



FOOT, TACK & CLEW

East Coast Sailing Association

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

<http://www.ecsasail.com>

BOAT/US number GA81299B

May 2004



THE OFFICIAL LOG OF THE EAST COAST SAILING ASSOCIATION

Board of Governors

Flag Officers

Commodore

David Merchberger 321 – 779 – 0438

Vice Commodore

Joe Coleman 321 – 773 – 3265

Rear Commodore

Chuck Delmater 321 – 783 – 2225

Secretary

Donna Hartley Oyer 321 – 783 – 4458

Treasurer & Past Commodore

Clint Braswell 321 – 779 – 0229

Elected Governors

Wes Whitley 321 – 779 – 9544

Frank McTernan 321 – 452 – 0342

Chip Worster 321 – 773 – 5851

Fleet Captains

Cruising

Bob Goldstein 321 – 751 – 4078

River Racing

Jim Lacy 321 – 728 – 0389

Women's Racing

Sherry Beckett 321 – 779 – 0324

Newsletter Editor

Brenda Merchberger 321 – 779 – 0438

Program Chairman

Tom Schrader 321 – 449 – 4604

Membership Chairman

Brenda Merchberger 321 – 779 – 0438

Rating Chairman

Jim Miller 321 – 777 – 7011

Advertising

Joe Luthman 321 – 631 – 3247

Frank McTernan 321 – 452 – 0342

Hospitality

Open

Publicity

Open

General Membership Meeting

Wednesday ~ 12 May 2004 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Satellite Beach Recreation Center (565 Cassia Blvd)

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

May Program

FLEA MARKET

Bring your nautical treasures to sell

and

Cash for purchases

MAY Calendar of EVENTS

12	ECSA	General Membership Meeting
15-16	ECSA	Boy Scout Island Cruise *NEW DATE*
15-16	IRYC	Brevard Challenge
16	IRYC	Winter/Spring #5 & #6
16	MYC	Dinghy Racing
21	MYC	Summer Rum Race #1
22	ECSA	Spring River Race #4
23	ECSA	Women's Race #5
29-31	ECSA	Sebastian Inlet Memorial Weekend Cruise
29-30	CYBC	Medium Distance Race
30	MYC	Dinghy Racing

JUNE Calendar of EVENTS

4	MYC	Summer Rum Race #2
5	CYBC	Mermaid Regatta
9	ECSA	General Membership Meeting
12-13	ECSA	Cruise to Capt Katanna's
13	MYC	Dinghy Racing
13	IRYC	Summer Race #1
18	MYC	Summer Rum Race #3
19	ECSA	Single-handed Race
19	PAFB	Manatee Cove Race
20	MYC	Father's Day Race
26	ECSA	Summer River Race #1
27	MYC	Dinghy Racing
27	IRYC	Summer Race #2

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...
David Merchberger**

Well, its finally happened. Past commodores Clint, Brenda and Joe have warned me, but of course I didn't listen. Its now 7:30 p.m. Sunday evening and I have nothing to write about. Everyone's articles were due four days ago, on Wednesday evening, but thankfully I have an 'in' with the editor.

I could take the easy way out and encourage everyone to participate in the upcoming events, such as the cruise to Boy Scout Island and the Memorial Day cruise to Sebastian Inlet. Or, if racing is more your speed, don't miss the Spring River Race #4 on May 22nd. But simply listing events would be cheating. Of course I could do what Joe did this month, but creating a cruise instead of an article seems like overkill to me.

The Bahamas cruising season for us Central Florida sailors is rapidly approaching. Each year several members make the trip and I encourage all of you to 'spread the word' and attempt to coordinate schedules were possible. It's usually safer and more fun when you have others to share the adventure.

With safety in mind, let me share just a couple of tips that I was sure to always impress on my sailing students (back when I had time for such fun!). First, when making your way through a bridge and the wind is abeam or forward, turn the engine on. No exceptions. If you find yourself getting in trouble, those few seconds may be the difference between a safe passage and a bad day.

One other tip to remember. If you find yourself pinching up to pass windward of a mark, fall off a bit and pass to the leeward side. If you continue to pinch up, boat speed will drop off, the keel will loose its effectiveness and you'll find yourself sliding sideways towards the mark. Not a good feeling! Check your charts, of course, but usually there is sufficient water for our boats even on the 'wrong' side of a mark.

My crazy work schedule has limited the amount of pleasure reading I've been able to do, but just today I read the "Editor's Log" in the May 2004 issue of Cruising World. I encourage all of you to check it out for a rather interesting opinion.

