



# 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 ~ 13 Sept 2006 ~ 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Join your fellow club members for  
an informative session on

**“How to protect your boat  
against lightning”**

**followed by a Roundtable Discussion**



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

<b>2 - 4</b>	<b>ECSA</b>	<b>Sailor's Island Ocean Cruise</b>
<b>2 - 3</b>	<b>PCYC</b>	<b>Steak and Lobster Regatta</b>
<b>3 &amp; 17</b>	<b>MYC</b>	<b>Small Boat Racing</b>
<b>8 &amp; 22</b>	<b>MYC</b>	<b>Fall Rum Race</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>ECSA</b>	<b>Fall Women's #3</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>ECSA</b>	<b>Monthly Membership Meeting</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>ECSA</b>	<b>Fall Series #1</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>IRYC</b>	<b>Summer Series #3</b>
<b>23 - 24</b>	<b>ECSA</b>	<b>Cruise to Titusville &amp; Dixie Crossroads</b>
<b>23 - 24</b>	<b>MYC</b>	<b>Mermaid Regatta</b>

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

<b>1 &amp; 15</b>	<b>MYC</b>	<b>Small Boat Racing</b>
<b>6 &amp; 20</b>	<b>MYC</b>	<b>Fall Rum Race</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>ECSA</b>	<b>Fall Series #2</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>ECSA</b>	<b>Monthly Membership Meeting</b>
<b>13 -15</b>	<b>ECSA</b>	<b>Boy Scout Island Fish Fry Cruise</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>IRYC</b>	<b>Summer Series #4</b>
<b>21 - 22</b>	<b>MYC</b>	<b>Fall Regatta Small Boats</b>
<b>27 - 29</b>	<b>MYC</b>	<b>Fall Regatta Big Boats</b>

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## THOUGHTS FROM YOUR COMMODORE...

**Donna Oyer**

Now that September is here, you know what happens next. It will soon be Halloween, Thanksgiving and then of course Christmas. It seems as soon as the kids go back to school, the rest of the fall and the winter fly by so quickly.

When I was a young parent, I counted the days until the kids went back to school. It seemed as if time was standing still. Now that I am older, the days, the months and the years are passing by and leaving me standing still. I look back and wonder what happened to a whole month and even an entire year.

Now is the time to prepare our club for the upcoming year. I will soon be appointing a nominating committee. That committee may be asking you to consider a position as an officer. If someone from the nominating committee approaches you and asks you to serve, please consider it. It will give you the opportunity to really understand ECSA and its members. It is not a difficult job; it is fun and rewarding. If you have considered being a member of the Board in the past, now is the time. Please let one of us know if you are interested. We welcome new and fresh ideas.

How about volunteering for a fleet captain position in cruising or racing. How about organizing hospitality during meetings? None of the positions are difficult. If you are a new member and want to get involved, don't hesitate. Just let us know if you are interested and we will welcome you aboard.

We also need someone to find some interesting programs for our monthly meetings throughout the year. Also, how about trying to find some advertisers for our newsletter? All of these positions are important to the club and its members. Without volunteers, this club would not exist. Volunteers are what make this club so successful. Volunteer and make a difference!

On a much more serious note; this month marks the fifth anniversary of September 11<sup>th</sup>. Not that any of us have forgotten that date or ever will. As I was writing this article about the upcoming opportunities for you to help the club, I was reminded of the freedom that this country allows us. I don't want to get political, but there are so many lives that have been lost in order that we can remain strong and free. Our freedom

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## VIEW FROM THE VICE...

by

**VICE COMMODORE  
Joe Coleman**

It is that time of year again. No, not hurricane season, nominating committee season. This is the time of the year when we look for members who are willing to step up and sit on the board for the next year. It is always good when we can add new members to the board. Donna Oyer will be selecting a nominating committee, whose job it is to find the new board members. Their names will be listed in the Foot, Tack and Clew. They will be calling and asking members if they would agree to be nominated. If you don't get a call and want to participate, just give one of them a call. Don't be scared. There are always enough older members on the board to help you until you get comfortable. None of the jobs are difficult or time-consuming and you don't need any experience. We are willing to train you. New board members give the club new and exciting ideas which helps keep the club active, interesting and fun.

There are also secret benefits that go along with being a board member. First of all you sit at the front table during the awards ceremony and get to eat first. There are usually a few more desserts for the head table. You get to jump to the head of most pot luck lines, and before the meetings you can go into the kitchen and get a drink before the general membership, not to mention the respect and admiration you get from the other members for stepping up to the plate and taking one of the board positions. You also get to fly a board member's burgee on your boat, which lets the boating community know that you are the kind of person who takes control of a situation and is not afraid to volunteer. And at the end of the year, you get a very nice parting gift for your services.

I know there are a lot of members who would do a great job in any one of the positions available and that they would provide great service to the club. Remember, if asked and you decline, we know where you live and where you keep your boat. This is not a threat; I'm just saying things happen...

