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General Membership Meeting

*The June General Membership Meeting
will not be held*

See you in July for a special presentation....

JUNE Calendar of EVENTS

3	MYC	Summer Rum Race #3
4	ECSA	Spring Women's #5 & #6
4	CBYC	Mermaid Regatta
4	IRYC	Sail-A-Small Boat Day
4-5	TSC	Spring Regatta
11	ECSA	Summer River Race #2
11-12	ECSA	Cruise to Marker 21 with MYC
12	MYC	Small Boat Racing
17	MYC	Summer Rum Race #4
18	IRYC	Spring Series #5
26	MYC	Small Boat Racing

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
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

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



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

Last Minute....

A couple points of business before the reason for the title of this article becomes apparent. First, Jack Snyder has been hard at work providing Legislative Affairs input to me, but I have been horribly behind on keeping the website updated. By the time you receive this newsletter, there WILL be a new Legislative Affairs section on www.ecsasail.com, please be sure to check it out.

Also, a reminder to the racers in our group to get their fees in soon. The summer river racing series is about to begin and you must be paid up in order to race. We do have some more cruising boats joining the fleet and I'm sure there are crew positions available. Speak up if you'd like to get aboard the boats to race.

Lastly, there will NOT be a June Membership meeting. Too many of the board members will be out playing and we will not have a quorum for the meeting. However, be sure to make plans for the July meeting, we have a special treat in store in the form of a program that will interest all sailors, racers and cruisers alike. This is one you don't want to miss.

Now, to the 'real' article....

I was warned by previous Commodores that the hardest part of being Commodore is finding something to write about each month. During the past year an a half, it hasn't been bad, but this month it caught up with me. So what do I do when I don't know how do solve a problem? Procrastinate, of course!

The deadline for this month's FT&C is well past and I'm currently not even in town. In fact, it's Sunday afternoon and I'm at 40,000 feet somewhere over the Gulf of Mexico on my way to Houston. Articles were due to our Editor this past Friday. I figure I better get this thing written and emailed back home as soon as I arrive or I might not get such a warm welcome when I DO come home!

The reason I feel confident that I could pull this little trick off is that your Rear Commodore, Joe Coleman dutifully submitted his article on time, which gave me an opportunity to use him for fodder.

If you haven't read his article yet, Joe goes on and on
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Hi Gang!

We just recently got back from Boston. We went up for my daughter's college graduation. I'm going to take my liberty as a writer and brag a little bit. My daughter graduated at the top of her class! She's a lot smarter than her Dad! Boston is quite a seafaring town with a lot of history on the waterfront. Also, the Charlestown Navy Yard is just across the river. It is the home of the USS Constitution (Old Ironsides). A really impressive ship! The Tea Party ship was up in Maine for a refit because it got hit by lightning. So we didn't see it, just an empty dock. This is a year for sailing related vacations. Next month, we are going to my son's high school graduation in New Jersey. We will be stopping in Annapolis, the sailing capitol of the world, for a few days to take in the sights and crab cakes! Then, on the New Jersey and family with a side trip to South Street Seaport in New York City to take in all the tall ships and museums.

Well, one of these days I'll have to do something that the girls pick out, but that's in the future. For now, I got sailing on the brain like some of you folks!

See you at the next cruise.

Your Vice Commodore,
Joseph Luthman

P.S. I was just on the internet and saw Mariners Museum in Newport News, Virginia--maybe on the way back, poor girls!

Welcome New Members

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Island Packet 35 *Wanderer*



A VIEW FROM THE REAR... by Joe Coleman

This is going to be a hard article to write, because I wanted to tell you all about our newest adventure, but we're only starting to get into it now.

Karen and I were invited to go to "the islands" with Dave and Brenda Merchberger aboard Thirsty Whale. Now that Karen is only working a couple of days a week, it was easy for her to arrange for the two and a half weeks off. As for me, I figured that if they did not let me have the time off, I could always wait three weeks before looking for another job.

I really wanted to write about what a great time we had on the trip. You know, the same old stuff—skinny-dipping, drinking too much for too many days, laying around with a pirates patch over your eye, those same sort of things everyone else has always done. However having not made the trip, I am not sure we would do all those things. I am not even sure if Brenda has a pirate's patch.

