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The Party Line

Seafood Raft-Up a Smashing Success

16 boats... over 100 people... 2 weddings... perfect weather... pick'n & grin'n (and harmonicas & conch horns)... raft didn't drag... what more could you ask for?

Jim & Rochelle were married on their boat Carisma.

Mike & Daphne Weston were married on Rainbow Chaser. Mike is the grandson of Tom & Alice Hett and the son of Wendy Hughes.



More photos inside...

April Party Recap

Another busy month. We started with Birthdays and the Rebel Rally on April 3rd. Carol Mairs organized the Pizza by the slice. Great way to start the Spring Regatta.

Lynde West and her crew served up a great Lasagna & Salad Dinner for Saturday night, with continental breakfast both Saturday & Sunday. Hot dogs were served on the porch on Sunday.

TGIF on Friday April 11th had the Rum racers coming back to the tray of baked lasagna that we didn't use last week. (Yes, we froze it)

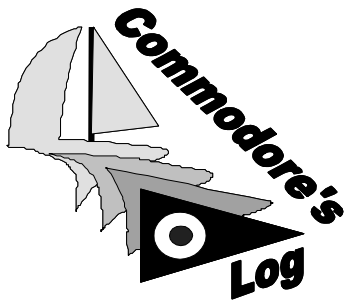
Saturday night was a bar-be-que, both breakfasts were continental style & of course we had the traditional hot dogs on the porch on Sunday. We are really getting the reputation of having the best run regattas in the area, I'm sure the food is part of it! Thanks one and all for

MAY

- 16 Bahamas Trip Meeting
- 16 TGIF Box Lunch & Moonlight Cruise
- 17-18 Sunfish Regionals at MYC
- 23 Summer Rum Race #2
- 24 Youth Sailing Class Starts
- 24-26 Memorial Weekend Cruise to Sebastian
- 28 Board Meeting

JUNE

- 4 **Membership Meeting**
- 6 Summer Rum Race #3
- 15 Father's Day "Generations" Race & Burn-It
- 20 Summer Rum Race #4
- 30 Board Meeting



It has been a very busy month at MYC. Your Board is hard at work getting the directory together, with a lot of effort going into determining the 2003 membership roster.

In a related effort, we will be changing the clubhouse, annex, & tire store lock combinations on May 30. Letters with the new combinations are in the mail along with new membership cards. Please inspect your membership card to see that your membership number is correct and contact Tony Barile if there is a discrepancy.

Your patience is appreciated as we transition to a new, more complete, billing format using snail mail. I recently discovered that I had missed an email bill from last October and wasn't aware of it.

I'd like to thank Gary Smith and his committee for holding a very successful Spring Regatta. MYC is also hosting a regional Sunfish regatta later this month as well.

Thanks to Rhonda and her committee and all the club members who came out for the workday on Saturday May 3. I know I was wiped out afterwards but can report that the club house roof was clear of leaves for about five minutes. Special thanks to Karl Kiser & truck.

Our Youth Director John MacNeill, was recognized for all his hard work organizing & running the Sunday dinghy racing and the sailing classes by being one of only 17 people in the US to be nominated for US Sailing's C.R.E.W. award. The C.R.E.W. award recognizes the efforts of people that go out of their way to promote sailing.

Your Board has begun initial activities to work with FIT towards shared use of their water front facilities & equipment. Dick Tillman is an advisor to FIT and is our contact point.

Maria and I had a great time at our son's wedding in Atlanta earlier this month.

Later in May we'll be taking a short commercial cruise to the Bahamas. And finally, I'm bringing

Nordic Star up to the Cape for a long over due gel coat peel. For the first time in my checkered boating career, I won't be painting the bottom myself. (It doesn't mean I'm a bad person, just that bottom paint is considered 'pesticide' these days).

- Rob Van Name, Commodore

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your help. It takes a lot of people to do this much!

We had a "Reverse Burn-it" on April 25th. Jack Leahy & I cooked the pork roasts. Lynde West, Delores Miller, Rachele Ross & Amy Lacy really helped with the clean up. (I know, we always get the easy jobs!)

We had Birthdays on May 2nd, but only 2 people would admit it!

