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Event Calendar:**OCTOBER**

- 11 Fall Rum #5 (Series End)
- 19-20 Fall Regatta Dinghy Racing
- 23 R/C Racing & Seminars
- 24 Adult Pram Race & Potluck
- 25 Melges Seminar / Rum Race
- 26-27 Fall Regatta Big Boat Racing
- 30 Board Meeting

NOVEMBER

- 1 TGIF Halloween / Birthdays
- 6 General Meeting
- 8 TGIF Dine-In (Soup Cookoff)
- 10 Winter Rum #1 (SUNDAY)
- 23 Charity Auction Dinner
- 27 Board Meeting
- 28 Thanksgiving Dinner
- 29-31 Thanksgiving Cruise

The Party Line**Mermaid Regatta**

Our big event for September was the 24th Annual Mermaid Regatta. The gentlemen of the club, with the usual coaching by Rachele Ross, put on a fabulous dinner and show. The racing was quite competitive as well, but the female skippers and crew members can take credit for that.

There are many people that must be thanked for putting on such a gala event. Please see the full list on Page 3. Chuck Delmater served as the Regatta Chair. Paul Alexy and a cast of many prepared and served the fine French cuisine. Gerry Moores served as the Race Committee Chair and was assisted by Mike Henry, who very generously made his boat (home), Sea Owl, available. A whole bunch of people helped with the RC duties. John Higgins led the entertainment that featured a gay troupe of can-can dancers in full costume. Nancy Eitapence sewed the lovely dance costumes. Jim Lacy handled registration and ticket sales. Dan Delmater served as DJ for the dance music. Rachele Ross, as usual, also handled publicity and ordered and sold the popular regatta shirts. And a special thanks to Sally Anderson for creating the Mermaid Art.

The evening's festivities also included a "Hide the Baguette" Contest. The contestants were Bob and Wendy Hughes and Jeff and Debbie McGregor. We're not sure who was more entertained - the participants or the spectators. Thanks to the Hughes and McGregors for being good sports in the "full contact" baguette competition. Both won bottles of Beaujolais Villages (the regatta chair's favorite).

During September we also enjoyed a birthday celebration on September 6, 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 Harvey and Nancy Melfi and others who assisted with the Burn It.

October Events

Our monthly, first-Friday Birthday celebration was attended by about half of the October honorees. Thanks to Chuck Delmater for delivering the carrot cake and to Melanie, our lovely bartender, for recognizing the honorees.

The big event for October will of course be the Fall Regatta. See



The Commodore's LOG



Another busy month. The Board met three times, once with the LRPC (Long Range Planning Committee). We had a lot of input from you and from the LRPC.

Thank you for your responses to our survey. You are giving us good input and direction to proceed for the short and the long range planning.

If you attended the last general meeting, you heard Tony Barile give a presentation of the Long Range Planning Committees (LRPC) survey report. The following is a short version of Tony's presentation:

52 surveys were returned. According to me it's a small number compared to our total membership of 170 plus, however it is almost 1/3, and I was informed that anything over 10% is a good return, so I guess I have to congratulate you!

The breakdown of the returns were:

16 liked the club as is, and cap the membership at 150 or so

7 said look for another location

16 said buy offsite parking and enlarge the club

13 has checked multiple options

34 had additional comments or written letters of opinions.

Comments ranged over the entire spectrum, but supported the results above

The LRPC conclusion:

1-For the near future, the members like the club as is

2-The members want to see additional parking and possible expansion of the present clubhouse

3-For the longer term, there is a lot of interest in moving the club to a better location, with more boat slips/storage and a larger clubhouse.

4-In the comments, the majority does not see an

immediate need for membership cap.

The LRPC's recommendation to the Board:

- 1-The Board should start an investigation leading to the acquisition of additional nearby parking facilities for cars, boats and storage
- 2-Evaluate the current site with the goal of maximizing the use of the facilities and buildings, annex, mast-up storage and porch/patio areas.
- 3-To reduce congestion in the bar/lounge area, investigate service and facilities changes that would make the meeting/ great room more attractive and usable.
- 4-Determine the legal maximum occupational limit for the MYC Clubhouse.

Important clarification regarding the issue of a membership cap: The LRPC did recommend that a mechanism be placed in the bylaws to allow a membership cap, when it became necessary. The LRPC never recommended a membership cap.