So I think I will talk about our getting ready. Those of you who have taken this trip in the past are probably laughing about now. Just how hard is it to get ready to go to the islands? Let's see, swimming trunks, beer and a clean shirt. You would think that would do it. No way.

Apparently the girls thought it would be a good idea to have some food on board, so the menu planning started. Dave and I figured just put on some hot dogs, a few cans of beans, and we're set. Karen and Brenda had other ideas. You know, if we are eating spaghetti, it must be Wednesday. Now let's see, if there are four of us and one can of carrots serves six and one can of peas also serves six, then we could have carrots one night, peas the next and carrot and peas on the third day. If one pound of spaghetti serves four, but one can of sauce will serve six, now what do you do? I can see why it takes people so long before they ever go to the islands. They just can't get the menu right. Thank goodness Karen and Brenda are natural planners.

And it's not just only the food, but the wardrobe as well. Color coordinated outfits, shirts that will coordinate with more than one pair of shorts, and so

on. Now how about foul weather gear, snorkeling equipment, sailing gloves, a hat to wear in the water and one for the beach, beach towels, shoes for the beach and then those for the boat. I am starting to think that we should just tow Alibi behind us so we make sure we have everything we need.

After the planning sessions were concluded and the checklists were made for all the supplies, there was one thing still missing that I think is very important. What kind of music are we bringing? Yes, music. It's very important that when you pull into the anchorage that you have the right kind of music. There's nothing worse than to show up with Cindy Lauper's "Girls Just Want To Have Fun" blasting out of the speakers. It totally sets the wrong tone. I was thinking Jimmy Buffet (of course), then maybe some Greek sailing music, a little Styx, and some Joe Cocker. Throw in a little John Lennon and Black Crows and you're all set. And if we want to, we can all sing "Potty Mouth" just to change the tempo.

Hospitality

With their being no General Membership Meeting in June—if those scheduled to bring goodies in June could bring them in July—it would be greatly appreciated!

Our Hospital Chairman—Brenda Merchberger, will be in touch with you.

? *Erwin Kissenberth*

? *Caroline & Otto Klepper*

Thank you!



TREASURER'S REPORT

by
Tom Schrader



CRUISE QUARTERS

Income Statement Fiscal Yr to Date

REVENUE	May - 05	Sep 04 - May 05
Activities Income	20.00	4,670.00
Membership Dues	35.00	6,504.00
Merchandise Income	30.00	393.00
Miscellaneous Income	51.00	266.00
Sunshine Fund	<u>45.00</u>	<u>81.00</u>
Total Revenue	181.00	11,914.00
EXPENSES		
Activities Expense	195.00	5,603.10
Bank Service Charge	-	-
Dues & Subscriptions	-	209.40
Insurance	-	2415.00
Miscellaneous	-	280.91
Office Supplies	-	121.90
Postage/Delivery	51.80	692.33
Printing/Repro	42.40	646.91
Rent	-	110.40
Sales Tax	-	20.61
Sunshine Fund	-	-
Total Expense	289.20	10,100.56
Net Income	(108.20)	1,813.44

Balance Sheet for Period Ending May 31, 2005

Assets/Checking	6,718.50
Restricted Cash	942.00
Security Deposit	<u>100.00</u>
Total Assets	7,760.50
Liabilities & Net Worth	
Unrestricted Cash	6,432.86
Retained Earnings	(485.80)
Net Income	<u>1,813.44</u>
Total Net Worth	7,760.50

June Cruise

June 11th & 12th -Join Melbourne Yacht Club for their cruise to Marker 21. Bring along potluck dishes to share for Saturday dinner and breakfast Sunday morning. Please contact Julie, our cruise chairman a/k/a Ron Vanderveer at 321-255-3854 for additional details.

July Cruises

4th of July - We hope to watch the fireworks over Melbourne Harbor for the 4th of July. We don't have the exact details of the fireworks extravaganza, so please watch for more details on the cruise which will be posted on the ECSA website: www.ecsasail.com as the information becomes available.

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

On the Sea...

Any fool can carry on, but only a wise man knows how to shorten sail in time.

