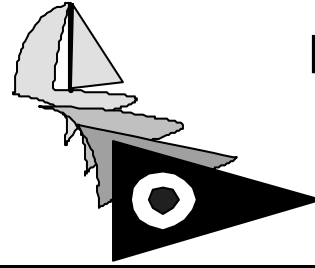


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TELL-TALE



May 2004

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MAY

- 1-29 Adult Sailing Classes Saturdays
- 15 50's Party
- 15-16 Brevard Challenge Regatta
- 16 Small Boat Sunday (1pm)
- 19 Board Meeting
- 21 Summer Rum Race #1 (6pm)
- 29-31 Memorial Weekend Cruise???
- 30 Small Boat Sunday (1pm)

JUNE

- 3 Youth Classes Begin (Thurs)
- 5 Youth Classes Begin (Sats)
- 4 Summer Rum Race #2
- 7 Membership Meeting (6:30pm)
- 11 Sterling Casino Cruise
- 13 Small Boat Sunday (1pm)
- 18 Summer Rum Race #3
- 20 Father's Day

50's PARTY

SATURDAY, MAY 15th

7:00 P.M.

\$5.00 Cover Charge (For D.J.)



HULA HOOP CONTEST!

Bring a finger food to share:

Last Name A-M: Appetizer
N-Z: Dessert



For more information call
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No Reservations Required



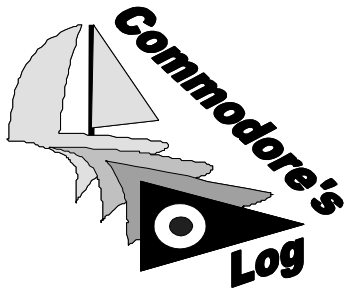
The Party Line

Seafood Raft-Up Recap

21 Boats and about 120 people join us for the umpteenth annual Seafood Raftup. As always, Hasty & Julie Miller's execution of the event was flawless. The only thing missing was some 'pickn and grin'n' (most of our pickers were missing). Thanks to Hasty and his considerable group of helpers for another great raft-up!

See Photos inside!!!

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Measuring Up

The Editor's Letter in the May edition of Sailing World magazine suggests that "Yacht clubs exist to promote sailing" and identifies racing, day sailing, cruising, social, youth and adult training,

crewing, volunteering, and event hosting as avenues for doing so. I'm proud to be part of such a wonderful and active club that "measures up" well thanks to long hours put in by enthusiastic volunteers.

Thanks to all of you who continue to support our training and events and make improvements that we can all enjoy at our docks and our 'house'. A recent e-mail from a long-standing member suggested that "It would be nice to see the Club assume a [greater] role as a yacht club, rather than an inexpensive marina and bar for TGIF." I believe we have made significant progress toward that end during the past few years. Let's keep it going. "Your club...should be celebrated above all for its success in drawing people to enjoy the water, compete against each other, work together, relax together, teach each other, and share more than a few laughs" (from Sailing World).

Cruise Hosts Wanted!

While the Fleet Captain and Entertainment Chair should be in on coordinating such events, they are not expected to run them all. All you need to get started is an idea (e.g. venue, theme, activity, etc.), and I'm sure you'll get plenty of help!

LRPC

The members of the LRPC for this year are Bill Baker, Tony Barile, Will Garvey, Chris Gates, Ross Herbert, Marsha Millar, Jim Miller, and Al Waschka. The kickoff meeting is scheduled for May 10. Certainly this group will be involved with the EGYB special committee and I am hopeful that they'll keep an eye on "long range" plans for MYC.

Dock Rule Revisions

The majority of MYC members present at our May general meeting seemed to be satisfied with the intent of the new rules provided by the Dock Policy Committee and approved by the MYC Board of Directors (BoD). However, several people voiced concern regarding the wording of the policy. A motion

was made and carried that the committee will review the rules further and propose new wording within the next three months. So, please e-mail or otherwise provide your specific suggestions to members of the dock policy committee, which includes representatives of the Dock Committee and the BoD. They are Jack Bibb, Floyd Bryan, Jim Edwards, Larry Etheridge, Will Garvey, Ross Herbert, Bob Hughes, Hasty Miller, Gary Smith, Rob VanName, and myself.

