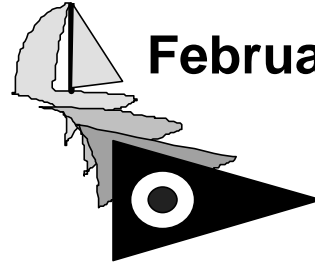


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February 2003

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Event Calendar:

FEBRUARY

- 2 Winter Rum Race #6
- 5 General Meeting (6:30pm)
- 7 February Birthdays
- 14 Valentine Burn-It
- 16 Spring Rum Race #1
- 26 Board Meeting

MARCH

- 2 Spring Rum Race #2
- 5 General Meeting (6:30pm)
- 7 Burn-It
- 8 Big Brothers/Big Sisters Event
- 15 Commodore's Ball
- 16 Spring Rum Race #3
- 26 Board Meeting

2003 Melbourne Yacht Club
Commodore's Ball

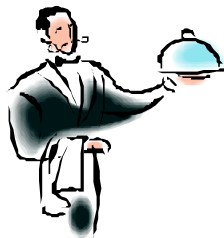
Please join us !!

WHEN: Saturday, March 15, 2003.

6 PM Cash bar

7 PM Dinner

**WHERE: Due to membership growth the event
will be held at the AIRPORT HILTON**



DINNER SELECTION:

*Slow Roasted Prime Rib of
Beef*

Honey Sesame Chicken

Salmon

COST: \$25 per person

RSVP REQUIRED BY March 5, 2003

Please respond to me personally:

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Hope you can join us!

Rob Van Name, 2003 Commodore

The Commodore's LOG



The commodore is “gone”, long live the COMMODORE. The honorable Rob Van Name The First has taken the throne. Please be kind to him.

It was a wonderful year capping 3 long years on the Board being a thorn in everyone’s side. I enjoyed it.

The two years of taking care of the House and Grounds and now the knowledge that the good ship MYC did not “ground” during my watch makes me feel useful.

My thanks go to every member of the club and the wonderful Board of directors and the Commodores I served, but greatest gratitude goes to my wife, Patricia, for letting me off the “honey-dos” duties for these years, and standing by me and helping me through the good times and the few disappointments. Who can ever forget her standing up to the crook trying to sell us non-existent furniture. Her great help in the refurnish and flooring the clubhouse, the parties she had, the wonderful commodore’s ball was all her planning; and the New Year parties, etc and etc, and so forth.

I’ll never forget the wonderful gatherings to clean and spruce up the club and yards and the great participation events. The plants we put in, the painting of walls and doors. The club certainly looks great and you all can be proud of it: Yaw’ll did it.

Who can forget the regattas, the youth movement and the new members. The club is bursting at the seams with enthusiasm. Please keep it up and give the incoming Commodore and his board all your help, as I will continue doing it as well.

Friends: we made lot of them these years during the many dinners after TGIF, the new innovations of the birthday celebrations and the dine ins. These and all the other events and programs brought the “old” members and the many new members together to celebrate what we all like to do most: SAIL, DRINK AND TALK.

Now after being sentimental and a little bit sad, I am informing you that you did not get rid of me that easily.

I was awarded the job of dock master, so all 40 some of you at the docks, watch out. You may wake up with

A Message from Our New Commodore

I want to thank the previous Commodore and board for a great job running the club. The club experienced unimagined growth last year. I look forward to working with the members and the new board to carry out our 2003 calendar of sailing & social events and Long Range Planning Committee directives (and to get my boat bottom fixed and go sailing more).

Aside from working on the transition, Maria and I are up to our ankles in the Commodore’s Ball preparation. I decided to go off site to a larger facility so we could invite more than just 1/3 of the members. Again the Commodore’s Ball will be held Saturday, March 15, 2003 at the AIRPORT HILTON. It starts at 6PM with a cash bar with dinner being served at 7PM. We’ll have music from 7:30 PM to 11 PM. The dinner selection consists of Slow Roasted Prime Rib of Beef, Honey Sesame Chicken and Salmon. Your club is kicking to keep the cost at \$25 per person. To avoid extra catering fees caused by radical changes in the head count I must get your RSVP by March 5th, 2003. Contact me by Email: r.vannname@ieee.org or phone: Home number is 321-433-0200 and Work number: 321-951-6327.

Again I look forward to working with all of you for a successful 2003 so that I can become a Past Commodore like many club members.

- Rob Van Name, Commodore

a flowerpot on each post.

The dock committee has great plans and we WILL improve the conditions, physical and emotional around the waterfront.