The Board has read these recommendations and have acted swiftly. We have instructed Board Member Gary Smith, our Fleet Captain in the club and a Realtor in private life, to start investigating sites within a close reach to the club. Our attention is now focusing on the ex-tire store across the street.

An ideal site for car parking. This hopefully will eliminate most parking around the building. And the west side of our parking area could then be given to mast up and other boat storage (Income-producing).

As we progress, I will keep you informed, and I ask you for your comments and helpful hints as we go along this road. I'll need all the help you can give me. My ears and eyes are opened.

The Mermaid Regatta was a great success, as always. The races were great, I was invited to watch the race with the three ladies from Cannes (Harvietta, Roberta and Gabriella) and how endowed. After the delicious dinner, the gentlemen of the club introduced us to the gay (happy) life of Paris. Their can-can was the best on this side of Paris.

Now we are looking forward to the biggest Fall Regatta we have ever had. If my arithmetic is correct, we shall have about a 100 boats participating in the different classes and courses. So be ready, the committees still need help, so volunteer and go to work. Thank you!

- Gabe Denes, Commodore

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information elsewhere in this newsletter. We will also combine a celebration of Halloween with the November birthday celebration on November 1.

Annual Philanthropy

Please remember that I will be contacting you shortly to find out what you will be donating for our annual charity auction that will take place on **November 23**. Each member is asked to donate an item to be auctioned with a value of \$35-150+. The Brevard Sharing Center will be the beneficiary of your generous donations. (Thank you in advance.) Details of the gala dinner and interactive and silent auctions will be announced in the November newsletter.

Mermaid Thanks

There are many people that must be thanked for putting on such a gala event.

Chuck Delmater - Chairman

Chicken Cordon Bleu Dinner

- Paul Alexy
- Tony Barile
- Steve Clendenin (& hotdogs too)
- Stu Shadbolt
- Gus Williams
- Cal Stow

Race Committee

- Gerry Moores (Chairman)
- Mike Henry & Sea Owl
- Jerry Ross
- Bob Sowden
- Paty Henry
- Chuck Delmater
- Ross Herbert
- Jack Leahy
- Gary Smith

- Jim Lacy
- Jim Edwards

Can-Can Dancers

- John Higgins
- Bob Sowden
- Gerry Moores
- Cliff Cook
- Denny Scott
- Chuck Delmater

Others

- Nancy Eitapence—Costumes
- Jim Lacy—Registration
- Dan Delmater—Can-Can DJ
- Rachele Ross—Publicity & T-shirt design
- Sally Anderson—Mermaid Art

If we have forgotten anyone, we sincerely apologize. Please let Chuck or me know so you can be recognized in the next issue of the newsletter.

Door Prize Donors

There were many door prizes, and I wish we could recall them all and who won them.

- West Marine (Ship's Clock)
- Diamond 99 (Life Vest)
- Delmater Contracting (\$50 gift certificates to Fairvilla)
- Rachele, Jacki, Sally (Mermaid Ornament)
- Dorothy Crowe (Haircare prod)
- Kempfer's (Gift Certificates)
- Mike Henry (cooler)
- Rhonda Delmater, Rear Commodore and Entertainment Chair

Local Boy Makes Good

MYC's **Dick Tillman** won the Laser Worlds in September in the 'Great Grand Master' Class, with 7 first places, blowing away his international competition.

<http://www.laserworlds2002.com>

Bulletin Board

November Birthdays



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

- Nov 15 Bill Thon
- Nov 21 Gus Williams
- Nov 21 Ashley Thompson
- Nov 23 Marsha Millar
- Nov 27 Dick Tillman
- Nov 27 Pamela Millar

Soup Cook-Off November 8

MYC needs 8-9 people to share their best soup with the Friday night crowd. There will be some judges from the general members to judge the soups and a gift will be awarded to the best soup along with the recipe being published in the following Tell-Tale. So far I have had some people interested in making soup, but I still need more.

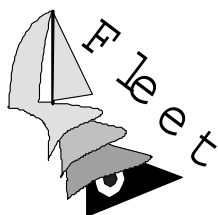
There will be bread and desert served and lots of good soup. If you aren't interested in cooking, come and enjoy the meal and pick up a few good recipes.

Dinner served at 7PM
Cost is \$4.00/person

Mary Williams at 727-3456 or marywindward@yahoo.com for interest in cooking. Reservations not required but appreciated.

