



# FOOT, TACK & CLEW

## East Coast Sailing Association

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

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#### **General Membership Meeting**

Wednesday ~ 9 August 2006 ~ 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**

#### **Mystery Program**

**The topic will be one you just  
won't want to miss!**

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

6 & 20	MYC	Small Boat Racing
9	ECSA	Monthly Membership Meeting
11 & 25	MYC	Fall Rum Race
12	ECSA	Single Handed Race
12 - 13	ECSA	Cruise to Conch Key Grille
13	IRYC	Summer Series #2
19	ECSA	Fun Race
20	ECSA	Fall Women's #2

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

2 - 4	ECSA	Sailor's Island Ocean Cruise
2 - 3	PCYC	Steak and Lobster Regatta
3 & 17	MYC	Small Boat Racing
8 & 22	MYC	Fall Rum Race
10	ECSA	Fall Women's #3
13	ECSA	Monthly Membership Meeting
16	ECSA	Fall Series #1
17	IRYC	Summer Series #3
23 - 24	ECSA	Cruise to Titusville & Dixie Crossroads
23 - 24	MYC	Mermaid Regatta

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## THOUGHTS FROM YOUR COMMODORE...

**Donna Oyer**

I have been to South Florida, including the Keys, many times via I-95 or the Florida Turnpike. There are the usual billboards to read, a pasture or two of cattle, some with their young calves by their sides. There are the neighborhood backyards to see, occasionally with clean wash swinging in the breeze. Of course you can read or play car games to make the time pass by more quickly. Unless of course you are the driver, then you are concentrating on the road. The trip along the highway can be long and boring.

When Joe Coleman invited ECSA members to join he and Karen on their Keys trip, we jumped at the opportunity. Seeing the real beauty of Florida through the eyes of our sailboat was just something we couldn't pass up. Our plans will eventually take us to the Bahamas and the Caribbean, but for now, the Keys were an ideal choice for a "shake down" cruise; not only for our boat, but for us too.

We started down the ICW, traveling south through Palm Beach, Fort Lauderdale and Miami. There were multi-million dollar homes lining the waterway, many of which had mega-yachts docked behind their homes; especially through the Fort Lauderdale area. There seemed to be an abundance of expensive motor yachts and mansion type homes. It certainly is a reminder that there are plenty of people in this country that are apparently extremely wealthy. Wow! Where did they get all of that money?

As we passed under the bridges through Miami, the familiar skyline looked almost etched in the sky. Looking at it from the water and not from Miami itself was so new and so appealing. We passed by Bayside, which is familiar from our many trips to the Miami Boat Show. All of the landmarks that were so familiar looked totally different now through our cockpit. But that was the appeal of the trip. Looking at Florida from the water was a new and welcomed experience. As we all know, nothing looks the same from the water. The beauty of the water in Biscayne Bay was enticing in itself. At one point we stopped the boats, dived overboard and enjoyed a relaxing swim. That was one of the highlights of the trip. There were six boats that traveled to the Keys. Three of the boats had new members aboard. It was wonderful getting to know them and sharing time together. At one time, we were all new members. That is what

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## VIEW FROM THE VICE...

by

**VICE COMMODORE  
Joe Coleman**

For about a year now, the folks at the Satellite Beach Recreation Department have been telling me that they are getting ready to renovate the civic center where we hold our meetings. The club has been meeting there since long before Karen and I became members eleven years ago. The renovation will take about a year, but that's not the bad news. When the work has been completed, the facility will revert back to city hall for offices. Yeah that's right, we will be out of our meeting place.

Our only other option, if we stay with the city, is to have our meetings at the David Schechter building on the corner of South Patrick Drive and Jackson Avenue. That is a fairly new facility and really nice inside. It is also the place where our awards case will be displayed (hopefully by the time you read this). The rent for the Schechter building is more than what we are paying now. At present, we pay about eleven dollars a meeting hour, semi-annually. The rent would go up to twelve and change, which doesn't seem like much, but we would be getting less for our money. At present we have a storeroom and kitchen cabinets that we rent to keep all our ship's store items and our refreshments. At the new building, there is no storage available for us. We would have to bring the ship's store items every meeting and then bring them back home. We would also lose the space where we store the other supplies that we use during the year: sodas, coffee pots, banner, old files, paper plates and plastic wear for our eating events, etc. We might be able to get a small area in the kitchen for coffee pots, creamers and sugar, but that will be about it.

