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THE OFFICIAL LOG OF THE EAST COAST SAILING ASSOCIATION

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General Membership Meeting

Wednesday ~ 12 April 2006 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Satellite Beach Civic Center (565 Cassia Blvd)

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

PROGRAM:

Boat Insurance: New Trends

Presented by Russell Jamieson
Florida Hiway & Marine Insurance

APRIL Calendar of EVENTS

2	ECSA	River Racing Spring Series #2 <i>Mount Dora Regatta, April 1 - 2</i>
2	TYC	Spring Series #4
7 & 21	MYC	Spring Rum Race (Note: New dates)
8 - 9	ECSA	Ocean Cruise **CANCELLED**
9	MYC	Small Boat Racing
9	IRYC	Spring Series #2
12	ECSA	General Membership Meeting
15	ECSA	River Racing Spring Series #3 <i>Titusville Indian River Festival April 20 - 23</i>
22 - 23	ECSA	Progressive Dinner & Poker Rally
22 - 23	MYC	Spring Regatta Small Boat
23	TYC	Spring Series #5
29 - 30	MYC	Spring Regatta Big Boat

MAY Calendar of EVENTS

5 & 19	MYC	Summer Rum Race (Note: New dates)
6 - 7	ECSA	The Jones' Merritt Island Barbeque Bash
6 - 7	PCYC	Cinco De Mayo Regatta
7 & 21	MYC	Small Boat Racing
7	IRYC	Spring Series #3
10	ECSA	General Membership Meeting
13	MYC	Seafood Raft up
20 - 21	IRYC	Brevard Challenge Regatta
26 - 29	PCYC	Great Bahamas Race
27 - 29	ECSA	Memorial Day Cruise to Sebastian Inlet

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THOUGHTS FROM YOUR COMMODORE...

Donna Oyer



VIEW FROM THE VICE...

by

VICE COMMODORE
Joe Coleman

As most of you know, this is the 40th anniversary of our club. ECSA began in 1966 by eight sailors with a common interest. It was originally named ECCA, East Coast Cruising Association, but was changed to ECSA to include sailing in general; cruising and racing respectively. The original purpose of the club was defined as: "The ECCA shall organize and coordinate sailing activities of its members for their mutual benefit. It shall assist and complement established yacht clubs by actively encouraging and coordinating sail-cruiser participation in open yacht club events and by organizing local and distant cruises and racing for sailing craft. Its members shall actively encourage the highest standards of yachting safety, integrity, courtesy and camaraderie."

Last night at the general membership meeting, I was looking out into the membership and thinking. I was looking at the members that I have known since I have been in the club. I was looking at the guests and members that were new. All of us sitting in that room on that Wednesday evening have the same common interest. We as a membership have upheld the intent and purpose that was originally intended. We as a group have indeed continued to organize cruises and racing events. We have raced and cruised to far destinations. We have crossed oceans together. We have remained courteous to each other on and off of the water. We celebrate life together not only as members of a club, but as life-long friends. The club has continued to thrive because the members have made it thrive. In this fast-paced changing world of ours, I for one am glad that this club hasn't changed. We have remained the same, following the desires of eight men long ago. We plan, we sail and we celebrate. Some things never change.....

Happy Sails to You,
Donna



Summer Sailing Trip to the Keys

The time has come to put something down in writing about our summer trip to the Keys. As I have said several times before, this schedule is not written in stone. It is just where Karen and I believe we will be during these two weeks. You can lag behind or rush ahead if you wish. If you get in a jam or want to party, at least you will know where to find some of us.

We plan on starting the cruise at the Capt Katanna's rendezvous on Saturday, June 10th. After the dinner and a few drinks with good company and a good night's sleep, we will leave Capt Katanna's on Sunday morning. The un-schedule is as follows.

