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General Membership Meeting

Wednesday ~ 13 April 2005 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Satellite Beach Civic Center (565 Cassia Blvd)

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

April Program

Melbourne Yacht Club's Youth Sailing Program

Presented by: John McNeil

APRIL Calendar of EVENTS

9	ECSA	Spring River Race #3
10	ECSA	Spring Women's Race #4
10	IRYC	Spring Series #1
10	TSC	Spring Series #4
17	MYC	Small Boat Racing
17	TSC	Spring Series #5
22	MYC	Spring Rum Race #6
23-24	ECSA	Boy Scout Island Cruise** NEW DATE
23-24	MYC	Spring Regatta small boats
24	IRYC	Spring Series #2
29-1	MYC	Spring Regatta big boats

MAY Calendar of EVENTS

6	MYC	Summer Rum Race #1
7	IRYC	Spring Series #3
11	ECSA	General Membership Meeting
14-15	ECSA	Tentative Cruise Date
13-15	IRYC	Brevard Challenge
15	MYC	Small Boat Racing
20	MYC	Summer Rum Race #2
21	IRYC	Spring Series #4
21	MYC	Seafood Raft-Up
22	ECSA	Spring Women's Race #5
28-30	ECSA	Sebastian Inlet Memorial Weekend Cruise
28-29	CBYC	Spring Regatta
29	MYC	Small Boat Racing

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



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

Getting Involved

The Board has been very active during the past couple of month exploring ways in which the ECSA can better serve its members. As a result of their work, I am pleased to announce the following initiatives.

First, we have redefined and renamed the 'Publicity' position to 'Legislative Affairs'. This new position will be responsible for informing the Board and ultimately the Membership about current issues that may have some impact to the sport we all enjoy. The chairperson will not necessarily speak on behalf of the ECSA in public forums, but rather stay 'in tune' with the local and state government and their various commissions. It will be up to each and every one of us to take the time to speak up and voice our concern to issues that may negatively affect us, as well as supporting proposals that are in our collective best interests.

This important position remains unfilled at this time so if any member has interest in helping to define this new position and acting as its first chairman, please contact any member of the board. You would be doing a great service to the entire sailing community in our area.

Secondly, I am proud to announce that Louise Worster has agreed to accept the leadership of our newly formed Sunshine Fund. The purpose of the fund, which is completely separate from the ECSA general fund, is to have the resources available to send cards, flowers, etc to those members or their families who would be going through some difficult times such as the loss of a loved one, or a hospital stay and could use a little cheering up on behalf of the ECSA.

Elsewhere in this newsletter is a short form that you can use to help get this fund started. Remember, funds will be kept completely separate from our general fund and will be used only for this purpose. If you know of anyone that are facing some difficult times and could use a little sunshine, please let Louise or myself know. Our contact information is in the directory.

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Well, there is good news from Cocoa. The Whitley Bay marina will stay 90% public. Here is an editorial from Florida Today if anyone missed reading it: We're glad to see the State cabinet has ruled that the Whitley Bay marina must keep most of its slips public for the next three years. That's because the new owners of the only public marina Cocoa has left want to turn it into a membership club with costs too high for the average boater to afford. Since the marinas submerged shorelines belong to the public under state law, many Brevard County residents opposed to letting the new developer restrict access to a wealthy few. Cocoa City Council also is against the change. With the help of Representative Bob Allen they successfully lobbied the Dept. of Environment Protection in Tallahassee to put at least a temporary halt to the proposed switch. The Cabinet's decision means 90% of the slips must remain open till 2008 - a victory for public recreation. The ruling does leave the door open for Cocoa and the new owner to make a deal. We say don't give up any more slips and if more public boat slips around the state are to be handed over to private interests, these initiatives should be bucked one marina at a time. Kudos to the Cocoa City Council for their insight to fight this problem. As boaters we have to keep an eye out in 2008 so they don't try again

TALK TO YOU NEXT
MONTH

YOUR VICE
COMMODORE JOE
LUTHMAN



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A VIEW FROM THE REAR... by Joe Coleman

Recently Dave Merchberger and I made our yearly trip to the Dania Flea Market. For those of you who don't know, Dania is just south of Ft. Lauderdale, and has what is touted as "the" marine flea market of the year.

Now good things don't always come easy, meaning we had to get up and get ready before six, just like the Miami boat show. That's A.M. Dave and I both have this thing about getting up before the sun, so it was a struggle for each of us. We left at six so we would pull into the parking lot right at 9 A.M. when they open. After an uneventful trip (no, we didn't hit any power poles) we pulled into our parking space at exactly nine o'clock.