Box Lunch / Moonlight Cruise May 16

On Friday, May 16, Ross Herbert has organized a box-lunch moonlight cruise. Sign-up sheets are in the lounge.

Sunfish Regionals May 17-18

The Sunfish Regionals will be held at the club on the weekend of May 17-18th. Check out the web site for details. Help is always needed. Come and watch some of the best Sunfishers in the world compete & party.

Memorial Weekend Cruise May 24-26

Rachele Ross is planning a Memorial Weekend Cruise to Sebastian State Park. And a Saturday BBQ which can be attended by Car. See flyer on the back page for details.

- Jacki Leahy, Entertainment Chairperson





From the Treasurer...

Beans, beans, beans. I count the beans.

I just want to let everyone know that some of us are not paying our fair share of the beans. Subsequently, we will be implementing a **\$5 late fee** for any unpaid balances.

Also, I hope everyone has received their new bill in the new "Statement" format. This new format should give you much more information about what activity has occurred on your account.

Due to a snafu in our bookkeeping program, many charges from last year had fallen through the crack and are just now showing up on your statement.

If there are any questions about the recent bill you received, please email Jan (jancrawford@earthlink.net) and she will send you a more detailed statement of your account. If there are charges you don't understand, send Jan a US mail request and she will send you copies of the house check or other record.

To help Jan out, **ANY** time you fill out a house check, make sure your member number and name are **legible** and that a description (party name, T-shirt, etc.) is somewhere on the house check.

"Sail Fast - Live Slow" R. Brent Saunders, Treasurer

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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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.



Got a contribution for the newsletter?

E-mail it to:

tell-tale@melbourneyachtclub.com

Please include name & phone number.

2003 Seafood Raft-Up



Photos
Courtesy Of:

John Higgins
Sherry Beckett
John MacNeill

MELBOURNE YACHT CLUB ACCEPTS CUP CHALLENGE

Big news for this month is a doubleheader weekend coming up on the 17th and 18th.

MYC has been challenged by IRYC to bring the Cirripedia Cup up to the Brevard Challenge on May 17-18 and put it up for grabs. We have agreed to do this. ECSA will probably field a team as well, so effectively what we will have is an open challenge.

So far our team includes:

- Paul Alexy / Impulsive—Non-Spinnaker
- Dick King / Jagged Edge—Non-Spinnaker
- Lachlan Smith/ Five Speed—Spinnaker
- Sherry Beckett / Fast Lane—Spinnaker
- Greg Kowalski / Slot Machine—Sport Boat
- Bob Sowden / Caliente—Sport Boat.

This does not have to be the whole team. We can have as many boats as we want sailing for MYC, it is just the four lowest corrected times that count toward the Cup. The more the merrier!

The team representing IRYC includes Venom (Viper), M&M (Melges 24), Lagoon Cruiser (Hunter 27), Racers Edge (Catalina 22), and Sneaker (Tarten 10). So, along with a team from ECSA, this year's Brevard Challenge promises to be quite an event.

MYC & Sunfish Fleet 669 Host Sunfish Regional Championships

That same weekend, May 17-18, MYC is hosting the Sunfish Regional Championships—drawing boats from all over Florida and even further afield. We are expecting as many as 40 boats to show up.

Because we are going to have a large crowd, parking will be at a premium at the club. The whole lower section will be given over to Sunfish parking ONLY. To that end, we are asking anyone who has to load up for the Bahamas or any other trip for that matter, to do so by Friday, the 16th and vacate the lower parking lot by mid-afternoon on Friday. We will be putting a barricade up, but what we are most afraid of are cruising members forgetting we have a regatta coming up and leaving

their vehicles. This could be detrimental to the vehicles with as many boats and trailers as we expect. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Plans are well in hand for the running of this regatta. However, we can always use more help. If you haven't already volunteered, please contact Jack Bibb, Jim Edwards or Chris Gates. John MacNeil will be heading up the race committee with at least two crews lined up to man the start boat and the finish boat set to windward. We will also have a couple of mark boats available.

Lastly, the seafood raftup. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend but I did note as I crossed the causeway, a very tidy raftup with what appeared about 20 boats anchored on the north side of the causeway. Things were looking very organized and calm around 8:30 when I went by. I understand that there were to be not one, but two weddings taking place at the raftup. More details on that elsewhere.