Fair winds and be safe!
Dave



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

Several years ago, Karen and I wanted to take a trip somewhere on the boat. We only had a week, and we knew we were kind of stuck with going either north or south. We decided to go north to St. Augustine. We had been there before on Karen's parents' boat when they came down from Baltimore, and we really loved staying at the Municipal Marina and hanging around St. Augustine.

Karen's dad usually scheduled four days to make the trip from there to here. They would stop at the cement plant, Daytona, Titusville and our home in Satellite Beach. That would be four days up and four days back. Since we had only a week, there wouldn't be much time for just "hanging around". I looked at his itinerary to see where we could save some time. Keeping in mind that he usually came down in October when the days were shorter, I figured that I had a few more hours of daylight in July than he did. This would give us more sailing time per day and hopefully we could use this valuable time. Next I looked at the trip itself. Sailing for ten hours in one day seemed like a harsh task for a relaxing "getaway" cruise. But once we got past the Mosquito Lagoon, it would all be pretty much ditch sailing with deep water on both sides. With the help of the autopilot and willing crew, a ten-hour day was doable. So we went ahead with our own schedule and had a fine time, with two other ECSA boats joining us. We repeated the trip the next year with a total of five boats. The first time we went was in late July right in the heart of the thunderstorm season. I can remember waiting out or trying to outrun those afternoon storms on the water, or standing in store doorways in St. Augustine while the rain pelted down. Not so much fun either way.

This year we are planning on heading to St. Augustine again, and we would be very happy to have ECSA friends join us on the trip. This time we are going in June, before the worst of the thunderstorm season, so we hope to eliminate that worry. Taking our past experiences into consideration, I have come up with a schedule for the trip. Now when I say schedule, I don't mean a rigid schedule that everyone has to follow. This is just a time line that Karen and I will try to follow. If you travel faster and want to leave later and catch up with us, at least you will know where we hope to end up on any given day.

This is not a club-sponsored cruise. There will be no points awarded for hosting and none for participating. I won't be making your marina reservations for you. I have tried making reservations for others in the past, and it just doesn't work out; that is something that you must do yourself, if you want to stay at a marina. Because of the

(Continued on page 3)



TREASURER'S REPORT

by

Clint Braswell

View from the Vice Commodore - cont'd... *From page 2*

different speeds of the boats, there are no scheduled potlucks along the way. Not to say that a few social visits at the marinas or anchorages is out of the question. After all, one should end every voyage with an end-of-voyage libation, and it is always nicer to share that experience with someone. Other than that, it is pretty much "fend for yourself", although in St. Augustine we usually get together one afternoon for a nice long lunch at the White Lion. If you are interested in joining Karen and me, you don't even have to sign up or let us know ahead of time.

We plan to attend the Captain Katanna's dinner cruise on Saturday, June 12, and head north Sunday morning. We can have the rest of the club members give us a send off! If you do plan on joining us, the following schedule is provided. If you have never taken this trip, it is a lot of fun. The days may seem long, but they are not difficult days. We hope some of you will come along!

Summer Trip To St. Augustine June 12th – 20th

Saturday June 12th
Captain Katanna's Dinner

Sunday June 13th
Leave Captain Katanna's and arrive at Titusville Marina. 33 Miles

Monday June 14th
Leave Titusville, arriving at Daytona. 48 Miles

Tuesday June 15th
Leave Daytona, arriving at St Augustine. 49 Miles

Wednesday June 16th
In port at St. Augustine

Thursday June 17th
Leave St. Augustine at noon, arriving at Palm Coast. 24 Miles.

(Continued on page 4)

Friday June 18th
Leave Palm Coast, arriving at Daytona. 25 Miles

Income Statement

REVENUE	Apr-04	Sep 03-Apr 04
Activities Income	336.00	4,933.00
Membership Dues	5.00	6,080.00
Merchandise Income	89.00	666.00
Miscellaneous Income	<u>0.00</u>	<u>133.00</u>
Total Revenue	430.00	11,812.00
EXPENSES		
Activities Expense	78.34	6,756.39
Bank Service Charge	-	6.00
Dues & Subscriptions	-	100.00
Insurance	864.00	2,341.00
Miscellaneous	61.25	457.07
Office Supplies	-	20.02
Postage/Delivery	74.00	701.05
Printing/Repro	33.92	522.23
Rent	-	114.48
Returned Check	-	35.00
Sales Tax	<u>30.19</u>	<u>45.87</u>
Total Expense	277.70	11,099.11
Net Income	152.30	712.89

Balance Sheet as of: April 30, 2004

Assets

Checking	6,103.75
Restricted Cash (Lasowska Fund)	942.00
Deposit	<u>100.00</u>

Total Assets 7,145.75

Liabilities & Net Worth

Unrestricted Cash	6,432.86
Net Income	<u>712.89</u>

Total Net Worth 7,145.75



SECRETARY'S REPORT

By

Donna Hartley Oyer

EAST COAST SAILING ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING Wednesday, April 14, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. Board of Governors present were Dave Merchberger, Joe Coleman, Chuck Delmater, Donna Hartley and Clint Braswell. Joe opened the meeting with an introduction of the Board, recognized past commodores and welcomed guests and new members.

