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The Party Line

Lenny Beckett

In spite of the fact that I've been goofing off in the Bahamas, activities have been carrying on nicely at the club. I left the bar well-stocked, and that's all that counts!

June 12 Burn-It

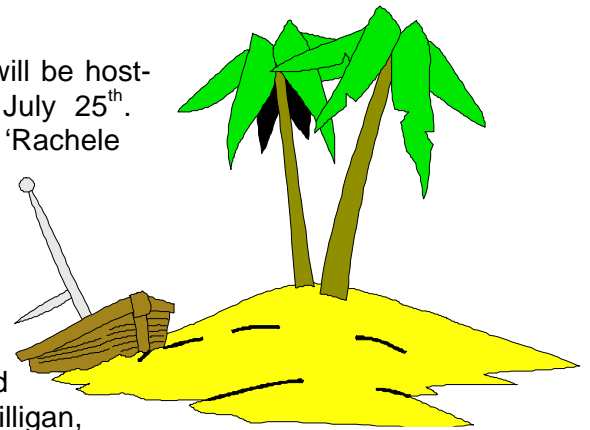
Alan and Vivien Payne hosted the burn-it on June 12th while we were away. I understand it was a nice gathering, with about thirty people attending. Not a bad attendance considering the number of people who were away on vacation.

July 4th Family Cookout

By the time this newsletter comes out, the July 4th party will be history. With the hot weather and the fireworks ban, we are planning an 'all indoors' event. The Hakkilas and the Wakefields are hosting, and it looks like it will be another fun time with a low-cost meal.

July 25 Shipwreck Party

Rachele Ross and helpers will be hosting a shipwreck party on July 25th. This is going to be another 'Rachele Original' and not to be missed. Rachele is planning **live steel drums** for entertainment. This is a theme party, so get in the mood and plan your costume early. Come dressed as your favorite castaway, Gilligan, the Skipper, Swiss Family Robinson, Captain Hook, or whoever. It sounds like it's going to be a great time, so sign up early!



August 7 Moonlight Raft-Up Pizza Party

On August 7th we are planning a moonlight raft-up after happy hour. The raft will build near the Melbourne Beach pier and we will order pizza delivered to the pier. What a neat way to have dinner! Plan ahead and anchor out for the night, or invite some friends for a nice evening on the river. If you don't have a boat but want to join us, come to happy hour and we'll find you a boat to go out on.

- Lenny Beckett

Event Calendar:

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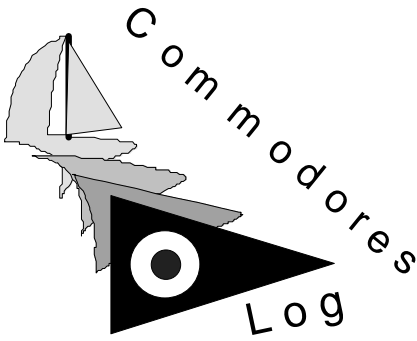
- 4 Family Cookout
- 11 Dock Work Party
- 24 1st Friday Rum Race
- 25 ShipWreck Party

AUG

- 5 General Mtg 7:30
- 7 Friday Rum Race
Moonlight Raft-Up
- 21 Friday Rum Race

SEP

- 2 General Mtg 7:30
- 4 Friday Rum Race



I would like to congratulate Dave Noble and Sari Wakefiled on the spectacular job that they have done with the Junior Sailing program. A big thanks also to all the MYC members that helped Dave and Sari out. Dave has some wonderful ideas on how to continue the program and we want to support them in any way we can.

All the sailors that went to the Bahamas, and other ports of call, are back safe and sound. I hope everyone had as good a time as Mary and I did. I'm sure there are many stories to be told by all. They should get us through until next year.

