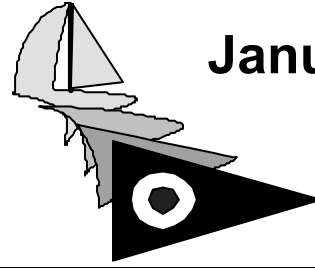


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January 2005

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The Party Line

Well, members, here it is January? We are in another year of excitement at the club. Changing of the guards. We will have new directors and members joining our club. They will bring lots of activities and challenges to all. Plan on being involved to make our club work!

Now, let us look at upcoming events::

On Friday, January 7 we took down holiday decorations and had the birthday cake celebration.

Single Malt Tasting—Friday, January 21

Jay McClure is planning a Single Malt (Scotch) tasting for Friday, January 21. Cost will be \$25 and that entitles you to sampling of 3-4 good single-malt varieties. Jay asks that participants bring an hors d'oeuvre plate to help soak up the Scotch.

Shrimp and Suds Party—Friday, January 28

A Shrimp and Suds party is planned for Friday, January 28. It will be hosted by Charlotte Parker and Rachel Ross. See flyer on the back page for details.

Super Bowl Party—Sunday, February 6

Super Bowl Sunday on February 6. Ross Herbert will host this festive event. See the informational flyer inside.

Art Gallery Opening—Saturday, February 26

On February 26 Jacki Leahy is planning an artist's exhibit showing. We have so many talented members and I am sure there is something for everyone. From trophies, wood baskets, water coloring, paintings, etc. If you have an artistic talent that you want to showcase for the members, contact Jacki Leahy ASAP.

Bunco Party—Saturday, March 5

Faye Bitzer has volunteered to host another Bunco Party. Details next month.

Commodore's Ball—Saturday, March 19

The Commodore's Ball date has been tentatively set for March 19. Put this date on your calendar as the event not to be missed! Details next month.

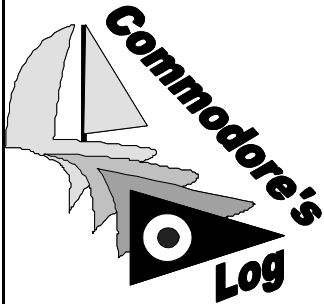
- Dolores Miller, Entertainment Chairman

JANUARY

- 13 Aging Support Group 6:30
- 16 Winter Rum Race #5
- 21 Single Malt Tasting (TGIF)
- 28 Shrimp n Suds Party (TGIF)
- 23 Small Boat Sunday 1pm
- 26 Board Meeting
- 31 Winter Rum Race #6

FEBRUARY

- 2 General Meeting
- 6 Small Boat Sunday 1pm
- 6 Super Bowl Party 6pm
- 13 Spring Rum Race #1
- 20 Small Boat Sunday 1pm
- 26 Board Meeting
- 26 Art Gallery Opening
- 27 Spring Rum Race #2



Happy 2005 Auld Lang Syne!

Ring in the New Year at MYC with our good friends was a great way to start 2005. Thank you to Pat Denes and her party committee for another festive and fun-filled New Years Eve Party.

The beginning of the year is a good time to reflect on the past and look brightly to the future. We enjoy the fraternal spirit of those with a common interest or for some of us-- a sailing passion. At the January meeting, we elected the slate of officers put forth by the nominating committee at the December meeting and published in last month's newsletter. We have six continuing board members and we should all thank them for their continued service.

It's been my pleasure to serve as your commodore. The 2004 board, their committees and countless other volunteers have made it a rewarding experience. I'd like to thank each member of the board (and will do so again on March 19 at the Commodore's Ball). As Vice Commodore, **Ross Herbert** did an excellent job serving as House Committee Chair and he is well equipped to lead the club in 2005. Our Rear Commodore, **Gary Smith**, had an exciting year leading the refurbishing of our docks – just in time for the 2004 hurricane season. Gary decided to take some time off next year, but we thank him for taking on the difficult job of leading both our dock policy improvements and overseeing the construction effort this past year!

