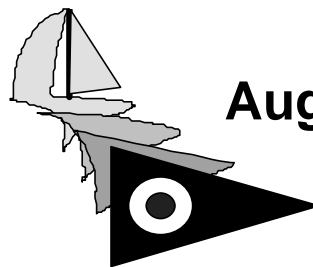


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AUGUST

- 15 Fall Rum Race #2 and Franco's Dine-In
- 23 Bunko Party
- 24 Sunday Dinghy Racing
- 27 Board Meeting
- 29 Fall Rum Race #3

SEPTEMBER

- 3 General Meeting
- 7 Sunday Dinghy Racing
- 12 Fall Rum Race #4
- 13 Work day at the club
- 20-21 Mermaid Regatta
- 26 Fall Rum Race #5
- 30 Board Meeting

The Party Line

Thanks to Rachele who covered for me while I was working so hard in the Bahamas! Also, thank you to Pat Denes who did the Birthday Fridays for me. We all need a little (a lot) of help from our friends sometimes.

Yes! We had a great time. Yes! it is good to be back with our friends. Yes! The trip is never long enough!

I heard that the Party hosted by Bob & Wendy Hughes on the 4th of July was wonderful. Sorry I missed it.

The July 26th Pirate Poker Run went on as scheduled in spite of our loss of friend & member Stu Shadbolt. It was lightly attended, but mostly because folks were still not back from summering elsewhere. Those who did attend had a great time and a delicious dinner. Skipper, Hasty Miller, Jerry Ross, Chet Pruszynski, and Jack Leahy took party guests for a sail and collected cards from Scott Lucas (& Regina) in Flying Buckeye, John MacNeill in the club skiff, Larry & Connie (& Connie's sister) on Purrfect, Bob & Wendy Hughes & Jim Gibson on Second Chance, Mike Dunne and Barb & Mike Ehnert on Dr. Flake.

The day was hot but the competition was hotter with party goers trying to toss the anchor, walk the plank and lasso the pilings!

Besides Jim Edwards & Lynde West, who cooked the Low Country Boil, other Committee Members were Rachele Ross, Ross Herbert, Nancy Eitapence, (& Alsy), Paty Henry. Thanks all!

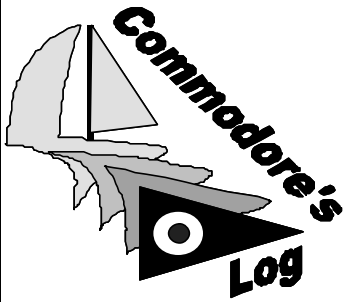
August is here with birthdays on Friday the 1st, a wine & cheese tasting hosted by Barb Ehnert & Ross Herbert held on the 9th. A Dine-In from Franco's will be on the 15th.

The Dine-In will be a salad, meat or veggie lasagna & dessert and (I hope) lots of those wonderful garlic rolls.

Also in August will be a Bunko Party on August 23 at 7PM. What is Bunko you ask? It is a wonderfully mindless card & dice game that becomes quite competitive. Everyone shifts partners often and you see sides of people that you NEVER saw before! Faye Bitzer is planning this usually hysterical evening which will include desserts and coffee. Bar will be open. Cost \$4 per person. Please sign up.

The 25th annual Mermaid Regatta is coming up on September 20 & 21st, mark this in INK on your calendars.

- Jacki Leahy, Entertainment Director



Maria and I were deeply saddened by the passing of Stu Shadbolt this past month. Our prayers are with his family. He was a very interesting, nice person, and he will be missed.

I presented the Board's proposed revision to the by laws that will annually tie the MYC dock rates more closely to the average commercial dock rate. Please check elsewhere in the Tell Tale for the complete story and also plan to attend General Meeting in September to vote on the proposed changes. Please be aware that the member of record must be present to vote, no proxies are possible. These by law changes are driven by the need to fairly and regularly act on the dock rate review policy.

Obligatory hurricane preparatory message:

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.

