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General Membership Meeting

Wednesday ~ 12 July 2006 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Satellite Beach Civic Center (565 Cassia Blvd)

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

Join your fellow club members for our

Annual Summer Potluck

Please bring a dish to share

and enjoy catching up on summer activities

JULY Calendar of EVENTS

1 - 2	PCYC	Firecracker Regatta
		<i>Regatta Time in Abaco, July 3 - 11</i>
9 & 23	MYC	Small Boat Racing
12	ECSA	Monthly Membership Meeting
14 & 28	MYC	Summer Rum Race
15	ECSA	Summer Series #3
15 - 16	ECSA	Cruise to Cocoa Village
16	IRYC	Summer Series #1
23	ECSA	Fall Women's #1
29	ECSA	River Challenge

Note: Each Wednesday evening IRYC is conducting their Summer Series

AUGUST Calendar of EVENTS

6 & 20	MYC	Small Boat Racing
9	ECSA	Monthly Membership Meeting
11 & 25	MYC	Fall Rum Race
12	ECSA	Single Handed Race
12 - 13	ECSA	Open Cruise Date
13	IRYC	Summer Series #2
19	ECSA	Fun Race
20	ECSA	Fall Women's #2

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THOUGHTS FROM YOUR COMMODORE...

Donna Oyer

The "H" word; I hate to bring this subject up, but hurricane season is here. While we are planning our summer cruising, racing and vacations, we also have to plan for hurricane season. Planning now will make a sudden evacuation much less stressful. I know that when we had to evacuate two years ago, preparing our home and our boat took many hours. Planning, preparing and getting organized now will make such a difference when the time comes to make quick decisions.

Always remember that you are securing your house and your boat not only to protect yourself, but also to protect others. Boats that are not secured properly can cause extensive damage in 100+ mph winds. Prepare now, so that you not only protect your property, but protect your neighbor's property too. During Hurricane Frances, there were many boats and properties destroyed not only from the hurricane itself, but because some owners chose not to secure their property properly. There are many reported accounts of people purposely not securing their property in order collect insurance monies.

Our club had a marine insurance agent speak at our April meeting. According to the agent, as a result of blatant disregard by some boat owners, marine insurance rates have skyrocketed and occasionally insurance is impossible to even purchase. In part, we can thank those boat owners who purposely tried to take advantage of the system, for the increase of marine insurance rates. We need to take responsibility for our property and ensure that we make the necessary preparations to keep our property and everyone else's property safe and intact.

After living in this area for over 30 years, I can't imagine that we will ever have a repeat of the 2004 hurricane season. Hopefully, this hurricane season will come and go without threatening any coastline.

I remember I was originally apprehensive about moving to the Florida coast because of the potential storms. Then I was told that NASA had extensive studies done on our coastline in relation to the flow of the Gulf Stream. I was assured that KSC would never have been built in its current location if hurricanes were a constant threat. I was gullible and believed that for a very long time, until recently. But I am willing to take the risk. We live in a beautiful area that

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VIEW FROM THE VICE...

by

VICE COMMODORE
Joe Coleman

Once again we decided to make a trip to the Keys, but we were limited to two weeks, making for longer days on the water. Five other boats joined us, some old friends and some new: Jim and Donna Oyer on *Believe*, Don and Joanne Theriault on *Impulse*, Neil and Sally Hodgson on *Miss Faith*, Dave and Gail Cordial on *Mrs. C*, and Craig and his dad Dick Elkin on *Bieque*.

