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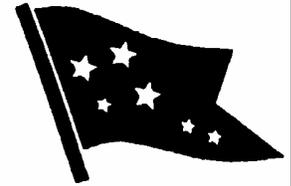
## East Coast Sailing Association

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

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Open

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#### **General Membership Meeting**

Wednesday ~ 14 September 2005 ~ 7:00 p.m.

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

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

#### ***How to Market your boat to Sell and How to buy a Boat***

*Presented by: Larry Broome*

*Yacht Masters Brokerage*

#### SEPTEMBER Calendar of EVENTS

<b>3-5</b>	<b>ECSA</b>	<b>Cape Canaveral Ocean Cruise</b>
3-4	CBYC	Fall Regatta
4	MYC	Small Boat Racing
9	MYC	Fall Rum Race #4
<b>10</b>	<b>ECSA</b>	<b>Fall River Race #1</b>
11	IRYC	Summer/Fall #4
11	KPSS	Fall Series #1
<b>17-18</b>	<b>ECSA</b>	<b>Cruise to Titusville - Dixie Crossroads</b>
18	MYC	Small Boat Racing
23	MYC	Fall Rum Race #5
<b>24-25</b>	<b>ECSA</b>	<b>Fall Women's #3 &amp; #4</b>
24-25	MYC	Mermaid Regatta
25	KPSS	Fall Series #2

#### OCTOBER Calendar of EVENTS

2	IRYC	Summer/Fall #5
2	MYC	Small Boat Racing
7	MYC	Fall Rum Race #6
<b>8</b>	<b>ECSA</b>	<b>Fall River Race #2</b>
9	KPSS	Fall Series #3
<b>14</b>	<b>ECSA</b>	<b>General Membership Meeting</b>
<b>15-16</b>	<b>ECSA</b>	<b>Marker 21 Fish Fry Cruise</b>
16	MYC	Small Boat Racing
21	MYC	Fall Rum Race #7
22-23	MYC	Fall Regatta small boats
23	KPSS	Fall Series #4
28-30	MYC	Fall Regatta - Big Boats

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## THOUGHTS FROM YOUR COMMODORE...

David Merchberger

### Preparation

Once again, I'm late. This time, the articles are due on Thursday....It's 5:00 EDT Thursday afternoon and I'm on the airplane again, this time coming home from Houston. I figure I still have 7 hours before this this is REALLY due, so actually, I'm early!

A couple months ago we spoke about preparing for the upcoming storm season. We have just witnessed one of the greatest disasters any of us are likely to see in our lifetime. Although the media coverage is focused on the complete devastation that has taken place in many areas of the northern gulf, you can be sure that there are thousands of people in the surrounding areas that suffered damage similar to what we all faced last year. It is such conditions that that we can, and should, prepare for.

As you read this, we are in the height of the hurricane season, and although conditions such as those faced in the immediate area of Katrina's eyewall landfall were catastrophic, there were vast areas where the storm was very survivable if the proper precautions were taken. If you haven't finalized your hurricane plans, please do so now.

September also brings the start of a new fiscal year for the club. At this point in the renewal process, we have the highest renewal rate that we've had in many years. Thank you! If you haven't submitted your renewal yet, please do so as soon as possible so we can ensure to include your information in our annual Membership Directory.

This month also brings the start of the search for new Board Members. If you're approached to serve the club in 2006, please consider doing so. As everyone who has served will attest, it is a very rewarding experience.

See you on the water  
Dave

### *In loving memory of ... Phil Freeman*

Philip W. Freeman, passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, August 9, 2005, after a long illness. He was born in Melrose, MA on November 2, 1926. Phil served in the US Navy during World War II. He graduated from Northeastern University with an Electrical Engineering degree and worked as a field engineer for Western Electric in NY, then at Bell Telephone Labs in Holmdel, N.J. He taught physics evenings at Pratt Institute in New York City and retired from Lucent Technology, Holmdel, NJ in 1978. He and his wife Jean, with a loving relationship of 55 years, sailed 37,000 miles in their 41 ft. Morgan sailboat, from Maine to the Bahamas and finally settled in Satellite Beach, FL.