- Joseph Conrad



SECRETARY'S REPORT

By

Phyllis Paradies

EAST COAST SAILING ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING
May 11, 2005

Commodore Dave Merchberger called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Board of Governors present were Dave Merchberger, Joe Luthman, Joe Coleman, Phyllis Paradies, Wes Whitley, Chip Worster and Sherry Beckett.

Dave welcomed all present and introduced the Board members, committee chairmen, and past commodores. Also introduced were new members and guests attending for the first time.

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

Commodore

Membership: A motion was made and seconded to approve Glenn and Lisa Parker into membership. The motion was carried.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the April Secretary's report as published in the May Foot, Tack & Clew (FT&C). The motion was carried.

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

Dave Merchberger reported on the following items:

?????Hospitality – Dave thanked John & Loretta Schnitzius for providing refreshments for the meeting.

?????Legislative Affairs – Jack Snyder has offered to chair this new position for ESCA.

?????Sunshine Fund – Members have contributed \$81.00 so far for the fund. Dave thanked all who have contributed to the fund to send cards, etc. to those members in need of a cheerful word.

?????June meeting - Due to many members cruising to the Bahamas next month, there will be the absence of a quorum for the board of directors. Therefore, there will be no general membership meeting in July

?????July Meeting – Dave has arranged a special program with Ethan Bixby, a previous Indian Harbor Beach resident, now employed by North Sails in Clearwater Beach. Ethan is the starboard genoa trimmer onboard Pyewacket, Roy Disney's

86' (35m) Reichel/Pugh design. It is a new MaxZ86 built for the new "open" class box rules. Ethan will present a video and talk about sailing on Pyewacket.

Vice Commodore

Joe Luthman reported that Mike Potter from Noah's Ark is presenting a program on Diesel Engines this evening.

Rear Commodore

Joe Coleman reported that patches and license plates would be available for purchase at the July Meeting.

Racing: Jim Miller reported that the Spring River Series has just wrapped up and the Summer Series begins either May 28th or June 11th. Please confirm the start date with Jim Yates or Sherry Beckett. The Indian River Challenge is this weekend in Cocoa. The Memorial Day Regatta in Cocoa Beach has been cancelled.

Women's Racing: Sherry Beckett reported there would be a race on May 22nd. There will also be a race on May 28th at Cocoa Beach Yacht Club. There will be a Mermaid Regatta and Luau at Cocoa Beach Yacht Club on June 4th.

Cruising:

?????Thanks to Bill & Carla Jones for hosting the Boy Scout Island Cruise at their house on Merritt Island. It was a well-attended and enjoyable event.

?????This upcoming weekend is the Capt. Katanna's Cruise. Please be aware that the restaurants dock is being rebuilt. Diamond 99 has offered to let us tie up dinghies at their dock and we can walk next door to Capt. Katanna's.

?????The Memorial Day cruise is hosted by Kay Sparrow. Kay indicated that he is in need of help unloading and loading his boat. It was noted that the club will not be stopping at Marker 21 this year, but rather cruisers will go straight to the Sebastian Inlet anchorage and spend two nights there.

?????June 11th – the Melbourne Yacht Club cruisers will be going to Marker 21. Our club is welcome to join them. If you are going to attend, please bring potluck dishes to share for dinner Saturday night and breakfast Sunday morning.

?????July 16th – 17th will be our first cruise and dinner at Yellow Dog Café. Don & Joanne Theriault are hosting the cruise

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

?????Dave noted that it appears that work has

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

about preparing a sailboat for a trip to the Bahamas. He speaks fondly about peas and carrots, spaghetti, which combination of swimsuit and shirt to wear, and finally what is the appropriate music to play while arriving in the anchorage. Such blissful thoughts he has. Thankfully, Brenda and Karen have been working tirelessly to ensure that the four of us are fully clothed and presented with nutritionally balanced meals each day, because if it was up to Joe, I suspect it would be beans and weenies for two and a half weeks (not that there is anything wrong with that!)

