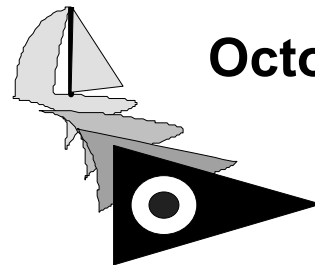


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TELL-TALE



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OCTOBER

- 15 Small Boat Sunday
- 20 Fall Rum Race #7
- 21-22 Fall Regatta Small Boats
- 25 Fall Regatta Seamanship Skills
- 26 Fall Regatta Pram Race
- 27 Fall Regatta Rebel Rally
- 28-29 Fall Regatta Big Boats

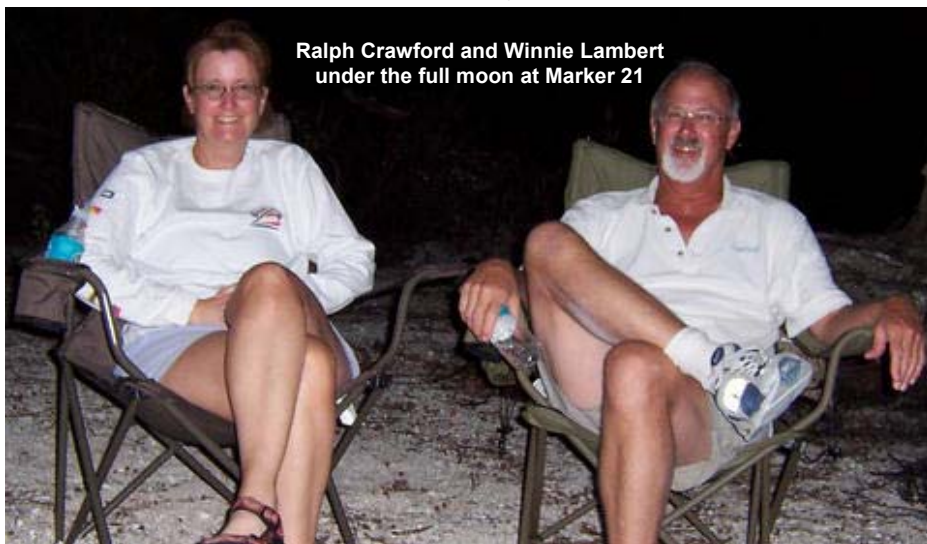
NOVEMBER

- 5 Small Boat Sunday
- 12 Winter Rum Race #1
- 18-19 Sunfish "No Frills" Regatta
- 26 Winter Rum Race #2

DECEMBER

- 3 Small Boat Sunday
- 9 MYC Christmas Party?
- 10 Winter Rum Race #3
- 17 Small Boat Sunday
- 31 Small Boat Sunday
- New Years Eve Party?

The Party Line



Ralph Crawford and Winnie Lambert
under the full moon at Marker 21

Marker 21 Full Moon Cruise—October 7th

Could it have been any more PERFECT??? The weather was that wonderful dry/warm stuff that the Chamber of Commerce talks about. The moon was FULL! The fire was glowing and so were a few of the people.

We had 66 club members, 19 boats, 4 dogs and a couple of people who were shanghied from their boats. (Maybe we will finally get Critical Mass to cross the harbor)

Paul & Joyce Alexy got down there early to mark off our territory and boats started arriving soon after. Sleighride was one of the last boats to arrive, but I think it was the fullest!

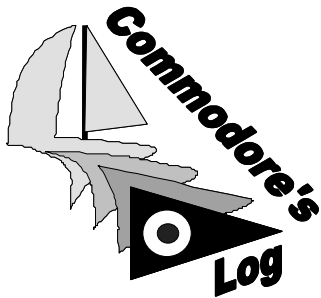
Music was provided by the harmonica playing of Glenn Gray and Jerry Moores. (Who Knew?)

I didn't count the Leprechaun as one of the boats, however it sure did it's duty. First as the fuel(wood) barge, then as the people carrier to and from the island.

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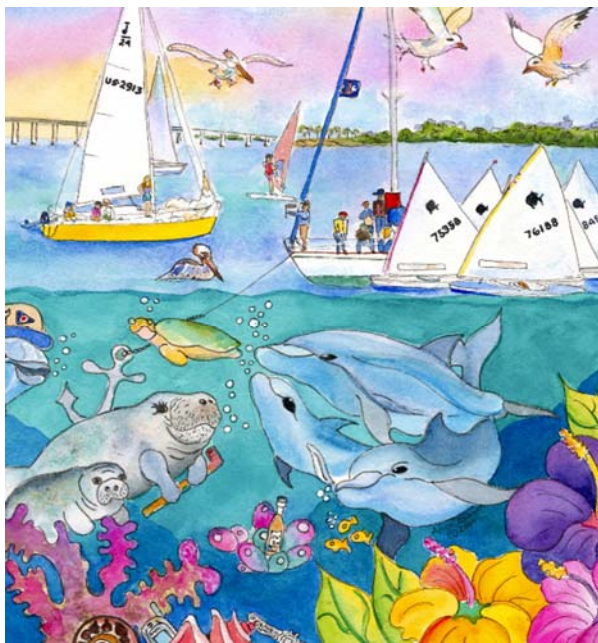
MYC Calendar Online

<http://melbourneyachtclub.com/MemberDatabase/calendar.php3>



I would like to announce that we have a new MYC non-regatta shirt for sale in the Bosun's Locker. There are both men's (Buttoned Polo with pocket) and women's (V-neck) styles. The front sports our standard MYC Burgee and the back has an Alice Ahren's Watercolor (see picture). They

are \$20.00 and currently stocked in the locker in sizes small through 2XL (3XL Men). Just see me.