As we walked toward the gate, we noticed a very long line of people waiting to get in. I told Dave to save me a space in the line and I would go purchase the tickets. As I walked up to the booth, there were three lines. Two of them had two or more people in them and the third had only one. I quickly jumped into that line and waited - and waited and waited - for my turn. As I looked to the other lines, I saw that everyone who was in the line when I got there had already gone and new people were queuing up. Then I felt someone tapping me on my shoulder. It was Dave. The long line he was in had worked its way up to the gate, and there I was still waiting to purchase our tickets. Finally I ordered the tickets, only to hear the young lady say, "You'll have to go to the other window; I don't have any change".

Finally, with tickets purchased and bright blue bands on our wrists, we headed into the flea market.

Now there are three things to remember when going to a flea market this big. Number one is that you have to be looking for something specific. Number two, everything is "as is" and not "as it should be". Number three, it matters to us who purchases the first item and why.

Now after attending the Miami boat show, Dave and I weren't really looking for anything specific. Dave said it best, "I'm not sure what I want, but I'll know it when I see it".

You must beware of terms such as "just like new", "hardly used", and "one of a kind". "Just like new" can mean exactly that, except the new one works and looks better. I'm sure that "hardly used" means a man named Hardly used the hell out of it, and "one of a kind" means "I can't find the other one".

Regarding who makes the first purchase, this isn't as easy as you may think. There is some psychology going on here. If you make the first purchase, before seeing and pricing everything in the flea market, is it then only an impulse purchase? On the other hand, if Dave makes the first purchase, is my secondary purchase just in response to his or did I really need or want what I bought? As luck would have it, we both reached for rigging tape at the same time. Thank God, the pressure of that competition was off until next year. By the way, I paid one penny less than Dave did for the rigging tape.

Thoughts from your Commodore - cont'd..... *From page 2*

Finally, remember that we continue to have a full schedule of cruising and racing available to our members. By the time you read this, the Spring River Race Series will have wrapped up and it will be the time to get your applications in for the Summer Series. I've been encouraging my crew to get off of Thirsty Whale and race their own boats this summer (Ron's Oreo consumption is putting a pinch on my food budget!). In addition, at least one other 'hard core cruiser' has indicated that he will join us. As more cruises come out to join the racing fun, there is more of a demand for crew, so if you're interested, speak up soon!

Please, seriously consider joining us for the Summer Series. Information about the series is on the web site, or call our River Race Chairman Jim Yates and he'll bring you up to speed. It's only a total of three Saturday afternoons to commit to, and what better way to spend a day than on the water? Well, on the water with a bunch of other boats!

In summary, speak up if you're interested in the Legislative affairs position, contribute whatever you're comfortable with to the Sunshine Fund, show up for the cruises, and come out to race with us. The ECSA is a great organization and YOU can help to make it better by your involvement.

See you on the water - *Dave*



TREASURER'S REPORT

by
Tom Schrader

Welcome New Members

	Income Statement Fiscal Yr to Date	
REVENUE	Mar-05	Sep 04 - Mar 05
Activities Income	325.00	4,570.00
Membership Dues	235.00	6394.00
Merchandise Income	228.00	363.00
Miscellaneous Income	<u>51.00</u>	<u>215.00</u>
Total Revenue	2,614.00	9,170.00
EXPENSES		
Activities Expense	-	5,185.78
Bank Service Charge	-	-
Dues & Subscriptions	100.00	209.40
Insurance	864.00	2415.00
Miscellaneous	25.94	280.91
Office Supplies	-	121.90
Postage/Delivery	91.52	566.53
Printing/Repro	42.40	562.11
Rent	-	110.40
Sales Tax	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2.89</u>
Total Expense	1,123.86	8,331.06
Net Income	(284.86)	2,087.08

Balance Sheet for Period Ending March 31, 2005

Assets/Checking	6992.14
Restricted Cash	942.00
Security Deposit	<u>100.00</u>
Total Assets	8,034.14
Liabilities & Net Worth	
Unrestricted Cash	6,432.86
Retained Earnings	(485.80)
Net Income	<u>2,087.08</u>
Total Net Worth	8,034.14

Steven & Susan Eklund
240 Juniper Avenue
Merritt Island, FL 32953
321-459-2503
Allmand 31 - *Mad Viking*

Harold & Dolores Kersey
556 Majorca Court
Satellite Beach, FL 32937
321-777-4361
Hunter 27 - *Sukie*

Christopher Kiesel , Mary Kay, & Sherry
478 26th Ave SW
Vero Beach, FL 32962
772-473-4634
23 ft - *Malia Kei*

David & Joyce Klahr
165 Ocean Breeze Circle
Indialantic, FL 32903
321-952-5496
Currently boat shopping!