Sun 06/11/06	Captain Katanna's to Ft Pierce	52 mi.
Mon 06/12/06	Ft Pierce to Lake Worth	48 mi.
Tue 06/13/06	Lake Worth to Ft Lauderdale	52 mi.
Wed 06/14/06	Ft Lauderdale to Elliott Key or Card Sound	54 mi.
Thu 06/15/06	Elliott Key or Card Sound to Channel Five	60 mi.
Fri 06/16/06	Channel Five to Marathon	25 mi.
Sat, Sun, Mon	Sail, snorkel, whatever you like in the area	
Tue 06/21/06	Meet at the resort on Duck Key	
Wed 06/22/06	Duck Key to Elliott Key	60 mi.
Thu 06/23/06	Elliott Key to Ft Lauderdale	54 mi.
Fri 06/24/06	Ft Lauderdale to Lake Worth	52 mi.
Sat 06/25/06	Lake Worth to Ft Pierce	48 mi.
Sun 06/26/06	Ft Pierce to home	52 mi.

I will have marina information and suggested anchorages in next month's Foot, Tack & Clew newsletter. If you are interested in joining us, wait until next month's final itinerary is published and come to the May general membership meeting. We can talk about the trip after the meeting. If you cannot make the meeting, give Karen or me a call at 773-3265. If you don't call and still want to go, you may just show up at Capt Katanna's on Saturday night or simply fall in with us on Sunday.





SECRETARY'S REPORT

By

Pam Vanderveer

EAST COAST SAILING ASSOCIATION
General Membership Meeting
Wednesday – March 8, 2006

Commodore Donna Hartley Oyer called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Board members present were Commodore Donna Hartley Oyer; Rear Commodore Joe Luthman; Secretary Pam Vanderveer; and Elected Governors Chip Worster, Roland Norris, and Sherry Beckett. Not Present were Vice Commodore Joe Coleman and Treasurer Tom Schrader.

COMMODORE: Following the introduction of the board members, fleet captains, committee chairmen, and past commodores, Donna welcomed all members, guests, and new members attending for the first time. Donna noted the following items:

?????A volunteer is needed to coordinate advertising for the newsletter.

?????This year the Dania Flea Market will be held on March 30 - April 2 and has been moved to a new venue - the Miami Dolphin Stadium.

?????A host is still needed for the Ocean cruise scheduled for April 8-9. If anyone is interested, please let Joe Luthman or Ron Vanderveer know.

?????Please remember to donate to the Sunshine Fund.

New Members: Andy Schoettle was approved as a new member during the March 2nd Board of Governor's meeting.

Minutes/Treasurer's Report: A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2006 meeting as published in the March 2006 Foot, Tack, & Clew (FT&C). A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the Treasurer's report as published in the March FT&C.

REAR COMMODORE: Joe Luthman turned the floor over to the Fleet captains:

Racing: Sherry Beckett – Per Jim Yates, the Spring Series mix is scheduled for April 1 and April 15 – cruisers are encouraged to come and race. Melbourne Yacht Club is hosting the Sunfish Regional next weekend, March 17-19; 100 Sunfish are expected and they will race out of Ballard Park just south of the Eau Gallie Bridge. Please visit www.sail-race.com for complete and up-to-date racing info.

Cruising: Ron Vanderveer – Upcoming cruises:

St. Patrick's Day Cruise – Gil and Phyllis Paradies will host this cruise to Downtown Melbourne March 18-19. Anchor on the south side of the channel to Melbourne Harbour. Melbourne Yacht Club will allow us to use their dinghy dock. The parade starts at 2 p.m. on New Haven Ave.

Ocean Cruise - April 7-9 – Host needed.

Progressive Dinner – April 22nd and 23rd. Anyone living on the water near South Waterway Estates / South of Lake Shepard and who would like to host one of the four meals/stops on this progressive dinner route, please call Chip or Louise Worster. Come join the fun as we dinghy from house to house – this is always a good time!

Jones BBQ Bash – May 6 – 7. - Just south of Boy Scout Island at Bill & Carla Jones' house.