All who knew Phil admired his enthusiasm, intelligence and sense of humor. Family and friends were of utmost importance to Phil and he was a loving husband, father, grandfather and brother. He obtained his private pilots license, his Captains license, and was an Amateur Radio Operator, a member of the Waterway Radio and Cruising Club, the Indian River Amateur Radio Club, the East Coast Sailing Association, and told tall stories at the Grumpy Old Sailors men's sailing group. Phil had a great faith and was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Phil will sincerely be missed as a friend and member of ECSA and our heartfelt condolences are sent to his wife Jean and fellow ECSA members - daughter and son-in-law Linda and Richard Wood as well as Phil's granddaughters Sarah and DeeDee, and daughter and son-in-law Cynthia and Michael Engstrom of Pass Christain, MS and other close family members and friends.



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



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

Hello Again,

Well, the months have been flying by this year as Vice Commodore. It has been interesting being part of the board of the club. Speaking of which, the Nominating Committee may be tapping one of you guys on the shoulder to serve next year. It is not that time-consuming and you meet a lot of people with your duties. So, if you feel the need to serve, the club always needs your help. Maybe not on the board but on a committee like Advertising, Program Membership, or the Hospitality.

**SEPTEMBER CRUISE  
DETAILS**

**By Cruise Hosts: John & Loretta Schnitzius**

The ECSA September cruise to Dixie Crossroads Restaurant, southwest corner of Dixie Avenue and Garden Street, in Titusville is scheduled for Saturday, September 17th at 5 p.m. Boaters will meet at the Dingy Dock in Titusville Marina between 4-4:30 p.m. on Saturday. Dixie Crossroads is within walking distance of the marina for those who prefer to walk. (.8 mile - one way). For those coming into the marina by dinghy, enter the channel and proceed to the waterway between Docks C & D. The dingy dock is straight ahead at the seawall. We are asking anyone who is coming by car to stop by the marina to see if any sailors need a ride to the restaurant. If any sailors would prefer to be in a slip, you can call the marina at 321-383-5600 and make a reservation. If you tell them that you are with the ECSA, they will try to keep our boats together. For boats staying on the outside, you can anchor out on either side of the channel. There will be a pot-luck breakfast in the screened porch at the marina on Sunday morning.

Editor's Note: John & Loretta may be reached at 321-783-7509 for any additional questions or to sign up to attend if you are not able to make the September general Membership Meeting.

The only bad thing about making good friends is that you feel such a void when they are gone. This month our good friend and fellow sailor Phil Freeman passed away. Our condolences go out to his wife Jean and the rest of his family. For those of you new to the club, Phil was a member in good standing for over twenty-five years. I remember the first time Karen and I met Phil. I don't remember the cruise or the month, but I will always remember the meeting. Somewhere out on the Indian River, Alibi was rafted up with *Freedom*, Phil and Jean sitting on *Freedom* and Karen and I on *Alibi*. I remember listening to Phil tell about how he and Jean had followed their dream and left the busy city life to go chartering. I sat there like a little kid listening to his grandfather talk about good old days. He had such enthusiasm in his voice that it made you wish you were there with him. Phil loved sailing and the sailing life and he cared about those who shared his views. I remember coming back from a cruise one summer. There were about six of us who needed to pass through Mathers Bridge to get home. We received a call on the radio from Phil to tell us that the bridge was broken and they were not sure when it would be fixed. Phil and Jean offered rides if we needed to anchor and return to the boats later. After about four hours of waiting, the bridge was finally opened manually, and as the boats passed through the opening, there stood Phil and Jean, standing at the railing waving to all of us.

I had the honor of having Phil on the Board of Governors for three years when I was Commodore. Those were the days following an unfortunate lawsuit, which resulted in falling membership and money problems. At the board meetings I would come up with some pretty wild ideas to get the club back on its feet. Then I would always look over at Phil. If he gave me that little nod, I knew I was all right. When we first talked about getting license plates that advertised the club, Phil gave me the nod. He also purchased the first plate. Several years ago Jean was in an automobile accident. Luckily no one was hurt, but the license plate was destroyed. Phil was sadder about that than he was about the damage to the car.

As I sit up on the stage during the meetings, I will miss seeing Phil's friendly face in the audience. All who knew him will miss his presence and his influence. But although he may not be here in person, Phil will always be with us in spirit.



