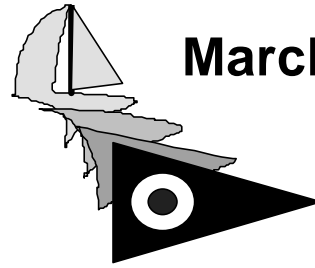


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MYC Spring Regatta 2003

PHRF Racing April 5-6

A two-day, all-class regatta for PHRF

Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker

Racers, Non-Spinnaker Cruisers,

One-Design Melges 24, & SR-Max

Small Boat Racing Apr 12-13

A two-day, all-class regatta

for small boats

Laser - Sunfish

Flying Scot,

Multihull - Opti

Catalina 22

Open Portsmouth (<20')

(& others if warranted)

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

Event Calendar:

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

APRIL

- 2 General Meeting
- 4 Rebel Rally Race
- 5-6 Spring Regatta-PHRF/Cruisers
- 12-13 Spring Regatta-Small Boats
- 25 Reverse Burn-It
- 30 Board Meeting

The Commodore's LOG



House Report & Other Ramblings

Your board is hard at work on the transition: updating the roster, auditing the books, processing membership renewals/applications/non-resident membership requests/resignations, developing budgets and implementing the 2003 sailing and social calendar. Please remember that changes in your membership status must be directed to the MYC Board. This could be an issue should a resigned member wish to rejoin in the future.

I would like to ask for volunteers with powered tenders to occasionally serve as safety boat for John MacNeill in either the Youth Sailing and/or the Wet Sunday dinghy races. We've had instances where dinghy races were being started and there was a capsizing: John can't be in two places at once. Please contact John if you would like to help out.

The MYC bookkeeper, Jan Crawford, requests that members please write more legibly on their chits and label the event that the chit was used for. (Some chits are pre-labeled already). This helps Jan provide improved billing accuracy and respond to billing inquiries.

MYC has a new tenant for the Annex. He is Scott Lucas (no relation to Victor) who has sailed with MYC folks and works at Globe Wireless. His red Honda will be in the parking lot.

Maria and I continue to work on the Commodore's Ball. So far (March 5th) we have about 70 people signed up. We have the capacity for another 130!! 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

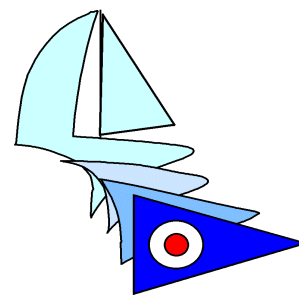
Becoming Vice Commodore, I expect to learn more about how MYC operates, just as I have in my previous board positions. I am continually impressed by the many selfless acts of our members that contribute to the wonderful facilities, activities, and sailing events that we all enjoy. Please bear with me as I "come up to speed" in this new post.

It is time to accept the annual bids for cleaning services for the clubhouse, so if you use a service that you think might do a better job than the company we are currently using, please give me their contact information in time for me to collect a bid prior to the next board meeting (March 26).

I'm also seeking volunteers for the 2003 house committee. Keep in mind that doesn't mean you'll get stuck with all of the work. Everyone who can is encouraged to pitch in and help. We will be scheduling a spring work day in the near future.

I've posted a "House Wish List" above the kitchen sink. I'm not making any promises that all will be accomplished, but hopefully it will be a convenient place to jot down suggested improvements and things that need to be done. I'm also looking forward to working with the LRPC in continuing improvements to our club facilities.

-Rhonda Delmater, Vice Commodore



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 subsidizing the cost of the meal to keep the cost at \$25 per person. The Airport Hilton also has a special Commodore's Ball attendee rate of \$69 if you don't want to drive home.

- Rob Van Name, Commodore

Entertainment News

February's parties started off with the Birthday cake on Feb 7th

On Valentines Day, Barb Ehnert and her Mother cooked up a storm for the Burn-it. Between the crab salad, the three bean casserole (a meal by itself), sourdough bread and brownies, who needed the grill? Helpers were Sue Reynolds, Rose & Bill Baker & Harriet Diamond.

March will bring Birthday night and a burn-it on the 7th. Ralph Crawford, Winnie Lambert & Larry & Connie Etheridge will host this event.