Harry & Darlene Pawlak
748 Atlantic Drive
Satellite Beach, FL 32937
321-777-8711
O'Day 28

David & Linda Purkerson
2728 Trails at Hidden Harbor
Merritt Island, FL 32952
321-449-9728
Tartan 32 - *Eroica*

Mark & Jeni Stanford
2365 88th Court
Vero Beach, FL 32966
772-562-1836
O'Day 27 - Name change pending

Ken & Pam Windsor
3002 Nina Court
Merritt Island, FL 32953
321-459-2720
Catalina 22 - *Lost Dream*



SECRETARY'S REPORT

By

Phyllis Paradies

EAST COAST SAILING ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MARCH 9, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Board members present were Dave Merchberger, Joe Luthman, Joe Coleman, Phyllis Paradies, and elected Governor Chip Worster. Tom Schrader, Treasurer, was absent due to being out of town. Dave welcomed all including new members, guests, and past commodores.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Commodore

Dave read a note of thanks from Pat Walker, Sterling's wife, regarding the support she and the family have received from ECSA during the last two years and after his passing.

New members voted in at the March Board meeting were announced:

David and Joy Klahr

Christopher Kiesel and daughters, Mary Kay and Sherry

Harry and Darlene Pawlak

Ken and Pam Windsor

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the following new applications:

David and Linda Purkerson

Harold and Dolores Kersey

Mark and Jeni Stanford

Dave welcomed these new members and noted ECSA has received 30 new member applications since the new fiscal year (Sept. 1st). Dave asked all members to make our new members feel welcome and encourage them to become involved.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the February Secretary's Minutes as published in the March FT&C. A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the Treasurer's Report for February as published in the March FT&C.

Dave and other ECSA members attended a meeting led by House representative Mitch Needleman regarding issues affecting boaters, i.e. boat ramps,

Condo development, marinas, etc. In regards to the issue of the Whitley Bay Marina going private, there is no additional information. However, as a result of the changes going on in the County affecting boaters, the Board created a Legislative Affairs group to keep the membership informed of activities in this area. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Dave.

Sunshine Fund – The Board has established a Sunshine Fund, which will send cards, flowers, etc. to members who have lost a loved one or who are in the hospital. The Fund will be kept completely separate from the ECSA primary account and contributions to the fund will be voluntary. Louise Worster volunteered to serve as the coordinator of the Fund.

Regatta Time In The Abacos (RTIA) is scheduled for July 1st through July 9th. There is information on this event on the ECSA web site.

The Board is considering purchasing can coolers with the ECSA logo for about \$2.00 each. The board is also considering acquiring ECSA patches that can be sewn on to clothing, etc. They will be about \$5.00 each. More information will be provided on these items at the next general membership meeting.

Dave announced that the club made a \$150.00 profit on the Miami Boat Show Bus Trip.

Vice Commodore

Joe Luthman welcomed new members and encouraged them to participate in future events. The June general membership meeting will be a "Hands On" program presented by our members and some vendors on subjects of interest to sailors. If anyone would like to participate in this program, please see Joe Luthman.

Rear Commodore

Racing. There was no report as the Fleet Captains were absent. However, Joe Coleman stated that the next Spring Series race is on the 19th, the same weekend as the St. Patty's Cruise.

Cruising – Ron Vanderveer stated that the next cruise is the St. Patrick's Day Cruise to Melbourne Harbor. ESCA cruisers will anchor outside of Melbourne Harbor and use the MYC dinghy docks. The group will walk over to downtown Melbourne to watch the parade and participate in the festivities. A potluck breakfast will be held at Front Street Park at 8 am.

Next cruises: Boy Scout Island in April and May 14 -

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**Secretary's Report
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15th will probably be Capt. Katanna's – we still need a host for the May cruise. Patrick Air Force Base has cancelled their Air Show. The Coleman's will be sailing to St. Augustine again, probably in late May or early June. If interested in joining the cruise, please contact Joe or Karen. If interested in Bahamas Cruising - Gil Paradies will be having a meeting at his house the first week of April. If interested, sign up or call him.