- Rob Van Name, Commodore

Whispers from the Grog Locker

Well I guess that the Bahamas Summer Exodus is over for this year as attendance at the TGIF seems to be back to its' usual levels. It is good to see all of you back, joining those of us who didn't make the trip this year. Yes, I am jealous.



This month on Friday, 15 August, we are having a Franco's Dine-in. There will be Meat or vegetable Lasagna, salad, garlic knots and a cannoli for \$9.00 per person. Since this is a Rum Race night, there will be two seatings at 6:30 PM, and 7:45 PM. Please make your reservations by Wednesday, 13 August, by signing up in the Bar, or dropping me an eMail.

We have added several new items to the bar inventory, some by request and some due to the yearly distributorship product shuffles. Thus, we now carry Sam Adams Boston Lager, Smirnoff Ice Triple Black, Nassau Royale, a Rum-based liqueur, Tia Maria, a Coffee-based liqueur, and Southern Comfort Bourbon Whiskey. Finally, we have Cuya Rum, Bacardi's entry into the spiced rum market. Please try them and let us know what you think.

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



We graduated 19 more students from the youth (9-15) sailing classes. Some spaces are open for the adult class (16 and over) starting Aug. 16 and running for five Saturdays from 10am to 2pm.



This class will benefit if members with keel-boats take a few of the students out for sailing instruction. Most of them already crew on big boats. They just need time to learn some fundamentals of boat handling, sail trim, and wind reading without the pressure of racing. If you can find time (or aren't racing on Saturdays) please help.

MYC has added 2 Lasers to its fleet of club-owned boats. The 18-foot boat donated by Bill Haberland needs an immediate work party to apply bottom paint and install an automatic bilge pump so it can be kept in the water. During the MYC work party on Sept 13, we need to attend to the fleet of boats used by the youth program.

Could the person who stored the blue Laser in the east-side yard many mango seasons ago please come forward? Can we add it to the club fleet? Where are the sail and blades?

The Small Boat Sunday Races with post-race bar & burn-it are growing in popularity - 20 boats raced on July 27. All six club Sunfish, both Lasers, the Snipe, and one Optimist Pram were in use. This is getting out of hand for me to operate alone. Jim Edwards is putting a plan in place to track boat rentals and registration payments. Jim and Lynde are sailing in these races and we need a non-racer to help with the on-shore paperwork.

The races are officially Fleet's responsibility. I'm just following Dave Noble's lead in reviving the one-design races at MYC. I've given up sailing my Force 5 to run the races, because if I didn't - they might not happen. Scott Bell helps when he can and sometimes I have pick-up help.

We now have another RC boat. Only club members can operate the club owned powerboats. We need to be able to use the club skiff as a crash boat, not RC boat. Several times, I've had to pull the RC boat's anchor for rescue duty - then the race is kaput.

- John MacNeill, Youth Director



August 2003

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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MYC Dock Rates Proposal

Background

MYC By-Law DOCK POLICY, RATES AND RULES, Paragraph 4 under RATES, reads:

“Dock rental rates shall be reviewed at six (6) month intervals. Dock turnover rate, size of waiting list and slip occupancy shall be the major criteria for rate adjustments”.

- Turnover rate: regularly exceeds two years
- Size of Waitlist:
 - 25 members waiting for one of 42 slips
 - Only 42 slips available for 1/3 of eligible MYC boat owners
- Slip Occupancy:
 - There are boats in slips that are effectively in storage or for sale, seeing little or no use
 - There are boats in slips whose owners do not participate in club activities
 - This is unfair to our active members

Rationale

- Change by-laws to require MYC Board to set all dock rates annually as percentages of average commercial dock rates.
- Past MYC Boards have not kept club dock rates up to date
- Restore MYC dock rental rates to ~60% of the average commercial rate, as was done when the slips were built in 1978 (to encourage slip occupancy!)