Rum Racing

The last race of the Spring Rum Race Series was April 25th, and it was rained out.. So, the final Standings are:

Racers

1. Hasty Miller—Skimmer
2. Larry & Connie Etheridge—Purrfect
3. Sherry Beckett—Fast Lane

Cruisers

1. William Garvey—Ben-Ma-Chree
2. Eckart Schneider—Solitude
3. Bill Striker—Hawk
Mike Via—Sweetness

Summer Series Rum Races are: May 9, May 23, June 6, June 20, July 4, July 18.

- Gary Smith, Fleet Captain



Sailing Classes to Start Soon

The first adult class is almost finished and my assistants, Larry Etheridge, James Mussman and Richard Robecki are really making a difference. This is a

relatively small class of nine adult students. The May 24th youth class roster is already filling up to the limit of 16 students. We are limited only by the number of boats we can put on the water.

Richard has been very generous by taking students out on his Hunter 146. Please follow his lead and bring your small sailboat to the classes to take students aboard and help provide on-the-water instruction.

We're looking for more members to add to our teaching staff. Steve Clendenin will join us and we're looking for members with small powerboats to use in coaching students.

MYC has a 12-foot aluminum boat and just needs to borrow a small outboard to add another coaching boat to our fleet.

The second youth class starting on July 5th has some spaces left. The second adult class starting August 16 has spaces available.

We are once again working to get Florida Tech interested in letting us share their fleet of Flying Juniors in exchange for us lending expertise in maintaining their boats and training their students. Please be ready to be asked to provide advice on repairing Flying Juniors.

I've heard that I'm one of 17 who've been nominated for the US Sailing Crew Award. I'm honored, but I must stress that I'm only following in the footsteps of previous MYC Youth Directors who have done much to build the sailing program. Special mention goes to Dave Noble who worked very hard as the previous Youth Director for several years and single-handedly revived the small boat racing program. I'm just enjoying the fruits of his labor.

Speaking of the small boat racing. We are hosting a Sunfish Regional Regatta May 17 & 18. If you're not racing as a member of the International Sunfish Class Association, come out to see the best sailors in the southeast compete to qualify for the Sunfish Worlds. We can use help with launching and retrieving the boats. Just report for duty at 10am to Donna "The Dolly Momma" and/or bring out a small powerboat to help as a safety boat.

John MacNeill, Youth Director

Whispers from the Grog Locker

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 is a choice of one of three box dinners from Kempfers for \$7.00 each. You will have a choice of:



- a. Meatloaf, Cheesy Potatoes, 3-bean salad, Roll, Brownie, and a can of Soda or Tea.
- b. Quiche, Tossed Salad, Roll, Carrot Cake, and a can of Soda or Tea.
- c. Fried Chicken, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Roll, Brownie, and a can of Soda or Tea.

The idea being that you and your friends order dinner, we provide it, and you all go cruising on the river that evening. For those that would prefer not to cruise, you will still be able to have dinner at the club at 18:30. I have sign-up sheets out and must have sign-ups by Wednesday 14 May 2003.

On another note, we managed to work through the accounting issues with the new J & B Rare Scotch distributor, and placed an order (including the J&B Rare Scotch) that met their \$200.00 minimum purchase. We received the order and it contained everything ordered except the J&B Rare Scotch. When I asked why, they said it was on back order, and they would be glad to include it on our next order (\$200 minimum). I went back to our original supplier of the scotch and asked if there was an acceptable alternative to the J&B and they offered Famous Grouse. We bought some, and, so far, the scotch drinking members like it.

The bright side of the new distributor effort has been the addition of several new liquor brands to our liquor locker. We now have Captain Morgan Spiced Rum, Hennessy Rare & Delicate VSOP Cognac, Absolut Vodka, Tanqueray Gin, and Sandeman Founders Reserve Port.

I have purchased a First Aid kit for the Bar/Kitchen area and it is stored in the Kitchen on top of

the white refrigerator. I also bought a new tape dispenser for the kitchen, please return it to the drawer when you finish with it.

With the increased sailing activities that are bringing more and more non-club members to our facilities, I have been asked to remind you that only liquor purchased through the bar may be consumed in the club house area. The general rule is that personal liquor may only be consumed on the boats and docks, and not on the deck, porch, or in the club house.

