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## East Coast Sailing Association

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#### **General Membership Meeting**

Wednesday ~ 14 April 2004 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Satellite Beach Recreation Center (565 Cassia Blvd)

Latitude 28° 09' North, Longitude 80° 36' West

#### April Program

#### **Mariner's Maladies**

Presented by: Dee Neve, MSN

#### APRIL Calendar of EVENTS

9	MYC	Spring Rum Race #5
10	PAFB	Manatee Cove Race
14	IRYC	Late Spring Series
14	<b>ECSA</b>	<b>General Membership Meeting</b>
16-18	IRYC	Catalina 22 Regionals
16-18	<b>ECSA</b>	<b>Ocean Adventure Cruise</b>
17-18	MYC	Spring Dinghies
21	IRYC	Late Spring Series
23	MYC	Spring Reverse Handicap
24-25	MYC	Big Boats
25	TYC	Spring Series #5
28	IRYC	Late Spring Series

#### MAY Calendar of EVENTS

1	MYC	Seafood Raft-Up
1-2	CBYC	Cinco de Mayo Race
2	MYC	Dinghy Racing
7	MYC	Spring Rum Race #6
8-9	<b>ECSA</b>	<b>Boy Scout Island Cruise</b>
8	PAFB	Manatee Cove Race
12	<b>ECSA</b>	<b>General Membership Meeting</b>
15-16	IRYC	Brevard Challenge
16	IRYC	Winter/Spring #5 & #6
16	MYC	Dinghy Racing
21	MYC	Summer Rum Race #1
22	<b>ECSA</b>	<b>Spring River Race #4</b>
23	<b>ECSA</b>	<b>Women's Race #5</b>
29-31	<b>ECSA</b>	<b>Sebastian Inlet Memorial Weekend Cruise</b>
29-30	CYBC	Medium Distance Race
30	MYC	Dinghy Racing

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**THOUGHTS FROM  
YOUR  
COMMODORE...  
David Merchberger**



**VIEW FROM THE  
VICE...  
by  
VICE COMMODORE  
Joe Coleman**

**Teamwork**

We have all heard the term, most of us believe in the concept, but just how many of us actually put into practice our beliefs? If each of us were asked to provide a definition for the term, we'd all come up with something like "working together toward a common goal". Pretty good, but perhaps Webster's captures the idea a bit more completely in "work done by several associates with each doing a part but all subordinating personal prominence to the efficiency of the whole". That's great, but what does it really mean and how does it apply to our membership?

Probably the most visible example of team membership within the ECSA is our flag officers. They are hard to miss since they are on stage during the membership meetings and contribute articles such as this to the Foot Tack & Clew each month. Others, such as the elected Governors, Fleet Captains and other support personnel may not be quite as visible but are still vital to the organization.

Even less visible, but probably even more important to the club are those members who do things like host cruises, help with refreshments at the meetings, spend a day on the race committee boat or even just show up early and stay late after the meetings to help prepare and cleanup the meeting facility.

As we reflect on this list, it becomes apparent that it takes at least some effort on the part of a fair number of people to allow the ECSA to operate. However, in terms of numbers, it's a very small percentage of the membership that are actively involved in the operation of the club.

I'm sure if you ask any of the members that are described in the paragraphs above, they would each respond that the effort that they expend is repaid many times over with the enjoyment of the moment, lasting friendships that are formed, and the sense of satisfaction of helping the group.

There is never a lack of things to do in an organization like ours, so let us hear from you. It isn't necessary to perform in a 'formal' role, but little things like helping the host of a particular cruise with the planning, or helping with refreshments one month at the meeting are great ways to get involved and meet other members. If you're really adventurous, ask anyone who has been assigned a formal task "what can I do

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Every month it's the same ole thing. What am I going to write about this month for the Foot, Tack and Clew? Anyone who has ever held a position on the board will tell you it's the single most difficult thing we have to do. The *writing* of things is easy; *coming up with the idea* of what to write about is hard. I have always had the knack of talking for hours about things that I have very little knowledge of or interest in, but usually someone else comes up with the topic and I just put my two cents in. Teaching at the local college is a snap. The students don't know anything about the subject, so whatever I say is gospel. But when it comes to sailing, most of our club members have more knowledge and experience than I will ever have, so I can't really BS you. You see how tough this is.

Yeah, the Cruising Fleet Captain has it easy. He just has the host of the most recent cruise jot down a few words about who was there and how much fun everyone had. Then he follows it up with a prediction of what great fun we'll have at the next cruise. The Racing Fleet Captain does the same thing. The racers do all the work and have all the fun, Sherry tells everyone about it, and the work is done. But (and I bet I can speak for Dave and Chuck as well) when you hold the position of Commodore, Vice Commodore, or Rear Commodore, the pressure is on you.

