



# FOOT, TACK & CLEW

## East Coast Sailing Association

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

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#### **General Membership Meeting**

Wednesday ~ 9 November 2005 ~ 7:00 p.m.

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

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

**PROGRAM: TBD**

*Our scheduled November Program has been deferred until next year. Come meet our yet-to-be determined guest speaker!*

#### NOVEMBER Calendar of EVENTS

	St. Pete	Sail Expo Nov 4 - 6
5-6	CBYC	Melges Regatta
6	IRYC	Summer/Fall #6
6	KPSS	Fall Series #5
6	MYC	Winter Rum Race #1
9	<b>ECSA</b>	<b>General Membership Meeting</b>
	SSCA	Gam Nov 11-13
12	<b>ECSA</b>	<b>Fall River Race #3</b>
13	<b>ECSA</b>	<b>Fall Women's #5</b>
13	MYC	Small Boat Racing
19	<b>ECSA</b>	<b>Double Handed Race</b>
19-20	<b>ECSA</b>	<b>Pinedaville Cruise</b>
19-20	MYC	No Frills Sunfish Regatta
20	KPSS	Fall Series #6
20	MYC	Winter Rum Race #2
27	MYC	Small Boat Racing

#### DECEMBER Calendar of EVENTS

3	<b>ECSA</b>	<b>River Challenge</b>
4	MYC	Winter Rum Race #3
10	IRYC	Race of Champions
11	<b>ECSA</b>	<b>Fall Women's #6</b>
11	MYC	Small Boat Racing
14	<b>ECSA</b>	<b>Holiday Potluck &amp; Meeting</b>
18	<b>ECSA</b>	<b>Grand Canal Holiday Boat Parade/Cruise</b>
25	MYC	Small Boat Racing
31-2	<b>ECSA</b>	<b>New Year's Cruise</b>

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## THOUGHTS FROM YOUR COMMODORE...

David Merchberger

It has arrived!

Each November brings a flurry of activity to the ECSA, and this year is no exception. You should receive this newsletter the same weekend as the St. Petersburg Sail Expo. I hope you had a chance to make the trip over and enjoy the vendor displays, socializing with fellow members and of course, the infamous Lats and Atts party!

The following week brings the Seven Seas Cruising Association's (SSCA) GAM back to the Eau Gallie Civic Center. This event is the SSCA's primary fund raiser of the year and many of our members give generously of their time to help with the event. Each year there is a vendor display, many informative seminars, a nautical flea market and much more. As a result of the damage inflicted on the Ft. Lauderdale area by Hurricane Wilma, the SSCA needs our help more than ever. Please contact Brenda for more information on ways that you can help with this very important event.

After the hard work is complete, it's time to party! As has been the tradition, the Club's big blow-out party of the year, Pinedaville!, is held the weekend following the GAM. Jim and Donna Oyer have been working hard to make this year's party another great one and there is more info elsewhere in this newsletter. Also, let me take this opportunity to thank those of you who showed up on October 29<sup>th</sup> with shovels, rakes and implements of destruction to help prepare the beach. The area sustained some heavy damage due to Wilma, but thanks to the hard work of a few volunteers we all should have a great location for a party.

I also would like to take a moment to ask for your help on behalf of the club. As is 'typical' in most organizations, perhaps 90% of the work is performed by 10% of the members. I've met most of you in person and I'm of the opinion that very few of you are 'typical!' Sailors are a special breed, a small minority of the general population that understand that the pain and sacrifice which is required to be a sailor is paid for many times over in the wonderful experiences that we all share. Likewise, volunteering a small amount of your time to help the Club will be repaid many times over with fond memories and quite possibly, new friends for life. Get involved!!!!

See you on the water  
Dave



## VIEW FROM THE VICE...

by

VICE COMMODORE  
Joe Luthman

Hello again Club Members. I was on the internet and found out these few superstitions about sailing.

- ? It's unlucky to start a cruise on a Friday. It's the day Christ was crucified.
- ? Never start a voyage on a Monday. It's the day Cain slew Able.
- ? Don't start a voyage on a Monday in August. The day Sodom and Gomorrah was destroyed.
- ? Black traveling bags are bad for a seaman.
- ? Avoid people with red hair when going to a ship to begin a journey. Redheads bring bad luck to a ship. Which can be averted if you speak to them before they speak to you.
- ? Avoid flat footed people when beginning a trip.
- ? A silver coin placed under the mast head ensures a successful voyage.
- ? Pouring wine on the deck will bring you good luck.
- ? Women on board a ship makes the sea angry.
- ? A naked woman on board will calm the sea. This is the reason for the figurehead on the bow of ships.
- ? Black cats are considered good luck and will bring a sailor home from sea.
- ? Dolphins swimming with the ship is good luck.

