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Annual Awards Banquet

Saturday ~ 7 January 2006 ~ 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

| | | |
|---------|------|----------------------------------|
| 7 | ECSA | Awards Banquet |
| 8 | IRYC | Winter Series #1 |
| 15 | MYC | Small Boat Racing |
| 20 | ECSA | Race Registration at MYC |
| 21 | ECSA | River Racing Winter Series #1 |
| 22 | IRYC | Winter Series #2 |
| 28 - 29 | ECSA | Frostbite Cruise to Ballard Park |
| 28 | IRYC | Sail-a-Small Boat Day |
| 29 | ECSA | Spring Women's Race #1 |
| 29 | MYC | Small Boat Racing |

FEBRUARY Calendar of EVENTS

| | | |
|---------|------|-----------------------------------|
| 4 | ECSA | River Racing Winter Series #2 |
| 5 | MYC | Winter Rum Race |
| 8 | ECSA | General Membership Meeting |
| 12 | IRYC | Winter Series #3 |
| 12 | MYC | Small Boat Racing |
| 18 | ECSA | Miami Boat Show Bus Trip |
| 19 | ECSA | Spring Women's #2 |
| 19 | TSC | Spring Series #1 |
| 19 | MYC | Spring Rum Race |
| 24-26 | | Catalina 22 Midwinter's - Sanford |
| 25 - 26 | ECSA | Mardi Gras Cruise - Cocoa Village |
| 26 | MYC | Small Boat Racing |
| 26 | IRYC | Winter Series #4 |

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

Time to say good bye

This month marks the end of my second and final term as Commodore of the ECSA and it is with mixed feelings that I step down; however I am happy to turn the leadership over to someone as wonderful and capable as Donna Oyer. I am sure she will be an outstanding Commodore.

Readers of this column should be well aware of my habit of procrastinating and pushing the FT&C deadline until the last possible minute (and sometimes beyond!). Usually the cause has been somewhat out of my control, traveling on business for example - this time however it's because I have been reflecting back on our many accomplishments during the past two years, as well as work that is left to do. I'd like to highlight just a few.

What I am most proud of is how much family participation in the club's activities has increased. A few short years ago it was rare to see a child or teen at an event, but now we are seeing many families attending. It's great for our sport, for our families and of course for the kids. Please keep it up!

While preparing the 2006 ECSA directory this past weekend, I was reviewing next year's cruising calendar. Although I was unable to attend the scheduling meeting, I was happy to see so many newer members heeding my plea to get involved and agreeing to host cruises next year. We will all benefit from the fresh faces and ideas.

Of course I cannot forget how so many of you answered my call to contribute to the Sunshine Fund. It was sad that we lost three long time members this past year, but your generosity paid dividends many times over with the gifts and donations made to their families on behalf of the Club. Thank you.

Looking ahead, please continue to stay the course. Continue funding the Sunshine Fund, continue to get involved, don't forget to welcome new members into our group, and of course have fun! Get out there and participate in the races and cruises. Lastly, I ask that all of you support Donna during her term as Commodore.

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

Hi Gang,

Well, this is my last article as Vice Commodore as I'm switching to the rear next year! Plan on getting into racing a little bit. You could start by volunteering on the committee boat and learn what it looks like from there. I do remember those guys waiting for us to finish on Thirsty Whale last year. Maybe I'll pack an extra sandwich or two. Well, it's been fun and interesting being your Vice Commodore. I invite all of you to try it one of these years because it's rewarding. Hope you all have a Happy New Year and see you at the Banquet on the 7th.

Your Vice Commodore,
Joe Luthman

"We would like to thank all our friends in the East Coast Sailing Association for their kind thoughts, genuine helpfulness and many prayers during and after the passing of our loved ones."