Fall Rum Series

This Friday is the last race in the Fall Rum Race series. Current standings are:



'Racing' Class (top 4)

1. Floyd Bryan - Esprit - Taylor 42 - 18pts
2. Hasty Miller - Skimmer - NW35 - 14pts
Jim Boyd - Luff Affair - Lazer 28 - 14pts
3. Jerry Ross - Sleighride - J/30 - 13 pts

'Cruising' Class (top 4)

1. Stu Shadbolt - Yankee Revel - I30 - 18pts
2. Rick Crockett - Maverick - H28.8 - 15pts
John Geraci - Avventura - P39 - 15pts
3. Greg Apotsos - Jolly Mon - SS23 - 13pts

There is one more Friday Night Race—the Reverse Handicap Race associated with Fall Regatta, on Oct 25. (bring your flashlights and running lights!)

The Winter Rum Race Series starts on Sunday, Nov 10th, at 2pm, with races continuing on alternating Sundays.

Mermaid Regatta—September 14-15

The Mermaid Regatta was a big success, with 11 boats full of women sailors competing in the 2-day event.

Overall (Total Corrected Time):

Zoom—Mary Anne Ward

Spinnaker Class

- 1-Fast Lane - Lindenberg 28 - Sherry Beckett
- 2-5 Speed - Lindenberg 28 - Tonya Meister
- 3-Volant - Wavelength 24 - Mary Williams

Non-Spinnaker Class

- 1-Sleighride - J/30 - Rachele Ross
- 2-Woodstock - J/24 - Alice Ahrens
- 3-Rowan - Rogers 26 - Bridgett Cooper

Melges 24

- 1-Zoom-Mary Anne Ward
- 2-Caliente-Karen Knockel
- 3-Animation-Amy Lacy

-Gary Smith, Fleet Captain

Another Class Graduates

We just finished the final class of 2002 last Saturday. It started with a mixture of 21 kids and adults. I made a mistake by accepting too many students and spent most of my time in the skiff doing "crash-boat" recovery pulling boats off seawalls and such. I wasn't able to provide enough on-the-water instruction. Several students were discouraged by my lack of personal instruction and dropped out. This was my fault.



The good news is that most students this season are really tuned in to sailing and need to go to the next level. We should have had a youth sailing

team able to take on other yacht clubs. There are races statewide and I've failed to provide a team, ready-to-race.

We're a victim of our own success. I'm focused on teaching sailing fundamentals to a huge number of students. Some parents (members and not) with kids in the classes this past season came forward and helped. I offer many thanks to them.

What we're missing is race-prep instruction for our students. I need members to come forward and take over the instruction of advanced students while I continue to teach basics to the beginners. There are several incoming members with better experience in sailing instruction. I ask that they contact me to help MYC provide a better youth sailing program.

Next year I'll pay attention to the school schedule. We'll set an adult class to start in April in time to finish before school vacation. We'll hold two five-week classes for kids when the school year ends, then provide another adult class right after school resumes in August.

Many students caught the sailing bug this season and I'm proud of that. **- John MacNeill, Youth Director**



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MELBOURNE YACHT CLUB Fall Regatta & Race Week

SATURDAY 10/19

One-Design Dinghy Racing Sunfish, Laser, Opti, Force 5, and Portsmouth classes expected (other classes if enough entries)

- 9:00 a.m. Registration, continental breakfast served
- 11:00 a.m. Skippers' meeting
- 12:30 p.m. First race begins
- 4:30 p.m. Barbecue dinner served—\$8/person (results posted)

SUNDAY 10/20

More One-Design Dinghy Racing (Classes as Saturday)

- 9:00 a.m. Continental breakfast served
- 10:00 a.m. First race begins
- 2:30 p.m. Class trophies awarded, hotdogs served—\$1 ea.