# TREASURER'S REPORT

by  
**Tom Schrader**



# CRUISE QUARTERS

## Income Statement Fiscal Year End

REVENUE	Aug - 05	Sep 04 - Aug 05
Activities Income	-	4,930.00
Membership Dues	165.00	6,794.00
Merchandise Income	30.00	461.00
Miscellaneous Income	-	266.00
Sunshine Fund	-	<u>153.00</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>215.00</b>	<b>12,604.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Activities Expense	-	6,134.90
Bank Service Charge	-	-
Dues & Subscriptions	-	209.40
Insurance	-	2,415.00
Miscellaneous	-	890.94
Office Supplies	-	121.90
Postage/Delivery	123.66	963.99
Printing/Repro	36.68	749.63
Rent	-	272.88
Sales Tax	-	22.31
Sunshine Fund	-	-
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>1,021.03</b>	<b>11,780.95</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>54.66</b>	<b>823.05</b>

### Balance Sheet for Period Ending August 31, 2005

<b>Assets/Checking</b>	<b>5,728.11</b>
Restricted Cash	942.00
Security Deposit	<u>100.00</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>6,770.11</b>
<b>Liabilities &amp; Net Worth</b>	
Unrestricted Cash	6,432.86
Retained Earnings	(485.80)
Net Income	<u>823.05</u>
<b>Total Net Worth</b>	<b>6,770.11</b>

## CRUISE TO ABACO JACK'S with a "Fun Race" by Wanda Luthman

The Abaco Jack Cruise on August 13 & 14 began on Saturday at 1:30 p.m. with a loud horn blast! Six boats slowly crossed the start line kinda sorta towards the first marker. They went west instead of east, I'm sure they were tacking. Osprey was the first boat to reach the first mark. Since the wind was pretty much non-existent (some boaters claimed to be be-calmed), the course was changed to skip the second mark and head straight towards the Abaco Jack mark and then back to the Committee Boat. Osprey was the first to cross the finish line with Captiva a close second. Third was Sunburst, 4th Outward Bound, 5th Impulse and in last place Alibi. I'm sure he has an alibi for that! The Committee Boat passengers enjoyed a refreshing swim in the river and a nap while we watched the race. It was close to 4 p.m. by the time the last boat crossed the finish line, so we all rushed (well, as fast as a sailboat can rush!) to Abaco Jack's to get our boats anchored and take a shower and get into shore for a yummy dinner.

As everyone gathered for dinner in the bar, we enjoyed a cool beverage and visiting with friends. After dinner, Joe Luthman handed out the first prize, Chapman's book on boat handling, which we are pretty sure that Clyde and Judi Crouch could have written, and the prize for last place, a book called *She Captain* to Joe Coleman (who probably could have used his *She Captain* that morning as Karen was out of town!)

In the morning, we met for breakfast in the park and enjoyed a delicious smorgasbord of entrees from egg casserole to croissants to fresh pineapple and oh yes, Starbucks coffee! The only snafu with the first time hosts was that they forgot to provide plates. That caused many a sailor to have to dinghy back to their boat for

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## SECRETARY'S REPORT

By

**Phyllis Paradies**

EAST COAST SAILING ASSOCIATION  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
AUGUST 10, 2005

Commodore Dave Merchberger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board of Governors present were: Dave Merchberger, Joe Luthman, Joe Coleman, Phyllis Paradies, and Wes Whitley.

### OFFICERS' REPORTS:

#### Commodore

Dave welcomed existing and new members, introduced officers, committee chairmen, guests, and past commodores.

Dave announced that Phil Freeman, a long time member of ECSA, passed away yesterday. A moment of silence was observed for Phil and Dave asked all to remember his family. Louise Worster, Sunshine Chairman, has been notified and will send condolences from the ECSA.

After breaking for the Summer Pot Luck Dinner, the meeting resumed and Dave announced that ECSA had five new membership applications. The following were voted into membership: Cliff and Annette Capman, Craig and Cassandra (Sandra) Elken, Neil and Sally Hodgson, Bill and Bettye Knight, and Ray and Diana Rosenkaimer

A motion was made and seconded to approve the July Secretary's report as published in the August Foot, Tack & Clew (FT&C). The motion was carried.

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

Dave Merchberger reported on the following items:

- ◆ The annual membership dues are due by the end of August. He noted that many members turned around their invoice and submitted their checks right away which is greatly appreciated.
- ◆ Dave noted it is time to consider nominations for the Walter Urban Award, which will be awarded on Labor Day. Bill and Mary Ann Ward donated this annual award in memory of her father. It is awarded to the person who has been the most instrumental in promoting sailing and racing in

Brevard County. It is a plaque that hangs in the Cocoa Beach Yacht Club. Nominations may be given to Jim Yates or Dave Merchberger.

