



# 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 ~ 14 December 2005 ~ 7:00 p.m.

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

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

#### **December Program**

#### **Holiday Potluck & Social**

Bring a dish to share & your appetite!

2006 Cruising Calendar Planning Meeting  
following the Potluck

#### **DECEMBER Calendar of EVENTS**

3	ECSA	River Challenge
4	MYC	Winter Rum Race #3
10	IRYC	Race of Champions
11	ECSA	Fall Women's #6
11	MYC	Small Boat Racing
14	ECSA	Holiday Potluck & Membership Meeting
17	ECSA	Grand Canal Holiday Boat Parade/Cruise
*Note: on Saturday the 17th not 18th as indicated in last FT&C		
25	MYC	Small Boat Racing
31-2	ECSA	New Year's Cruise to Vero Beach

#### **JANUARY Calendar of EVENTS**

7	ECSA	Awards Banquet
14-15	ECSA	Cruise—location to be determined

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

The end is near!

No, not THAT end, but rather the end of another year of ECSA racing, cruising and social events. Our two 'big hitters', the SSCA Gam and Pinedaville were resounding successes once again thanks to the selflessness of so many volunteers. Your response to my calls to get involved was far in excess of expectations and I can't possibly list all of your names. I believe I have thanked each of you personally at the events, but let me take this opportunity to express my gratitude once again.

Elsewhere in this newsletter is information about the final events of the year. The Holiday Pot Luck Dinner, the Holiday Boat Parade and of course the 2005 Awards Banquet. Please make plans to attend as many of these as your schedules allow.

Finally, as the year draws to an end, we tend to get wrapped up in the rush to purchase gifts, attend Holiday gatherings, decorate our homes and boats and so many other things that make demands on our time. Although you may be busier now than at any other time of year, I must ask two things from you.

First, be careful out there! So many people are distracted and seem to be focused on rushing to the store to get that 'special gift'. It's more important than even now take a moment and THINK before you act because so many others are NOT doing so.

The second thing I must ask of you, is to take time to consider what this Holiday Season really represents. We may give the Season different names, celebrate it in different ways, but I feel it all comes down to taking time to show our friends and family just how important they are to us. Please take some time out of your busy schedules to be sure that those who are important to you really know how you feel.

As I write this article, I have just learned I will be unable to attend the December General Membership meeting. The Board of Governor's have been working on plans to commemorate ECSA's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and on their behalf, I ask for your support for any motions that may be made at the meeting related to this special event.

Wishing each of you a joyous Holiday Season  
Dave



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

Well, Hello Again,

It is the 12th month, how did it go by so fast? I almost thought it was my last article as Vice Commodore, but I have to do January yet. Yeah! Hope you all come to the banquet in January. It is a boat load of fun, good food, and a lot of great door prizes! Well, it's been an interesting month for the Luthman's. We escaped last year's three hurricanes unscathed, but Wilma decided to pay us a visit in the form of a flooded house. Thank goodness, the boat was fine! We finally got the house 90% back together Thanksgiving week and were able to sleep in our own beds again. We truly had something to be thankful for. Well, hope you have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! The Pot Luck Dinner is always a good time at the December Meeting and the Holiday Boat Parade is excellent! Hopefully, this year it will be cool, but not freezing!

Your Vice Commodore,  
Joseph Luthman

***Come one...come all  
To the Holiday Boat Parade***

Join us for a front row seat on the Grand Canal to watch this year's Holiday Boat Parade on Saturday, December 17th. We are gathering at Joann Jacob's house - 410 Thrush Drive in North Waterway Estates around 4 p.m. for Social hour and snacks, followed at 5 p.m. for a Potluck dinner. Then we'll take our seats on the lawn (you can bring your chairs if you like) and after sunset, watch the decorated boats parade down the Grand Canal. Please bring your own beverages.

If you would like to enter your boat in the boat parade, you are welcome to tie up on Joann's dock prior to entering the parade. Boats begin getting in position at 5:30 p.m. Chip Worster can answer any boat decorating/parade questions you may have. Please contact Chip at 321-773-5851.

For further information on this ECSA event, please contact Joann at 321-777-3551.



