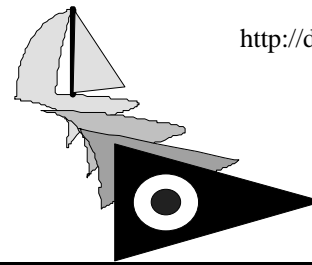


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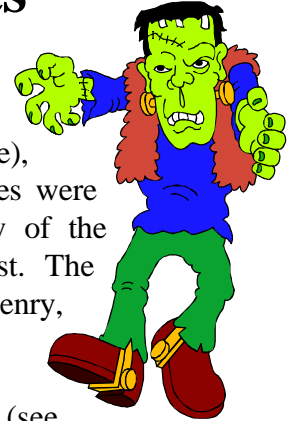
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Halloween Highlights

From Count Dracula himself (Lenny Beckett, the costume contest winner) to Hagar the Horrible (Jerry Ross) and his indomitable Helga (Rachele), Halloween revelers had a festive time. The games were diverse and demonic. Chet Pruszynski, by way of the greatest applause, won the pumpkin carving contest. The string-suspended Apple Grab was won by Mike Henry, who must have the sharpest teeth.



Lenny Beckett & Harriet Diamond

The Walnut Walk (see illustration), the Pass L'Orange (chilled fruit passed from chin to chin), and the Fruit Slalom (paddling apples around the pumpkins), all brought out previously untapped skills of MYC teams. Knobly knees presented a real challenge to many of the Walnut Walk contestants, whose antics brought down the house, while paddling skills were severely tested by the Fruit Slalom. The Pass L'Orange contest was consummated in such a flurry of intimate embraces, that many team members were visibly disappointed it was all over so swiftly.



Chet Pruszynski

Event Calendar:

Nov

13 FIT Slave Auction

20 Sharing Party

21 Work Party

25 Board Meeting

Dec

2 General Meeting

7:30



Faye Bitzer, Chris & Sue Reynolds

The cuisine, ambiance, and games were brought to you by the skills of Faye Bitzer and Sue Reynolds, Carol and Ed Hakkila, Harriet and Chet Pruszynski, and games M.C. Chris Reynolds.



REGATTA DINNER

I would like to extend a special thanks to all those who helped me put on the dinner for the fall regatta, without their help I wouldn't have been able to manage it. My helpers included: Chris and Sue Reynolds, George and Emalyn Utting, Jack and Marty Bibb and good friends Larry and Charley Rutledge. The london broil was cooked to absolute perfection by Chris, George and Jack, with the advice of at least 30 other people. A special thanks also to Rachele Ross for her advice, making the slaw and providing rolls for 80 people. For more on the regatta, check the Fleet Captains report.

HALLOWEEN TGIF

Another thank you goes to Chris and Sue Reynolds for hosting the great Halloween TGIF. The bar area was full of all sorts of weird people when I arrived Friday evening. There was good food, games and plenty of fun. See Sue's article in this issue for a complete rundown.

SLAVE AUCTION AND BURN-IT

Remember, the Florida Tech sailing teams will be sponsoring a Friday night Burn-it and slave auction on Friday, November the 13th to raise money to help support their team activities. Come and

enjoy your favorite grilled meat and purchase a slave for a day to do all those boat cleanup chores you have been letting slide.

SHARING PARTY

Another date to make sure you have on your calendar is Friday, November 20th. Betty Thon will be hosting the annual Sharing Auction, with Bill acting as auctioneer. Bring a gift to be auctioned by Bill, and enjoy the fun of outbidding your friends. The proceeds will be going to the Sharing Center. Prior to the auction, Betty will be serving another one of her great dinners, so bring along your friends.

Lenny Beckett
Rear Commodore



The Board APPROVED one resident membership this month:
Thomas and Doris Powers
Sponsor: *George Utting*
At this time the Board also approved one new Corinthian membership:
Shana Hamel
Sponsor: *Dave Nobel*
When you see the Powers and Shana around the club, please welcome them to MYC and show them what a warm, friendly group we are.
Again, thanks to everyone for your support by recommending such great new members for our club.
Casting off for now,
Faye Bitzer
Membership Director

Dockmasters Report

1) Welcome KELADI! She has moved into slip W10 and Chet Prudzinski will be sailing her regularly.

