



# FOOT, TACK & CLEW

## East Coast Sailing Association

P.O. Box 372054 • Satellite Beach, FL 32937-0054

<http://www.ecsasail.com>

BOAT/US number GA81299B

June 2006



### THE OFFICIAL LOG OF THE EAST COAST SAILING ASSOCIATION

#### **Board of Governors**

##### **Flag Officers** ☞

Commodore

Donna Oyer 321 - 783 - 4458

Vice Commodore

Joe Coleman 321 - 773 - 3265

Rear Commodore

Joe Luthman 321 - 631 - 3247

Secretary

Pam Vanderveer 321 - 255 - 3854

Treasurer

Tom Schrader 321 - 917 - 6638

##### **Elected Governors**

Chip Worster 321 - 773 - 5851

Sherry Beckett 321 - 779 - 3024

Roland Norris 321 - 783 - 9736

##### **Fleet Captains**

Cruising

Ron Vanderveer 321 - 255 - 3854

River Racing

Jim Yates 321 - 777 - 2663

Women's Racing

Sherry Beckett 321 - 779 - 3024

##### **Newsletter Editor**

Brenda Merchberger 321 - 779 - 0438

##### **Program Chairmen**

Bill Jones Johan Neve Wes Whitley

##### **Membership Chairman**

Brenda Merchberger 321 - 779 - 0438

##### **Rating Chairman**

Jim Miller 321 - 777 - 7011

##### **Advertising**

Open

##### **Hospitality**

Karen Coleman 321 - 773 - 3265

##### **Legislative Affairs**

Jack Snyder 321 - 868 - 3529

#### **General Membership Meeting**

Wednesday ~ 14 June 2006 ~ 7:00 p.m.

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

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

#### **PROGRAM:**

**Chuck Nelson, Brevard County**

**Lots of Important Topics will be covered**

? **Boating and Waterway Study**

? **Derelict Bill**

? **Maritime Master Plan Update**

**and more...**

#### **JUNE Calendar of EVENTS**

2 & 16 & 30	MYC	Summer Rum Race
3	PCYC	Mermaid Regatta
3	TSC	Spring Regatta
11 & 25	MYC	Small Boat Racing
10	<b>ECSA</b>	<b>Summer Series #1</b>
10 - 11	<b>ECSA</b>	<b>Cruise to Capt Katanna's</b>
11	IRYC	Spring Series #4
14	<b>ECSA</b>	<b>Monthly Membership Meeting</b>
18	MYC	Small Boat Racing
24	<b>ECSA</b>	<b>Summer Series #2</b>
25	IRYC	Spring Series #5

#### **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	<b>ECSA</b>	<b>Monthly Membership Meeting</b>
14 & 28	MYC	Summer Rum Race
15	<b>ECSA</b>	<b>Summer Series #3</b>
15 - 16	<b>ECSA</b>	<b>Entertainment Cruise to Cocoa Village</b>
23	<b>ECSA</b>	<b>Fall Women's #1</b>
29	<b>ECSA</b>	<b>River Challenge</b>

Note: Each Wednesday evening IRYC is conducting their Summer Series

*Foot, Tack & Clew is the official newsletter of the East Coast Sailing Association and is mailed to the membership each month or available at <http://www.ecsasail.com>.*

*The opinions expressed herein are those of the authors and not necessarily those of the East Coast Sailing Association.*



## THOUGHTS FROM YOUR COMMODORE...

**Donna Oyer**

I am over it; how about you? For those of you in our club that are retired, I am envious. You will probably laugh at this article remembering that you had similar feelings not so long ago. Well, I am over the 40 hour grind. I am over my alarm when it rings at 5 am. I am over wearing shoes and uniforms. I am over risking my life just driving into work. (Some people love their jobs so much they just can't wait to get there.) I am just over the whole idea of being responsible. I don't want a schedule, a time clock or a supervisor.

I know we shouldn't wish our lives away, but can't we just skip over the working part? No, you say! How could we ever afford our toys if we didn't work? How about if we just, "threw caution to the wind", sold everything and just took off cruising. I mean now. There are many cruisers that have done just that. Sold their homes, quit their jobs and took off. Some are still cruising and enjoying the cruising lifestyle. The advice that you hear from most of them is, "Don't wait for retirement"! Honestly, I do agree with them.