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

I would like to start by thanking Johan Neve, Bill Jones and Wes Whitley for volunteering to arrange our programs for next year. I was reduced to begging at the last meeting and they must have felt sorry for me. They verbally volunteered, and I figured that I better get it printed in the newsletter, so they can't back out now. Seriously, I do appreciate it.

Now that I know that begging is the way to get people to volunteer, I am doing it again. I am still looking for someone who will take over advertising. This is a program that has slowly diminished. Advertising proceeds are used to help defray the newsletter production costs. Members can advertise their items for sale for free, but there are also marinas, boat stores, and sign and sail makers who could benefit by advertising with us. Our newsletter reaches over two hundred active sailing households each month. If you are interested in helping out, please contact me at the next meeting or e-mail me.

This month we set our cruising schedule for the new year. I know we usually go to the same places at the same time every year. Maybe that's because it is always the same small group of people who stay to help plan the cruising calendar every year. I'm not complaining about those who have done the cruise calendar in the past; I'm saying that new blood breeds new ideas. This year for instance, we have talked about moving the progressive dinner to March or April to take advantage of warmer weather and more daylight. Other cruises might also be improved upon, or we may just enjoy them as they are. We are always trying to get new members to host the cruises too. So stick around for the planning meeting and help - or else we will talk about you.

One last thing - the Holiday Boat Parade. The Mann's usually decorate their sailboat for the parade and the Worster's will have their red tugboat out there with the jolly old white-bearded man riding on the back. Let's try and get a record number of boats in the parade this year. It is not only enjoyable for those who watch, it is a lot of fun for the participants.

In anticipation of the upcoming celebrations, Karen and I would like to wish each of you Happy Holidays and we hope you have a great New Year.



### Welcome New Members



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John & Sheri Ellison  
981 Bali Rd  
Cocoa Beach, FL 32931  
321-720-6651  
*Johnny's Quest Lagoon 38'*

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Tom & Jackie Flynn  
5235 Devon St  
Port St. John, FL 32927  
321-633-9955  
*T-n-A Suntracker 18*

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Don & Melora Foley  
224 Coral Drive  
Cape Canaveral, FL 32920  
321-392-3194  
*Calypso Gemini 34'*

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Charles & Linda Smith  
7985 S. Tropical Trail  
Merritt Island, FL 32952  
321-455-9347  
*Herreshoff 18'*

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John Walters  
910 Mullet Dr  
Cape Canaveral, FL 32920  
321-302-1574  
*Dreams Come True Irwin 37*

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James Wasneski  
P.O. Box 321046  
Cocoa Beach, FL 32932-1046  
321-868-0143  
*Exception Hunter 26*

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Helen Wicker  
Robert Wicker  
462 Nautilus Drive  
Satellite Beach, FL 32937  
321-773-0462  
*Sea Ducer Too Hunter 31*

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Keith & Deborah Wright  
105 SE Third St  
Satellite Beach, FL 32937  
321-773-9340  
*Wright Away Catalina 30*





## TREASURER'S REPORT

by  
**Tom Schrader**

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2006** to be held at the **December General Membership Meeting**

The Nominating Committee has developed the following list of recommended candidates for the offices to be elected at the December General Membership meeting.

<b>Income Statement</b>		<b>Fiscal YTD</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>Nov - 05</b>	<b>Sep 05 - Aug 06</b>
Activities Income	240.00	370.00
Membership Dues	350.00	5,510.00
Merchandise Income	553.00	696.00
Miscellaneous Income	-	-
Sunshine Fund	<u>23.00</u>	<u>93.00</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>1,166.00</b>	<b>6,669.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Activities Expense	957.96	1,874.53
Bank Service Charge	-	-
Dues & Subscriptions	-	-
Insurance	1,551.00	1,551.00
Miscellaneous	254.55	254.55
Office Supplies	-	-
Postage/Delivery	84.50	234.72
Printing/Repro	413.40	494.70
Rent	127.20	127.20
Sales Tax	-	8.26
Sunshine Fund	<u>60.95</u>	<u>131.58</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>3,449.56</b>	<b>4,676.54</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(2,283.56)</b>	<b>1,992.46</b>

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>CANDIDATE</b>
COMMODORE	Donna Oyer
VICE COMMODORE	Joe Coleman
REAR COMMODORE	Joe Luthman
SECRETARY	Pam Vanderveer
TREASURER	Tom Schrader
ELECTED GOVERNOR	Roland Norris

Members wishing to make an additional nomination for any of these positions may do so from the floor at the December General Membership Meeting. (Persons nominated from the floor must be present at the meeting to acknowledge their willingness to serve, if elected.)