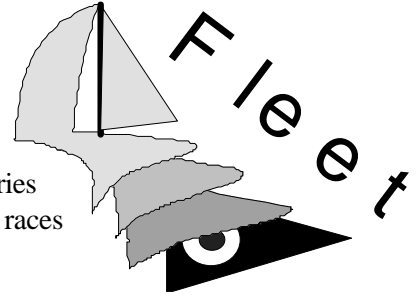
One of our boats was broken in to in the last few weeks. Security is always an ongoing issue here at our club. It is especially a problem at this time because the fence between the Club and the Captains Cove Condo is being replaced. If you see someone you don't know, don't hesitate to politely inquire their business. Perhaps they are a potential new member—or someone 'casing the joint'.

I am in the process making arrangements with the National Weather Service for a program to follow a general meeting in August or September. If anyone has any ideas for other programs, please let me know.

- Gus Williams

Spring 'Rum Racing' Final Results

The 1998 Spring Rum Race Series featured four different boats winning races in this Friday night event. The Spring Series featured a really good turnout, with several races having at least 13 entries.



The Spring Series consisted of five races, and only **JIM PARKER** on *Dragon Lady* was a multiple winner. **ROB VAN NAME** on his J-30, *Nordic Star*, however, continued his mastery and won the series. Rob and his crew also won the Winter Series.

For those of you not familiar with the 'Rum Races', it is a 6.6 mile course, usually made up of two triangles. It is a low-key race featuring a reverse handicap start, which allows the fast J-30s and Lindbergs to chase down the slower boats. It can also be a real learning experience—just ask the crew on *Fever* how they learned about the 'big boat' rule from Karen Knockel and Bob Sowden.

By the way, the Summer Rum Race Series starts on July 24th, and runs pretty much every other Friday, ending on September 18th. The PHRF ratings are posted on the Club bulletin board, so hope to see you out there!

Final Standings

-Stu Shadbolt

1-Nordic Star	Rob Van Name
2-Dragon Lady	Jim Parker
3-Fever	Ralph Billings
4-Epic	David Nesbit



Dock Party Saturday, July 11 10am

Floyd Bryan is looking for a few good 'men'... Especially those whose docklines cross the finger piers... to put cross-braces on the finger piers. If you are handy with tools, please come join us.

If you have an electric drill with 1/2" bit and/or an extension, bring it with you. Questions? Call Floyd at 724-5335.

"Many Hands Make Light Work"

Got a contribution for the newsletter? Drop it off in the box marked 'Newsletter' in the MYC kitchen, bring it to the membership meeting, or (preferred) e-mail it to MYC@DataFlowSys.com. Make sure you include your name and phone number.

MYC Docks Projects

Vote on Dock Electrical Plan at August Meeting

There are two projects in the works to upgrade the docks this year—the bulkhead replacement, and the dock electrical service replacement.

The bulkhead project, originally researched and recommended by the Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC), was finalized by a committee headed by Floyd Bryan and subsequently approved by the MYC Board. A contractor has been selected, and actual work is expected to start any day now. The plan initially presented to the Board by the LRPC recommended the construction of a new bulkhead about 1' north of the current one, extending beneath the Docks from the western property boundary to the launching ramps—including support for the North/South retaining walls on either side of the launch ramp. A mesh “soil barrier” with appropriate backfill is to be inserted to fill the void between the existing bulkhead and the new one. The total materials and labor cost for this project is approximately \$9,000. *(Ed note: A few details may have changed in this plan since it was originally proposed—if you have questions, contact Floyd Bryan).*

The Dock Electrical Service project, also initially researched and recommended by the LRPC, has subsequently been finalized by a committee headed by Floyd Bryan, and a recommendation made to the Board. However, the Board decided that, as the project will require a substantial investment, it should be reviewed and approved by the Membership. The following is an excerpt from the initial recommendations presented by the LRPC to the Board:

“The current MYC Dock Electric Service was found to be not only unsafe, but at variance with current electrical code. Should the City of Melbourne elect to conduct even a cursory inspection of this electric power distribution network, at best we would be obliged to correct all the problems to the City’s satisfaction, while at worst the City may instruct FPL to ‘pull the fuses’ to the feeder circuits supplying the power”.

