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## East Coast Sailing Association

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Open

#### **Publicity**

Open

#### **General Membership Meeting**

Wednesday ~ 11 February 2004 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Satellite Beach Recreation Center (565 Cassia Blvd)

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

#### **February Program**

**Sail Trim—How to Sail Comfortably, Safely and Dry  
and the Efficient use of sails**

#### **FEBRUARY Calendar of EVENTS**

1	TYC	Spring Series Race #1
1	MYC	Winter Rum Race
8	IRYC	Winter/Spring Race #2
8	MYC	Dinghy Racing
11	ECSA	<b>General Membership Meeting</b>
14	ECSA	<b>Bus to Miami Boat Show</b>
14	PAFB	Manatee Cove Race
16	MYC	Spring Rum Race #1
16	TYC	Spring Series Race #2
21	ECSA	<b>Spring River Race #1</b>
22	ECSA	<b>Women's Race #2</b>
22	MYC	Dinghy Racing
28-29	ECSA	<b>Cocoa Mardi Gras Cruise *NOTE: NEW DATE*</b>
29	MYC	Spring Rum Race #2

#### **MARCH Calendar of EVENTS**

7	TYC	Spring Series Race #3
7	MYC	Dinghy Racing
10	ECSA	<b>General Membership Meeting</b>
13-14	ECSA	<b>Downtown Melbourne St. Pat's Cruise</b>
13	PAFB	Manatee Cove Race
14	MYC	Spring Rum Race #3
20	ECSA	<b>Spring River Race #2</b>
21	ECSA	<b>Women's Race #3</b>
21	TYC	Spring Series #4
21	MYC	Dinghy Racing
28	MYC	Spring Rum Race #4

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



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

**Time -**

One of the most precious commodities we have. This concept came to mind while approximately halfway through refinishing the teak on *Thirsty Whale*. As you may be aware, an Island Packet has no shortage of teak to maintain. Bowsprit, toe rails, trim and handles on the coach house, cockpit coamings, companionway entrance, boarding ladder, the list goes on and on. After some quick calculations, based on laying down five coats of varnish, it became clear that I had embarked on a journey equal to carefully painting an entire average size bedroom with an 1-1/2 inch-wide brush while ensuring, of course, that no voids, sags, or bubbles formed in the finish. This estimate did not take into account the time spent stripping off the old Cetol, sanding, cleaning, taping and the rest of the prep work.

As you could imagine, this enlightenment was rather depressing! It would have certainly been much easier to simply paint on another coat of Cetol, let the teak continue to weather or try to convince someone else to do the job for me. Unfortunately, none of those options were viable, so I pressed on.

In order to lay a coat of varnish down during the middle of each day, it required that the trip into the office be made earlier than usual in the morning, an extra hour spent on the road midday for a trip to and from the boat, then stay later at the office. However, one look back at the completed sections glistening in the sun with every detail of the wood showing through the layers of varnish was a source of both great pride and further resolve to press on and continue the tedious process.

Each of you, I'm sure, experience choices such as this. Do you make the little extra effort to get the boat ready and go for a day sail, participate in a race or cruise, or do you decide that the couch looks awfully inviting and you can always go the next time? Do you look at your list of boat tasks and decide to tough it out and get them completed, or do you say to yourself that you're just too busy and you'll get to them later?

As you are faced with such choices in the future, if you choose to 'just do it' you will soon discover that your list of things to do has shrunk in comparison to your accomplishments. You'll find yourself looking back with pride on what you've completed and be filled with fond memories of your time on the water.

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It's only February and already two of our big events are over. The awards banquet was terrific as always and the progressive dinner lived up to all the hype. Now it is time to settle down and concentrate on the rest of the year. I have accepted the position of Vice Commodore this year and I am not sure if I know what I've gotten myself into. First I worked with Brenda; she was Commodore and I was Past Commodore. Now Dave is Commodore and I find myself working under him as Vice Commodore. What scares me is that I think I might end up working for Humphrey in the future. Still I am very excited about the new year of cruising, racing and camaraderie with a great bunch of sailors.

Now, as all past Vice Commodores have done, it's time for me to beg. Tom Schrader has agreed to be the Program Chairperson again this year. It only cost me my first-born male child and two first round draft picks. I still need someone to set up and monitor the Hospitality Committee. The task is simple - we pass around a schedule of the meetings and members volunteer to co-host the refreshments for one meeting. Karen and Brenda are going to provide goodies at the February meeting for us. At the February meeting I will have a sign up sheet for the future meetings. I just need a chairperson to make a call and remind the host before the meetings. As the chairperson, you get to taste the treats before they are served to make sure that they are up to the ECSA standards. That should be incentive enough for most members. Please let me know if you are interested. Don't make me beg; it's not pretty.

