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### THE OFFICIAL LOG OF THE EAST COAST SAILING ASSOCIATION

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#### **General Membership Meeting**

Wednesday ~ 10 August 2005 ~ 7:00 p.m.

**Satellite Beach Civic Center (565 Cassia Blvd)**

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

*Join your fellow club members for our*

*Annual Summer Potluck.*

*Please bring a dish to share*

*and enjoy catching up on summer activities.*

#### **AUGUST Calendar of EVENTS**

7	MYC	Small Boat Racing
7	IRYC	Summer/Fall #2
10	ECSA	General Membership Meeting
12	MYC	Fall Rum Race #2
13	ECSA	Single Handed Race
13-14	ECSA	Cruise to Abaco Jack's (Conchy Joe's)
21	MYC	Small Boat Racing
26	MYC	Fall Rum Race #3
27	IRYC	Summer/Fall #3
28	ECSA	Fall Women's #2

#### **SEPTEMBER Calendar of EVENTS**

3-5	ECSA	Cape Canaveral Ocean Cruise
3-4	CBYC	Fall Regatta
4	MYC	Small Boat Racing
9	MYC	Fall Rum Race #4
11	IRYC	Summer/Fall #4
11	KPSS	Fall Series #1
14	ECSA	General Membership Meeting
17	ECSA	Fall River Race #1
17-18	ECSA	Cruise to Titusville - Dixie Crossroads
18	MYC	Small Boat Racing
23	MYC	Fall Rum Race #5
24-25	ECSA	Fall Women's #3 & #4
24-25	MYC	Mermaid Regatta
25	KPSS	Fall Series #2

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



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

**Dog Days of Summer**

Well its August and in case you've been fortunate enough to say in air conditioned comfort, only venturing outside between the hours of 3 and 5 am, its just plain HOT outside! Unfortunately, this also means that the peak of our hurricane season is about to descend upon us. You all know what you have to do, but have you? Get those supplies now before we have a storm heading our way and everyone's rushing to the store.

August also has a very special time of year the ECSA. The end of the month also marks the end of the club's fiscal year. The good news is that the club is financially healthy and the Board of Governors have been good stewards of the club's assets this past year. We fully expect to end the year with a bank balance ever so slightly greater than what we began the year with.

By now, you also know what else August brings to the ECSA. Yup, its membership renewal time. Each of you, unless you joined the club after June 1<sup>st</sup> of this year, should have received a dues renewal notice a few days ago. Please review your personal information to be sure it is correct for the upcoming directory, submit your renewal check and most importantly, give us your feedback about how the club is doing. Be as specific as possible with your comments as I can assure you all of your comments will be reviewed by the Board of Governors for future action.

If you've been a regular reader of this column the past few months, you should know the plug that's coming next. The fall river racing series will be starting up in early September. This is the time to contact Jim Yates to get registered to come out and join us. We have a nice fleet of race boats out for every race, but the cruising fleet sure needs more participation. Give me a call if you have any questions about either skippering your own boat or if you're looking for a crew position. It's a great reason to spend an afternoon on the river.

See you on the water  
Dave

Well, another month has gone by. No vacations to write about. They're all done for the summer. No graduations to attend. It's back to the real world of work and bills. But, we do have our monthly cruise to look forward to. Last month, at Yellow Dog Cafe, we had a nice dinner and time with friends. I got to race with Thirsty Whale last Saturday which is always a lot of fun!

Next month, is the Abaco Jack's (previously known as Conchy Joe's) cruise that my lovely wife and I will be hosting. There will be a fun race at 1 PM Saturday the 13th just north of the Eau Gallie Bridge. No stress, just a nice trip around the markers. I do need somebody to start the race and keep track of the finish order. Call me at 631-3247. More information is available on our website and in the Foot, Tack, and Clew. We will set up the course depending on the wind. Well, hope to see you next month for the race and dinner.

Your Vice Commodore,  
Joe Luthman

***On the Sea...***

Perhaps in some future age, when sails and their use are as forgotten as the ox cart, humans will roam the floor of the sea. Only then will man's conquest of his planet be complete. Thus, the ocean is the ultimate challenge, as it was the first.