The ECSA attendees stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the following application into membership: James and Rochelle Yates.

OFFICER & COMMITTEE REPORT

- A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the secretary's report as published in the March 2004 Foot, Tack, & Clew (FT&C) newsletter.
- A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the treasurer's report as published in the March 2004 FT&C.
- Dave informed the club that the Harbortown Flea Market will be held on April 24th and 25th. The club had considered renting a space to sell siphons, etc., but the cost was \$100.00 for both days. The Board decided that it would not be profitable to rent a space.

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

- Joe encouraged the members to get involved and sign up for hospitality.
- Joe also reminded the club that the Ship's Store is open during each meeting. There are siphons, jackets, hats, license plates, etc. available to purchase.

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT CRUISING

- Bob Goldstein invited the members to join the ocean cruise, scheduled for April 16th – April 18th. The cruisers will sail out of Port Canaveral and sail south to Fort Pierce. The cruisers will then return home via the Intracoastal Waterway.
- Bob also reminded the club about the upcoming cruise to Boy Scout Island on May 15th and 16th. Chip and Louise Worster are the hosts.

- Brenda Merchberger reported on the success of the St. Patty's Day cruise.

RACING

- Chuck reminded the members that all of the racing results are posted on the racing website. There is a link through the ECSA website.
- Sherry reported that there was a river race on Saturday, April 3rd. The woman's race was on Sunday, April 4th.
- The MYC is having their Spring Regatta for small boats on April 17th and 18th. The regatta for larger boats is on April 24th and 25th.
- Sherry reminded the club that there are adult sailing classes starting at the MYC in May. You are not required to be a member of MYC to participate in the classes.

OLD BUSINESS

- There was no old business to report.

NEW BUSINESS

- Carol Wheatley informed the club that the Dania Marine Flea Market was being held April 22nd thru April 25th. (Dania is just south of Ft. Lauderdale.)

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m., followed by refreshments and the guest speaker, Dee Neve.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Hartley

View from the Vice Commodore - cont'd...

From page 3

Saturday June 19th

Leave Daytona arriving at Titusville Municipal Marina.
48 Miles.

Sunday June 20th

Leave Titusville, arriving back in homeport.
37 Miles to the Dragon.

Marina/anchorage options:

You can stay at the marinas in Titusville, Daytona, Palm Coast and St Augustine, or anchor out. Titusville has an anchorage just off the marina. Daytona has an anchorage between the last two bridges. Palm Coast does not have an anchorage, but a few miles south there is the cement plant where you can anchor overnight. Of course St. Augustine has the City Marina or two anchorages.



CRUISE QUARTERS

April Cruise

By Robert Goldstein

Ocean Adventure Cruise

Did you ever try to fit 19+ people in your cockpit? Well we did aboard Restless on the evening before the Ocean Adventure. In all, 11 boats were at anchor and one boat was awaiting the fleet east of the lock. At anchor in the Banana River were "Island Girl" with Robin+ and Clint Braswell, "Ginny II" with Simon Koumjian, "Outward Bound" with Ruth and Heie Simonsen, "Second Wind" with Rick Muething and sailing friend Bill Beyers, "Spellbound" with Chris and father John Forte, "K's Fantasy" with K. Sparrow (Jacob to follow), "Alibi" with Karen and Joe Coleman, a guest boat "Lady Mary" with four adults aboard, "Captiva" with Barbara and Roland Norris, "Vida's Figment" with Dee and Johan Neve, and "Restless" with Adrienne and Bob Goldstein who were hosting the event. "Carina" with Pat and Bob White were waiting on the east side of the lock for the group to exit at dawn.

The Route #3 drawbridge has a restricted opening between 1500 and 1800. As a result several of the attendees had to anchor for about 3 hours, (that will teach you to be late). At 0630, 7 boats entered the lock, and 4 boats (Alibi, K's Fantasy, Island Girl, and Captiva) decided to take the ICW route. The dolphins and manatees were putting on the show in the lock. They were waiting together with the boats for the locks to open so that they could get into the ocean and do some good fishing.