- ◆ There will be a Lipton Cup Regatta in New Smyrna Beach October 21-23.
- ◆ The Miami Beach Commission has voted to approve an ordinance regarding anchoring restrictions. Boats can only anchor there now for 7 days in a 30 day period. They feel the boats are anchoring to avoid Marina fees, and they say they obstruct views, invade the privacy of homeowners, and are a nuisance
- ◆ ECSA license plates and ECSA sew on patches are now available for sale at the meetings. \$5.00 for a license plate and \$7.50 for the patches. Also, jackets, burgees and siphons are available.

#### Vice Commodore

Joe Luthman reported that the program for the September meeting will be Larry Broome, a broker for Yacht Masters at Harbortown. He will provide the members tips on how to market and buy boats. In October, the program will be on GPS by Jack Snyder from West Marine.

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### **Cruise to Abaco Jack's**

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their plates. Around 9:30 a.m. we headed back towards our boats and a motor/sail home.

Those joining us by boat were Gil and Phyllis Paradies on Sunburst, Joe Coleman with Carey and Allison Savage on Alibi, Kay Sparrow on K's Fantasy, Don and Joanne Theriault on Impulse, Clyde and Judi Crouch on Osprey, Ruth and Heie Simonsen on Outward Bound, Steve, Susan, and Andrew Eklund on Mad Viking, Barbara and Roland Norris on Captiva, Paul and Carla Stewart and Aimee Windsor on Again, Pam, Lauren, Kristen, and Rick and Tom, Donetta and Sarah Hrkach on Dolphin Dancer, Dominique and Erik Hass on Marathi and Wanda, Joe and Briana on Nolina.

Joining us by car were Dave and Brenda Merchberger, John and Loretta Schnitzius, Bob and Adrienne Goldstein, Lynn Anderson, Craig and Cassandra Elken, Barbara, Cathy and Jacob Sparrow, guest of the Coleman's—Terry Savage and Chuck and Karen Solomon, and due to the Barge Canal Bridge being closed George and Terry Schorn who came by motorcycle. If I left anyone off the list, please let me know so we can include it in the next Foot, Tack, and Clew.

## Secretary's Report

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Joe noted the plans for the Annual Awards Banquet to be held on January 7, 2006 at the Holiday Inn in Cocoa Beach

### Rear Commodore

Joe Coleman asked Jim Yates to give an update on racing. Jim noted the Summer Series has been completed. The Single-handed race is this Saturday, August 13, beginning at 10:00 a.m. with a Skipper's meeting at the Melbourne Yacht Club. August 28<sup>th</sup> is the next Women's Race. The Mermaid Regatta is coming up soon at the Melbourne Yacht Club. The Fall Series is will begin in September with race dates set for: Sept. 10, Oct. 8, and Nov. 12.

Ron Vanderveer reported on upcoming cruising events:

- ◆ The cruise to Abaco Jack's (the old Conchy Joe's) is this weekend (August 13 – 14). Joe and Wanda Luthman are hosting. There will be a fun race beginning at 1:30 p.m. There are 20 boats signed up and about 40 people coming for dinner. Meet in the bar for cocktails at 5 p.m. to socialize.

- ◆ Labor Day Weekend Cruise - Johan & Dee Neve are hosting. Johan noted the schedule is published in this month's FT&C. He reminded all that it is a holiday, and the area will be heavily patrolled, with some Marine Patrol in unmarked boats. Make sure you are legal, and note that it is a no wake zone. The barge canal has been dredged and is now 14 feet deep. On Friday, the bridge will NOT open from 3 p.m. till 6:00 p.m. If you arrive after 3 p.m., you will have to wait until after 6 to go through. On other days, it opens on the hour and the half-hour, or when a commercial vessel goes through.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Roland Norris reminded all to be alert at the helm. He said while traveling on the ICW recently he experienced water turbulence (possibly waterspout) that rocked the boat so hard he had to release his main.

With there being no further business, Brenda Merchberger announced the Summer Pot Luck game, which was a quiz on Boating Fundamentals. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Paradies, Secretary

## OCTOBER 15th - 16th

### Cruise to Marker 21

#### "FISH FRY"

By Cruise Co-Hosts:

**Ron & Pam Vanderveer and Charlie & Karin Mann**

This will be a low-key cruise to our old hangout at Marker 21. As it turns out, Friday October 14th is a State in-service day for any school-aged kids. So the Vanderveer's are planning to head down on Friday and anchor up Friday and Saturday nights. The Mann's will arrive sometime late Friday or early Saturday. Club members are welcome to join us anytime, but we aren't planning any meals until Saturday night.

