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## 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 ~ 8 September 2004 ~ 7:00 p.m.

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

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

#### **September Program**

*Please join us for a surprise program  
arranged by our Program Chairman  
Tom Schrader*

#### **SEPTEMBER Calendar of EVENTS**

4-5	CBYC	Steak & Lobster Regatta
<b>4-6</b>	<b>ECSA</b>	<b>Cape Canaveral Ocean Cruise</b>
5	MYC	Dinghy Racing
10	MYC	Fall Rum Race #3
<b>11</b>	<b>ECSA</b>	<b>Double Handed Race</b>
11	PAFB	Manatee Cover Race
<b>12</b>	<b>ECSA</b>	<b>Women's Summer Race #3</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>ECSA</b>	<b>Cruise to Dixie Crossroads</b>
19	MYC	Dinghy Racing
19	IRYC	Fall Race #1
24	MYC	Fall Rum Race #4
25-26	MYC	Mermaid Regatta

#### **OCTOBER Calendar of EVENTS**

<b>2</b>	<b>ECSA</b>	<b>Summer River Race #4</b>
3	IRYC	Fall Race #2
3	MYC	Dinghy Racing
8	MYC	Fall Rum Race #5
9	PAFB	Manatee Cove Race
<b>13</b>	<b>ECSA</b>	<b>General Membership Meeting</b>
15-17	MYC	Small Boats Regatta
<b>16-17</b>	<b>ECSA</b>	<b>Marker 21 Fish Fry Cruise</b>
20-24	MYC	Fall Regatta
22	MYC	Fall Rum Race #6
31	MYC	Dinghy Racing

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



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

Time to beg

Remember, last month I asked to you reflect. In general terms, I asked to you think about what you did to make ECSA a better organization for all. This month, we are going to look forward to 2005.

As will be announced at the September General Membership Meeting, Tom Schrader, Chip Worster and Sherry Beckett have agreed to serve on the 2005 nominating committee with Tom acting as chairman. The committee has identified some members that are willing to serve next year, but there are several positions still unfilled.

As our bylaws state, the Nominating Committee will present a slate of nominees to the General Membership at the November meeting. Election of the officers will take place at the December General Membership meeting after taking any nominations from the floor.

If you are asked by Tom, Chip or Sherry to serve the club next year, please give it careful consideration. The rewards far out weigh the commitment required. If there is a particular position you are interested in, don't wait to be asked, track down one of the three on the committee (their info is current in the 2004 directory) and let them know that you're interested.

On a different matter, a big THANK YOU to all of you that have sent in your membership renewal as well as any updates to your directory information. Your updates and corrections will help to make the 2005 directory one of the best ever. For those of you who have not yet sent in your dues renewal, our fiscal year starts September 1<sup>st</sup>. Please be sure to get your dues in as soon as possible so that there is no interruption in your receipt of the FT&C newsletter and you will be included in next year's directory.

Thanks for your support and see you on the water  
Dave



To refresh your memory, here is the last paragraph from Part II of the Coleman Chronicles.

I called Kay Sparrow and he drove all the way to Marine Pro just to see if anyone was there, but they were all at a wedding. I finally called Banana River Marine and talked to Doug. I gave him the part number, and if he had one, Kay was going to deliver to us. Doug called back about thirty minutes later and said that the impeller I had was no longer available .....

*And now, Part III of the Coleman Chronicles ...*

Doug suggested that I simply drill a hole in my spare and put in a screw. I pulled out the good old battery-operated drill and away I went. Twenty minutes later, the new impeller was in and water was flowing again. We had already told Erwin to just go on ahead, but he insisted upon staying with us until we got going again. Once underway, he stayed behind just in case we needed to be towed. We limped down the Mosquito Lagoon and through the Haulover Canal. By this time, it was about 1630 and Karen and I decided just to push on as long as the engine was working.

Erwin and Gertrude were entering the Titusville Marina and we had called for a bridge opening when we heard the first clap of thunder. As we looked to the northeast we could see a storm coming. It appeared that it would slide just south of us and we should miss it. Just as we went through the bridge, the winds came and we decided to pull over and wait it out. Erwin was docking as the rain started, and I couldn't help thinking that if he had not stopped to help us, he would have been tied up long before the storm came. With lightning flashing everywhere, Karen dropped the sail, then went forward to drop the anchor. (She said she'd rather be struck by lightning than have to deal with me being struck.) We must have learned something from the last article because the anchor set the first time. We sat there for about 45 minutes while the storm passed. There was a lot of close lightning and a little bit of rain. The winds finally subsided and the rain stopped, so we thought that we would push on just a bit further. Karen pulled up the anchor, raised the main again and we were off. Within 30 minutes, there came another storm. Again Karen dropped the sail and set the hook (she was getting much quicker). Again we sat through the storm, and when the lightning and rain stopped, we pulled up the anchor and raised the main. At this point it was a matter of determination. We had planned on getting to at least Cocoa Village, and here we were just two miles south of

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## SECRETARY'S REPORT

By

**Donna Hartley Oyer**

### EAST COAST SAILING ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AUGUST 11, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Board of Governors present were Dave Merchberger, Joe Coleman and Donna Hartley.

