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The Party Line**Memorial Saturday Picnic**

On the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, 35 people arrived (18 by boat and the others by car) at the new pavilions at Sebastian Inlet State Park. Jackie and Ross Herbert did a great job of grilling the 'dogs and 'burgers. Everyone brought a dish to complete a delicious picnic. Nancy Stow's marinated asparagus and Amy Lacy's broccoli, purple onion, raisin, etc. salad were the big hits.

The younger set were told to go fly a kite and did so very successfully as well as several adults. A golf tournament with plastic clubs and balls from the dollar store proved interesting especially after the breeze picked up.

A special thanks to Ross Herbert who schlepped all the stuff (charcoal, plates, plasticware, coolers, etc.) to the site, allowing Rachele and Jackie to arrive by Sleighride.

We made it safely and only lost half the exhaust system on the way home. It was shaken off by all the boat wakes. IT WASN'T OUR FAULT! There were 50 million little power boats and quite a few big ones out for the weekend. At any rate we made it home safely and the boat was fortunately repaired by Jerry and Grant Ball in time to head for the Cocoa Beach Yacht Club Mermaid Regatta the next weekend.

Fathers Day 'Generations Race' & Mexican Fiesta

Upcoming events include a Mexican fiesta by Jay and Pam McClure and helpers. It will follow the Generations Race and should be a great way to treat Dad on June 15. (See ad on back page.)

4th of July Rum Race & Barbecue

The 4th of July will bring us a repeat of the great barbecue cooked by Bob Hughes like we had last year. The scheduled rum race will be held at 2 p.m., followed by the barbecue and then off in the boats to watch the fireworks or watch them from the Club. (See ad on back of Tell Tale.)

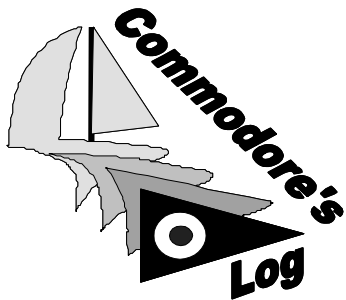
- Rachele Ross, subbing for Jacki Leahy who is living it up in the Bahamas for a couple of months.

JUNE

- 15 Father's Day "Generations" Race & Mexican Fiesta
- 15 Sunday Dinghy Racing
- 20 Summer Rum Race #4
- 25 Board Meeting
- 29 Sunday Dinghy Racing

JULY

- 2 **NO Membership Meeting**
- 4 **Rum Race #5 (2pm!!!)**
- Barbecue & Fireworks**
- 13 **Sunday Dinghy Racing**
- 18 Summer Rum Race #6
- 27 Sunday Dinghy Racing
- 30 Board Meeting



Your Board has almost completed the directory. The lock combinations for the clubhouse, annex, & tire store were changed on May 30. All current members should have received a letter with the new combinations.

We continue to use a new, more complete, billing format using snail mail. Please pay special attention to info from Brent about the reactivation of late fees for overdue bills.

I'd like to thank Gary Smith and his committee for holding a very successful Sunfish Regatta. Details are in Telltales. On a related note- Gary was able to obtain a donated power boat for MYC committee boat use. Gary has had the motor tuned up & new steering and after a coat of bottom paint the RC boat should be ready to go.

John MacNeill continues to need help with his sailing classes. If you can give him a hand please do so.

Nordic Star has bottom paint on finally but was discovered to have some elevated moisture readings around the exhaust pipe, stay tuned. I hope it is a battle of the moisture meters.

Hurricane season is upon us without El Nino. Please check your dock lines & club rules regarding hurricanes & roller furling sails.

- Rob Van Name, Commodore

From the Treasurer...

Just another reminder, from your friendly bean counter, that we will be implementing a **\$5 late fee** for any unpaid balances.

I believe the new statement format on the membership bills is working out nicely. Once again, if there are any questions about these, 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, anytime 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

Whispers from the Grog Locker

Well this past month we found ourselves stuck in the annual May-June Vacation doldrums. All we could do was drop the Bar's sails and enjoy watching the world go by. As such, we cancelled the May Dine-in and will look into re-scheduling it at a later date. In its place we held a pizza-by-the-slice dinner.