The Sunday that we left Capt. Katanna's was the day from hell. The weather deteriorated steadily and right after going through the second bridge at Vero, my new weather GPS showed a storm cell coming our way. It hit us hard - 40 to 45 MPH wind with gusts to 60. I could not see past the bow and was only able to keep *Alibi* in the narrow channel by looking at the GPS. It lasted about twenty minutes, although it seemed like hours. Although a little shaken, we all made it through the squall, except that Don and Joanne, traveling slower than the rest of us, had gone aground in Vero Beach. Then about three miles north of the Ft Pierce bridge, another cell hit us. Again I saw it coming and suggested that we pull over, anchor, and ride it out. I steered *Alibi* off to the side until we were in about six feet of water and Karen dropped the anchor. The wind had picked up by then and it blew the bow sideways. Then the outgoing current stopped us. With the wind blowing us down and the current pushing us forward, we were in a bad situation. Karen quickly pulled the anchor up and we motored into the storm. Unfortunately, when Neil and Sally dropped their anchor, the rode somehow got wrapped around the fin keel. They fought the wind and tide and were finally able to free themselves. Craig and Dick weren't so lucky. They had motored over their rode and cut it in half, losing their primary anchor. Dave and Gail didn't try anchoring, and had no dodger, so again they were pelted hard by the driving rain. This squall was not as bad or as long as the first and we were happy when we made it into Ft Pierce, where we were met by Jim and Donna, and we went to the Tiki bar for refreshment. *Impulse* arrived after dark, having been pulled off the bottom and suffering from an overheating engine.

The next day's weather forecast was for more of the same, so we decided to take a lay day at Ft Pierce. It was then that Karen realized that our refrigeration was not working. I frantically called several places and finally got someone who could look at the unit, but not until the next day. He said he would be there at 8:30

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

By

Pam Vanderveer

EAST COAST SAILING ASSOCIATION
General Membership Meeting
Wednesday – June 14, 2006

Rear Commodore Joe Luthman called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Board members present were Rear Commodore Joe Luthman; Secretary Pam Vanderveer; and Elected Governors Sherry Beckett and Roland Norris. Not Present were Commodore Donna Hartley Oyer; Vice Commodore Joe Coleman; Treasurer Tom Schrader, and Elected Governor Chip Worster.

REAR COMMODORE: Following introduction of the board members, fleet captains, committee chairmen, and past commodores, Joe welcomed all members, guests, and new members attending for the first time. Joe noted that if you haven't already received your 40th anniversary blanket, please come to a monthly meeting to pick yours up.

Minutes/Treasurer's Report: A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2006 meeting as published in the June 2006 Foot, Tack, & Clew (FT&C). A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the Treasurer's report as published in the June FT&C.

River Racing: Jim Yates – Please visit www.sail-race.com for complete, up-to-date info.

* June 24th is the 2nd race for the ECSA Summer series and July 15th is the 3rd and final race for this series.

* July 1-2 is the Port Canaveral Yacht Club Firecracker Regatta.

* July 3-11 is Regatta Time in the Abacos.

* July 29th is the ECSA River Challenge – this is a one-day river race.

* Aug. 12 will be a single-handed race.

* Aug. 19 will be a Fun Race designed to get both cruisers and racers to participate.

Women's Racing: Sherry Beckett -

* Port Canaveral YC held a Mermaid Regatta on June 3rd with 6 ECSA boats participating.

* June 3rd marked the conclusion of the Spring Women's Series with Sherry Beckett on Fast Lane taking 1st place, Rachel Ross on Sleighride taking 2nd

place, and Rhonda Delmater on Rendezvous taking 3rd place.

* July 23rd is the first race for the Fall Women's Series.

Cruising: Ron Vanderveer – Visit www.ecsasail.com for complete info. Upcoming cruises include:

Downtown Eau Gallie Cruise – Cancelled, was scheduled for July 1-2.

Cocoa Village – July 15-16. Plan to anchor just south of the 520 bridge. The entertainment portion has been scratched as the Cocoa Village playhouse only has a children's production scheduled during this time, however, the cruise is still on. Please contact our hosts, Joe & Wanda Luthman for more information 631-3247.

Sailor's Island Ocean Cruise - Sept. 2-4/ Labor Day weekend. Anchor just north of the barge canal in the Banana River. Hosted by Johan & Dee Neve.

Pinedaville – Nov. 18-19. The county has erected a fence limiting pedestrian access to the beach from the Pineda Causeway, however, upon contacting the County, we will still be able to get in and they will allow us access. Therefore, Pinedaville will be held at the same location, NE of the Pineda Causeway in the Indian River Lagoon – plan to attend ECSA's biggest beach bash of the year!