Persons who volunteered for any of the appointed committee positions will have their names passed on to the appropriate ECSA Flag Officer for coordination.

On behalf of the members of the nominating committee, I want to thank those members who assisted in the nominating process.

Sincerely,  
Chip Worster  
Chairman, Nominating Committee

#### **Balance Sheet for Period Ending November 30, 2005**

<b>Assets/Checking</b>	<b>8,762.57</b>
Restricted Cash	942.00
Security Deposit	<u>100.00</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>8,762.57</b>
<b>Liabilities &amp; Net Worth</b>	
Unrestricted Cash	6,432.83
Retained Earnings	337.25
Net Income	<u>1,992.46</u>
<b>Total Net Worth</b>	<b>8,762.57</b>

#### **Miami Boat Show Bus Trip** **Saturday, February 18, 2006**

*Leave the driving & parking hassles behind!*

**Cost:** \$34.00 per person  
**Includes:** Transportation, admission, breakfast, snacks & beverages  
**Departs:** Merritt Island 6:00 a.m.  
 Melbourne 6:30 a.m.  
**Arrives Miami:** 10:00 a.m.  
**Departs Miami:** 5:30 p.m.

- ? Sign-up at the December General Meeting or send an email to ip35@cfl.rr.com..
- ? Please make checks payable to ECSA and mail to the ECSA PO Box, attn: Bus Trip.
- ? *Full payment due by Saturday, January 31, 2006*
- ? Questions?: Contact Dave or Brenda Merchberger at 321-779-0438 or ip35@cfl.rr.com.

*Don't miss your seat...the bus sold-out early last year.*



## SECRETARY'S REPORT

By

**Phyllis Paradies**

EAST COAST SAILING ASSOCIATION  
GENERAL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 9, 2005

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Dave Merchberger at 7:05 p.m. Board members present were: Dave Merchberger, Joe Coleman, Joe Luthman, Tom Schrader, Phyllis Paradies and Wes Whitley.

Following the introduction of Board members, fleet captains, committee chairmen, and past commodores, Dave welcomed all members, guests, and especially new members attending for the first time.

### **COMMODORE:**

Dave reported two new applications for membership were approved at the November Board of Governors' Meeting. They are Jim Wasneski and Charles and Linda Smith.

Brenda Merchberger announced the following 2006 slate of officers developed by the Nominating Committee: Commodore - Donna Hartley Oyer, Vice Commodore - Joe Coleman, Rear Commodore - Joe Luthman, Secretary - Pam Vanderveer, and Treasurer - Tom Schrader. David Merchberger will serve as Past Commodore.

The elected Board of Governors serve a three-year term. Wes Whitley's term is up and Roland Norris has been nominated to replace Wes. Continuing to serve their term are Sherry Beckett and Chip Worster. Fleet captains and committee chairman already volunteering for next year are: Cruising - Ron Vanderveer, River Racing - Jim Yates, and Women's Racing - Sherry Beckett. Membership Chairman & Newsletter Editor - Brenda Merchberger, Hospitality - Karen Coleman. Joe Coleman is still looking for a volunteer to be Advertising chairman.

Brenda noted the election will be held during the December general membership meeting and members in good standing may be nominated from the floor. It was asked the anyone nominating another individual to please get their permission to be nominated before the meeting.

A motion was made to approve the October minutes as published in the November Foot, Tack, & Clew (FT&C). The motion was seconded and carried..

A motion was made to approve the September and October Treasurer's reports as published in the November FT&C. The motion was seconded and carried.

Dave thanked Nansea Abbott and Jean Freeman for providing refreshments for tonight's meeting.

### **VICE COMMODORE:**

Joe Luthman reminded members to get their reservations in for the Awards Banquet on January 7<sup>th</sup>. Forms are in the November newsletter and posted on the website. The dress for this occasion is dressy or at least, business casual.

