



# FOOT, TACK & CLEW

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#### **General Membership Meeting**

Wednesday ~ 8 March 2006 ~ 7:00 p.m.

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

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

#### **PROGRAM:**

### ***Windjammin' the Maine Coast***

Presented by Chip Worster

#### **MARCH Calendar of EVENTS**

4	<b>ECSA</b>	<b>River Racing Spring Series #1</b>
5, 19	MYC	Spring Rum Race
5	IRYC	Winter Series #5
		<i>Sunfish Masters—Tampa March 10 - 12</i>
11	<b>ECSA</b>	<b>Spring Women's #3</b>
12	MYC	Small Boat Racing
12	TYC	Spring Series #2
		<i>Sunfish Midwinters Melbourne March 16 - 19</i>
19 - 20	<b>ECSA</b>	<b>Melbourne St. Patty's Day Cruise</b>
26	MYC	Small Boat Racing
27	IRYC	Spring Series #1
28		

#### **APRIL Calendar of EVENTS**

2	<b>ECSA</b>	<b>River Racing Spring Series #2</b>
		<i>Mount Dora Regatta, April 1 - 2</i>
2, 14, 28	MYC	Spring Rum Race
2	TYC	Spring Series #4
8 - 9	<b>ECSA</b>	<b>Ocean Cruise - Ft. Pierce/Port Canaveral</b>
9	MYC	Small Boat Racing
9	IRYC	Spring Series #2
12	<b>ECSA</b>	<b>General Membership Meeting</b>
15	<b>ECSA</b>	<b>River Racing Spring Series #3</b>
		<i>Titusville Indian River Festival April 20 - 23</i>
22 - 23	<b>ECSA</b>	<b>Progressive Dinner &amp; Poker Rally</b>
22 - 23	MYC	Spring Regatta Small Boat
23	TYC	Spring Series #5
29 - 30	MYC	Spring Regatta Big Boat

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## THOUGHTS FROM YOUR COMMODORE...

Donna Oyer

I always get this from people who don't sail. You know, the, "B.O.A.T", thing! "Oh, boats are so much work! You are throwing your money away! Sailboats are so slow"! DUH!

The term, "work", is definitely a relative one. Sure, there is always, "work", to be done on a sailboat. But I really don't look at it that way. I leave my home every morning at 6:00 a.m. to go to work. I spend at least 40 hours there a week. That is "work"! That is why it is called that. Now, scrubbing bird droppings off of the deck isn't fun, but I still don't consider it work. Scrapping the bottom and the prop in 50 degree water isn't fun either, but it still doesn't deserve to be called work. It takes time and a lot of "elbow grease", but it still beats the 40 hour grind.

Okay, the money "thing". Sure, we could be saving the money that we "throw away" and invest it. We could be saving, saving, saving so that our children have a secure future. But hey, we have worked since we were able and we need and want to spend it. Sailing is who we are. Sailing is what we love to do. Sailing is our dessert in this life of ours. I could be pounding the malls on the weekends spending plenty of money. But that is not my style. A trip to West Marine on the weekend is much more desirable. Throwing money away, I think not.

For anyone who makes such a ridiculous statement that, "Sailboats are so slow", just doesn't get it. But that is okay. I am glad that they don't get it because then there are less of us that do. We understand that there is no hurry to reach our destination. The journey started when the dock lines were released. Slow? No, we are not slow. When the wind is blowing and our sails are full, we are hoping that time would just stand still.

Happy Sails to  
You,  
Donna



## VIEW FROM THE VICE...

by

VICE COMMODORE  
Joe Coleman

I can remember leaving Georgetown on a foggy morning heading for Charleston. We were on Karen's parents' boat, helping to bring it down to Florida. Karen's dad, Bud Dolber, said, "No problem, we'll just use dead reckoning." He plotted a course on the chart, directed me where to steer, and away we went. I remember thinking to myself, "Gee, when we get a boat, we'll have to have a compass so we can use dead reckoning. That's all we'll ever need".

