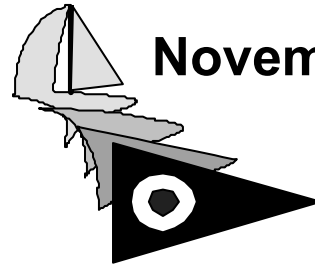


MELBOURNE YACHT CLUB TELL-TALE



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NOVEMBER

- 9 Winter Rum Race #1
- 14 Dine-in, Soup Cook-Off
- 16 Sunday Dinghy Racing
- 22 Sharing Dinner & Auction
- 23 Winter Rum Race #2
- 26 Board Meeting
- 28 T'ksgiving Fri-Bar Open
- 29-30 Sunfish Regatta

DECEMBER

- 3 Membership Meeting 6:30
- 5 Decorate the Tree TGIF
- 7 Winter Rum Race #3
- 12 MYC Christmas Party (TGIF)
- 31 New Years Eve Party

The Party Line

If you look up the definition of PARTY in the dictionary, old Mr. Webster has a picture of MYC during Regatta time! Two months of Regattas! Anyone who thinks that there is no sailing in this area, should have been on the causeways the weekend of October 25 & 26th. We had three areas of sailing going on as well as Scott & Dior Hubel's Hobie race that went past us going both North & South!

Sorry if this reads like a racing report, but it was an exciting two months. Regatta opened with juice, coffee & munches hosted by Ross Herbert. Dinner was Bar-b-Que. and cobbler hosted by Amy Lacy & crew. Sunday morning was Ross again with Jim & Amy doing hot dogs on the porch. We sure went through a lot of food!

Thursday we had the now annual pram races with a pot luck after the racing. Nancy Garvey co-hosted this event with me. Friday night was the Rebel Rally with Rachele Ross & Ross Herbert organizing Pizza by the slice.

Saturday was the famous Pancake Breakfast hosted by Sally & Paul Wakefield. This is a treat we wait for every year. How do they make those great pancakes? Helping them was Caroline & Jim Parker and

Saturday night was Italian! Great stuffed shells, garlic rolls & salad organized by

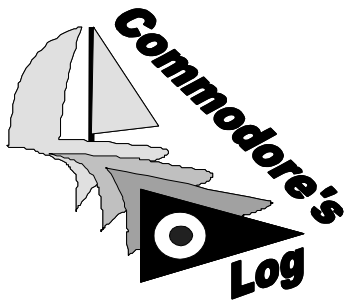
After races on Sunday, Linde West saved the day by rounding up left overs to feed the hungry crews.

The whole time is a blur to me. So much activity. So many people. Everyone with smiling faces. Well, maybe some of the racers were a little disappointed with their performance. But NO ONE was disappointed with the food or the races!

November opened with Birthdays on November 7th

On November 14th, Mary Williams will host another Soup Cook-Off! MYC Chefs will compete for the best soup of 2003. Spectators will be the winners as we will eat the soup! Later that night, there will be a special sing-along, see the Tell Tail for details of both.

November 22nd will be our Annual Sharing Dinner & Auction. Joyce Alexy will host the dinner part of the evening with a pot luck. (Club will provide the main dish). Bill & Betty Thon will once again run the auction. Betty and the Auction is as much as a tradition as Rachele & the



A majority of members present at the general meeting voted to postpone the vote on the rate increase until the issues raised with the LRPC rate increase proposal can be addressed. Our Treasurer is currently on a well deserved vacation and his expertise is needed to address the issues. The issues are as follows:

- The need to update the LRPC replacement and cash projections along with the impact of current operating costs to verify the future cash balance.
- Understand the possible impact to club income by placing 30% of the dock rent into the dock reserves

The plan is to have the updates performed so we can discuss them at the next general meeting.

I've asked the LRPC to give the Board a recommendation as to exactly which deteriorated pilings should be replaced before the next hurricane season. There are differing opinions on the replacement quantity.

