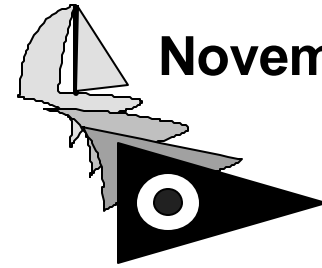


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TELL-TALE



November 2004

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NOVEMBER

- 14 Small Boat Sunday
- 14 Winter Rum Race #1
- 19 Sharing Dinner & Auction
- 21 Winter Rum Race #2
- 24 Board Meeting
- 25 Orphans Thanksgiving Dinner
- 28 Small Boat Sunday

DECEMBER

- 1 Membership Meeting
- 3 Birthdays and Christmas
Decorating
- 5 Winter Rum Race #3
- 11 Christmas Party
- 12 Small Boat Sunday
- 26 Small Boat Sunday
- 29 Board Meeting
- 31 New Years Eve Party



Mermaid Regatta

Our one-day women's regatta on November 7 was great fun. We had eight "big boats" with four in the spinnaker fleet and four non-spinnaker; and four sunfish racing. The weather was perfect, everyone had a good time, and the women sailors demonstrated their superb skills. Congratulations to all of our racers and especially our overall winners – Sherry Beckett (PHRF) and Nancy Foxx (One-Design).

Nominations Are "Open"

MYC forms a nominating committee every year to select a slate of officers for the next year. (This information is for our new members that may not be aware of our process.) The nominees will be presented at the December meeting and published in next month's newsletter. The election of the 2005 Board of Directors will take place the January meeting. Our nominating committee has already held their first meeting, but they are still open to receiving suggestions or volunteers. If you have an interest or an opinion about someone who you think would be terrific in a particular position – please let one of the nominating committee members know! They are:

Chris Reynolds, Chair
Joyce Alexy
Floyd Bryan
Larry Etheridge
Gary Killian

Sunday Sailing and Informal Burn-It

With the short days, the rum races have moved to Sunday afternoons, alternating weeks with the small boats. Lighting the grill on Sunday afternoon has become a tradition with the small boats and may soon be one for the big boats, too. So bring along something to throw on the grill and your side dishes and table service. (That's what makes it informal – there's no fee, nor is there any food provided by the club.)

Hectic Holiday Schedule

The club will be very busy through the end of the year with parties and special events. Please keep in mind that our entertainment Director is the keeper of the calendar. Also, please make an extra effort to clean up, so the club will be in good shape for our weddings and parties. (Thanks.)

- Rhonda Delmater, Commodore

Dockmaster's Report

As you know, our tire store lease is up for renewal now. Our old one expired October 31, 2004. Bonnie Hines has faxed me a short simple replacement lease allowing us to use the parking lot only. Dr. Hines seems to have a plan to put a new roof on the building and use it for storage, mostly of documents. This is still somewhat up in the air, and I have responded to her and copied you with my email to Bonnie. As far as I know, he still does not want to sell the property.

As far as the docks are concerned, we still have some electrical repair work to be done on the east dock from the northernmost breaker panel out to the T dock. I have contracted with Jack Leahy to go ahead and replace whatever needs replaced on that dock. The west dock has been completely upgraded with new wiring from the breaker box out to the dock head. So far we have spent \$2500 on rewiring after the hurricanes. I expect that we will need to spend at least another \$1000 to complete the project. As you know, we voted at the board meeting to improve our sensor lights for security purposes for the west dock and the lower parking area. To that end, we agreed to spend up to \$500 in improvements, also to be done by Jack Leahy.

No word yet back from Paul Erickson on when he may be able to get in to make the few minor repairs needed to our docks and the many pilings required next door at the condos. More on that later.

All of this extra electrical work will have really blown the budget for the dockmaster. Remember we pretty much used up the budget earlier in the year on replacing the dock pilings and putting in the new dingy dock. I hope the treasurer will see fit to cover the additional expenses regardless of budget.

