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General Membership Meeting

Wednesday ~ 11 May 2005 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Satellite Beach Civic Center (565 Cassia Blvd)

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

May Program

Diesel engines, refrigeration and air conditioning

Presented by: Mike Potter from Noah's Ark

MAY Calendar of EVENTS

6	MYC	Summer Rum Race #1
7	IRYC	Spring Series #3
11	ECSA	General Membership Meeting
14-15	ECSA	Cruise to Capt Katanna's
13-15	IRYC	Brevard Challenge
15	MYC	Small Boat Racing
20	MYC	Summer Rum Race #2
21	IRYC	Spring Series #4
21	MYC	Seafood Raft-Up
22	ECSA	Spring Women's Race #5
28	ECSA	Summer River Race #1
28-30	ECSA	Sebastian Inlet Memorial Weekend Cruise
28-29	CBYC	Spring Regatta
29	MYC	Small Boat Racing

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 be determined
12	MYC	Small Boat Racing
17	MYC	Summer Rum Race #4
18	IRYC	Spring Series #5
26	MYC	Small Boat Racing

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

Summer is around the corner

Any day now, we can expect to hear that first afternoon rumble of thunder announcing the end of spring and the arrival of another long, hot summer to Central Florida.

Already, the news media are beginning to get worked up over the impending start of the 2005 hurricane season. Apparently doom and gloom sells commercial time! Those of us who have been around a while and who have been paying attention know that our 'window' of highest probability of a storm in our area is late August and early September. Sure seems like a long way off, but now is a great time to review the 'lessons learned' that were published in last year's October and November FT&C. There are some great nuggets of wisdom based on real life experiences of our own members. Remember, past newsletters are always available on the web site.

With the end of spring and the beginning of summer, the annual mass migration of our members to the Abacos is about to begin. At last count, I'm aware of about a dozen boats from the ECSA heading over for anywhere between a couple weeks and a couple months. We have loosely organized two groups to head over and if you would like to consider making the crossing in the company of other members, or perhaps would like to attend an unofficial ECSA party in Baker's Bay, give me a call and I'll add you to our list.

Last month I announced the formation of the Sunshine Fund and the creation of the Legislative Affairs position. Louise Worster has sent several cards and well wishes to our members and the refreshment table donation jar has gotten the fund off to a nice start. Thanks to all who have contributed. Also, a big thanks to Jack Snyder for volunteering to accept the Legislative Affairs position. The Board still needs to work out the details with Jack regard exactly how the position will function, but I'm sure with his expertise we will be up and running, keeping the Membership informed about important issues very soon.

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

We recently decided to rename our boat. Playtime was just not a good fit so we work hard at finding a new name and finally agreed on NOLINA. Lina is Hawaiian for Briana's middle name Lin, and 'no' because the girls hate when I heel the boat too far over... so Nolina it is.

We didn't want any bad luck so we look up a renaming ceremony and here it is in case anybody needs it in the future. You begin by invoking the name of the ruler of the deep as follows: "Oh mighty and great ruler of the seas and oceans, to whom all ships and we who venture upon your vast domain are required to pay homage, we implore you in your graciousness to expunge for all time from your records and recollection the name PLAYTIME which has ceased to be an entity in your kingdom. As proof thereof we submit this ingot bearing her name to be corrupted through your powers and be forever purged from the sea."

It is usual to do the renaming ceremony immediately following the purging ceremony. Begin the renaming by again calling Poseidon as follows: "Oh mighty and great ruler of the seas and oceans, to whom all ships and we who venture upon your vast domain are required to pay homage, implore you in your graciousness to take unto your records and recollection this worthy vessel hereafter and for all time know as NOLINA guarding her with your mighty arm and trident and ensuring her of safe and rapid passage throughout her journeys within your realm."

Well now all that's left to do is do a little dance on the front of the boat have a cocktail. No where could I find that you need a virgin to do her thing in the bilge. I guess that's just sailing lore. Briana looked at me like I had three heads when I tried to explain that!

Well, that's all for this month

Your Vice Commodore Joe





A VIEW FROM THE REAR... by Joe Coleman

I got home from work on Thursday at about 6:30 in the evening, which, by my standards, was like taking half a day off. I was amazed at how late it stays light out now. The reason for my "half-day" was twofold. One, I wanted to see my lovely wife and spend some quality time with her. Two, I had to write this article.