Dave introduced the Board and committee chairpersons, recognized past commodores and welcomed everyone.

#### OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

????Dave asked for nominees for the Walter Erben award. The award was established in 2001 and is presented each year to the individual who promotes and supports sailing in our area.

????Dave noted that there are five new member applications to vote on; however, there is not a quorum for the Board of Governors, so the member applications will be voted on at the next Board meeting or the September General Membership Meeting.

????The secretary's report from the July 14, 2004 meeting was approved as published in the August Foot, Tack & Clew (FT&C) newsletter.

????The July treasurer's report as published in the August FT&C was approved.

#### REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT RACING

????Sherry Beckett invited racers as well as cruisers to participate in the upcoming single-handed-race on August 21<sup>st</sup>.

????Sherry reminded the members that the next summer river race would be held on August 14<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting.

????Sherry mentioned that the woman's series continues on August 15<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting.

????Sherry informed the members that Melbourne Yacht Club's annual Mermaid Regatta will be held on September 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

#### CRUISING

????Ron Tyre invited everyone to participate in the Lake Shepard cruise on August 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.

????Johan Neve invited the members to the upcoming Labor Day cruise, which includes a day of ocean sailing. Johan noted that the schedule of events is listed in the August FT&C.

????Brenda Merchberger thanked everyone who

participated in the now 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Santa Maria BBQ cruise. There were 66 people who attended.

#### OLD BUSINESS

????Dave mentioned that beginning with the new fiscal year (September 1<sup>st</sup>), new members will be issued a license plate as part of their new member packet. They will also have the option of purchasing a burgee at a reduced rate of \$10 (\$15 regularly) when they submit their membership application. .

#### NEW BUSINESS

????Dave will be appointing a committee to nominate officers for next year. The committee will be announced at the September meeting and they will present their slate of officers at the November general membership meeting, to be voted on in December.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m, followed by the evening's program hosted by Canaveral Lockmaster, Bob Seigman.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Hartley

### Member's Classifieds

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



## CRUISE QUARTERS

***Pinedaville is coming...***

**November 20th & 21st**

### **August/September Cruises**

We had a late August cruise to Lake Shepard, so stay tuned for cruise details in the next Foot, Tack & Clew newsletter.

And... by the time you get this newsletter, the September Labor Day Ocean Cruise will have taken place. I am confident there will be some good stories to share.

Also in September is our annual cruise to Titusville/Dixie Crossroads. If you can't make it by boat, please join us for dinner at the restaurant. Tom & Barb Schrader are coordinating the event. It is important that you RVSP for an accurate count for the restaurant. Please sign up at the September General Membership meeting or call Tom & Barb at 321-449-4604 to ensure a place at the table for some yummy rock shrimp.

If you are coming by boat, there is an anchorage north of the marina. If you would like to stay in the marina, please contact the marina directly for reservations. The marina's office number is 321-383-5600.

We would greatly appreciate it if the land cruisers can swing by the marina on their way to the restaurant to pick up the cruisers.

Dinner is set for 1700 (5 p.m.). Cruisers will be ready for pick-up at the Titusville marina at 1645.



Although "Pinedaville" seems to be quite a distance away, there is one aspect of Pinedaville that we anxiously await for...Its THEME!

To provide all attendees ample time to get their costumes ready, the hosts of Pinedaville are announcing the theme at the Labor Day cruise. For those that were unable to attend the cruise, here are a few hints....

- ? Doris Day
- ? Jim Oyer
- ? Sheep

Give up?

***IT'S AN  
ISLAND PAJAMA PARTY!!!  
COSTUMES ARE MANDATORY!!!!***

*Join us for:*  
**KURT'S KARAOKE**  
**CROWING of the NEW KING & QUEEN**  
**BEST COSTUME CONTEST**  
**MULLET TOSS**  
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*(East side of the Indian River  
just north of the Pineda Causeway)*

**MORE DETAILS TO COME!**





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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
Sept 4 - 6	Cape Canaveral Ocean Cruise	Neve
Sept 11/12	Double Handed Race/Summer Women's #3	Delmater/Beckett
Sept 18	Cruise to Dixie Crossroads—Titusville	Schrader
Oct 2	Summer/Fall River Race #4	Lacy
Oct 16 - 17	Marker 21 Fish Fry Cruise	Dawson
Nov 6/7	River Challenge/Fall Women's #1	Lacy/Beckett
Nov 20 - 21	Pinedaville Cruise	Oyer
Dec 5	Fall Women's Race #2	Beckett
Dec 18	Holiday Boat Parade Cruise	Jacobs

***Stay Tuned for 2005 events to come....***



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