Bud and Helen used to leave the boat in Florida for the winter, so Karen and I enjoyed the use of it often. One year we decided to give Bud something for letting us use the boat. I looked in the West Marine catalog and saw this new (to me) device that would always tell you where you are, so you don't need to rely on dead reckoning. It was called Loran and we bought him one. With this fine electronic device, I thought "That's all we'll ever need".

Years later we bought *Alibi*. Of course it had a compass for dead reckoning, but not a Loran. My brother had something new called a GPS. Better than Loran at half the price and one quarter the size. I borrowed it for about two years, and after he finally found out where I was hiding it when he visited, he retrieved it and went back to Colorado. Now mind you, I never figured out how to use it properly, but boy did I miss it. So I said to Karen, "You know if we had one of those things, that's all we'll ever need".

Back to West Marine I went. Not only did they have plenty of GPS's, they also had something called a GPS chart plotter. Wow, not only will this thing tell you where you are, but also it can guide you by showing you all the day markers on the ICW. "Karen, honey... if we had this...that's all we'll ever need".

Well, last weekend, while at the boat show in Miami, I realized how incomplete my GPS chart plotter was. After visiting the Garmin booth, I could not fathom how I was ever going to be satisfied with my old GPS chart plotter without weather radar. Besides, my chart plotter display was in black and white. With the new one, not only could we tell where we were, where we were going, and at what speed, but also have weather radar on the colored screen. "Karen!! If we had this, that's all we'll ever need".



## SECRETARY'S REPORT

By

**Pam Vanderveer**

EAST COAST SAILING ASSOCIATION  
General Membership Meeting  
Wednesday – February 8, 2006

Commodore Donna Hartley Oyer called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Board Members present were Donna Hartley Oyer, Commodore; Joe Coleman, Vice Commodore; Joe Luthman, Rear Commodore; Pam Vanderveer, Secretary; Chip Worster and Roland Norris, Elected Governors. Absent: Tom Schrader, Treasurer; and Sherry Beckett, Elected Governor.

### **OFFICER REPORTS**

**COMMODORE:** Following the 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.

**New Members:** A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the following applications into membership: Gary and Mary Briand; Floyd and Sandi Bryan, David and Gail Cordial; Ralph Crawford and Winnie Lambert and Jeff Jowett.

**Minutes/Treasurer's Report:** A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2006 meeting as published in the February Foot, Tack, & Clew (FT&C). A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the Treasurer's report as published in the February FT&C.

### **VICE COMMODORE:**

Joe Coleman reported he is receiving bids to have a trophy display case built to showcase the perpetual awards at the Schechter Center in Satellite Beach.

Florida Keys Cruise: Joe and Karen Coleman are planning a two-week cruise to the Keys beginning June 10, 2006 and invited any interested club members to join them. More information to follow in future FT&C newsletters. Feel free to contact Joe or Karen if you are interested in going.

### **REAR COMMODORE:**

Joe Luthman gave the Fleet reports as follows:  
Racing: Spring Series starts March 4, 2006. Please contact Jim Miller to get a PHRF rating for your boat if you have not done so already.

### Cruising:

- ◆ Frostbite Cruise: Joe Coleman reported 12 boats/ 55 people in attendance and all had a good time.
- ◆ Miami Boat Show: Brenda Merchberger reminded everyone the bus will pick up at Harbortown Marina in Merritt Island at 6 a.m. and at the Osler Medical Building in Melbourne at 6:30 a.m.
- ◆ Mardi Gras: Brenda Merchberger reported the cruise to Cocoa Village for Mardi Gras will be February 25, 2006. Anchor south of the power lines, gather at 6 p.m. on the dinghy docks, and walk to El Charro for dinner. Car riders are welcome. The parade starts at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$7 in advance and \$12 at the gate – Brenda provided a sign-up sheet to order the discounted tickets.

### **Old Business**

Member Gift: Donna reminded everyone that 2006 is the club's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It was decided at the December meeting to give each member unit (current as of December 31, 2005) a 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary gift. The gift will be a 30"x 50" navy fleece stadium blanket with an embroidered ECSA logo. Dave Merchberger is currently receiving quotes and estimates a cost of approximately \$12.50 each.