As part of the rotating keg, we now have Doc's Hard Lemon. If you like lemonade, you might enjoy this 5% alcohol version.

Those of you attending the Sunday Dinghy Races or the General Membership meeting might have noticed that Jack and Jacki have gone on vacation too. In their place as bartender is Lynde West. Lynde is doing a great job, and is working very hard to fill the void.

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

Cruising News

Chris and Sue Reynolds, aboard Dreadnought, are Back from their Bahamas cruise.

Skimmer never quite made it to the Bahamas (lousy weather, ended up in Dry Tortugas)

Lenny Beckett and Nancy Eitapence did the southern route to the Abacos, thought the Berries, and are now hanging out in Double-Breasted in the upper end of the Abacos.

Jim & Delores Miller were seen at TGIF this week, but Sea Turtle is still in the Abacos. They will fly back in time for Regatta Time in Abaco.

Harvey & Nancy Melfi also turned up at TGIF this week, but Stardust is on a mooring in Marsh Harbor. They fly back soon, and are undecided about staying for Regatta Time.

The Yates left last week for the Chesapeake, in Carisma.

Gus Williams, Pete Anderson, and Jim Lacy, aboard Gus's boat, Florian, were last heard from departing Bermuda, after a long weather delay, and headed south for the Bahamas.

The Gang of Seven that left on Memorial Weekend DID make it to the Abacos, but haven't heard any updates recently.

Jack and Jacki Leahy left about a week later, taking Prill and Steve Clendenin as crew (on their first crossing ever). J&J plan to spent about 6 weeks for a well-deserved rest.

Denny Scott is still roaming the Abacos in his Maine Cat, Incommuni-gato. Dennis reported that wireless internet connections were available in spots in the Abacos (Great Guana, specifically).

Fast Lane went to Marker 21 last weekend.

If you have cruising news, feel free to submit it to us at tell-tale@melbourneyachtclub.com.

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.

2003 Seafood Raft-Up Recap

We had a wonderful raft-up this year, thanks to the efforts of:

Jack and Marty Bibb
Harry and Katy Stapor
Bob Sowden and Karen Knockel
Jerry and Rachele Ross
Jim and Nancy Boyd
Paul and Joyce Alexy
Jim Gibson
Chet Pruszyński and Harriet Diamond

And especial thanks to Jack and Jackie Leahy who furnished the anchor boat for the raft, and in another role, furnished the chapel for one of the two weddings that took place that night.

That's right! For the first time, we had weddings on the Raft-Up that were good for longer than the duration of the raft. Jim and Rochelle Yates were married on Jim's Carisma, and Mike and Daphne Weston were married on Rainbow Chaser.

107 people showed up to enjoy the shrimp and the company, down 32 from last year and a lesson to the party committee that if you don't do it right, it's gonna cost ya!

Like last year, there was a stiff breeze and chop from the south, but unlike last year, we anchored north of the causeway, so we didn't notice. The night was warm, the food and company were good, and those who missed it, well, ya should'a been there.

Hasty

31 Boats Registered for the Sunfish Regionals



MYC Women Clean up at CBYC Mermaid Regatta

Sherry Beckett led a strong MYC team to win the Spinnaker division at CBYC. Mary Anne Ward was second for CBYC and Mary Williams was third in Volant. Rachele Ross won easily in the Non-Spinnaker division.

Brevard Challenge May 17th and 18th (ECSA Wins the Cirripedia Cup)

MYC fielded a strong team at the Brevard Challenge but not quite strong enough. Hurt by the fact that we did not have a Melges 24 racing for MYC, we relinquished the Cirripedia Cup to ESCA. IRYC was second and MYC was third. ESCA has promised to defend the Cup at our Fall Regatta. This was the first time for many years that there have been more than 2 teams competing for the cup.



The ECSA Team Gloats over the Cup

Sunfish Regionals May 17th and 18th

MYC's fleet 669 ran a wonderful Sunfish Regatta at MYC while the big boats were up at Cocoa. Jim Edwards and Linde West spearheaded the effort, but many hands made light work. Thirty-one boats raced 6 races, 4 on Saturday, 2 on Sunday. An excellent breeze Saturday allowed for some fast reaching legs. Look for results on the website.

