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General Membership Meeting

Wednesday ~ 13 July 2005 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Satellite Beach Civic Center (565 Cassia Blvd)

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

July Program

Ethan Bixby from North Sails Gulf Coast
will share his experiences as the starboard genoa trimmer aboard
Roy Disney's 86 ft Max Z86 Pyewacket

A presentation not to be missed!

JULY Calendar of EVENTS

1	MYC	Summer Rum Race #5
		<i>Regatta Time in the Abacos, July 1-9</i>
2-3	CBYC	Firecracker Regatta
2-4	ECSA	Fireworks cruise to Melbourne Harbor
10	IRYC	Spring Series #6
10	MYC	Small Boat Racing
13	ECSA	General Membership Meeting
15	MYC	Summer Rum Race #6
16-17	ECSA	Cruise to Yellow Dog Cafe
23	ECSA	Summer River Race #3
24	IRYC	Summer/Fall #1
24	MYC	Small Boat Racing
29	MYC	Fall Rum Race #1
31	ECSA	Fall Women's #1

AUGUST Calendar of EVENTS

7	MYC	Small Boat Racing
7	IRYC	Summer/Fall #2
10	ECSA	General Membership Meeting
12	MYC	Fall Rum Race #2
13	ECSA	Single Handed Race
13-14	ECSA	Cruise to Conchy Joe's
21	MYC	Small Boat Racing
26	MYC	Fall Rum Race #3
27	IRYC	Summer/Fall #3
28	ECSA	Fall Women's #2

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



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

Dog Days of Summer....

In case you haven't noticed, summer has ARRIVED! So, did we had enough rain in June? Ya THINK? Its been a bit of a challenge, but the races and cruises are still going on.....have you been participating?

What am I going to have to do to convince you guys that you should be out racing with the fleet? The cruising fleet is down to two boats, Chasing Rainbows and Thirsty Whale, and I bet you can all guess how that match up works out! One of the nice things about the cruising fleet is that the hard core (and amazingly fast) race boats are nowhere near us, so the high anxiety that so often is used as an excuse not to race, is simply non-existent.

Contact Jim Yates for all the details, round up a few of your buddies and plan for an afternoon on the water. It is only one afternoon, once a month, and if you show up to all the races in the series, you have a pretty good chance of taking home a cup for the mantle. It's a great excuse to go sailing for a few hours and what could be better than that? Please come out and join us.

Besides racing 'The Whale', we managed to get her over to the Abacos for a couple weeks in early June. Brenda and I commented to each other about how different it was compared to the first time we visited many years ago. Our first trip over, we went by ourselves, no buddy boats or other company. It was a nice trip, but somewhat stressful since there was so much to learn and so little room for mistakes. On this past trip, we 'buddied' over Sea Angel, then almost continuously ran into boats we knew from both ECSA and MYC. What a wonderful experience to see so many friends while in such a 'far away' place. This is yet another example of the benefits of belonging to the ECSA. The camaraderie of our organization is simply wonderful.

On a somewhat darker note, I want to be sure you are all aware of Senate Bill 786 introduced in the U.S. Senate by Senator Rick Santorum. Detailed information is available on ECSA website as well as other locations on the web regarding this proposal but in summary, if passed and made law it will force the National Weather Service to stop providing most of the free services it currently provides and will require

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Well, we are back from our land journey to North Carolina, Annapolis, Maryland, New Jersey, and New York. While in North Carolina visiting Wanda's relatives, we were fortunate enough to get to see a lot of boats sailing on Lake Norman which is just out of Charlotte, NC (a huge manmade lake for the power plant). Next, we stayed with a friend of Wanda's in gorgeous Annapolis. We took a bus tour of the city and saw the Naval Academy. Downtown Annapolis was bustling with activity around the city dock. There were many great restaurants and stores to go in--such as Fawcett Supply, Pusser's Landing, and Wheems and Plath. We ate lunch at a sidewalk cafe and were able to watch boats come and go--that was great! We could not even count the number of sailboats out in the water. Certainly, it is the sailing capital of the world! From there, we crossed the Bay Bridge to my Mom's house in New Jersey. One day we took a trip to the Statue of Liberty. We took a ferry boat out to see the statue and were able to see many boats enjoying the brisk breeze sailing across all that deep water! While there, we discovered that Jersey City has become quite a nice waterfront. There's a marina there called Liberty Park Marina which is a good stop if you're in the area with your boat. The gas and diesel fuel docks are easily accessible and the shower rooms are nice. It's on the New Jersey side, but a quick water taxi ride for \$6.00 will put you in Manhattan in a few minutes. Two days later, we took a high speed ferry out of the Atlantic Highlands in New Jersey called Seastreak Ferry. It was very exciting to see the New York skyline from the water and we went under the Verrazano Bridge to Pier 11 in Manhattan. We felt sorry for the poor folk stuck in traffic on the bridge--not really! The ferry drops you off right at Wall Street which is just 2 blocks from South Street Seaport. We had a good time touring the boats there--The Peking (an old cargo ship) and The Ambrose (a boat lighthouse). The museums were full of ship models, floors of gorgeous artwork and scrimshaw from the early 1900's. We walked around the financial district and saw the New York Stock Exchange--there were police with M16's--sure glad no bad guys were around! We also saw Ground Zero which was quite sobering. Then, back on the ferry which blew Briana's hair into a bunch of knots and we were back in NJ in 30 minutes! It was quite a fun trip and educational for the little one. Talk to you next month.