Recap of Miami Bus Trip and Mardi Gras: The bus trip to Miami was a great success again, including an encounter with a telephone pole. One ECSA couple set a new record for spending the most amount of money in least amount of time. The Mardi Gras weekend was fun with a nice sail to Cocoa Village but the second day weather not cooperative for the return home.

OLD BUSINESS: None to report.

NEW BUSINESS

John Lynn, ECSA member and member of the Cocoa Beach Power Squadron, does boat safety inspections at no charge. If anyone needs one done, please contact John. His contact information is in our ECSA directory.

Jerry Butz spoke on the next Sail a Small Boat Day to be held March 19th. The event is sponsored and run by the Indian River Yacht Club. It is a great opportunity for the public to test sail a small sailboat, ranging in size from 12 to 25 feet. The event is held at Whitley Bay Marina, from 11 am to 5 p.m. Jerry is looking for skippers for the event.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m., followed by the program on "Fractional Sailing" by Jerry Butz from Boaters' Exchange.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Paradies,
Secretary

Member's Classifieds

FOR SALE:

West Marine RU 260 (8'6") dinghy and Johnson 3.5 HP O/B motor. Dinghy 5 yrs old in excellent condition, O/B 9 mths old also in excellent condition. \$1,000.00. Call Frank: 321-446-2271

Place your sailing classified ad here...
Just contact the Newsletter Editor or send an e-mail to editor@ecsaail.com

**Upcoming Cruise...
Boy Scout Island Area Cruise
April 23rd and 24th**

Location:

Cruise Headquarters will be Bill & Carla's house at 3255 S. Tropical Trail, Merritt Island or due east of Marker 85, Indian River (about 5 miles south of the Cocoa 520 Bridge on the east side). By Water—come up the ICW until north of Marker 85. Then head bearing 105 degrees on *Starbird* (their boat anchored behind their house) and you'll be there. *Starbird* is anchored in 8 ft of water. Contact cruise headquarters by VHF on Channel 16 when approaching if you have any questions.

Festivities:

The party starts Friday evening - "TGIF" and goes through Sunday. There will be swimming, dancing, and lots of time to relax and enjoy the cruise. For the kids (we are all kids!), there will be pool games on Saturday and dancing and music on Saturday night. There will be a cookout Saturday night with hot dogs and hamburgers. Attendees should bring a side dish or dessert to share. On Sunday morning, a potluck breakfast will be held by the pool. Attendees are on their own for all other meals. Please bring your own plates, utensils, and beverages for the shared meals.

Contact Information:

Bill & Carla Jones 452-1531.



CRUISE QUARTERS

Mardi Gras Cruise – 5th Annual and maybe the last??? By Brenda K. Merchberger

For those of you unaware, it seems that the weather gods do not look down kindly at us for this event. The weather gods did lull us into a false sense of security with our first event in 2001. We had light winds and good weather for the first cruise to the Mardi Gras party & parade at Cocoa Village. And, then the tide turned. 2002 began with north wind 20 to 25 knots with pelting rain and winds increasing to 30 gusts to 35 by mid-afternoon. A few boats hung out on the south side of Pineda causeway for shelter and one hid behind Boy Scout Island. Some were tied in a web of lines at Whitley Bay. Others stayed on their boats north of 520. Needless to say, no one made it to the event.

2003 proved to be an improvement over the prior year; however, the weather forecast was still formidable and several chose to be land cruisers and some who ventured on the water turned back after making no headway attempting to sail/motor to the event. Dave and I made it to the location and decided to dock at Whitley Bay for shelter. I ended up breaking my foot during the docking. We had a good group dinner; but by parade time, the rain was steady and many chose to return home.

2004 – another gusty day traveling to the event. A cold front had just passed though – temperature 57 degrees, wind NNE at 25 mph with gusts to gale force. Johan had lost his anchor and rode in an attempt to anchor and returned to his marina. We did enjoy the festivities during the evening and had a nice potluck breakfast the following morning but the trip there was “exciting”.