### **New Business**

Nametags – Gold nametags designate a new member so please be sure to say "Hi" and introduce yourself to our new members and make them feel welcome. The red nametag designates a member or a guest.

Karen Coleman is in need of volunteers to bring refreshments for the future months and encouraged everyone to sign up for a month or two -- a sign up sheet is on the table. A big thanks to Kay Sparrow and John and Loretta Schnitzius for providing the refreshments this evening.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:35 p.m.

Following refreshments, Bill and Carla Jones gave a slideshow presentation of their cruise to the Chesapeake Bay

Respectfully submitted,  
Pam Vanderveer  
Secretary



# TREASURER'S REPORT

by  
**Tom Schrader**

Income Statement		Fiscal YTD
REVENUE	Feb-06	Sep 05 - Feb 06
Activities Income	783.00	4,016.00
Membership Dues	140.00	6,110.00
Merchandise Income	37.50	793.50
Miscellaneous Income	378.50	378.50
Miscellaneous Income	-	<u>93.00</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>960.50</b>	<b>11,391.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Activities Expense	1,759.38	6,588.78
Bank Service Charge	-	-
Dues & Subscriptions	-	61.25
Insurance	-	1,551.00
Miscellaneous	109.40	856.89
Office Supplies	-	-
Postage/Delivery	149.58	498.38
Printing/Repro	328.99	900.81
Rent	-	127.20
Sales Tax	-	45.51
Sunshine Fund	-	<u>131.58</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>2,347.35</b>	<b>10,761.40</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(1,366.85)</b>	<b>629.60</b>

## Balance Sheet as of February 28, 2006

<b>Assets</b>	
Checking	6,357.71
Restricted Cash (Lasowska Fund)	942.00
Security Deposit	<u>100.00</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>7,399.71</b>
<b>Liabilities &amp; Net Worth</b>	
Unrestricted Cash	6,432.86
Retained Earnings	337.25
Net Income	<u>629.60</u>
<b>Total Net Worth</b>	<b>7,399.71</b>

## Welcome New Members



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## CRUISE QUARTERS

### **Frostbite Cruise** **January 28 -29, 2006** *By Karen Coleman*

By the time you read this, I may have seen some frost, but it will have been on my trip further north. I am quite happy to report that once again the Frostbite Cruise to Ballard Park was frost-free. As a matter of fact, the weather was quite nice and slightly breezy for those who sailed in. We made our usual Ballard Park approach, which is to round the corner and stick our keel into the mud. It was then that we learned that we were no longer allowed to tie off onto the trees. So we did the next best thing – we handed the anchor to earlier arrival, Kay Sparrow, and he jammed the flukes into the mud on shore. Other boats arrived and we ended up with 11 boats and an extra dinghy. With the land cruisers we had 56 attendees for dinner. Besides the usual group of cruisers, there were a lot of new members and even some of our racers. I think everyone mixed and mingled well. One of the new members called Joe prior to the rendezvous and was concerned that there was no list of what to bring. Joe assured him that we always had plenty of everything, and if everyone happened to bring dessert, oh well, we'd be happy with that too. And there certainly was plenty of everything. There was even a big birthday sheet cake because it was Jim Oyer's birthday. We had a bit of a delay with the chicken grilling, but Joe assures me that he will listen to me next year when I suggest that it's time to start the charcoal. Socializing continued into the evening, but I don't think anyone stayed up late. You know how it is with a lot of us sailors – when it's dark, it's time to go to bed. Soon enough we were up again and had a big pot of coffee ready for the boaters' potluck breakfast before we all returned to our slips and moorings.