The Board continues to discuss the proxy proposal. We are analyzing potential for abuse and unintended consequences.

Thanks to all members for making the Fall Series a great success. Special thanks to Dave Noble.

The annual lease for the property across the street will be renewed at the current rate. Thanks to Gary Smith for bringing this to completion.

The Dockmaster submitted our request to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for one live aboard slip for security purposes at the renewal of the BottomLands Lease. Our Dockmaster, Gabe Denes resigned his position due to upcoming surgery.

A Nominating Committee consisting of Sherry Beckett, Harry Stapor, Chris Gates, Larry Etheridge, Harvey Melfi, Jim Miller and John

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Mermaid! So glad that somethings never change and also that there have been new faces this year.

Thanksgiving will be our now annual Orphan's Dinner. Those of you without family around, please join us for dinner with our MYC family. We usually have aprox 50 at this pot luck dinner, and food for 100! Contact Jackie Herbert or myself for more details (see flyer posted in the club).

We will be decorating the club for the holidays on December 5th at TGIF. Please come and lend a hand at this fun evening. Christmas Party, December 12th will be hosted by Betsey Baird. Don't forget, the best New Year's party will be at MYC !!

- Jacki Leahy



Dave Silverman in the Fall Regatta Sunfish Race



Lacy's and Chuck Delmater in Rum Race

Drawe held their first meeting last month. They are formulating a slate of candidates for the 2004 Board. Stay tuned.

The FL State designated trapper did appear looking for the MYC alligator(s). No immediate word on his success.

- Rob Van Name, Commodore



ANNUAL SHARING DINNER & AUCTION



Where: Melbourne Yacht Club
When: Saturday, November 22nd
Potluck Dinner - 6:30 PM
Auction - 7:30 PM

\$5.00 per person (MEAT to be provided by club)

PLEASE BRING:

- **Donation for auction (wrapped or unwrapped)**
- **Dish to share (Based on your last name)**
 - **A thru O – Main Dish**
 - **P thru Z – Dessert**

Please RSVP no later than November 17th

**Reservations & Dinner Questions
Call Paul & Joyce Alexy (321) 779-4464**

**Questions for Auction
Call Bill & Betty Thon 723-1126**

The Auction

Immediately following dinner, you will enjoy a fast-paced auction and raffle. Bill Thon will be the auctioneer. Items to be auctioned and raffled may be craft items, surplus house or boat items, or 'mystery prizes'. Bring your donation open for viewing, gift wrapped, or brown-bagged as mystery items.

A lot of needy people will be helped by your generosity, AND we'll have fun doing it.

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.

Fleet Report

MYC FALL REGATTA

Once again, MYC has pulled off a very successful fall regatta. **Special thanks go to Regatta Chairman Dave Noble for spearheading this event once more.** Dave tells me next year he is going to take a break and actually sail himself. More on that later. Meanwhile, we had a host of volunteers who worked tirelessly once more to make this regatta the success that it was. You all know who you are and thanks!

We were treated to two weekends with plenty of breeze to test the crews and test 'em we did.

Overall trophies for the week went as follows:

Boat of the Week: Sea Turtle, Jim Miller and crew, winning class on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Sailor of the Week: Jim Edwards for his performance racing Sunfish the first weekend, prams mid-week, crewing on Purrfect for third in the Yankee Rebel Rally racer division and stepping up to run R/C for the Sunfish out of Ballard Park the second weekend.

"Bert McAllister" Award: Lowest corrected time in PHRF netted Duncan MacKenzie and Dirty Dog this award.

Mid-week, Hasty Miller won **King of the Prams** and Sherry Beckett won Queen of the Prams.

On Sunday, lowest corrected times were calculated for both races for the **Cirripedia Cup**. MYC prevailed over the ECSA team to take back the trophy for at least a couple of weeks, as we have to defend it at the ECSA River Challenge on November 8th.