But that’s another story!

Again, I thank you for tolerating me, working with me and helping me during these past years. I am looking forward for another great year during Rob’s watch. May God bless!

See you at the docks

Gabe

Entertainment News

The Entertainment Planning Meeting on Jan 25 was attended by Jacki Leahy, Chair, Ross Herbert, Incoming Rear Commodore & Bar Director, Rhonda Delmater, Outgoing Rear Commodore, Marsha Millar, Nancy Stow, Barbara Ehnert, Nancy Eitapence, Carol Mairs, Rachele Ross

Thank you to those who attended and those who volunteered (knowingly or unknowingly).

I would also like to thank the entertainment committee for 2002, who was officially: Pat Denes, Pati Henry, Jacki Leahy, Sandi Moskowitz, Sue Reynolds, Jacki Leahy, Bob Sowden, and Rachele Ross.

Before I took the position of Rear Commodore I didn't realize the number of people who contribute their time and energy year after year so that we can all have such a great time at MYC. In addition to those on the committee, these include Hasty Miller & Jack Bibb (Seafood Raft Up), Brent & Laurie Saunders (Big Bro, Big Sis), Betsy Baird and crew (Christmas Party). Other notable contributors include Bob & Wendy Hughes, John & Judy Drawe, Harvey & Nancy Melfi, Jim & Amy Lacy, Tom & Cheryl Whitaker, and Chuck Delmater.

-Rhonda Delmater, Vice Commodore

How can I ever top last year??

We did everything from slow dancing at the elegant Commodore's ball to carving SPAM at the Hurricane Party. It is so great to see all the happy people and the clubhouse & docks so fully used. This year we will carry on the tradition and try to move some of the parties out on to the water. We are a boating club aren't we?

I am going to hang a calendar in the hallway. We will try to put all club activities on it. So, if you want to know when the next adult pram class will begin, or if you are planning your vacation around the summer party, check the wall!

For February, Barb & Mike Ehnert will be hosting a Valentine Burn-it on Friday, Feb 14th. March will bring a Burn-it on the 7th hosted by Ralph Crawford and of course the Commodore's Ball on March 15th. (It will be refreshing to have the Ball a little less work for the board!)

Thanks for all the help and together we will keep the club hopping.

-Jacki Leahy, Entertainment Director

The **MYC Medieval Fayre** organized by Sue Reynolds last month was enjoyed by a gathering of merry revelers who indulged in a simple but delicious banquet and Olde English games and entertainment. Celebrants were entertained by Shakespearean recitals, jokes, jugglers, jousts, and wandering minstrels, and the "Princess and the Pea" competition. Many thanks to all who contributed to the success of this effort.

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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Junior Sailing Report

MYC owes a great deal of thanks to Jack Bibb for doing an extraordinary amount of work to repair the six MYC Sunfish to get them ready for the upcoming teaching season. Jack and I did an inventory

last month of the work needed and Jack created very detailed task sheets for each of the boats, blades and rigs.

Sunfish Fleet 669 announced a work day for their members to help fix up the MYC Sunfish fleet on Saturday, February 1, 2003 starting at 8:30am. When I arrived at 8:45, Jack had the dagger boards and rudders set out next to the annex with varnish, parts and a task list.

After barricading three parking spaces near the annex to save room to lay out the rigs, I found Jack already busy down by the docks working on the Sunfish hulls with Jim Edwards. Jack handed me the list of work needed on the rigs. I headed back up the hill, hauled the first rig out of the annex and set to work.

Then I got a call on my cell phone that Columbia was 3 minutes overdue for its landing at Cape Canaveral and Dan Billow of Channel 2 was already talking about a chunk of insulation from the external fuel tank striking the left wing during the launch...

I turned on my pocket radio and walked down the hill to tell Jack and Jim the stunning news. We listened with a sad realization that the best thing we could do was to return to our work with a renewed sense of purpose. What we were doing was providing tools for children to expand their universe in the form of boats they would use to learn the skill of sailing.

Then WMEL mentioned that there was video of the breakup showing on CNN and we turned on the club TV set. We watched the horrific spectacle of Columbia, with seven brave and adventurous souls aboard, going down in the proverbial flame of glory.

David Silverman arrived with two of his children, Christine (Beany) and Keith. Dave went to work varnishing the blades. His kids kept an eye on the TV as it repeatedly showed the image of the falling star over Texas.