The only other committee not filled is Publicity. This is a great opportunity for a member to let the rest of the sailing community know just how diverse our club is and how much fun we have on our cruises and races. I don't know if you have noticed, but in the last several years, the membership of the club is getting younger. We have more children attending our events now than we ever have, and from what I can tell, everyone enjoys them. Pinedaville and the progressive dinner were great examples. The publicity chairperson could help spread the word about our activities.

Like all the positions within the ECSA, these are not difficult. Well, the money could be better, but not the friendships we make. Please let me know at the meeting or e-mail me at, [joekate@juno.com](mailto:joekate@juno.com) if you would be interested in either of these positions. The club would certainly appreciate your participation.



# TREASURER'S REPORT

by

**Clint Braswell**

After reviewing the financial reports for for fiscal year end August 31, 2003 (with the assistance of a CPA), it was necessary to make some minor adjustments to more accurately report the financial status of the club. The FY03 financials are restated as published below. The difference in FY03 Net Worth as published in the Sept 03 Foot, Tack & Clew (FT&C) vs. the restated Net Worth detailed below represents a \$49.29 reduction in Net Worth. An independent review of the FY 2003 financials is currently being arranged. The findings of this review shall be published in the FT&C once completed.

The balance sheet published herein for the January 2004 period reflects the adjustments made in August 2003.

## East Coast Sailing Association, Inc.

Income Statement

Sept 1, 02 - Aug 31, 03

### Ordinary Income/Expense

#### Income

Activities Income	5,572.00
Membership Dues	6,810.00
Merchandise Income	1,581.16
Miscellaneous Income	<u>394.21</u>
Total Income	14,357.37

#### Expense

Activities Expense	6,848.64
Bank Service Charge	16.00
Donations	100.00
Dues and Subscriptions	150.00
Insurance	2,179.00
License Fees	86.25
Merchandise	2,402.43
Miscellaneous	319.87
Office Supplies	111.20
Postage and Delivery	937.81
Printing and Reproduction	744.06
Rent	442.44
Sales Tax	<u>23.52</u>
Total Expense	14,361.22

**Net Income/(Loss) (3.85)**

## East Coast Sailing Association, Inc.

Balance Sheet As of August 31, 2003

### ASSETS:

Checking/Savings	\$5,390.86
Restricted Cash (Lasowska Fund)	942.00
Deposit	<u>100.00</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$6,432.86</b>

### LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH:

Net Worth	
Unrestricted Cash	\$6,436.71
Net Income	<u>(3.85)</u>
<b>Total Net Worth</b>	<b>\$6,432.86</b>

## East Coast Sailing Association, Inc.

Income Statement

Jan '04

Sep 03-Jan 04

### Ordinary Income/Expense

#### Income

Activities Income	1,128.00	3,424.00
Membership Dues	70.00	5,830.00
Merchandise Income	409.00	439.00
Miscellaneous Income	<u>0.00</u>	<u>108.00</u>
Total Income	1,607.00	9,801.00

#### Expense

Activities Expense	3,123.07	5,761.80
Bank Service Charge	0.00	6.00
Dues and Subscriptions	0.00	100.00
Insurance	0.00	1,477.00
Miscellaneous	395.82	395.82
Office Supplies	0.00	20.02
Postage and Delivery	88.29	431.39
Printing/Reproduction	259.88	420.47
Rent	114.48	114.48
Returned Check	0.00	35.00
Sales Tax	<u>0.00</u>	<u>15.68</u>
Total Expense	3,981.54	8,777.66

**Net Income/(Loss) (2,374.54) 1,023.34**

## East Coast Sailing Association, Inc.

Balance Sheet As of January 31, 2004

### ASSETS:

Assets	
Checking/Savings	\$6414.20
Restricted Cash (Lazowska Fund)	942.00
Deposit	<u>100.00</u>
Total Assets	\$7,456.20

### LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH:

Net Worth	
Unrestricted Cash	\$6,432.86
Net Income	<u>1,023.34</u>
Total Net Worth	\$7,456.20

## RACING NEWS.....

The first race of the new year was held on Sunday, January 25th - the Spring Women's Race #1.

