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The Party Line

March started with a **Birthdays Burn-It** Friday. (A lot of us have been "burning" years off of our Birthdays for years.)

Ralph Crawford, Winnie Lambert and Larry & Connie Etheridge hosted this event that filled the grill with all kinds of delights. Thanks for all your help guys!

The next day, Laurie & Brent Saunders hosted the annual **Big Brother/Big Sister Sail**. It was wonderful to see the looks of anticipation on both the Bigs & Littles. Ask any of the Captains who donated their boats & time how they felt after sharing our lifestyle with many who might never have had the chance. (Also ask new member Lou how he felt having Charlie S at the helm of his SeaRay!)

The **Commodore's Ball** came next. March 15th at the Hilton saw a lot of people who "Cleaned up good" It was suggested that we create a calendar called MYC Women with each month featuring two pictures of one of us bedraggled after a race and the other as we were at the Ball. Who would believe? The hall was beautiful, the food was great and the band willing. More important, no clean up in the morning. Thanks Marie & Rob for giving us a great night out.

Awards given at the Ball were:

USSA Sportsmanship Award to Sherry Beckett
 Jay Moulton Cruising Award to Richard Oliver
 Member of the Year to John MacNeill
 Brenda Shadbolt Memorial Trophy to Stu Shadbolt
 The 'Flushed Away' Award to Eckart Schneider, for his perseverance in the Rum Racing

APRIL

- 12-13 Spring Regatta
- 19 Adult Sailing Class Starts
- 22 Mermaid Regatta Planning
- 25 Spring Rum Race #6 & Reverse Burn-It
- 27 Sunday Dinghy Racing
- 30 Board Meeting

MAY

- 2 TGIF Birthdays
- 3 Work Party
- 7 General Meeting (6:30pm)
- 9 Summer Rum Race #1
- 10 Seafood Raft-Up
- 16 Bahamas Trip Meeting
- 17-18 Sunfish Regionals at MYC
- 23 Summer Rum Race #2
- 24 Youth Sailing Class Starts





This month the major excitement for us was putting on the Commodore's Ball.

A total of 81 members and guests ate, drank and danced the night away at the Airport Hilton on March 15.

Feedback from attendees has been positive and is much appreciated.

We had folks dancing until 10:45 PM to the tunes of the Nicholas St. Joseph band. I'd like to thank Maria for coming up with theme and star/nautical props. Thanks also to Gabe & Pat Denes, and Mary Williams, for much-needed assistance.

A surprise bonus was provided by Sherry Beckett's great slide show of the best of MYC 2002. One had to watch the show several times before you got to see your own personal favorite shot. It was nice to be able to recognize our Past Commodores, present the annual awards and celebrate the old and new Boards.

Board members continue to work towards the new directory and, thanks to our Treasurer, we have a balanced budget that properly funds the reserves and provides for capital expenditure. Please note the good looking docks courtesy of Gabe and his committee.

Preparations are in the final phases for the MYC Spring Regatta coming up. The Spring Regatta Committee is still in need of volunteer chase boats with operators. Please contact Larry Etheridge if you would like to help out.

The club also has an ongoing need of volunteer chase boats with operators to help out John Mac Neill with the Sailing Class and the Wet Sunday dinghy racing.

We are off to our son's wedding in Atlanta that thankfully only requires attendance and not much organizing on our part. I'm inching closer to getting the bottom peeled on Nordic Star once the boat yard and the subcontractor's planets line up.

- Rob Van Name, Commodore

Dock Report

All slips are rented and we have two more on the waiting list. The docks were pressured cleaned and stained by the Dock Committee+ 1 (John MacNeill). My wife Pat looked at it, blessed it and planted some flower pots, true to my promise, on some pilings. Bob Boska, Glen Grey and Lloyd Millar, and of course John and his hose, thanks a lot for your help.

If and when the illustrious members of the LRPC see the light to release monies, the outboard piles at some selected slips will be replaced or strengthened. If you feel these pilings need replacement, please mention it to your favorite Board Member or LRPC Member.

Annual Inspection of Boats on April 26

On April 26, Saturday, at between 10-11 A.M. I will be at the docks to inspect all boats. At this time, you need to demonstrate that your vessel can leave the docks and return under its own power. **Should you fail, you shall have 2 weeks to repair and re-demonstrate.** If you, for any reason fail to show compliance, I will recommend to the Board of Directors, that your vessel be removed from the MYC docks (See Dock Rules, revised 10/31/99, No. 4 and 18). See you at the docks!

- Gabe (Ceasar) Denes, Dockmaster

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Next month will be very busy too. By the time you read this the **Spring Regatta** will be partly over. PHRF started on Friday, April 4th with the now Annual Rebel Rally in honor of Brenda Shadbolt.

