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## East Coast Sailing Association

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

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#### **Annual Awards Banquet**

Saturday ~ 10 January 2004 ~ 6:00 p.m.

Holiday Inn, Cocoa Beach

**Note: There is no General Membership Meeting at the Satellite Beach Civic Center in January**

#### JANUARY Calendar of EVENTS

10	ECSA	Awards Banquet
10	PAFB	Manatee Cove Race
11	MYC	Dinghy Racing
17-18	ECSA	Progressive Dinner
18	IRYC	Winter/Spring Race #1
18	MYC	Winter Rum Race
25	ECSA	Women's Race #1
25	MYC	Dinghy Racing

#### 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	General Membership Meeting
14	ECSA	Bus to Miami Boat Show
14	PAFB	Manatee Cove Race
16	MYC	Spring Rum Race #1
16	TYC	Spring Series Race #2
21	ECSA	Spring River Race #1
21-22	ECSA	Cocoa Mardi Gras Cruise
22	ECSA	Women's Race #2
22	MYC	Dinghy Racing
29	MYC	Spring Rum Race #2

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**THOUGHTS FROM  
YOUR  
COMMODORE...  
Clint Braswell**



**VIEW FROM THE  
VICE...  
by  
VICE COMMODORE  
Tom Schrader**

It doesn't seem like it, but an entire year has gone by since I took over as Commodore for ECSA. During this year, I've had the opportunity to learn more about our club, and to work closely with a great group of people to keep our club going strong. As Commodore, my role has been to coordinate the routine functions of the club, and to make sure that all of the administrative duties are handled in a timely manner. But most of the real work comes from the members themselves, helping to provide refreshments at the meetings, coordinating the monthly cruises, scheduling and managing club races, publishing the Foot, Tack & Clew, maintaining our Website, hosting social gatherings, etc. Then there are the routine duties of the Board members and other officers. Much of this work often goes unnoticed, but together it is what keeps the club running smoothly. I just want to express my sincere thanks to each of the officers, Board members, and general members that volunteered for various duties throughout 2003. It was this team effort that helped keep things going strong and allowed us all to enjoy another year of sailing and memorable events.

As I turn the helm over to Dave Merchberger, I encourage all of you to step forward in the New Year and, as you did for me, get involved in the various duties and responsibilities of the club. It's the contributions by the members that make ECSA a great club. Whether its racing or cruising that you are most interested in, getting involved in the planning of these events can be a lot of fun. And it is a great way to get to know your fellow club members. And isn't that what the club is all about?

I appreciate the opportunity to remain an active officer in 2004 as your treasurer. I hope that my efforts in this area can contribute, even if in a small way, to the continued growth of the club, and to allow each of you to enjoy another year of camaraderie, club racing, monthly cruises and whatever enjoyable moments the club can offer you as a sailor and as a friend.

I wish each of you a very safe, healthy and enjoyable New Year!

Clint



It is 0400 and I am awoken from a sound sleep. Not already, I think, as I rise from the berth. Coffee, I just want coffee. I need coffee, I can make it through if I just have coffee. I try and gather all of my senses as I pass the galley. A quick peek up the companion way, I see it is another wonderful night. There have been many nights on this journey, just like this one. But for some reason, this one is special. The dark sky is clear and full of stars. I feel a warm breeze against my face and smell the salty air. But then, that other smell. Oh yeah, coffee. I need coffee. If I am going to be able to do this again, I need coffee.

My senses are starting to come alive. I always choose this time of the day, because I am much better in the morning. Barb is a night person and doesn't understand how I can be so productive early in the morning, but that is the way it is. It is much easier for me and I can think so much better in the morning. Staying up late at night is much more of a struggle for me. Things are really starting to come together now. Everything is so peaceful, the boat is steady as a rock and the stars, there must be a million of them.

Well, it is my turn again. As I sat and took control, I thought back to when we started this journey. How awkward and scary it was. I can remember being real anxious and wondering how I would stand up over the test of time. I looked at making it through these times a real chore, a job as a matter of fact. When did the transformation take place? When did I first become comfortable with all of this? How did all of it get to be so much fun? Isn't life great? It seems at some point we are all afraid of the surprises that are in store for us, then all of a sudden we realize that we have learned how to deal with them.