Three board members have agreed to serve again in their same positions. Our Fleet Captain, **Jim Edwards**, has done an outstanding job in leading both our small and large boat racing to elevated participation levels, and has continued MYC's distinction as a sailing club. Our Treasurer, **Will Garvey**, has also done an excellent job and I'm hopeful that he'll start a trend of two-year participation for that position. **Simon Koumjian** had a challenging year as Youth Director, trying to schedule things around our crazy weather. Thank you three for your willingness to continue serving in these demanding positions for another year in 2005.

Jay McClure was an excellent choice for Bar Director last year and I enjoyed his Scottish regalia, and the extension of the bar to serving single malt

scotch. He's accepted the demanding role of Vice Commodore and House Chair for next year and we appreciate his willingness to "move into the line". As Membership Director, **Bob Hughes** had the job of welcoming new members and prospects to MYC. He was diligent in his efforts and will be serving next year as Rear Commodore and following in Ross' and Jay's footsteps as Bar Director.

We have two more women retiring from the board this year. **Rochelle Yates** was responsible for keeping our minutes and other records straight as Secretary, and **Delores Miller** made sure we had plenty of fun parties and kept us in birthday cake each month as Entertainment Director. Thank you both.

I also want to thank the spouses/significant others who, at a minimum, provided moral support to our board members and in other cases pitched in at every opportunity to help make our club events successful. Thank you **Chuck, Jackie, Maria, Lynde, Nancy, Pam, Wendy, Jim M** and **Jim Y!**

And to Louisa Killian as Secretary and Paul (or Joyce) Alexy as Entertainment Director; and returning board members Steve Shippee as Membership Director, Harry Stapor as Dock Director; thank you for your positive answer to the Nominating Committee's call.

There are many others to thank, including the Long Range Planning Committee, the audit committee, the regatta and party committees, and also Jack and Jacki Leahy, and Melanie – who assisted in club operations. Thanks to Jack and others who assisted during and after the 2004 storms.

I will remember 2004 as an eventful and important year as Commodore.

**In friendship, fellowship, and hope—
Auld Lang Syne,**

-Rhonda Delmater, Commodore

Co-Newsletter Editor Needed

Pete Anderson, who has been sharing the newsletter editor duties with me for several years (Thanks, Pete!), is going cruising. If any computer-literate person is willing to help with the newsletter (alternating months, or some other arrangement), I'd be grateful for the help.

Drop me a note and I'll tell you more about it.

- Sherry Beckett, Newsletter Editor

Bulletin Board

Aging Support Group

A support group is being formed for people who have aging parents. Our e-mail response was really successful and it seems apparent that there are a number of people at MYC that are interest in this idea.

Our first meeting will be On Thursday January 13th at 6:30PM. It will be an organizational meeting to find out what you want this group to be. You will be asked to fill out an information sheet and there will be a guest speaker on Assisted Living Facilities. If you haven't put your name on the list, please call Amy Lacy – 728-0389 or Mary Williams – 243-2351.

See you there.

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2005 Officers & Board

The following officers and board members were elected at the Membership meeting in January. They will take office in the middle of the February General Meeting.

Commodore:	Ross Herbert
Vice Commodore (House):	Jay McClure
Read Commodore (Bar):	Bob Hughes
Treasurer:	Will Garvey
Secretary:	Louisa Killian
Director—Youth:	Simon Koumjian
Director—Membership:	Steve Shippee
Director—Docks:	Harry Stapor
Director—Fleet:	Jim Edwards
Director—Entertainment:	Paul Alexy

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...

25 Dinghies Take Advantage of MYC's 'Small Boat Sunday' Racing on Jan 9



Fleet Report

I hope everyone had a good holiday season and a happy New Year. We can now look forward to a new sailing year and a lot of fun on the river.

In December, MYC hosted a Race Management Seminar in conjunction with FSA. We had 24 people attending the seminar, including 15 members from MYC. This was a very well-presented seminar to teach people how to run a race committee. At the end of the seminar, a test was given to start the process to become certified as a Club Race Officer.

Part of the certification process is to work in all of the different positions on the race committee and log those races. I would like to invite all of the people who took the course to volunteer to help run races at MYC so you can start logging your experience.

I would like to remind all of the Rum Race racers that the official start clock for these races is the clock above the TV at the club. If you are using another time source please check it against the club clock. Hasty wants everyone to remember that if your bow is over the line in the Rum Races before it is your start time **YOU ARE OVER EARLY**.