Yes, it is that time of the month again, and again I sit here trying to think of something to write about. I actually thought of taking one of the old articles that I wrote years ago and simply copying it. After scanning several years of them, I found they were all too topical or mentioned people who are no longer members of the club or particular events that had occurred. Not much help there. So I've decided to fill the allotted space with tidbits.

It doesn't look like Karen and I will be going to St. Augustine this year, after all. We have accepted an invitation that will take up most of my vacation time. If you are among those who planned on taking the trip to the oldest city, let me know at the meeting and I will pass the word on to others who may want to join you.

The new license plates will be here soon. I did not get the order in as quickly as I thought I would, but hopefully they will be ready by the next meeting. The ESCA patches should be ready about the same time.

I don't want to step on Julie, the cruising fleet captain's toes, but I would like to thank Bill and Carla Jones for their hospitality at the Boy Scout Island Area Cruise. They opened their lovely home and hearts to us. Bill even arranged for the wind to blow out of the south on Saturday and the north on Sunday for those of us traveling from the south. Sailing to and from a cruise is something we don't get a chance to do very often. Even though the weather was too blustery Saturday night and Sunday morning, it was a great weekend, and I look forward to repeating the cruise next year. (Do I see Bill bucking for a position on the board, or is it Carla? Hmmmm. Good choice either way).

Dave Merchberger has talked me into entering *Alibi* in the summer racing series. Dave ran the spring series and did pretty well, considering his crew. I have already signed two crewmembers, Larry (Kay

Sparrow) and Moe (Jim Oyer). I am looking for *Curly*, if anyone is interested. Yes, we do have refrigeration but no Oreo cookies. Now all I have to do is send my check in.

Hospitality

Bringing goodies for all of us to enjoy at the May 11th General Membership Meeting:

? *Loretta & John Schnitzius*

Thank you!

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

One last item, I would be remiss if I didn't use this opportunity to once again encourage participation in the upcoming Summer River Race Series. It is a great way to improve your sailing skills and wonderful afternoon on the water. Please contact Jim Yates soon to get registered.
See you on the water
Dave

On the Sea...

I don't know who named them swells. There's nothing swell about them. They should have been named awfuls.

- *Hugo Vihlen*



TREASURER'S REPORT

by
Tom Schrader



CRUISE QUARTERS - Part I

Income Statement		Fiscal Yr to Date
	Apr-05	Sep 04 - Apr 05
REVENUE		
Activities Income	80.00	4,650.00
Membership Dues	75.00	6,469.00
Merchandise Income	-	363.00
Miscellaneous Income	-	215.00
Sunshine Fund	<u>36.00</u>	<u>36.00</u>
Total Revenue	191.00	11,733.00
EXPENSES		
Activities Expense	222.32	5,408.10
Bank Service Charge	-	-
Dues & Subscriptions	-	209.40
Insurance	-	2415.00
Miscellaneous	-	280.91
Office Supplies	-	121.90
Postage/Delivery	74.00	640.53
Printing/Repro	42.40	604.51
Rent	-	110.40
Sales Tax	17.72	20.61
Sunshine Fund	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Expense	356.44	9,811.36
Net Income	(165.44)	1,921.64
 Balance Sheet for Period Ending April 30, 2005		
Assets/Checking	6826.70	
Restricted Cash	942.00	
Security Deposit	<u>100.00</u>	
Total Assets	7,868.70	
Liabilities & Net Worth		
Unrestricted Cash	6,432.86	
Retained Earnings	(485.80)	
Net Income	<u>1,921.64</u>	
Total Net Worth	7,868.70	