Well, that's just a few for now.

Pleasant sailing!

### ECSA monogrammed apparel make GREAT Christmas gifts!

Donna from **ALL PRO** will be at the November General Membership Meeting to take holiday gift orders... monogrammed shirts, bags, towels, etc. all with our ECSA logo. They will be available for pick-up at the December meeting.





## A VIEW FROM THE REAR... by Joe Coleman

At the December general membership meeting, the club proposes the cruising schedule for the upcoming year. Many of the cruising destinations are pretty well planned by local events, such as Mardi Gras in Cocoa Village, St. Patrick's Day in Melbourne, and the Christmas boat parade in Satellite Beach. Some have become traditional by popular demand, such as the Memorial Day cruise to the park at Sebastian Inlet. Every year we seem to have a problem getting cruisers to volunteer to host all the cruises and we end up having the same people hosting the same cruises over and over. It's not that we don't appreciate their volunteering, but it would be nice to have new people with new ideas step up to host some of the rendezvous.

Hosting a cruise is not difficult or complicated. Basically the host only has to do three things. One is to plan the event, two is to keep track of who attends, and three is to write a short report about the cruise for the newsletter. I can easily describe these three elements.

Planning the cruise is nothing more than saying where we are going to go and what we will do when we get there. It can be as simple as "We all sail to Cocoa Village, meet at the gazebo at seven o'clock, and go listen to some music" or "We will all meet at the Mexican restaurant and eat as a group and then you are on your own". It is your cruise and you make the plans. We do not have to have sit-down dinners at fancy restaurants or potluck get-togethers at every cruise. You make the call and we will follow. I am planning a cruise for some time next year at the Pineda Inn. This will be "Meet at two, listen to the music, eat where you want, and go home the next day". Almost like meeting at Nippers in the Bahamas.

Next you will have to keep track of who attends. This involves nothing more than having a clipboard with paper and a pen to pass around for attendees to sign.

Last is the cruise write-up. Once again, it is very simple: "We had a cruise to wherever. These people showed up by boat and these people arrived by car.

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### Welcome New Members

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Robert Assante  
895 Villa Drive  
Suntree, FL 32940  
321-254-1095  
Hunter Cherubini Cutter 37 *Afeica*

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Chris & Susan Conrad  
14314 S. Red Maple Drive  
Orlando, FL 32828  
407-443-1943  
Hunter 290 *Cool Change*

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Wallie Everest  
305 Island Drive  
Melbourne Beach, FL 32951  
321-952-5797  
Rogers 26 *Rocket Science*

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Robert & Linda Norway  
883 Brunswick Lane  
Rockledge, FL 32955  
321-633-0691  
O'Day 25 *Five O'Clock*

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Bert & Carol Scofield  
205 Emerald Drive N  
Indian Harbour Beach, FL 32937  
321-777-3660  
Catalina C27 *Summer Wind*

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William & Bonnie Sweeting  
115-A Hibiscus Avenue  
Satellite Beach, FL 32937  
321-777-6839  
Watkins 25 *Idle Time*





# TREASURER'S REPORT

by  
**Tom Schrader**

<b>Income Statement</b>		<b>Fiscal Year End</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>Rev. Sep - 05</b>	<b>Sep 04 - Aug 05</b>
Activities Income	-	-
Membership Dues	4,400.00	4,400.00
Merchandise Income	78.00	78.00
Miscellaneous Income	-	-
Sunshine Fund	-	-
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>4,478.00</b>	<b>4,478.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Activities Expense	837.07	837.07
Bank Service Charge	-	-
Dues & Subscriptions	-	-
Insurance	-	-
Miscellaneous	<b>174.93</b>	<b>174.93</b>
Office Supplies	-	-
Postage/Delivery	76.22	76.22
Printing/Repro	37.31	37.31
Rent	-	-
Sales Tax	-	-
Sunshine Fund	-	-
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>1,125.33</b>	<b>1,125.33</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>3,352.47</b>	<b>3,352.47</b>
<b>Note: Items above in bold reflect revisions to previously published statement. (\$60 adjustment)</b>		
<b>Balance Sheet for Period Ending Sept 30, 2005</b>		
<b>Assets/Checking</b>	<b>9,080.58</b>	
Restricted Cash	942.00	
Security Deposit	<u>100.00</u>	
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>10,122.58</b>	
<b>Liabilities &amp; Net Worth</b>		
Unrestricted Cash	6,432.86	
Retained Earnings	337.25	
Net Income	<u>3,352.47</u>	
<b>Total Net Worth</b>	<b>10,122.58</b>	