I guess when the time is right, we will know it. If it happens before we retire, then good for us. Maybe we will have to wait until we retire to take off. But no matter what, we will go cruising. Whether it is today or tomorrow, our dream will come true. We will cruise someday! But until then, I guess I should get back to work in case my supervisor is lurking.

Tomorrow morning my alarm will go off and I will hit the snooze, wishing I would wake up to the rocking of our boat. Then the alarm goes off again and I rise knowing that I am one day closer to cruising.

Believe me, I am not really complaining at all. It is just an observation. I have nothing to complain about. We have our health, our family and wonderful friends. I am able to work and I am grateful for that. I just want to go cruising now! I know you understand what I am saying!

"For the truth is that I already know as much about my fate as I need to know. The day will come when I shall die. So the only matter of consequence before me is what I will do with my allotted time. I can remain on shore paralyzed with fear, or I can raise my sails and dip and soar in the breeze".  
*-Richard Bode*

Happy Sails to You,  
Donna



## VIEW FROM THE VICE...

by

**VICE COMMODORE  
Joe Coleman**

The Keys trip is planned and we should be heading out after the Capt Katanna's cruise. Next month, I'll give a report on what a great time we had. The neat thing about a cruise like this is that you don't have to follow a set schedule. You can lay back or forge forward on your own. We should have at least ten boats in the Keys at the same time. Kind of like when everyone goes to the Bahamas, but cheaper and no customs fee.

On another note, Pam Vanderveer found someone to build our trophy display case. If all goes well, we will be able to show and view our trophies at the Scheckner Center soon. Thanks Pam.

I am in Orlando now typing this out on my blackberry which is a pain in the---, so I will keep this short.

### Hospitality

Volunteers to bring goodies and help with refreshments for our June General Membership Meeting are:

- ? Bob White
- ? Helen & Robert Wicker



**Thank you!**



## SECRETARY'S REPORT

By

**Pam Vanderveer**

EAST COAST SAILING ASSOCIATION  
General Membership Meeting  
Wednesday – April 12, 2006

Commodore Donna Hartley Oyer called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. Board members present were Commodore Donna Hartley Oyer, Vice Commodore Joe Coleman, Rear Commodore Joe Luthman, and Elected Governors Sherry Beckett, Roland Norris and Chip Worster. Not Present were Secretary Pam Vanderveer and Treasurer Tom Schrader.

**COMMODORE:** Following introduction of the board members, fleet captains, committee chairmen, and past commodores, Donna welcomed all members, guests, and new members attending for the first time. Donna noted the following items:

- \* If you haven't already received your 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary blanket, please come to a monthly meeting to pick up.
- \* Please sign up for hospitality.

**New Members:** A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the following applications into membership: Bud & Cheryl Heinbaugh, Neal Ramsing and John & Meg Tworkowski.

**Minutes/Treasurer's Report:** A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2006 meeting as published in the May 2006 Foot, Tack, & Clew (FT&C). A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the Treasurer's report as published in the May FT&C.

**VICE COMMODORE:** Joe Coleman reported The Brevard County Commissioners has started to study and act to preserve marinas. This topic will be featured in the program at the June meeting.

The Keys cruise will begin on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, the day after the cruise to Capt. Katanna's. If you plan to attend the Keys cruise, please email Joe your cell phone number and he will share with the other participants. Joe will send a marina list to all those attending the cruise.

**REAR COMMODORE:** Joe Luthman reported the next cruise is Memorial Day cruise to Sebastian Inlet.

**Racing:** Sherry Beckett – Please visit [www.sail-race.com](http://www.sail-race.com) for complete, up-to-date info.

\*The Spring Regatta was held at Melbourne Yacht Club.

\*The Cirripedia Cup was held on Sunday – MYC won by a hair over ECSA.

\*The Cinco De Mayo Regatta was held last weekend at Port Canaveral Yacht Club – lots of cruising boats participated!!!!

\* The ECSA Summer series starts June 10. The 2<sup>nd</sup> race is scheduled for June 24th.

