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Wednesday ~ 14 July 2004 ~ 7:00 p.m.

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

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

#### ***July Program***

#### ***Member Potluck & Social***

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and a covered dish to share***

#### **JULY Calendar of EVENTS**

10	PAFB	Manatee Cove Race
11	MYC	Dinghy Racing
11	IRYC	Summer Race #3
14	ECSA	<b>General Membership Meeting</b>
16	MYC	Summer Rum Race #5
17	ECSA	<b>Summer River Race #2</b>
18	ECSA	<b>Summer Women's Race #1</b>
24-25	ECSA	<b>Cocoa Village Santa Maria BBQ Cruise</b>
25	MYC	Dinghy Racing
25	IRYC	Summer Race #4
30	MYC	Summer Rum Race #6

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

8	MYC	Dinghy Racing
8	IRYC	Summer Race #5
11	ECSA	<b>General Membership Meeting</b>
13	MYC	Fall Rum Race #1
14	PAFB	Manatee Cove Race
14	ECSA	<b>Summer River Race #3</b>
15	ECSA	<b>Women's Summer Race #2</b>
21-22	ECSA	<b>Lake Shepard Cruise—Note Date Change</b>
21	ECSA	<b>Single-handed race</b>
22	MYC	Dinghy Racing
27	MYC	Fall Rum Race #2
29	IRYC	Summer Race #6

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



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

**When things go wrong...**

Any of you that have a current email address on record with the ECSA have a very good idea what this is about. In fact, members with last names near the beginning of the alphabet experienced this much more than those at the end. Let me explain....

Until recently, we have been maintaining two lists of member's email addresses, one in the membership database and one in Outlook. Due to the inefficiencies involved as well as the potential for error when managing duplicate lists, it was decided to create software to read the information from the membership database, construct an email and send it off to each member.

The code was written, tested several times with the help of some members and was ready for 'production' (or so we thought). Some final tweaks were performed on the code to improve its efficiency and shortly thereafter a request was received to send out a note regarding the upcoming July 4<sup>th</sup> cruise. I committed the mortal sin of programming and assumed the tweaks would not harm the code. The note was sent out and very bad things began to happen!

Within seconds of initiating the code, we realized that something was terribly wrong, but it was too late to stop this monster. In a nutshell, an email was sent to the first member in the database, then an email was sent to the first two members, then the first three, etc., etc. until finally that poor first member received approximately 150 emails. Every member was affected in some way, but those closer to the beginning of the alphabet were hit the worst, those in the middle, not so bad and those lucky few with last names beginning with 'Z' escaped nearly unscathed. Finally, a good reason to be at the end of the line!

I'd like to take this opportunity to apologize to the membership for this unfortunate turn of events. I can assure you that the problem has been found, fixed, and won't occur again. I would also encourage each of you to keep your email current with the membership chairman, we have found many emails to be missing or no longer valid. A short email to membership@ecsaail.com is all it will take to get your records accurate.

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Well you knew it was coming. I did one article planning the St Augustine trip, another article promoting it, and now the one describing it. I'll do anything for a topic.

I only knew of two boats planning to take the trip this year, *Alibi* and *Chip Ahoy*. The voyage actually started from the monthly rendezvous at Captain Katanna's. On Sunday after breakfast, we set off for Titusville. Once the anchors were up, *Chip Ahoy* raced of sight before we ever reached Pineda Causeway, a sign of what was to come. Our only concern was to get to each port before the afternoon thunderstorms fired up. Sunday turned out to be a pleasant day without storms and we had a nice motor cruise. On the way, I spotted a stingray flying out of the water, but by the time I yelled to Karen, it had splashed back down. Once at Titusville Municipal Marina, we heard the familiar voice come over the VHF, "Titusville Municipal Marina, this is *Golden Days*". Erwin and Gertrude Kissenberth had joined us for the trip. Now the fleet had three boats. I learned a long time ago that it is not the number of boats but the quality of the people that counts, and this was slated to be a good trip. Our daughter, Carey, and granddaughter, Allison, also joined us in Titusville.