Let me share with you my perspective of preparing Thirsty Whale for her first trip to the Abacos since Brenda and I were living aboard some four years ago. It seems like it all started with the realization that after 14 years, our sails have lost some of their 'crispness' (to say the least!) Next up was the installation of a new rigid boom vang and the removal of the topping lift. Joe was kind enough to allow me to crank him up the mast for the topping lift removal. Nice guy.

The next thing we know, there is a new RIB in our back yard, and of course it is a bit too big and heavy for the existing davits, so yup, new davits are
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Secretary's Report continued

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started on Mathers Bridge. Updates will be posted on the website as additional information becomes available.
?????There are on-line classified advertisements available at www.sail-race.com.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. followed by a refreshment break and a program on Diesel Engines by Mike Potter from Noah's Ark.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Paradies
Secretary



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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



Legislative Affairs

from Jack Snyder

Miami Beach Florida Alert

The city of Miami Beach has taken the first step toward approving a very restrictive anchoring ordinance for all Miami Beach waters. If passed at a second reading scheduled for May 18, the ordinance limits all boats in city waters to 72 hours at an anchor or mooring. The ordinance defines any vessel in city waters for more than 72 hours as a "liveaboard" vessel that is not exercising its rights of navigation and one that is "avoiding fees associated with marinas" as well as "invading the privacy" of homeowners, "interfering with views," and a "nuisance" that the city may regulate under state law.

BoatU.S. believes this is a very negative development for boating and an ill-conceived, draconian approach toward regulating where and when transient boats may cruise the public waterways. Public access to Florida's waterways is under attack throughout the state and if a major city such as Miami Beach can make reasonable stops in navigable waters off limits to the boating public, it will set a very bad precedent.

Local officials need to hear directly from their local constituents. BoatU.S. is pursuing this issue through other channels, including state and regional organizations and the boating press, but in the meantime we ask that you to get in touch with Miami Beach officials and object to this 72-hour limit as arbitrary, not based on any science or data, and one that could endanger the cruising public by forcing them out of a protected waterway in less than favorable weather or sea conditions. For local taxpayers, the city manager has written that enforcement alone will cost the city \$1.1 million per year, not counting the loss to local businesses when boaters avoid the area.

Please E-mail or write to:

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City Staff Attorney Gary Held:

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City Manager Jorge Gonzalez:

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The Miami Beach city web site is at <http://www.miamibeachfl.gov>.

Thoughts from your Commodore - cont'd..... *From page 6*

ordered and installed. Davit installation is normally very easy and straightforward, but in our case a change to the supports for the wind generator was required. The hours go by.

Now, since we are going to have guests aboard, everything must be spotless below decks. EVERYTHING comes off the boat; every locker is emptied, vacuumed, washed and carefully repacked. Thank goodness for Brenda! New hatch screens were installed. Even a new shower curtain! The hours go by.

Then of course, there are the 'normal' preps to be done. Ensuring that all of the mechanical and electrical systems are in top condition and that the appropriate spare parts and tools are aboard in case the unforeseen happens. Fuel and water tanks topped off, jerry jugs with extra fuel mounted safely on deck. The hours go by.

Oh yea...how are we going to get from here to there? The route is plotted on paper charts as well as in the GPS. Set and drift calculations are made for various combinations of anticipated boat speed and Gulf Stream conditions. All of this is used to determine the time to leave the Ft. Pierce anchorage so that we arrive at Manjack Channel in good light a day and a half after departure. The hours go by.

To complicate all of this planning, I have been sent out of town for work once again. Not to worry though, I'm scheduled to return Wednesday afternoon.... the day before we head south for Ft. Pierce. The hours go by.

So, I hope Joe has enjoyed his visions of beans and weenies as Karen, Brenda and I prepare his private yacht for a trip to the Abacos!

See you on the water
Dave



ECSA 2005 Race & Cruise Schedule

Date	Event	Contact
Jun 4	Spring Women's Race #6	Beckett
Jun 11	Spring River Race #1	Yates
Jun 11 -12	Cruise Weekend to Marker 21	Vanderveer
Jun 25	Summer River Race #2	Yates
July 4th weekend	Cruise to Melbourne Harbor	Vanderveer
July 16 - 17	Cruise to Yellow Dog Cafe	Therault
July 23	Summer River Race #3	Yates

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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