Hey, snap out of it. Knock all that reflection stuff off. Get your mind on what your doing, you have a job to do. Okay back to work. I see that the stars are begging to fade as the light of day begins to take hold. Sunrise with its promise of the new day is always my favorite part. I guess that is another one in the books. Probably the last one as we are nearing the end of this leg of the journey. Maybe there will be more on the next leg, but for this leg, this will be the last one.

I have many mixed emotions. I am happy we are nearing the end and have accomplished so much on this voyage. I have learning a great deal about myself, what I am capable of and what makes me tick. At the same time, I

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# TREASURER'S REPORT

by

**Clint Braswell**

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

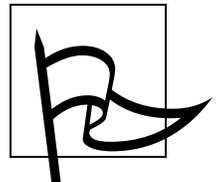
am a little saddened with the change. I never did handle change very well. But change we must. One thing you learn over a lifetime is the key to success is adaptability. Those that adapt quicker are more successful. The new day is now upon us, we are ending this portion of our voyage together. It is almost time for someone else to take control. Whose turn is it?

Yep, that is how it is each month when I try and figure out how the heck I am going to get this article done prior to the editor's deadline. I never know what I am going to write about until the last minute. I can't even begin to think of a topic later in the day and realize that my only chance is first thing in the morning. As long as I have coffee, I can do anything in the morning. There weren't too many months where the article was done on time and every month required multiple reminders from the editor. This month I got an extra special reminder from his "hit man" while we were dining (drinking) at one of our local establishments. I bet they weren't counting on this one.

As my chapter closes as vice-commodore, I want to thank everyone for being so helpful and patient. In the end, I had a really good time. I want to wish each of the officers well in 2004. Dave, Joe, Donna, Chuck and Clint, best of wishes. Keep our ship steady and on course. If you need someone for the morning watch, give me a call.

See ya out there!

Tom



### East Coast Sailing Association, Inc. Income Statement

<b>INCOME:</b>	<b>Dec '03</b>	<b>Sep 1 - Dec 31 YTD</b>
Activities Income		
Banquet	1,180.00	1,180.00
Miami Boat Shoe	896.00	896.00
Racing	10.00	220.00
Total Activities Income	2,086.00	2,296.00
Membership Dues	180.00	5,760.00
Merchandise Income		
Hats	-	10.00
Jackets Hood	-	20.00
Total Merchandise Income	-	30.00
Miscellaneous		
Advertising	-	108.00
Total Misc Income	-	108.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$2,266.00</b>	<b>\$8,194.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Activities Expense		
Banquet Expense	187.36	187.36
Bus Trip Expense	530.00	530.00
Food & Supplies	72.75	94.65
Labor Day Cruise	-	300.00
Pinedaville	100.00	863.16
Race Expense	-	663.56
Total Activities Expense	890.11	2,638.73
Bank Service Charge	-	6.00
Dues and Subscriptions	100.00	100.00
Liability Insurance	1,477.00	1,477.00
Office Supplies	20.02	20.02
Postage & Delivery	154.36	343.10
Printing & Reproduction	79.50	160.59
Returned Check	-	35.00
Sales Tax	-	15.68
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$2,720.99</b>	<b>\$4796.12</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$-454.99</b>	<b>\$3,397.88</b>

### East Coast Sailing Association, Inc. Balance Sheet As of September 30, 2003

<b>ASSETS:</b>	
Checking/Savings	\$10,956.13
Lazowska Trophy Fund	942.00
Deposit	<u>100.00</u>
Total Assets	\$11,998.13
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH:</b>	
Liabilities	
Liabilities (Restricted Equity)	\$942.00
State Sales Tax payable	<u>(2.00)</u>
Total Liabilities	\$940.00
Net Worth	
Unrestricted Cash	<u>\$11,058.13</u>
Total Net Worth	\$11,058.13
Total Liabilities & Net Worth	\$11,998.13

### New Members

Roderick MacLeod  
5728 Major Blvd, Suite 700  
Orlando, FL 32819  
Saorsa - Beneteau 43

Neal Ramsing  
151 Eber Rd. #806  
Melbourne, FL 32901  
Over The Edge - O'Day 27

Rich and Carole Robards  
275 Cinnamon Dr.  
Satellite Beach, FL 32937



## SECRETARY'S REPORT

By

**Donna Oyer**

EAST COAST SAILING ASSOCIATION  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
Wednesday, December 10, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. Board of Governors present were Clint Braswell, Tom Schrader, Donna Oyer, Frank McTernan, Wes Whitley, Chip Worster, and Brenda Merchberger. Clint introduced the Board, past commodores and welcomed everyone.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve Neal Ramsing into membership.