It is time to start planning the Spring Race Week and a date for the first meeting will be posted soon. Due to the growing size of the small boat weekend we are going to run the racing out of Ballard Park which will allow all of the racers to stage from the same place.

We will be looking for volunteers to help with all of the positions required to run this great event. It would be a good time for some of the new members to jump in and join the fun.

- Jim Edwards, Fleet Captain

Rules Corner

Welcome to the Rules Corner. The rules corner is being presented to help everyone understand the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). If you have any questions about the rules please send them to me and I will try to answer them with the help of some of the other members who are current with the RRS.

The first rule we will cover is **18.2 Giving Room; Keeping Clear**

18.2 (a) Overlapped-Basic Rule

When boats are overlapped the outside boat shall give the inside boat room to round or pass the mark or obstruction, and if the inside boat has right of way the outside boat shall also keep clear. Other parts of rule 18 contain exceptions.

The outside boat must give the inside boat room to go around the mark or obstruction. So if you are the outside boat, give the inside boat room to maneuver. Look up the definition for Keep Clear. It is also telling you that there are exceptions to the rule.

Another rule we will look at is Rule **18.3 Tacking at a Mark**. (One of the exceptions.)

If two boats are approaching a mark on opposite tacks and one of them completes a tack in the two-length zone when the other is fetching the mark rule 18.2(a) does not apply. The boat that tacked

(a) Shall not cause the other boat to sail above closehauled to avoid her or prevent the other boat from passing the mark, and (b) shall give room if the other boat becomes overlapped inside her, in which case rule 15 does not apply.

If you come into a mark on port and tack so close to a boat fetching the mark that the fetching boat must come up above closehauled to avoid hitting you, you have fouled the fetching boat. Also, if you tack right in front of another boat and they become overlapped to leeward of you, then you have to give them room.

If you have any rules questions feel free to email them to me at edboat@aol.com.

- Jim Edwards

House Report



I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. I would like to bring to your attention two new pictures in the Great Hall. Harry Stapor donated them to the club, and Jerry Ross built and finished their frames. I plan to re-mount the MYC sign on the divider by the front door after the Christmas decorations come down. Unless, of course, there is someone who knows of a better place in the club to hang it.

I was informed that the shower drain in the Annex was, again, draining slowly. I asked Jack to look into it. He Roto-Rooted the drain line for thirty (30) feet and eventually retrieved another shampoo bottle. Once again, I ask that you please be sure that whatever accessories, you take into the showers, leave with you. And Jack has glued a screen over the drain, which should help a lot.

After a year as the House Chairman, as of the February General Membership meeting, I will be moving on to become Commodore, and Jay McClure will be taking my place as Vice Commodore and House Chairman. I hope you will give him as much help and understanding as you have given me. I have really enjoyed working with the membership.

I would especially like to thank my 2004 House Committee members Rose Baker, Charlotte Parker, Mike Henry, & Bill Parker for the effort they put into the job, their help and the guidance they provided me. They made the job go much smoother through their efforts. I could not have done the job without their support and that of the club membership as a whole. Thank you!

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



Super Bowl XXXIX Party

February 6

Chili Cookoff

MYC Party start time: 5:30—Game kickoff is scheduled for 6:25

Wear your team colors (whether they're playing or not)

We are planning a Super Bowl party for February 6th. As part of the festivities we are having a 'Chili Cookoff' for those who wish to participate. Each couple should either bring an entry for the Chili Cookoff and/or a football snack to share (e.g. potato skins, nachos, wings, etc.)

We're working to make this a no-charge party, but there may be a nominal fee to cover the cost of a big-screen TV.

Among other games, there will be a raffle with quarterly prizes and net proceeds going to the MYC youth sailing program.

Dockmaster's Report

Changing of the Guard

I am pleased to be able to hand off to Harry Stapor, our new Dockmaster, docks which are, for the most part, in good shape.

We have one Slip which is not useable with a missing outer piling. Chuck Baird has indicated he will no longer need this slip as he has his boat for sale at his Marina. We have 3 or 4 other boats for sale now or about to go up for sale so Harry will be able to accommodate a few people who have been waiting patiently for slips. This is the best part of the job !!!