HISTORICAL WET SLIP RATES/FT. OF MYC VS LOCAL COMMERCIAL MARINAS

	<u>1978</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>2003</u>
MYC	\$0.95	\$2.50	\$3.38
DIAMOND99	\$1.50	\$4.83	\$7.50
MYC/DIA99	63%	51%	45
AVG LOCAL	UNK	UNK	\$8.86
MYC/LOCAL	UNK.	UNK.	38%

Rationale continued

- Halt the draw down of reserve account. Major dock expenses are expected in the near term for pilings, etc.
- Restore a balance of fairness to dock rates where current slip holders (1/3 of club members) are receiving a substantial dock rate subsidy.

Proposed Dock Rate Calculations

- MYC slip rental rate= 60% of average monthly commercial slip rental rate
- Category A (One Design Mast up @ waterside)= 50% of MYC slip rental rate per foot
- Category B (Dinghy rack storage at waterside)= 3 X MYC slip rental rate
- Category C (One Design trailered storage at street level)= 25% MYC slip rental rate per foot
- Category D (Dinghy rack storage at street level)= 3 X MYC slip rental rate
- Increase allocation to dock reserves from 10% to 20% of dock rental collected

March 2003 Commercial Dock Rates per foot per month, before sales tax

Telemar Bay	\$11.14
Anchorage	\$8.43
Cape Marina	\$7.77
Harbortown	\$9.54
Intracoastal	\$9.52
Melbourne Harbor	\$8.00
Waterline	\$9.01
Diamond 99	\$7.50

AVERAGE COMMERCIAL SLIP RATE WITHOUT ELECTRICITY = \$ 8.86

Proposed new rates

- MYC Dock rental rate: 60% X \$8.86 = \$5.32/foot/month
- Category A: 50% X \$5.32=\$2.66/ft/month
- Category B: 3 X \$5.32 = \$15.96/month
- Category C: 25% X \$5.32 = \$1.33/ft/month
- Category D: 3 X \$5.32 = \$15.96/month

Impact Examples, Old vs. New Rates

- MYC Dock rental rate: old = \$3.38; new=\$5.32 per foot per month
- Category A: old = \$1.70; new =\$2.66/ft/mo
- Category B: old=\$13.00;new = \$15.96
- Category C: old=\$13.00;new = \$1.33/ft/mo
- Category D: old=\$7.00;new = \$15.96

Example for Nordic Star

- Current slip rental per month (w/o sales tax): 30' X \$ 3.38 = \$101.40
- New slip rental per month (w/o sales tax): 30' X \$5.32 = \$159.60

Example for Melgi - Category A

- Current one design mast up@ waterside per month (w/o sales tax): 24' X \$ 1.70 = \$40.80
- New one design mast up@ waterside per month (w/o sales tax): 24' X \$2.66 = \$63.84

Example for dinghy in rack, Category B

- Current dinghy in rack waterside per month (w/o sales tax): \$13
- New dinghy in rack waterside per month (w/o sales tax): 3 X \$5.32 = \$15.96

Example for 14' One design trailered storage at street level Category C

- Current one design trailered@ street level per month (w/o sales tax): \$13
- New one design trailered@ street level per month (w/o sales tax): 14' X \$1.33 = \$18.62

Example for dinghy at street level, Category D

- Current dinghy at street level per month (w/o sales tax): \$13
- New dinghy at street level per month (w/o sales tax): 3 X \$5.32 = \$15.96

Summary & Conclusions

- **Halt draw down of the dock reserve account**
- **Dock rent at current rate ~\$54,171 per year**
- **Dock rent at new rate is ~\$85,048 per year**
- **Funds to dock reserve at current rate and current percentage (10%) ~\$5,400 per year**
- **Funds to dock reserve account at new rate & percentage (20%) ~\$ 17,000 per year**
- **Estimate to replace outer pilings \$ 21,000**