Fondly,
Nancy Abbott
Jean Freeman
Pat Walker



**View from the
REAR...
by REAR
COMMODORE
Joe Coleman**

Another successful year has passed, and as we look forward to the new year, I would like to thank Ron Vanderveer, Jim Yates and Sherry Beckett for organizing our racing and cruising programs. Any program is only as good as the people who run it and our programs were the best. Your hard work made my job as Rear Commodore very easy. On behalf of our members, I thank you all. I have really enjoyed being your Rear Commodore the past year and I look forward to serving as your Vice Commodore in 2006.

For those of you who are planning to attend the Frost Bite Cruise, and have never been before, here is some useful information:

The Frost Bite Cruise is held at Ballard Park. There are basically two places to anchor. The first is outside the park and to the north side of the channel. There is plenty of good water there. The second spot is inside; however you cannot anchor in the conventional way, because there is not enough swinging room. What you can do is go around the west side of the park, and then slowly turn toward the park until you hit the mud bottom. Then tie off on the closest tree. We have been doing it that way for years and normally we can get seven or eight boats on the west side. Of course if the wind comes out of the west, it kinda puts you sideways, so a stern anchor might be helpful.

The plan is to meet at the park, by boat or car, in the early afternoon. We will have a potluck dinner at 5 PM, then just sit and swap sea stories for the rest of the night. In the morning, the club will provide coffee for those who are still there. This is probably my favorite cruise of the year. Karen and I attended our first Frost Bite by car eleven years ago. There were eight people there and we froze. The high that day was only about forty and the wind was stiff. Since that cruise we have attended every one by boat and the weather has been great. Lets hope the good luck holds out for this year and we see you there.



**Thoughts from your
Commodore - cont'd...**

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I thank you for the opportunity to serve as Commodore and the support I have received from all of you. I hope each of you feel that I have left the Club in a better state than when you elected me.

See you on the water.
Dave

**Seven Seas Cruising Association
by Brenda Merchberger**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of the ECSA members who volunteered their time in support of the SSCA annual meeting held this past November. As the SSCA organization knows, the event cannot be as successful without the support of ECSA volunteers.

Thank you to the following individuals who volunteered a few hours or their entire weekend to help support a worldwide sailing organization.

- ? Joe Coleman
- ? Karen Coleman
- ? Jean Freeman
- ? Eric Horton
- ? Jim Houle
- ? Carla Jones
- ? Erwin Kissenberth
- ? Simon Koumjian
- ? Joe Luthman
- ? Briana Luthman
- ? Wanda Luthman
- ? Karin Mann
- ? Wesley Mann
- ? David Merchberger
- ? Roland Norris
- ? Donna Oyer
- ? Gil Paradies
- ? Phyllis Paradies
- ? Kay Sparrow
- ? Don Theriault
- ? Joanne Theriault
- ? Bob White
- ? Sandy Whitley
- ? Wes Whitley



TREASURER'S REPORT

by
Tom Schrader

| | Income Statement | | Fiscal YTD |
|----------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------|
| REVENUE | Dec-05 | Sep 05 - Dec 05 | |
| Activities Income | 1,331.00 | 1,701.00 | |
| Membership Dues | 315.00 | 5,825.00 | |
| Merchandise Income | 40.00 | 736.00 | |
| Miscellaneous Income | - | <u>93.00</u> | |
| Total Revenue | 1,686.00 | 8,355.00 | |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| Activities Expense | 493.54 | 2,368.07 | |
| Bank Service Charge | - | - | |
| Insurance | - | 1,551.00 | |
| Miscellaneous | 138.77 | 393.32 | |
| Office Supplies | - | - | |
| Postage/Delivery | 59.06 | 293.78 | |
| Printing/Repro | 40.02 | 534.72 | |
| Rent | - | 127.20 | |
| Sales Tax | 37.25 | 45.51 | |
| Sunshine Fund | - | <u>131.58</u> | |
| Total Expense | 768.64 | 5,445.18 | |
| Net Income | 917.36 | 2,909.82 | |

Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2005

| | | |
|------------------------------------|--|-----------------|
| Assets | | |
| Checking | | 8,637.93 |
| Restricted Cash (Lasowska Fund) | | 942.00 |
| Security Deposit | | <u>100.00</u> |
| Total Assets | | 9,679.93 |
| Liabilities & Net Worth | | |
| Unrestricted Cash | | 6,432.86 |
| Retained Earnings | | 337.25 |
| Net Income | | <u>2,909.82</u> |
| Total Net Worth | | 9,679.93 |



Welcome New Member

Bob Cahall
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On the Sea...

