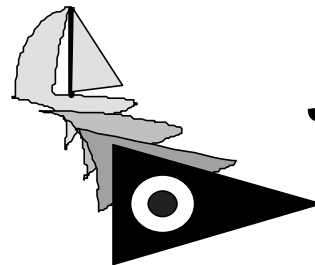


# MELBOURNE YACHT CLUB

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## The Party Line

Jacki is still cruising the Bahamas and will be back soon, we hope!

June started with the birthday bash TGIF hosted by Pat Denes. Thanks Pat!

On Father's Day following the Generations Race (see the Fleet report) we had a Mexican Fiesta hosted by Jay and Pam McClure. Assisted by son Adam McClure, Gary and Louisa Killian, Bruce and Yolanda Lifter, Dorothy Crowe, and Don Millar, they put on a great dinner that was enjoyed by all. Mexican lasagna was a new treat that everyone complimented. Thanks for the super job!

On July 4th, MYC celebrated the nation's birthday in style with great weather, a rum race and a barbecue feast enjoyed by over 120 members and guests. Bob Hughes wowed the club for the second year in a row with his mighty smoker and turned out succulent ribs, chicken and dogs for the occasion. Bob, the club really appreciates all your efforts. Same time next year!? Thanks also go out to his team including wife Wendy, Marsha and Lloyd Millar, Joyce and Paul Alexy and Nancy and Cal Stow. [See photo of crew below]

Coming on July 26 will be a Pirate Poker Run and Low Country Boil hosted by Rachele and crew. Now, you know to expect good food and great fun including lots of silly games and great prizes, but this time (weather permitting) we will actually be sailing as well. See ad on the back page and we'll see you maties on the 26th. Arrrrr!

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

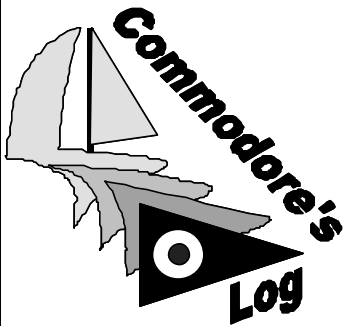
## JULY

- 13 Sunday Dinghy Racing
- 18 Summer Rum Race #6
- 26 Pirate Poker Run and  
Low Country Boil
- 27 Sunday Dinghy Racing
- 30 Board Meeting

## August

- 1 Fall Rum Race #1
- 6 Membership Meeting
- 10 Sunday Dinghy Racing
- 15 Fall Rum Race #2
- 24 Sunday Dinghy Racing
- 27 Board Meeting
- 29 Fall Rum Race #3





This month I need to start off with the club security speech: club members MUST ensure that the clubhouse is locked and all unneeded electrical devices shut off when you leave. The clubhouse was left wide open this month. Clubhouse secu-

rity is every member's responsibility and includes keeping the gate combinations secure. We've been spoiled of late with Jack & Jacki's presence as club caretakers. They are on vacation.

The directories have been published and Art Ahrens is readying them pick up at the clubhouse. He will resort to mail as needed. Thanks to Rachele and all who worked at getting the directory completed. A frightening level of detail is required to get the directory as correct as possible.

Your Board has been hard at work formulating a revision to the by laws that will annually tie the MYC dock rates more closely to the average commercial dock rate. Please check the August Tell Tales for the complete story and plan to attend General Meetings in August (presentation of proposed changes) and September (vote on changes). The need for these by law changes is driven by the need to fairly and regularly act on the dock rate review policy.

I'd like to thank Bob Hughes for keeping up with clubhouse care while Jack & Jacki are on vacation. Various plumbing and gate debacles have been keeping him on his toes.

The Board is considering recent estimates for replacement of the wobbly outer pilings. Stay tuned.

Again I urge all MYC boaters and especially those members with their boats in MYC slips to prepare for the upcoming hurricane season. Changes to the MYC dock rules several years ago REQUIRE that roller furling headsails and other loose objects like dinghies be removed from your boat when the club is under a hurricane warning. Please plan accordingly.

These rules are designed to prevent your boat from trying to sail during a hurricane with disastrous consequences for all.

I continue to work off a list of survey induced repairs

With the help of MYC members Larry Etheridge, James Mussman, Paul Henderson, Bruce Lifter, and Richard Robecki, we graduated 22 young sailors on June 28. Special mention goes to Jack Bibb for his immense amount of work last winter to refit and refinish the six Sunfish in the MYC fleet.



This was a wonderful group of kids. Most of them picked up the sailing skill right away and a few sailed in the MYC Small Boat Sunday races the day after graduation. Many of them will continue into the next class, which started on July 5.