WEDNESDAY 10/23

R/C Regatta Exhibition and Racing Seminars

- 6:00 p.m. Radio Controlled Model Sailboat Racing Exhibition
- 7:15 p.m. Pizza ordered—\$5/person includes sodas
- 7:30 p.m. Racing Seminars (Topics include *The Ratings Game* by Hasty Miller, *Mark Roundings* by Jim Edwards/Dave Nesbitt and *Local Knowledge* by Gary Smith)

THURSDAY 10/24

Optimist Pram Fun Racing and Potluck Supper/Melges Welcome Party

- 5:00 p.m. Opti Pram Racing for Adults Registration
- 5:40 p.m. Opti racing heats begin
- 7:00 p.m. Potluck Supper/Melges Welcome Party (bring a dish to share, rolls and butter provided)

FRIDAY 10/25

Melges Racing Seminar/PHRF Reverse Handicap Fun Race

- 9:00 a.m. All-day Melges Racing Seminar (All racers are invited to learn how to fine tune their racing skills. **Andy Burdick**, 2002 Melges World Champion Team Member, lends his expertise to this event that will include both classroom and on-the-water instruction.)
- 5:00 p.m. Bar Opens/Happy Hour, *taco/nacho bar served—\$3/person*
- 6:00 p.m. PHRF Reverse Handicap Fun Race (Racer and Cruiser Classes—no spinnakers used)

SATURDAY 10/26

PHRF, Multihull and One-Design Cruiser Racing Melges 24, SR Max, Catalina 22, and J-24 classes expected as well as PHRF spinnaker and nonspinnaker

- 9:00 a.m. Registration, *pancake breakfast served*
- 11:00 a.m. Skippers' meeting
- 12:30 p.m. First of three races begins
- 4:30-8:30 p.m. Live Music by Tina and Linda playing blues/country/pop
Check out Tina and Linda's Web site www.TinaLaShay.com
- 4:30-6:00 p.m. *Roast Beef dinner w/all the trimmings served/chicken available by special request—\$10/person*

SUNDAY 10/27

More Racing Classes as Saturday

- 9:30 a.m. Continental breakfast served
- 10:00 a.m. Skippers' Meeting
- 11:00 a.m. First of two races begins
- 3:00 p.m. Awards presentation 10/25, 26, & 27 class trophies and overall trophies including Boat of the Week, Sailor of the Week, the Bert McAllister Memorial Trophy, and the Cirripedia Cup (if contested), *hot dogs served—\$1 ea.*

ENTRY FEES: \$60 for full week of racing on One-design and PHRF weekends includes two dinners (one for each Saturday)
 \$25 for One-design racing weekend only includes one dinner • \$40 for PHRF weekend racing only includes one dinner
 \$125 for Melges Seminar and regatta includes skipper and 4 crew
 \$10 for Melges Seminar includes one individual not associated with a crew (contact us and we will try to get you on as crew)
 No charge for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday night events



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Seminar and Regatta details can
be found on our Web site

<http://www.sail-race.com/myc/fall>

or contact Dave Noble (321-779-5222
or dave@nobleawards.com)

Membership News

By Tony Barile,
Membership Director

Welcome New Members!

Cliff & Chris Cook Mark & Mary Cannon
James & Pam McClure Gregg & Catherine Kowalski



New Members Gregg & Catherine Kowalski

New application for membership:

Brian and Cheryl Howell

Sponsored by: Jim Yates

Brian grew up around boat near Chesapeake Bay. He is now pursuing a Ph.D, in Ocean Engineering and Naval Architecture, at Florida Tech. He has been involved with boat design and fabrication before moving to Fl. He performed boat restoration and new construction His current project is a 28' Lod 33'LOA version of Joshua Slocum's boat "Spray". Cheri and Brian began sailing in earnest in 1998 with the purchase of and old Cataling 27. They now have a Bavaria 35 which is mor suitable for ocean use.

The Howells have two boys who have already made their first crossing to the Bahamas. They ae interested in all aspect of boats and meeting like minded people at the Melbourne Yacht Club.

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New application for membership:

H. James Parker

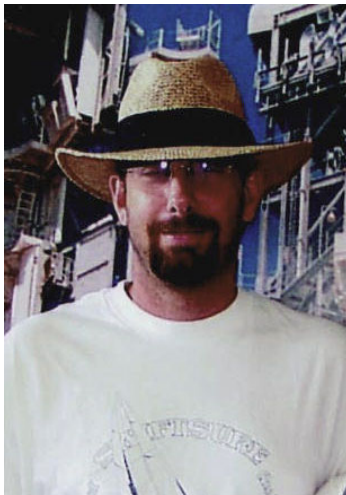
Sponsored by: Mary Williams

Jim is a graduate student at Florida Tech, pursuing an advanced degree in naval architecture. He has spent years at sea as a professional mariner in the U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Merchant Marine.