Seven boats entered the ocean. According to my wind indicator, winds were blowing 18 with gusts to 23, out of the east. Waves were pounding abeam, and cases of motion sickness were reported. After about two hours, three boats returned to the calmer waters of the ICW (Lady Mary, Carina, and Restless). The remainder of the fleet continued south to Ft. Pierce to complete the trip in just less than 12 hours.

Four boats stayed at Pinedaville Saturday evening, and the Coleman's traveled the entire distance (69 nm./11 hours) on the ICW to Ft. Pierce and joined "Pelican" with Donna and Jim Oyer, "Miss Too" with Bob Sowden and Karen Knockel, and "Highlight" with Lorna and Eric Horton, to welcome the ocean fleet.

Everyone had a good time and all returned safely.

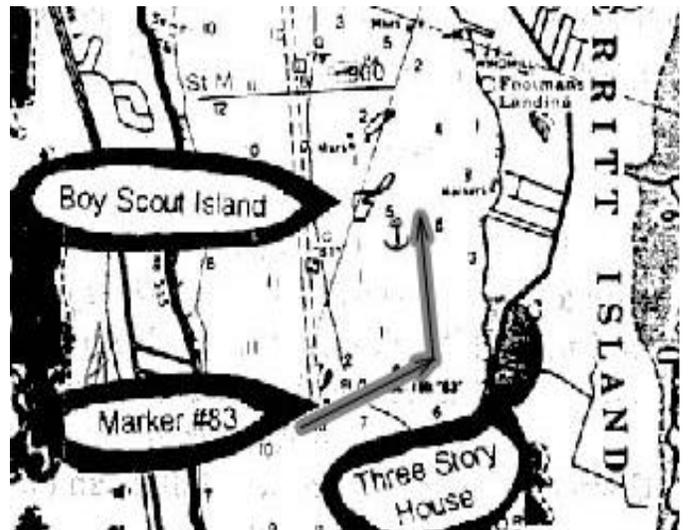
May Cruise Information

May 15th and 16th—Cruise to Boy Scout Island

Join our hosts Chip & Louise Worster for our annual Boy Scout Island cruise and island clean-up. Upon arrival—weather permitting, enjoy a swim or just relaxing in the anchorage. The group will gather later in the afternoon for festivities (there is talk of a scavenger hunt) followed by potluck appetizers and dinner. Chip has promised a fire (if anyone has firewood, please bring it along). If we have fire, we will have S'mores. Yummy!

The following morning will be a potluck breakfast followed by our annual island clean-up. Garbage bags are provided; please bring any special "garbage pick-up tools" you may like to use.

Boy Scout Island is just northeast of Marker 81 on the Indian River. The entrance can be a little tricky and we actually enter near Marker 83. Please contact Chip Worster, Dave Merchberger, or anyone else who has been there for directions. Chip's cell phone is 321-223-7957 and Dave's cell phone is 321-917-3719.



Memorial Day - Cruise to Sebastian

By host Kay Sparrow

Join in for our annual trek south during Memorial Day weekend. A few may start out on Friday night, but the majority of our club will begin on Saturday, May 29th for our first stop. We'll meet at the third island in the "Marker 21" chain. It is best to make the cut to the west off the ICW at about Marker 20 then circle behind the second island to the third. Please refer to your charts.

(Continued on page 6)



A VIEW FROM THE REAR...

Check out <http://www.sail-race.com/ecsa> for the most up-to-date race results of the current series.



Welcome New Members

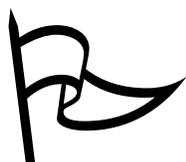
Denise Hoffman & Glen Michaels
5559 US Hwy 1
Rockledge, FL 32955
321-617-7479
Thumbelina Seaward 25

Al Wassel
1815 Arbor Drive
Melbourne, FL 32935
321-254-4717

James & Rochelle Yates
474 Port Royal Blvd
Satellite Beach, FL 32937
321-777-2663
Carisma Nautical 56
Rookey Lindenberg 28

The sail, the play of its pulse so like our own lives; so thin and yet so full of life, so noiseless when it labors hardest, so noisy and impatient when least effective.

- Henry David Thoreau



Memorial Day Cruise Information - cont'd...

From page 5

We have been invited to participate in the annual Malabar Mariner's Association cook-out. Those of you that have never attended this affair have no idea on what you are missing. Pit cooked side of beef, pork, and more deep fried turkeys than you can imagine. Just bring something to put on the serving table, your favorite beverage, plate and eating hardware. Oh yes, and your own chair.

Sunday morning we usually have breakfast on the beach. Unfortunately, Dale, the Malabar resident cook will not be there this year. He is a sight to watch as he cooks breakfast to order from the cockpit of his Catalina 22 on a one-burner propane cook top. Hope someone fills in for him.