-Gary Smith, Dockmaster



Mermaid Regatta

After Jeanne forced cancellation of our 2-day September 2004 Mermaid Regatta, we looked for the next available two days. None were to be found before the holidays began so we settled for a one-day regatta on November 7. The weather was gorgeous with just the right amount of wind for smooth sailing (10-12 NE). Eight big boats and four Sunfish turned out for a total of 12 boats. As expected, we did not get the turnout we had wanted but those who did attend had a great time.

As usual, while the girls had a great time sailing, the guys did a great job of race committee, dinner and entertainment. Chuck Delmater chaired and emceed the festivities, Jim

Edwards and Larry Etheridge headed the race committees. Committee crews were Jerry Ross, Gerry Moores, Dave Silverman, Jim Yates, Chuck Delmater, Chris Gates, John Fox, Jim

Lacy, Bill Haberland, Ralph Crawford, and Richard Oliver. Peter Aydelotte was the head chef of a superb dinner (doesn't get much better than meatloaf, barbecued chicken, mashed potatoes and hot fudge sundaes). He was ably assisted by Paul Alexy, Andy Lazarewicz, John MacNeill, and Ross Herbert. Dining room setup and decorating were done by Harvey Melfi (and Nancy), Bob Bosca (and Marion), and Gabe Denes (and Pat). Dave Lister got the entertainment together, and the appearance of the Rondettes, a smooth dance team straight from Vegas (Dave Lister in tux and Jim Yates as blond in poodle skirt) was the highlight of the evening and started everyone dancing. Jay MacClure provided us with a delightful Scottish story and song about mermaids. Jack Bibb pitched in at the last minute and took over registration and the fiscal responsibilities. Ross Herbert provided breakfast and did many other tasks that made the event run smoothly. Dave Silverman gave away lots of great door prizes that included bikinis by Stranded Naked, duffle bags by Team Foxy (Marine Canvas and Accessories), stadium seats by Matco Tools, hair products by Lookin' Good Salon, and a mermaid print by Alice Ahrens. RL and CJ Johnson of Phoenix

Mermaid Regatta, continued

Entertainment provided marvelous music at the '50s themed-party after dinner. Everyone worked off the calories (food in the '50s was plain, simple comfort food – none of today's low fat, low carb stuff) by dancing the night away. Thanks so much to all who worked on this event. You made it a super and fun day of racing and camaraderie. I know a number of other people pitched in (including many of the girls, especially Jackie Herbert and the rest of the Sleighride crew) to clean up but I can't remember who they were. Thanks again!

Racing was fast and close with good winds and beautiful skies. In the Spinnaker fleet, Sherry Beckett (Fast Lane), battled it out with Mary Anne Ward (Airborne). Beckett narrowly won after 3 races. The Non-Spinnaker fleet was dominated by Tonya Meister (Five Speed), and Sleighride, with Rachele Ross at the helm, took 2nd place. In the Sunfish fleet, Nancy Fox narrowly beat Cindy Taylor for 1st. The two traded 1st and 2nd place all day. Third place was clinched by Alice Ahrens. See the details on www.sail-race.com.

The winners of the overall trophies were Sherry Beckett for big boats and Nancy Fox for Sunfish. The race results by class after the three races were as follows:

Spinnaker:

- 1-Fast Lane/Lindenberg 28/Sherry Beckett
- 2-Airborne/Melges 24/Mary Anne Ward
- 3-Sneaker/Tartan 10/Patti Massey
- 4-Volant/Wavelength 24/Mary Williams

Non-Spinnaker:

- 1-Five Speed/Lindenberg 28/Tanya Meister
- 2-Sleighride/J-30/Rachele Ross-Jan Crawford
- 3-Sea Turtle/Beneteau 38/Dolores Miller
- 4-Rondezvous/Pearson Flyer/Rhonda Delmater

Sunfish:

- 1-Nancy Fox
- 2-Cindy Taylor
- 3-Alice Ahrens
- 4-Lynde West

Thanks again to all who put on a good show and those who came out to race.