They occasionally ran out to announce updates. When we broke for lunch at Jimmy Joe's BBQ, the TV there was on CNN. I noticed that the kids were under

the impression that the shuttle was still breaking up over Texas four hours after it happened. They were talking about the video of the breakup in the present tense and had a suspended sense of reality and time about what had happened. They wanted to know what would happen next even as CNN was showing debris on the ground and then returning to video of the breakup.

I recognized the syndrome of repeated replays on TV after the 9/11 attack when kids at that time thought that planes were still hitting the World Trade Center towers hours after both buildings had collapsed. I pointed out to the kids that CNN was now showing current images of debris on the ground and that the images of the breakup in the sky were replays.

A word of wisdom to parents, don't let your kids watch cathartic news events on TV without being there with them to provide the critical perspective they need to understand how replays can warp their understanding of the real time line of the event.

After a lunch break the small crew of four workers (with two kids) returned to MYC and resumed the repairs to the six club Sunfish. We worked until 4 pm with heavy hearts and a detached sense of reality. Our thoughts were on the tragedy as our hands were at work on the boats. With only four workers, we finished about half of the items on the list.

Mary Williams has asked for special sailing classes for women racers. Saturday, March 29 and Saturday, April 5 are the days planned for this, 10 am to 2 pm both days with a lit grill to follow for relaxed discussion of the lessons learned. We will use the club's 6 Opti Prams, 6 Sunfish, 1 Snipe, and one or more member-owned keel-boats. Based on available assistant instructors and extra boats, we can offer this class to 14-20 students. The cost will be \$5 per student for MYC members and \$15 for non-members.

Hello? Any MYC members want to be assistant instructors and help me out here? Do you want to take some students aboard your keel-boat and provide basic sailing instruction?

Please contact me,
John MacNeill
MYC Youth Director
(321) 732-6213 9am-9pm 7-days
sail@32903.org

Whispers from the Grog Locker

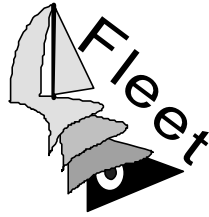


January was a slow but entertaining month. In case you haven't been by the club lately, the bar is now sporting a new refrigerator. It is a sliding door model and holds about 400 bottles of beer and soda, and an assortment of wine. I have been looking for a replacement refrigerator for the bar for about eight months, partly to provide a better display for the bar's products, but also to give party groups using the kitchen additional refrigeration space, so the plan was to move the existing white refrigerator from the bar to the kitchen once the new refrigerator was purchased. After discussions with several people, I asked Jack to rearrange the kitchen to get the white bar refrigerator into the kitchen. I had researched different replacement refrigerator options and concluded that this unit was the best choice in terms of physical capacity, ease of maintenance, physical size and cost. I got approval, and placed the order. I had conferred with the distributor and arranged to have two of their people deliver and install the unit on Friday. This was on Wednesday at noon. At 4:45 in the morning on Thursday, I came up out of a sound sleep realizing that because of the placement of our kitchen serving counter, there was no way the installers could maneuver the unit into the bar through the kitchen/bar door. The only way I could see would be to lift it over the bar and pivot it into place behind the bar. I talked with Jack Leahy and Floyd Bryant, and between us we came up with an MYC Bar Refrigerator Installation Team. Without the help of Jack Leahy, Floyd Bryant, John MacNeill, Gus Williams, and Pete Anderson, and Jacki Leahy's supervision, I could have never moved that unit into the bar (Thank you all for your efforts!). So Friday morning we all gathered at the club to await the arrival of the installers. After an in transit breakdown and a short trip to the ocean, they arrived at the club and the fun began. I had purchased a $\frac{3}{4}$ inch sheet of plywood (Now available for use in the new garage storage area for club use) on which to lift the refrigerator and rented moving pads to protect the bar surface. I explained the problem to the installers just in case they saw something we had not seen. After some discussion, we all concluded that the over the bar route was the only way. We cleared the bar top, padded it, uncrated the unit and leaned it onto the plywood sheet, lifted it onto the bar, pivoted the sheet so tilting the unit into the bar would position it for placement in the corner and lowered the unit into the interior bar area, but when we tried to pivot it into the corner the bar sink got in the way. So, Jack unhooked the water lines and the drain and we moved the sink out of the way. Once the refrigerator was in place we had to wait 24 hours before plugging it in to allow the oil in the compressor to settle. On Saturday after the Entertainment Committee meeting, Jack, Jacki, and I loaded the beer and turned it on. However, Murphy had to have one more go at us, and when we moved it back into place the power went off. It seems that part of the corner plug was faulty. So Jack squirmed back behind the refrigerator once more and shifted the plug. The compressor started again, and better yet, when we moved it back into place in the corner, it kept working. So that is the story of the new bar refrigerator.

