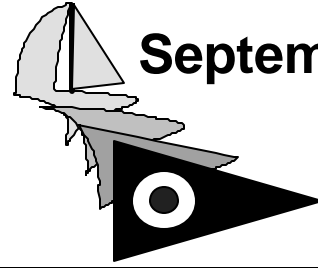


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Event Calendar:

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

25 Board Meeting

27 Fall Rum #4

October

2 General Meeting

4 Birthday Celebration

11 Carry-In Dinner

18 Burn-It

19-27 Fall Regatta

26 Fall Regatta Dinner

30 Board Meeting

The Party Line

August Events

Our big event for August was the **Hurricane Party** thanks to the creativity of Jacki Leahy and Rachele Ross, who were joined by approximately 60 brave souls to await the arrival of Hurricane "Rachel" at MYC. While waiting, party goers pigged out on delicious potluck foods, participated in a Spam recipe contest, Hurricane Tracking Darts, a hurricane emergency kit hunt and a Spam sculpture contest. In addition, more than 80 non-perishable items were donated to the Sharing Center (after being used as party decorations).

Spam recipes (all were delicious, believe it or not) ranged from hors d'oeuvres to main dishes. Winning recipes were Bob Sowden's Stuffed Peppers (1st), Rhonda Delmater's Couscous & Spam stuffed mushrooms (2nd), and Jay McClure's sculpted dog (2nd). Courageous and willing judges (yes, they tasted all the dishes) were John Geraci, Phyllis Harris, Chuck and Dan Delmater and Beverly Drysdale. (Thanks.)

Winners in the Tracking Chart Darts (yes, we threw darts at a dart board with a hurricane tracking chart on it) were Chris Gates (1st), John Higgins (2nd), and Jim Lacy (3rd). The emergency kit scavenger hunt was like an Easter egg hunt only with batteries, Band-Aids, toilet paper, etc. hidden instead of eggs. Winners (1st team to collect a kit) were Sherry Beckett's team (1st), Beverly Drysdale and Ashley Thompson (2nd) and John MacNeill and Beth Massey (3rd).

The Spam Sculpture contest brought out an amazing display of creativity. Jay McClure (guest of Dorothy Crowe) created an impressive tall ship with the help of toothpicks for 1st place, 2nd place was the tiki by Rhonda Delmater, and 3rd place was Jack Leahy's lighthouse complete with rock island. Other carvings included a generic sailboat by Jackie Herbert, a catamaran by Beverly Drysdale and daughter Ashley Thompson, an MYC burgee by Jerry Kawalski, a hurricane Rachel symbol by Bob Sowden, a sailing dinghy by Commodore Gabe Denes which drew the comment "how appropriate" and not surprisingly, a female anatomically-correct bust by Paul Alexy.

While the contestants were searching for their emergency kits, we were entertained by Lenny, his brother Daryl and his other brother Daryl (Lenny Beckett, Chuck Delmater and Jerry Ross) who did a great job of singing and playing some tunes for us. Thanks a bunch! All the

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The Commodore's LOG



In mid-month Hurricane Rachele blew in with all her helping tornadoes and turned the club into a shambles, despite the constant warnings of weather guru Paul and the onsite reports from Wacky Jackie. After we realized the seriousness of this Rachele's danger, all retreated to our deepest digs to do what all scared people do: drink, eat and carve Spam. Once we emerged late at night, she had blown over and all was right (this rhymes, in spite of myself).

While you all partied, your board was hard at work.

The LRPC and the board asked you to complete and return a form, stating your vision for the future of the club. I counted the returns: a miserable 39 as of Wednesday night. I thank the ones who returned the form, and shame on those who could not take the five minutes to complete this important guideline. We are at a crossroads: The club is growing very fast; as of the end of the month by Tony's count we have 142 full members with 3 more nominations waiting to be approved, which may grow to more by the next Board meeting. We need your input, even if late.

Just drop a note or the completed letter from the LRPC into any of the slots (not in the Treasurer's mailbox) on the inside wall at the entrance to the kitchen, or simply mail it. I am sure that all of you care whether a): we stay as is, but limit the membership, b): find another place and move, c): stay, enlarge the club and its facilities, and buy some additional parcels within a two-block area to increase parking.