Two Board Member's Opinions Regarding Dock Rates

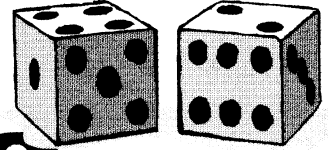
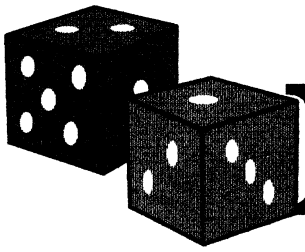
Jackie Leahy: I have been asked by several members why the board feels that the dock rents should go up. Maintaining the docks is a never ending job. As all of us who are going through the aging process know, it takes more money just to maintain, not make new. The cost of keeping up has spiraled. Just replacing our badly eroded outer pilings will cost approximately \$24,000. Soon we will need dredging again, the inner pilings and some of the stringers will need replacing etc. How to pay? Eventually, the money will have to come from someone.

When the docks were built, the dock rent was approximately 60% of the going commercial rent, now the lucky few (43) of us who have slips are paying approx 35% of the going rate. A 30 foot boat gets a savings of \$2000 per year. While I personally love a good deal, I understand that it is really not fair to the other members that I get a free ride. It is not fair that the 60% of the non slip members should have to pay my way. Going along with the dock rent proposal is a proposal to change the % of money going into the dock reserve from 10% of rents collected to 20%. This should assure that the money will be there when we need it. Thanks for taking the time to listen to this very opinioned member.

Gary Smith: Commodore Rob Van Name will be introducing some ideas to help solve the dock rate problem by looking at the rates paid for dock slippage by those members fortunate enough to have slips at this time. The current rates are ridiculously low as they have not been realistically addressed for many years. There was a small, less than 5%, increase a couple of years ago but that hardly addressed the issue. I believe that in addition to looking at the dock fees we need to take a serious look at how members use the docks and what their participation is in boating events run by the club. We have about 25 people on the waiting list for slips. A lot of those people would participate in various club-sponsored events like rum racing, cruises, etc., if their boats were readily available at MYC docks. I think this whole issue needs to be looked at closely and modifications made to the by-laws covering use of the docks. There will be ample opportunity for voices to be heard at the next couple of general meetings. I think this is all good healthy stuff for the club to be going through as it is a sign of positive growth here in 2003.



Scenes from the Pirate Poker Run



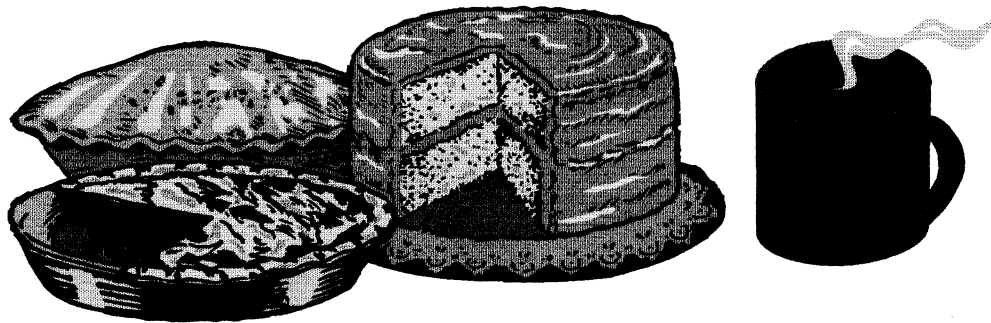
Bunko

Saturday August 23rd

at 7P.M.

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Fun, Games & a Troll



**snacks, dessert & coffee
Bar will be open**

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728-8841 or fayebitzer@yahoo.com**