I am not sure how it happens with Dave or Chuck, but around the Coleman household, this is how it goes: Three weeks before press time, Karen asks if I have been working on the article. I inform her that I have a few ideas, which really means, "I got nothing". During week two, Karen inquires as to how the article is going and I inform her that I have a few different topics and I have jotted down a few notes. Once again this means, "I got nothing". With just one week to go, I confess to her that I have no idea what to write about and beg for help. Now here it is the night before Brenda's cut off date, and "I still got nothing".

I had considered writing about the bad weather we have been having the last few weeks. Everyone talks about it, how hard would it be to write about it? With all the stiff winds that we were getting, I thought that I could bang out a few paragraphs about that. That idea blew out as quickly as it blew in. Two sentences were all I could come up with. Then I thought I would write an informational article. You know, an article that would give some helpful hints in an area in which we are not very

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# TREASURER'S REPORT

by

**Clint Braswell**

## Thoughts from your Commodore - cont'd...

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to help?"

Like so many things in life, your rewards are based on what you're willing to invest.

Get out there!

*Dave*

### Income Statement

REVENUE	Mar-04	Sep 03-Mar 04
Activities Income	275.00	4,597.00
Membership Dues	70.00	6,075.00
Merchandise Income	118.00	577.00
Miscellaneous Income	<u>0.00</u>	<u>133.00</u>
Total Revenue	463.00	11,382.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Activities Expense	-	6,678.05
Bank Service Charge	-	6.00
Dues & Subscriptions	-	100.00
Insurance	864.00	2,341.00
Miscellaneous	-	395.82
Office Supplies	-	20.02
Postage/Delivery	37.00	627.05
Printing/Repro	33.92	488.31
Rent	-	114.48
Returned Check	-	35.00
Sales Tax	-	<u>15.68</u>
Total Expense	934.92	10,821.41
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-471.92</b>	<b>560.59</b>

## View from the Vice Commodore - cont'd... *From page 2*

proficient, like celestial navigation. After all, with all the stars there are in the sky, I would have a lot to write about. Then Karen told me that they were all in a certain order and some were not stars, but really planets. After giving it some thought, not only would the article be very short, it would be inaccurate and incomplete.

So here I am, right up to the deadline and still "I got nothing". Brenda has been sending e-mails every hour to let me know how late I am with my article and Karen has given up nagging me about writing it. All I can do is apologize to you for not having anything to write about this month and vow that I will start on next month's article right now. I promise.

### \*\*\*April Cruise Information\*\*\*

#### April 16—18th

Join our hosts Bob & Adrienne Goldstein as we venture out into the "Big Pond". Depending on weather, the cruise will take us to Ft. Pierce on Friday, Ft. Pierce Inlet to Cape Canaveral on Saturday, and home on Sunday. The route may be reversed, based on prevailing winds. Please contact Fleet Captain Bob Goldstein at 321-751-4076 or 321-795-1327 for more information. Bob will have handouts providing more detailed information at the April General Meeting.

### Balance Sheet as of: March 31, 2004

#### Assets

Checking	5,951.45
Restricted Cash (Lasowska Fund)	942.00
Deposit	<u>100.00</u>

**Total Assets** **6,993.45**

#### Liabilities & Net Worth

Unrestricted Cash	6,432.86
Net Income	<u>560.59</u>

**Total Net Worth** **6,993.45**



## SECRETARY'S REPORT

By

**Donna Hartley Oyer**

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MARCH 10, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. Board of Governors present were: Dave Merchberger, Joe Coleman, Donna Hartley Oyer, Clint Braswell, Chuck Delmater, Wes Whitley, Chip Worster and Frank McTernan. Dave introduced the Board, past commodores and welcomed everyone.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the following new applications into membership: Harvey & Dawn Triplett and Nancy Baur.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the March Secretary's report as published in the Foot, Tack, & Clew (FT&C) newsletter.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the March Treasurer's report as published in the FT&C.

#### OFFICE AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Joe Coleman invited the members to join him and Karen, for a weeklong cruise to St. Augustine in June.

#### REAR COMMODORE REPORT

##### RACING

- Sherry Beckett reminded the members that on Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, there would be an ECSA river race. On Sunday, March 14, there will be the third in a series of women's racing.
- Sherry also mentioned that Melbourne Yacht Club is hosting the international master's sunfish tournament on Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Sherry stated that MYC has two weekends in April for their spring regatta. There is also rum racing every other week.
- Sherry also stated the MYC has adult sailing classes starting on May 1<sup>st</sup>, at a very reasonable rate.
- Chuck stated that attendance is up and that the racing season is going well.