The winners were:

Melges: 1st - M&M; 2nd - Aphrodite  
PHRF: 1st - Fast Lane;  
2nd - Five Speed; 3rd - Sleigh Ride

Check out all of the latest racing schedules and results at [www.sail-race.com](http://www.sail-race.com) or via the ECSA Racing link on [www.ecsasail.com](http://www.ecsasail.com)



# SECRETARY'S REPORT

By

**Donna Hartley Oyer**

## View from the Commodore - cont'd... *From page 2*

### EAST COAST SAILING ASSOCIATION AWARDS BANQUET JANUARY 10, 2004

The business meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Board of Governors present were Clint Braswell, Tom Schrader, Chuck Delmater, Donna Hartley Oyer, Frank McTernan, Wes Whitley, Chip Worster and Brenda Merchberger.

Clint introduced the Board, recognized past commodores and welcomed everyone.

Clint recognized Dot Hardenstein as a lifetime member of the ECSA.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve Chris Forte into membership.

#### OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORT

- A motion was made to approve the Secretary's report as published in the January Foot, Tack, & Clew. The motion was seconded and carried.
- A motion was made to approve the December Treasurer's report as published in the FT&C. The motion was seconded and carried.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m., followed by the Annual Awards Banquet and the installation of the 2004 Board of Governors.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Hartley Oyer



#### AWARDS BANQUET RAFFLE ITEMS

ECSA would like to thank the following organizations and individuals for donating items to our annual Raffle

Ed Carlson	Duys Marine
West Marine	SunSail
Eileen Quinn	Latitudes & Attitudes
Seven Seas Cruising Association (SSCA)	
and....the wonderful "anonymous" donor	

I urge each of you to make a commitment to work off that 'to do' list - to participate in more ECSA events, or, if you haven't attended any yet, come to your first; to volunteer to help with any of the numerous committees that exist within the ECSA; and to reach out and meet some members that you have 'seen around' but haven't taken the time to get to know. In particular, take a moment to introduce yourself to our new members, make them feel welcome and invite them to our events. You will come away with new friends, fond memories and that elusive sense of accomplishment.

Time marches on, don't let it slip away.

Dave



### Welcome New Members

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Chris Forte  
2200 Mantilla Ave SE  
Palm Bay, FL 32909  
321-728-9744  
Spellbound - C&C Landfall 42

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Eugene & Hildy Diaz  
406 Skylark Blvd  
Satellite Beach, FL 32937  
321-777-8339  
Sea Owl—Watkins 27

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### **CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

Pierre LeGault  
823 Virginia Drive  
Orlando, FL 32803  
407-222-5835



### **2004 Annual ECSA Directory**

Our annual Directory is here! If you didn't attend the January Award's Banquet to receive your copy, please join us at the February General Membership Meeting to pick up your directory.



## CRUISE QUARTERS

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Progressive Dinner and Poker Rally by Chip Worster**

What a way to start the New Year! We had a great turn out for the Progressive Dinner & Poker Rally. On Saturday afternoon, the following boats were at anchor in Lake Sheppard: Alibi, Thirsty Whale, Ginny II, Sunburst, Pelican, Grafin-Loretta, K's Fantasy, Navi-Gator, New Dawn, Outward Bound, Dream, Lisa Kay, Nasa, Right of Way and Chip Ahoy.

Around 4:30 p.m. there was a convoy of dinghies headed for Happy Hour at Grady & Sandy Wood's. Grady had a special brew called "Kick-A-Poo-Joy-Juice" that could certainly put one in a party mood. Dave Merchberger, our new Commodore, was in charge of handing out the coveted poker cards at each venue.

By now it's dark and the lighted invasion moved on to Simon's house where he and Eileen had a spectacular Salad Bar. This is the second time they have teamed up to excel at tossing a mean salad.

Next we made the long trek down the Grand Canal to the home of Dave & Brenda Merchberger for the main meal. Mild chili, not mild/not hot chili, vegetarian chili and even a white chicken chili were on the menu and it all tasted great on a cool evening. A special thanks goes to Brenda and Karen Coleman for preparing the chilies.

Now with most hunger pangs taken care of, we headed south to the home of new members, Lynde West & Jim Edwards who wanted to get involved with our ECSA events. There is no better way than sponsoring the dessert venue. By now most everyone has forgotten any dietary restrictions and maxed out on all the goodies. The last two poker cards were given out and Amy Pierce won with two pairs - Queens & Eights. Amy won boat-cleaning supplies donated by West Marine. Shortly after 9 p.m., the crowd dispersed either by dinghy back to Lake Shepard or the AAA group headed back to homeport in their land cruisers.

On Sunday, there was an early buzz in the canal as folks arrived at the Worster's dock for breakfast. Louise had prepared egg and sausage casseroles and Alex Culjak (next door) had whipped up his special pancake batter. With the additional people that joined us for breakfast, we had a total of 87 participants for the weekend. I'd speculate we'll do this cruise again next year.