We will plan to have dinner on the island at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday night. Your gracious hosts will bring the club-purchased main fish course (likely a white fish of some kind) and if the Board-approved budget allows, we'll throw in some shrimp or other sea life. This will be a boiling-fat type of fish fry, but you're welcome to grill something if you feel the need, and you are also welcome to bring your own fish or seafood to fry up. The Club will furnish paper plates and utensils. Members should bring a side dish or dessert, drinks for their crew, and anything else deemed necessary for an island-based fish fry (e.g. chairs, camp lights, bug spray, underarm deodorant, etc.).

Sunday morning will be breakfast on your own, but let's plan to meet up on the island around 0900 hours for coffee, chatting and socialization, and any final cleanup from the night before. New on this cruise: I am going to furnish a prize for the member that manages to sleep in the latest on Sunday morning! It won't be me, I'm cursed by an inability to sleep past sunup, but my lovely wife could probably take the prize without too much effort! And I hear our Commodore could give her some serious competition!

So barring any late season hurricanes, we look forward to getting together with everyone for a weekend in October. Please don't hesitate to call Ron at 321-255-3854 if you have any questions or ideas or whatever.

Note: Directions to the Marker 21 Anchorage will appear in next month's FT&C



**Mark your calendars...**

**PINEDAVILLE 2005**

is coming November 19th & 20th

The theme for this year's Pinedaville was announced at the recent Labor Day Cruise. This year's theme is:

***The Sixties (1960's)***

Start getting your costume together for the best costume contest which open the festivities. And, don't forget to keep practicing for the other events.

**Member's Classifieds**

**FOR FREE! A SAIL that is not for SALE.**

Donated to the ECSA by long-term member Dottie Hardenstein, it is in very good condition. The dimensions are: luff 24'3; foot 7'9'; leach 25'6'. The logo on the sail looks something like an "h" followed by 25 and 692 (probably a hull number). If you are an ECSA member and it fits your boat, it is free by calling Wayne Shear at 321-784-9768.

**FOR SALE:** West Marine 10.5 ft inflatable RIB. Like new, used only one season. Has custom cover. \$700. Contact John at 407-740-4090.

**FOR SALE:** 8' Hardshell Walker Bay dinghy. Oars and trailer. \$550.00. Contact David Bishop: (H) 312-722-3763 home or pager 321-634-0682



**Welcome New Members**

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Cliff & Annette Capman  
1283 Stadt Road N.W.  
Palm Bay, FL 32907  
321-676-6487  
*My Time* Irwin Citation 30

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Craig & Cassandra Elken  
180 Coral Way East  
Indialantic, FL 32903  
321-777-7830

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Neil & Sally Hodgson  
3807 Sunward Drive  
Merritt Island, FL 32953  
321-452-8252

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Bill & Bettye Knight  
125 E. Merritt Island Cswy #209-242  
Merritt Island, FL 32952  
321-453-4079

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Ray & Diana Rosenkaimer  
454 Skylark Blvd  
Satellite Beach, FL 32937  
215-639-9804  
*Mystic* Block Island 40



***Is there a bright yellow highlight across your name on the mailing label???***

If so, as of August 31st we have not received your annual Membership Dues which were due by Sept 1st. Your attention to this is greatly appreciated!! If you forgot— dues for members are \$35 and associate members (those without boats in which we sink lots of money into) are \$25.

Also—don't forget to check the accuracy of the information displayed on the invoice. This is how your information will be displayed in our 2006 Annual Directory. Thanks so much for your attention to this!

**Hospitality**

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

- ◆ Joanne Theriault
- ◆ Bob White

*Thank you!*

## ECSA 2005 Race & Cruise Schedule

Date	Event	Contact
Sept 3 - 6	Cape Canaveral Ocean Cruise	Neve
Sept 10	Fall River Race #1	Yates
Sept 17 - 18	Cruise to Titusville/Dixie Crossroads	Schnitzius
Sept 24 - 25	Fall Women's #3 & #4	Beckett
Oct 8	Fall River Race #2	Yates
Oct 15 -16	Cruise to Marker 21/Fish Fry	Mann/Vanderveer

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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