Memorial Day Cruise to Sebastian Inlet – May 27-29. Plan to overnight just south of the inlet both Saturday and Sunday nights.

Captain Katanna's Cruise in June – Host needed.

Old Business

Member Gift: The 40th anniversary blankets are on order.

Ship's Store: Items available for purchase at the monthly meetings include: siphons \$8; jackets \$20; license plates \$5; burgees \$15; ECSA patch \$7.50.

New Business

Boat Insurance – Roland Norris reported that St. Paul's Insurance/US Power Squadron Boat Insurance Program is not renewing insurance on boats older than 10 yrs, over 30', and over \$100,000. Call 1-800-763-8777 (USPS) directly for more information.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. followed by a program on Cruising the Chesapeake by Chip & Louise Worster..

Respectfully submitted,

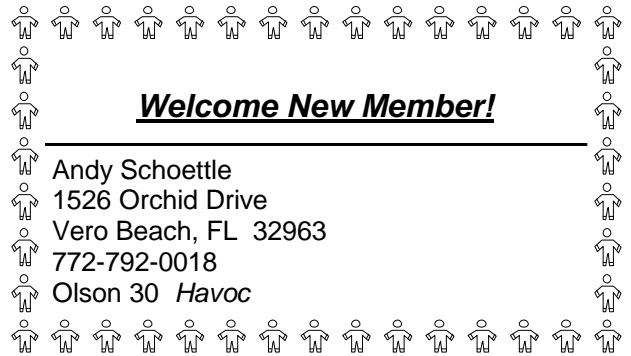
Pam Vanderveer
Secretary





TREASURER'S REPORT

by
Tom Schrader



Welcome New Member!

Andy Schoettle
1526 Orchid Drive
Vero Beach, FL 32963
772-792-0018
Olson 30 *Havoc*

	Income Statement	Fiscal YTD
	Mar-06	Sep 05 - Mar 06
REVENUE		
Activities Income	687.00	4,703.00
Membership Dues	35.00	6,145.00
Merchandise Income	-	793.50
Miscellaneous Income	-	378.50
Sunshine Fund	-	<u>93.00</u>
Total Revenue	722.00	12,113.00
EXPENSES		
Activities Expense	267.92	6,856.70
Bank Service Charge	-	-
Dues & Subscriptions	-	61.25
Insurance	510.00	2,061.00
Miscellaneous	1,250.00	2,106.89
Postage/Delivery	78.00	576.38
Printing/Repro	37.10	937.91
Rent	-	127.20
Sales Tax	-	45.51
Sunshine Fund	-	<u>131.58</u>
Total Expenses	2,143.02	12,904.42
Net Income	(1,421.02)	(791.42)

Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2006

Assets		
Checking		4,936.69
Restricted Cash (Lasowska Fund)		942.00
Security Deposit		<u>100.00</u>
Total Assets		5,978.69
Liabilities & Net Worth		
Unrestricted Cash		6,432.86
Retained Earnings		337.25
Net Income		<u>(791.42)</u>
Total Net Worth		5,978.69

NOTE: Sunshine Fund *Balance* 114.42

Hospitality

Volunteers to bring goodies and help with refreshments for our April General Membership Meeting are:

? Erwin & Gertrud Kissenberth
? Neil & Sally Hodgson

Thank you!

On racing...

Many people develop a kind of love-hate relationship with the spinnaker, and it has often been said that this sail is the easiest to hoist but requires the most courage.

- R. "Bunty" King



CRUISE QUARTERS

St. Patty's Day Cruise March 18 –19, 2006

By Phyllis Paradies

As is the Luck O' the Irish, it was one fantastic weather weekend for this event..... ..sunshine, blue skies, and cool breezes. After a nice trip down the Grand Canal, with our guests, through the Banana River and out into the Indian River, we sailed down to Melbourne Harbor and had no trouble anchoring off the channel by the Chart House. We dinghied in, found the MYC dinghy dock, and headed for the parade, which was of course the highlight of the afternoon. We arrived at our rendezvous spot at the fork in front of Austin's where we met up with the Theriaults, Luthmans and Don Daube. We radioed the Coleman's who were in route enjoying the sail and planning to meet up later. The Vanderveers and Conrads were somewhere along the parade route or on the boat. Windsors arrived after the parade.