P.S. There are still lots of great T-shirts for sale in all sizes. Women's Ts and Tanks, girl's Tanks as well as a few long sleeve men's Ts. Get yours at TGIF. See me,

Rachele Ross

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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@
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Please include name &
phone number.

Fleet Report

October was a very busy month for racing at MYC and I want to thank all of the people who helped make this Fall Regatta Race Week the success it was. I have received emails and calls from people out of our area thanking us for putting on such a great regatta.

There are so many people involved in running an event this large that I don't have room to recognize all of them, but I must thank Dave Noble and Rachele Ross for their efforts above everyone else.

We are finding that our reputation is growing among Florida sailors as more people are traveling great distances to attend our regattas. The main reason for this is the friendliness of our members. I had 3 different competitors come up to me and say it was the friendliest regatta they had ever attend. To ALL our members thanks for the help and all your efforts.

The Mermaid Regatta will be completed when you read this and I am sure it will be a great success as well.

Rum Racing has now moved to Sunday and I hope that brings out more boats for this event. What better way to spend a Sunday afternoon than out on the river with friends and then return to the club for a "Burn It" after racing.

Small boat racing is growing almost weekly. This past Sunday we had 22 Sunfish, 6 Lasers and a Raider on the course. As we were racing Air Force One flew down the river and dipped a wing to the fleet. What a site that was.

The week before Thanksgiving we have a "No Frills" Sunfish Regatta scheduled. This is our second year hosting this race and it is a lot of fun. If you are not doing anything that weekend come out and join the fun.

See you on the river

- Jim Edwards, Fleet Captain

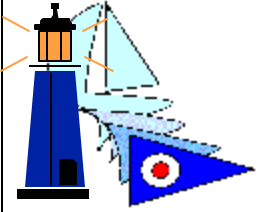
New Feature: Rules Corner

Over the last couple of years I have been asked a number of questions about the RRS (Racing Rules of Sailing). Starting next month in the Tell-Tale I will select a rule from the RRS and explain the rule and what it means to you the racer. I will also take requests from anyone who would like a clarification on a rules question. Starting in January 2005 there are several new rules that have been added to the RRS. I will cover those rules or the ones that apply to our racing here. I will also ask some of our members to cover a rule and explain it in the Tell-Tale. If you are racing any type of boat you should know the rules and have a rule book. I have found the best rule books are the type that explain the rules with diagrams showing right away and what to do and what not to do. It is much easier to learn the rules this way than try and understand the legaleeze in the RRS.

I look forward to any requests for a rules clarification, send me an email and we will try to cover as many rules as we have room for in the Tell-Tale.

- Jim Edwards, Fleet Captain

House Report



Well this has been a month of house repairs.

I had the toilet in the Annex worked on by Jack. If it still drains slowly or stops up, then we may need to Roto-Root the entire line to the street. At last check the toilet is working.

The Bar-Porch door handle broke during TGIF just before the Fall Regatta. After enjoying the antics of people; when the handle came off in their hands; for a while, I purchased a new lockset. With the help of several Fall Regatta attendees and Jerry Ross, we replaced the broken lockset and entertained the crowd at the same time. A plus is that the door seems to close better now that it had previously.

The gate keypad has been repaired thanks to Bob Hughes. He identified the manufacturer of the gate keypad as Iel and ordered a replacement membrane (numeric keys only) saving us about half the cost of a new complete keypad unit.

There are events just about every weekend through December, so I plan to have the floors stripped and waxed during the week in the near future.

I provided the LRPC with the results of the House improvement survey. We had a number of comments, but from a very limited set of members, so the LRPC has posted a comment sheet up in the bar area on which you can immortalize your thoughts.