### **REAR COMMODORE:**

Racing - Jim Yates said the final Fall Series race, the Double Handed Race, will be Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> which is also the Pinedaville Cruise. They will try to end the race at Pinedaville. The Fall Women's Race #5 is this Sunday, the 13<sup>th</sup>. The River Challenge Cup Race will be held on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Cruising - Ron Vanderveer reminded members that the Seven Seas Gam is this weekend. The Pinedaville Cruise is the following weekend. Ron said at the December General Meeting, we will discuss cruises for 2006. Any suggestions for cruises or changes will be welcome.

Dave noted we had 38 members attend the St. Pete Boat Show and 25 attended breakfast on the way there.

Donna Oyer gave an update on the Pinedaville weekend preparations. The set up will begin on Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup> and Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. On Friday, the set up will go on all day and dinner will be ordered from The Enigma Café. At noon on Saturday, the festivities start with the best costume contest and the King and Queen of Pinedaville will be crowned. Dinner is at 5 p.m. on Saturday. Pork, Beef and Turkey will be provided; please bring a side dish. Sunday breakfast is at 8 a.m., please bring a breakfast item to share. Clean up will be at 10 a.m. on Sunday. There is now a mascot for Pinedaville; her name is Wilma and she was discovered during the cleanup of the Pinedaville beach.

Dave mentioned that the Holiday Boat Parade would be

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## Secretary's Report

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## CRUISE QUARTERS

by Donna Oyer

held on Saturday, the 17<sup>th</sup> of December, not the 18<sup>th</sup> as published in our ECSA directory and November FT&C.

Brenda gave an update of the Seven Seas Gam. The setup will begin at 7 a.m. on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> and the Flea Market will be on Saturday at 7:30 a.m.; please be there at 6 a.m. to set up for the Flea Market. This year, the Barbecue will be held at BCC Pavilion on Wickham Road just south of the Post Road intersection.

### OLD BUSINESS: None

### NEW BUSINESS:

The general membership approved payment of the officers' liability policy premium which is \$1,551.00 for up to \$1,000,000. Also approved was payment of the premium to cover liability for the club and club members for not more than \$900.00.

2006 is the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ECSA. The Board would like to do something special for this. One idea was to have a commemorative item to give to club members. Any suggestions will be discussed and voted on at the December membership meeting.

Kay Sparrow announced that he acquired a pair of ladies blue flip-flop type sandals at the Fish Fry Cruise. Please contact Kay if they belong to you.

Joe Coleman asked for three volunteers to help with programs for next year. Please speak to Joe if you would like to do this.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Phyllis Paradies, Secretary

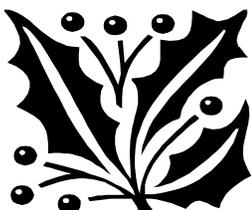
## 8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PINEDAVILLE " A 60'S BASH"

There are so many people that make Pinedaville possible. If I begin by naming names, this article would take up the entire newsletter. Planning an event like Pinedaville is the easy part. The hard part is making those plans a reality on that special weekend in November. Without the help of so many of you, Pinedaville would not be so successful. From cleaning the island on two separate occasions in October, to breaking down Pinedaville on Sunday morning in the pouring rain, you guys were awesome. Jim and I sincerely thank you for all of your help and support. It makes Pinedaville that much more meaningful for us and for everyone. That is what this club is all about. It is about helping each other, learning from one another and making it all work. And it does.

We arrived at Pinedaville on Pelican, Thursday afternoon. Normally we arrive at Pinedaville on the Friday before, but this year we thought we would spend an extra night and arrive on Thursday. With assistance (tow) from Chip-Ahoy, we did arrive on Thursday. (Pelican is temporarily engineless.) Getting out of our slip without an engine, with a north wind gusting at 30 knots was not pretty. Finally, after many attempts we were on our way. Being towed was like riding in the back of a limo. We just sat back and enjoyed the ride. Chip-Ahoy got us there in record time. (Thanks so much Chip.) Thursday afternoon and evening were spent getting set-ups ready for Friday's building. We were joined at the anchorage by Wes Whitley on "Wings". The north winds blew strong all afternoon and all through the night. Pelican rocked us to sleep early, preparing us for the day ahead.