#### CRUISING

- Brenda Merchberger invited the membership to the St. Patty's Day cruise and parade in downtown Melbourne.
- Brenda also informed the members that April's cruise is a cruise to Fort Pierce via the ICW and

then back to Port Canaveral via the ocean. A handout of cruise details was distributed.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- There was no old business for discussion.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Dave encouraged the members to volunteer for hospitality. There are people needed for each meeting to set up and to bring snacks.
- Joe Ayala suggested that all of the meetings should begin with the Pledge of Allegiance. A motion was made, seconded and approved to do so.
- Clint explained the Treasurer's report as it was published in the FT&C. Clint asked the members to suggest items that the club might be able to sell for profit.
- Dave informed the members that Frank McTernan would be cruising for a few months. In his absence, Joe Luthman would be filling in as advertising chairperson. Dave asked the members, if they knew of anyone interested in advertising in the FT&C, to refer them to Joe.
- Dave wished a very Happy 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Chip Worster. Louise brought in a cake to share with the members.
- Sherry informed the club that the scheduled dredging of the Intracoastal Waterway has been cancelled due to the lack of funding. Sherry encouraged the members, as tax payers, to contact their local congressman by fax or by email, to express their discontent.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m., followed by a presentation by the Merchberger's and Coleman's on their recent cruise through the Panama Canal.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Hartley Oyer





## A VIEW FROM THE REAR... by JIM LACY

The second day of racing in the Spring River Race Series was held on March 20<sup>th</sup> in very windy, shifty conditions. 20 to 25 knots and higher gusts challenged all of the racers. Those that managed to keep their boat under the sails prevailed. There were a few spinnaker broaches and some broken gear and torn sails so after 2 races the Race Committee called it a day.

In the five races run thus far Bridgett Coopers' Aphrodite leads the Melges 24 class. Five Speed with Gary Smith is ahead in the Lindenberg 28 class. The Open PHRF Cruising class has Jim Miller on Sea Turtle on top and Jim Boyd leads the Open PHRF Racing class.

The next date for this series is April 3<sup>rd</sup> and the final date of the Spring Series is May 22<sup>nd</sup> with an awards gathering at Jim and Amy Lacy's home after the races. The Summer Series begins on June 26<sup>th</sup>.



### Welcome New Members

Harvey & Dawn Triplett  
435 Beach Park Lane  
Cape Canaveral, FL 32920  
321-799-9938  
*Sovereign Swan*—Nautor Swan Ketch 43

Nancy Baur  
2109 Oak Street  
Melbourne, FL 32901  
321-720-5762  
*Windquest*—O'Day 27

### A Special Thank You

Sherry Beckett received an e-mail request from a daughter looking for a brief sail for her father who is in ill health—and sailing one more time would be very special to him. Sherry forwarded the e-mail on her sailing distribution list and the near immediate response was overwhelming.

We believe the daughter has enough volunteers to help her dad with this wish; but wanted to thank all of the volunteers who so quickly came forward.



*Helmsmen will tell you that they keep swinging the boom across the deck of the ship in order to take advantage of the wind, but after weeks of observation it is my opinion that they do it to take advantage of the passengers. The only way to avoid the boom and have any safety at all while sailing is to lie flat on your stomach in the bottom of the ship. This is very uncomfortable on account of the hard boards and because you can't see a thing, but it the one sure way I know of to go sailing and come back in the boat and not be washed up in the surf.*

—James Thurber



## CRUISE QUARTERS

### March Cruise

By Brenda K. Merchberger

#### St. Patty's Weekend Cruise

Nine boats sailed down to the anchorage just outside Melbourne Harbor to enjoy the Downtown St Patrick's Day festivities on Saturday, March 13, 2004. The following captains, crew, and boats joined cruise hosts Dave & Brenda Merchberger aboard *Thirsty Whale* and anchored in the river - Chip & Louise Worster on *Chip-Ahoy*; Simon Koumjian & Eileen Kiesel on *Ginny II*; John & Linda Geraci on *Aventura*; Heie & Ruth Simonson on *Outward Bound*; Ron & Joellen Askeland on *Navigator*; Kay Sparrow on *K's Fantasy*; Jim & Donna Oyer on *Pelican*; and Roland Norris on *Captiva*. Chris Forte also joined the cruisers via dinghy with his faithful Golden Retriever Lakota (Chris docks his boat in Melbourne Harbor).

The Melbourne Yacht Club was gracious to lend us their dinghy dock and the gang dinghied in around 1:30 p.m., in time to get a good seat for the 2:00 p.m. St. Patrick's Day Parade in downtown Melbourne. Our group was a good cheering section for the many floats, etc that went by and we were all adorned with some "greenery". Dave Merchberger had a "Babe magnet" with him—Cody, our 9 week old Chocolate Lab puppy. Dave, Kay and Chip enjoyed all of the female attention that Cody received. After the parade, many enjoyed "people watching" as well as enjoying the varied food and beverage offerings either on the street or at local restaurants. Dave also found out that an adorable lab puppy is great for getting free beer at the beer tent. The group was also joined by land cruisers, Darryl & Kristie Askeland with their two children, as well as Joe & Wanda Luthman, who stopped by to say hello.