Boy Scout Island Area Cruise
By Bill Jones

This year the venue for the cruise was changed to the area around marker 85 on the ICW hosted by Bill and Carla Jones who had the shortest distance to go. Friday started out with a nice west wind and the arrival of Crawford and Ann Stevens on Moonraker, Roland Norris on Captiva, Dave and Brenda Merchberger on Thirsty Whale, and Ron and Kristen Vanderveer on Dolphin Dancer. A pleasant night was had on the aft deck enjoying Carla's homemade lasagna, discussing the future cruise activities, and of course discussing the weather. As per usual, a front would be approaching the area on Saturday to put a little excitement in the cruise. This cruise was great for the southies because they got to sail both here and back. On Saturday the main part of the fleet arrived along with high southwest winds. Arriving by boat were: Steve, Susan, Andrew, and Catherine Eklund on Mad Viking; Joe and Karen Coleman on Alibi; Don and Joanne Theriault on Impulse; Kenny, Pam, Jessica, Brandon Windsor on Lost Dream; Brad and Karen Jones on Toys'; Kay Sparrow On K's Fantasy and joining by car Jacob, Cathy and Barbara' Joe, Wanda, and Briana Luthman on Nolinda; Chip and Louise on Chip Ahoy with guests Ron and Kay Tyre, and Don and Rhoda Bosley; Johan and Dee Neve on Sea Angel; Larry and Shirley Lokken on Gavilan; Al Budding with guests Jennifer Beach and Henry on Tanden; Erik and Dominique Haas on Marathi; Ruth and Heie Simonsen on Outward Bound; Gregg and Dania Billman on Windsong; Alan Schwichtenberg and guest Vicki Beaucalis on Pelican. Arriving by car were John and Loretta Schnitzius, Pat Walker, Mark and Jeni Stanford, CJ and RL Johnson, Clint, Robin and Jessica Braswell, Deanne Hansen and Charlie Millsaps, Burt and Christal Wood, Roland and Barbara Norris, Gil and Phyllis Paradies, Jim and Donna Oyer and Hartley, Rick Reimer, Brian, Seema, Cassie and Brianna Jones, Ensign Chris Amis and Tom and Annie Lippitt.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

By

Phyllis Paradies

EAST COAST SAILING ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
APRIL 13, 2005

Commodore Dave Merchberger called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Board of Governors present were Dave Merchberger, Joe Luthman, and Phyllis Paradies. Dave introduced the Board, past commodores, and committee chairmen. He welcomed guests and new members.

OFFICERS & COMMITTEE REPORTS: COMMODORE:

Dave reported on the following items:

?????The club is still in need of a chairman for the new Legislative Affairs committed. Please let Dave or another board member know if you are interested.

?????Louise Worster graciously accepted the position of Sunshine Fund coordinator. Donations to this fund are voluntary and a donation jar will be set out at each meeting. Donations may also be forwarded to the club at the PO Box address. Last month, Louise sent cards to Mac McClellan and Phil Freeman.

?????The Board voted in a new member at their last board meeting, Steve & Susan Eklund

?????Dave thanked Karen Coleman and Sandy Whitley for providing the snacks for this evening.

?????Sew-on patches and license plates have been ordered. The board is still investigating the purchase of soft can coolers.

?????The City of Satellite Beach is celebrating its 50th Birthday in 2005 and will let us know what we might be able to do to help support their celebration.

?????Jerry Butz is having another Sail a Small Boat Day, Saturday, June 11th, at Whitley Bay Marina from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Indian River Yacht Club. Jerry thanked ECSA for our help with the last one.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the March meeting as published in the April Foot, Tack & Clew (FT&C). The motion carried.

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

VICE COMMODORE:

Joe Luthman encouraged additional cruising boats to join the Merchberger's and Coleman's during the summer racing series. You must sign up prior to the series.

Joe noted that John McNeill is speaking tonight about the youth sailing program at the Melbourne Yacht Club. Next month, a representative from Noah's Ark will talk about diesel engines - breakdowns and fixing.

REAR COMMODORE

Racing - The Spring Series Race results are in for the cruisers class: Jim Miller on Sea Turtle took 1st, Del Wiese on Chasing Rainbows took 2nd, and Dave Merchberger on Thirsty Whale took 3rd. For a complete listing of all race results, please go to the website: <http://www.sail-race.com/ecsa>

The summer river racing series begins June 11th. If interested, please call Jim Yates.

Cruising -

?????Brenda Merchberger gave a short summary of the St. Patrick's Day Cruise. All had a good time at the parade, dinner at Meg O' Malley's, party behind the restaurant, and the breakfast the next morning at Front Street Park.

?????Our April cruise is the Boy Scout Island Area Cruise hosted by Bill and Carla Jones on April 23 and 24th. Details were published in the April FT&C newsletter.