I realize that the new Cruiser Tracking wall is a neat place to post things while the maps are down; however, I would appreciate it if we did not use tape on the metal board, as I want to avoid either marking or peeling the paint. There are some hefty magnets at the upper right edge of the board. Just don't place them directly onto the metal as they might scratch the paint as well. I plan to wrap them with electric tape in the near future.

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



The Party Line

Sunday, November 7 was the Mermaid race (By the time you get our newsletter, this race will have happened.) More information is elsewhere in this issue.

On Friday, November 19 is the auction/sharing dinner. Bar will open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will start around 6:00 p.m. Please sign up.

On Saturday/Sunday November 20, 21 is the Pinedaville cruise. The host is the East Coast Sailing Association. The theme this year is Island Pajama Party. Come by boat, car or Dinghy. The location is Scott's Cove on the east side of the Indian River, just north of the Pineda Causeway. Bring a dish to share. For more information check with Donna Oyer 321-783-2225.

On Thursday, November 25 is the annual Orphans Thanksgiving Dinner.

November is a month full of activities. December is looking just as busy. Here is the schedule for December.

On Friday, December 3 we will decorate club and celebrate December birthdays. We would like everyone to bring a nautical Christmas ornament and place it on one of the trees (upstairs or in the lounge).

On Saturday, December 11, we will have our Christmas Party. Amy Lacy is hosting this and there will be a sign up sheet posted soon.

On Saturday, December 18, there will be a boat parade. Hosts will be Jim and Dolores Miller. Plan to attend and view all the decorative boats. Bring your favorite drink and a dish to share while we view all the boats passing on the lake. This will be a very festive event. (348 S. Lakeside Drive, Satellite Beach)

On Friday, December 31, we will have our New Years Eve Party. More to follow on this later.

I Hope to see many of our Melbourne Yacht Club members coming out and supporting the activities of their club.

- Dolores Miller, Entertainment Chairman



Membership News

Welcome to New Members

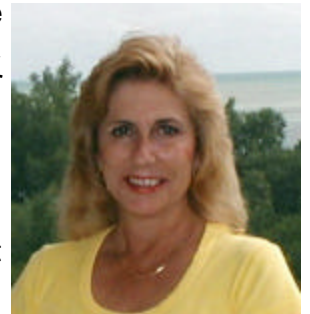
Phil & Brenda Spletter sponsored by Floyd Bryan

Ray Nowack sponsored by Sherry Beckett

New member Nominations:

Carol O'Donnell sponsored by John McNeill

Carol O'Donnell moved to Melbourne Beach a year ago from Islamorada, but knew she had found a home at MYC when she volunteered to help out at the Abacos party in August. She told her cousin, new member, Diane Gabik, that the MYC members were as laid back and fun as people in the Keys! Carol has been a familiar face around the club ever since. Carol is a Realtor with Re/Max Alternative Realty and although she has been in real estate for over 20 years, she has been in business on the water even longer. She owned several businesses at Holiday Isle in Islamorada including a boat rental and Jet Ski concession. The former Northwest pilot also gave ultralite flights! Carol moved here looking for a more balanced lifestyle to raise her son. She has enjoyed sailing with her cousin on the 23 ' Compact. They are moving the boat next to MYC to make it easier to take part in sailing activities. Her son Sean is a sophomore at Mel-Hi.



Membership Database:

A new feature has been added to the database on line for each member. You may up load a picture of you or you and your family. This picture will be used to print in the directory. The directions are **"Select a ".jpg" file to upload and press "Send Photo". Picture must be in landscape mode, less than 100K file size and saved in the ".jpg" format.**" once you log in to your record. The upload is at the bottom just above the password section. Once the picture is uploaded it will display at the top of the record by your name. If you would like to send me a digital picture you would like uploaded I will do it for you. I will also be setting up a few times to start taking pictures of anyone that does not have a digital picture you would like to upload.

- Bob Hughes, Membership



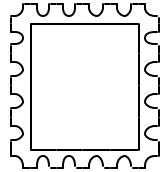


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