A VIEW FROM THE REAR... by Joe Coleman

Last month I talked about our preparations for going to the Abacos with Dave and Brenda aboard Thirsty Whale. I poked a little fun at Karen, Brenda and Dave about their preparations for getting underway and planned on poking some more fun at them about the trip. But really, how can you poke fun at a couple that opened their boat to you for over two weeks and showed you a wonderful time? Let me show you.

Now I am not a complainer and I generally take people at their word. I know that there wasn't a formal brochure like on the big cruise lines, but there were several phrases that were loosely tossed about which proved to have totally different meanings than what I was imagining. A sampling follows: "Nightly water activity" meant doing the dishes, not moonlight swims. "Highflying fun" meant going to the top of the mast to repair the masthead light. "Arts and Crafts" meant replacing the macramé pulls for the pelican hooks. "Diving for lost treasures" was Dave's way of saying "scrape the prop until it shines", and "It'll be a gas" meant I would be fixing the propane switch so I could have my morning coffee. There was fresh seafood, but only if we could catch it - and we did. To be honest, there were promises that were kept. We did get a chocolate mint on each of our pillows almost every night. There were daily puzzles and word games from the Thirsty Whale library and, of course, Rock and Roll trivia games to play.

All in all, in spite of our misinterpretation of the phrases, we had a great time. As you may know, Karen and I went through the Panama Canal with Dave and Brenda. Two weeks on the big boat and we came back friends. Now after two and a half weeks on a smaller boat, we are still friends. This only means one thing. Karen and I are going to sell the house and move in with Dave and Brenda.



Thoughts from your Commodore - cont'd..... *From page 2*

us to receive such information from commercial sources. I urge you to do some homework, become familiar with the issue and write your Senators and Representatives and make your feelings on the matter known.

One last note, although fall seems so very far off right now, it will be here before you know it. With fall comes three of our biggest events, our Labor Day Ocean Adventure cruise, the SSCA GAM, and of course, Pinedaville!!!. More information and dates are available on the ECSA web site. Be sure to make your calendars now and make plans to participate in these great events.

See you on the water
Dave

NOTE: With there being no June general membership meeting—we have no minutes to publish this month!

July Cruise

July 16th & 17th - Cruise to the Yellow Dog Café for dinner. Join our hosts Don & Joanne Theriault as we enjoy this new location for a cruise. It is important that we have an accurate count for the dinner, so please RSVP with Don & Joanne. They may be reached at 321-254-4624 or cell 321-243-5534

Hospitality Helpers for July

? Erwin Kissenberth

? Caroline & Otto Klepper

Thank you!



TREASURER'S REPORT

by
Tom Schrader



CRUISE QUARTERS

Due to our Treasurer cruising in the Bahamas, the August newsletter will contain both June and July financial statements.

Member's Classifieds

FOR SALE:

West Marine RU 260 (8'6") dinghy and Johnson 3.5 HP O/B motor. Dinghy 5 yrs old in excellent condition, O/B 9 mths old also in excellent condition. \$1,000.00. Call Frank: 321-446-2271

2BR/2BA condo for rent on the beach in Indialantic. Nice complex, close to everything. Complex fared very well in last year's hurricanes (no damage). New storm shutters. Available August 1. 12 month lease \$1450/mo.

More details here:

<http://www.beachliving-fl.com/villager206.htm>

Memorial Day Cruise By Kay Sparrow

First, I want to thank everyone that helped make this outing as successful as it was. Second, I want to thank all of you that took Jacob as if he was part of their own family. Both are typical of the acts that make this the great club that it is.

We had 16 boats and 58 members and guests for the three day weekend. The choice to go direct to Sebastian was overwhelmingly received as the correct decision. The extra day at a single anchorage (and for some three days) just extended the relaxation of the Holiday.

This year I had the best assistants ever. So much so that I never had to do any of the cooking. Some say that was a good thing. I brought the stuff and stood back and watched the magic.

There were boats that came from the Cape and one that came from Vero. Boats that were 23 feet in length to 45 feet. One boat, from Vero, was single-handed to several that had crews of four. All in all, it was a great turnout.

You will notice that I did not list the names of those who were such great help, and the reason is I might miss someone and that would be disrespectful. We all know who you are and again "Thanks" to all. One special note, I'm sorry Brenda, you have lost the honor as having the best baked beans-it now must go to Ana Lopez. Fabulous.

The following single outstanding cooking feat has to go to Chip Worster for his double dry roasted coffee. Outstanding. If you are lucky, Chip may share it with the unfortunate members that "HAD" to go to the Bahamas. Their loss.