OK Guys, get out those ties!! It's the one night of the year that we ask you to wear them. The Commodore's ball should be a great night out. Hope you will join us for a night on the town. The Airport Hilton has a special for anyone who wants to party and not drive home. Ask them about their take the elevator home deal.

I am looking for someone to host a reverse burn-it for March. Please contact me!

Last but not least, this is not really an entertainment thing, but it will sure be nicer to have events at the club now that the back deck, table & chairs and stairs are not green. Thanks to John NacNeill.

-Jackie Leahy, Entertainment Director

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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2003 Ft. Lauderdale to Key West Race trophy winners.

below: Jim Miller, center



above: Gus Williams on left



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Junior Sailing Report

The 6 MYC-owned Sunfish are ready for the season. Jack Bibb did a huge amount of work and we club members owe him a huge amount of thanks. He worked every day for more than two weeks to make the fleet ship-shape.

The club skiff now has a new battery, thanks to the Commodore's action. The old one would not take a charge. The new one scared me at first when it acted poorly. After I cleaned the terminals, it's now talking to the outboard just fine.

The Small Boat Sunday series is doing very well and I predict that we will see 20-25 boats racing as the weather warms. I thank the dozen or so penquins racing with us this winter.

We must have a safety boat on the water for the small boat series in addition to a committee boat. This will require club members to come forward with boats to act as the committee boat and let us use the club skiff as a safety/crash boat. It doesn't need to be the same member/boat for every race. Just work with me to set the dates.

We are seeing a huge pre-registration for the upcoming sailing classes. We are victims of our own success! That means I will need members to help me teach sailing to the students.

Those of you verbally committed to helping me as assistants during the classes and the dinghy races need to email me so I can work with you to find out when you can help.

I know who you are, please help prevent me hunting you down again.

C'mon, this will be fun!

The Major Mentor,

-John MacNeill, Youth Director

Dockmaster's Report

After three years of being some kind of commodore or other, finally you gave me a real job, and looking over the voluminous notes and printouts of my predecessors it is not an easy job. So if I falter here and there please forgive me.

A dock committee was formed last month: Bob Boska, Glen Gray and Lloyd Millar graciously agreed to serve you.

The following was discussed at the first meeting

1. Refurbishing the docks: pressure cleaning and refastening loose decking and staining it with WB- something recommended by a dock contractor. This stain will protect the wood for about 5 years. The pressure cleaning will be done on March 22 and 23 and the stain will be applied the following weekend. Please move your boats seaward from the dock, so they won't be damaged by debris from the planks or by the stain. We will try our best to protect the boats, but I need your cooperation. I will also need as much help as I can get for the staining, which we will roll on.
2. Some electric boxes and the main breakers by the seawall are in bad shape, our two electrified committee members, Bob and Glen volunteered to fix them. Please pray for their souls!
3. I am getting estimates for replacing or reinforcing the pilings. The new piles will be driven into the hard pan, not jetted in. I understand it is a more permanent and stronger solution. I see this will be an expensive operation.

The "tire store" annex is in operation. Thanks to Hasty Miller's and Jack Bibb's efforts, we have a beautiful dinghy rack indoors. If you want to keep your rubber dinghies out of the elements, it's a perfect place, I already have mine in there, with several other small boats.

Just as soon as the electric wires be buried, and the area paved, there will be mast up storage in the area east of the clubhouse. Put your reservation in soon. The space is very limited. I am trying to clean up the waterfront and make room for all boats to launch.

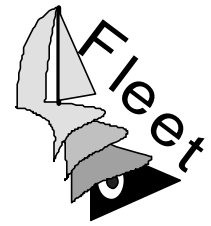
Note: The MYC docks and lands are NOT FOR STORAGE of unused boats. Another note: No, I will not put a flowerpot on each piling, (could not get anyone to water them).

If you have any questions or comments about usage of the MYC dock and boat storage facilities, please contact any of us on the dock committee by e-mail or phone.

See you at the docks

-Gabe Denes, Dockmaster

Membership News



Welcome New Members!

Bruce and Yolanda Lifter

Sponsored by Gary Killian

Lou Karg

Sponsored by Gary Killian

Sunfish Fleet 669 has received the blessing of the board and is now the Melbourne Yacht Club Sunfish Fleet 669. These guys are excited! In addition to our spring and fall regattas, other district regattas will be run out of MYC. To look forward to next year -- the International Sunfish Masters Championship. Watch the website for further details.