The renovation is proceeding and has made the following progress:

- We have written confirmation that we have been approved (elevations, color and signage) by the Redevelopment Zone Architectural Review Board.
- Last week we received the first written list of issues from the city (normal step subsequent to our building permit application), they were largely technical items, detailed requests for product information and represented no significant obstacles according to our Architect.
- Our Architect has assembled the responses and is editing and adjusting the drawings as required. The plan is to get back to the city ASAP.
- Last night our Architect checked on the status of the bid process, and although not complete (lots of last minute adjustments as a result of the edits

and city issues) he was told by the estimator that it should not exceed the estimate we received earlier (which is good news).

Hopefully we will be in a position to begin the final contract negotiations in the next week or two.

This is October and with that comes the annual search for next year's Board members. To that end I talked with several members about serving on the Nominating Committee, The Board agreed with my recommendations and the general membership voted to accept the nominees without exception. I am pleased to announce the 2006 Nomination Committee is Jacki Leahy, Harvey Melfi, Lenny Beckett, Floyd Bryant, and Larry Ethridge. If you have any board member recommendations or would like to serve on the 2007 MYB Board, please see them.

As usual, if there is anything you see that we need or need to do, please send me an email at ross2629@bellsouth.net (the best way), or catch me at a TGIF as I am usually there.

- Ross Herbert, Commodore

Fall Regatta Events

Saturday/Sunday October 21-22—Small Boats

- 9:00 am Registration
- 11:00 am Skippers' meeting
- 12:30 pm 1st class flag
- 5:00 pm Dinner served, keg/sodas, etc

Sunday, October 22

- 9:00 am Continental Breakfast
- 9:45 am Skipper's Meeting
- 11:00 am 1st class flag
- 3:00 pm Keg/sodas/trophy presentations

Wednesday, October 25 - Seamanship Skills

- 5:00 pm Bar Open, Social Hour
- 6:00 pm Skills Contest

Thursday, October 26 - Adult Pram Racing

- 4:30 pm Volunteers Begin Rigging Boats
- 5:30 pm First heat starts
- ~7:00 pm King/Queen of Prams Final Race
- 7:30 pm Pizza by the Slice in the Club, Bar Open

Friday, October 27 - Rebel Rally ('Rum Race')

- Food & Drinks in the Bar Afterward

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Bulletin Board

Crew Needed for Bahamas Trip

Bob Gauthier is looking for crew to help him in getting his Hunter 410 from Marsh Harbor to Melbourne around 1 December. Plans are to fly over on 27 or 28 Nov and depart from Marsh on 1 December, weather permitting. Bob can be reached at 321-733-5191 (h) or 321-591-4272 © or rwgcg58@gmail.com.

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Next morning before breakfast a pod of dolphins gave us a private show and some invaded Rainbow Chaser (some people, not dolphins) for "omlets in a bag" and coffee where we discussed the earth shattering question of, "If you use a grape tomato in a recipe, should you peel it?" (Maybe you had to be there!

Seriously, if you missed it, YOU REALLY MISSED IT. Could we ever be that lucky again?
- Jacki Leahy

TGIF—Every Friday - TGIFs are held every Friday evening in the clubhouse. Birthdays are celebrated on the first TGIF of the month.

Next Cruise to Marker 21—Nov 11 Our cruises to Marker 21 are usually the second Saturday of the month. MYC normally provides the firewood, hot dogs, and marshmallows for s'mores. Please contact Peter at windinmesails@earthlink.net or call 727-7725 and let him know ASAP if you would like to help organize this.

Kayaking—First Saturday - Kayak trips are scheduled for the first Saturday of every month. In October, the Kayak trip got bumped in favor of a full moon cruise.

Anyone interested putting together an MYC event, contact our Entertainment Chair, Peter Aydelotte, at windinmesails@earthlink.net

Fall Regatta Events (cont)

Saturday/Sunday October 28-29—Big Boats

9:00 am Free pancake breakfast / Registration
11:00 am Skippers' meeting
12:30 pm 1st start signal
5:00 pm Dinner served, Keg/sodas, etc

Sunday, October 29

9:00 am Continental breakfast served
9:45 am Skippers' meeting
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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 your name & phone number.

Also include captions with any pictures you submit including names, dates, places, etc

Fleet Report

Cooler temperatures and our famous breezes are making ideal sailing conditions. A very nearly full moon came up over the rum race last night during a gentle NE breeze. A cruise is scheduled for Marker 21 tonight showing once again that on almost any weekend, MYC offers many ways to enjoy the sport of sailing.