And now for something completely different. I was very pleased with the turnout at Conch Key. It turned out to be a very nice venue for a get-together. Karen did the write-up, so be sure to read all about it and I won't go into it anymore here.

Last but not least, the ECSA awards display case is finally complete and installed in the David Schechter Recreation Center (on the northeast corner of South

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## SECRETARY'S REPORT

By

**Pam Vanderveer**

EAST COAST SAILING ASSOCIATION  
General Membership Meeting  
Wednesday – August 9, 2006

Commodore Donna Hartley Oyer called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Board members present were Vice Commodore Joe Coleman; Rear Commodore Joe Luthman; Treasurer Tom Schrader; Secretary Pam Vanderveer; and Elected Governor Sherry Beckett. Not present were Elected Governors Chip Worster and Roland Norris.

**COMMODORE:** Following introduction of the board members, fleet captains, committee chairmen, and past commodores, Donna welcomed all members, guests, and new members attending for the first time. Donna noted the following items:

- \* The Lansing Island Bridge is now open.
- \* Renewals – Please mail your ECSA dues renewals by August 31st. Please update the information for the membership directory or write “no changes” if unchanged.
- \* Board positions available for next year. A nominating committee will be formed to fill vacating board positions. Please consider volunteering – we welcome new faces!
- \* If you haven't already received your 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary blanket, please come to a monthly meeting to pick up.
- \* Please sign up for hospitality.

**New Members:** A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the following applications into membership: Vic & Beth Patterson on Moondance, a Catalina 36; and Tom & Mary Ann O'Shea on Southern Comfort, a Pearson 365. Previously voted in by the board was Melanie Boileau on Sea Monkey, a West White Potter 14.

**Minutes/Treasurer's Report:** A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes of the July, 2006 meeting and the Treasurer's report as published in the August 2006 Foot, Tack, & Clew (FT&C).

**VICE COMMODORE:** Joe Coleman reported due to reconstruction of the Civic Center, our meeting location will change to the Schechter Center beginning in early 2007 (estimate). The club will make these arrangements now in an attempt to keep the same 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month date for our future monthly meetings.

**REAR COMMODORE:** Joe Luthman turned the floor over to the Committee chairs:

Women's Racing: Sherry Beckett – Please visit [www.sail-race.com](http://www.sail-race.com) for complete, up-to-date info.

\*Six boats participated in the first of the women's series with some boats looking for crew – if you are interested in crewing, contact Sherry.

\*The Melbourne Yacht Club will hold their annual Mermaid Regatta on Sept. 23 and 24<sup>th</sup> with the big boats racing on Saturday and the small boats racing on Sunday with the dinner to be held Saturday night.

River Racing: Jim Yates –

\* MYC won the Cirripedia cup by 23 seconds.

\* Single-handed race to be held August 12<sup>th</sup>.

\* Port Canaveral Yacht Club will hold their annual Steak & Lobster Regatta on September 2-3.

\* ECSA Fall Series begins September 16<sup>th</sup>.

Cruising: Ron Vanderveer – Visit [www.ecsasail.com](http://www.ecsasail.com) for complete info. Upcoming cruises include:

**Conch Key Grille** (old Pineda Inn) – August 12th - located on US 1 just south of Suntree Blvd.

**Sailor's Island Ocean Cruise/ Labor Day Cruise** – Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> thru 4<sup>th</sup>: Ken & Pam Windsor have graciously agreed to host this event. The plan is to meet for lunch on Friday at Nautical Spirits in Harbortown and then continue on to Sailor's Island afterwards. Saturday evening dinner will be on the island (please bring a side dish). Sunday morning Ken will cook biscuits & gravy. Sunday night will be a “burn it” where Ken will provide hot coals – bring your own meat.

**Cruise to Titusville & Dixie Crossroads** – Sept. 23-24. Please call John & Loretta Schnitzius at 783-1509 if you plan to attend dinner. Call the Titusville marina at 383-5600 if you want to reserve a boat slip. If you plan to drive, please stop by the marina around 4:45 p.m. to give any wayward sailors a ride to the restaurant.

### **Old Business:**

Ship's Store: Items available for purchase at the monthly meetings include: siphons \$8; jackets \$20; license plates \$5; burgees \$20; ECSA patch \$7.50.

### **New Business:**

\* The burgee price has increased to \$20.

