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Event Calendar:

DECEMBER

13 Christmas Party TGIF

31 NEW YEARS EVE
PARTY

JANUARY

3 TGIF Jan Birthdays

5 Winter Rum Race #4

8? General Meeting

10 "Carry-In" Dinner

13 Medieval Banquet

19 Winter Rum Race #5

29 Board Meeting

31 Changing of the Guard

HAPPY  HOLIDAYS



Join us for

MYC's Annual Christmas Dinner

Friday, the 13th of December

*Entertainment, good food and
a special visitor for the kids*

*Crafts will be available to keep the
kids (young and old) busy*

Main Course Furnished by the Club

Bring Your Favorite Christmas Dishes

*If your last name begins with A through P,
bring a side dish*

If it begins with Q through Z, bring a dessert.

Cost is \$7.50 per person

Children eat free

Please Make Reservations!

Call Betsy Baird at 724-6173

Email at CABaird@worldnet.att.net

**Please feel free to bring an unwrapped
toy for Toys for Tots**





The Commodore's LOG



The holidays are upon us, with Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year all compressed into a little over a month, the whole world is busy.

We had Thanksgiving with our kids—the 7 grandchildren ranging from four month old Kelly to 14 year old Sarah. It was festive with lots of laughter and joy and food and talk. We visited the Callaway Garden's' Christmas light show, an hour long “sleigh” ride through the Gardens at night in 31 degree weather, I froze but the grandchildren loved it. On the way home Pat and I visited Plains, Ga. The home of President Jimmy Carter.

No wonder Mr. Carter was the most unpretentious president ever. If you in that vicinity, its worth a visit.

We had and going to have a busy holiday season at MYC. Started with Jackie's Thanksgiving dinner for the “orphans”. This event is getting more and more popular, thanks to the Leahy's effort—about 34 people attended this year.

Mary Williams is having a champagne brunch for all the elves and angels decorating the club for Christmas. Betsy's Christmas party is a living legend, with food and games and the appearance of the bearded old fellow

Directly from the North Pole. Bring yourself, your children and grandchildren, its not too late to give Santa your Christmas list.

Pat and I will host a New Year's Eve party with champagne and karaoke—please come and welcome the New Year.

Back to Club business:

On December 14, Saturday, we are going to have a clean up party to clean up both the club and the leased tire store. I would like to have a good turnout, bring your brooms, rakes and strong arms and backs. The more the merrier. MYC will thank you for your efforts with food and drinks for lunch. So be there at 9 A.M. and help to spruce up the old club.

At the December General Meeting, a slate of candidates were presented to you for the 2003 Board. Chris Reynolds and his Nominating Committee worked long and hard to come up with an excellent list of volunteers their name and position is listed within. So think it over, and next month we will vote for them or anyone else you may nominate from the floor.

So don't forget: Mary's brunch, the workday. The Christmas Party. The New Years Eve Bash, it's a good way to keep away from the overcrowded stores and save your money for a new boat.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Gabe Denes, Commodore

MYC Board Nominations for 2003

Commodore	Rob Van Name
Vice Commdore (House)	Rhonda Delmater
Rear Commodore (Bar/Kitchen)	Ross Herbert
Treasurer	Brent Saunders
Secretary	Art Ahrens
Director-Entertainment	Jackie Leahy
Director-Docks	Gabe Denes
Director-Membership	Tony Barile
Director-Fleet	Gary Smith
Director-Youth	John MacNeil

MYC House Report 12/02

1. The House committee member Phil Scalise has requested bids from three electricians to bury the club house power feed. Phil developed two options and reviewed them with the FPL representative:
Option One adds a new pole further into the MYC property line and then a short(er) under ground run from the new pole to the club house (about \$2000)
Option Two buries the line from the pole near the street, under the parking lot to the club house (about \$5000)
2. Working to repair leaking pipe in Annex hot water line. – Thanks to Jack this is fixed
3. Working to run AC in the great room.
4. Soliciting bid to power wash & paint the Annex. Paint is peeling on the US-1 wall (not too ship shape). Also plan on repairing Annex stairs and removing unused chimney.