\* Mermaid Regatta will be held at Port Canaveral Yacht Club on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Cruising:** Ron Vanderveer – Visit [www.ecsasail.com](http://www.ecsasail.com) for complete info. Upcoming cruises include:

**Memorial Day Cruise to Sebastian Inlet** – May 27-29. Plan to overnight just south of the inlet both Sat. and Sunday nights. Please see the May newsletter for detailed information or call Ron's cell 427-6722 or Pam's cell 432-0559 for more info.

**Capt Katanna's Cruise in June** – please sign up at tonight's meeting if you plan to attend as this cruise will be before the next general membership meeting. Contact our hosts, Joanne and Don Theriault, for more information.

### **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.

**New Business:** None noted.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. followed by the nautical flea market for members to sell their treasures.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Vanderveer (for Pam Vanderveer, Secretary)





# TREASURER'S REPORT

by  
**Tom Schrader**



## Welcome New Members!

Bud & Cheryl Heinbaugh  
1025 Rockledge Dr U-203A  
Rockledge, FL 32955  
321-961-9639  
Pearson 32 *Yemaya*

Neal Ramsing  
587 Young Street  
Melbourne, FL 32935  
321-505-0632  
Westphal 39 *Gypsy Jean*

John & Meg Tworkoski  
2090 Barracuda Ave  
Melbourne, FL 32951  
321-726-9006  
J-24 *Fine Finish*

	Income Statement		Fiscal YTD
	May - 06	Sep 05 - May 06	
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Activities Income	45.00	5,098.00	
Membership Dues	150.00	6,500.00	
Merchandise Income	70.00	983.50	
Miscellaneous Income	-	378.50	
Sunshine Fund	-	<u>135.00</u>	
Total Revenue	220.00	13,095.00	
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Activities Expense	282.42	7,139.12	
Bank Service Charge	-	-	
Dues & Subscriptions	-	61.25	
Insurance	-	2,061.00	
Miscellaneous	-	3,790.12	
Postage/Delivery	86.28	717.26	
Printing/Repro	43.20	1,018.21	
Rent	-	127.20	
Sales Tax	-	48.26	
Sunshine Fund	<u>6.95</u>	<u>138.53</u>	
Total Expenses	418.85	15,100.95	
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(198.85)</b>	<b>(2,005.95)</b>	

### Balance Sheet as of May 31, 2006

#### Assets

Checking	3722.16
Restricted Cash (Lasowska Fund)	942.00
Security Deposit	<u>100.00</u>

**Total Assets 4,764.16**

#### Liabilities & Net Worth

Unrestricted Cash	6,432.86
Retained Earnings	337.25
Net Income	<u>(2,005.95)</u>

**Total Net Worth 4,764.16**

NOTE: Sunshine Fund *Balance* 149.47

### Great Loop Adventure

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

Log on to ECSA's website:  
[www.ecsasail.com](http://www.ecsasail.com)

for a detailed accounting of their trip so far.



## CRUISE QUARTERS

### Sebastian Inlet Memorial Day Cruise 2006 By Ron Vanderveer

At approximately 1600 hours on the Friday before Memorial Day, Pam and I and Lauren and Kristen found ourselves motoring south on *Dolphin Dancer* right into the middle of a nasty rain storm. We were just passing through the Grant Island area north of Sebastian inlet and the wind had been on our nose the whole way down and the rain was the icing on the cake. With Pam at the wheel in her foul weather gear, and the girls and I down below with everything closed up to the rain except one of the companionway boards, I was starting to question my decision to take Friday off of work and leave early for the inlet!

The storm eventually passed, and we made it across the shoal and over to the inlet without incident. We dropped anchor at the usual area south of the pavilions, but not before bouncing off the bottom several times and having to power *Dolphin Dancer* off into deeper water. The weather was still nasty, with a very strong south wind creating 2-3 foot chop in the lagoon. The only solace I could muster was the fact that the Oyers on *Believe*, Clint Braswell on *Island Girl*, and the Theriaults on *Impulse* were on their way too. At least we wouldn't spend the night alone! I don't think any of us slept too well, but we have all seen worse.