Over the past year, I have had the pleasure and good fortune to have a Bar/Kitchen Committee that pitched in to help, advise me, and support my efforts to handle the bar and kitchen. I would like to thank the members of the 2002 Bar/Kitchen Committee Nancy Eitapence, Jack Leahy, Mary Williams, and Louise Walters for their efforts and sacrifices. I would also like to thank Melanie Adams; our bartender; for her untiring efforts to keep the membership served with our favorite beverages.

We accomplished a lot during 2002. We have Dine-ins which were member supported and catered dinners from many of our favorite area restaurants. Two of the best dinners were put on by Mary Wil-

Melbourne Yacht Club member Jim Miller takes second overall in the Ft. Lauderdale to Key West race.



In Sea Turtle, a Beneteau Moorings 38, a group of MYC members along with a couple of EGYC members took first in class 6 and second overall in a race Jim described as "all downwind spinnaker running in 15 to 20 knots from the northwest to north."

Fully tricked out sisterships, E-ticket and Con-trails, finally caught and passed Sea Turtle just before the Key West sea buoy and right after the sea buoy, respectively. Sea Turtle gets a rating advantage for roller furling, 135% headsail and all dacron inventory. Chief helmsman Jim Henry, from EGYC, and navigator Tom Knowlton, also EGYC, kept the pressure on all the way. MYC members John Jeraci, Jim Yates and Will Garvey made up the balance of the crew.

The race was basically an overnight sprint starting at 1:15 p.m. and finishing around 10:30 a.m. next day. Ironically Sea Turtle used an older E-ticket spinnaker for the drag race around the keys. The only boat to beat Sea Turtle was Holy Toledo, a Hobie 33, which understandably raced away from the fleet. Jim was ecstatic to beat the two sisterships fairly easily on corrected time. Once again Melbourne Yacht Club can be proud to have one of its boats win a prestigious race outside of Brevard County.

Congratulations to Jim and crew.

Also competing in the same race to Key West (but with realistic expectations of winning with a long range cruiser) was Gus William's new Caliber 40 FLORIDIAN and an all MYC crew including Pete Anderson, Gerry Kowalski, Floyd Bryan, Steve Clendenin, and Brent Saunders.

Race Officials must have assumed MYC had sent down another secret weapon like Sea Turtle as they immediately assigned the boys a PHRF rating of minus 21 and put them in with Andrews 52's and other known Rockets. Not to worry as our Lads were up to the task as they cleverly maneuvered Floridian in and out of the stream to easily slip into Key West in last place, several hours behind an Andrews 52 with a crew of 22.

Gus and crew had a great race but couldn't quite keep up with the big guns even though they used their ultimate weapon, a cruising chute, most of the way. When interviewed after collecting the coveted Last to Finish Trophy, Gus commented that they would have done much better with a regular symmetrical (whatever that is) but were afraid to approach the heavily defended Key West with two poles on deck, lest they be mistaken for missile launchers!

Footnote: Race officials saw the error of their ways and awarded Gus and his secret weapon a rating of 135 or thereabouts.

-Gary Smith, Fleet Captain

Other Racing News

There will not be a couples race this year because Valentines Day falls on a Friday. There will be a Valentines Day Burn-It on Friday, February 14th instead.

Rum Races

Winter Series Final Results

Racers (9 participants):

- 1-Skimmer - Hasty Miller - 30 points
- 2-Fast Lane - Sherry Beckett - 17 points
- 3-Sleighride - Jerry Ross - 16 points

Cruisers (8 participants):

- 1-Aventura - John Geracci - 26 points
- 2-Yankee Rebel - Stu Shadbolt - 25 points
- 3-Solitude - Eckart Schneider - 16 points

The Spring Rum Racing Series starts on Sunday, February 16. All Rum Racers need to fill out the annual Rum Racing Registration form by and pay the \$15 fee, March 1, to help defray the cost of Rum Race trophies and mark maintenance. (copies in the bar).

A Message from Our New Secretary

I am looking forward to serving the club as its secretary. One of my first duties is to ensure that all of the entries in the club directory are up to date. If anyone has any changes that affect the club roster, please either forward them to me, or use the club web page to update your membership information (preferred). The roster needs to go to press by March 30th, so please provide your inputs no later than Feb. 28.

- Art Ahrens, Secretary

Membership News

Welcome New Members!