- Carlton Mitchell



## A VIEW FROM THE REAR... by Joe Coleman

Ah, do you remember the *good ole days* of sailing? Karen and I learned to sail on her parents' boat on the Chesapeake. It was an Alberg 30, a classic narrow design boat that looked as good at the dock as it did sailing. Ah those *good ole days*, out on the Chesapeake, chipping a piece of ice off the block of ice in the icebox and putting it into a warm coke. Standing in the cockpit with salt water splashing you in the face, hanking on the headsail, and sailing everywhere, only turning the engine on prior to collision or docking. Ah those *good ole days* of sailing.

When Karen and I purchased Alibi, we had the vision of those *good ole days* of sailing in our minds, and Alibi was well fitted for it. She was all we needed and more. But I remember saying to Karen that if we just had a roller furling system on the boat, we wouldn't have to hank on the headsail, and we would probably use it more. Karen agreed and we purchased and installed a Pro-Furl system. Now we could enjoy the *good ole days* of sailing just a little bit easier. Just like in the Chesapeake, we sailed up and down the Indian River, pulling the headsail in and out and chipping ice out of the cooler for our warm cokes.

You know, we thought, if we had refrigeration, we would not have to hunt for ice or chip off pieces for our drinks and we could better enjoy those *good ole days* of sailing. So we had it installed. The only problem with that was concern about battery life. A wind generator would solve that problem - and it did. Now Karen and I could sail up and down the river, pulling the headsail in and out at will and if we got thirsty, just pull out a cold Coke and get some ice from the ice tray while the wind generator put amps back into the batteries. Ah, those *good ole days* of sailing.

Now I'm not saying that it did not get hot out on the Chesapeake in the summer, but we live in Florida and it gets hot all the time. Standing in the cockpit with that hot sun beating down on you is murder. And in the winter, although not freezing, the wind and rain make you feel like it is freezing. Hmm, a dodger and bimini would solve that problem - and they did. Now we could sail up and down the river in the shade and comfort of the bimini and dodger, pulling the head sail in and out at will while drinking our cold drinks with ice

cubes in them while the wind generator recharged the batteries. Ah, those *good ole days* of sailing.

The only problem now was keeping the dinghy in the water and towing it everywhere. In the Chesapeake, we just pulled it up on the deck and tied it down, but Alibi was not suited for that. Davits would solve the whole problem. And you know you cannot buy new davits and put an old dinghy on them. It is just not allowed....

So today, as I sit here in the newly-installed air conditioning of the boat, drinking a cold drink with ice cubes in it from the refrigerator, with the headsail secured on the roller, and dodger and bimini providing shade, the wind generator charging the batteries and the davits keeping the dinghy high and dry, I think back to those *good ole days* of sailing.

## AUGUST CRUISE DETAILS

### Cruise and Fun Race to Abaco Jack's

August 13 - 14

Join our cruise hosts Joe & Wanda Luthman for a fun day of sailing around a triangle course (just once!). Gather near the "Dragon" around 1 p.m. for a race start after the single handed racers begin their race. Then, the cruisers are off! Kind of like the turtle and the hare fable. A committee boat will be present to give you any race instructions. The cruiser's race committee will be monitoring channel 17 as well.

After you have crossed the finish line, anchor north of the Eau Gallie bridge on the west side of the ICW. Dingy into Abaco Jack's dock (previously Conchy Joe's) for cocktail hour around 5 p.m., followed by a group dinner at approximately 6 p.m.

We'll enjoy a potluck breakfast the following morning at 8 a.m. in the park next to the library. You can tie up your dinghy at Abaco Jack's dock and walk over to the park.

Please RSVP to Joe & Wanda Luthman at 321-631-3247 no later than August 10th (or as soon as you read this article!)

See you on the water!



# TREASURER'S REPORT

by  
**Tom Schrader**



# CRUISE QUARTERS

## Income Statement Fiscal Yr to Date

REVENUE	Jul - 05	Sep 04 - Jul 05
Activities Income	190.00	4,860.00
Membership Dues	35.00	6,539.00
Merchandise Income	0.00	393.00
Miscellaneous Income	0.00	266.00
Sunshine Fund	<u>35.00</u>	<u>116.00</u>
Total Revenue	260.00	12,174.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Activities Expense	136.78	5,660.66
Bank Service Charge	-	-
Dues & Subscriptions	-	209.40
Insurance	-	2415.00
Miscellaneous	610.03	890.94
Office Supplies	-	121.90
Postage/Delivery	74.00	766.33
Printing/Repro	38.04	682.95
Rent	162.48	272.88
Sales Tax	1.70	22.31
Sunshine Fund	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Expense	1,021.03	11,042.37
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(761.03)</b>	<b>1,131.63</b>