“Although not yet fully finalized, the plan presented addresses both ‘Repair’ and ‘Up-Grade to Code’ — yielding a Dock Electric Service which will have not only an overall capacity but also an individual slip service offering equivalent to or better than our current distribution network afforded when it was new”.

“The total materials and labor cost for this project, utilizing ‘Marine Grade’ components only for those applications where ‘RV Grade’ components are not available (the ‘Cover Closed when in use’ 30-Amp Service service receptacles), is approximately \$15,000. All labor will be executed exclusively by employees of the selected appropriately licensed local contractor, who will also be responsible for obtaining all necessary permits.”

The primary issue to be discussed at the August meeting is whether to proceed with the project using 100% ‘Marine-Grade’ components, at an approximate cost of \$26,000, or whether to use ‘RV Grade’ components at a 50% reduction in cost. The condition of the current electrical service is such that ‘not doing anything’ is an option that will not be considered at all.

If you have issues to bring up that may impact the options under consideration, please contact Dockmaster Floyd Bryan or Commodore Gus Williams *before* the meeting. Introducing new data at the meeting will only confuse the issue and delay this much-needed project.

(Many thanks to Harry Stapor and the LRPC, and Floyd and his committees).

Bulletin Board

Going Out of Town?

If you have a boat at the MYC dock, and are going to be out of town, consider notifying the Dockmaster (Floyd Bryan) and letting him know who you've designated to handle any emergencies that might arise..

MYC Soon to have a Home Page

Brent Saunders is working on an MYC Home Page on the Internet. Keep your eye out for more news.

Notes from Floyd Bryan (Dockmaster)

1-I will be out of town from mid-July to mid-September. Jerry Kowalski will stand in for me during this time.

2-Dry Storage Boats Need Permanent Identification

ALL owners of ‘dry storage’ boats at MYC (the dinghies on the racks and the boats in the side yard) must make sure that their boat has a permanently-affixed label indicating who the boat belongs to. The Dockmaster cannot be expected to ‘know’ who each boat belongs to (for contact and billing purposes).

3-Proof of Insurance Due from:

Hakkila, Shippee, Crockett, Spooner (June), Bibb, Washka, Kowalski (July), Owen, and Payne (August).

ESPN2 Sailing Programs

Road to the Americas Cup

7/11 - 5pm 7/17 - 3am

Unusual Sailboats

7/19 - 3pm 7/20 - 5am

Pathway to the Olympics

8/9 - 12:30pm 8/28 - 2am

ShipWreck Party

Saturday, July 25, 1998

Come dressed as Robinson Crusoe, his pal Friday, Fletcher Christian or his friendly wahines, Long John Silver, or any of those other famous castaways—Skipper, Gilligan, the Howells, Ginger, the Professor, or MaryAnn!

Dinner Menu

Grilled Fish, Black Beans and Rice, Salad
Fruit and Dessert

Entertainment

Live Steel Band
'Best Castaway' Costume Contest
Shipwreck Trivia Contest
Hermit Crab Races

Bar opens at 6pm — Dinner served at 7pm
\$10.00 PER PERSON

Reservations Required by Wed, July 22
Rachele Ross at 254-8326 or Jacki Leahy at 259-3365

Pizza Raft-Up

Friday, August 7

After TGIF and the Rum Race on Friday night, August 7, join us for a raft-up off Melbourne Beach Pier. We will count noses and order pizza to be delivered to the pier.

Raft will start building about 7pm
Standby Channel: 69
Cost: (about) \$5 per person (cash)
Bring your own drinks
Questions? Call Lenny Beckett at 779-3024

We have one new application for resident membership:

**RICHARD (DICK) AND
MICHELINE (RUSTI) NICHOLS**
Sponsor: Roy Owens

Dick and Rusti Nicols reside at 4400 Dairy Road in Melbourne. Dick graduated from the University of Tennessee with a BSEE. He is the President of Computer Telephone Systems, Inc, which produces telecommunication switching products. He was previously with Harris for 19 years.