We have limited facilities because of the size of our house, the parking and dock space.

The first two can be helped by increasing the square footage of both the building and parking. So we need your input on how we can handle the dockage. I looked at the waiting list for slips, Solitude is 15th on the list. It would take him a long time to finally dock in our facilities. Solitude is smack in the middle of the list. So the board needs your advice on what to do.

Thanks go to Jack for installing the timer on the gate. Please use it if you need the gate opened.

Thanks for our artist in residence, Bob Boska, for refreshing our aging sign on the gate. His next project is the sign on the road.

I understand our cruisers had a great, hot time in Sebastian. Sorry we could not make it. Pat's mother took sick that week, and being a good son in law, we stayed home with her.

Ladies and gentlemen: **ABSOLUTELY/POSITIVELY NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE TO BE BROUGHT INSIDE THE CLUBHOUSE.** All beverages must be dispensed from the MYC bar by appointed bartenders and no one else. Anyone breaking this rule is subject to severe disciplinary action. The club **CAN AND WILL LOOSE** its liquor license and be fined if we violate the regulations. Similarly, please do not have children without adult supervision in the lounge or any part of the House.

The Mermaid Regatta is coming up. I can hardly wait to see what the men have in store for the ladies. It will be another wonderful event, with the world's ugliest Mermaid Trophy to be awarded to the winner. If I raced, I'd want to be last (and as you well know, it would be easy for me).

The Fall Regatta is coming in October and Gary, Sherry and Dave need your help, so please volunteer.

Have a good month.

- Gabe Denes, Commodore

The Party Line (Continued from page 1)

contests brought hot and heavy competition and fun was had by all. Thanks to all who played and those who just enjoyed watching and listening.

Faye Bitzer, Nancy Eitapence, Linda and John Geraci, and Jack Leahy completed the official party committee and did a super job with tasks such as stealing 100 tracking charts from Eckerds to use as placemats, buying the delicious cheesecakes, and coming up with more fun ideas.

Also pitching in when asked were Jerry Ross, Ross and Jackie Herbert, Dorothy Crowe, Sherry Beckett.

Some of the main highlights of the evening were the videotaped hurricane alert segments. When the alert was about to be announced on the TV, everyone was herded into the lounge for the news. Along with hurricane tracking info the video also had hurricane prep info. A video segment showed how to get a boat ready for the big blow and one boat that was SO UNREADY it still had all kinds of stuff on deck, including a "couple of good timing guys" drinking and singing. Another segment showed a Martha Stewart "wannabe" with hints on getting windows prepared for the big blow. "Just use ribbon, crepe paper and bows, it is just as effective and there's no mess to clean up!" Paul Alexy made a great anchor man; honestly HE WAS SOBER. Will Wacki Jacki ever live this one down? Special thanks to the video crew. Paul Alexy at anchor desk, Jack Leahy and Lenny Beckett with guitar on the unready boat, John Geraci on the camera and editing and of course Wacki Jacki Cantouri (Leahy).

In August we also enjoyed a birthday celebration on August 2, a delicious "Carry-in" Dinner courtesy of Ross Herbert and crew on August 9 and a Burn-it on Friday, August 23. Thanks again to Mary Williams, Cal and Nancy Stow and others who assisted. The crew served baked and sweet potatoes, delicious salad and a surprise dessert.

September Events

Our monthly, first-Friday Birthday celebration was attended by 5 of the honorees: Faye Bitzer, Jim Gibson, Karl Kiser, Gary Smith, Mary Williams. Thanks for celebrating with us and enjoy your celebration month.

There will be a dine-in event on the eve of the Mermaid regatta (see "Whispers from the Grog Locker" for details). And then of course the "Big Event" for September is of course the Mermaid Regatta. It plans to be another "gay" extravaganza put on by the gentlemen of the club to entertain their sweethearts and others. Dress as "French" as you dare (lace, ruffles, French bikini – you get the idea ;o) – this must be some "mens" idea!) Prizes will be awarded in male, female and cross-dressing divisions. Early reservations are recommended so you don't miss any of the entertainment of contests.

