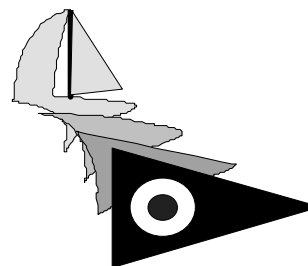


MELBOURNE YACHT CLUB TELL-TALE



Dec-98

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Event Calendar:

DEC

17 Christmas Party

31 New Years Eve Cruise

JAN

7 General Mtg 7:30

23-24 Painting Party

28 Board Meeting

FEB

4 General Mtg 7:30

25 Board Meeting

Please Join Me

*at the
Melbourne
Yacht Club*

*Friday
December 18
for a
Holiday Celebration!*

MENU:

\$4/person

*Carved roast beef and ham and rolls
will be served.*

*Please bring your favorite holiday recipe (prepared, and with
the recipe on paper) to share with others.*

If your last name begins with A-M please bring a side dish
If your last name begins with N-Z please bring a dessert.

5 p.m.

Bar opens as usual

6 p.m.

Craft activities for 12 and under

6:30 p.m.

Dinner served

7:30 p.m.

Musical entertainment for all ages

8 p.m.

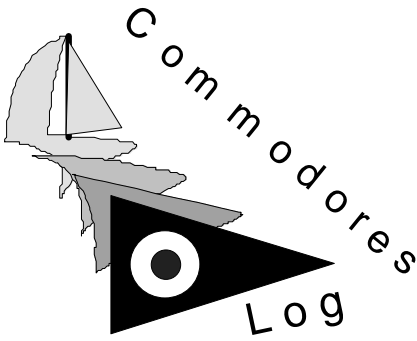
A special story and treat for
all the young ones

*Looking forward to seeing
one and all, young and old alike!*

**** Kids ****

*If you are 12 or under and plan to attend,
please call Rachele Ross (254-8326) and
leave your name and age so I can be pre-
pared with a surprise in my sack when I
come to visit.*





Melbourne Yacht Club's annual Holiday Celebration will be on December 18. A special appearance by our own Santa, even if he is just slightly 'follicly impaired', will surely be the highlight of the evening.

Be sure to bring your kids and a dish to share, and have a good time.

The New Year's Eve party promises to be a success, with a cruise to Cocoa Village to share in their festivities. There will be no New Year's Eve party at the club this year, so see you in Cocoa.

The Olympic Windsurfing Trials held at Patrick Air Force Base this fall, presented MYC, through Stu Shadbolt, an appreciation plaque. The plaque is hanging in the lounge.

While you're looking for that plaque, also look for the new perpetual trophy for youth sailing sportsmanship. This beautiful trophy was created by Dave Noble for the youth sailing program.

Alan Payne has been researching and painstakingly compiling information about Electrolysis on board vessels. Although I don't believe such a thing exists, he nevertheless will be sharing his discoveries with us in the near future.

Mary and I want to wish everyone the best of Holidays.

- Gus Williams III

NEW YEAR'S EVE CRUISE IN PLANNING STAGES

Any interest in cruising to Cocoa for the New Years Eve Street Party in Cocoa Village?

There will be 3 bands, with a ball drop at midnight, and confetti, fireworks and food.



Starts at 7PM

Cost is \$18 at the gate (\$10 in advance)

We can anchor out, or there is dock space available at Whitley Marine for 90 cents a foot including electric.

We can use Whitleys beach for safe dink access.

This could be fun if the weather is good.

Call Barb Ehnert for info - 259-3509.

Nominations Completed for 1999 Officers & Board of Directors

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Ned Buck, Jacki Leahy, Barb Ehnert, Chris Reynolds, and Jerry Kowalski, has completed its recommendations for the 1999 Officers and Board.

These recommendations will be voted on by the membership at the January meeting.

Commodore:	Chuck Baird
Vice Commodore:	Lenny Beckett
Rear Commodore:	Chet Pruszynski
Treasurer:	Chris Reynolds
Secretary:	Sally Wakefield
Director Docks:	Rob Van Name
Director Fleet:	Mary Williams
Director Membership:	Tony Barile
Director Youth:	Dave Noble

RUM RACING WRAP UP

The final race of the Summer series was sailed on Sunday, November 29th! Not bad considering all the hurricanes, tropical storms and jut plain Delta Sierra weather we had this past season.

Seven boats hit the start line. There would have been more but some regulars spent the long Thanksgiving weekend "in the islands" (Marker 21) or points south.

Going into the final race there was a three-boat tie for first place - *Spraylash* (Dave Noble), *Epic* (Dave Nesbitt) and *Yankee Rebel* (Stu Shadbolt, with a major assist from Mac McQuillen). The wind was a light 10 knots or less out of the NNE, the river flat, the air cool and the skies nearly cloudless.