?????Bahamas Cruising - Gil Paradies had a meeting for all interested in cruising to the Bahamas this spring. So far, we have two groups going at two different times, one leaving around May 10th and another toward the 24th or 25th of May, returning around mid June. We hope to have a rendezvous of the groups at Baker's Bay on Sunday, June 6th. Dave noted that the Melbourne Yacht Club has a group going to the Bahamas also, so if these dates don't work for you, they would be glad to have you go with them.

OLD BUSINESS:

Kay Sparrow reminded the group of the Flea Market in the parking lot of West Marine Express on the corner of Eau Gallie Blvd. and South Patrick Drive in Indian Harbor Beach this Saturday, April 16, beginning at 7 am. If you have anything to sell, bring it over and stick

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Secretary's Report continued

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around. We will have a table there.

NEW BUSINESS:

An invitation to ECSA for Memorial Day weekend has been extended by Dale of the Malabar Mariners Association to a rendezvous at Marker 21 or 23 in Indian River. Food will be served on that Saturday from 2-4 p.m.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. followed by a program on Youth Sailing by John McNeill of Melbourne Yacht Club.

Respectfully submitted,
Phyllis Paradies,
Secretary

Cruising Quarters

By Bill Jones - cont'd... From page 4

The day's events started with kite flying for the kids coordinated by Ron Vandeeveer. Kites were constructed and skillfully piloted by the kids with only an occasional crash into the trees. The canoe race was cancelled due to high winds. The Grease Watermelon Contest was held between two competitive teams lead by Ron Vanderveer and Steve Eklund. Referee and Chief Tossler was Joe Coleman (he even stayed dry). Kenny Windsor volunteered to be the chief cook and the grill was fired up. Chief weather forecaster, Bill Jones skillfully studied the weather and scheduled and rescheduled dinner to occur just at the arrival of the storm! Everyone moved inside and a wonderful dinner with a large variety of delicious foods was had. After dinner a birthday cake and birthday song were shared for Kristen Vanderveer and Joe Coleman. Sunday morning entered with a big breakfast feast for all and a beautiful day with winds from the northwest. All had a great time and the hosts would like to thank the tremendous support of all the participants who pitched to make the cruise a success.



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CRUISE QUARTERS—Part II

The Boy Scout Island Cruise
By “Julie” aka Cruise Director Ron Vanderveer

By all accounts, this year’s Boy Scout Island cruise was a great success. Despite some less than ideal weather on Saturday, the boat and land-based turnout was tremendous and Bill and Carla Jones were incredibly gracious hosts at the “Jones castle” at Marker 85 on Merritt Island.

Several members, including Pam and Kristen and I on Dolphin Dancer, ditched work early in order to head up to Marker 85 on Friday night. The weather was perfect, with a nice 10-knot breeze out of the southeast, and sunshine all the way. We left Telemar about 5 pm, and not long afterward heard the Merchbergers and the Braswell’s talking to each other on the radio. Unfortunately for Clint and Robin, after Thirsty Whale went through the Lansing Island bridge, they couldn’t get it back down for some time, and once they did, they weren’t about to raise it again! Kind of a Viagra in reverse? So Clint and Robin were stuck, and spent the night in Lake Shepherd.

Meanwhile, we were making good time on Dolphin Dancer, starting out on a broad reach and eventually running almost straight up the lagoon. We could spot Thirsty Whale behind us running wing and wing, with Dave sporting his brand new sails and probably taking pictures of them too! But we being the much lighter boat, we were still in the lead in what had become a “competition” of sorts. He was trying hard to catch up, but gross tonnage was on our side, at least for now. We lashed the main down on the starboard side, put the jib on the port, and we were wing and wing too, having a great sailing evening.

Alas, the Merchbergers decided to get serious and pulled out the spinnaker. It went up just after they passed under the Pineda causeway. We don’t have a chute on Dolphin Dancer, and at that point the ‘race’ to Marker 85 was over for us. It actually took Thirsty Whale another half hour or 45 minutes to catch us, but catch us they did, just before we all turned east toward Merritt Island and the anchorage behind the Jones house.