## Balance Sheet for Period Ending July 31, 2005

<b>Assets/Checking</b>	<b>6,036.69</b>
Restricted Cash	942.00
Security Deposit	<u>100.00</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>7,078.69</b>
<b>Liabilities &amp; Net Worth</b>	
Unrestricted Cash	6,432.86
Retained Earnings	(485.80)
Net Income	<u>1,131.63</u>
<b>Total Net Worth</b>	<b>7,078.69</b>

## July Cruise to Yellow Dog Cafe

By Cruise Host—Joanne Theriault

Let me tell you a story about our trip from mile marker 21 to the Yellow Dog Cafe. At mile marker 16, Don and I picked up guests Bruce & Pat from their boat "Bodacious", (hopefully soon to be new ECSA members) and off the four of us go. As it turned out, as we cruised along, water gushed into our dingy. We thought it might be the extra weight (of course not any of my 86 lbs!). We were all in our "finest" clothes for the restaurant, now totally very wet! To make a long story short, Dave & Brenda Merchberger came along side and picked up the two almost blonds - Pat and myself in their dingy, with Dave is wondering how far it is to the Yellow Dog Café anyway. Meanwhile, our dingy, now left with only Don & Bruce, continued to fill with water. They got to the shore, dumped out all of the water that has us all wet. Come to find out there was a split in the seam of the dingy. Crawford and Annie Stevens kept an eye on the boys and their dinghy as they made their way slowly to the restaurant. We all finally made it to the Yellow Dog Café and enjoyed the great food and even better company.

The guest list for the event was by Boat: Don & Joanne Theriault aboard Impulse, Dave & Brenda Merchberger on Thirsty Whale, Kay Sparrow on K's Fantasy, Crawford & Anne Stevens on Moonraker IV, and Bruce & Pat on Bodacious. Joining at the restaurant and arriving my land cruiser was Joane Jacobs and guest Linda Jackman, Barbara Sparrow, and Joe, Wanda, & Briana Luthman.





## SECRETARY'S REPORT

By

**Phyllis Paradies**

EAST COAST SAILING ASSOCIATION  
GENERAL MEETING  
July 13, 2005

Commodore Dave Merchberger called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Board of Governors present were Dave Merchberger, Joe Luthman and Tom Schrader. Due to the absence of a quorum for the board of governors, no official business requiring board action was conducted during the meeting.

Dave welcomed all present and introduced the Board members, committee chairmen, and past commodores. Also introduced were new members and guests attending for the first time.

### **OFFICERS' REPORTS:**

#### Commodore

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

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

Dave Merchberger reported on the following items:

?????Hospitality – Dave thanked Edwin Kissenberth and Caroline & Otto Klepper for providing refreshments for the meeting.

?????Legislative Affairs – Dave mentioned that Senator Rick Santorum has introduced a bill to prohibit the National Weather Service from offering its information free if the same information is offered from a commercial source. Members can contact their congressman should they wish to express their views on this new bill.

?????Sunshine Fund – Dave thanked all of the members who continue to contribute to the fund to send cards, etc. to those members in need of a cheerful word.

? Dave noted that the patches and license plates will be available at the August meeting.

#### Vice Commodore

Joe Luthman reported that the August meeting would be our annual Summer potluck.

#### Rear Commodore:

**Racing:** No report was given.

### **Cruising:**

?????Brenda Merchberger presented a brief summary of the impromptu 4th of July cruise. Several boats made their way to Titusville on Saturday, Cocoa Village on Sunday, and then Melbourne Harbor on Monday to watch the fireworks. Please make sure our editor has a good e-mail for you to receive notices on impromptu cruises or last minute changes to scheduled events.

?????Ron Vanderveer reported that this coming weekend cruise is to the Yellow Dog Café. Don & Joanne Theriault are the cruise hosts. .

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. followed by a refreshment break and a program on Roy Disney's sailing yacht - Pyewacket by Ethan Bixby from North Sails Gulf Coast.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Merchberger  
*For Phyllis Paradies, Secretary*

### **Mark your calendars...**

## **PINEDAVILLE 2005**

is coming

November 19th & 20th

The theme for this year's Pinedaville will be announced at the Labor Day Cruise and published in the October Foot, Tack & Clew Newsletter. This will give you plenty of time to prepare those costumes and maybe this year, you may be crowned King & Queen of Pinedaville.