The group decided that if we left port really early each morning, we should get to our destination before the afternoon storms started. At least we would be in port and not out on the water looking for somewhere to anchor. The trip from Oak Hill north is pretty much a ditch with not a lot of room on either side of the channel, so early Monday morning we set out for Halifax Municipal Marina in Daytona. Once again *Chip Ahoy* was out of sight before we reached the Haulover Canal, but *Golden Days* and *Alibi* passed through the canal together. We raised the mainsail on *Alibi* and picked up speed with very little effort from the engine. *Chip Ahoy* arrived in Daytona about two hours before us - Chip had already had his second nap of the day. *Golden Days* was about an hour behind us. After tying up, I decided to take the dinghy over to the fuel dock and fill up the six-gallon jug, because the price was cheap and I always like to keep some extra on board. I took Allison with me, and when we arrived at the fuel dock, there was no one around. Finally a lady stuck her head out the door of the dock master's office. I informed her that I needed some diesel and she yelled, "Both of you get in here now!" I couldn't think of what I had done wrong. Maybe I wasn't suppose to dinghy around inside the basin, or maybe Allison should have been wearing a life vest. When we got into the office she told me that there were ten cops outside

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# TREASURER'S REPORT

by

**Clint Braswell**

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

with their guns drawn. I put up my hands and said, "I only want six gallons of diesel!" She continued to say that there was a crazy man (other than me) in the park with a gun, and the police did not want anyone outside. We went to the window to see what was going on. She was right, ten cops and one guy with a gun. Then I noticed *Golden Days* coming down the channel just feet away from where this guy was and not knowing anything was going on. The dock master tried to get Erwin to turn back out the channel, but he was too far in. Then they told him to hurry up which he did. Once inside the basin, all the dockhands were inside with us and there was no one to help Erwin tie up. So Chip woke up from his third nap and gave him a hand. The incident ended with the police overpowering the guy and taking him off for a mental health evaluation. As we were heading back to the boat, I heard the dockhand telling Erwin, "Honest, there was a guy with a gun and they wouldn't let us out of the building". The dockhand turned to me and said, "Isn't that right?" to which I answered, "What guy? What gun?"

The next day we headed out early again, leaving the marina at 6:30 a.m. The wind was blowing in our favor again, so we set the main sail and with minimum engine revs we were making good time. *Chip Ahoy* was out of sight, but *Golden Day* kept close to us all day. We averaged over six knots most of the time. One thing we noticed on this leg of the trip (besides my seeing another stingray flying through the air) was all the building that was going on. New marinas, restaurants with dock space and condos for miles. For those familiar with the cement plant, a popular place to anchor overnight, it now has homes with docks on one side and the channel is the other side. No more anchoring there! Marineland was still in the various stages of construction (or deconstruction) but it did not look like there had been any work there for months. Then came Matanzas Inlet. For those of you who don't know...

*Stay tuned for the continuation of the Coleman Chronicles in the next Foot, Tack & Clew.*

### Income Statement

REVENUE	Jun-04	Sep 03-Jun 04
Activities Income	300.00	5,278.00
Membership Dues	130.00	6,385.00
Merchandise Income	74.00	761.00
Miscellaneous Income	<u>5.36</u>	<u>138.36</u>
Total Revenue	509.36	12,562.36
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Activities Expense	610.50	7,366.89
Bank Service Charge	-	6.00
Dues & Subscriptions	-	100.00
Insurance	-	2,341.00
Miscellaneous	725.30	1,182.37
Office Supplies	-	20.02
Postage/Delivery	122.00	947.05
Printing/Repro	33.92	590.07
Rent	-	114.48
Returned Check	-	35.00
Sales Tax	<u>-</u>	<u>45.87</u>
Total Expense	1491.72	12748.75
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(982.36)</b>	<b>(186.39)</b>

Note: \$725 purchase was for 50 burgees—bulk order for discount; will last approximately 1 year. Each new member receives one and replacements are sold at \$15 each.