The Party Line

Completed Events

The **Charity Auction** was a resounding success with proceeds of approximately \$855. The excellent dinner featuring Filet Mignon and Cheryl Whitaker's remarkable cheesecakes was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Tom and Cheryl Whitaker and Chuck Delmater for their work to prepare the delectable feast. Thanks also to Bill and Betty Thon for (as always) organizing and running a productive and entertaining auction. And thanks to Judy Drawe and Karen Knockel for assisting with the auction and dinner accounting. Thanks to the others who assisted with set up and clean up.

The **Thanksgiving "Orphans" Dinner** was hosted by the Leahys with the assistance of Nancy Eitapence and others. About 20 guest cruisers and 17 MYC members enjoyed a traditional repast featuring Turkey and all of the trimmings along with some fabulous desserts. Thanks again to Jack and Jackie for their continuing support of our social activities.

Thanks also to Ross Herbert for hosting the December Birthday Celebration in my absence and to Mary Williams for hosting the Holiday Brunch and decorating party on December 7.

Upcoming events

Betsy Baird is again hosting the **MYC Holiday Dinner on December 13** and Pat Denes is hosting **New Year's Eve Party** featuring Karaoke. With the club growing the way it is—get your reservations in early for these popular events.

The "big" party for January will be a Medieval Banquet hosted by Sue Reynolds On January 18, so start planning your costumes. Pat Denes will also be hosting a special TGIF on 31-Jan-03 to celebrate the "changing of the guard. Watch for details on both in the January Tell Tale.



- Rhonda Delmater, Rear Commodore

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Saturday December 14th at 9am—a combined work party to clean up the club and the tire store. Food & Beverages provided by MYC. We need your help!!

Bulletin Board

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...

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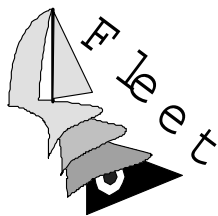
Got a contribution for the newsletter?

E-mail it to:

tell-tale@melbourneyachtclub.com

Please include name & phone number.

Melbourne Yacht Club loses Cirripedia Cup



At the December 7th running of the ECSA River Challenge, Melbourne Yacht Club fielded only four boats to defend the Cup, and ran up against a strong ECSA team which handed Melbourne Yacht Club its first defeat in a couple of years.

The winning team for ECSA was

- Tug, skippered by Frank Ziolk with Mac McQuillen, Warrick Smith and Sean Chapman as crew
- Venom, the Viper 640 from Indian River Yacht Club (racing for ECSA) and skippered by Michael Nulf
- J-24 Woodstock skippered by Art Ahrens
- Chasing Rainbows, the Hunter 37, skippered by Del Weise.

Melbourne Yacht Club was represented by

- Two Lindenberg 28s, skippered by Gary Smith and Sherry Beckett
- Skimmer, skippered by Hasty Miller and
- Impulsive, skippered by Paul Alexy.

The conditions were in the 15-knot range for the first race and perhaps a little less for the second. The first race was comprised of two triangles and one windward/leeward, which gave the sport boats, Viper and Tug, almost perfect reaching conditions to run away with the corrected times.

The second race, two windward/leewards, brought things a lot closer with Venom just beating Fivespeed over the line boat-for-boat and Tug just saving her time on 5 Speed by 8 seconds so the boat of the day was obviously the SR Max and they certainly deserved the win. Melbourne Yacht Club ended up losing by an accumulated 10 minutes on corrected time to the ECSA team.

That's a lot! Melbourne suffered by not having a sport boat out to counter the sport boats fielded by ECSA (Two of ours were down with the flu).

Looking on the bright side, the win by ECSA can only help to stimulate interest in interclub racing next year. I am sure ECSA could be convinced to bring the cup down to Melbourne's spring regatta to try to defend it. Overall it was a great day's sailing marred only by the fact that we didn't have three or four times as many boats out on the race course. It was an almost perfect day's sailing.

ECSA's team are to be congratulated on a fine performance. If that team sticks together for the defense, then Melbourne Yacht Club will have to pull out all stops to win the trophy back.

Rum Racing Continues in January

We have completed the first 3 races of the Winter Rum Race Series. The next 3 races will be Jan 5, Jan 19, Feb 2.

Thanks to all the Volunteers!