Mermaid Regatta—Sep 23-24

Close to 100 women from as far as Sarasota, Ft. Lauderdale, Orlando and Titusville sailed big and small boats at the Mermaid Regatta. Saturday fresh breezes and short courses placed a premium on big boat handling. Lighter conditions prevailed on Sunday for the small boats. Once again numerous volunteers mostly organized by Rachele Ross put together an awesome regatta and Saturday night beach.

Thanks also to Gerry Moores and Dave Silverman all of their helpers for running the races.

Mermaid Results

Spinnaker

1. Caliente - Karen Knockel
2. Fast Lane - Sherry Beckett
3. Mouse - Rochelle Yates

Non-Spinnaker

1. Pirate - Alice Ahrens
2. Five Speed - Jan Miorelli
3. Sleighride - Rachele Ross

PHRF Overall (Total Time)

1. Fast Lane - Sherry Beckett
2. Five Speed - Jan Miorelli
3. Pirate - Alice Ahrens

Sunfish

1. Mindy Strauley
2. Ursula Olson
3. Cindy Taylor

Laser

1. Sherry Beckett
2. Pam & Kristen Vanderveer

Fall Regatta—Oct 21-29

Fall Regatta and Race Week is right around the corner. Dave Noble is planning one weekend for small boats at Ballard Park followed by another weekend for big boats with PHRF races sailed out of MYC and Melges 24s north of the Eau Gallie Causeway. The PHRF fleet will sail a long distance race for the Cirripedia Cup on Saturday. Thanks to Larry Ethridge, Gerry Moores and Mike Nulf who will run each of the race courses.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the club and on the water!

- Phil Spletter, Fleet Captain



Fast Lane in Mermaid Regatta



Lynde West Relaxing Between Sunfish Races

Membership Report

New Members:

Dave Levinthal, sponsored by Rochelle Yates.

New Nominations:

Brian & Tamara Davidson, sponsored by Gary & Louisa Killian

Brian works in the Home Building Industry and Tamara taught at Columbia Elementary School and now is an at-home Mom raising their two youngest children.

They would like to join MYC, because their daughter, Kaitlin, is really interested in sailing and they would like to expose her, and the family, to MYC's sailing activities.

Membership Data: Resident = 166, Non Resident = 24, Corinthian = 14, Honorary = 13

I have additional membership cards, for members who have a need for a second card, also new Club Buries with MYC red logo are in our ships locker.

Mermaid Regatta Recap

Wow! What a regatta!

The weather was perfect, the competition was great, and the guys did a marvelous job on race committee and with dinner and the partying.

The racing was a huge success with over 95 gals out on the water over the two days. Several of Saturday's big boat crew were brave enough to try racing Sunfish and Lasers for the first time on Sunday. Even though they didn't win, they all managed to finish close enough to the winners to make the racing competitive and most of all. . .fun. The "pros" were far enough ahead to make their racing great competition as well.

Our 11 and 9 year old sailors were very competitive and really enjoyed the regatta as well. Hope we have more of the younger set out next year.

I want to thank all who lent a hand to make the regatta the success it was. There is not room to list everyone but I must send out a special thanks to Winnie Lambert and friend Sara for all the wonderful door prizes, Phil Spletter for all his patience with my instructions, John Fox and Gerry Moores for heading up race committees, Paul Alexy, Cal Stow and crew for the great dinner, the Foxes for the great T-shirts, and Fast Lane for the best decorated boat.

I just don't understand why there are 10 times more pictures of that crew than Sleighride, go figure!

Again, guys and gals, thanks for the great job.

- Rachele Ross



Vice Commodore / House Report

House

It has come to my attention that the club has been left unlocked and with lights on in the last few weeks. This has always been a problem but has become more of a problem lately. I do not have a solution for this but to caution everyone to always make sure when leaving the club that it is secured and the lights are off. This is your club and I hope we are all adults and can do this without constant reminders.

Brown Water

It was reported to me again that we are still getting brown water when we have run a large volume of water through the lines. I have contacted the Melbourne Water Company again. They told me there was a water main break last week and there are areas of the city that do get brown water. They said they would flush the lines for us soon.

We are also looking into flushing our own lines to remove any sediment that might still be in our water system.

Club computer

The club computer died and a new computer has been built and installed. I don't know who killed it but Marlene Sassaman reported the problem to me. The new computer is much faster and is running XP Professional and has the Office 2003 installed. There is also enough room on the hard drive to store pictures and documents from all of our activities.

Boat U.S.

I have renewed our Group Membership to Boat U.S. and anyone wanting to renew or join Boat US can do so at ½ price. Our group number to use in any membership correspondence is GA80782Y. Unfortunately this ½ price offer is not extended for the boat insurance. I will post brochures and the Boat US information on the bulletin board at the club.

- Bob Hughes / Vice Commodore + House Director

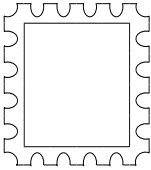


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