As I put this report together, MYC volunteers are hosting the Big Brothers Big Sisters afternoon of sailing on the Indian River. Brent Saunders reported from the barbecue pit that 50 kids and their "bigs" were being fed hamburgers and hot dogs before going out for their sail. Thanks to all the helpers and skippers who put this together.

Spring regatta plans are well in hand with the next planning meeting set for Thursday, March 20th, at 6:15 p.m. Still needed: A couple more chase boats for the small boat weekend, the more the better. Contact Jim Edwards for the PHRF weekend or Larry Etheridge for the small boat weekend.

Something I noticed late Saturday morning were the race boats headed off to the ECSA spring series race day #1. I guess the season has really started and here I am with no boat in the water. Oh well, we will be there for the spring regatta. I hear there will be 6 Melges's on the start line for today's races with another on the way for Art Ahrens. His boat is coming in from San Juan, Puerto Rico (how would you like to be that delivery crew?).

There have been some minor changes to the schedule of racing, especially women's racing so get your updated calendar from Sherry's website. ISN'T THE WEBSITE GREAT! THANKS SHERRY.

Last but not least, I brought up for discussion at the last general meeting the need for a really seaworthy race committee boat. Several of us had discussed the need for a larger "22 to 28 foot" boat after the last spring planning meeting. Suggestions included an ex-life boat-type vessel, a pontoon boat, a heavier displacement single-screw lobster-type design, and we are open to other ideas, too. We just want to get the ball rolling so keep an eye out for anything you think may be suitable for our new committee boat.

-Gary Smith, Fleet Director

We have a new nomination for resident membership

Bonnie Jo Kaiser

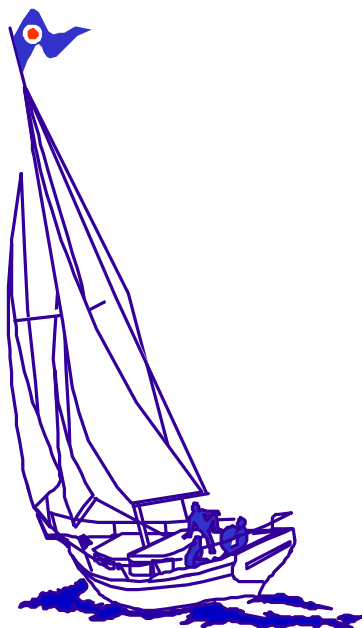
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Bonnie moved to Melbourne the first time in 1991 to take a job with Harris as a software engineer. She learned to sailing the Indian River on her dad's sunfish. In 1994 she accepted a software position on Andros Island, Bahamas and bought a Catalina 22 (Serendipity) to enjoy the clear, warm waters of the Caribbean. She sold Serendipity in 1999 and returned to Melbourne to be closer to family. She has a desire to learn a bit about racing and was introduced to

Sherry Beckett. You can guess the rest. She has crewed in some rum races, and now would like to be a permanent member of the MYC crowd.

Reminder: For those members that do not wish to renew their membership, a letter of resignation to the MYC Board is required by the MYC by-laws.

- Tony Barile, Membership Director



Whispers from the Grog Locker

And the Bar rolls on... In my traveling absence Jack and Jacki Leahy and others too numerous to mention have been doing a masterful job of keeping the Bar operational. On those few occasion during the past month when I have been in town we have managed to accomplish all of the outstanding chores. I would just like to say Thank You for your help.



I would also like to thank John MacNeill and Jackie Herbert for cleaning out the old Bar refrigerator that is now residing in the kitchen and available for Party/Event use.

I would like to announce the 2003 Bar/Kitchen Committee. They are Jack Leahy, Jacki Leahy, Lynde West, and Beverly Drysdale. If you have any comments or questions and can't find me, please look them up.

I am still looking for inputs on a restructuring of the bar and kitchen areas as a recommendation to the LRPC. If you have any thoughts please let us know.

As usual, if there is anything, Bar or Kitchen, you see that we need, please send me an eMail at ross2629@bellsouth.net (the best way, or let a Bar Committee member know at the next TGIF.

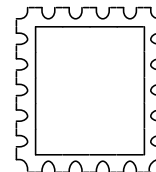
-Ross Herbert, Rear Commodore, Director of Bar & Food

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