### Balance Sheet as of: June 30, 2004

#### Assets

Checking	5,204.47
Restricted Cash (Lasowska Fund)	942.00
Deposit	<u>100.00</u>

**Total Assets 6,246.47**

#### Liabilities & Net Worth

Unrestricted Cash	6,432.86
Net Income	<u>(186.39)</u>

**Total Net Worth 6,246.47**



## SECRETARY'S REPORT

By

**Donna Hartley Oyer**

EAST COAST SAILING ASSOCIATION  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
Wednesday, June 9, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. Board of Governors present were Joe Coleman, Donna Hartley, Clint Braswell, Chuck Delmater, and Chip Worster. Joe introduced the Board, Fleet Captains, and chairmen. Joe also recognized past commodores and welcomed guests and new members.

The ECSA attendees stood, honored our flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the following applications into membership: Vicki Boukalis, Bill and Carla Jones, William and Jacquelyn Zajac, and Randy and Liz Randall.

### OFFICER & COMMITTEE REPORT

- A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the secretary's report as published in the May 2004 Foot, Tack & Clew (FT&C).
- A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the treasurer's report as published in the May 2004 FT&C.

### VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

- Joe reminded the club that a volunteer is still needed to coordinate hospitality at each monthly meeting. Joe thanked Loretta Schnitzius for her efforts and Loretta & John, along with assistance from Brenda Merchberger will continue their support.
- Joe also mentioned that the club is still in need of someone to volunteer as publicity chairperson.

### REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

#### CRUISING

- Bob Goldstein reported on the recent Boy Scout Island cruise and Sebastian Inlet cruise over Memorial weekend.
- Gil Paradies invited the members to the upcoming Captain Katana's cruise, on June 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Clint and Robin also invited everyone to the cruise to Titusville over the long 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend.

#### RACING

- Chuck mentioned that not all winners of the Spring Series were able to attend the award's party. He brought the unclaimed award trophies and presented

Sherry Beckett with a 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophy.

- Sherry reported that the spring series had ended. The new series will begin at the end of July.
- Chuck mentioned that there is a single handed race coming up on June 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Chuck also mentioned that the river race series is beginning on June 26<sup>th</sup>.

### OLD BUSINESS

- There was no old business to report.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Joe reminded the members that next month's meeting is a potluck dinner.
- Dave Merchberger asked Joe to ask member's thoughts about selling 50/50 tickets for \$1.00 a piece at each meeting. The winning ticket holder would split the pot with the club. A member expressed concern with this activity. No further discussion was held.
- Joe presented Phil and Jean Freeman with a new ECSA license plate for their car. Their old license plate was shattered in a recent car accident.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm, followed by refreshments and a video on tuning your rig by Brian Toss.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Hartley

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

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Due to work demands, I won't be able to attend the July General Membership Meeting, but Vice Commodore Joe Coleman will be there in my place. Don't believe everything he tells you!

*Dave*

Our Condolences to the Duggan Family. Former ECSA member Orton L. Duggan, Jr., Cocoa, FL. died June 2, 2004 two days before his 87th birthday on June 4th.





## CRUISE QUARTERS

### **Captain Katanna's Cruise June 12-13, 2004 By Gil Paradies**

The storms stayed away, the southerly breeze held and the temperature was lower than the weather service predicted. Of the thirty-seven members and guests who attended the event on June 12, 2004, fifteen chanced the 40% predicted afternoon showers and came by boat including Kay Sparrow, Chip and Louise, John and Loretta, Clint and his two guests, the Colemans' , Jack Sherear, the Oyers', and Susan and John Lynn. The remaining twenty-two members arrived via US1 and included Robin ++, Barbara Sparrow, George and Emalyn Utting, the Bosleys', Wanda and Joe Luthman and daughter Briana, the Merchbergers', Abbots', Snyders', Jo Anne Jacobs, Chris Forte, Maurice Reiff, the Neves' and the Paradies'. Roland Norris stopped by to enjoy the excellent pot luck dessert selection.