A Burn It is scheduled for Friday, September 20 that will be hosted by Harvey and Nancy Melfi and Gerry Moores. Plan to participate!

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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?

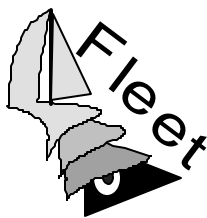
⇒ (Preferred) E-mail it to:

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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.

The first big event coming up is the Mermaid Regatta September 14th and 15th. Planning seems to be well in hand. We expect a dozen or more boats to participate. Saturday evening's dinner promises to be as popular as ever so get your reservations in early. Don't forget the Friday night rum race this Friday the 13th. Don't be superstitious. Race #4 runs September 27th.



Fall Regatta:

Thank you everyone who has volunteered for the Florida HiWay & Marine Insurance, Melbourne Yacht Club Regatta and Race Week, October 19th to 27th. We've had several planning meetings for the upcoming regatta and Sherry has a schedule of events on her website. Please refer to that for details.

The next planning meeting for the Fall Regatta volunteers is scheduled for October 10th at 6:30 pm. This will be the final get-together before the actual event so everybody involved is asked to attend this meeting. We are still looking for volunteers to fill certain key positions. New member Larry Etheridge is responsible for sponsorship so if you have anything to donate toward door prizes or trophies, please contact Larry. His e-mail address is Purrfect79262@ATT.net. Paul Alexy has the mammoth task of organizing parking. The plan is to keep the lower section of Melbourne Yacht Club parking clear for dinghies and trailerable boats. Early arrivals are asked to park across the street at the old tire store. Additional parking is available at the FIT sailing center. Beyond that, we plan on a shuttle service to the SunTrust parking lot across the creek to the west of the railroad bridge. Glen Gray will be assisting with his full-size van.

Last news letter we asked for persons to open their houses to accommodate visiting sailors, and what a nice response we got. We will try our best to let you know who and how many you may be hosting as soon as possible. Jackie Leahy has agreed to coordinate the housing requests.

We will need more help with directing traffic.

Race committee:

We are going to need lots of help with race com-

mittee work for both weekends. Bob and Karen will head the race committee for the small boat racing and Larry Etheridge has offered to handle the Opti racing if necessary. The second weekend will include the Friday night rum race which will require a finish boat on station. We need a volunteer. Saturday and Sunday racing will require two separate race committees. Jack Bibb has volunteered to handle PHRF racing on the south course and Mike Huck is lined up to handle the Melges fleet on the north course out of Eau Gallie Yacht Club. Unprecedented is Eau Gallie's cooperation with MYC to host this event which is part of the southeast Melges circuit. We have a number of power boats promised for use as mark boats and safety boats and we need crews to run those boats. If you are an experienced power boat operator, please contact Dave Noble or Gary Smith so that we can discuss what is needed.

There will be a Melges seminar held on Friday the 25th of October at Eau Gallie Yacht Club. Anybody who is interested in attending may do so. Cost is \$10.00 per person. The local Melges fleet and visiting Melges skippers are bearing most of the cost of this seminar. All of this to go on at Eau Gallie Yacht Club. Some skippers will require extra crew to man their boats for the on-the-water part of the seminar so you may get lucky if you show up and actually get on a boat to race. Others will be able to go out on Mike Huck's trawler or on one of the mark boats. Andy Burdick, fresh off of winning the Melges world title, will be our guest of honor and will run the seminar and on-the-water program. This is an unprecedented opportunity.

See Sherry Beckett's Sailing web page:

sail-race.com/myc/fall

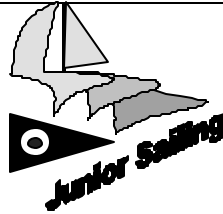
to see the full schedule and a list of the multitude of sponsors.

Don't miss out !!

We have arranged with Mike Huck, who is a Senior Race Official, to provide a one-night refresher seminar on Race Officiating, for people helping out with the Fall Regatta Race Committees (and anyone else who is interested). This is scheduled for October 3. Details will be forthcoming as that date gets closer.