Has it really been over a year since Brenda died? Wouldn't it be great if Brenda & Stu's very PG daughter Heather had the baby on this night?

Carol Mairs was in charge of Pizza by the slice at TGIF. Also, we celebrated April Birthday night.

Linde West hosted an Italian dinner on Saturday, April 5th, and the traditional hot dogs were served on the porch on Sunday.

The second weekend of Spring Regatta has small boats coming into town with Bar-B-Que on Saturday, and, yep, hot dogs on Sunday.

On, **Friday April 25** will have a **Reverse Burn-It** with the hosts doing the meat and the club bring the sides. Jack & I will be cooking up some of those pork roasts that we did at the last Burn-It.

On **Saturday, May 10** is the annual **Seafood Raftup** (see flyer elsewhere for details). If you need help finding a boat to go on, make sure you ask!

- Jacki Leahy, Entertainment Chairperson

25th Annual Mermaid Regatta Planning Meeting April 22 at 6:30

September 20, 21 is our 25th (silver anniversary) Melbourne Yacht Club Mermaid Regatta. We would like to make it a very special event this year.

One special happening will be having Katie Pettibone, a women's sailing "rock star" to speak and do a video critique this year. I have many other ideas to make it an outstanding event.

However, to pull it off, we need to start planning now in order to get publicity out, sponsors, a one-design fleet, etc.

Please come to a planning meeting on April 22, at 6:30 p.m. at MYC.

Questions? Call Rachele Ross at 254-8326 or via email at JerryRacheleRoss@aol.com.

Bahamas Group Meeting May 16 at TGIF

Bob Sowden is rallying all who are planning a Bahamas Trip this summer, to exchange plans and information. Bob would like to have an informal meeting on Friday evening, May 16. Bring your charts, your questions, and your schedule, and see what everyone is doing.

Questions? Call Bob Sowden at (561) 567-3661 or via email at bobandkaren46@juno.com.

Last Chance for Directory Updates

I have not received any updates from anyone yet, and I KNOW THAT YOU ARE OUT THERE. So that you get your MYC Newsletter on time, your friends don't send you correspondence to the wrong address, or get upset by getting a wrong number all of the time, please either send me your updates directly, or update the website.

Don't forget your peripheral info!!! If you've changed email addresses, cell phone numbers, or boats this year, make sure that info is updated too.

I will be pulling the data off of the website no later than April 15th to compile the directory.

To update your info directly...

1. <http://www.melbourneyachtclub.com>
2. Scroll to the bottom and click on the link 'Member Information'
3. Log on... useRname is your last name + member no
Example: Ahrens1234 (no spaces in there!
password (unless you've changed it) is your member no.
4. Click on your name to display your data
5. Update what is necessary & make sure you click 'Save'

If you have problems, just email me your changes and I will update it for you.

- Art Ahrens, Secretary

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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phone number.



SATURDAY, May 10, 6:00 PM

Once again, it is time for the legendary MYC Raft-up Party. We will meet at MYC at 6:00, cast off by 6:30, and be at anchor off Melbourne Beach by 7:30. For those who are interested, there will be a race to the anchorage, with a bottle of "Starboard Wine" for the winner. For dinner, we will have:

Shrimp	Vegetable Munchies	Beer	<i>(2 cans apiece.</i>
Crab Claws	Rolls	Coke	<i>Really thirsty folks</i>
Baked Potato	Brownies	Diet Coke	<i>had better bring</i>
		Diet 7-Up	<i>extra.)</i>

COST: ONLY \$12.00 PER PERSON

The food will be distributed from the seven party committee boats. Details will be covered at the party. In the interest of better organization, please include the name of the boat (or its owner) that you will be aboard, when you make your reservation.

Come One, Come All

Skippers: Inviting someone to ride with you does not obligate you to pay for them. **Crew:** Asking for a ride to the party does not imply that you are asking the skipper to pay your way, so don't be shy about asking. Most skippers will be delighted to have your company. **Everyone:** Get signed aboard a boat before you make your reservation, so we can know how many are where.

WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS, COME ANYWAY! We'll find a boat for you.

Everyone: Bring Life Preservers and Boat Shoes.

All Skippers: Please pick up a copy of the raft plan either at the club before we cast off or from SKIMMER (Hasty's boat) before the raft-up. You need to know where your boat belongs.

THE RAFT BREAKS UP AT 11:00 Sharp

Also serving on the party committee:
 Jim & Nancy Boyd
 Harry & Katy Stapor
 Paul & Joyce Alexy
 Jeff & Debby McGregor
 Bob Sowden / Karen Knockel

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED and CLOSE WEDNESDAY NIGHT May 7.