Old Business:

*Ship's Store: Items available for purchase at the monthly meetings include: siphons \$8; jackets \$20; license plates \$5; burgees \$15; ECSA patch \$7.50.

*The trophy case proposal was submitted and passed around to members attending the meeting. However, we were not able to vote on this as there were not enough board members present to meet the quorum.

New Business:

* The board met last month to discuss ideas for new items for the Ship's Store.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. followed by a presentation by Chuck Nelson, Special Assistant Brevard County, Marine Advisory.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Vanderveer,
Secretary





TREASURER'S REPORT

by
Tom Schrader

Commodore's Article continued...

Income Statement		Fiscal YTD
	June - 06	Sep 05 - Jun 06
REVENUE		
Activities Income	-	5,098.00
Membership Dues	-	6,500.00
Merchandise Income	-	983.50
Miscellaneous Income	-	378.50
Sunshine Fund	-	<u>135.00</u>
Total Revenue	-	13,095.00
EXPENSES		
Activities Expense	281.18	7,420.30
Bank Service Charge	-	-
Dues & Subscriptions	-	61.25
Insurance	-	2,061.00
Miscellaneous	18.62	3,808.74
Postage/Delivery	84.24	801.50
Printing/Repro	67.03	1,085.24
Rent	50.00	177.20
Sales Tax	10.75	59.01
Sunshine Fund	-	<u>138.53</u>
Total Expenses	511.82	15,612.77
Net Income	(511.82)	(2,517.77)

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for a long time has been kept our secret. Unfortunately, the secret is no longer ours. We have been discovered! We will deal with the explosion of condos and people because we love our once "Sleepy Little Town". We have lived here long enough and have those memories of how it once was. Progress can't erode the memories that we have lived. We have the history of how it once was. In our hearts, that is how it will remain.....

Happy Sails to You,
Donna

Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2006

Assets		
Checking		3,210.34
Restricted Cash (Lasowska Fund)		942.00
Security Deposit		<u>100.00</u>
Total Assets		4,252.34
Liabilities & Net Worth		
Unrestricted Cash		6,432.86
Retained Earnings		337.25
Net Income		<u>(2,517.77)</u>
Total Net Worth		4,252.34
NOTE: Sunshine Fund	<i>Balance</i>	149.47

Great Loop Adventure

Don't miss the next chapters of Jack & Carole Snyder's adventures as they traverse the Great Loop.

Log on to ECSA's website:
www.ecsasail.com

for a detailed accounting of their trip so far.

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 ★ **ECSA's 40th Anniversary** ★
 ★ **Blankets** ★
 ★ Please don't forget to stop by a membership meeting to pick up your blanket. You may not need it in this weather; but we are sure you will enjoy the blanket when the cold weather comes back!
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Vice Commodore's Article

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AM and sure enough, he was. They worked on the unit for about an hour and a half, found a broken connector, fixed it and only charged us for the service call and one hour of labor. At ten we were back on the water heading for Lake Worth and points south. Among our six boats, there seemed to be one problem or another along the way, from broken refrigeration to malfunctioning oil sensors to water pouring into the fuel tank (yeah, that was me). But the great thing about traveling with a group is that there is always someone there who can fix something, and we did, almost daily.

Getting to the Keys seemed a lot harder this time than six years ago when we last went. Then most of the bridges were on demand. Now nearly all are on a schedule - a power boat schedule. When they allowed a half hour between openings for the bridges and the distance was four miles, there was no way we could make it. The stretch from Lake Worth to Ft Lauderdale was a killer. We spent more time waiting for bridges to open than we did sailing.

I was surprised to see that Pier 66 marina in Ft. Lauderdale was still suffering from damage from the hurricanes. Not the ones from 2005, but the ones from 2004. Most of the big boats were gone and the docks were in terrible shape. Even the ship's store looked empty and ready to close down. We were able to walk to a 7 Eleven to get ice cream so all was not lost.