-Gary Smith, Fleet Captain and Dave Noble

We graduated 17 students last Month. Most will be back for the last class of 2002 starting on September 7. In addition, we have several new adult students. This class will meet on Saturdays only from 9 am until 1 pm.



Dockmaster Dave is looking into placing a floating finger dock alongside Dragon Lady to protect her and provide more staging room for sailing classes and dinghy races. (We had 14 racers and three spectator boats at the last small-boat race.)

To accommodate the increasing number of adult students, we need to look at adding more used Sunfish to our fleet. We have the storage space now, thanks to Hasty and his rack.

If any members know of a Sunfish sitting around in a neighbor's yard, talk to them about selling it, or sailing it. We'll look at boats in the \$150 to \$300 range.

A reminder to keelboat owners going out for a sail on any given Saturday morning during the next month: please consider taking an adult student aboard for some experience. Just drop into the clubhouse about 10 am while I'm finishing my chalk-talk. Or, send me an email Friday evening and let me know when you'll be heading out. I'll check my email Sat morning.

If you're heading out the harbor channel and see us, blow a horn and I'll bring a student to your boat.

- John MacNeill, Youth Director

The Party Line (Continued from page 3)

Annual Philanthropy

Old and new members alike should start thinking about what they will donate for our annual charity auction that will take place on November 23 (the Saturday before Thanksgiving). Each membership is asked to donate an item to be auctioned with a value of \$35-150+. Although MYC's youth sailing programs are a great service to our community, our annual Charity auction is our one main philanthropic activity. The Brevard Sharing Center will be the beneficiary of your generous donations. Don't be surprised to get my call during the next several weeks, but in the meantime feel free to let me know what item(s) you will be contributing. (THANK YOU.) Details of the gala dinner and interactive and silent auctions will be announced in the November newsletter.

- Rhonda Delmater, Rear Commodore and Entertainment Chair



**Scooby
Spam**

Notice

At the membership meeting on October 2, Russell Jameson from Florida Hiway and Marine Insurance will do a half-hour presentation on Marine Insurance.

MYC House Report—August 2002

1. A timer (up to one hour) was installed on the electric gate to automatically ensure closure after a timeout period. The old shut off switch is disabled.
2. Freshening up of both the US-1 club sign and the gate sign is in progress.

- Rob Van Name, Vice Commodore

October Birthdays

We will be celebrating October Birthdays at MYC on Friday, October 4th.

Bryan Sandy	Oct	3
Owen Jettie	Oct	4
Watters Bill	Oct	7
Leahy Jack	Oct	11
Anderson Beaux	Oct	12
Sowden Bob	Oct	13
Crawford Jan	Oct	20
Henry F. Michael	Oct	20
Manktelow Wanda	Oct	22
Millar Mike	Oct	25
Whitaker Cheryl	Oct	27
Noble David	Oct	28
MacNeill John B.	Oct	29



Membership News

By Tony Barile,
Membership Director

NEW NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Cliff and Chris Cook Sponsored by: John MacNeill

Cliff grew up in Miami, FL, sailed and raced at Coconut Grove Sailing Club and Annapolis.

The Cooks have three sons, all sailors, and moved to Melbourne two years ago from Islamorada. Son, Connor represented the US in the Junior Olympics.

The Cooks currently own Bristol 34 named *Christine* and look forward to joining the MYC sailing activities.



Gregg and Catherine Kowalski Sponsored by: Gerry Kowalski

Gregg graduated from the Melbourne Yacht Club pram class during his teen years. Since then he has been an active and accomplished racer and crew member in the local races.

He has been employed as a software engineer at Harris Corp., for the past eleven years. He and his wife, Catherine, have two children, Laura (10) and John (8) who will be ready for the pram classes, soon.

Gregg owns and races an SR MAX 21, named *Slot Machine*, a fierce competitor in the MYC Regattas. Kowalskis wish to become more active in the club activities and have a place for their children to participate in sailing.