### OFFICER & COMMITTEE REPORT

- Clint Braswell informed the club that after the meeting, there would be a planning session for the 2004 cruising schedule. Bob Goldstein has volunteered to be Cruising Chairman.
- Clint reminded everyone that their December Foot Tack & Clew (FT&C) had a label inside which showed what individual information would be published in the 2004 Directory. If any members had changes to their specific information, they are to let Dave Merchberger know immediately.
- A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the Secretary's report as published in the November FT&C.
- A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the Treasurer's report as published in the November FT&C.

### VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

- Tom Schrader reminded members that January 10, 2004 is the ECSA Award's Banquet, held at the Cocoa Beach Holiday Inn. Tom also reminded the members that January 3<sup>rd</sup> is the deadline for accepting reservations for the banquet. Tom urged the members to return the reservation forms with their money as soon as possible.

### REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT CRUISING

- Joann Jacobs invited everyone to the Holiday Boat Parade party at her home on Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Sandy Whitley thanked all of the ECSA volunteers who helped during the SSCA GAM in November. Sandy was thanked for her hard work at the GAM.
- Chip invited the club to participate in the

Progressive Dinner cruise to be held on Saturday, January 17, 2004. More details will be published in the January FT&C.

### RACING

- Chuck informed the members that there were no more races scheduled this year. Chuck stated that there would be a new calendar of races for 2004 available soon.

OLD BUSINESS - There was no old business to discuss.

### NEW BUSINESS

Clint announced the nominations for the Board for 2004. A motion was made to accept the following slate of officers and elected governors: Commodore – Dave Merchberger, Vice-Commodore – Joe Coleman, Rear Commodore – Chuck Delmater, Secretary – Donna Oyer, Treasurer – Clint Braswell, Elected Governor – Frank McTernan (replacing Dave Hutson); Elected Governor - Chip Worster. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Hartley Oyer





## CRUISE QUARTERS

### Holiday Boat Parade

On a cold & dark night (well, it was definitely cold), 34 ECSA members gathered at the Jacobs' house to watch the annual Banana River Power Squadron Holiday Boat Parade traverse down the Grand Canal. As usual, the ECSA attendees provided scrumptious food and Joann was nice enough to set up lots of tables and chairs inside this year, so we could stay out of the cold. Most were brave to wander outside during the parade to watch the colorful boats – but then quickly gathered back indoors. ECSA had one boat decorated for the parade – the Mann's WINGS; however, we did hear they had a slight misfortune and ran aground leaving Lake Shepard. The good news is that their picture made the Sunday paper and that they were able to get off unscathed.

Attending the event were: Joann & Don Jacobs, Joe, Wanda & Briana Luthman, Sally Sange & Frank McTernan, Dave & Brenda Merchberger, Ron & JoEllen Askeland, Amy Pierce & Walt Adams, Rich, Holly, Ali, & Richie Kirchofer, Ron, Pam, Lauren & Kristen Vanderveer, Charlie, Karin, Chelsea, and Wesley Mann aboard *Wings*, John & Loretta Schnitzius, Phil & Jean Freeman, Rich, Linda & DeeDee Wood, Joe & Karen Coleman

*Nothing seems really to matter, that's the charm of it. Whether you get away or whether you don't, whether you arrive at your destination or whether you reach somewhere else, or whether you never get anywhere at all, you're always busy, and you never do anything in particular; and when you're done there's always something else to do, and you can do it if you like but you'd much better not.*

—KENNETH GRAHAME

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Lake Shepard Progressive Dinner & Poker Rally 17 - 18 Jan 2004

Boaters will anchor in Lake Shepard and dingy to host locations. Please provide chairs and BYOB. At each location, everyone will draw a card for a poker hand. At the 4th location, the winning hand will be announced and the winner will receive a gift provided by West Marine.

Last names beginning with A through L, please bring happy hour snacks to share at location #1. Last names beginning with M through Z please bring desserts to share at location #4.

After dessert, ECSA members have been invited to Charlie and Karin Mann's house in North Waterway Estates to continue the party. Ask for directions at any of the locations throughout the evening.

Contact Chip & Louise Worster at 321-773-5851 for more information.