This type event wouldn't be possible without the folks that volunteered to host the five venues. I would like to especially thank Grady & Sandy, Simon & Eileen, Dave, Brenda & Karen, Lynde & Jim, and my co-captain, Louise. Also thanks to Lisa Culjak for donating the poker prize from West Marine

Those coming by boat/dinghy to event: Warren & Nancy Abbott; Walt Adams & Amy Pierce with Sherry; Bonnie & Mike; Don & Rhoda Bosley with June; Joe & Karen Coleman; Alex & Lisa Culjak; Phil & Jean Freeman; Dan & Lisa Gemmill; Wright & Deb Keith; Richard, Holly, Ali & Richie Kirchofer; Simon Koumjian & Eileen Kiesel; Dave & Brenda Merchberger; Jim & Donna Oyer; Gil & Phyllis Paradies; Tony & Kathy Samilian; John & Loretta Schnitzius; Heie & Ruth Simonsen; Wes & Sandy Whitley; Grady & Sandy Wood; Richard, Linda, Dee Dee Wood & Sarah; Chip & Louise Worster; and Kay Sparrow with Jacob.

Those attending by land cruiser were: Ron & JoEllen Askeland with Nan; Robin Braswell; Ray, Dion & Paige Costello; John & Sandy Delappa; Jim Edwards & Lynde West; Bob & Adrienne Goldstein; Deanne Hansen & Charlie Millsaps; Don & Joanne Jacobs; Joe, Wanda, & Brianna Luthman; Roland & Barbara Norris; George & Terry Schorn; Tom & Barb Schrader; Jack & Carole Snyder; Barbara Sparrow and Kathy; and George & Emalyn Utting. Also joining the event at Sunday breakfast were: Ron & Kay Tyre, Jim Baker, Gary Anderson and Clint Braswell.

### **Mardi Gras Cruise—NOTE NEW DATE!**



Join us for our 4th Annual Mardi Gras cruise—Saturday, February 28th. For those arriving by boat, we will anchor on the SW side of State Road 520, north of the power lines. If you prefer to stay in a marina, marina slips may be available at Whitley Marina. Please make any marina reservations on your own.

We will meet for happy hour on board one of the anchored boats. Food & beverages are available within the Village during the evening. We are going to try to gather our group together for the parade, approximately 30 minutes before the parade starts, near the courtyard area.

Discount tickets are available prior to the day of the event. Please sign up either at the February General Membership Meeting or send an e-mail to editor@ecsaail.com and we will purchase advances tickets for you. Tickets at the gate are \$12 and advanced tickets will be either \$6 or \$8 per person.

Dave & Brenda Merchberger are hosting the event. Please contact them with any questions. Their home number is 321-779-0438 and Dave will have his cell phone with him the day of the event — 321-917-3719. Also, Thirsty Whale will be monitoring Channel 16.

Remember: No "pre" beading is allowed. HINT: Watch out for Kay Sparrow. He is ruthless in reaching for those beads!!



## Recipe Requests from January's Progressive Dinner

### WHITE CHILI

*Submitted by Karen Coleman*

Prepare 1 1/2 lbs, boneless, skinless chicken breasts (I boil them). When cool, cut them into bite-size pieces.

In a large pot, saute 2 cups finely chopped white onions and 2 Tbsp. minced garlic in 1 Tbsp. olive oil until onions are transparent. Stir in a 4 oz. can of chopped green chilies with liquid. Add two 14 oz. cans of chicken broth and three 16 oz. cans of white beans and liquid (I use Great Northern). Add the chicken. Stir in 2 heaping tsp. cumin, 2 level tsp. oregano, 1/4 tsp. heaped with cayenne pepper and a dash or two of your favorite hot sauce.

Heat until it starts to bubble and serve with cornbread.