I was up off and on all night checking our position and making sure we didn't drag anchor. After having to be rescued by Dave Merchberger last year at the Jones' barbeque, I wasn't too keen on having to call for help to pull us off the shoals at Sebastian. But the night passed uneventfully for all of us and Saturday morning was beautiful. It dawned sunny and calm, and all of a sudden the troubles of Friday's trip were fading, except for the fact that I was a little short of sleep.

Other boats began to arrive early Saturday morning, some of whom had overnighted at various points along the way: Roland and Barbara Norris on *Captiva*, the Luthmans on *Nolina*, the Powell gang on *Running Free*, the Coleman's on *Alibi*, Bob and Chris Cahall on *WindCatcher*, the Manns on *Wings* and *Rubber Ducky*, the Randalls on *Last Move*, the Windsors on *Mystic Dream*, Loretta and John Schnitzius on *Grafin-Loretta*, Paul and Carla Stewart on *Again*, and new members

Bill and Jackie Zajac on *Petty Cash* with their friends and also new members, Bud and Cheryl Heinbaugh on *Yemaya*.

The Oyers volunteered their "new" boat for a 1600 cocktail party Saturday afternoon, and what a party it was! We counted 30+ people on board at the peak, and that big ole' Morgan didn't complain a bit. The only concern was the weather, which was threatening to say the least. But Charlie Mann and Joe Coleman both independently predicted that the two storms would split us, one going south and one going north, based on data from their new fancy weather radar things. And sure enough, all we got was a very light sprinkle of rain. In fact, the temperature cooled off quite a bit, and the flow of the now World Famous Bahama Donnas from the galley of *Believe* was unimpeded. It was a lot of fun, and everyone made it back to their respective boats without incident (well, at least without injury!).

Sunday morning was a club breakfast at the pavilion, and the 9:00 am start time was appreciated by all of the aforementioned party attendees (note: Chip Worster came later, or else I'm sure I would have been awakened by a knock on my hull at 6 am!). I cooked

*(Continued on page 6)*

Launch your  
**DREAM BOAT**  
now.

You were born to be on the water. So why wait?  
Finance your dream boat with a Good Neighbor Boat Loan  
from State Farm Bank®. Call me today for information  
on our competitive rates.



**Joe Raley, CLU CPCU**  
State Farm Agent  
5030 Minton Road NW  
Palm Bay, FL 32907  
Bus: 321-723-0333

 **Bank.**

LIKE A GOOD NEIGHBOR, STATE FARM IS THERE.®



Member  
FDIC  
P041006

STATE FARM BANK  
HOME OFFICE: BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS  
statefarm.com®

10/05



## Memorial Day Cruise

*cont'd*

*(Continued from page 5)*

up some bacon and Charlie Mann helped me out by handling the scrambled eggs, and the potluck buffet was, as usual, excellent. Thanks to everyone for chipping in.

After breakfast there were various activities and trips to the beach, the tide pool, and the sandbar just inside the inlet channel. Our girls managed to get sunburned to a crisp (we are terrible parents!) but they had a blast doing it. The car folks began to arrive, including Chip and Louise Worster, Chris and Susan and Park Conrad, Helen and Robert Wicker, Clyde and Judi Crouch, Deanne Hansen and Charlie Millsaps, George and Emalyn Utting, Neil and Sally Hodgson, Jean Freeman, and of course, Kay Sparrow and family in his new "boat" *Tony the Tiger*.

I must admit that with all of the playing around and trips to the beach, I didn't get my boat's bottom cleaned, much less anyone else's. Joe Coleman was relieved that nobody took me up on my offer from the newsletter, because it took him two hours just to get his bottom all polished up in preparation for the Keys trip (there's a good joke in there somewhere). But the highlight of the day was later in the afternoon, when I got a ride out to our boat from Joanne Theriault and Charlie (the Dachhund) in her dinghy, while Don Theriault stayed back at the pavilion. The idea was to let the Conrads use our dinghy to go hang out with Park at the sandbar, and Joanne would take me out to our boat so I could start getting things ready for dinner.