Time	Event	Map Key	Hosts
5PM	Happy Hour	#1	Grady & Sandy Wood 675 Redwood Ct
6PM	Salad Bar	#2	Simon & Eileen 457 Nautilus Dr
7PM	Dinner	#3	Dave & Brenda Merchberger 415 Aruba Ct
8PM	Desert	#4	Lynde West & Jim Edwards 446 S. Neptune Dr
8AM	Sunday Bkfst	#5	Chip & Louise Worster 413 N. Neptune Dr

**See map on page 6**

### Miami Boat Show Bus Trip 14 Feb 2004

Remember, full payment is due  
no later than January 15th.

Complete details available on page 6

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

*Leave the driving & parking hassles behind!*

**Cost:** \$32.00 per person

**Includes:** Transportation, admission, breakfast, snacks & beverages

**Departs:** Rockledge 6:00 a.m. / Melbourne 6:30 a.m.

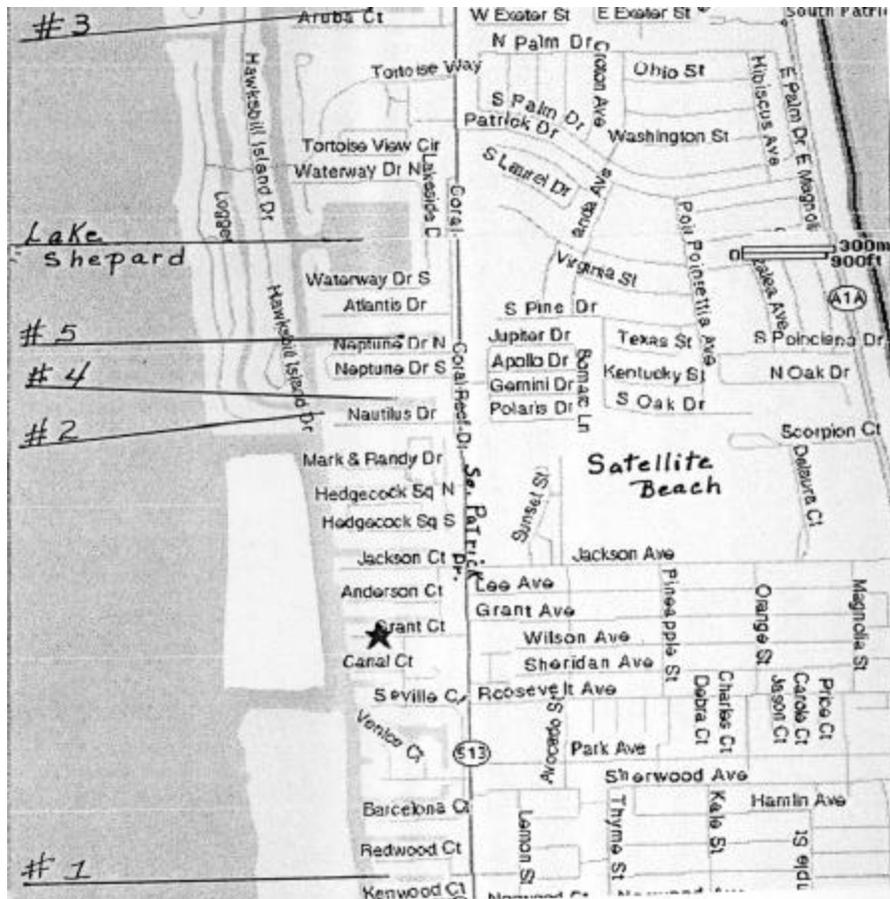
**Arrives Miami:** 10:00 a.m.

**Departs Miami:** 6:00 p.m.

Send an email to [miamibus@ecsaail.com](mailto:miamibus@ecsaail.com) or call Dave or Brenda Merchberger at 779-0438. There are only a few seats left!

Full payment due no later than Saturday, January 15, 2004

Progressive Dinner Map - See page 5 for details





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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 Maint Log.

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Contact Chip Worster, 321-773-5851.

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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

## ECSA 2004 Race & Cruise Schedule

Date	Event	Host
Jan 17	Progressive Dinner & Poker Rally	Worster
Jan 25	Women's Race #1	
Feb 14	Miami Boat Show Bus Trip	Merchberger
Feb 25	Spring River Race #1	
Feb 21 - 22	Cocoa Village Mardi Gras Cruise	Merchberger
Feb 22	Women's Race #2	
Mar 13 - 14	Downtown Melbourne Patty's Day Cruise	<i>Host Needed</i>
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

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