Besides Joe and I on *Alibi*, there were Don and Joanne Theriault on *Impulse* (all the way from the other side of the creek), Simon Koumjian on *Ginny II*, Kay Sparrow on *K's Fantasy* (joined by Barbara and Jacob), Bill Jones on *Starbird* (joined by Carla), Kenny, Pam and Brandon Windsor on *Mystic Dream*, John and Corinne Rambold on *Cee J 2*, Neil and Sally Hodgson on *Miss Faith*, Bob and Chris Cahall on *Ed Dee*, Bill Powell and daughter-in-law Manon on *Running Free* (joined by

Mike, little Mike and William and friend Kenneth Hamilton), Jerry and Rachele Ross and Jackie Herbert on *Sleighride* (joined by Ross Herbert), and Mike and Paty Henry via dinghy from across the creek. Besides the land cruisers already mentioned ("joined by") were George and Emalyn Utting, Jean Freeman, Dave and Brenda Merchberger, Jack and Marty Bibb, Joann Jacobs, Jim Baker, Erwin and Gertrud Kissenberth, Klaus and Milli Grah, Clint, Robin, and Jessica Braswell, Don and Rhoda Bosley, Karl and Susan Keiser, and Jim and Donna Oyer with Jim's brother Ron, mother Vera, and Hartley.

I believe this was a good start to the 2006 cruising schedule and I hope that more new members will join us for future cruises.

### **Miami Boat Show** **Bus Trip** *By Brenda Merchberger*

I am pleased to report another successful bus trip to the Miami Boat Show. Those joining the excursion were picked up either in Merritt Island or Melbourne very early Saturday a.m. and we were off for the boat show.

Upon merging onto I-95, the bus "attendants" provided the passengers with their choice of assorted bagels and muffins and also Bloody Mary's, Screwdrivers, Mimosa's or Orange Juice to quench their thirst. I would like to thank my bus attendants who I affectionately named Trixie, Dixie and Pixie - Karen Coleman, Carla Jones, and Donna Oyer. In the back of the bus, Dave Merchberger and Joe Coleman helped prepare the libations. For the second year in a row, Bill Jones was our self-appointed garbage collector, helped by second lieutenant Joe Coleman. A big thank you from Dave and I to all of our helpers. Next, our Commodore, Donna Oyer, brought along a Heavy Weather Sailing tape to watch while we rode along.

After making our way through the South Florida traffic (it was so nice that we were riding and not driving), we arrived at the Miami Convention Center to begin checking out the latest in marine technology and finding those items on our respective "lists". Later the day, we made our way over via boat show transportation to the Strictly Sail show at the Bayside Marina. After checking out the sailboats and the

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## CRUISE QUARTERS

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## Member Classifieds

### Mardi Gras Cruise February 25 - 26th

*By Brenda Merchberger*



This was our 6th annual Mardi Gras Cruise. I threatened that after the last 4 years of various untoward weather patterns, the 2005 cruise might be our last, but we scheduled it once again. Our first year attending the event was 2001, which had great weather—but ever since then.....

The day of the event had scattered showers with a brisk ESE wind, gusting to 20 knots. Lucky (I guess), Dave had to work during the weekend, so we were unable to sail down to the event. We became a land cruiser (second event in the row—I don't like this pattern!). During the day, we received calls from two club members trying to make their way south to the event, with no avail. Steve & Susan Eklund aboard Mad Viking were making a little over 1 knot heading south, so abandoned those plans and headed back to the marina. The same for Ken Windsor aboard Mystic Dream. I had feeling this would primarily be a land cruiser event. Maybe that is what Mardi Gras will eventually turn out to be. Many of the normal die hard cruisers, a little shell-shocked from previous years experiences, didn't hesitate to decide just to drive instead.

Dave and I arrived at Cocoa Village at approximately 5:30 and headed over to our designated rendezvous point, wondering if we would find anyone that truly sailed to the event. We immediately ran into new member, Gary Briand and his son, David. They enjoyed a great sail south from Waterline Marina aboard *Yankee Rebel*. I thought wouldn't it be something is our brand new member is the only boat that showed up. Much to my surprise, two other members, Simon Koumjian aboard *Ginny II* and Don & Joanne Theriault aboard *Impulse* also arrive by boat. Those brave souls. Did they know a cold front was approaching early tomorrow a.m.?