The trip through Miami was great and once in Biscayne Bay, we were able to motor sail to Pumpkin Key. Of course I had to run over a crab pot along the way, but at least the water was warm and clear. A day and a half later we were in Marathon. The last time we were at Marathon, Karen and I stayed at Burdine's because we needed service on our new engine. Everyone else stayed at Faro Blanco. Then Burdine's was a mess and Faro Blanco was the place to be. Everyone talked about what a great marina it was and how much fun they had, so this time I made reservations for Faro Blanco. What a mistake! The marina had also been damaged from all the hurricanes and they were closing it down at the end of

the month. The docks were swaying in the wind and the facilities were not all that great, not to mention no Tiki bar. We could sit on the back of the boat and see Burdine's just to the west. Nice and clean, new restrooms, and of course, their Tiki bar. Being ECSAers we still managed to have fun there, snorkeling, fishing, swimming, a trip to Key West and just hanging with our nice fellow sailors. We had time to get some repairs done to the boats and have fuel tanks cleaned of water. After three days there we headed to Hawks Kay Resort, which is still a wonderful resort. We all picked a pool to cool off in and had a nice cold beer to end the day.

The trip back was a lot better than the trip down. We had current and bridges working with us and made good time. *Alibi* and *Believe* traveled from Lake Worth to Vero Beach Municipal Marina in about nine hours; *Miss Faith* was just behind us. *Impulse*, *Bieque*, and *Mrs. C* decided to stop at Ft Pierce because they didn't want to push it. The next morning, I checked the weather GPS and noticed some storm clouds that would quickly pass us, so we delayed our departure about an hour. That gave Kay Sparrow enough time to come and drive the girls to a bakery for fresh breakfast pastries. The weather was great for the rest of the day and we all made it in before the afternoon storms moved in.

To summarize the trip, with the exception of the first day's weather, the trip was great, the traveling companions were even better, and there are more stories than the few that I have told here. Remember, whatever happens in the Keys, stays in the Keys.



Joe & Karen Coleman with son Tony at the Progressive Dinner. One of the few that braved the weather and came by dinghy!



CRUISE QUARTERS

By Bill Jones

Outstanding weather, good food, good friends and lots of fun marked the Jones' Barbeque Bash held in May.

Friday evening started with everyone enjoying Carla's lasagna, and some delicious Cajun shrimp provided Dee and Johan, not to mention the Corona Beer. Entertainment was great with guitar and singing provided by Keith and Guiermo. Saturday's activities included kayaking, kite flying, piñata bashing, and swimming activities. Joe Luthman brought his super catamaran kite, and the kids were flying kites throughout the day. A piñata filled with goodies was sacrificed to the wild swinging junior club members. The traditional game of watermelon football was held with fun being had by all. One member of the Submariners, Team 2 had trouble keeping the melon in play and continued to pass the melon in the air. He was continually banished to the penalty box with no seeming affect and his initials were RV.

Speaking of RV's, long-standing members Kay, Barbara and Jacob arrived by land yacht and promptly ran it aground (what's new?). After much work and gnashing of teeth, Land Tow Yacht US piloted by Mike Kalimnios towed them off. Honorable mention goes to Don Theriault who tried to control the mob of helpers and successfully help free the land yacht.

A delicious meal of barbequed pork and turkey with many outstanding side dishes was eaten, and afterwards everyone sat around and socialized with entertaining music provided by Brad Jones .

Proud new boat owners, Commodore Donna and Jim brought their new Morgan Out Islander 41, "Believe", and provided numerous boat tours for the group. Thanks to Nansea Abbot and Dee and Johan Neve for providing kayaks for our use.

Those attending by land:

Vera Oyer; Barbara, Jacob and Kay Sparrow; Jeff and Carol Schiff; Deanne Hansen and Charlie Millsaps; Jean Freeman; Adrienne and Bob Goldstein; Abel, Anna Guerra and kids; Brian, Seema, Cassi, and Brianna Jones; Brad and Karen Jones; Ron and Kay Tyre; Pat Walker; Simon Koumjian and Eileen Kiesel; Lou and Mel Larsen; Earl and Sue Lamar; Dave Merchberger; George and Emalyn Utting; Brad Bagwell; Mike, Elizabeth, Isabella, Zachary, Alex Kalimnios; and Nancy Abbott.