Having never attended this cruise in the past, I warned our guests not to expect too much of the parade, probably the mayor in a convertible and Melbourne's new green garbage truck. Was I surprised! The parade lasted almost an hour and featured bagpipers, truck loads of Red Hatters, Women's Club groups, Shriner's in miniature cars, a beauty queen, clowns, Palm Bay H. S. Marching Band, a large contingent of the NYPD and the NYFD (retired?) Knights of Columbus in full regalia, Viet Nam Vets, American Legion, a Latino group, several antique cars, clanging fire engines, Melbourne, Satellite Beach, and Indialantic Police Depts., and several politicians (shook hands with Mike Hairidopolous who was working the crowd). Of course, St. Patrick put in an appearance and handed out goodies to the crowd. And, for the grand finale, Melbourne's mayor and the beautiful new, green, shiny, garbage truck put in an appearance.

Whew, by then the sun was getting hot and our tongues were hanging out for some cold, green, beer. We followed the Theriaults and Luthmans who knew exactly where to go...Meg O' Malley's backyard. After trekking down there and weaving our way through the crowds, we found out they moved the beer truck to the front of the building. The beer truck was locked up tight so we

had to "suck it up" and fight the crowd inside. They were 5 deep at the bar and wall to wall people everywhere. A guy who had been in there all night and all day gave us a tip. "Go to the end of the bar near the wall and you'll get served faster." Sure enough, we had our beer in 15 min. I don't remember beer ever tasting that good, but it wasn't green. It was cool in the pub, and we enjoyed listening to the Irish band. At this point, we had gotten separated from the group and never got connected to them again until breakfast the next day.

Since it was a 3 hour wait for dinner at Meg O' Malley's, we decided to hit some of the shops and try one of the other places. Downtown Melbourne was blocked off, and they had outdoor cafes in several different places. After a short wait, we had a great dinner outside on the street at Island Pasta and dessert at the new ice cream and fudge shop, Kilen's across the street from Island Pasta. Some stayed to party some more and others had come by car and left. A few stayed on their boats. We decided to head back to the boat and try to make it back to Tortoise Island before dark. It was pitch black by the time we got to Dragon Point. It was a little tricky trying to navigate through there in the dark to the Banana River. Gil was up in the bow with a flashlight most of the time. We made it back to the dock without incident, put Sunburst snugly to bed and with guests in tow, headed for the house.

Up Sunday morning at 6 a.m., Gil and I gathered all the paraphernalia for cooking breakfast and headed for the waterfront park at Front Street in Melbourne. With the help of a small generator, we had the coffee perking by 7:45 a.m. and Gil was ready to start cooking his famous fluffy scrambled eggs and cinnamon bagels. Around 10 a.m., the Breakfast Koffee Klatch headed back to the boats for what looked like a great sail back. BI-Gosh and BEGORRAH, it was a nice weekend.

Attending by Boat were: Joe and Karen Coleman on "Alibi", Don and Joanne Theriault and "Charlie" on "Impulse," Chris, Susan and Park Conrad, "Roxie" and "Neko" on "Semper Fi," Ken and Pam Windsor on "Mystic Dream", Gil and Phyllis Paradies and guests, Gene and Jane Tonn on "Sunburst". Attending by car were: Don Daube, Ron, Pam, Lauren and Kristen Vanderveer, Joe, Wanda, and Brianna Luthman and "Scruffy". Total : 21 people, 4 dogs, and 5 boats.