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all those folks who stepped in to help out while I was out of commission for a good part of this year. Melbourne Yacht Club is very fortunate to have picked up some really enthusiastic new members like Jim Lacy, Jim Edwards, Larry Etheridge and Art Ahrens.

Combining these guys with some of the old hands has produced a truly successful year's racing for Melbourne Yacht Club. John MacNeil has done a sterling job with the youth group and Dave Noble once again outdid himself with the Fall Regatta.

Last but not least, I couldn't have done this without the support of Sherry Beckett, who promised her support when she handed off the job to me at the beginning of the year. She ended up having to give way more support than either of us envisioned. Thanks Sherry for keeping things on track.

I look forward to serving again next year and hope to make 2003 an even bigger and better year for Melbourne Yacht Club racing.

-Gary Smith, Fleet Captain

Sunfish Fleet #669 Meeting

Melbourne area Sunfish Fleet #669 will have a reorganizational meeting at MYC on Wednesday Dec. 11 at 7:15 PM.

Due to Dick Tillman's Sunfish and Laser Seminar at MYC last winter, and John MacNeill's continued enthusiasm for Wet Sunday Races, interest in Sunfish sailing has skyrocketed in the past year.

We've found between 20 and 24 local Sunfish owners in the area who may be interested in joining our fleet. Wednesday's meeting is to get to know everyone, to elect officers and plan activities for the coming year. Fleet #669 has been chartered for about 20 years, and Bill Haberland is the current Fleet Captain.

At an informal gathering of Statewide Sunfish sailors at a regatta in Tampa last week, Melbourne Yacht Club was asked to host a Thanksgiving weekend regatta for Sunfish only. Those of us from MYC agreed to investigate it and put it on the club schedule. We estimate about 30 boats will come, and it should be a lot of fun. Those who had been at MYC's Fall Regatta commented on how welcome they felt here. They want to come back.

One of the first activities of the newly re-formed Fleet 669 is a Boat Handling and Starting Seminar. Sometime next month, James Liebl from Titusville will conduct a seminar at MYC on boat handling and starting races.

Come to our meeting, or watch the sail-race.com website for more details.

- Jack Bibb, Sunfish Sailor

Sharing a Trans-Atlantic Crossing February Membership Meeting

At the February general meeting, Ed Roberts will present a 30 minute video with highlights of his trans-Atlantic crossing from Poquoson, Virginia to Lisbon, Portugal. Ed and two friends crossed in June of this year aboard a Whitby 42.

Features of the video include the beautiful island of Flores, Horta with the famed Pete's Bar, whales, dolphin, and Old Lisbon.



Youth & Adult Classes Set for 2003

April 12—Adult

May 24—Youth

July 5—Youth

August 16—Adult

All classes will be held on Saturdays from 10am to 2pm for six weeks each.

Several members have come forward to offer help with the sailing classes in 2003. New member Larry Ethridge made the most serious offer. He was involved with a youth sailing program in South Florida and will use his own Zodiac to coach the more capable students. I'll use the club skiff to coach the less advanced students and pull them off the seawalls.

We still need other members to help out. I'd like to see an assistant on his boat and another on the club boat. Our sailing classes are generating huge participation and we need to support this interest. Please email me with the dates you can participate. You can pick any class days when you can help. I'll build a calendar of assistants.

John B. MacNeill
Youth Director, Melbourne Yacht Club
sail@32903.org
(321) 732-6213 9am-9pm 7-days/week

Docks News

Look for some movement on the Slip Wait List. The Bakers have relinquished their 25' slip on the west dock. We'll be contacting those on the active list with boats in the 25' range and a draft of 3' 5" or lower.

The waitlist continues to grow with 4 new applicants last month bringing the total to 28.

Last, the new floating dock system has arrived. A special thanks to Jack Leahy for cracking into the assembly of the platform. Thanks also to John MacNeill, Chris Gates, Harry Stapor, Scott Bell, Bill Baker, and Dave Silverman for the assistance.

- Dave Nesbitt, Dockmaster

Membership News

Welcome

Garry and Aida Hart

our new Resident Members

This month we have three new nominations for resident membership

Scott and Dior Hubel

Sponsored by Dave Noble

Scott has been in the Melbourne area since 1978 when he attended F.I.T. He started racing locally with or against several of our members in J24s (Dick Tillman, Dave Noble, Mike Huck Sr., Chris Gates, Scott Bell.