### **Memorial Day Cruise to Sebastian By Kay Sparrow**

How many eggs does it take to make an omelet? Well, if you were at breakfast Monday morning on the 31<sup>st</sup> of May, it takes six dozen. Plus two pounds of bacon, four large links of kielbasa, two pounds of butter, two bell peppers, three onions, four one pound cans of sliced potatoes, three dozen biscuits, eight ounces of feta cheese (a little feta goes a long way), six cooks, five preparers and at least ten clean up people. That is just the food that I brought. When you add all of the great foods added by the other cruisers, you have one hell of a lot of good food.

At Marker 21 - on Sunday, I cooked breakfast on my boat and Dave shuttled it over to Thirsty Whale where it was served buffet style. On Saturday, it was just six over to my boat.

The total breakfast food provided by K's Fantasy was: Ten dozen eggs, six pounds of sliced bacon, four pounds of ground sausage, four pounds of Kielbasa,

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## **July & August Cruise Information**

### **Cocoa Village Santa Maria BBQ & Cruise July 24-25, 2004**

Enjoy a traditional Santa Maria BBQ, Saturday, July 24th at Lee Winner Park at the southwest base of the 520 bridge. (For those of you who don't know where Santa Maria is—it's in California!).

Join us at the park no later than 4:00 p.m. for the festivities. The Merchberger's are providing the Santa Maria BBQ fixins and they ask those with last names beginning with A-M bring an appetizer and N-Z bring a dessert. Please bring your own beverages.

Sunday a potluck breakfast will be held at the park's pavilion.

Cruisers: Sail up on Saturday and anchor south of the 520 power lines.

For all attending: *PLEASE* sign-up at the July general membership meeting or e-mail Dave & Brenda at ip35@cfl.rr.com or call 321-779-0438. A accurate count is needed so the Merchberger's can order the BBQ "meat".

See you there 'partner!

P.S. July 24th just happens to be your Commodore's birthday.!

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## **AUGUST/SEPTEMBER**

Mark your calendars for our upcoming August/Sept Cruises...

**August 21-22 Cruise to Lake Shepard** (Note Date CHANGE!) and enjoy an afternoon poolside. More details to come in the August FT&C.

**Sept 4-6 Labor Day Cape Canaveral Ocean Cruise.** Mark your calendars for the final 3 days week-end of summer. Johan & Dee are already planning scrumptious meals for us - including pancakes for breakfast and ribs for dinner! A complete schedule of events will be included in the August FT&C.

**Cruise Quarters - cont'd.....** *From page 5*

some sausage links (there is another story with the links), eight pounds of potatoes, four onions, eight ounces of feta cheese, one pound of shredded cheese, four dozen biscuits, three pounds of butter and two gallons of orange juice.

Believe it or not, there was more than just breakfast being eaten. On Saturday, we joined the Malabar Mariner's Sailing Association for their big cookout. A side of cow was the main bill of fare with turkey on the side. For some reason, it just didn't seem the same as the past couple of years. It was great, but not the same.

Our main meal for Sunday was good ole dead chicken and three-dozen hot dogs. There were a couple of things I learned about grilling. First, start with the charcoal three hours BEFORE you think you want to start cooking. Hot coals start cold coals better than any amount of lighter fluid you dare to spray. Buy GOOD charcoal. Once finally cooked, the meat joined with the fantastic side dishes provided by attendees provided an awesome meal. Barbara, my landside mate, provided ice cream. That went over great as well as the Tootsie Rolls and Hershey Bars that I gave to the children before the meal.