Those attending by boat were as follows:

Roland and Barbara Norris	Captiva
Joe, Wanda and Briana Luthman	Nolina
Dee and Johan Neve	Sea Angel
Don and Joanne Theriault	Impulse
Steve and Andrew Eklund	Mad Viking
Chris, Susan and Park Conrad	LaLeLu
Erik, Dominique Haas and Dad	Marathi
Jean Claude	
Paul and Carla Stewart	Again
Ron, Pam, Lauren, and Kristen	Dolphin
Vanderveer	Dancer
Jim and Donna Oyer	Believe
Joe, Karen and Tony Coleman	Alibi
Clyde and Judi Crouch	Osprey
Ken, Pam, Brandon and Jessica	Mystic
Windsor	Dream
Chip and Louise Worster	Chip-Ahoy
Don and Wendy Daube	Passages

Sunday breakfast was a feast for all, and boaters wandered home to enjoy the day with a beautiful sail.....





CRUISE QUARTERS

Member Classifieds

Don't forget - Cruise to Cocoa Village Saturday - July 15th

Please join us for an informal cruise to the Cocoa Village area. We'll anchor southwest of the State Road 520 bridge, south of the power lines Saturday afternoon and go from there. At newsletter press time, we are finding a new host for the event. Look for a boat flying an ECSA burgee in the anchorage and if you see *Believe*, our Commodore's boat—I bet they will have the scoop!

Please feel free to contact our Commodore, Donna Hartley Oyer for more information. Donna may be reached on her cell phone at 321-243-0088.

FOR SALE: 36' center cockpit Watkins. Many new and like new items, e.g. sails, Mackpack, roller furler, Garmin color GPS, custom bimini etc., etc... Strong Perkins 4-108 52 hp diesel. Needs love. See or call Kay Sparrow at 772-473-9394. Priced at \$38,000.00 OBO.

FOR SALE: Moving out of area. Very beautiful 35 ft CHIEN HWA trawler, 135 Lehman, low hrs. 4 KW, Onan, 2 staterooms, walk around queen bed, 2 heads, propane stove, Norcold refr., a/c, large covered sun-deck w/round table seating 6, a must see! Move aboard and cruise or hang out in the keys. \$ 79,500. Call 321-777-8339 or cell 321-243-6574.

FOR SALE: 1984 Catalina 22 w/swing keel. New Cushions, Battery & Trailer. 2000 Nissan 5 hp out-board. Main, Jib, Genoa with sail covers Galley, Porta-Potty, VHF, battery charger and Bimini. Ready to sail! \$4999.00. Call Don at 321-271-9903

FOR SALE: 8' Walker Bay dinghy with oars and trailer. Good condition. Asking \$550.00. Call David Bishop: Home 722-3763, Pager 634-0682.

Place your sailing classified ad here...
(free to members)

Just contact the Newsletter Editor Brenda Merchberger at 321-779-0438 or via e-mail to bmerch@cfl.rr.com.

On Sailors...

Adventure means risking something. And it is when we are doing that, that we know what a splendid thing life is and how splendidly it can be lived. The man who never dares never does. The man who never risks never wins. It is far better to venture and fail than to lie on the hearth rug like a sleepily purring cat. Only fools laugh at failure. Wise men laugh at the lazy and the too contented, and at those who are so timid that they dare undertake nothing.

-Alain Gerbault

COME SAIL WITH ME

New ECSA member, Clay Bernichon has purchased ARIEL, a 41' Cruising Catamaran and would like to share the catamaran experience with ECSA members; besides he needs some crew and wants to be an active part of the club. This is initially for some day sailing on the river, club events and maybe more. All welcome – singles, couples, old or young. Call Clay at 321-631-4557.

ECSA 2006 Race & Cruise Schedule

Date	Event	Contact
July 15	Summer Series #3	Yates
July 15 -16	Cruise to Cocoa Village	Host Needed / Oyer
July 23	Fall Women's #1	Beckett
Aug 12	Single Handed Race	Yates
Aug 19	Fun Race	Yates
Aug 20	Fall Women's #2	Beckett

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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