Friday morning we were up early unloading our vans that were parked along the causeway. By mid morning there were ECSA boats and members descending on Pinedaville. We had help from so many of you. We assembled the tent, built the stage, put up canopies, tarps and unloaded tables. We dug a fire pit, cut firewood and lined the tree line with props. "Many hands make light work" was the theme of the day. It was unbelievable the amount of help that we had. The north wind continued to blow all afternoon and into the

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## Cruising Quarters - cont'd

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evening. There were gusts up to 30 – 35 knots. By sundown the cruisers/workers were ready for food and refreshments (not necessarily in that order). We had a delicious dinner from “Enigma Cafe” and of course a round or two of Bahama Donna’s. Most of us were back on our boats early. By Friday night, there were a total of 16 ECSA boats at anchor. There were 11 boats on the north side of the Causeway and the remaining 5 boats withstood the north wind on the south side of the causeway. In the early morning hours, it started raining and then the wind granted us a gift and turned out of the east northeast.

We arrived on the beach the next morning to find that the stage had blown down along with many of the props. A rebuilding effort took place on the beach and by mid-morning Pinedaville was ready to go again. Now everyone was getting ready for the festivities to begin at noon. The skies were cloudy and very threatening (we kept our fingers crossed).

At noon, we declared that the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Pinedaville celebration was officially beginning. The costumes were absolutely terrific! It was great to see so many dressed in 60’s attire. We felt like we were at Woodstock or at a sit in. Or, we could have been at a peace rally or watching an episode of “Laugh In”. It was wonderful! After the costume march, the reigning King and Queen of Pinedaville, Wes and Sandy Whitley, made their final decision. Wes and Sandy named Gil and Phyllis Paradies the 8<sup>th</sup> King and Queen of Pinedaville. The best costume winners were Johan and Dee Neve. It was a difficult decision with all of the great costumes.

The opening competition of the day was the mullet toss. There were mullet parts flying in every imaginable direction. The winner in the kid’s division was Andrew Eklund. After the adult’s finished throwing, Pam Vanderveer was declared the winner for the women. For the men, Mike Powell tossed the mullet almost to the causeway to win.

The next competition of the day was the dinghy races. There were more dinghy contestants than there were in previous years. After several heats the winners were Wesley Mann and Noah Birch for the kids. Elizabeth and Bryan Higley, assisted by Jordan oared their way to win for the adults. There was only one overboard drill

required. Congratulations to all of the contestants.

Okay, how do they do it? Who was the first person to make such a pleasant noise come from blowing into a conch shell? The conch blowing competition was stiff. After many participants blew, Catherine Eklund was the winner for the kids. After many blow-offs, Karen Coleman won the woman’s competition. Harvey Melfi blew all of the men away and won his competition. It still amazes me!

By late afternoon, there were 52 boats counted in Scott’s Cove. Even though the weather was not desirable, we had our biggest turnout of boat and car people. There were over 150 people signed in and I am certain that not everyone signed in.

The dinner bell rang promptly at 5:00. The line was long but everyone was patient and had their fill. MeeMaws catered the meat and the club members brought an array of side dishes. One dish was more delicious than the next. I have had many requests to post certain recipes, including the recipe for the Bahama Donna’s. Maybe we can post these recipes in a future newsletter.

At this time, I would like to thank a very special person. Without him Pinedaville would not be nearly as entertaining. Not only does he play great tunes, he makes everyone feel a part of Pinedaville. Young or old, he keeps everyone involved. He arrives early Saturday morning and plays until Brenda and Wes have danced their last dance late at night. A very sincere thanks to our friend, Kurt Meyers. Kurt works months in advance to match our theme with his music. It would not be the same without him.

Right after dinner a bonfire was started. The s’mores were abundant. Others just sat and enjoyed the warmth of the fire.

The limbo contest was the final competition of the evening. How low can they go? They went really low again. Ronnie Birch is the Queen of the Limbo pole. For the third year in a row, Ronnie went lower than low and kept her undefeated status. The winner of the kid’s limbo contest is a mystery. I apologize to the winner for not having their name available. We played a game of Pass the Fruit which is always hilarious to watch. All of the participants had a great time. I never knew there were so many ways to pass fruit without using your hands. A very creative bunch we are!

The dancing continued throughout the evening. A lot

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of folks just sat and enjoyed the fire and the camaraderie. The kids enjoyed the s'mores, the bubbles and the hula hoops. No matter what age you were, there was something for everyone.