Only four members at anchor displayed their burgee inverted. Three were new members and Ron Vanderveer corrected his after an involved dissertation of how he goes by the label on the edge. Must have one on each side, one up and the other down. By the way, look at your Foot, Tack &



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BAHAMAS CRUISE REPORT 2005



CRUISE QUARTERS continued

By Gil Paradies

The cruise is over for most at the time of this recap. The planning session held at the Paradies' home in April resulted in essentially two groups of ECSA boaters. Unfortunately there were a few members whose schedule prohibited participation at the times that eventually were decided. Eventually, those who could not join either group made the trip (or attempted to do so) at a later time.

Of the four boats in group one, TUIT and SUNBURST ended up making the crossing together. Group two including THIRSTY WHALE, SEA ANGEL, MARIGOT, HOT LATTE-TUDES and STARBIRD arrived about two weeks later. RESTLESS and MAD VIKING started out shortly after but eventually RESTLESS made the crossing alone since MAD VIKING had serious engine problems and was delayed only to finally make it to Green Turtle by the time SUNBURST, RESTLESS and STARBIRD arrived during the return trip home. GINNY II arrived at one point in time, as did SERENITY and SEA TURTLE. There was also a sighting of ISLAND TIME and MISS TOO, and CIRCE was in the Abacos returning from an extended southern Bahamas trip. FAIS-DO-DO PART DEUZ was heading home on June 6th.

The originally planned gathering in Baker's Bay on June 6 for all of those who made it was deferred in favor of gathering at Nippers on June 5 on Great Guana Cay for the feast held each Sunday. Represented were THIRSTY WHALE, TUIT, MARIGOT, RESTLESS, SUNBURST, HOT LATTE-TUDES, STARBIRD, STARBURST, GINNY II, SEA ANGEL, TOUVERE, NIGHT WIND, and SERENITY. We lacked one board member to have a quorum for an unofficial June meeting. (Joe and Karen Coleman crewed on THIRSTY WHALE).

However, thanks to the efforts of RL and CJ, who crewed aboard TANDEN an informal pot luck beach party was formed at the northern end of Baker's Bay, Great Guana Cay on the evening of June 6. In attendance were TANDEN, SUNBURST, RESTLESS, GINNY II, TUIT, STARBURST AND STARBIRD. As usual an abundance of food and tasty delights surfaced from the depths of boat lockers.

Clew under Fleet Captains.

The following are the people that signed in and as requested, they were all printed. If your name is not on the list then you didn't sign in.

By Boat: **K's Fantasy**-Jacob and Kay, **New Dawn**-Rich, Holly, Richard and Ali Kirchofer, **Dolphin Dancer**-Ron, Pam, Kristen and Lauren Vanderveer, **Impluse**-Don and Joanne Theriault, **Outward Bound**-Heie and Ruth Simonsen, **Marathi**-Erik and Dominique Haas, **Chip-Ahoy**-Chip and Louise Worster, **Summer School**-Chris Kiesel, **Osprey**-Clyde and Judi Crouch, **Sunchaser**-Don and Rhoda Bosley, **HC2**-Mark and Jeni Stanford, **Again**-Paul and Carla Stewart, **Lost Dream**-Kenny, Pam, Jessica and Brandon Windsor, **Puravida**-Aimee Windsor and Eric Stewart, **Island Girl**-Clint, Robin and Jessica Braswell and on **Running Free**-Bill Powell, Ed Mills and Kenneth and Deborah Hamilton

By Car: Jim and Donna Oyer, Erwin and Gertrud Kissenberth, Loretta and John Schnitzius, Deanne Hansen and Charlie Millsaps, George and Emalyn Utting, Joe, Wanda and Briana Luthman and Tony, Kathy and Anton Samilian

Bahamas Cruise 2005, continued...

While Florida was having bad weather, the Bahamas was experiencing pleasantly breezy evenings for good sleeping and tolerable daytime highs in the 80's. Unfortunately, some members experienced weather issues to the Bahamas during the 17-hour crossing.

MAD VIKING elected to continue their Bahamas adventure and hoped to buddy up with GINNY II for a return trip. WINGS was seen arriving as THIRSTY WHALE was headed towards Great Sale Cay.

CAPTIVA was delayed in making the trip and was departing Ft. Pierce just as STARBIRD, RESTLESS and SUNBURST were anchoring after returning from a crossing from Mangrove Cay directly to Ft. Pierce. CAPTIVA wisely elected to cancel their planned crossing since the weather off shore was less than favorable and most had already returned home.

I believe all had a great time (even those who had boat repairs to contend with). What should we plan for next year? The Exumas, Nassau, Bimini???

ECSA 2005 Race & Cruise Schedule

Date	Event	Contact
July 16 - 17	Cruise to Yellow Dog Cafe	Therault
July 23	Summer River Race #3	Yates
Aug 13	Single Handed Race	Yates
Aug 13 -14	Cruise to Conchy Joe's (Abaco Jack's)	Luthman
Aug 28	Fall Women's #2	Beckett
Sep 3 - 5	Cape Canaveral Ocean Cruise	Neve

Check out <http://www.sail-race.com/ecsa> for the most
up-to-date information on the
ECSA race schedule and race results



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