hill  
Sept 28 Jack Bibb  
Sept 29 Nancy Stow

## Proposed By-Laws Change

To be Added: Article 1, Section 7:

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This By-Laws Change will be voted on at the September Membership Meeting, on September 4th. (Meeting starts at 6:30pm)

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Another matter...As I understand, the Fall Regatta will have many visiting boats, as well as sailors. Both need rooms.

I suggest that we empty as many boat slips as possible, for a few days during the regatta, so the visiting boats will be close to the racecourse. And that we also try to accommodate the crews in our homes. Some of our members already volunteered to offer temporary dock space for our boats vacating their slips.

As I mentioned above, this will be a huge undertaking for a small club like ours, and we all need to pitch in. Call or e-mail Gary Smith, Dave Noble or Sherry Beckett and volunteer. This could be great fun and an enjoyable time for all of us.

Thank you for your cooperation.

- Gabe Denes, Commodore

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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.

## Summer Rum Series

The Summer Rum Race Series ended on Aug 2.

Final results are:

### 'Racing' Class (top 6)

- 1st - Jerry Ross - Sleighride - J/30 - 23pts
- 2nd - Floyd Bryan - Esprit - Taylor 42 - 19pts
- 3rd - Hasty Miller - Skimmer - NW35 - 13pts
- 4th - Gary Smith - Five Speed - L28 - 12pts
- 5th - Paul Alexy - Impulsive - S2 9.1 - 8pts
- 6th - Sherry Beckett - Fast Lane - L28 - 7pts

### 'Cruising' Class (top 6)

- 1st - Greg Apotsos - Jolly Mon - SS23 - 19pts
- 2nd - Bob Hughes - 2nd Chance - Cat 30 - 18pts
- 3rd - Stu Shadbolt - Yankee Revel - I30 - 15pts
- 4th - Rick Crockett - Maverick - H28.8 - 15pts
- 5th - Eckart Schneider - Solitude - S30 - 10pts
- 6th - Bill Striker - Hawk - E26 - 5pts

We had pretty good participation during the series, considering the weather. 19 boats sailed in at least one race in the series.

The Fall series starts Friday, August 16, and runs for 5 races, ending on Oct 11.

## Mermaid Regatta—September 14-15

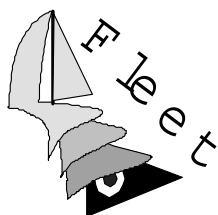
Plans are in the works for the 24th annual MYC Mermaid Regatta, on September 14-15. The current ECSA Women's Series, which our regatta is part of, has 8 boats participating, so we expect at least 10-12 boats full of enthusiastic women sailors to participate.

The men are busy (with a little pushing from the women) planning the Saturday night dinner and entertainment. The theme this year is 'Gay Paree'—with a continental fare for dinner, and some French 'Can-Can' dancers for the entertainment.

If you're a woman, and would like to race, contact Sherry Beckett ([itbecketts@aol.com](mailto:itbecketts@aol.com)), who will match you up with a compatible boat looking for crew.

If you're a guy, looking for something useful to do, contact Chuck Delmater ([rhonda@csihq.com](mailto:rhonda@csihq.com)).

*-Gary Smith, Fleet Captain*



## Another Class Graduates

With the much-appreciated help of Paul Henderson, Paula Enoch, and Shawn Adams we graduated **18 students** on July 13th.



## Intermediate Class Underway

We now have 15 in the current intermediate class. Paul, Paula and Richard Robecki are helping.

Many thanks to the Rum Race skippers who welcomed students and parents aboard on Aug. 4. If you see me walking around with kids and parents before a Rum Race, please holler if you have room for one or two aboard. If you get one on your boat, don't hesitate to invite them back again. Hey, you can grow your own crew members this way!

## Next Class—September 5th

The next class starting on Sep. 5th will be beginner/intermediate/advanced levels and include some adults. I'm looking for folks with keel boats who would be able to come out on a Saturday morning or two to teach big boat skills to some of the students.

The skiff's problem with shifting was fixed by Jim of Melbourne Marine.

If you're tossing out old 1/4" or 3/8" braided line, pitch it into the skiff. I'll use it for student knot-practice lines.

Contact John MacNeill at [sail@32903.org](mailto:sail@32903.org) or 723-6213 from 9am to 9pm.