We were concerned about over-subscription and might still have that problem. By the time you read this, we will have solved the problem with the help of other members. Larry will work with the intermediate students and I will teach the beginners.

We can still use some help from members to take the more advanced students out on your big boats to further their education. Any Saturday you can—be at the club at 10 am.

Having too much fun,

- John MacNeill, Youth Director

## Welcome New Members

Michael Traines (Corinthian)

Charles and Vera Kiesling

Bruce and Ann McDonald

Richard D. Cope

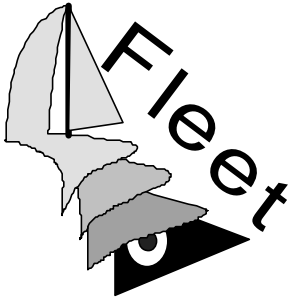
-Tony Barile, Membership

to Nordic Star but at least the boat is usable again. The duel between moisture meters around the exhaust pipe has left me thinking about sealing the balsa core where the pipe passes through the transom. This is a J/30 "feature".

See you out on the water.

- Rob Van Name, Commodore

# FUN RACING !



Who said rum racing isn't competitive?

Hasty's special rum race handicapping seems to be working very well. As we crossed the line in third place (or was it second), Tonya Meister, a new MYC membership applicant, by the way, was discussing the finish order with Mark Bush, a first-time rum racer on

Fivespeed. His comment was that the handicap system seemed to work well with a cluster of boats set to cross the line just behind us. Tonya replied, "Mark, you just keep comin' back, you ain't seem nothin' yet" or something like that.

Anyway, the earlier than usual rum race on July 4th, 2 p.m. instead of 6 p.m., was pretty close racing. As we came down the final reach from #9 to #8, we were closing slowly on Jim Boyd in his Laser 28 Luff Affair. Jim was prepared to (take us to the moon) if necessary so we had to settle for gybing first on the inside at #8 and hauling out our big #1 in order to pull away. Meantime, Hasty Miller was staging a great comeback and closing on us like a freight train. Dan and Marlene Sasserma, sailing a trimaran in their first rum race, made up a threesome going neck and neck for the finish, only 30 seconds or so behind us. Larry Etheridge on Purrfect was in no danger of being passed by anyone, finishing well over a minute ahead, but who was that boat way out in front?

None other than Nordic Star going like gangbusters or so it seemed. Commodore Rob Van Name, with new bottom job and all, got a little over enthusiastic and started just a little early; try 4 minutes early! He mumbled something after pulling into his slip that Jerry Ross had somehow faked him out by being slightly up the weather leg (I presume checking the headings). Rob later found his atomic clock on board to be 4 minutes fast to the second. Anyway, Rob graciously withdrew from the standings for the day leaving Larry with a clear-cut victory.

On checking the standings for this series of fun races, I think that Purrfect and Fivespeed are perfectly tied on points at 27 apiece. So it is down to the last race on July 18th for the decision. Who said this rum racing wasn't competitive!

As far as I know, Jim Miller and Sea Turtle is the only local representative racing at Abaco Race Week. I haven't heard any results as of yet.

- Gary Smith, Fleet Captain

## 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...

### MYC Officer/Board Email Addresses

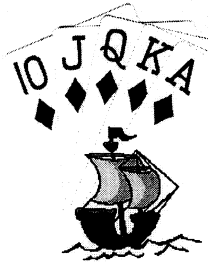
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E-mail it to:

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Please include name & phone number.



# Pirate Poker Run

**Saturday, July 26 - \$10/person**

3:00 p.m. Skippers' meeting

3:15 p.m. Poker Run begins

5:30 p.m. Bar opens (approx.)

6:30 p.m. Low Country Boil served

(Shrimp, sausage, corn, potatoes, onions)

plus rolls, butter and dessert)

We'll go for a short pirate raid (sail) and each skipper and each crew of three will collect playing cards from five anchored boats. When we return to MYC's pirate den, the best poker hands will share in the looted treasure. There'll be yummy rations, some silly pirate games (you may have to walk the plank), and be entertained by sea chanties.

At the skippers' meeting, each volunteer skipper will shanghai as many crews of three as will fit on his boat. Grog rations and hard tack will be provided for each skipper to keep his crew from holding a mutiny.

Crew must arrive on time and wear appropriate shoes.

If ye prefer to be a land lubber only, ye may make reservations just for rations in the pirate den.

Please make reservations by Wed. July 23. For reservations, contact Rachele Ross (265-8326 or [jerryracheleross@aol.com](mailto:jerryracheleross@aol.com)).

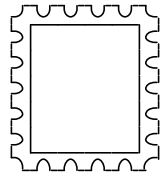
If you wish to be a skipper or a card station boat, please contact Rachele by Friday, July 18.

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