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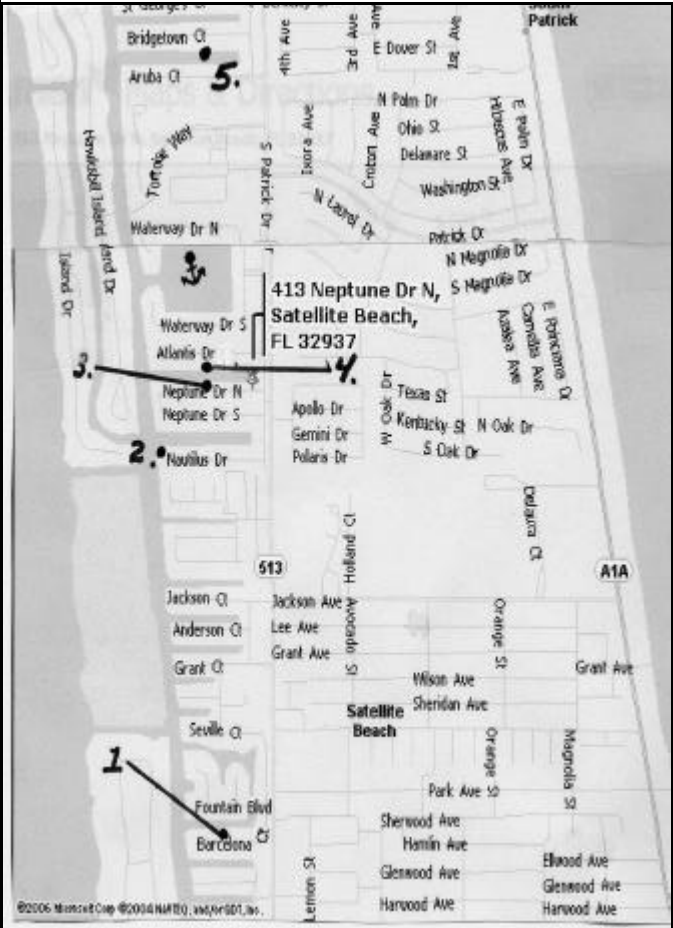
5th Annual Lake Shepard Progressive Dinner 22-23 April 2006

The folks on the South end of the Grand Canal will be host for this year's Progressive Dinner. Make plans to join us for our 5th Annual Lake Shepard Progressive Dinner. Boaters will anchor in Lake Shepard and dingy to four venues on Saturday evening and the 5th location Sunday morning. Please BYOB and folding chairs. If you are unable to join us in our convoy of dinghies, you are welcome to come by car, bike, horse or mule.

Those individuals with last names beginning with A-L please bring appetizers or finger food to be shared at location #1. Those with last names beginning with M-Z please bring dessert to be share at location #4.

On Sunday at 8 a.m. we will dinghy to location #5 for breakfast. It's potluck so bring a dish to share.

Lake Shepard is located just South of Tortoise Island Bridge on the East side of the Grand Canal in Satellite Beach. The Saturday event will end after dark, so bring lights and required stuff for your dinghy.



<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Map</u>	<u>Hosts</u>
5 PM	Happy Hour	#1	Mike & Dee Wilson 625 Barcelona Court 779-5000
6 PM	Salad Bar	#2	Simon Koumjian 457 Nautilus Dr 779-1579
7 PM	Dinner	#3	Chip & Louise Worster Alex & Lisa Culjak 413 N. Neptune Dr 773-5851
8 PM	Dessert	#4	Gene & Gail Smith 410 Atlantis Dr 773-3805
8 AM	Sun Breakfast	#5	Dave & Brenda Merchberger 415 Aruba Court 779-0438 or 394-1297

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



CRUISE QUARTERS

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Member Classifieds

The Jones' Merritt Island Barbecue Bash May 6 - 7, 2006

Location:

Cruise headquarters will be Bill and Carla's house at 3255 South Tropical Trail, Merritt Island or due east of marker 85. Indian River Marker 85 is approximately 4.5 miles south of the Cocoa 520 Bridge on the east side of the Indian River.