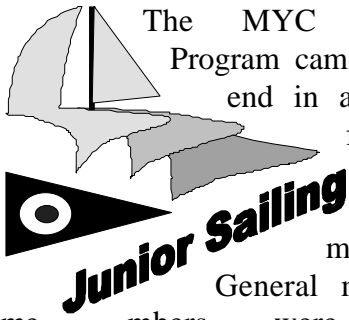
2)Kudos to Bill Burton and Ned Buck who volunteered on an emergency basis to repair (replace) a gushing section of fresh water pipe on the East dock. Also to Jerry Kowalski for replacing a leaking faucet on the West dock.

3) The electrification of the West dock is almost complete and the East dock should be finished within 5 or 6 working days-weather permitting.

4) The sea wall construction project is almost complete-we are filling in those spots which are settling and trying to eradicate the weeds present prior to placing sod. The curb must be built up approximately 4" to control parking lot runoff and erosion.

5) A WORK PARTY is required Saturday November 21st at 0900. I know it is close to the holiday, but this is the only time we can fit it in between the Cirripedia Cup and the Seven Seas Cruising event etc. The projects include moving one fresh water faucet on the East dock and building curbs-one 44ft at the base of the lower lot for erosion control and a short one by the annex to prevent water from running into the back door. Please call me if you can help your club!

Respectfully
FBryan MD
Dockmaster



The MYC Junior Program came to an end in a grand fashion. The November General meeting members were out numbered twice over, for all the Fall Class Juniors and their parents attended the meeting. Awards were passed out to the sailors for their participation in the delayed Fall Regatta. Sam Miorelli and Adam Close received first place trophies for winning their respective classes, Optimist Dinghy and Clearwater Dinghy. A very special perpetual Sportsmanship Award was presented to Tara Hart by Commodore Gus Williams. Sportsmanship is stressed throughout Optimist programs across the country (Receives more emphasis than the overall racing

results in most programs), Tara's attitude, enthusiasm and willingness to help befitted this recognition. I appreciate the response of the members toward the efforts made in this program and I especially enjoyed receiving the photo of all the students standing among the MYC dinghy fleet. Thank you. This program can be considered a success due to the efforts of Sari Wakefield, the parents of students and the Juniors' themselves.

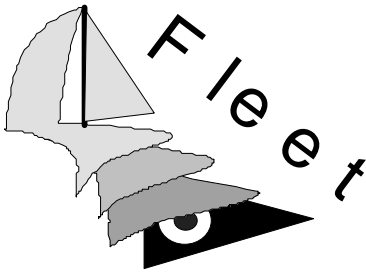
Some of the Juniors are going to enter their first Regatta at the US Sailing Junior Olympics Festival, being held in Jensen Beach, November 21 & 22. The Festival will not only be racing, plenty of "fun" activities are planned too, including boat building, obstacle courses and seamanship competitions. They are excited to attend this event and I'm hoping it will be a catalyst to generating

interclub racing at MYC.

So what is to come of the Junior Program next year? I have not presented any plans to the MYC Board yet, but I'm hoping that we can have Beginner and Intermediate classes throughout Day Light Savings Time. I expect more classes should be able to get out of the disturbed winds of Melbourne Harbor and enjoy the prevailing sea breeze in the Indian River. I'd also like to see two weeks in the summer dedicated to half day sessions. The interest is out there, if we can only put together the resources to make it happen. This winter will be a time of planning and preparation. If you are interested in helping please contact me, or keep an eye out for more info to come.