Now on to this year’s trip. The weekend start couldn’t have been better. For those of us coming from the south, we had a great sail up the river with winds NE 15 to 20 mph. It has been a long time since we could sail all the way to an event. It was great! The extended forecast showed rain, but it was still uncertain when it would actually arrive. We did have several boats opt not to sail up due to the impending weather; but we had a good turn out nonetheless. Arriving by boat were: Simon Koumjian aboard *Ginny II*; Don & Joanne Theriault aboard *Impulse*, Dave & Brenda Merchberger on *Thirsty Whale*, Joe & Karen Coleman aboard *Alibi*,

Johan Neve on *Vida’s Figment*, Kay Sparrow aboard *K’s Fantasy*, and Chip & Louise Worster aboard *Chip-Ahoy*, nestled into a slip at Whitley Bay Marine. The cruisers joined up with the following land cruisers for dinner at El Charro’s: Wes & Sandy Whitley, Joe, Wanda, and Brianna Luthman, Gil & Phyllis Paradies, and their guests Fred and Bonnie Pinsker, Greg & Dania Billman, Don & Wendy Daube, Heie & Ruth Simonsen, Ron & Pam Vanderveer, and George & Terry Schorn. We had a good dinner at the restaurant with Ron Vanderveer enjoying not one; but two Monster Margaritas. He did have “some” help finishing them – but not much. Back to Cocoa Village we went to watch the Mardi Gras Parade. Joining us at the event were Gary & Lynn Anderson, Tom & Barb Schrader, and Charlie Stuard. Everyone took their position along the parade route. Louise was brave enough to stake her spot right next to Kay & Dave. The parade reached us at 9:15 p.m. and we were all grabbing for beads. This was the first year I actually had a front row spot and even with the Chipster next to me, I was happy with my bead take. Kay and Dave were in their usual aggressive spirit and each looked like “Mr. T” when it was over. This year, in true Mardi Gras tradition, there was a young lady on top of her male friend’s shoulders who would bare all for the young lads across the way from her. We kept hearing the lads chant, “One more time” than see a flurry of beads being tossed to her. She was standing right next to Dave, Kay, and Louise. The young lady was kind enough to give Louise some of the beads she was receiving for her display. After the parade, we went off in search of various activities – some partook in coffee, tea, and desserts while others went to the Bankers Bar. Those of us on boats made our way back prior to the fireworks display at midnight. It was a good show. Off to bed we went.

We awoke the following morning to a steady rain. The group agreed to forgo potluck breakfast and start our trek home in the wind and rain. It just couldn’t be a Mardi Gras without wind and/or rain. With our foulies on we started home. About ½ an hour into the trip. Alibi noticed that *Impulse* had turned off the channel. We tried to hail them, to no avail. Alibi and *Thirsty Whale* turned back to check on them. Upon arriving, Don informed us that they had a break in an oil line and needed a tow. Knowing that Chip & Louise aboard *Chip-Ahoy*, the cute little Nordic Tug, were just leaving Whitley Bay Marine, we hailed Chip who agreed to tow *Impulse*. Alibi and *Thirsty Whale* stayed with *Impulse* until *Chip-Ahoy* arrived. Don had quite the time getting the anchor raised, but finally was successful after leading the line back to the primary winch. *Chip-Ahoy* did a great job of towing *Im-*

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CRUISE QUARTERS *continued*

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pulse back to their home in the Eau Gallie Yacht Basin. Needless to say, those sailing home were cold & wet when arriving to their respective home slips. Yep, another Mardi Gras event.

In retrospect, over five years we have experienced weather so strong people couldn't even make headway on the river or dock in a marina, broken bones, lost anchors, and now a broken oil line. I truly am not a superstitious person, but I think we should remove the Mardi Gras cruise from our future cruise calendars. Or, maybe a group blessing prior to leaving on the event. I don't know – we need something!

St. Patrick's Day Cruise *By Brenda K. Merchberger*

Meg O'Malley's hosted their annual St. Patrick's Day parade on Saturday, March 19th with continued celebrations in the parking lot behind their restaurant with food and beverage vendors, entertainment and of course, people watching. The party in the back parking lot had been going on since Thursday, since St. Patrick's Day is March 17th.

Cruisers arrived at the anchorage outside of Melbourne Harbor around noon. We lost some of our cruising fleet (well, just Thirsty Whale) to the Spring Series river race starting at 1:00 p.m. We did have 3 cruisers join Captain Dave Merchberger as crew for the race, Chris Forte, Joe Luthman, and Ron Vanderveer. The rest of us made our way to downtown Melbourne for the parade at 2 p.m. and were joined by some land cruisers as well. After the parade, we enjoyed downtown Melbourne with some going shopping, some enjoying the food at the nearby restaurants and some going to Meg O'Malley's party.