### STRAWBERRY CHEESE

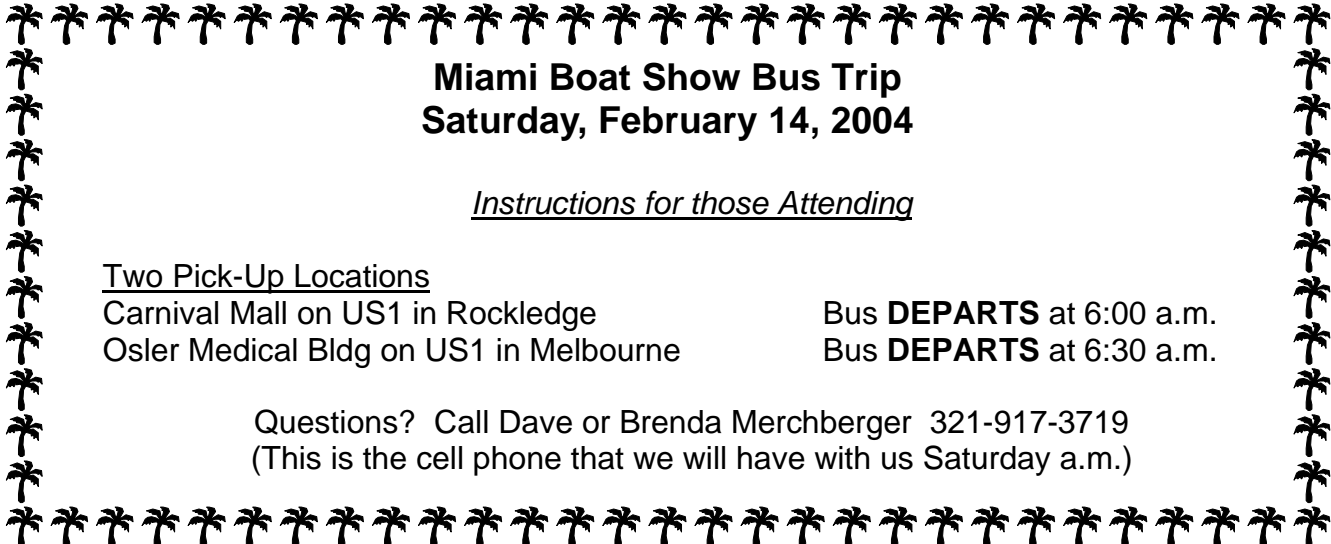
*Submitted by Dan & Lisa Gemmill*

1 lb. Sharp Cheddar, shredded  
1 cup Mayonnaise  
1 cup Toasted Pecans, crushed  
1/8 tsp. Plus dash of cayenne pepper

8 oz. Strawberry Preserves (Knottsberry Farm recommended)

1/2 Vidalia Med Onion, finely chopped

Mix the first 4 ingredients with an electric mixer until well blended. Line a mold with plastic wrap. Press the cheese mixture into the mold, cover & refrigerate overnight. Remove from the mold, mix preserves and pour over cheese. Serve with crackers.


  
**Miami Boat Show Bus Trip**  
**Saturday, February 14, 2004**

*Instructions for those Attending*

<u>Two Pick-Up Locations</u>	
Carnival Mall on US1 in Rockledge	Bus <b>DEPARTS</b> at 6:00 a.m.
Osler Medical Bldg on US1 in Melbourne	Bus <b>DEPARTS</b> at 6:30 a.m.

Questions? Call Dave or Brenda Merchberger 321-917-3719  
 (This is the cell phone that we will have with us Saturday a.m.)



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FOR SAIL: **1988 Pearson 37.** Chip Ahoy is up for sale. She is in turnkey condition and ready to sail. Asking price is \$79,000. Some of her features are: 34 HP 3HM Yanmar diesel, 4KW Genset, LOA 37'5, Beam 12'4, Draft 4'8, Fuel 37, Water 100, Mainsail, 135 Genoa with Harken RF, also have original self tending jib. Bimini with dodger, Dual AC units, 12v Adler Barber & 120v Sea frost cold plate, TV/VCR stereo entertainment center, Electric anchor windlass, VHF radio with RAM mike, Auto pilot, Knot & Depth meter, Engine temp meter, and fuel flow meter. Queen size Island birth, Large head with full shower stall plus a cockpit shower. New bottom paint this year. I have all original documentation, 2 Yanmar engine manuals and Maintenance Log

\$500 bonus to anyone finding a buyer that results in a sale  
Contact Chip Worster, 321-773-5851.

FOR SALE: **3 blade Prop.** 17" dia x 13" pitch, 1" shaft.  
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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

## ECSA 2004 Race & Cruise Schedule

Date	Event	Cruise Host
Feb 14	Miami Boat Show Bus Trip	Merchberger
Feb 25	Spring River Race #1	
Feb 22	Women's Race #2	
Feb 28 - 29	Cocoa Village Mardi Gras Cruise	Merchberger
Mar 13 - 14	Downtown Melbourne St. Patty's Day Cruise	Coffee
Mar 20	Spring River Race #2	
Mar 21	Women's Race #3	
April 3	Spring River Race #3	
April 4	Women's Race #4	
April 17 - 18	Ocean Adventure Cruise	Goldstein
May 8 - 9	Boy Scout Island Cruise	Worster
May 22/23	Spring River Race #4/Women's Race #5	

Visit [www.ecsasail.com](http://www.ecsasail.com) for more events



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