By 10:00 p.m., Kurt played his last song and most everyone had retired to their boats. There were a few hardcore partiers still sitting by the fire and enjoying the moment. Looking out at the boats, the anchor lights looked like stars on the water. The reflections were beyond beautiful. The quiet of the night, reflecting on the days activities, sleeping on our boats; all was good with the world in that moment in time.

Early in the morning the rain visited us again. Out came the foul weather gear. By the time we arrived on the beach at 6:30 am, the rain had subsided. Most of the props were destroyed by the rain and the wind, the tarps were sagging, but it didn't dampen our spirits. We cleaned up, made coffee and got ready for breakfast. As always, we were joined by our friends who were willing to lend us a helping hand. By 8:00 am, the beach was full of hungry cruisers. We enjoyed a delicious breakfast, coffee and we reminisced about the day before. It started to rain again and we decided to start the task of breaking down and cleaning up. In the rain, everyone pitched in and carried tables, tents, canopies and garbage up the hill. It was cleaned up in record time. We left the beach much cleaner than it was originally found.

The trip home under tow was uneventful until we reached the dock. During our trip home Jim had expressed his desire to take a hot shower. When we arrived at the dock, Jim threw me a line (just like Captain Jack), and with his forward momentum, took a dip in the canal. Always, "watch what you wish for, because you may get it". Not that a dip in the canal compares to a hot shower, but they both consist of water. As soon as I knew Jim wasn't hurt, it was funny. Jim did kind of a fireman's roll into the water. The only loss was his good sunglasses. But then again, he could have had his cell phone and wallet on him too. So there is a silver lining.

In closing, I must mention that three important members of our club passed away this past year; Sterling Walker, Phil Freeman and Warren Abbott. All three of them enjoyed celebrating life at Pinedaville. Although they weren't there in body, they were there in spirit. Although Pat Walker couldn't join us, Jean Freeman and Nansea Abbott were there dressed in costume. I honor both of

them for continuing their husband's legacy, to celebrate life, on a small beach, near a causeway, on a weekend in November. Yes, we will do it all again next year.

## Notes from Pinedaville

? Request Received: "At the Pinedaville dinner on Saturday, some excellent cook brought two aluminum trays of what I will call "Her Sister's Easy Cheese Mashed Potatoes". Her husband was bragging on how good they were and I must admit, they were even better than he proclaimed! Apparently it is a recipe of his wife's sister and according to him, very easy to make. Just wondering who brought this delicious dish and would they be interested in sharing the recipe?"

*Please send the recipe to Brenda Merchberger via an e-mail to [bmerch@cfl.rr.com](mailto:bmerch@cfl.rr.com) or call 779-0438 and we will share it in the next newsletter.*

? We have several items "left" at Pinedaville including which we will bring to the December general membership meeting for reuniting with their owners.

## New Year's Weekend Cruise to Vero Beach

Interested in joining a group of boats headed down to Vero Beach to celebrate New Year's Eve?

Please contact Donna Oyer at 243-0088 for more information.

## Member's Classifieds

**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.

# **SPECIAL NOTICE!!! GALA EVENT!!!**

## ***ECSA 2005 AWARDS BANQUET***

Date: 7 January 2006  
Time: 6 - 10 p.m.  
Place: Holiday Inn, Cocoa Beach

Agenda: 6 - 7 p.m. Social Hour - Cocktails; cash bar  
7 - 8 p.m. Dinner  
8 - 10 p.m. Program

Cost: \$20.00 per person

### **PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY!**

Complete the following form and return with payment by ***December 15, 2005***.  
Make checks payable to East Coast Sailing Association (or ECSA) and drop off at  
the December general membership meeting or mail to:

ECSA  
P. O. Box 372054  
Satellite Beach, FL 32937  
Attention: Banquet

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#### **2005 ECSA AWARDS BANQUET RESERVATION FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Choose one (1) menu option per person and indicate the total number of each for  
your party in the space provided.

\_\_\_\_\_ Total Champagne Chicken

\_\_\_\_\_ Total London Broil

\_\_\_\_\_ Total in your party at \$20.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## ECSA 2005 Race & Cruise Schedule

Date	Event	Contact
Dec 3	River Challenge	Yates
Dec 11	Women's Racing #6	Beckett
Dec 17	Grand Canal Holiday Boat Parade	Jacobs
Dec 31 – Jan 2	New Year's Eve Cruise to Vero Beach	Oyer

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