*- John MacNeill, Youth Director*

## Fall Regatta News

**Florida Hiway & Marine Insurance Presents Melbourne Yacht Club's Fall Regatta Race Week**—Long title, long week of sailing and assorted activities. The Regatta Committee appreciates all that Florida HiWay & Marine Insurance has done and is doing for MYC, therefore we recognize them as the title sponsor to this event. We also recognize it is the MYC membership and volunteers that have made this the premier sailing event on the Central East Coast.

We are expecting more sailors, more fleets and more visitors—therefore we need more volunteers. With two weekends of sailing, One Design, Oct 19 & 20, followed by PHRF, Oct, 25, 26 & 27, this presents the unique opportunity for you to sail as well as volunteer. Please, volunteer to help the following committees by contacting the respective chairperson:

Food (Rachele Ross)  
Race Committee (Scott Bell and Gary Smith)  
Protest Committee (Jim Edwards)  
Registration & T-Shirt Sales (Karen Knockel)  
Dockage Coordinator (Dave Nesbitt)  
Parking Coordinator (*Volunteer Needed*)  
Housing Coordinator (*Volunteer Needed*)  
Sponsorship & Door Prizes (*Volunteer Needed*)

We need persons to accept the challenge and coordinate the following concerns:

**Parking Coordinator:** We have permission to use the Tire Store and FIT, but we need someone to organize and direct the cars. Please contact Dave Noble to earn this title.

**Housing Coordinator:** We have a growing list of members who have offered a guest room, bed, or floor space, for visiting sailors to use. I need someone to take ownership of assigning people requesting space to people volunteering space.

**Sponsorship & Door Prize Coordinator:** We already have a long list of sponsorship offers. (You do NOT need to solicit sponsorship—just help with what has already been solicited). We need an organized individual who will take the responsibility

to make sure checks and door prizes are picked up, and that the sponsor gets their 'goods' (dinner ticket, T-shirt, literature posted, etc). Also, organize the donated goods for door prizes, so everything is given away at an appropriate time.

**Videographer:** Do you have video production skills? We need someone to record the Melges 24 Seminar and racing.

### Other Fall Regatta Needs

**MYC Dockage:** With more participation than ever before, the T-docks just can't raft any more boats. We are hoping that members who are not racing will volunteer to vacate their dockage for the Oct 26-27 weekend. Dave Nesbitt, MYC's Dockmaster, will coordinate boat owners who would like to relocate their boats enabling visiting yachts a berth. We have several docks on the Grand Canal and behind homes available. Please if you have a spot to offer or will move, contact Dave at 726-9116 or [dnesbitt@matrixcomp.com](mailto:dnesbitt@matrixcomp.com).

**Housing:** We are trying something new this year (that other clubs do)... offering to put competitors up at residents' homes, on a space available basis. If you have a guest room you wouldn't mind sharing with an out of town sailor, please contact Dave Noble.

**Door Prizes:** We are continuously looking for door prizes, if you have an item or service available to donate for a raffle, please contact Dave Noble, or the yet to be identified Chair of Sponsorship and Door Prizes.

Much has to be done and so few are on the Regatta Committee. Please contact any of the persons listed below to help.

The schedule of events can be located at the [www.sail-race.com](http://www.sail-race.com) website.

### The Fall Regatta Committee

Dave Noble	Sherry Beckett
Rachele Ross	Scott Bell/ Gary Smith
Jim Edwards	Jim and Amy Lacy
Jack & Jacki Leahy	Karen Knockel

## Membership News

By Tony Barile,  
Membership Director

### New application for membership: Larry and Connie Etheridge

Sponsored by: Sherry Beckett

Etheridges are relocating to Melbourne, from South Florida. They have been members of the Coconut Grove Sailing Club for 28 years, in both cruising and racing.

Connie recently retired from ATT, and Larry is a plastics engineer. They have a 26 foot S-2 sailboat, called PurrFect.

They are looking forward to joining with the sailing community at MYC.



### New application for membership: Kent and Lisa Cady

Sponsored by : Marsha Millar

The Cadys have lived in Brevard for over twenty years. and have one teenage daughter.

Kent owns his own business and Lisa is a Resource Teacher for Brevard County.

The Cadys have a 23 foot Hydrosport powerboat at the present time. They are interested in sailing and joining the social activities of the Melbourne Yacht Club.

(No Photo Available)

### New application for membership: Glen Gray

Sponsored by: Gary Smith

Glen retired from Harris and Collins Radio and in earlier years worked on the Atlantic Missile Test Range with RCA.

He is a scuba diver, has a private pilot's licence and is an amateur radio operator. Glen purchased his Corbin 39' Cutter-Ketch in 1999, and has since sailed it to the Bahamas extensively.