**Hasty and Julie Miller 723-7395
 Jack and Marty Bibb 723-7954**

MELBOURNE YACHT CLUB WINS BACK CIRRIPIEDIA CUP!

On Sunday of our spring regatta, Melbourne Yacht Club fielded a strong team to challenge ECSA for the Cirripedia Cup which ECSA won, as you will remember, at the fall River Challenge regatta. The two fleets were very evenly matched and the overall result came down to a little over two minutes difference on corrected time. Melbourne Yacht Club's four fastest boats in the two Sunday races had an accumulated elapsed time of 299 minutes 28 seconds to ECSA's 301 minutes 35 seconds. The winning team consisted of Fast Lane, Caliente, Skimmer and Five Speed. ECSA's four fastest boats were Trust Me, M&M, Impulsive and Tug. Conditions were excellent with the breeze getting up into the teens for the second race.

A more perfect weekend of racing could not have been asked for. Three races were run on Saturday making a total of five for the weekend. Boats receiving trophies in Non-Spinnaker class were Impulsive first, Sleighride second and Sea Turtle third. In the Melges 24 class, Trust Me was first, Caliente second and Iemonja was third. In the spinnaker class, first place went to Five Speed with Tug second and Fast Lane third. For complete results, please go to the website. Sherry promises to have all these results on the site this evening, Sunday evening.

Many thanks must go to Jim Edwards and Linde West for putting on such a wonderful weekend. At the presentation, Jim named all those who had helped. It was especially gratifying to me to see that the scoring went off without a hitch thanks to the new program by Jim Yates and the great work of Richard Oliver, who was responsible for all the input. Rachele came up with a wonderful design for the T-shirts. Extra T-shirts will be available at the rum race this coming Friday evening.

Remember small boat racing is planned for this weekend, the 12th and 13th, and we are looking forward to a big turnout with Larry Etheridge as race chairman.

Thanks once again to everybody who helped out with this first weekend of our spring regatta and thanks to those in advance who will help out next weekend.

Rum Racing

We are winding down our Spring Series, and have just switched to Friday night racing for the summer. Upcoming Rum Races are:

Friday, April 11 & 25th - Last 2 Races of Spring Series

May 9, May 23, June 6, June 20, July 4, July 18 - Summer Series races.

- Gary Smith, Fleet Captain



Bob Sowden, Gary Smith, Jim Edwards,
Sherry Beckett, and Hasty Miller

Sailing Classes to Start Soon



It's heere! The sailing class season starts with the first MYC sailing class just for adult students. This five week class will be followed by the first of two kids' (9-15) six week classes. There will be another adult class at the end of the summer.

The classes are filling up quickly, email me to reserve a spot. I'm still looking for chase boats to help with the classes and with the Sunday dinghy races.

The youth program committee members are: John MacNeill, Chair - Richard Robecki, Jim Edwards, Paul Henderson, James Mussman.

Class Dates:

April 17--Adult (five weeks)

May 24--Youth (six weeks)

July 5--Youth (six weeks)

August 16--Adult (five weeks)

All classes are held on Saturdays from 10am to 2pm.

For more info, call me at (321) 732-6213 or via email at sail@32903.org

- John MacNeill, Youth Director

Whispers from the Grog Locker

Well by now, the Spring Regatta has finished, and hopefully, all of the liquor and beer has been happily consumed by one and all.

The next Dine-in will be Friday, May 16th. We are planning a combination Moonlight Cruise and Dine-in dinner (boxed) on-board. The menu hasn't been finalized yet; however, as soon as it is, I will let you know what to expect. For those that are not cruising, you will still be able to have dinner at the club at 18:30. I will have sign-up sheets out 2-3 weeks before the cruise.

There are some members that have asked why we are out of some of the normal liquors. Well, to make a long story short, the local area liquor distributors have shuffled brands and I am now working to setup accounts with the newer distributors. As well as, trying to determine which distributor carries which liquors. The advantage out of this is that once the new accounts are in place, we will then have access to a wider selection of Top Shelf and Well liquors. I expect to resolve these problems over the next month, so keep an eye peeled for new choices from the bar.

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*



Big Brothers/Sisters Thank You

Another successful sailing event was expertly executed on March 8 but not without the generous help of MYC members. The skippers made the event a memorable day for all of the "Bigs" and "Littles" as well as everyone else that pitched in to make the event come together.