Sometime after breakfast, we will weigh anchor and proceed south to Sebastian Inlet. Again, if you check your chart you will find it is not necessary for most to back-track leaving the anchorage heading south to the ICW. There is plenty of deep water from the island. The distance to the Sebastian anchorage is about 12 miles. We plan to eat between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m., so judge your travel time. You don't want to be late and miss dinner! The club is providing chicken and plates, utensils, cups & ice. Bring a dish to share and your own beverage. For you AAA members, we have a pavilion reserved on the south side of the Inlet, come join us!

To get into the anchorage which is on the south side of the inlet, cut to the east between markers "64" and "65" (check your chart). Although the chart shows submerged poles between those markers, we have not hit one. To be on the side of caution, there are no such annotations south of marker "65".

Monday morning I will provide breakfast including omelets, meat, and coffee. That is, if someone can bring a camp stove or two to cook the breakfast! (Please call and let me know if you can help with this).

I may be reached on my cell at anytime: (772) 473-9394 or while sailing, please hail "K's Fantasy" on Channel 16.



Discount Marine Supplies
New ♦ Used ♦ Surplus

Outboard Repair & Sales Boat Sales



2101 S. US 1 Rockledge, FL
 www.BoatersExchange.com
 321-638-0090

Member's Classifieds

FOR SALE: **3 blade Prop.** 17" dia x 13" pitch, 1" shaft.
 \$200 OBO. Contact Roland Norris, 321-783-9786

FOR RENT: **40 ft. slip** in Melbourne Harbour. Call Mary or
 Gus Williams for information. (H) 777-1095 or (C) 243-
 8337

FOR SALE: **13 foot AMF Puffer.** New sails, fun to sail
 with or without jib. \$950. Call Eric Horton 779-1538.

FOR SALE: **1997 CARIBE DINGHY.** The 9 ft. dinghy has
 a hard bottom with a small storage compartment in the
 bow. The dinghy has been used very little and is in good
 condition. Asking \$1000. Contact Ron Tyre 773-6973.

SUN HARBOR MARINA, INC.

A FULL SERVICE MARINA ON THE INTERCOASTAL WATERWAY

Due S.W. of I.C.W. 95

Wet & Dry Storage • 20 Ton Travellift • Boat Repairs

Bottom Jobs • Boat Sales • Boat Ramp

Long Term Dry Storage For Boats Up To 40'

Beer • Soda • Ice



CLEAN RESTROOMS
 & SHOWERS

254-6155



8155 N. U.S. 1 • MELBOURNE (1/4 MI. N. OF PINEDA CSWY.)

email: sunharbormarina@aol.com



SAILMAKERS
 Performance ▲ Durability ▲ Service

Mac McQuillen

Ph: 321-777-9555 • Cell: 321-795-1874
 101 Central Road • Indian Harbour Bch., FL 32937



GARY V. SMITH

REALTOR-ASSOCIATE®/Salesman



Pruitt Real Estate, Inc.

125 W. New Haven Avenue
 Melbourne, FL 32901

(800) 486-2935 Toll Free
 (321) 725-9810 Office
 (321) 723-2352 Fax
 (321) 617-2898 Pager

Introducing....

West Marine Express

For those members who leave beachside, West Marine is opening "West Marine Express" on Friday, May 7th. The store is located on the northeast corner of Eau Gallie Blvd. and S. Patrick Drive (right next to Little Caesars Pizza). The "express" concept is a 7-Eleven version of the regular West Marine stores and it will hopefully stock those little odds and ends needed to finish projects. The store will be managed by our own club member, Lisa Culjak. Congratulations Lisa!



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 2004 Race & Cruise Schedule

Date	Event	Contact
May 15 - 16	Boy Scout Island Cruise	Worster
May 22/23	Spring River Race #4/Women's Race #5	Lacy/Beckett
May 29 - 31	Sebastian Inlet Memorial Weekend Cruise	Sparrow
June 12 - 13	Cruise to Capt. Katanna's	Paradies
June 19	Single-handed Race	Lacy
June 26	Summer River Race #1	Lacy
July 3 - 5	Fireworks Cruise to Titusville	Braswell
July 17/18	Summer River Race #2/Women's Race #1	Lacy/Beckett
July 24 - 25	Cocoa Village Santa Maria BBQ Cruise	Merchberger
Aug 14/15	Summer River Race #3/Women's Race #2	Lacy/Beckett

Visit www.ecsasail.com for more events & details of upcoming events



EAST COAST SAILING ASSOCIATION

PO Box 372054

Satellite Beach FL 32937-0054