*A tourist remains an
 outsider throughout his visit,
 but a sailor is part of the
 local scene from the
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-Ann Davison



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SECRETARY'S REPORT

By

Phyllis Paradies

EAST COAST SAILING ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING DECEMBER 14, 2005

Vice Commodore Joe Luthman called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the absence of Commodore Dave Merchberger. Board members present were: Joe Luthman, Joe Coleman, Tom Schrader, Phyllis Paradies, Chip Worster and Sherry Beckett.

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

Special members recognized were Dave and Marci Hutson visiting from the Caribbean where they have been cruising on their boat for the past 3 1/2 years. Following the introductions, the meeting was suspended temporarily for a potluck dinner and social.

COMMODORE:

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

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

The Board had approved one new application for membership, Bob Cahall.

VICE COMMODORE:

Joe Luthman said he is accepting reservations for the Awards Banquet on January 7th, and also for the Miami Boat Show Trip, in February at the meeting tonight. He reminded all to make reservations soon if you have not done so.

REAR COMMODORE:

Joe Coleman called on Jim Yates for a report on upcoming races.

Jim said the first race of the winter series would be on January 21, 2006. The club also hopes to do a race similar to Family Fun Day, which was done in the

past. There will be more on this and other races, and will be listed in the FT&C. You can also check the website www.sail-race.com

Ron Vanderveer said the Holiday Boat Parade would be this Saturday, December 17th. We have 8 boats from ECSA in the parade this year. There will be a stop at Samson's Island. There will be a Boat Parade Party at Joanne Jacobs's house in North Waterway Estates on the Grand Canal. Joanne noted the party will start with a 4 p.m. social hour and dinner at 5 p.m. which will be a potluck. Please bring a dish, lawn chairs, and your beverage. The parade will begin at 6 p.m.

There will be a New Year's Cruise to Vero Beach, Saturday, December 31 - Monday Jan. 2nd. The Oyer's are in charge of this cruise. Please contact them if interested.

Ron reminded all that there would be a cruise-planning meeting tonight after our regular meeting. Please stay and give your suggestions.

OLD BUSINESS:

Brenda Merchberger thanked all that helped with the Seven Seas Gam. The siphons we sold were a great source of revenue for the club. We cleared \$300.00 on them. Seven Seas members appreciated our help and will send us a check for a percentage of the galley receipts.

NEW BUSINESS:

Brenda presented the slate of officers as recommended by the Nominating Committee, and asked if there were any nominations from the floor. With there being none, a motion was made and seconded that we accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee and approve the slate of officers. The motion was seconded and carried. Our new Board of Governors for 2006 are:

Commodore - Donna Hartley Oyer
Vice Commodore - Joe Coleman
Rear Commodore - Joe Luthman
Secretary - Pam Vanderveer
Treasurer - Tom Schrader
Elected Board of Governors - Roland Norris, Sherry Beckett and Chip Worster

In addition, the following individuals have indicated they will serve in the following roles:

Fleet Captains for 2006: River Racing - Jim Yates;
Women's Racing - Sherry Beckett; Cruising - Ron Vanderveer.

Newsletter Editor - Brenda Merchberger; Program Chairmen - Bill Jones, Johan Neve and Wes Whitley;

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CRUISE QUARTERS

FROSTBITE Cruise to Ballard Park

Join us as we reviving our once annual January cruise to Ballard Park on Saturday, January 28th. Arrive Saturday and anchor out or sail into the lagoon at Ballard Park and anchor in the "mud". We'll have a potluck dinner beginning around 5 p.m. at the Pavilion and create our own sort of evening entertainment.