MYC Blessing of the Fleet – May 21

The Blessing of the Fleet used to be a large annual springtime event, sponsored by MYC, publicized in the newspaper, and open to the community. I'd like to try and resurrect the tradition- at least for MYC this year, and perhaps on a wider scale next year. Due to the short window before people start leaving for the peak cruise season, and our otherwise hectic schedule, we've settled on a Friday night to coordinate with a time when people will be using their boats anyway. The ceremony will take place at 5 p.m. on the MYC dock, overlooking the fleet, followed by an on-water "procession" led by the flag officers. After the race, we'll enjoy hors d'oeuvres provided by volunteers (hint, hint). If you have any questions or suggestions, please let me know. When the date gets closer we'll send an e-mail with more information. If you don't have e-mail access and want to be informed, please let one of the BoD members know.

Hope to see you at the "Fifties Party". Happy days!

- Rhonda Delmater, Commodore

Paper 'Notices to Mariners' Dead 4/1/04

For members' information - The current Boat U.S. magazine had a small article that should be of interest to all of us.

"The End of a (Paper) Era"

The USCG has eliminated the printed version of its Local Notices to Mariners as of 4/1/04. They are available for free on the CG Navigation Center's Web site, www.navcen.uscg.gov/lnm/default.htm.

It is possible to sign up for a one-way email that will provide District-specific updates on a periodic basis.

- Debby Ball

Membership News

There is a new Feature in the Online Membership database.

This new feature is for members that have a second address in which they spend part of the year in residence. The database now allows you to enter in the 2nd address and just use a check box to select it as your current address. This will allow the Tell-Tale publisher and the Book-keeper to get your current address when sending out the mail. It will be the member's responsibility to select the current address or contact the membership director to do it for you. The members that gave me their second address for inclusion in the directory have been added to the database ready for your selection.

Welcome to Reinstated Past Members

Jerry & Dixie Sansom are past members. They were members when the club was on the other side of the harbor. Jerry was present at the general meeting on May 5th to receive his Burgee and to be welcomed back into the club.

Welcome to New Members

The following members were present at the general meeting on May 5th and were presented their Burgees. Please welcome them aboard and keep them active in club activities.

Michael N. Dennehy, sponsored by Gerry Moores
Jack & Janice Clark, sponsored by John McNeill
John & Anne Simmons, sponsored by John Geraci
Mary Chadwick, sponsored by Charlotte Parker

New member Nominations:

No new nominations have been presented to the board but we do have one nomination for the next board meeting. If anyone has someone they would like to nominate for membership in the club please fill out the paper work or contact me to help in the process. We are still looking for a few good members.

- Respectfully Submitted, Bob Hughes, Membership

MYC Members to the Rescue

While returning from Mexico after winning third place in their class in the del Sol race, the crew of Floridian got involved in a real-life rescue at sea. While crossing the Yucatan channel, they heard strange noises on the VHF marine radio. After listening carefully, they determined someone was saying 'SOS' over and over again. They tried to call the Coast Guard on international distress frequencies over the ssb without success.

They finally called Bob Cook in Naples, who was about to have a weather discussion session and gave him their position. Bob called the Coast Guard in Miami. Within an hour, two ocean ships showed up on scene and began searching for the distressed vessel. One of the ships found the vessel, took the three crewmen aboard, and set out for Houston. The three had been drifting for three days without food or water. Rescue completed ! The Floridian crew of Gus Williams, Mary Williams, Glenda Cagle, and Pete Anderson was delighted they were able to help.

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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...

Got a contribution for the newsletter?

E-mail it to:

**tell-tale@
melbourneyachtclub.com**

Please include name &
phone number.

Dockmaster's Report

Changes have been made to the Dock Policy and Rules. These changes were recommended by a special committee of 10 members formed to review the existing Dock policy as found in the 2003. The committee was made up of Hasty Miller, Jack Bibb, Floyd Bryan, Rob Van Name and myself from the Dock Committee plus Rhonda Delmater, Ross Herbert, Bob Hughes, Will Garvey and Jim Edwards from the Board of Directors. Two long meetings plus numerous emails back and forth produced the changes you read now (on the facing page).