4th of July Rum Race (Special Time)

Please look to the website (or club flyers) for final details. The plan is to start the Rum Race much earlier at 2 o'clock so everybody can be back in for a barbecue at the dock (and before the traffic on the water gets too much -- fireworks).

Rum Racing

We are seeing some very close racing in this summer series. Larry Etheridge in Purrfect is the boat to beat. Only 7 or 8 boats gambled on the conditions on Friday the 6th but were to be rewarded by almost "purrfect" conditions. The storm just did not show up. The next race, Friday the 20th, followed by the early race on the 4th of July. The sixth and final race of the series will be on July 18th.

New Race Committee Chase Boat

Former member Bill Haberland has donated an 18-foot Riviera with an 88-horsepower Johnson to MYC to be used by the junior program as well as for race committee duty. Bill is a former 505 sailor and long-time member of Sunfish fleet 669, which has recently seen a resurgence at MYC. Recognizing Bill's many years of faithful support of small boat sailing in the area, MYC's Board of Directors has made Bill our newest honorary member.

- Gary Smith, Fleet Captain

Sailing Class Underway

We have 22 students in our current youth sailing class and are managing well, with the help of many members. Larry Etheridge, Paul Henderson, Bruce Lifter, James Mussman, Steve Clendenin, Richard Robecki, Jim Edwards, and others have stepped up. Folks, this is how it can work.



Some of the students are coming out to watch and learn from our "Small Boat Sunday" races. We are seeing interest in adding prams and a Sunfish "blue" fleet to the races.

The second session of the youth sailing classes starting July 5 is quickly filling up.

The Youth Program joins Fleet in thanking Bill Haberland for donating his powerboat to MYC. It is very welcome and will become an essential part of

the sailing classes. It will also serve as the committee boat for the small boat races. The current club skiff will be used as a safety boat to aid capsized boats and as a mark chaser.

Who'd a thunk it? -- We are well and truly returning small boat racing to our already impressive reputation among Florida sailors. Now, we need to work on fielding a pram fleet in statewide youth racing...

Thanking the helpful members..

- John MacNeill, Youth Director



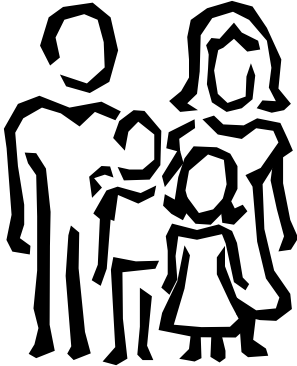
Sleighride's Crew Gybing the Genoa in the Cocoa Beach Mermaid Regatta



Dick Tillman rounds the Mark in the Sunfish Regionals

Father's Day

'All Generations' Fun Race & Family Dinner



Sunday, June 17

Race to Marker 21 and back (about 12 miles)

1pm Skipper's Meeting—2pm First Start

No Entry Fee if you're a Registered Rum Racer

Non-MYC members invited to join us

You must come into the clubhouse (or make prior arrangements) to get your start time.

Standard MYC Rum Race Start times do not apply (distance is longer).

Start with your Rum Race Rating, and add the following correction factors

Additional Correction Factors for this race only:

Dodger or Bimini Up or Dinghy Aboard	+6
Boat has not raced in the last 3 months	+6
More than 2 years since last bottom job	+6
Each generation aboard	+2*
<i>(*does not apply if your last name is Smith)</i>	
Children Under 10	+2

Example: Having a Grandson, Mother, Grandfather, with Grandson being under 10, would add 8 seconds per mile to the normal 'Hasty' rating.

Special 'Don't be Late for Dinner' Rule

On the trip back from Marker 21, if you are in last place, and have been passed by all other boats, you may start your engine and run it until you are no longer in last place. **This rule is cancelled for the final leg between Marker 8 and the Start/Finish Mark.**

Eligible Generations

Eligible 'Generations'

Father / Daughter
Father / Son
Grandfather / Grandson
Grandfather / Granddaughter
Mother / Son
Mother / Daughter
Grandmother / Grandson
Grandmother / Granddaughter

To constitute a generation, you must be related by blood or marriage, but you CAN have sets of unrelated generations aboard.