# TREASURER'S REPORT

by  
**Tom Schrader**

<b>Income Statement</b>		<b>Fiscal Year End</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>Oct - 05</b>	<b>Oct 05 - Aug 06</b>
Activities Income	130.00	130.00
Membership Dues	760.00	5,160.00
Merchandise Income	65.00	143.00
Miscellaneous Income	-	-
Sunshine Fund	<u>70.00</u>	<u>70.00</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>1,025.00</b>	<b>5,503.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Activities Expense	79.50	916.57
Bank Service Charge	-	-
Dues & Subscriptions	-	-
Insurance	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	174.93
Office Supplies	-	-
Postage/Delivery	74.00	150.22
Printing/Repro	43.99	81.30
Rent	-	-
Sales Tax	8.26	8.26
Sunshine Fund	<u>70.63</u>	<u>70.63</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>276.38</b>	<b>1,401.91</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>748.62</b>	<b>4,101.09</b>
<b>Balance Sheet for Period Ending October 31, 2005</b>		
<b>Assets/Checking</b>	<b>9,829.20</b>	
Restricted Cash	942.00	
Security Deposit	<u>100.00</u>	
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>10,871.20</b>	
<b>Liabilities &amp; Net Worth</b>		
Unrestricted Cash	6,432.86	
Retained Earnings	337.25	
Net Income	<u>4,101.09</u>	
<b>Total Net Worth</b>	<b>10,871.20</b>	



## SECRETARY'S REPORT

By

**Phyllis Paradies**

### EAST COAST SAILING ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING OCTOBER 12, 2005

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Dave Merchberger at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were: Dave Merchberger, Joe Luthman, Joe Coleman, Phyllis Paradies, Wes Whitley and Chip Worster.

After the introduction of Board members, fleet captains, committee chairmen, and past commodores, Dave welcomed all including guests and new members attending for the first time.

#### **COMMODORE:**

The following five applications for ECSA membership were approved at the last Board of Governor's meeting: Robert Assante, Chris and Susan Conrad Wallie Everest, Bert and Carol Scofield, and William and Bonnie Sweeting. Approved for membership at tonight's meeting were Robert and Linda Norway.

The Secretary's Minutes of the September meeting, as published in the October Foot, Tack and Clew (FT&C) were approved.

The August Treasurer's Report as published in the October F&TC was approved. The September Treasurer's Report was not approved pending a correction and will be republished.

Dave thanked Chip & Louise Worster and Jim & Donna Oyer for providing refreshments for the meeting tonight.

Dave introduced Donna, from All Pro, who was in attendance to take orders for ECSA personalized shirts, jackets, hats, towels, etc. Anything ordered tonight would be ready next month.

Dave announced that Warren Abbott; another long time and valued member of ECSA, had passed away recently. Louise Worster, Sunshine Chairman for the club, sent flowers for his memorial service from ECSA.

Dave stated that the Sunshine Fund needs contributions. There is a jar at the meetings for

contributions, or you can mail a check to the ECSA for this. This fund is maintained as a separate line item in our club treasury.

Dave said the St. Pete Boat Show, coming up the first weekend in November, has moved its venue from the park to the pier.

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Chip Worster has developed a slate of officers for next year. There are still a few committee position available. If you would be interested in serving ECSA in this way, please call Chip, Brenda, Gil or Donna.

The Miami Boat Show Trip is February 18, 2006. We have reserved Canaveral Bus Lines again this year. There will be more information on this in next few months.

#### **VICE COMMODORE:**

Joe Luthman mentioned the programs for the remainder of the year. Tonight, will be a program on GPS by Jack from West Marine. Next month is Windjammin' Off the Coast of Maine, by Chip Worster, and December is our Year-End Pot Luck. A reservation form for the January Awards Banquet will be in next month's FT&C.