Our new Dock Policy and Rules were approved by the Board and a vote of confidence taken at the January General Meeting. Harry has been given a set of Rules that he and his Dock Committee and the Board can use with confidence. I'd like to thank the Policy Committee who hammered out the new Rules, especially Al Waschka who jumped in after the hurricanes to spearhead the revisions. Others on the committee were Rhonda, Hasty, Jim E, Larry, Jack B, Bob H, Ross, Floyd and myself. Thanks for all your hard work.

Thanks to all of you who cooperated so much during a a tough year of hurricanes, especially the members of the Dock Committee. Special thanks to Jack and Jackie and to Chuck Noles, Jim Miller, Dave Silverman and all the others who helped during the hurricanes.

To all of you who wrote me nasty emails during Hurricane Drills and during the Policy Review process, they have been filed with the complaint department which is just aft of Fivespeed's transom which I plan on showing more and more to you'all during 2005. I look foward to a whole year of good racing without holding any kind of office with MYC or ECSA.

- Gary Smith, Rear Commodor & Docks Director

Membership News

Welcome to New Members

Welcome Emily Jensen sponsored by John McNeill

Emily is now the youngest club member.

She is a Corinthian member at the age of 14.

Returning Member

Tom Whitaker has renewed his resident membership by moving back into the local area.

New Form Posted

The club Parental consent form has been posted to the restricted forms area on the website for anyone that needs to use it. This is to limit our liability when minors are participating in our events.

- Bob Hughes, Membership



With the great success of MYC's youth and adult sailing classes last year, John MacNeill and his committee are ready to start the 2005, Youth and Adult Sailing Classes. These classes are open to the public and the members of the MYC. We plan to accommodate 14 to 16 students per class this summer. To register, please call Simon Koumjian at 321-779-1579 or E-mail simonvi@earthlink.net or call John MacNeill at 321-723-6213 or E-mail john@macneillj.com.

MYC's 2005 CALENDAR FOR SAILING CLASSES

COST: \$ 35,00 (5 classes and a basic sailing handbook)
 TIME: 10 am to 2 pm

YOUTH CLASSES

Youth #1A - Thurs, June, 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30
 Youth # 1B- Sat, June, 4, 11, 18, 25 & July, 2
 Youth # 2A- Thurs, July, 7, 14, 21, 28 & Aug, 4
 Youth # 2B- Sat, July, 9, 16, 23, 30 & Aug, 6

ADULT CLASSES

Adult #1 - Sat, April, 30 & May, 7, 14, 21 & 28
 Adult #2 - Sat, Aug, 13, 20, 27, & Sept, 3 & 10

We still have 3 classes to make up from last years Adult sailing class. John MacNeill and I will check the MYC's racing schedule to reschedule these 3 classes in the early part of April.

Our committee this year, helping John MacNeill with instructing our students the skills and joy of sailing will be: Amy Lacy, Steve Clendenin, Bob Bagnell, and James Mussman. We also are looking for other volunteers to help our efforts by contributing a few hours a week. Please let us know if you are able to help us in some way. Within the next two months, John MacNeill and Jim Edwards will be scheduling a couple of work weekends to repair our boats and check the equipment.

Please help us spread the word for one of MYC's great activities, which brings the joy of sailing to the youth and adults of our community. Thank you.

- Simon Koumjian, Youth Director



MYC Sailing Class

Past Graduates

Kids in Prams

Adults in Sunfish, Lasers & Snipe





Shrimp & Suds

TGIF, January 28
Featuring live music
by Chris Miller

Dinner 6:45 p.m.— Music 7-10 p.m.
Dinner/\$11 — Suds Special/\$1 drafts

Menu: All-you-can-eat-shrimp, roasted creamer potatoes, coleslaw, garlic bread, dessert
(*chicken breast available by special request*)

Music: Chris Miller plays a mean guitar and fiddle. He'll perform all your favorites from Orange Blossom Special to Hotel California (no Jimmy Buffet).

He plays weekly at the Sunset Cafe on SR 520 and can also be heard at Grill's, Port Canaveral and Lou's Blues, Indialantic. Come dance or just listen to some great music!

Reservations requested by 5 p.m., Tuesday, January 25.

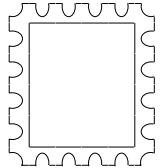
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