Top scoring boats for MYC were Fivespeed, Fast Lane, Slot Machine and Purrfect. Going down in defeat for ECSA were Dirty Dog, Tug, Impulsive and Luff Affair.

Special thanks to Gerry Moores for the great R/C job for PHRF weekend.

Further thanks to Mike Chappell from CYBC for heading up the Melges R/C north of Eau Gallie and

to Mike Nulf of IYRC for organizing the Melges fleet so well.

Finally, thanks to Rachele and Ross and crew for keeping the food coming and the beer flowing. Ross sounded a little disappointed in that only 8 kegs went south. He ended up with several in reserve. Great job, Ross, Rachele and all your helpers.

Rum Racing

We finished the Fall Rum Race series in the dark on Friday, October 10th. Final results were:

Racers

- 1—Larry Etheridge—S2 7.9—Purrfect
- 2—Jim Boyd—Laser 28—Luff Affair
- 3—Hasty Miller—Nightwinds 35—Skimmer

Cruisers

- 1—Rick Crockett—Hunter 28.8—Maverick
- 2—Jim Miller—Moorings 38—Sea Turtle
- 3—Bill Striker—Ericson 26—Hawk

The Rum Race Schedule for Winter is (all Sunday afternoons at 2pm):

Nov 9	Jan 4
Nov 23	Jan 18
Dec 7	Feb 1

The MYC ad hoc Saturday Sailing School is well underway for the winter season. 10am to 2pm.

The rules are simple. If the weather is good, we sail. If the weather is bad, we don't. High wind is NOT bad weather. Cold, wet and nasty is.

If you can't decide, call John MacNeill (723-6213) at 9am Saturday. I'll make the decision. Cost is \$5 per Saturday and is open to the public of all ages and skills.

John B. MacNeill
<sail@32903.org>



Whispers from the Grog Locker

It is a little strange to wake up on Saturday and not have to rush off at O'dark-thirty in the morning to help setup the club for a regatta. However, now that the Fall Regatta is over, I have been able to catch up with the bar's end of the regatta accounting.

During the planning meetings our Regatta-meister Dave Noble had put forth the idea of "free" beer for the entire regatta. Based on last year's regatta, we estimated that we would need a dozen (maybe a baker's dozen) kegs of beer over the two weekends of the regatta. Now, this implied 6 kegs per weekend and we only had storage for at most seven kegs at one time and two of those had to be the on-tap and the backup Amber Bock, so that left space for 5 Budweiser kegs in storage. One shy of 6 you may notice. Well, that led me to research temporary refrigeration storage for the beer.



Since we are a commercially licensed business, the distributor is forbidden by law to help us, so I looked to rent a refrigerated trailer. I found one company that would do it for \$700.00 for the two weekends. I, then, looked to renting a refrigerated truck, from Ryder Truck Rentals in Orlando, that ended up being around \$200.00 for each weekend. So with no inexpensive way to store the beer, I decided to improvise a short-term system, which is why some of you had to dance around the two trash cans in the kitchen (Sorry Sally and THANK YOU and your crew for your patience) during the weekend. Then, the dinghy sailors didn't drink much more than two kegs that first weekend. Well, I was in something of a panic. But, as Hasty has pointed out, we were missing the cruiser sailors and the Fleet 669 sailors that first weekend. He was right because the second weekend, you went through another six-plus kegs of beer. I hope you had fun, I know I did.

Mary Williams is coordinating the Dine-in on next Friday, November 14th. There will be a \$5.00 charge to cover prizes, salad, bread, and other sundries. So please come by and have a soup dinner with us. There is NO reservation required. She is looking for around 10 soup entries to be judged, so please let her know if you are interested in sharing your favorite soup recipe with the club. Also, she is looking for several members to be the judges. Interested parties need to contact her directly either by phone (727-3456) or via her eMail address at caliber402002@yahoo.com.