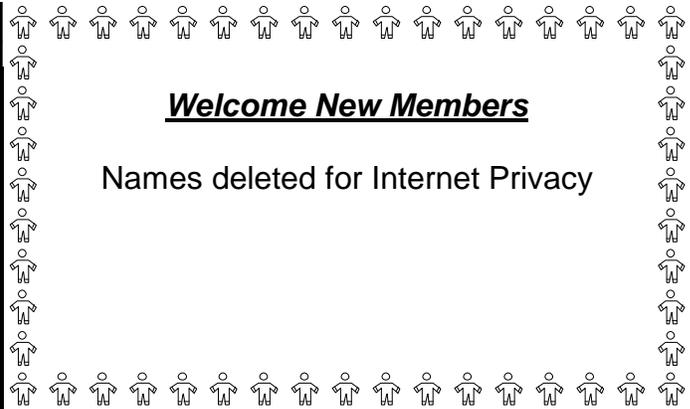
The weather for the four days, counting Friday, was great. Sailing fair. Camaraderie (ECSA) fantastic.

Early arrivals on Friday at Marker 21: Pelican – Jim & Donna Oyer, Island Girl – Clint & Robin Braswell; New (old) members Starbird – Bill & Carla Jones (good to see you back), and K's Fantasy who arrived at 10:00 p.m. and picked up Jacob onshore late Saturday evening. One other member was there but not anchored with us and did not come to Sebastian, something about the depth. Anyway, it was good to have Gavilan with Larry & Shirley Lokken.

Saturday the balance of the fleet arrived and proceeded to Sebastian early Sunday.

**By Boat:**

Alibi – Joe & Karen Coleman; Beowulf – Bud & Helen Dolber w/guests Carol & Ollie Bassette; Bibi – Jerry Bernath w/guest Bill Taylor; Chip Ahoy – Chip & Louise Webster w/Jody & Jeff dropping off grandson Jacob to spend the night and traverse the waterways home; Dolphin Dancer – Ron, Pam, Lauren & Kristen Vanderveer; Island Girl – Clint & Robin Braswell; K's Fantasy – Kay Sparrow and grandson Jacob; Last Move – Randy & Liz Randall; Pelican – Jim & Donna Oyer; Pelican – Alan Schwicktenberg and guest Dian



**Welcome New Members**

Names deleted for Internet Privacy

Meoy; Running Free – Bill Powell and guests Ken & Deborah Hamilton; Starbird – Bill & Carla Jones; Thirsty Whale – Dave & Brenda Merchberger w/ Cody; Surfer Girl – Bill, Susan Balalock, and Dustin; Wings – Charlie, Karin, Chelsea & Wesley Mann and friend Brittany.

**By Land Cruiser:** George & Emalyn Utting; Ron & Kay Tyre; RL & CJ Johnson; Deanne Hansen & Charlie Milsaps; John & Natalie Carter; Joe & Wanda Luthman

**New Category: By Motorcycle** – Alex & Lisa Culjak and Keith & Deborah Wright

It has been suggested that next year we skip Marker 21 and go directly to Sebastian. This will allow for more time at the ocean side beaches as well as relaxing time with one less anchoring. Has my vote. If your name is not on the above list, you failed to sign in. If your name or your guests name is misspelled – you need to practice on your penmanship.



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## ECSA 2004 Race & Cruise Schedule

Date	Event	Contact
July 17/18	Summer River Race #2/Women's Race #1	Lacy/Beckett
July 24 - 25	Cocoa Village Santa Maria BBQ Cruise	Merchberger
Aug 14/15	Summer River Race #3/Women's Race #2	Lacy/Beckett
Aug 21	Single-handed cruise	Delmater
Aug 21- 22	Lake Shepard Cruise - *NOTE DATE CHANGE	Tyre
Sept 4 - 6	Cape Canaveral Ocean Cruise	Neve
Sept 11/12	Double Handed Race/Summer Women's #3	Delmater/Beckett
Sept 18	Cruise to Dixie Crossroads—Titusville	Schrader
Oct 2	Summer/Fall River Race #4	Lacy
Oct 16 - 17	Marker 21 Fish Fry Cruise	Dawson

***Stay Tuned for more events to come....***



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