Mark and Mary Cannon Sponsored by: Jacki Leahy

Mark is a retired Army Officer service, and is now working in Melbourne for Northrop Grumman as a Senior Program Manager. Mark and Mary have lived in Melbourne for the last 12 years, recently downsizing from a large house to a condo on Melbourne Harbour.

Mark spent a significant amount of time sailing in his younger years, and did weekend cruising on Long Island Sound with his father and uncle.

Recently bitten with the sailing bug, Mark and his daughter Christina have been taking ASA sailing lessons and are both certified through the Basic Coastal Cruising level. Both intend to continue their sailing training.

Mark and Mary's sailing plans over the next years include the purchase of a 27 foot, shoal draft, sailboat.

James(Jay) and Pam McClure Sponsored by: Dorothy Crowe

Jay is a Practicing licensed Physical Therapist for 17 years. His practice is in outpatient orthopedics and sports medicine at Holmes Regional Medical Center, Pro-Health and Fitness center.

He and Pam have four children; Jason, Franklin, Karri, and Adam. She is a former medical receptionist, and former secretary for the Brevard Scots-American Society.

The McClures own a 20 foot Cabin Cruiser named *My Debt*. Jay is interested in taking sailing classes, and both he and Pam are interested in joining the Melbourne Yacht Club activities.



MELBOURNE YACHT CLUB

24TH MERMAID REGATTA

September 14 & 15, 2002

FUN RACING

Cruiser PHRF (Spinnaker
and Nonspinnaker) classes

Female skipper and all female crew required.
One male "observer only" allowed, if desired.



SATURDAY

11:30 a.m. Registration
12:30 p.m. Skippers' meeting
1:30 p.m. Racing begins
4:00 p.m. Bar opens
6:00 p.m. Dinner begins

SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. Continental breakfast served
11:00 a.m. Skippers' meeting
Noon Racing begins
4:00 p.m. Bar opens, hot dogs available, team
bowline tying contest and awards

SATURDAY NITE IN GAY PAREÉ

Hilarious Parisian Review (yes, Can Can dancers and all) will follow a delicious dinner of French cuisine presented by the gentlemen of the club.

Advance dinner reservations appreciated by close of registration Saturday morning.

ENTRY FEE \$35/cruiser

Entry fee includes 1 dinner ticket per skipper and 1 door prize ticket for each skipper and crew.
Extra dinner tickets \$10 or \$5/under 12. Extra door prize tickets 5/\$1.

For more information contact Chuck Delmater at 773-1177
or Rachele Ross at 254-8326 (jerryrachelross@aol.com)

For dinner reservations contact Paul Alexy at 779-4464 (palex@bellsouth.net)
or visit the local racing Web site: www.sail-race.com/myc/mermaid

***All racers, club members and their guests
are welcome and urged to attend.***

Whispers from the Grog Locker

This month's dine-in dinner will be on Friday, 13 September 2002. Given the proximity of the September Dine-in to the Mermaid Regatta (the night before), and the unknown number of out of town sailors, I have decided to hold a Pizza dinner instead of a Mexican dinner, so if we need more food, we can get it quickly. Dinners will be \$4.00 per person and consist of three slices of pizza and salad. Once again we will be in-sync with the Friday Rum Race schedule. To accommodate the racers and to avoid starving the TGIF diners, we will have two seatings for dinner. Also, Rum Race skippers should remember to check with their crew members to see if they want dinner, too. As your guest, your crew is more than welcome to have dinner with you at the club.

The October dine-in, which will be on Friday, 11 October 2002, is being coordinated and cooked by MYC Club Member Brent Kamler. Brent is cooking a Chicken-Spinach Casserole dinner for the club. As usual, there will be a sign up sheet in the bar about two weeks prior to the dine-in date, so please sign up to ensure your dinner. We will still be in-sync with the Friday Rum Race schedule, so 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".

The next rotating keg will be Killarney's Red once we use up the Michelob Hefe-Weizen. 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, 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.

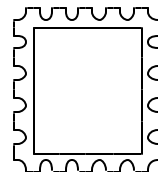
- Ross Herbert, Director of Bar & Food

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