Many thanks to the following skippers and crew: Harry Stapor, Hasty Miller, Gary & Louisa Killian, Dennis Scott, Jerry Ross, Bill Striker, Cal & Nancy Stow, Jan Crawford, Bob Bagnell and Louis Karg. Jack & Jackie Leahy, Kim Silverman and the Drysdale family's assistance in serving and cleaning up was most helpful.

Please forgive us if you helped out and we did not mention you, you were appreciated! We are proud to belong to an organization that values volunteerism and enjoys sharing their love of sailing with others. Below is an excerpt from a thank you that Big Brothers Big Sisters sent MYC and us for hosting the March 8 event.

Thanks! Brent & Laurie Saunders

From BB/BS of Brevard:

"We would like to extend a special thank you for planning, coordinating and hosting the Annual Big Brothers Big Sisters Sailing Regatta. The event was a huge success, and it could not have been done without all of your diligent preparation and organization. Everyone had a fantastic afternoon with the picnic, boat rides and a fulfilled day on the water. Thanks to all of the skippers and MYC members for their time and generous spirits to the children of Big Brothers Big Sisters. They were the stars of the shows! This year the interest in the event was enormous; the waiting list was actually longer than the confirmation list!"

"As much as the staff members thank you, the children of Big Brothers Big Sisters thank you even more. All of your efforts are spent serving them; you truly are making a BIG difference, one Little at a time. We at BBBS wanted to pass along the thanks to the Melbourne Yacht Club."

The staff of Big Brothers Big Sisters



Dennis Scott supervises a "Little" on the helm of his catamaran, *Incommunitato*

Membership News

Welcome New Member!

Bonnie Kaiser

This month we have one new nomination for resident membership

Mike and Dee Wilson

Sponsored by Chris Reynolds

Mike and Dee have recently moved back to Satellite Beach after retiring from the State of Wisconsin. The Governor of Wisconsin appointed Mike Director of Aviation for the state. Dee assisted in writing procedure manuals and operations manuals for state aviation.

Before leaving for Wisconsin, they lived in Satellite Beach, and Mike held the positions of Director of Flight Training, President of FIT Aviation and Professor of Aeronautics at Florida Institute of Technology. Since their return to Satellite Beach, Mike has been asked to teach Aviation Safety in Panama for FIT, in connection with the University of Panama.

Prior to moving to Wisconsin, they were active sailors, belonged to ECSA and made several trips to the Abacos with Melbourne Yacht Club members. At that time they owned Avalon, a Bayfield 32C, cutter. They now lease Fluid Motion, a Gulfstar 41, CC sloop.

The Wilsons have much enjoyed their association with the people of MYC. They have attended several gatherings at the clubhouse and find the camaraderie uplifting. We look forward to spending more time at the Melbourne Yacht Club.

Corinthian Nomination—James Mussman

Sponsored by John MacNeill

James Mussman is 14 years old, lives in Melbourne Beach with his parents, Jim and Kris, and is an "A" student, and a candidate for the National Junior Honor Society at Hoover Middle School. He also is in the Hoover M. S. band, and plays the piano. He will be Melbourne High next year.

Three years ago, James began sailing lessons at the Melbourne Yacht Club and this past summer he graduated from the advanced class. He found a new passion in sailing. He would like to keep learning and growing in his sailing skills by joining the yacht club as a Corinthian Member.

This year he plans to volunteer his time to help John MacNeill teach the youth classes in order to earn community service hours. James loves sailing and hopes to some day own a boat of his own.

- Tony Barile, Membership Chairman

Mike Holmes

We are sad to report that Mike Holmes has passed away after a bout with cancer. Mike was often seen sailing his Cape Dory Typhoon in the Rum Races with son Mike Petrick and grandson Joey. Mike was also past Secretary for MYC. We will all sorely miss Mike.



House report “& other ramblings”

The members of the House Committee for 2003 (so far) are Amy Lacy, Bob Boska, Chuck Delmater, Phil Scalise, and Gus Williams

We are planning our first committee meeting on Weds. April 23 at 6:30 p.m. at MYC. It's an open meeting and

anyone interested in attending and/or joining our committee is welcome. If you have any suggestions for the committee, please let me or one of the other committee members know. I hope to have a decision on the “annual” cleaning contract by the next board meeting at the end of April. I am also soliciting bids for tree trimming of the tall palms.

- Rhonda Delmater, Vice Commo-

It's Spring Work Party Time!

Saturday, May 3, 9am



Come in your grubby clothes (with shoes)

Bring gloves and basic garden
and household repair tools

Lunch and drinks provided by
the House Committee

Questions? Contact Rhonda at 783-2225

Or rdelmater@csi-inc.com

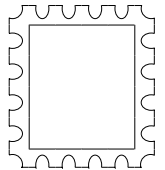
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