#### **REAR COMMODORE:**

Racing - Joe Coleman noted the racing schedule for 2006 will be completed in early December and the cruising schedule will be set soon after that.

Cruising - John and Loretta Schnitzius, hosts of the Titusville Cruise, reported that the Titusville Cruise had 40 in attendance at Dixie Crossroads for dinner, and five boats sailed there. Thanks to those who provided rides for the sailors and to Karen Coleman who organized breakfast on the dock the next day.

The Marker 21 Cruise is this weekend. Ron Vanderveer said this will be low key with only one meal being planned for 6 p.m. on Saturday (the Fish Fry). Bring a side dish to share. You are on your own for other meals this weekend.

Pinedaville Cruise - There will be one more work party to clean up Pinedaville before the big event. It is scheduled for Saturday, Oct 29<sup>th</sup>. at 9 :00 a.m. Bring a chain saw if you have one. The actual Pinedaville Cruise is third weekend in November. The theme is "The Sixties", so get those costumes ready! Come by boat or car. The festivities officially start on Saturday at noon.

Seven Seas Gam- We still need volunteers - please

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8TH ANNUAL PINEDAVILLE PARTY  
"A FAR OUT 60'S BASH"

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2005**

We will begin "building" Pinedaville at 10 a.m. It would be outta sight to have some cool dudes help us unload and set up. There is no bread involved, but if you could beat feet over and lend us a hand, that would be so boss. Friday evening we will order some munchies from Enigma Café at 6:00 pm. Bring a chair and watch the submarine races and enjoy a bitchin' campfire. If it's your bag, have some Bahama Donna's and get totally blitzed. But don't get too wiped out, it would be a bummer if you missed the opening ceremonies on Saturday! It will be a gas!!!!!!!!!!!!

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2005 –**

**NOON** – GATHER ON THE BEACH IN YOUR **60'S THREADS** FOR THE OPENING CEREMONIES - THE GROOVIEST COSTUME CONTEST AND CROWNING OF THE NEW KING AND QUEEN OF PINEDAVILLE. ENTERTAINMENT ALL DAY BY KOOL KAT KURT! BRING YOUR RAD BEACH CHAIRS & BEVERAGES (if Bahama Donna's aren't your thing).

**1:00** - MULLETT TOSS – (REMEMBER, NO FOLDING ALLOWED – IT'S GROADY AND GNARLY!!!)

**2:00** - THE BOOKIN' DINGHY RACES (MAKE LOVE NOT WAR!!!!)

**3:00** - CONCH BLOWING – (DON'T BOGART THAT CONCH!!!!)

**4:00** - HANG LOOSE OR GO CRASH (PEACE) - KID'S KARAOKE

**5:00** - PIG OUT – BRING A PRIMO DISH TO SHARE

**6:00** - LAY IT ON ME LIMBO CONTEST (HOW LOW CAN YOU GO???????)

**7:00** - PASS THE FRUIT – (NO MAKING OUT)

**8:00** - ADULT KARAOKE – (DON'T WIG OUT)

DON'T GET BUMMED OUT – ENJOY THE CAMPFIRE, S'MORES, THE BAHAMA DONNA'S AND THE ENTERTAINMENT. DON'T FREAK OUT, JUST CHILL.....

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2005 –**

**8:00** - POTLUCK BREAKFAST ON THE BEACH. BE COOL AND BRING A DISH TO SHARE. REGULAR AND DECAF COFFEE PROVIDED.

**10:00** - ISLAND CLEAN UP TIME.

LATER  
DUDES.....



# **SPECIAL NOTICE!!! GALA EVENT!!!**

## ***ECSA 2005 AWARDS BANQUET***

Date: 7 January 2006  
Time: 6 - 10 p.m.  
Place: Holiday Inn, Cocoa Beach

Agenda: 6 - 7 p.m. Social Hour - Cocktails; cash bar  
7 - 8 p.m. Dinner  
8 - 10 p.m. Program

Cost: \$20.00 per person

### **PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY!**

Complete the following form and return with payment by December 15, 2005.  
Make checks payable to East Coast Sailing Association (or ECSA) and drop off at  
the November or December general membership meeting or mail to:

ECSA  
P. O. Box 372054  
Satellite Beach, FL 32937  
Attention: Banquet

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#### **2005 ECSA AWARDS BANQUET RESERVATION FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Choose one (1) menu option per person and indicate the total number of each for  
your party in the space provided.