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*

House Report

I can't thank the people who participated in the Spring Work Day enough! Many got quite sweaty and dirty, but I don't believe there was any blood or tears. (Although I have heard that a few chain saws may need a bit of work). The people who participated are recognized elsewhere in this newsletter. You're the best!

There was quite a bit of tree trimming and weeding, and there's still a bit more to do. Two trees were removed, and I know that move will be popular with some (e.g. those who use the hoist), and disapproved of by others (sorry). There were a few "inside jobs" that were a bit cleaner – working in the kitchen and clearing the answering machine of 50+ messages (someone needed a break). Other items that were accomplished:

- Power Washed Deck (inside of screen)
- Cleaned gutters & roof
- Greased the gate

We couldn't get everything done in our first work day and some projects will require quite a bit more effort. The following may be accomplished given adequate interest and funding:

- Reflective edging for deck stairs
- Replace burned out bulbs on stair lights
- Clean exterior chairs
- Replace missing light covers (3) in annex

Membership News

Welcome New Members!

Mike and Dee Wilson
James Mussman
(Corinthian)



This month we have one new nomination for resident membership

Scott Lucas

Sponsored by Sherry Beckett

Scott Lucas works at Globe Wireless as a Network Administrator. Same Company as Sherry Beckett.

He spent a large part of his life in and around sailboats, but does not consider himself an experienced sailor. However, one of the factors that brought him back to Florida was the sailing opportunities.

He's just bought Gerry Moores' boat Flying Buckeye and will be keeping it at the condo dock.

Scott sees membership at Melbourne Yacht Club as an opportunity to get closer to the local sailing community.

- Tony Barile, Membership Chairman

<- New members

Mike and Dee Wilson

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Replace Screen Doors (on porch)
Expand Great Room Closet and Replace Doors
Enhancing the current screened in porch area and acquire nice furniture (member donations?)
Upgrading the surface of the "mast down" storage area east of the club house
Kitchen remodeling plans

If anyone would like to volunteer for any of these projects, please let me know.

There will be a new cleaning service provider starting June 1, "Whatever It Takes" cleaning service. Let me know how they're doing.

We also cleaned the carpet on May 8 and it looks great! (If you want them to clean your carpet, call ThuroClean at 729-8198.)

- Rhonda Delmater, Vice Commodore

Tom Hett—Past Commodore 1992

Our sincere condolences to member Wendy Hughes on the loss of her father, and one of our past commodores, on April 3, 2003.

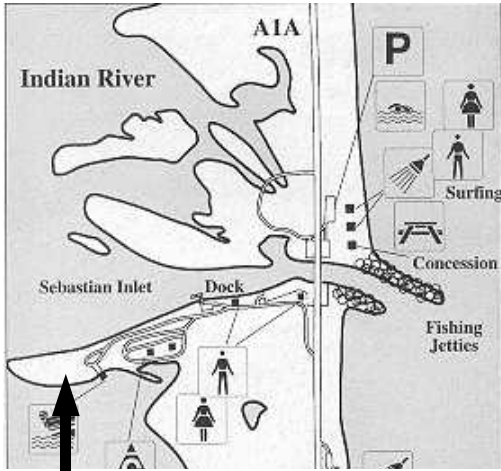
In addition to being an active member of MYC in the 1990's, Tom was a United States Air Force veteran, a retired teacher and golf coach at Melbourne High School.

His smiling face and humor will be missed around



Bob Sowden at the RaftUp Skipper's Meeting

Memorial Saturday Cookout At Sebastian, May 24—4pm



**Pavilion 3, on Coconut Point
(approx location)**

**We Furnish Hotdogs & H'burgers & plates, etc
You Bring a Dish to Share & Drinks
Cost: \$3 per person**

**Come early to swim, snorkle, shell, or visit
the nearby McLarty Tresure Museum**

If you come by car there is a \$3.25 park entry fee per car.

Coming by Boat: South on the waterway to Mkr 65,
turn East just south of 65, and angle northeast toward
the boat ramp/pavilion area.

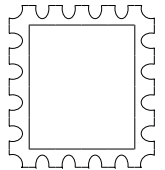
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