I didn't realize it until we were pushing off of the beach and she told me herself, but Joanne had only driven the dinghy alone twice before in her life! I figured there was no better time than the present for her to learn (the ex-science teacher in me kicked in). At the beach, I showed Joanne how to put the kill switch on to the engine and mentioned to her that once we got in the dink, the clip end of the kill switch should be attached to one of us. As we made our way out to the boat, I was giving her instructions on working the throttle handle and general steering and dinghy driving tips. She did a fine job and we stopped at *Dolphin Dancer* to drop me off, and then Joanne and Charlie (the dog) would continue over to *Impulse*.

Pam and I were watching her navigate back to her boat,

and although she had to circle around a couple of times to line it up, she finally did manage to pull alongside of the boat's stern and grab hold. Unfortunately, the dinghy motor was still in gear, and as Joanne reached back to pull the gear shift lever into neutral, and with one hand still on the stern of the Endeavor, she did a perfect backward roll right into the lagoon! And as you might have guessed, she had never actually clipped the kill switch on to her clothes. So, Joanne is in the drink, and Charlie is in the dinghy as it idles off to the east side of the lagoon, putt-putting along as if Don was in there driving it. Joanne was fine, although a bit wet, so that was the most important thing. But we were all kind of worried that Charlie might bail out if he got too nervous, and then we would have two sailors in the drink!

So Pam yells for help because she realizes that we don't have our dinghy. Luckily for Charlie (the dog) the Oyers happened to be in their dinghy and were able to respond quickly to all the commotion. They took off after the wayward dinghy and the intrepid Dachshund, and they were able to get to it and stop the engine (by pulling the now-famous kill switch) and tow it back to *Impulse* and an hysterically laughing Joanne. So all was well that ended well, and Joanne gets award for best story of the weekend!

Dinner was scheduled for 6:00 pm on Sunday night, and I am proud to announce that the first burgers were in the pan at about 6:10 pm. Many thanks to Joe Coleman for help on the barbeque, and to Chris Conrad for charcoal and lighting help, and to Pam Vanderveer for organizing the pavilion in general. Also thanks to Robert Wicker, who took me up on my call for rum with some great stuff from his private stash. Finally, thanks to Kristen and Lauren and Brianna who helped with the hot dogs and other stuff. Again, the potluck was excellent, and the whole thing would have been perfect except that I ended up two hamburgers short. Paul and Carla were late, yes, but that's no excuse. If Joe and I hadn't each dropped one burger patty into the dirt, it would have come out exactly right! I don't think anyone went hungry though, and that's the important thing.

Monday was departure day, and for many of us that meant a sunrise wake-up call. The wind had circled around to the north again, so it was shaping up to be a motor cruise home. I did finally get my waterline scrubbed and the prop de-barnacled, and off we went. The trip home was uneventful except for the very strong wind on the nose all the way home. Nevertheless, we were back at the dock by late afternoon, and another Sebastian Inlet cruise was in the books.



## CRUISE QUARTERS

## Member Classifieds

*Don't forget -*  
Capt Katanna's Cruise/Dinner  
this Saturday - June 10th

Please join our hosts Don & Joanne Theriault for a cruise to Capt Katanna's and a scrumptious dinner. The plans are to meet at the restaurant at 5 p.m. for dinner. There is deep water to anchor in front of the restaurant and dinghy in.

For further information, please contact Don or Joanne at 321-254-4624.



**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:** 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.

**FOR SALE:** 1984 Catalina 22 w/swing keel. New Cushions, Battery & Trailer. 2000 Nissan 5 hp outboard. 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](mailto:bmerch@cfl.rr.com).

### ***On sailors...***

Like their boats, man has attributed human characteristics to the sea, calling it beautiful as well as menacing. Sailors love the sea much of the time, hate it some of the time, and the wise ones have a healthy fear of it all the time.

*-Christopher Caswell*

### **ECSA NEWSLETTER AD RATES**

SIZE	1MO	3MOS	6MOS	12MOS
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

## ECSA 2006 Race & Cruise Schedule

Date	Event	Contact
June 10	Summer Series #1	Yates
June 10 - 11	Cruise to Captain Katanna's	Therault
June 24	Summer Series #2	Yates
July 15	Summer Series #3	Yates
July 15 -16	Cruise to Cocoa Village	Luthman
July 23	Fall Women's #1	Beckett

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



EAST COAST SAILING ASSOCIATION

PO Box 372054

Satellite Beach FL 32937-0054