Morning coffee provided at the Pavilion at 8 a.m., then off to sail prior to heading for your home dock.

Cruise hosts Joe & Karen Coleman aboard *Alibi*. Contact numbers: 321-773-3265 (home) or 321-223-6871 (cell).

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 January 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....sign up now!



Secretary's Report - cont'd...

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Membership Chairman - Brenda Merchberger; Rating Chairman - Jim Miller; Hospitality Chairman - Karen Coleman; Sunshine Chairman - Louise Worster; Legislative Affairs Chairman - Jack Snyder.

Joe Coleman noted that we need an Advertising Chairman; please see Joe to volunteer.

Joe Coleman reported 2006 would mark the 40th Anniversary of ECSA. The Board would like to purchase a special anniversary gift for each member (unit) to commemorate this event. After some discussion, a motion was made, seconded and carried to allow the Board to spend not more than \$16.00 on each member (unit) for this gift.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Paradies, Secretary

Member's Classifieds

WANTED: 12' Rigid Inflatable Dinghy in good condition. Call Jim Boyd or Pat Phillips at 321-508-1933.

FOR SALE: 1986 30' Catalina. Too many options to list! Two boat owner motivated to sell. Asking price \$28,000 or make offer. Please contact Johan at 321-784-1513.

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.

Place your sailing classified ad here...
Just contact the Newsletter Editor or send an e-mail to editor@ecsasail.com



East Coast Sailing Association
2006 Cruising Calendar

| Dates | Event | Host |
|---------------|--|-------------|
| Jan 28 – 29 | Frostbite Cruise to Ballard Park | Coleman |
| Feb 18 | Miami Boat Show Bus Trip | Merchberger |
| Feb 25 – 26 | Cocoa Village Mardi Gras | Merchberger |
| Mar 18 – 19 | Downtown Melbourne St. Patrick's Day | Paradies |
| Apr 8 – 9 | Ocean Cruise Ft. Pierce to Port Canaveral (usually also need Friday to complete trip) | Koumjian |
| April 22 – 23 | 4th Annual Progressive Dinner & Poker Rally | Worster |
| May 6 – 7 | The Jones' Merritt Island Barbeque Bash | Jones |
| May 27 – 29 | Memorial Day at Sebastian Inlet | Vanderveer |
| Jun 10 – 11 | Cruise to Capt. Katanna's Dinner | Therault |
| May – June | Bahamas cruise groups | Various |
| Jul 1 – 2 | Eau Gallie Downtown Cruise | Therault |
| Jul 15 – 16 | Entertainment Cruise to Cocoa Village | Luthman |
| August | Open | |
| Sep 2 – 4 | Labor Day – Cape Canaveral Ocean Cruise | Neve |
| Sep 23 – 24 | Cruise to Titusville and Dixie Crossroads Dinner | Schnitzius |
| Oct 14 – 15 | 5th Annual ECSA Fish Fry at Boy Scout Island | Mann |
| Nov 4 – 5 | St. Petersburg Sail Expo | Oyer |
| Nov 11 – 12 | Seven Seas Cruising Association GAM | Merchberger |
| Nov 18 – 19 | Pinedaville | Oyer |
| Dec 16 | Holiday Boat Parade – Grand Canal | Jacobs |

ECSA 2006 Race & Cruise Schedule

| Date | Event | Contact |
|-------------|--|-------------|
| Jan 21 | River Race Winter Series #1 | Yates |
| Jan 28 - 29 | Frostbite Cruise to Ballard Park | Coleman |
| Jan 29 | Spring Women's Race #1 | Beckett |
| Feb 4 | River Race Winter Series #2 | Yates |
| Feb 18 | Miami Boat Show Bus Trip | Merchberger |
| Feb 19 | Spring Women's Race #2 | Beckett |
| Feb 25 - 26 | Cruise to Cocoa Village for Mardi Gras | Merchberger |

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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