Prior to moving to Melbourne, he lived in Seattle, WA, where raced his Santa Cruz 27, Hopeye, in buoy and distance races. In Seattle he owned a business for yacht maintenace and repair. He held President and Race Chairman positions in the Renton, WA. Sailing Club. He learned to sail at the Monmouth Boat Club in Red Bank, New Jersey.

Lately, Jim has been crewing on several of the local boats including Impaulsive, Fast Lane, Woodstock, and White Hawk.

Jim wishes to join MYC in order to share the joys of sailing and to give back to the local sailing community.



Docks Report—October 2002

The west dock has recently been outfitted with new dock cleats. The cleats were installed on the west side of the dock to help facilitate dockage of small boats in the "ditch". A special thanks Jack Leahy for taking the time to install the hardware.

A new floating dock system has been ordered. The new system will replace the existing floating platforms now being used for dinghy sailing, maintenance, and the youth program. Constructed of interlocking plastic modules, the new floating dock will offer a number of benefits including improved safety, durability, and useful life. We expect to receive the system in 2-3 weeks. An organized work party will be needed to remove the old platforms and install the new system. If you think you may be available to help, please contact me at dnesbitt@matrixcomp.com. Also, for more info on the new system go to www.jetfloat.com.

Some of our members have noticed increased corrosion of their sacrificial zinc's. This could be the result of stray currents in the marina. All slip renters are encouraged to check their electrical systems for proper grounding.

Whispers from the Grog Locker

The November dine-in, which will be on Friday, 8 November 2002, is a favorite soup contest that is being coordinated by Mary Williams. Mary is looking for several members to join as contestant cooks (see the Notice elsewhere) and the Club members will be the judges. It promises to be a great evening. 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. Dinners will be served to those who sign up and if there are extras they will be sold on a first come basis.



For those of you that like Top Shelf Rum drinks, we are now carrying Mount Gay Eclipse Rum. Drinks using Mount Gay will cost \$3.50 each. Also, we had several requests for bottled water to be sold through the Bar. I have taken an informal (probably unscientific) poll and found that Zeypherhills is a good bottled water to carry. So if you want bottled water, the Bar will sell it to you for \$.50 per bottle.

Over the next few months, I plan to start thinning out the number of beers we carry that do not seem to be being consumed. If I happen to thin out your favorite, please let me know.

The next rotating keg will be Michelob Honey Lager once we use up the Killarney's Red. For your reference, the choice of beers available in the smaller 1/6 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

Thank You !!!

I would like to take a moment and thank **Will & Nancy Garvey** and **Jan Crawford** for their computer equipment donations. Will & Nancy donated an AMD K6 computer and an HP LaserJet 4L printer, and Jan Crawford donated an HP Ink-Jet 670C printer. This equipment along with the LinkSys 10/100 2-Port Switched PrintServer I purchased will form the backbone of a system that I am installing in the Annex. It is to be used initially for scoring regattas. Where we go with it after that we will have to see. ... Ross

(Docks Report, Continued from page 6)

Last, we are expecting a record turnout for the upcoming Fall Regatta. Melbourne Harbor will become the temporary home for 40-45 boats including 10 SR Max's, 10 Catalina 22's, and the PHRF fleet. Although we are looking into dockage at FIT and the Condos, marina congestion is a big concern. The situation is further complicated by the fact that Melbourne Harbor Marine has the 2-story river boat Dream Believer docked right across from the MYC T-dock.

Anyone with a slip in Melbourne Harbor who wouldn't mind vacating for the weekend of Oct 25-27 should contact me at 726-9116 H, 795-3088 Cell, or dnesbitt@matrixcomp.com.

- Dave Nesbitt, Docks Director

MYC House Report—October 2002

1. Jack Leahy replaced a part in the great room air conditioner. So far so good.
2. Thanks to Bob Boska for freshening up the US-1club sign.
3. Bob Hughes offered take the barbecue grill to a local welder to get some a makeover. Hopefully it won't have a trailer hitch on it when it returns.
4. I am working with the gate servicing company to have an additional outside entrance motion sensor added to the entrance gate. This should prevent sudden attack syndrome.
5. Thanks to Ned Buck for monitoring the re-treatment for ants by Slug a Bug.

- Rob Van Name, Vice Commodore

Mermaid Regatta Photos

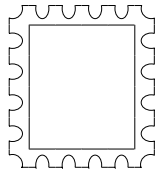


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