By 8 pm we were anchored safely next to Erik and Dominique Hass and Roland Norris who had come down from the north, and we all were enjoying a late evening drink with Bill and Carla. All in all a great sail on a very nice spring evening, cooled by a slight breeze that was beginning to turn more toward the north. It was about 10:30 pm by the time we got back to the boat and bedded down. Pam was in her bunk and noticed it first: cathunk. She thought it was just me stumbling in to something. Then I lay down on the air mattress on the cabin floor, and I felt it too: thunk-thunk. We jumped up to check the boat’s position and we were safely away from the other boats, but we had swung a bit around to the east/southeast. So we checked the depth sounder and sure enough, we were aground! Pam was willing to just let it wait till morning, since we weren’t near anyone and probably weren’t going any further. But I was unable to let it rest, and I went up to hoist the anchor while Pam took the wheel. As we were doing our “re-anchoring” we noticed a boat coming in to anchor between a couple of the bigger boats. It was Kay “Mr. Midnight” Sparrow, doing one of his patented dark of night anchoring jobs, by himself of course. But within a half hour, we were safely in deeper water, off the bottom, and cozy in our bunks and Kay was anchored securely too.

Saturday we woke up to sunny skies, a bit cooler, but a very nice morning. It seemed unlikely that the weatherman’s dire predictions of rain and tremendous wind would come true. We had some breakfast on board, and Kristen got to drive the dinghy around and greet the crews of the overnights. As the morning wore on, many more boats joined the group and at about noon, the party officially started.

By this time the wind had really picked up, blowing out of the west/southwest at about 15 knots or so. This made the kite flying difficult, but not impossible. We did, however, cancel the canoe races due to wind and choppy water. Nevertheless, everyone had a grand time, and the boats and people kept coming. All the boaters were keeping an eye on their vessels during the windy conditions, but no trouble occurred. The rain finally arrived about a half hour after the greased watermelon contest in the pool (my team won, of course). It was an intense rainstorm, and I was glad we had closed up the boat earlier. But it didn’t last long, and soon everyone was outside again enjoying the fresh air.

The food was fabulous. Tons of hamburgers and hot dogs, and all the buns too! There were salads and appetizers and beer with little gas balls in them, the

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CRUISE QUARTERS—Part II *continued*

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whole thing. When the barbeque chef fell behind slightly on the burgers, there was a small scuffle in the kitchen over the next batch. But Carla threatened the troublemakers with a paring knife and the crowd backed off. The kitchen was humming at the Jones house and we all owe them tremendous thanks for putting on such a great event for such a huge crowd.

Once the crowd had dissipated a bit, the boaters started to work their way back to the anchorage area, and we began preparations for going to sleep on our little Hunter. Lauren had joined me, but Pam had to go home for some work stuff, so it was just the girls and myself on the boat this time. The wind was pushing 20 knots, and although the boat wasn't rocking too much, there was enough noise in the rigging and on the water to keep me awake most of the night. It seemed that I would sleep for an hour or two, and then be awake for a half hour, and so forth throughout the night. I had thought about re-setting the anchor, but since it had held all day long, I didn't really want to change anything for fear of creating more trouble than I was solving. But every time the wind woke me up, I peered out the portholes to check our position.

Finally, about 3:30 am, I felt it: thunk-thunk. From our experience on Friday night swinging into the shallower water, I knew what had happened almost immediately. I jumped up and looked outside through the porthole, and to my horror I didn't recognize anything that I saw! We had dragged our anchor through several boats, across about a quarter of a mile of bottom, and had run aground about 50 yards from two boat docks!!

But I didn't panic! Because Pam wasn't there, I needed to get some help. The girls are not quite comfortable enough to take the helm in a strong wind at night while we're aground! I thought of using the radio to see if Bill had his handheld unit on still, but I didn't want to wake the entire flotilla. Then I realized I had my cell phone on board and it just so happened that Dave Merchbergers cell phone number is in my phone book. Ah-ha! Poor Dave and Brenda. He answered pretty quickly, and he admitted later that he had not been sleeping well either. But Brenda was awake now too, unfortunately.

Dave was in his new dink within minutes, and had

grabbed a spotlight on the way out the door. But he couldn't find us! He called me back on my cell phone and asked me if I saw his light. I did, and was able to guide him south to the scene of the crime. While he was on the way, I pulled in the now useless anchor, which was full of grass and mud. The girls, bless their hearts, were sleeping soundly still. Once Dave got to me, I had the engine on and was trying to drive her off the mud. Dave used his new dink to turn my bow into the wind and towards deeper water, and then he got behind us and pushed from the stern. Luckily, within minutes she was floating free and we were heading for deeper water among the ECSA fleet. Dave drove up along side in his dinghy, tied her off to the midship cleat while underway, and climbed aboard. Brilliant!