The Board of Directors accepted these recommendations and voted to incorporate them into the 2004 Policy and Rules as published in this Foot Tack and Clew and the 2004 Directory.

At the General Membership Meeting on May 5th, a small group of slip holders took exception to these changes, and a motion was made to take more time to further review the wording of these changes before having the membership vote to ratify the changes as they stand, or in some modified form.

When the special committee started looking at the old policy, we agreed that we needed to keep in mind how those policies and rules affected the overall good of the membership in general, the existing slip holders and those who are having to wait 2 to 5 years on the slip waiting list. The committee gave great weight to paragraph 1 of the Dock Policy which states the general aims of the policy and how slip possession and usage should be for the good of the whole membership and not just the individual slip holder. The policy stresses participation in various club activities on the water on a regular basis.

The special committee felt that regular usage needed to be quantified, hence the change mandating using one's boat an average of once a month (or 10 different times a year). For all concerned, the committee felt the need to go as far as spelling out clearly what one usage meant (leaving the harbor for several hours, days, weeks, etc.). The committee felt that taking one's boat to the Bahamas once every year or two did not constitute regular usage.

In coming up with the recommended 10 usages per year, the committee figured that, if nothing else, slip holders would be encouraged to begin using their boats again on a regular basis. An important byproduct would be to force slip holders to keep their boats in ship shape condition and able to move out of the harbor on short notice in the event of an emergency (like a fire at the dock).

The committee felt that these were not unreasonable expectations for boat owners to retain his or her slip privileges at the club.

In summary, please feel free to send me your suggestions, comments, etc., so that the committee can take them under consideration within the next 4 weeks. The committee will meet again and reassess the new wording of the Dock Policy and Rules, refine the policy if necessary and be ready to discuss this again at the next general meeting.

Rob Van Name and myself are busy collecting copies of new slip rental agreements from each slip holder now occupying a slip at MYC. They may be found on line or multiple copies may be found on the bar at the yacht club or pinned up on the notice board. If you have not already done so, please fill out one of these and place it in the dockmaster's mailbox back in the kitchen or hand them to Rob or myself. You may also fax them to 321-674-1486 (Gary) or 321-433-0200 (Rob).

- Gary Smith, Dockmaster

Submitted by a Member attending the MYC 'Crew School'... The Thursday night crew class has been a huge success. Four of the female participants held their first on the water practice on a 25 ft. trimaran during the last Rum Race. Specific skills applied were tying the jib sheets to the jib clew with bowlines, finding and timing the puffs, and working in unison with each other. A special thanks to Jim Edwards and Dave Noble for teaching the classes. And a big hooray for all of the MYC members who have encouraged multi hull participation. See ya' on the Water. . .

- Marlene Sassaman

Revisions to the Dock Policy

The original policy, which this modifies, is found beginning on Page 21 of the 2003 MYC Directory.

SLIP APPLICATION AND RENTAL PROCEDURE (page 21)

3. When a slip becomes available, the dockmaster shall be required to offer it to the member with the oldest application date on the active portion of the DSRL and whose boat will BEST fit the available slip.

12. There shall be no limit to the length of time a member may continue to rent a slip as long as he or she uses the boat on a regular basis (10 times per year) and complies with the Policy and Rules for dock rental. In March/April of each year each slip holder will be required to complete and sign a new Slip Rental Agreement and provide the necessary proof of insurance. By definition, using the boat should be taken to mean actually leaving the harbor for several hours, days, weeks or months.

RATES

4. Dock rental rates shall be reviewed on a yearly basis by the Board of Directors in conjunction with finalizing the yearly budget. The Board may recommend a change to the dock rates as a change to Article 6 Section 3 of the By-laws.

RULES

2. No modifications shall be made to any of the docks, finger piers, pilings, cleats or hangers without the prior approval of the dock committee.

3. Vessels shall be properly secured at all times using at least 2 bow lines and 2 stern lines (preferably criss-crossed) as well as appropriate spring lines.