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**WANTED:** Approx. 9 hp long-shaft outboard for sailboat. Please call Bob Cahall at 321-779-9282 if you have one you would like to sale.

**FOR SALE:** Heart Freedom 10 inverter/charger (1000 watt inverter/50 amp charger) with Link 2000 controller and amp hour meter. Over 10 years old but still works fine. Includes owners manual, instructions and all necessary wiring. \$200 for both items. Call Glenn at 407-221-3473 or email [gwparker@cfl.rr.com](mailto:gwparker@cfl.rr.com).

**FOR SALE:** Sascot 50# plow CQR-type anchor. Lloyds certified. Only 2 years old and very good condition. \$225 or best offer. Call Glenn at 407-221-3473 or email [gwparker@cfl.rr.com](mailto:gwparker@cfl.rr.com)

**FOR SALE:** O'Day 27, fast, cruising equipped 1977 sloop with an established club racing record, Main, Jib & Genoa, Atomic 4 w/ all service manuals and installed fresh water flush, large water tank, pressure water in galley & head, Auto pilot, Bimini, and more. Listed for \$7,500 offers starting at \$7,000 for ECSA member. Call Jack Findlater at 321-259-9872. Already purchased replacement boat so very motivated to sell.

**FOR SALE:** 1986 Catalina 30. Too many options to list! Two boat owner motivated to sell. Asking price \$28,000 or make offer. Please contact Johan at 321-784-1513.

**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.

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## Mardi Gras Cruise continued

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The group gathered from various locations and joined together at El Charro's for dinner. Dining were: Gary & David Briand, Joe & Karen Coleman, Chris, Susan, & Park Conrad, Steve, Susan, and Andrew Eklund, Simon Koumjian, Joe & Wanda Luthman, Dave & Brenda Merchberger, Jim & Donna Oyer, Tom & Barb Schrader with guests Jim & Tammy, Kay & Barbara Sparrow with daughters Kathy and Karen, and grandchildren Carla & Jacob, Don & Joanne Theriault, Ron, Pam, and Kristen Vanderveer and Chip & Louise Worster. Graham & Pam Coffee stopped by while we were eating.

After dinner, those staying to watch the parade found a front row spot along Brevard Avenue to catch beads. Everyone seemed to enjoy the event and the weather couldn't have been better for the parade.

The following morning the cold front approached and the wind veered around to N with wind gusting 25 to 30 knots. I have not yet learned how "comfortable" of a trip the 3 boats had sailing home. At least the wind was favorable for them—I wouldn't call the rain and drop in temperature too favorable though. My hat is off to you brave ones for continuing the Mardi Gras tradition.

### ***On racing...***

Sailing is a good sport. You don't have to beat up the other guy like you do in boxing or football; you just try to outsmart him, and out sail him, and then you go out and have a beer with him.

- Johan Kolius

## Miami Boat Show Bus Trip continued

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vendors, many joined together for dinner at Mambo's, a Cuban restaurant next to the marina.

We headed back home at approximately 5:30 p.m. Upon departure, we held our annual contest, "Who spent the most money at the boat show?" This year's winners were Graham & Pam Coffee with the purchase of a dinghy and outboard.

As we headed home, Donna put in another movie for us to watch - "What about Bob" starring Richard Dreyfus and Bill Murray. We had a potty, snack and beverage break along the way, followed by another movie.

All in all another successful trip to the boat show and this year, the bus driver didn't hit a telephone pole!

### **Hospitality**

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

- ◆ Joe Luthman
- ◆ Don & Joanne Theriault

***Thank you!***

### **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
Mar 4	River Race Spring Series #1	Yates
Mar 11	Spring Women's Race #3	Beckett
Mar 19 - 20	St. Patty's Cruise to Downtown Melbourne	Paradies
Apr 2	River Race Spring Series #2	Yates
Apr 8 - 9	Ocean Cruise—Ft. Pierce/Port Canaveral	Host Needed
Apr 15	River Race Spring Series #3	Yates
Apr 22 - 23	Progressive Dinner & Poker Rally	Worster

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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