Well into the second leg, a downwind run to Green 9, *Yankee Rebel* was bearing down hard on the two lead boats when *Spraylash*, midway back in the fleet, threw up a gorgeous chute and came on like Jeff Gordon at Daytona.

After rounding 9 and overtaking the two smaller boats, *Yankee Rebel* managed to hold her lead on the first beat back to Red 6 and even put a little distance on both *Spraylash* and *Epic*. But Dave Noble's decision to "go spinnaker" paid off on the second and last downwind run to 9. *Spraylash* eased into first place and held her lead back to the finish, with *Yankee Rebel* and Rob Van Name's Nordic Star less than a minute behind.

Final standings for the Summer series are posted at the right. Congratulations, *Spraylash*, on a well deserved first-place mug.

J. D. Smith, who placed 4th in the Summer series, now holds a commanding edge on first place going into the fifth and final race of the Fall series, to be held this Sunday, December 6. That will wrap up the Rum Races for '98. It's been a very good year.

We'll set up a schedule for a Sunday afternoon Winter series beginning in January, after we've recovered from the holiday.

And while it was a great year for Rum Races, 1998's peaks and valleys on the local racing chart resembled the year on Wall Street.

At the annual Eau Gallie Yacht Club River Challenge in November, only ten boats showed. A few years ago that race drew twice that number of entrants. Since there was no challenge from any other Club, our MYC boys (five of the ten registered skippers) retained the Cirripedia Cup until next time.

For last month's Cocoa Beach Yacht Club's Ohio Shoals Ocean Race, - which never went to Ohio Shoals - there were just THREE, count them, THREE competitors! And that included our own Commodore.

Anyone have any opinions on how local racing can attract more competitors? Better race management? Different prizes? More interesting courses? Cheaper entry fees? A more equitable rating system? Better eats and potables after the race? Etc.. etc. etc.

Interesting to note, by contrast, that the East Coast Sailing Association's **cruises** are attracting a **large** following. For their November "cruise" to the Pineda Causeway, I counted no fewer than TWENTY-SIX boats nestled in that cove on the northeast side of the causeway!

Have a HAPPY HOLIDAY ...and keep a clean wake.

- Stu Shadbolt

Bulletin Board

Summer Rum Race Series Final Standings

1st	Dave Noble	<i>Spraylash</i>
2nd	Stu Shadbolt	<i>Yankee Rebel</i>
3rd	Dave Nesbitt	<i>Epic</i>
4th	J.D. Smith	<i>CoolRunnings</i>

MYC Activities E-Mailing List

Ideally, all MYC activities should be published well in advance. But we find that many activities just happen at the last minute (especially cruising activities, which are weather-dependent).

If you'd like to get on an e-mail list for last-minute MYC activities and reminders, send an e-mail to Sherry Beckett at

ITBecketts@aol.com

Make the subject of your e-mail

"Put me on the MYC list"

MYC Has a Home Page!

www.dataflowsys.com/myc

Got a contribution for the newsletter?

Drop it off in the box marked 'Newsletter' in the MYC kitchen, bring it to the membership meeting (PC format floppy or print-out), or (best) e-mail it to:

MYC@dataflowsys.com

Make sure you include your name and phone number, so we can call if we have questions.

Questions?

See Newsletter Editor phone numbers on the front page.

The Party Line

Lenny Beckett

Over \$500 Raised for the South Brevard Sharing Center at MYC Sharing Supper

We had another good turnout this year at the traditional Thanksgiving Sharing Supper. Betty and Bill Thon and helpers put on a great meal and a great auction. Many thanks to all who helped, or donated items, or bid on 'mystery bags'.

Gorgeous Weather for Thanksgiving Cruise

Five MYC boats cruised south on Thanksgiving weekend. *Island Time, Spiced Rhumb, Sleighride, Ariel* and *Windward* arrived at Marker 21 Friday afternoon, after a beautiful sail in light winds and sunshine. Everyone gathered on the beach for a bonfire, thanks to Carl and Susan Kiser. The Kisers thought ahead and brought along a nice pile of dry oak logs for the fire. The evening was spent roasting hot dogs and 'pick'n and Grin'n' (mostly grin'n). The following morning, several boats rafted for a community breakfast. *Ariel, Spiced Rhumb, and Sleighride* carried the party further south to Sebastian on Saturday. A good time was had by all.

See you at the Holiday Celebration on Friday, December 18!

The annual MYC Christmas party will be on Dec. 18th. Bring a dish to share and the club will provide rolls, ham and beef. A super special thanks to Rachele Ross for taking the bull by the horns and making things happen.

MYC Bar Closed on Friday, December 25 and Friday, January 1

Due to Christmas Day and New Year's Day falling on Friday this year, the bar will not be open for TGIF on those two days.

After-Christmas Cruise and New Years Eve Party

There is a cruise being organized to Cocoa Village for New Year's Eve. The city of Cocoa is closing off one of the streets in Cocoa Village for a New Year's Eve celebration. Anyone interested should contact Barb Enhert at 259-3509 for details.