To reduce the rent on the facility to about half price, we would need to have at least fifteen members of the club who live within the incorporated city of Satellite Beach. That's right, all you guys who live in the Waterway Estates don't count. We could have a membership drive and target people who live in the city or even give a few of them honorary memberships. That would reduce our year's rent to about half of what we pay now.

The exact date of the renovation is still unknown, but it is expected to begin within the next year. There will be a lot of other groups who use the old civic center who will also have to change locations. What I suggest is that we be proactive and make the switch at the

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## SECRETARY'S REPORT

By

**Pam Vanderveer**

EAST COAST SAILING ASSOCIATION  
General Membership Meeting  
Wednesday – July 12, 2006

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

**COMMODORE:** Two member couples in attendance were recognized: Dave and Marcie Hutson, temporarily back from extended cruising in the Caribbean; and Frank and Deborah Lambert, also back from an extended cruise.

A break was given for everyone to enjoy the member provided buffet.

After the dinner break, a motion was made, seconded and carried to approve Jeffrey and Carol Schiff into membership. The Schiff's own a Hunter 30 named Navigator. They are also members of the Eau Gallie Yacht Club and are looking for social sailboat-oriented activities.

It was announced that the Lansing Island Bridge was down until at least August 2<sup>nd</sup> waiting for parts to repair the problem. Also, membership dues renewal letters will be mailed on August 1<sup>st</sup>. There are still some 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary blankets that members have not picked up.

**Minutes/Treasurer's Report:** A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2006 meeting as published in the July 2006 Foot, Tack, & Clew (FT&C). A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the June Treasurer's report as published in the July FT&C.

**VICE COMMODORE:** Joe Coleman gave a brief synopsis of the Florida Keys cruise.

Joe also gave a summary of the perpetual trophy case project. The proposal from the carpenter totaled \$1,850, which includes a custom case of solid wood and locking glass front doors. The case is to be displayed at the Schecter Center in Satellite Beach, and will house about 16 perpetual trophies which are

given to award winners each year in various categories. A motion and made and seconded to approve the expenditure. The ensuing discussion included a question about the ability of the club to afford the expenditure. Tom indicated that the balance at present is \$4,252. However, it was pointed out that this is typically the lowest budget point of the year for the club, and the apparently low balance will actually rise through the rest of the year as dues checks come in. All major expenditures are already paid for the year. Another comment was to have donations or advertising to try and defray the cost of the case. A vote on the motion was held and carried 29 in favor and 1 opposed. Joe Coleman will initiate the work with the carpenter.

Cruising: Ron Vanderveer – Visit [www.ecsasail.com](http://www.ecsasail.com) for complete information and pictures from past events. Upcoming cruises report:

**Cocoa Village cruise** – Joe Luthman will not be able to host the cruise as originally planned. Jim & Donna Oyer will take over hosting duties, with the cruise being a very low-key affair. Anchor off of the park area and use the park dock for dinghies. There is currently no schedule for dinner, and the group will try to meet after dinner for drinks and socializing. No group breakfast is planned for Sunday morning.

**August cruise** – August 12-13<sup>th</sup> - anchor just south of the Suntree Rotary Park in the Indian River Lagoon, north of Pineda Causeway or if coming by car, just south of US 1 and Suntree Blvd.

**Sailor's Island Ocean Cruise** - Sept. 2-4/Labor Day weekend. Anchor north of the barge canal in the Banana River. More details forthcoming.

**Pinedaville** – Nov. 18-19. The county has erected a fence limiting pedestrian access to the beach from the Pineda Causeway, however, upon contacting the county, we can still get in and use the area. Therefore, Pinedaville will be held at the same location, NE of the Pineda Causeway in the Indian River Lagoon

### Old Business:

????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:

????County Commission is contemplating the leasing of the old Indian Cove Marina in order to keep it from going totally private.

????We need hospitality hosts for meetings in September (1) and October (2)

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pam Vanderveer, Secretary



# TREASURER'S REPORT

by  
**Tom Schrader**

## Commodore's Article

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Income Statement		Fiscal YTD
REVENUE	July - 06	Sep 05 - Jul 06
Activities Income	80.00	5,178.00
Membership Dues	35.00	6,535.00
Merchandise Income	74.50	1,058.00
Miscellaneous Income	-	378.50
Sunshine Fund	<u>62.00</u>	<u>197.00</u>
Total Revenue	251.50	13,346.50
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Activities Expense	-	7,420.30
Bank Service Charge	-	-
Dues & Subscriptions	-	61.25
Insurance	-	2,061.00
Miscellaneous	1,004.98	4,813.72
Postage/Delivery	78.00	879.50
Printing/Repro	67.03	1,152.27
Rent	114.48	298.68
Sales Tax	-	59.01
Sunshine Fund	<u>-</u>	<u>138.53</u>
Total Expenses	1,284.49	16,877.26
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(1,012.99)</b>	<b>(3,530.76)</b>

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makes this club so unique. We have a very diverse membership. All of us have something in common and that is our love for sailing. Meeting new members, sharing stories, gaining knowledge and making new friends is what keeps this club going strong. Everyone has something to offer. Just take a minute and listen.