Glen's ketch "KoKo" functioned as support boat and mother ship for "Five Speed" (Gary Smith and Co.) during the July 2001 Abaco Regatta.

He would like to share the full sailing experience and well as other MYC experiences.



### New application for membership: Gordon and Beverly Drysdale

Sponsored by: Rachele Ross

Gordon works at Rockwell Collins and his wife and daughter are students in the local area.

Drysdals sail a GOUGEON 32 and a NACRA 18-2 actively in the Indian River Lagoon and would like to sail with and enjoy the Melbourne Yacht Club group.



## Whispers from the Grog Locker

We had a rousing time at the Shell's Seafood Pasta dinner where we served 41 dinners. I not sure which received more complements the Clam Chowder or the entrees, but both were mentioned numerous times. I want to thank Jacki & Jack Leahy, Nancy Stow, and Jackie Herbert for helping on the serving line and with the clean up.



The next Dine-in dinner will be in September on Friday, 13 September 2002. At this time I am planning a dinner with a Mexican theme. As usual, 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. Once again we will be in-sync with the Friday Rum Race schedule, so to accommodate the racers and to keep from starving the TGIF diners, we will have two seatings for dinner.

If you want your dinner held for the Rum Race seating at 8:00 please circle "RR"; however, if you would like to eat during the earlier seating at 6:30, please circle "EB". 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. Dinners will be served to those who sign up and if there are extras they will be sold on a first come basis.

In the past month or so we have added two bottled beers; Budweiser Light Longnecks, and Michelob Ultra (low Carbohydrate), and Ketel One; a top shelf vodka.

The next rotating keg will be Michelob Hefe-weizen once we use up the Michelob Black & Tan. For your reference, the choice of beers available in the smaller keg size are: Amber Bock, Michelob, Michelob Honey Lager, Michelob Hefe-weizen, Michelob Black & Tan, "Doc" Otis, and Killarney's Red. If one of these beers interests you, let me know.

Some of you may have noticed that the Kitchen door now sports a digital door lock. This was done so the club could have a single code number given to our service vendors that worked both the gate and grant access to the building other than the membership code number.

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](mailto:ross2629@bellsouth.net) (the best way), or let me know at the next TGIF.

- Ross Herbert, Director of Bar & Food

### Visited [melbourneyachtclub.com](http://melbourneyachtclub.com) Lately?

At our website, you will find the following:

- Club information and bylaws
- Map to MYC (useful to email to friends coming to the club).
- Links to a photo site for MYC event photos
- Links to the racing website for the area
- The Newsletter Archives
- The Membership Database

**USE** the Membership Database—it's a great reference for phone numbers and email addresses (and accessible from work?).

Keep your info up to date—so it is correct when people reference it (and for next years' directory).

### MYC House Report—August 2002

1. Termite annual inspection took place. An already-repaired chimney roof leak was noted.
2. Reinforced chain link fence where it meets the Annex.
3. Had to replace MYC weed trimmer.
4. The Board directed that a timer be installed on the electric gate to automatically allow closure after a timeout period.

- Rob Van Name, Vice Commodore

Here are the names of tropical storms for the 2002 Atlantic hurricane season. You can track the storms using this chart.

Arthur	Hanna	Omar
Bertha	Isidore	Paloma
Cristobal	Josephine	Rene
Dolly	Kyle	Sally
Edouard	Lili	Teddy
Fay	Marco	Vicky
Gustav	Nana	Willfred

# It's Hurricane Season!

## MYC Hurricane Potluck Party

August 17, 2002

Bar opens 6 p.m. • Dinner 7 p.m.

\$5/person plus a non-perishable item

(these items will be used as decorations then given to a food charity)

*Hurricane's comin'—clean out your fridge before the power goes off.*  
Bring a main or side dish to share—dessert, rolls and butter will be provided.

*Then come on down to MYC and join the fun.*

Fun includes (but is not limited to)

◆ Spam or Vienna Sausage Recipe Contest ◆  
(contest entries will be judged before dinner and then served on the line)

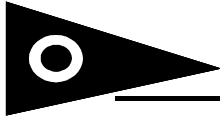
◆ Tracking Chart Darts ◆

◆ Emergency Kit Scavenger Hunt ◆

Reservations requested by 5 p.m., Thursday, August 15.

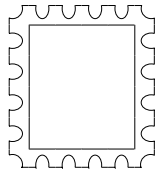
Jacki Leahy (795-2156) or Rachele Ross (254-8326 • [jerryracheleross@aol.com](mailto:jerryracheleross@aol.com))

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