Well, we got her anchored again, Dave went back to his boat, and I spent the rest of the night sitting up in the settee reading. I figured sleep was impossible now, so why fight it? The anchor held for the rest of the night and through the next morning, and I now had to tell the story of my ordeal to all the breakfast revelers. Dave and I were looking a bit worse for wear, but nobody in the group had really slept all that well that night.

After breakfast, we all started working our way home. Since it was just Kristen and me on board for the trip home, Bill Jones came out to help me weigh anchor. The wind was howling out of the north by now, so I was very happy to have his help. With only Kristen for crew on the way home, we put up just the jib and ran with the wind back to Telemar. Although the trip had not been without incident, there were no injuries (except to my pride) and no damage to vessels. A good cruise to be sure.

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



CRUISE QUARTERS - Part III

Memorial Day Weekend Cruise

CRUISE INFORMATION

By Kay Sparrow

Friday I plan to be at Sebastian Inlet Park to set up for the weekend. If there are any cruisers there early, I'll serve them breakfast in exchange for their indentured services.

It is the general consensus is to bypass stopping at Marker 21 this year.. In the past couple of years, this was our usual first stop on the way to Sebastian in which we greatly enjoyed the hospitality of the Malabar Mariners cook out. By proceeding directly to Sebastian, it will give us a full day to relax and play in the sand and surf. Saturday morning, I will provide eggs, meat, potatoes and coffee for breakfast to be cooked by a staff of galley slaves. Paper plates and plastic tools will also be available. Just bring your coffee cup. Everyone will be on their own for lunch.

For Saturday evening, the crew of K's Fantasy will provide hot dogs with all of the condiments. Please bring a side dish to share with the hot dogs. This should be a "Keep it simple" venue or "save the good stuff for Sunday afternoon".

Sunday morning breakfast will again be provided. By now everyone should know what to expect. We fix it, you eat it.

Sunday afternoon the club will provide DEAD chicken and boiled corn on the cob. You guys (and gulls) get to provide everything you can think of to make it a fabulous meal. Once again, there will be the paper plates and stuff provided.

I need prep people, cooks and clean up people. I need someone to organize activities for the children. We like to make this a fun outing for them (although they seem to do a great job on their own). I also need portable stoves to cook the breakfast(s).

My application to have mixed doubles nude swimming has been denied. Do so at your own risk.

Now, how do we get there? By boat, head south to Sebastian Inlet. Pass the inlet and turn east at marker 65. You should find the water to be 6 feet to the anchorage. CHECK YOUR CHART. The anchorage will be south of the inlet and south of the causeway. CHECK YOUR CHART.

By car, head south on A1A to the Sebastian Inlet bridge. Cross over the bridge and make an immediate right turn into the park. Give them lots of money and drive west until you see someone you know or someone like me that you profess not to know.

Do to the volume of food we need to purchase for the various meals, PLEASE RSVP to the following toll free number: 877-388-2580 or ensure you sign up at the May general membership meeting.

I hope to see you all there. It should be a fun, relaxing long weekend for all.

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Before Memorial Day.... there is Capt. Katanna's! Saturday, May 14th

Since Capt. Katanna's just re-opened, we are making this a hostless casual cruise/dinner. For those coming by boat, Joe Coleman will tie up his boat at the dock . Alibi can then be used as our dinghy dock. We are going to have dinner on our own in the restaurant, as opposed to a group sit down/buffet meal. We would like to all get there at 5:00 p.m. to sit near one another and enjoy the view. There is a band who plays in the evening that can be enjoyed.



ECSA 2005 Race & Cruise Schedule

Date	Event	Contact
May 14-15	Capt Katanna's Dinner	Hostless
May 22	Spring Women's Race #5	Beckett
Msy 28	Summer River Race #1	Yates
May 28 -30	Sebastian Inlet Memorial Weekend Cruise	Sparrow
Jun 4	Spring Women's Race #6	Beckett
Jun 11	Spring River Race #1	Yates
Jun 11 -12	Cruise Weekend—Location TBD	Host Needed

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ECSA race schedule and race results



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