Donald and Dorothy Lea,

Sponsored by Melfi's

We have Two new nominations for membership:

Bruce and Yolanda Lifter

Sponsored by: Gary Killian

Bruce is a graduate of Florida Institute of Technology and has worked for Harris and GE/Harris controls for the past 20 years in various engineering and management positions within the Harris/GE companies.

He has been active in the amateur radio community in addition to his boating interests. He has had numerous opportunities to crew an Gary Killian's sailboat. He and his friend Lou Karg are in the process of acquiring a 30-foot Sea Ray power boat, with intent of cruising the Intercoastal and the Bahamas.

Bruce and Yolanda find boating relaxing, are interested in socializing with MYC members.

Lou Karg

Sponsored by: Gary Killian

Lou is a Staff Engineer at General Electric - Real Time Control Systems. He is an EE graduate, is working on this MBA, and served seven years in the USAF. He was a participant in Desert Shield and Desert Storm. His leisure activities include: Boating, skiing, camping, hiking, and fishing.

He starting boating with canoes as a young Boy Scout in Pennsylvania, then progressed to power boats. Lou's first boat was a 1986 22ft. Winner (OMC I/O 4.3L V-6) in PA, then a few years later a 1987 25ft Bayliner Trophy (OMC I/O 5.7L V-8) in PA. He is the process of purchasing another power boat with Bruce Lifter (a prospective member), and has a number of friends at MYC.

Note: If you do not intend to renew your membership for the year 2003, please submit a letter of resignation to the MYC board of directors. Reinstatement at a later date requires that a letter of resignation is on file.

- Tony Barile, Membership Directorn

liams (a Soup cook-off), and Brent Kamler (Spinach-Chicken Casserole dinner). There were dinners catered by local area restaurants and companies such as Publix, Pizza Hut, MeMaw's BBQ, Jimmy Joes BBQ, Franco's Italian Restaurant, Shells Seafood, and others. We have added a third draft beer tap in the bar through which we are rotating an assortment of pony kegs, we are adding Top-Shelf liquors to the bar inventory (Ketel One, J & B Rare Scotch, and Mount Gay Eclipse Rum), and we have re-instituted the Sunday Post Rum Race Bar opening and Grill firing for dinners. All-in-all I would say that this has been a fruitful year. During the next year, I hope to look into planning a restructuring of the bar and kitchen areas as a recommendation to the LRPC for that point in the future when we decide to renovate the club. Also, I plan to combine one of the Dine-In dinners with a Moonlight cruise.

I am currently looking for four to five club members interested working on the 2003 Bar and Kitchen Committee. The duties are not that involved: occasional shopping, sponsoring a Dine-in, but most of all helping me come up with workable dine-in menus and collecting club member's thoughts on bar/kitchen operations. So if you are interested, please 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, Rear Commodore, Director of Bar & Food



Big Brothers/Sisters Sailing Event

Boats and Sailors NEEDED for March 8th, Saturday, from 12:30 PM to 3:00PM

On March 8th MYC will be hosting the Big Brothers/Sisters and their Little Brothers/Sisters for a Barbeque and Sailing event. We will be serving Burgers and Dogs to the kids and their Big Brothers/Sisters at 12:30 then taking them on a 1-2 hour sail. If you don't have a boat to sail, we need volunteers for the grill, shopping and check-in. Here are some Frequently Asked Questions about this event:

- **What time do I have to show up and where?** There will be a barbeque at MYC from 12:30 until 1:30. We will be matching people with boats during the barbeque. At 1:30 we would like to depart the docks. You sail around for about an hour, and then come back to MYC and unload your crew.
- **How many people will be on my boat?** This depends on how big your boat is and how many people you feel comfortable with aboard. Usually we put between 2 and 4 people on each boat.
- **Do I have to feed them?** No, you do not have to feed them. They will have already eaten at the barbeque.
- **What age Kids will be there?** The kids will range in age from 7 to 14
- **Will I need child size life jackets?** You do not need to have child sized life jackets. If you have some small life jackets it would be advisable to have the younger children wear them.
- **Will each child be accompanied by an adult?** Each child will be accompanied by an adult, their "Big Brother or Big Sister". Everyone who has participated in this event in the past has had fun and felt good about sharing their love of sailing with others.

Come get some good feelings of your own during this event!

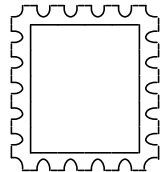
Please call **Brent & Laurie Saunders** at 779-8774 or e-mail us (sweptaway@cfl.rr.com) to participate

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