Start your training now for:

- ? Limbo
- ? Conch Blowing
- ? Mullet Toss
- ? Dinghy Races
- ? Karaoke



# 2005 Labor Day Weekend Cruise

Or

The Tartan / Packet yearly duo  
Let's invite Frances (she's a lot of fun) NOT

Please RSVP by Monday August 22<sup>nd</sup> to 321-784-1513 or at the August meeting. Include which days you'll be attending and the number of individuals so the proper amount of food can be purchased.

## Schedule & Food

The event runs from Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> till Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **Friday**

Meet at Harbor Town Canaveral Marina around 1300 to have lunch in the restaurant and cool AC. Then off to secure the island set up the kitchen, fireplace, tarps and chairs. Bring your own favorite relaxing chair. Then Relax. Dinner - Hot dogs & hamburgers provide by our cruise hosts. Relax.

### **Saturday**

Breakfast on the island. Coffee, Bloody Mary, pancakes and sausage (provided by an anonymous donor). Relax, eat lunch (leftovers from Friday dinner) relax. Wait for and assist the sailors when they show up. Dinner: Pork Ribs, provided by ECSA. Bring a side dish to share. S'mores provided by the past Commodores Association. Relax.

### **Sunday**

Breakfast on the island. Coffee, pancakes and sausage. *No Bloody Mary (you're going sailing / racing)* Provided by yet a different anonymous donor. Leave for ocean sail/race, return and relax. Don't forget to bring your lunches with you or you can fry up some of the fish you caught!. Dinner: Red Beans and Rice provided by, yes, another anonymous donor. Relax.

### **Monday**

Breakfast coffee provided by host; please bring easy breakfast items to share; island clean up, pack, sail home, relax. Don't forget to bring your lunch or you can stop by Nautical Spirits, Cocoa Village, or eat remaining fish you caught on Sunday.

## Bring / Do

### **Bring**

- ? Chair for on the beach.
- ? Water to drink
- ? Beverages for you and to share if you like.
- ? Food:
  - ? Saturday side dish for the rib dinner
  - ? Lunch Sunday and Monday (Saturday too if you are not on the Island)
  - ? Monday breakfast
- ? Cup for coffee
- ? Boat with racing sails and fishing pole (*how else will you catch lunch?*)
- ? Wood for the fire

### **Do**

- ? Relax
- ? Fish
- ? Clean the bottom of your boat
- ? Socialize with some of the best people you will ever meet.
- ? Discuss and plan trips
- ? Swim
- ? Relax

...The options are endless

## Member's Classifieds

**FOR SALE:** 8' Dyer Dhow Dinghy - sailing, rowing, towing and outboard capacity. Beautiful Abbott restoration, teak gunnels, new Scott Morgan sails, stern seat storage, Shaw and Tenny oars. \$1250. 321-799-0746

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**FOR SALE:** 1966 Choy Lee 35' Yawl—Best offer over \$10,000. Call Chuck Geddy 321-674-2053

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**FOR SALE:** 1978 27' Watkins Sloop. 3'8 Draft, 10' Beam, 6'2" head room. New 2004 Yanmar rebuilt diesel engine and transmission, roller furling, propane stove in galley, bimini and sail covers, 8' sailing dinghy w/o/b. A well maintained boat ready to cruise the Bahamas or Key West. For Sale by owner: \$13,500. Call Geno: 321-777-8339 or cell: 321-243-6574.

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**FOR SALE:** 10'6" Achilles inflatable dingy \$350. Call Steve Gailey, 321-634-5377 or cell 321-749-1283.



## Welcome New Members

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Tommy Clough  
116 Bayamo Avenue, NE  
Palm Bay, FL 32907  
321-537-9079  
Melges 24

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Bob & Susie Johnson  
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Melbourne, FL 32935  
321-254-3451

*Wind Dancer* Hunter 33



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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 2005 Race & Cruise Schedule

Date	Event	Contact
Aug 13	Single Handed Race	Yates
Aug 13 -14	Cruise/Fun Race to Abaco Jack's	Luthman
Aug 28	Fall Women's #2	Beckett
Sept 3 - 6	Cape Canaveral Ocean Cruise	Neve
Sept 17	Fall River Race #1	Yates
Sept 17 - 18	Cruise to Titusville/Dixie Crossroads	Schnitzius
Sept 24 - 25	Fall Women's #3 & #4	Beckett

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



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