FLEET NEWS

The 6th and final rum race in this series certainly lived up to its billing. As you may remember Purrfect and Fivespeed were tied on points after 5 races and it all boiled down to the 6th race. It turned out to be a great day of sailing with southeast 12 to 14 knots with a true beat down to the mark off Melbourne Beach. These conditions certainly favored Fivespeed on the upwind work. Larry and crew ran into some problems on the first beat and ended up with not 1 but 2 overrides on the jib sheet winch requiring twice cutting the jib sheet at the point of attachment to the jib. Fivespeed rounded the second windward mark in third place behind Purrfect and Luff Affair. Luff Affair rounded mark 9 just ahead of Fivespeed and did some serious covering on the run back down to 8. If this sounds like a repeat of race #5, it pretty much was with Fivespeed rounding on the inside and sailing a leeward course toward the finish on starboard tack. Luff Affair was doing its best to stay on Fivespeed's wind on the short run to the finish and did a pretty good job of it. Purrfect out in front chose to jib onto port for his approach to the finish with Luff Affair interfering with the wind of both boats right before the finish, it was neck and neck between Fivespeed and Purrfect. The boats were even with about 75 yards to go but Fivespeed was able to come up about 10 degrees and accelerate on a nice little wind line which drew her bow ahead by only a matter of feet so the 2 boats finished overlapped on opposite jibs at the mark with Luff Affair just a boat length or two astern and Skimmer just a couple boat lengths back just like race #5. So Fivespeed squeaked out a win by just 1 point in the series. This was some of the most fun racing that I have had in the last few years. Who said rum racing wasn't competitive?

QUOTE FROM FEBRUARY 1988 FOOT, TACK AND CLEW:

"After much discussion, making, revising, withdrawing and modifying of motions, the Board was charged by the general membership to review and return to the membership by the next general meeting, a plan of action for the handling of boats currently docked at Melbourne Yacht Club that have been inactive for an extended period of time."

John MacNeil found this in his archives of old newsletters at home and showed it to several people. I thought this to be well worthwhile bringing to

the attention of the club here again in 2003. It seems like we are facing the same kind of problem again now that we were back in 1988. I can remember that meeting myself and I think back to a handful of "green boats" which were at the dock back then. A couple of them actually had small plants growing in the dirt that had accumulated along the toerails. Some of them had so much mold and mildew growing on them that they were biohazard areas. Does this sound familiar to any of you who were members back then? [more comments regarding docks on page 5]

- Gary Smith, Fleet Director



Wallie & Lynn Everest



Bill & Charlotte Parker

Membership News

FOUR NEW NOMINATIONS FOR RESIDENT MEMBERS THIS MONTH

Wallie and Lynn Everest

Sponsored by Tony Barile

Wallie is a Senior Electrical Engineer at Rockwell Collins and moved to Melbourne six years ago. He purchased a 24' power runabout. They have been enjoying the waterway and inlets with my family.

He is a sailor from the Boston area, and was actively racing as crew on a C&C 33 every weekend for three years in the Marblehead and Boston area. He has also been co-captain and navigator on a C&C 37 and CAL 44 for several offshore races. These include races to Bermuda, Portsmouth, and Halifax, Nova Scotia. He participated in a SOLAS safety course and CPR course to qualify for these races,

As a youth, his family was a member of the Corinthian Yacht Club and the Lynn Yacht Club. They had a pair of Lasers and a Hunter 33 at that time. He has spent many hours maintaining boats, and is familiar with club operations and maintenance. He has also coached youth soccer, baseball, and school science teams.

His three children are now old enough to share his love of sailing. The Everests would like to join the Melbourne Yacht Club to participate in the racing and youth programs.

Tonya Meister

Sponsored by Gary Smith

Tonya is an attorney with Morgan and Barbary PA, and her passion is sailing. She worked on a 65' sloop in the Bahamas for over nine months. She has owned and did some racing and cruising on a Ranger 26.

Currently she sails with Gary Smith on 5

Speed. She has participated in many races out of MYC and enjoyed the company of its members. She would now like to become part of the MYC family.

David and Joan Lister

Sponsored by John MacNeill

David has been involved with sailing since 1961, when he was in the RAF. He gained a proficiency certificate on a 10 day cruise on the 32 foot RAF boat Jettu, sailing around the Channel Islands and over to France.

He met Joan at Filey Regatta in 1969 and they sailed and raced their Firefly, "Will O' the Wisp" for many happy years.