I saw Florida from a different perspective on this trip. I realized that looking at Florida from the highway was similar to looking at someone from across the room. Until you really get to know someone, until you look at him or her from a different perspective, you are robbing yourself. We started the trip with six new members. We ended the trip with six new friends. We were looking for the true beauty of Florida and found it. We also found something that we hadn't counted on. It was a very pleasant surprise.

The next time you see a new member, take the time to get to know them. Don't look at them from the highway....

Happy Sails to You,  
Donna

### Balance Sheet as of July 31, 2006

#### Assets

Checking	2,197.35
Restricted Cash (Lasowska Fund)	942.00
Security Deposit	<u>100.00</u>

#### Total Assets

**3,239.35**

#### Liabilities & Net Worth

Unrestricted Cash	6,432.86
Retained Earnings	337.25
Net Income	<u>(3,530.76)</u>

#### Total Net Worth

**3,239.35**

NOTE: Sunshine Fund *Balance* 211.47

## Vice Commodore's Article

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beginning of the New Year. That way we can lock our dates and times in before the bridge groups or the flower lovers do. This topic will be brought up at the next Board of Governors meeting and may already be decided by the time you read this, but at least you will know why the move has to be made. We have had a long and pleasant association with the city and I would hate to have to move somewhere else.



## CRUISE QUARTERS

*By Donna Oyer*

### **“The Cocoa Village Cruise”** No Frills, No Schedule – No Problem

We rounded the dragon on Saturday morning accompanied by Karen and Joe Coleman on Alibi. There was virtually no wind, but hey... up went the sails anyway. We really NEEDED to sail; if you know what I mean. We reached Pineda Causeway in record time. (the slowest time ever recorded). However, as we passed under the bridge, the wind picked up and we were really able to sail. It was a beautiful day and we were just grateful to be on the water and to be sailing.

We reached the anchorage south of the power lines at Cocoa Village and down went the hook. “Miss Faith” and her crew, Neal and Sally Hodgson were already there and had started their weekend early. Then Don and Joanne Theriault onboard “Impulse” joined the anchorage. George and Terry Schorn brought “Serena” out for the weekend too. Also joining us at anchorage was “Deborah” with her owners, Frank and Deborah Lambert. Although this cruise had no schedule attached to it, it was decided that we would meet in the park by 6:00 pm and walk to “Murdocks” for a bite to eat (and drink). Did I tell you our beautiful granddaughter, Hartley joined us for dinner also? I get to say that because I am writing the article. Our daughter, Amber had brought her to the park to play in the fountains so they both joined us at Murdocks. Also, arriving for dinner were Clint, Robin and Jessica Braswell; our Keys thrill seekers, Dave and Gail Cordial and Joe and Karen’s good friends, Wayne and Dianna Lakas. The surprise of the evening was the arrival of Dave and Marci Hutson. You see, Dave and Marci were going to “try” the cruising lifestyle for a year to see if they would like it. That was four years ago and they are still “trying” it. It was great to see them and listen to their cruising tales. We were all envious.... After eating, drinking and listening to the band, the drivers headed back to their cars and the rest of us headed back to the dinghy dock. Before leaving the dock, we decided that we would see each other some time in the morning. There was not a time set for breakfast. We decided to just wake up whenever and relax and enjoy not rushing around. In fact, that is just what we did. Some of us got up early and cleaned boats. Some got up early and read and relaxed. Some slept in and enjoyed getting some extra shut-eye. I must admit it was a very relaxing cruise. It was nice not having a schedule to commit to.

So for a change, the no-schedule cruise was a hit among the cruisers.

We left the anchorage and headed home on Sunday around 11 am. The wind was in the wrong direction, so of course we motored home. It was a much laid back weekend full of rest, relaxation, good friends and family. What else can you ask out of a weekend on the boat?