The following morning, a scrumptious potluck breakfast was enjoyed at the Front Street Park. The weather was beautiful for a nice sail home. I heard one member say, "It was so beautiful, I didn't want to get off of the water."



## ESPN CLASSIC EXAMINES 25 YEARS OF STORIED SAILING HISTORY

Gary Jobson Hosts and Produces Special Program

Twenty-five years ago, most sailing yachts were built of fiberglass or aluminum, Ted Turner was at the top of the sport of sailing, and a fledgling cable television network named ESPN was just beginning. A quarter century later ESPN Classic will premiere 25 Years of Sailing, presented by Rolex on May 19 at 9 p.m. ET. The one-hour program celebrates 25 years of history in the sport of sailing and ESPN's coverage of it. Gary Jobson, the face of sailing on ESPN since 1986 and himself a member of the 1977 America's Cup-winning team, produced the program and serves as host.

25 Years of Sailing will examine how the sport of sailing has seen dramatic technological advances, a host of larger-than-life personalities, historic races and shifts in power. The America's Cup has seen the likes of Ted Turner, Dennis Conner and others; America, Australia, New Zealand, and most recently, Switzerland have traded power over 25 years -- each having periods of dominance; sailing boats are faster as new materials such as carbon fiber propel craft to unprecedented speeds. 25 Years of Sailing will look at these and other developments in the sport, while looking back at races and historic moments such as: The powerful frontal system over the Irish Sea during the 1979 Fastnet Race, preventing all but 87 of the 303 boats involved from finishing, and tragically taking 15 lives; 1983 America's Cup Race 7, when Australia II defeated liberty; The San Diego Yacht Club's successful defense of the cup in 1992 and its loss to New Zealand in 1995; The victory in 2003 by Switzerland's Alinghi, piloted by the same core crew that led New Zealand to victory in 2000.

"More progress has been made in the last 25 years in the development of sailing than the previous 200," said Jobson.

"Is it the sailor, the equipment, or both? This look back on 25 year's of sailing history will try and answer that big question."

In addition, the program will examine other aspects in the past 25 years of sailing, including: Around-the-world racing; Sailing records; The disasters that have affected competitive sailing; Grand Prix racing; Polar sailing

25 Years of Sailing, presented by Rolex will be re-aired later the same day at 9 p.m. PST.



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\$500 bonus to anyone finding a buyer that results in a sale  
 Contact Chip Worster, 321-773-5851.

**FOR SALE: 3 blade Prop.** 17" dia x 13" pitch, 1" shaft.  
 \$200 OBO. Contact Roland Norris, 321-783-9786

**FOR RENT: 40 ft. slip** in Melbourne Harbour. Call Mary or Gus Williams for information. (H) 777-1095 or (C) 243-8337

**FOR SALE: 13 foot AMF Puffer.** New sails, fun to sail with or without jib. \$950. Call Eric Horton 779-1538.

**FOR SALE: 1997 CARIBE DINGHY.** The 9 ft. dinghy has a hard bottom with a small storage compartment in the bow. The dinghy has been used very little and is in good condition. Asking \$1000. Contact Ron Tyre 773-6973.

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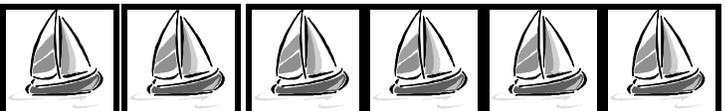
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1/4 page	18.00	51.00	90.00	144.00
1/2 page	30.00	84.00	144.00	228.00
Full page	50.00	135.00	240.00	360.00



## ECSA 2004 Race & Cruise Schedule

Date	Event	Contact
April 3/4	Spring River Race #3/Women's Race #4	Lacy/Beckett
April 16 - 18	Ocean Adventure Cruise	Goldstein
May 8 - 9	Boy Scout Island Cruise	Worster
May 22/23	Spring River Race #4/Women's Race #5	Lacy/Beckett
May 29 - 31	Sebastian Inlet Memorial Weekend Cruise	Sparrow
June 12 - 13	Cruise to Capt. Katanna's	Paradies
June 19	Single-handed Race	Lacy
June 26	Summer River Race #1	Lacy
July 3 - 5	Fireworks cruise to Titusville	Braswell
July 17/18	Summer River Race #2/Women's Race #1	Lacy/Beckett

Visit [www.ecsasail.com](http://www.ecsasail.com) for more events & details of upcoming events



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