4. Vessels must be capable of operation under their own power at all times. The dockmaster may require a demonstration of a boat's ability to move at any time and on short notice. Proper maintenance of the engine, shaft and propeller (for boats with inboard motors) shall be a prerequisite of maintaining slip privileges. Visible excessive build up of barnacles and/or other growth on the bottom on a vessel will be brought to the attention of the boat owner by the dockmaster/committee. If the condition is not rectified within 30 days, then the owner's slip privileges may be revoked by the Board of Directors, and the slip must be vacated. Owners must keep their boats in a clean and shipshape condition at all times.

5. The dockmaster is to be notified of any major repairs that a boat owner is planning, and given the names and phone numbers of any subcontractors who may be given permission by the owner to come on club property.

(The Party Line...Continued from page 1)

TGIF Birthdays

Birthdays for the month of May were celebrated on Friday, May 7. We hope all those celebrating birthdays in May attended. 'Birthdays' is normally held on the first Friday of the month, and the list of birthday people is taken from the MYC online database. If you haven't put your birthdate in the MYC database, please do so (you don't have to include the YEAR!).

Upcoming Events

50's Party

For the month of May we are planning a **50's Party** for Saturday, May 15 (see flyer front cover).

Sterling Casino Cruise

The Sterling Casino Cruise is set for Friday, June 11. (We had to cancel June 19th due to no bus service.) The bus will be picking up at locations along A1A. Please check the bus schedule and be sure to include where you will be picking up the bus. I will be having a sign up sheet posted in the lounge. So please sign up early and reserve your spot. Look for future details to follow.

- Dolores Miller, Entertainment Chairman

House Report

The House seems to have survived the very successful Spring Regatta intact. As far as I know there were no big problems with the physical plant and those that were reported either have been corrected or are being worked.

I am currently looking into the best approach to attacking our Carpenter Bee (Boring Bee) problem. We have a bid from our Pest Control vendor to treat for the bees; however, it is the "after-the-fact" part of the problem on which I am currently working.

In case you haven't been to the club in the past week or so, I should let you know that the new 2004 combinations are now in effect.

We have inventoried the Bosun's Locker and Pat Denes has agreed to run it. We have stocked it with a new round of Blue Denim hats, and I am working with several club members to come up with the artwork for a shirt to be sold through the Bosun's Locker. More on that in the coming months. Anyway, if there is something you need, please see either Pat or myself and we will be glad to open the locker for you.

During the Spring Regatta, we had a problem with the normally closed portion of the gate to the lower lot being blocked. This led to a problem getting a competitor's boat out of the lower lot. So, since it is a matter of safety that we keep the gate area capable of being opened at all times, we plan to have the area inside of the normally closed portion of the gate striped as a "No Parking Zone".

As usual, if there is anything, "around the house", you see that we need or need to do, please send me an eMail at ross2629@bellsouth.net (the best way), or let a House Committee member know.

- Ross Herbert, House Director & Vice Commodore



Photos from the Seafood Raftup

Left: Hasty Miller doing the briefing

Proposed Bylaws Changes

Below are the changes proposed to the MYC Bylaws intended to clarify the question as to whether a spouse of a Board Member can serve on the Long Range Planning Committee or the Nominating Committee. A literal reading of the Bylaws can be interpreted to prohibit this, because both of these committees are a 'elected offices'. There are precedents for this issue—we have had past incidences of spouses of Board members serving on these 'elected' committees. The changes below clarify that spouses of Board Members are eligible to serve on either the LRPC or the Nominating Committee.

This change will be voted on in the June meeting. If you have any questions or comments on this issue PLEASE bring your concerns up to the Board BEFORE the meeting, so the Board has time to research and discuss them ahead of time, and can be prepared to discuss and address your concerns (it makes the meetings go a lot more smoothly!) -Editor

ARTICLE 1: MEMBERSHIP

Change 'hold elective office' to 'serve on the Board of Directors'

Section 2: Resident and Nonresident Membership may be held jointly by a married couple. Each spouse is a full member of the Club.

Only one spouse in a Joint Resident Membership may vote in elections or on motions before the general membership. The spouses must decide which one will cast their vote on any given issue. Only one spouse in a Joint Resident Membership serve on the Board of Directors at any given time.

ARTICLE 7: COMMITTEES

Change 'elected' to 'approved' and 'are elected for' to 'serve'

Section 12: The Long Range Planning Committee ...