\_\_\_\_\_ Total Champagne Chicken

\_\_\_\_\_ Total London Broil

\_\_\_\_\_ Total in your party at \$20.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Thoughts from your Rear Commodore - cont'd..... From page 3

This is what we did." That's it!

Often someone comes up with a twist that makes a cruise special, and sometimes we feel that we have to do more each year on our cruises. We have tended to get away from the cruises where we all meet somewhere, fend for ourselves for dinner and meet on the shore for drinks and stories after, but those simpler rendezvous are special too. So when you've read this article, please consider hosting a cruise for the upcoming year or suggest a new cruise. If you are unable to attend the December general membership meeting and want to volunteer, just e-mail Ron Vanderveer before the meeting and let him know.

Changing the subject, in anticipation of my election [*ratification?*] as Vice Commodore, I am looking for some volunteers for programs and advertising. What I would like to do is have three people on the program committee. Each person would then have only three programs to schedule for the year. If I do not get any volunteers, I will be forced to pressure someone into taking the position. If you have never seen me beg, I can tell you it's not a pretty sight.

I don't know if you have noticed, but there are no longer any ads in the newsletter. This has always been a bit of a moneymaker which helped pay for the newsletter. There are numerous businesses out there that will advertise with us - they just need to be contacted. We have a captive audience of two hundred members, which should be a tremendous selling point when talking to potential advertisers. I will be happy to help anyone who volunteers. Please don't make me beg; I know where you live!

## Cruising Quarters - cont'd

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Grafin-Loretta, Kay Sparrow on Kay's Fantasy, Clyde and Judi Crouch on Osprey, the Merchbergers on Thirsty Whale, and Dan and Lisa Gemmill on Lisa Kay. We had some landlubber visitors as well, many of them related to Kay Sparrow. I know this because I had to loan Kay my dinghy motor temporarily due to problems with his. In fact, we had some bad dinghy karma in the whole group Saturday, because many of the old salts were having motor troubles with their dinks. My motor worked great, so instead I decided to poke a hole in my dinghy! Luckily just a small leak and we got home no problem.

Once we had everyone anchored, the food was fired up. Charlie teased everyone with some killer French fries and conch fritters, and then finished us off with the fish. We had a tremendous buffet table as well, so as usual, the group did not go hungry. Karin Mann was having trouble getting the 15 quarts of cole slaw eaten, so we all took one home Sunday just to get her off our backs. The wind stayed out of the north all night Saturday, which made for a very nice evening in terms of weather. Wesley Mann valiantly tried to get a fire going after dinner, with limited success. I tried to help but was called away to help Kay, so Joe "Boy Scout" Coleman worked some magic on the glowing embers and next thing you know we're all coughing and choking on the smoke from a roaring fire!

Sunday morning was the highlight of the trip. The wind had calmed down, the air cooled off, and the sun was bright. We all woke up to a beautiful morning "at sea". I believe that Joanne Theriault won the Sleep In contest, but I didn't get a chance to do an official bed check. There were some goodies on the island for breakfast and of course Chip was already cleaning up by the time the late comers got to shore. We chewed the fat for a while and then began to head out. The trip home for most of us was into the North wind, but it was light, cool breeze and a good chance for all of us to work the diesels a bit. Two hours later we're hosing Dolphin Dancer down and getting prepared for Hurricane Wilma! What a wild couple of years.

Thanks to all who came down and we'll see you at Pinedaville.

### Hospitality

Volunteers to bring goodies for our November General Membership Meeting are:



- ? **Nancy Abbott**
- ? **Jean Freeman**

Thank you!

## ECSA 2005 Race & Cruise Schedule

Date	Event	Contact
Nov 11 - 13	Seven Seas Cruising Association GAM	Merchberger
Nov 12/Nov 13	Fall River Race #3/Women's Racing #5	Yates/Beckett
Nov 19	Double Handed Race	Yates
Nov 19 - 20	<b><i>PINEDAVILLE</i></b>	Oyer
Dec 3	River Challenge	Yates
Dec 11	Women's Racing #6	Beckett
Dec 18	Grand Canal Holiday Boat Parade	Jacobs

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



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