Happy Sails to You,  
Donna

### **AUGUST CRUISE TO CONCH KEY GRILLE AT SUNTREE**



*by Joe Coleman*

The cruise to Conch Key Grille and Tiki Bar (formerly the Pineda Inn) is scheduled for August 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. The plan for the day is to arrive sometime Saturday afternoon, dinghy to the bar, sit on the deck outside or inside, and swap sea stories. They do not currently have a live band, but plan on having one in the future. However, they do have music piped out to the deck. Conch Key is located on the Intercoastal Waterway (ICW) just north and west of red day marker 94 (or for you landlubbers, their address is 6533 South U.S. Highway 1 (just south of Suntree Blvd). Karen and I tested the water a few weeks ago and we had over six feet of water more than half the way between the ICW channel and the restaurant. The charts show the deep water pretty well; don’t cut the corner short to the south or north. There is a nice sandy beach for dinghy landing. On Sunday, they start lunch at 11:30 a.m., if you are interested in staying. There are no formal dinner or breakfast arrangements. Whether you want to go back to the boat to eat or eat at the restaurant, either is fine. The whole point is to just relax and enjoy each other’s company.

Questions? Joe may be reached at 321-223-6871 or hail “Alibi” on Channel 16 during the cruise.



**CRUISE COMMENTS...  
New Members experience  
the Key's trip**

**Mrs C's trip to the Keys**  
by Gail and David Cordial

It was the best vacation. It was the worst vacation. It was definitely the most exhausting vacation we've ever taken. The more challenging days have already begun to fade as we've replaced them with phrases like "we learned a lot" or "it was all part of the experience." From "the big storm" on our very first day to the anchor slipping, getting caught in Biscayne channel well after dark, waiting for Sea Tow, being hotter and sweatier (pardon our French) than we ever thought possible, waiting 2 hours for the fuel dock to open (don't they know boaters leave early!?) there is one thing we know for certain - the members of the ECSA are some of the best people we've ever known. Throughout the fun and the challenges, we knew that our group would be there for us and that there would be plenty of laughs at the end of the day.

It was the best vacation and the worst vacation and we wouldn't trade it for the world. Some of our favorite quotes heard during the trip:

"Oh #\*?!"

"Sure, I'll help you fix it, it's not my boat"

"We are going to DIE"

"If I had any feelings, they'd be hurt."

"Arf, Arf, Bark, Bark (Annie and Charley on the way to the beach)

**Member  
Classifieds**

**FOR SALE:** 26' swing keel, Clipper Maine 1975, with pop-top. Bill Crealock designer. (Famous in the art of gentle helm balance.) Rig tuned professionally late 2001. Strong, healthy 8 h.p. Johnson. Roller furler jib and main with lazy jacks. Electronics include solar panel, tiller pilot, automatic bilge and f.w. pump, nav lights. Many extras. Race, day sail and overnight enthusiasts call M. Rieff, 321-255-1984. Price: \$6,500.

**FOR SALE:** 36' center cockpit Watkins. Many new and like new items, e.g. sails, Mackpack, roller furler, Garmin color GPS, custom bimini etc., etc... Strong Perkins 4-108 52 hp diesel. Needs love. See or call Kay Sparrow at 772-473-9394. Priced at \$38,000.00 OBO.

**FOR SALE:** Moving out of area. Very beautiful 35 ft CHIEN HWA trawler, 135 Lehman, low hrs. 4 KW, Onan, 2 staterooms, walk around queen bed, 2 heads, propane stove, Norcold refr., a/c, large covered sun-deck w/round table seating 6, a must see! Move aboard and cruise or hang out in the keys. \$ 79,500. Call 321-777-8339 or cell 321-243-6574.

Place your sailing classified ad here...

(free to members)

Just contact the Newsletter Editor Brenda Merchberger at 321-779-0438 or via e-mail to bmerch@cfl.rr.com.

**Hospitality**

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

? Don & Joanne Theriault

? Ken & Pam Windsor

**Thank you!**

**COME SAIL WITH ME**

New ECSA member, Clay Bernichon has purchased ARIEL, a 41' Cruising Catamaran and would like to share the catamaran experience with ECSA members; besides he needs some crew and wants to be an active part of the club. This is initially for some day sailing on the river, club events and maybe more. All welcome - singles, couples, old or young. Call Clay at 321-631-4557.

## ECSA 2006 Race & Cruise Schedule

Date	Event	Contact
Aug 12	Single Handed Race	Yates
Aug 12 - 13	Cruise to Conch Key Grille	Coleman
Aug 19	Fun Race	Yates
Aug 20	Fall Women's #2	Beckett
Sept 2 - 4	Cruise to Sailor's Island	Host Needed
Sept 10	Fall Women's #3	Beckett

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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