The committee shall consist of the House Committee Chairman, the Treasurer, and six other members, four of whom shall have been members for longer than three years. Members shall be nominated by the Board of Directors and approved by the membership at the April general meeting. Members serve three-year terms. Each year, two members shall be replaced along with the House Committee Chairman and the Treasurer.

ARTICLE 8: ELECTIONS

Remove 'by ballot'

Section 2: A nominating committee of five shall be elected (**removed 'by ballot'**) at the October meeting. This committee shall nominate candidates for each elective office, and shall cause the names of the candidates, with the offices to which they are nominated, to be posted on the bulletin board or mailed to the voting membership at least two weeks prior to the January meeting.



Fleet Report

April was a very busy month for the racers at MYC. With all the racing activity the month went by fast.

Our Spring Regatta on both the small boat weekend and the big boat weekend had great turnouts. The small boat weekend saw 46 boats show up and race in some really good weather. It is great to see one-design small boat sailing growing in our area. The feed back we got from the sailors was very good and I'm sure we will see larger fleets for the Fall Regatta as a result of fun the group had at MYC.

Our big boat weekend saw some very good racing with close finishes in several classes. We had boats from as far away as Ft. Pierce and Titusville come to the regatta and a good time was had by all. We have been told by most of the visiting boats what a great time they had and how good the hospitality was at MYC. Word is spreading about how good a job MYC does in running regattas.

It takes a lot of volunteers to put on a successful regatta and I would like to thank all of the people involved in making these two weekends a hit. I don't have room to list everyone but thank you all for your help. I would also like to thank the club members who gave up their slips during the big boat weekend to help us accommodate the visiting boats. It really helped.

The Wet Sunday races and the Rum Races are having very good turnouts. These races are a great opportunity to improve your skills and have a good time doing it. We are looking forward to a great summer sailing season, so come out and join in the fun.

See you out there.

- *Jim Edwards, Fleet Captain*



Adult Sailing Classes Started

We are off with a good start with our first Adult sailing classes, which started May 1, with 18 students attending. John MacNeill started with the usual class room work and then moved on to getting the prams and sunfish rigged up for the sailing session. John MacNeill instructed the students on the methods of preparing the sails for the boats and Bob Bagnell, Jackie Herbert and I assisted the students with the sails and getting the boats in the water. It was great to see how much the adult students appreciated the joy of sailing. Thank you John, Bob and Jackie for the great job and a fun day of sailing for all.

Youth Classes to Start First Week in June

We are still looking for students for our youth sailing classes. These classes are open to the public and MYC members. To register please call Simon Koumjian at 321-779-1579 or call John Macneill at 321-723-6213. Please help us spread the word.

Thanks!

The MYC workday on April 10 was a great success. Many thanks go to Jim Edwards and all his helpers, cleaning and rearranging the Annex. The cleaning of the bottom of the sunfishes was completed by Steve Clendenin, James Mussiman (logging community service hours) and his sister Katie Mussiman.

John Macneill asked if we could prepare a CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION for the adult and youth sailing students. Thanks to Rochelle Yates, who is preparing this certificate. I also would like to thank Bob Hughes for creating a new Adult sailing class form for registration.

Sunfish Sails Needed

John tells me we have two sunfishes that need sails. If anyone has old useable sails we can use, we would appreciate the use of them.

- *Simon Koumjian, Youth Director*

Sunfish Fleet 669 would like to thank the following for their tremendous help and support!

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Regatta Planning Committee

Chris Gates, Chairman

Jack Bibb	John Fox	Dave Noble	Dick Tillman
Marty Bibb	Nancy Fox	David Silverman	Lynde West
Jim Edwards	Jackie Leahy	Linda Tillman	

Race Committee

Gary Smith, Principal Race Officer

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Art Ahrens	Jackie Leahy	Rochelle Yates	Larry Etheridge
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Lynde West, Crew Chief

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Debbie Ball	Nancy Garvey	Jim Lacy	Silvermans (Charlie,
Judy Drawe	Jackie Herbert	Carol Mairs	Beanie and Keith)

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!!!

Seafood Raftup 2004

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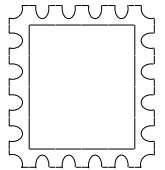


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