Individuals can be in multiple generations. Example: Related grandfather, daughter and grandson qualifies as 3 generations

Non-generations crew ARE permitted, you just don't get any rating correction

Join Us for the After-Race Mexican Fiesta Dinner

Non-Racers Encouraged to come feed Dad the Easy Way, too!

Bar open at 5pm - Dinner Served at 6pm

Membership News

Welcome New Members!

Scott Lucas

**Bill Haberland
(Honorary)**

This month we have three new nominations for resident membershi, and one corinthian.

Richard D. Cope

Sponsored by Bob Sowden

Richard was born in the Midwest, moved to Florida at age 5, and lived for some time in Saudi Arabia.

His sailing experience is extensive. He has sailed Arabian Dhows, Sunfish, Hobie 14s and a 28' English Built Catamaran. Along the way he was a helicopter mechanic, and later went to engineering school.

He and his friend Jacqueline are planning to purchase a cruising sloop in the next year.

Charles & Vera Kiessling

Sponsored by Bill Burton

Charles worked for IBM as a design engineer in upstate New York. During that time he sailed on the nearby lakes.

Kiesslings bought their present sailboat in 1984 and retired in 1988. They sailed their boat via the Erie canal and intracoastal water way to Florida, arriving in December. When they Stopped in Melbourne they found the city very attractive and decided to stay. For several years they lived on the boat, and in 1994 bought a house along the river just South of MYC. The boat is currently in Melbourne Harbor Marina.

Vera was born in the Czech Republic and lived in England and Australia She is becoming a citizen and enjoys living in Florida.

With their sailing and data processing experience, Kiesslings would like to part of and contribute to a sailing organization like the MYC.

Bruce and Anne McDonald

Sponsored by Tony Barile

Bruce is a research engineer at McDonald Research Associates. He is a developer of training simulators for the military and Homeland Security.

Ann is a medical librarian, but will be retiring soon and looking forward to some serious sailing with Bruce.

McDonalds own a 28 foot Trimiran named "Different Drummer" which is docked in the Melbourne area. McDonalds spend most of their weekends in the Melbourne area and would like to enjoy the sailing comraderie of the MYC members.

Michael Traines (Corinthian)

Sponsored by Mary Williams



Michael is a local High School student, Junior Commodore in the SSCA, and interested in sailing, fishing and basketball.

For the past three years Mike has been sailing the Carribean with his parents in their Southern Cross 39, Kristali. As such, he has visited Bahamas, Dominican Republic,

Puerto Rico and most of the Leeward and Windward Islands and Bonaire.

He would like to get involve with the local sailing as a Corinthian Member of MYC

- Tony Barile, Membership Chairman



Mexican Fiesta!

June 15 6pm

Beef Mexican
Lasagne
Chicken Taquitos
w/ Sour Cream & Salsa

Corn Casserole
7 Layer Bean Dip
Flan

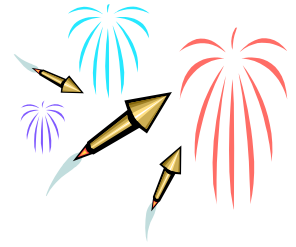
Cost: \$7.50 Adults / \$4 under 12

Bottle of Tequila Awarded
to best 'Mexican Looking Couple'

Reservations: McClures (727-0512 or
jappamadam@aol.com) or Killians)259-
9695 or gary.killian@ps.ge.com)



4th of July Cookout At MYC



Rum Race 2pm Bar open at 4pm
Dinner at 5:30pm
Serving & Eating Indoors

Menu

BBQ Pork Ribs & Chicken
Hot Dogs, BBQ Beans, Coleslaw
Macaroni Salad, Brownies & Watermelon

Cost: \$8 Adults / \$4 under 12

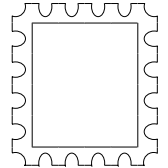
Reservations by June 30 - Bob Hughes
729-6356 or Rhughes3@crfl.rr.com

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