Anchoring:

There is plenty of good holding and deep water. Approach north of marker 85 on a course of about 105 degrees with respect to Starbird (anchored behind the house). Anchor according to draft but Starbird is anchored in 8-9 foot of water. Contact cruise headquarters by VHF on channel 68 when approaching if you have any questions. To arrive by car from the north go south on South Tropical Trail about 4.5 miles from SR 520. After passing Dusk View Drive, it is the first house on the right side (river side) **3255 South Tropical Trail**. Coming from the south come up South Tropical Trail until the intersection of South Tropical Trail and South Courtney Drive. Turn left to remain on South Tropical Trail and go approximately 1.5 miles to house on left (river side). Parking is available either in the driveways or south of the house in the adjacent lot. Look for balloons in the yard.

Festivities:

The party starts on Friday evening (TGIF) and goes through Sunday. There will be swimming, music, events and lots of time to relax and enjoy the cruise. Events will include pool games, kite flying, and canoe racing. There will be a cookout Saturday evening (around 5:00 p.m.) with entrée provided by the club. Attendees should bring a side dish or dessert for that meal. On Sunday morning, there will be a potluck breakfast by the pool starting at 08:30 a.m. Attendees should provide their own plates, utensils, and beverages for club meals.

Contact for Information:

Bill and Carla Jones 452-1531 or 917-8680 cell.
See you there!!

FOR SALE: Heart Freedom 10 inverter/charger (1000 watt inverter/50 amp charger) with Link 2000 controller and amp hour meter. Over 10 years old but still works fine. Includes owners manual, instructions and all necessary wiring. \$200 for both items. Call Glenn at 407-221-3473 or email gwparker@cfl.rr.com.

FOR SALE: Sascot 50# plow CQR-type anchor. Lloyds certified. Only 2 years old and very good condition. \$225 or best offer. Call Glenn at 407-221-3473 or email gwparker@cfl.rr.com

FOR SALE: O'Day 27, fast, cruising equipped 1977 sloop with an established club racing record, Main, Jib & Genoa, Atomic 4 w/ all service manuals and installed fresh water flush, large water tank, pressure water in galley & head, Auto pilot, Bimini, and more. Listed for \$7,500 offers starting at \$7,000 for ECSA member. Call Jack Findlater at 321-259-9872. Already purchased replacement boat so very motivated to sell.

FOR SALE: 1986 Catalina 30. Too many options to list! Two boat owner motivated to sell. Asking price \$28,000 or make offer. Please contact Johan at 321-784-1513.

FOR SALE: Hunter 27', 1982. Features include wheel steering, Yanmar diesel, roller furling jib, new main sail, new standing rigging, large bimini top, swim ladder, cockpit table, custom teak bowsprit, sleeps 5, pressurized water, 8' fiberglass dinghy, and much more! This is a very well maintained boat and ready to cruise or race -- must see! \$11,500. Call Pam 321-432-0559.

CREW NEEDED: Bill and Carla Jones will be taking their boat up to the New England area in mid-June and are looking for crew. If interested, please contact Bill at 321-452-1531

Place your sailing classified ad here...
Just contact the Newsletter Editor, Brenda Merchberger at 321-779-0438 or via e-mail to bmerch@cfl.rr.com.

ECSA 2006 Race & Cruise Schedule

Date	Event	Contact
Apr 15	River Race Spring Series #3	Yates
Apr 22 - 23	Progressive Dinner & Poker Rally	Worster
May 6 - 7	Jones' Merritt Island Barbecue Bash	Jones
May 27 - 29	Memorial Day Cruise to Sebastian Inlet	Vanderveer
June 10	Summer Series #1	Yates
June 10 - 11	Cruise to Captain Katanna's	HOST NEEDED
June 24	Summer Series #2	Yates

Check out <http://www.sail-race.com/ecsa>
for the most up-to-date information on
the ECSA race schedule & race winners.



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