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

*Joyce Alexy wins her heat in the
Fall Regatta Pram Race*



HAPPY  HOLIDAYS

Decorate the Club Party

TGIF—December 5th

At TGIF on December 5th, we will be putting up
Christmas trees and other decorations.
Come help, and share in the holiday feeling.



MYC Christmas Party
TGIF—December 12th

*Entertainment, good food and a special visitor for the kids
Crafts will be available to keep the kids (young and old) busy*

Main Course Furnished by the Club

Bring Your Favorite Christmas Dishes

If your last name begins with A through P, bring a side dish

If it begins with Q through Z, bring a dessert.

Cost is \$10.00 per person—Children eat free

Reservations required by Tuesday, December 9th

Call Betsy Baird at 724-6173

Email at CABaird@worldnet.att.net

Please feel free to bring an unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots!

Membership News

Welcome New Members!

**Simon
Koumjian**



Robert & Barbara Rushing

Membership Nominees

This month we have two new nominations for resident membership.

Pam and Ron Vanderveer
Sponsored by Rachele Ross

Pam is self-employed as a medical transcriptionist. Ron works in technology support for Pitney Bowes Inc. and previously taught Oceanography at Melbourne High School. They met while working in the Bahamas—Ron as a SCUBA instructor and Pam as a sailing instructor.

In the 1970's, Pam sailed with her Dad in the waters around Long Island and as far away as Nantucket with the South Bay Cruising Club (she was excited to see their green and white Burgee hanging in the lounge). Ron sailed with his uncle in Southern California, often to Catalina Island.

For the past two years, Ron and Pam have owned a Hunter 27 and have enjoyed watching their two daughters, 8-year-old Lauren and 6-year old Kristen, grow to love sailing as well as cruising with the ECSA. The Vanderveers would like to become members of MYC to become more involved with the Melbourne sailing community.

Shambala Hammett
Sponsored by Scott Hubel

Shambala is a native of Florida that learned to sail in Annapolis, MD. She started in a Hunter 22 for about eight years and then to a Hunter 31. She did extensive cruising in New England, as crew and in the Chesapeake Bay on her own. While in Annapolis she belonged to the Eastport Yacht Club.

She moved back to Florida a couple of years ago and started sailing multihulls in a Hobie16 after selling her Hunter. She now races her multihull all over Florida, and would like to join the local sailors at the Melbourne Yacht Club.

Farewell to Bill Bowen

William R. Bowen of Melbourne died Sunday, August 31. Bill is remembered as an active, dedicated, hard working club member. He served on the board and also took it upon himself for at least 10 years to keep the club in good physical condition.

He was a teacher, a master carpenter, and wood carver. The club is graced with his carvings in the dining room.

He and his wife Elaine are probably the only members who had the misfortune of having their boat completely destroyed by a storm in the Bahamas. They anchored in a terrible storm, the waves were high and wild. Their anchors were pulled up and their (new) boat was dashed to small pieces against the rocks. The largest piece left was the nameplate on the transom. They escaped with only the clothes on their backs and were rescued by a diving crew from a large cruise ship which brought them back to the United States.

- Tony Barile, Membership Chairman

Soup Cook-Off

TGIF, Nov. 14—\$5.00/person—No Reservations Required

6:30 p.m. Soup Judging -- 7:00 p.m. Soup Eating

To enter the soup contest, please contact

Mary Williams (777-1095, 321-2351, or caliber402002@yahoo.com)

After Soup—Mega Pickin' and Grinnin' Jam

After the soup supper, we'll have a a great concert by our own in-house talent plus special guests "We Three," a folk/celtic/bluegrass trio who will join in the jam. Everyone is welcome to stay and sing along or just listen.

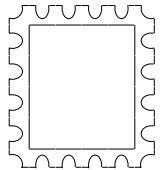
For more info, contact Rachele Ross (254-8326 or jerryrachele@earthlink.net)

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