Docks Report

Thanks to All Who Helped at the Work Party

The Work Party was a huge success! Almost everyone learned more than they ever wanted to know about building forms, drilling holes in cement, rebar work, unloading cement, mixing cement, pouring cement, dressing cement, as well as dirt moving, raking, and asphalt patching.



Of all the hard workers, including Bill Baker, Rose Baker, Chuck Baird, Bill Bowen, Gabe Denes, Jerry Kowalski, Ken Kirk, Chris Reynolds, Rob Van Name, Joe Reidel, and Bill Thon, special thanks are due to Hasty Miller who designed and built the forms, Ed Hakkila who oversaw the critical mixing process, and Ned Buck who not only did most of the tedious fine work but who, characteristically, was first to come and last to leave.

After all the hot hard work, all who were able to stay enjoyed a leisurely lunch in the cool breezy shade of

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the porch.

The Bahia sod was laid and must be watered daily for one month. Our watering system is untested and we must watch for dry spots. Please keep a weather eye on the new sod and lend a hand to keep it going as necessary.

Other Docks News

We have made voice contact with the person who will review our bottomland lease renewal. She seems to be most cooperative and pleasant. Hopefully the renewal will not be too beaurocratic.

The work floats will be moved to the new seawall between the docks. Please use them whenever you want but return them each night. Also try to keep the mooring lines out of the water as they foul readily—seemingly in picoseconds.

Please keep the dock walkways as clear of hoses, lines, cables, etc as much as possible consistent with good seamanship, especially the narrow portions at the North ends.

One more caution: During the recent electrical work, we noted almost every conduit was cracked or broken where it exited from the dock boards—almost certainly from mooring (& electrical or water?) lines being around the piling and the conduit.

*Respectfully
Floyd Bryan*

Three MYC Sailors Compete in the U.S. Sailing Junior Olympics

Ninety Optimist Dinghies on the starting line, 30 in the Green Fleet. That is what three of Melbourne's Opti sailors faced in Jensen Beach, on November 21st & 22nd.



MYCs junior sailors, Charli Silverman and Kyle Noble, along with Sam Miorelli, a graduate of MYCs beginning sailing program, traveled south to participate in the US Sailing Junior Olympics. Saturday started with a morning seminar consisting of classroom instruction and lots of on water drills. Three races were sailed in the afternoon, the kids adapted well to the crowded starting line and a trapezoidal course.

Sunday brought on a day of four races, I was surprised at how well the kids held up. Sam ended up 8th place in Green Fleet, Kyle 18th, even after a capsized in the last race, Charli ended up 26th, she too had the misfortune of capsizing, but you should have seen how this young lady bailed her boat and continued on to the next race. This was a great time for the kids and the US Sailing Center of Martin County put on a great festival. We'll be working with them this summer to get some interclub competition going.

During the winter we'll be repairing the fleets in preparation of Beginner and Intermediate Programs this Spring. If you know of anyone who is interested in participating, let them know the program will start after the time change in April.
- Dave Noble

Upcoming Commodore's Ball and Annual Awards

The Commodore's Ball is coming up in late February or early March. It is time now to submit your recommendations for the awards to be presented at the Ball. The three official awards are:



Jay Moulton Cruising Award: Established by Marilyn Moulton in memory of her late husband, Jay. It is presented annually to the Club member(s) who best exemplify the spirit of cruising.

USSA Sportsmanship Award: The United States Sailing Association Sportsmanship Award is awarded to the club member who has done the most to participate in and/or promote the sport of yacht racing at MYC in a sportsmanlike manner.

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Member of the Year Award:

The Member of the Year Award was established by Bill and Rose Baker to honor the MYC member(s) who have contributed the most to the all-around activities of the club in the previous year and in years past.

In addition, one unofficial award is sometimes presented—

Marksmanship Award: This award is presented to the member having the best 'story' regarding rounding the racing marks, or following navigation markers, in the previous year.

Please get your recommendations in to any member of the Board.

Painting Party

Saturday & Sunday, January 23-24

Tom Sawyer wouldn't let you do this,
but we will!

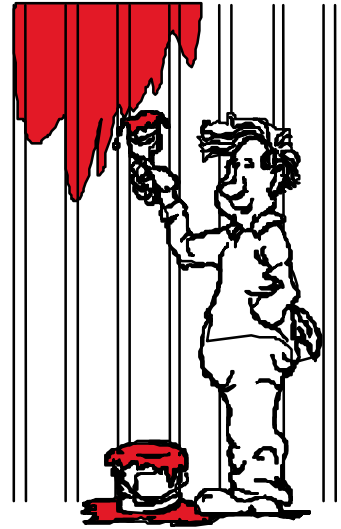
Lunch Provided!

Free Paint!

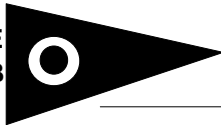
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No Charge!

Contact Chuck Baird



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