*Dave Nobel
Youth Director*





Fall Regatta Results:

Performance Fleet
(1) Dick Martens
(2) Bob Sowden
(3) Scott Wotherspoon
Spinnaker Fleet
(1) John Lubre,
(2) Dave Noble
(3) Ralph Billings
Non-Spinnaker Fleet
(1) Rick Crockett
(2) Gus Williams
(3) Brent Saunders
Multihull Fleet
(1) Van Nostra
(2) Hasling
(3) Andrews
Burt McAllister Best Overall Time Trophy
Dick Martens

Regatta, Regatta, We gotta start meeting like this. Wow, two months and two big regattas. GO MYC! Melbourne Yacht Club continues to be the place to race. We held the 20th annual Mermaid regatta in September and then three weeks later put on the Fall Regatta. Coral Reef Yacht club would be jealous. The club did it.

Mermaid Regatta Results

Racing Fleet
(1) Karen Knockel
(2) Patty Massey Cruising
Fleet A
(1) Mary Williams
(2) Rachele Ross
(3) Laurie Saunders
Cruising Fleet B
(1) Tonya Clark
(2) Rhonda Delmater

Thanks to race committee, Bob and many crew. Dinner, Steve Clendenin with Gus Williams and Stu Shadbolt. Trophies Dave Noble and Registration Rachele Ross and Rhonda Delmater. Lots of door prizes were generated by the efforts of Maryann Holden. What a great job everyone! The club did it again.



Above - Sandy McAllister presents the "Burt McAllister" Best overall Time Trophy to Dick Martens

Thanks to Race committee, Mike and Bobbi Huck with Jack Leahy as chase boat, Dinner, Lenny Beckett, Registration, Karen Knockel, Trophies, Dave Noble and Commodore Gus Williams for trophy presentation.

*Thank You All!
Bob Sowden
Fleet Director*



Super RC's Mike & Bobbie Huck

Below -Multihull Fleet Winners





Performance Fleet Winners



Spinaker Fleet Winners



Non-Spinaker Fleet Winners

MYC RUM RACES - BEST GAME IN TOWN

MYC's Rum Races continue to draw more competitors than any racing series in the county. Last Sunday, November 1, we counted FOURTEEN boats rounding the buoys on a bright, fall day in an 8-12 knot breeze out of the southeast.

Apparently, we were having so much fun, some cruisers out for a Sunday sail decided to come play! By then the fleet was half-way round the course! They couldn't be scored, of course, but we were happy to have them join us. MYC is still an equal opportunity endeavor.

Speaking of scoring, one boat had to be dsq'd because the skipper's watch was two minutes faster than official time. The one, critical rule for a reverse handicap race is that no boat start earlier than his designated starting time.

Starting times based on a 2:00 p.m. start can be found on the front cover of the gray, loose-leaf binder in the Club's bar.

Official time can ALWAYS be heard by dialing 853-3333. It's a local call so you can do that on the Club phone before you sail. DO NOT USE THE WEATHER CHANNEL TIME. It's not always accurate. But "Coordinated Universal Time" (set to Greenwich, England, five hours ahead of us) is ALWAYS accurate to the second.

With three races in the fall series already tallied, J. D. Smith, in "Cool Runnings" has a commanding hold on first place. Steve Clendennin, in "Boffler" is in second having won last Sunday. Way to go IL Postino! Chris Duer, Bob Sowden and Ralph Billings are in a three-way tie for third while Jerry Ross, Rob

VanName and Chet Pruszyński are even-steven in fourth.

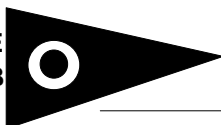
The next, (fourth) Rum Race for this series is set for Sunday afternoon, November 22.

The fifth and last race is set for Sunday, December 6. At that point there are only 25 shopping days left 'til New Year's eve.

MEANWHILE, we're STILL trying to complete the LAST race of the SUMMER SERIES!!! We could blow it off and declare a three-way tie for FIRST PLACE, but what fun is that? So we've set the final race for the summer series for SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH. Be there or be square.

*See you on the River!
Stu Shadbolt*

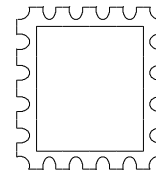
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