David continued sailing with friends and offshore boats based at Scarborough. There he was involved with training young sailors.

Since moving to Melbourne he has made some acquaintances with MYC members and has been sailing Sunfish. The Listers are looking foreword to learning more about the Lagoon waters, and the friendly MYC members.

Bill and Charlotte Parker

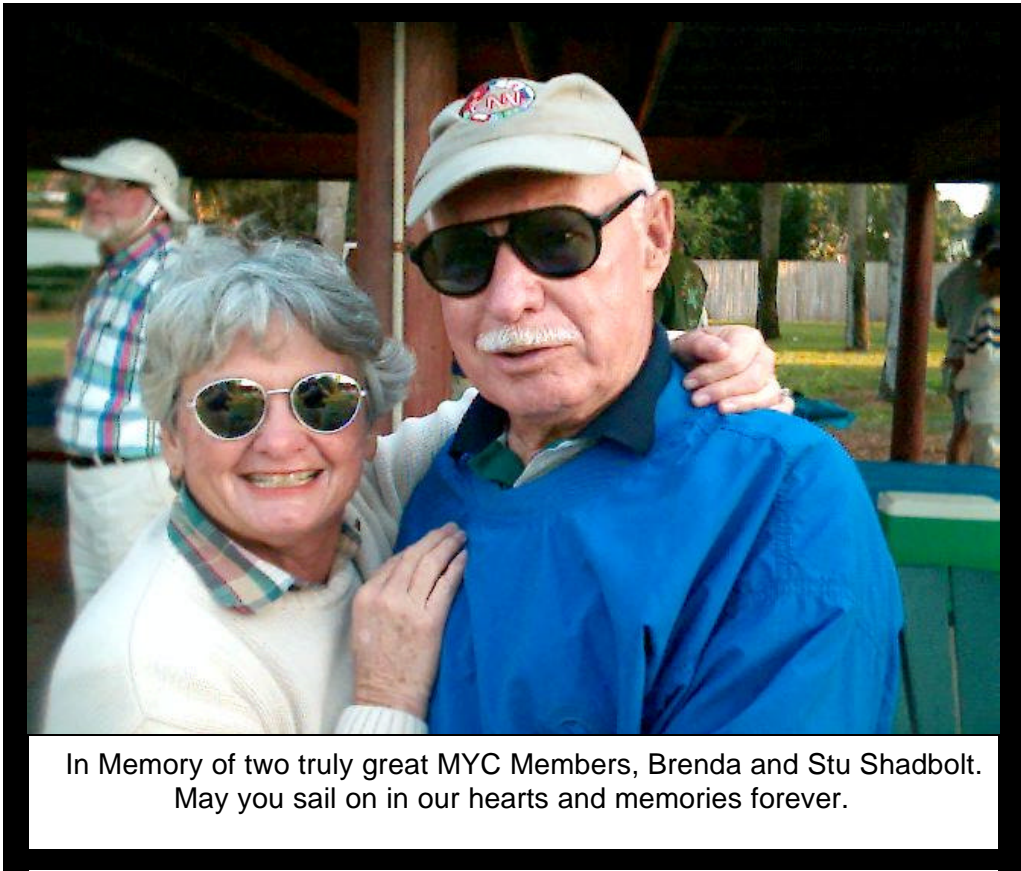
Sponsored by Stephen Shippee

Parkers have four small sailboats, 16' Sunbird, two Phantoms and one Sunfish. They have a son and daughter that are just about ready for the Pram Sailing classes.

Both Bill and Charlotte have lived in the Melbourne area for many years, and enjoy the sailing. They have completed the American Sailing Association "Keelboat" class.

They are looking foreword to the friendship and camaraderie of the Melbourne Yacht Club.

- Tony Barile, Membership Director



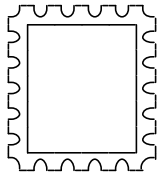
In Memory of two truly great MYC Members, Brenda and Stu Shadbolt.
May you sail on in our hearts and memories forever.

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