Rusti also attended the University of Tennessee and is a Speech Pathologist and partner in the Child and Family Clinic of Melbourne.

The Nichols own a 40' Viking named Nautical Lady. They are very much interested in cruising the Abaco's. In addition to boating they enjoy hand-

ball, fishing and scuba diving.

Dick and Rusti are looking forward to joining the MYC to join in our club cruises and boating activities.

Dick has already attended one of our monthly club meetings and didn't request his application be returned, so I would say they are really interested in becoming MYC members!!

Again, thanks to all of you who have assisted me in finding such great new members so far this year. Keep up the good work!
—Faye Bitzer



Summer Sailing Program a Big Success

Did you see all those kids at MYC? Seventeen sailors participated in the newly organized **MYC Junior Sailing Program** during the month of June. Every Thursday and Saturday, these youngsters ventured out on to Melbourne Harbor and the Indian River in the club-owned Optimist prams and Sunfish.

The students caught on real quick—instructors Dave Noble and Sari Wakefield had a tough time keeping up with them, especially in the 100° mid-day heat. The course was open to the public (after all the MYC families were contacted) and was filled within a one week period.

The class was split into two groups, the teenagers paired up in Sunfish while the youngsters each had their own Optimist. Though I did not hear any complaints, I know the teens wish they each had their own boat, especially during the tacks (the Sunfish are a tough boat to comfortably sail in and move from side to side, with more than one crew).

When it came time to use the boats, the Sunfish were in great shape, with newer sails and spars. Only one of the five hulls needed a repair. The Optimists, on the other hand, showed their age (did you know these boats were the same boats used by some of Florida's premier sailors, Andy Fox, Ethan Bixby, and Jeff Duval when they were in MYC's Junior Program. Two of these guys are older than me!) The hulls

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initially were in good shape, after a little work and some epoxy and fiberglass. However the weekly use took its toll—we had to continuously make minor repairs throughout the course. The spars and sails had a lot to be desired, but the kids didn't care, they were out on the water **SAILING**.

If you had the opportunity to see the kids in action, it was quite a sight. Melbourne Harbor was abuzz with these dinghies going every which way. On Saturdays it was comical watching the power boats trying to get in and out the harbor. Question—Who has right of way, a \$300,000 45' cabin cruiser or a 9-year old in a 25-year old 7' pram? You guessed it, that kid would not let him have an inch of room.

I was asked at least five times each class when we would go into the river, and finally during the third

week, we made it. The challenge was on for the instructors—the boats scattered, but the kids were able to hold their own. Sure, some ran aground or got caught in irons, but they made it out and back. To celebrate the end of the class, the flotilla made its way across the Indian River to the Melbourne Beach Pier for lunch and a swim. The sail back put the whole program into perspective. The kids were challenging and racing each other, jumping and swimming from one boat to another, and having just plain summer fun. All considered, this Basic Sailing Class of MYC's Junior Sailing Program was a total success.

More classes are in the works. A Beginner course, with emphasis on competitive sailing, is in the planning stages, and is expected to run from mid-August through the end of

September.

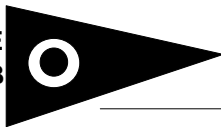
We learned several things from this first course:

- concentrate on one class of boat per class.
- the chase boat should have at least a 6HP engine
- build up the Instructor base.
- the prams need a total rebuild—rigs and hulls.

If the next classes are successful, as I'm sure they will be, we're hoping see the parents purchase competitive prams for their children and eventually the MYC Junior Sailing Program will travel to other clubs for races. Just maybe in the future we can build a program of Optimist and two man dinghies (Snipes, JY15 or 420s) for Juniors, Corinthians and Members to use. —David Noble

Many thanks to our volunteers! First and foremost—Sari Wakefield. Also Steve and Prill Clendenin, and the parents of the students.

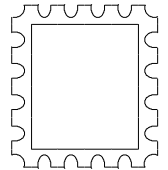
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FIRST
CLASS
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Kyle Noble leads fleet of Optimists
in the MYC Junior Sailing Program