As evening approached, the group decided to meet for dinner around 6 p.m. The group found the restaurant that had the best ability to accommodate our large group (about 20 people) was Island Pasta Company. The dinner was good, but the dessert was the best! After dinner, some headed back to their boats or respective homes, and others—led by Joe Coleman went back to Meg O'Malley's "back" parking lot party. Why is it that Joe would lead a group to a

back parking lot party. Just seems to fit, doesn't it? After more "beverages" and more people watching, off to bed the final group went.

We ended the cruise with our traditional 8 a.m. potluck breakfast at Front Street Park, with more than enough food as usual. Sorry, Bill & Carla—we just can't make these breakfasts any later than 8 am!

Attending the event by boat: Joe & Karen Coleman aboard *Alibi*, Bud & Helen Dolber with guests Ollie & Carol Bessette on *Beowulf*, Dave & Brenda Merchberger on *Thirsty Whale*, Kay Sparrow on *K's Fantasy*, Chip & Louise Worster on *Chip-Ahoy*, Don & Joann Theriault on *Impulse*, Joe, Wanda & Brianna Luthman on *Playtime*, Bill & Carla Jones on *Starburst*, Paul and Carla Steward on *Again*, Kenny & Pam Windsor on *Lost Dream*, and Don Daube on *Sea Bel*. Arriving by car: Ron, Pam, Lauren & Kristin Vanderveer and Barbara, Kathy, and Jacob Sparrow.

A special note of thanks to Karen Coleman for compiling the list of attendees at the cruise. We ended up being "hostless"; however, with this group, there was no absence of leaders to get the event organized and everyone had a great time!

Hospitality

Bringing goodies for us all to enjoy at the April 13th General Membership Meeting:

- ? Karen Coleman
- ? Sandy Whitley

Thank you ladies!

ECSA NEWSLETTER AD RATES

SIZE	1MO	3MOS	6MOS	12MOS
1/8 page	10.00	28.50	54.00	90.00
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

Requested Recipe from the Progressive Dinner.....

Marty Bibb writes—

We got this recipe in 2000 when we had our boat up at our cottage in VA. We went down to the bay one Tuesday to watch the tall ships motor from Norfolk up to Baltimore - those that could get under the bridge at Annapolis. We anchored that night in Deltaville, and next day sailed across to Onancock, VA. We anchored in a little basin near the town marina and met a couple from another boat also anchored there. (We've forgotten the boat type it was so long ago) They invited us over for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, and this is what they served. It was so good we forced her to write it down for us, and here it is for the rest of the ECSA. She gave us the "full" recipe, but I used the "half" recipe the night of the progressive dinner .

CURRY CHUTNEY CHEESE DIP

	<u>Full Recipe</u>	<u>One-Half Recipe</u>
CREAM CHEESE	24 OZ	12 OZ
SOUR CREAM	1 C	1/2 C
WHITE RAISINS	1 C	1/2 C
UNSALTED DRY ROASTED PEANUTS	1 C	1/2 C
GREEN ONIONS FINELY CHOPPED	1 C	1/2 C
CURRY POWDER	2 TBS	1 TBS
CRUMBLLED BACON	8 STRIPS	4 STRIPS
OR		
OSCAR MAYER		
REAL BACON RECIPE PIECES	8 TBS	4 TBS (heaping Tablespoons)
MANGO CHUTNEY (MAJOR GRAY'S)	2 JARS	1 JAR
CRACKERS	2 BOXES	1 BOX

Mix all but chutney together in a large bowl until well blended. Form into ring – refrigerate several hours or overnight. Pour chutney into middle prior to serving. Serve with Pita Chips, Wheat Crackers, or Triscuits.

Sunshine Fund Contribution

Please accept the enclosed contribution to ECSA's Sunshine Fund

Amount Enclosed: _____

From: _____

Remit to: ECSA, P.O. Box 372054, Satellite Beach, FL 32837-0054

ECSA 2005 Race & Cruise Schedule

Date	Event	Contact
Apr 9/10	Spring River Race #3/Spring Women's #4	Yates/Beckett
Apr 23 -24	Boy Scout Island Area Cruise **DATE CHANGE**	Jones
May 22	Spring Women's Race #5	Beckett
May 28 -30	Sebastian Inlet Memorial Weekend Cruise	Sparrow
Jun 4	Spring Women's Race #6	Beckett
Jun 11	Spring River Race #1	Yates
Jun 11 -12	Cruise Weekend—Location TBD	Host Needed

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