For the past 11 yrs. he has been the owner and operator of Performance Sail and Sport. Scott and Dior are presently living on our Beneteau (First) 42' at Telemar Bay Marina, and are campaigning their Hobie 18' Tiger around the state.

They have been wanting to join the most active "sailing" yacht club in the area, such as the Melbourne Yacht Club.

Carol Mairs

Sponsored by Jacki Leahy

Carol has enjoyed activities as a guest of MYC members (Jacki Leahy and Nancy Eitapence) for the past four winters, and now wishes to become a resident member. She is a former teacher, real Estate Broker and nurse, and spends the summers in New Hampshire.

She has owned and sailed three small sailboats a canoe and several kayaks. She has sailed twice with Leahys to the Bahamas on Rainbow Chaser.

This past summer Carol crewed on sailboat flotilla from Maine to Nova Scotia and back. She is looking forward to the camaraderie of the MYC sailors.

Andrew and Dinata Misovec

Sponsored by Jacki Leahy

Andy was born in New York, NY. He attended the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn and earned a Ph.D. in Applied Mechanics. He taught engineering and math courses at Brooklyn Poly, several Universities, and Florida Institute of Technology.

Dinata was born in Washington, DC, earned a Bachelor's degree in Accounting from Benjamin Franklin University and a Master's degree in Computer Information Systems from Florida Institute of Technology. Her career was spent supporting the navy in developing management information systems.

Dinata has had a great deal of sailing experience, both cruising and racing. Both took the Coast Guard safe boating course, a captain's license course, and a weekend diesel engine course. Misovecs bought 44 foot power cruiser "Frobenius" in 1998. and their home port was Solomons, MD There, they took weekend and short vacation cruises. Frobenius served as the committee boat for one of the Chesapeake Bay's biggest sailing events, the Screwpile Regatta.

They now reside in Orlando, and have many friends at MYC. Richard Oliver first invited us and then we were regular attendees at the Friday night get-togethers. We also enjoyed the New Year's party and the Key West party. They recently attended the "Soup Party. They are enjoying the friendly, laid-back atmosphere at MYC and would like to join us a resident members.

- Tony Barile, Membership Director

Whispers from the Grog Locker



The next Dine-in dinner will be in January on Friday, 10 January 2003. At this time I am still planning it. 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. There will be a single seating at 6:30 PM. Dinners will be served to those who sign up and if there are extras they will be sold on a first come basis.

We are now carrying J&B Rare as a top-shelf Scotch. Please let me know what you think of it.

Please remember that with the Sunday Rum Races, we will be opening the bar at 15:30 and lighting off the grill for people to cook on. Kind of like a Burn-it with no sides and no cost. Please join us, bring your dinner, and wind down after the race.

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.

I would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

- **Ross Herbert,**
Director of Bar & Food

Coming in January

MYC Medieval Fayre



Dust off your armor or tiara
and join us!

January 18th, 2003, 6:30pm

Partake of the frivolities,
including:

A Somewhat Shakespearean Excerpt

The "Men in Tights" Contest

*Ye Olde English Games: Jousting, Archery,
Who's the Princess....?*

Minstrels, Jugglers, and Bawdy Balladeers

Medieval Fare:

- Loaves of Bread, Cheese, Fruit, and Wine
- One Half Roast Chicken
- Leek and Vegetable Soup
- English Trifle

\$12.50 Per person

Reservations by January 12th please, to:

Sue Reynolds 777-5622 (ReynoldsCC@AOL.com),
or Faye Bitzer 728-8841



NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Come and enjoy Our Silver and Blue New Year's Eve Party, featuring Karaoke with Helen Baker.

SINGING.....CHAMPAGNE.....DANCING.... GOOD TIMES

Bring Appetizers and your funniest new year hat

ATTIRE: Shorts to formal

TIME: 8 pm til the last man or woman stands

Email Pat Denes at Sirveyor2@aol.com

Or Call Pat at 321-773-3376

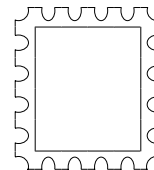


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