\* We will arrange to have a link on the ECSA website to order embroidered items from Space Coast Shirts due to limited, if any, storage at the Schechter Center.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. followed by a presentation by Brenda Mulberry from Space Coast Shirts.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pam Vanderveer, Secretary



# TREASURER'S REPORT

by  
**Tom Schrader**

## Commodore's Article

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<b>Income Statement</b>		<b>Fiscal Year End</b>
	<b>Aug - 06</b>	<b>Sep 05 - Aug 06</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Activities Income	125.00	5,303.00
Membership Dues	95.00	6,630.00
Merchandise Income	77.00	1,135.00
Miscellaneous Income	-	378.50
Sunshine Fund	<u>-</u>	<u>197.00</u>
Total Revenue	297.00	13,643.50
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Activities Expense	201.40	7,621.70
Bank Service Charge	-	-
Dues & Subscriptions	-	61.25
Insurance	68.00	2,129.00
Miscellaneous	1,834.62	6,648.34
Postage/Delivery	140.40	1,019.90
Printing/Repro	67.03	1,219.30
Rent	-	291.68
Sales Tax	-	59.01
Sunshine Fund	<u>-</u>	<u>138.53</u>
Total Expenses	2,311.45	19,188.71
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(2,014.45)</b>	<b>(5,545.21)</b>

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allows us to belong to a club like ECSA. On any given day, we can take our boats out for a cruise or to attend a racing event. I think at times we take our freedoms for granted. I never want to do that. I always want to remember that this is the greatest country in the world. The next time that you are out sailing and see the American flag so proudly blowing in the wind, remember how very lucky we are to live in this wonderful country of ours. I know I will.....

Happy Sails to You,  
Donna



### Balance Sheet as of August 31, 2006

<b>Assets</b>	
Checking	182.90
Restricted Cash (Lasowska Fund)	942.00
Security Deposit	<u>100.00</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>1,224.90</b>
<b>Liabilities &amp; Net Worth</b>	
Unrestricted Cash	6,432.86
Retained Earnings	337.25
Net Income	<u>(5,545.21)</u>
<b>Total Net Worth</b>	<b>1,224.90</b>
NOTE: Sunshine Fund	<i>Balance</i> 211.47

## Vice Commodore's Article

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Patrick and Jackson Avenues). Pam Vanderveer found an excellent cabinetmaker to build it, and she and Karen placed the plaques in it and set a timer so that they are illuminated whenever the center is open. When you get a chance, stop by and take a look. Now all the awards will be on display during the entire year for others to see and appreciate. Cruisers, remember that you too can have your name on one of the awards if you fit the criteria, but you have to let us know where you went and when. I will talk more about that next month. Racers, Karen says she thinks there is enough space for the Cirripedia Cup on the top shelf of the cabinet. Let's find out!



## CRUISE QUARTERS

*By Karen Coleman*

### August Cruise to Conch Key Grille

On his way to work each day, Joe passes the Conch Key Grille (formerly the Pineda Inn) and thought, with its location right on the river, it might be a good weekend cruise destination. We sailed nearby to check the approach and found that there was plenty of deep water within a short dinghy ride to shore. What's more, in addition to a sandy beach, they had a long dinghy dock. So he announced that we would fill the blank August cruise date with a rendezvous there.

That Saturday, he was starting to have misgivings. He knew that several of the cruisers already had other plans or boat trouble and he was afraid that no one would show up. He needn't have worried; we were not the first to arrive. It was too hot and sunny for us to sit on the restaurant deck, so we went into the bar and were nearly overcome by the cloud of smoke that hung over the room. Uh oh, we were nervous again. More ECSAers had arrived by boat or car and we wondered what we could do. Joe went around the building and found a nearly empty dining room and asked if we could hang out there. The staff said that would be fine and let us move tables and chairs around in any configuration we wanted. We had a superb waitress, Kelly, who handled the ever-increasing crowd, keeping track of our various tabs as we table-hopped, and had no problem with providing separate checks at the end. Instead of having a more formal dinnertime, we all ordered what we wanted when we felt like eating. The menu was varied with reasonable prices and I heard many compliments and no complaints about the food.

After we were full of food and drink and the sun was lower, many of us went out to the boardwalk on the river before departing. The cruisers there enjoyed a pleasant cooler night on the hook, did their own thing for breakfast, and left when they were ready. There was enough wind for most of us to sail in on Saturday and some of us to sail home on Sunday. I would say that it was a very successful cruise after all and I'd certainly recommend the destination in the future.

The final tally: 45 people and 8 boats

Attending by boat were Joe and Karen Coleman on *Alibi*, Clyde and Judi Crouch on *Osprey*, George and Terry Schorn on *Serena*, Clay Bernichon, Pat O'Brien, and Gail Thomas on *Ariel*, Don and Joanne Theriault on *Impulse*, Paul and Carla Stewart on *Again*, John Lynn on *Tuit*, and Kenny and Brandon Windsor on *Mystic Dream*.

Land cruisers included Helen and Robert Wicker, Bob and Adrienne Goldstein, Gary and Lynn Anderson, Dave and Brenda Merchberger, Frank McTernan, Joe, Wanda and Briana Luthman, Ron, Pam, Lauren and Kristen Vanderveer, Chris, Susan and Park Conrad, Ralph Crawford and Winnie Lambert, Jim and Donna Oyer, and Neil and Sally Hodgson, with visiting family from England, Caroline, Rebecca, Matthew and Daniel Hodgson.

## SEPTEMBER CRUISE TO TITUSVILLE & DIXIE CROSSROADS

*by John & Loretta Schnitzius*

The September cruise to Titusville is scheduled for September 23-24.

Dinner will be at the Dixie Crossroads Restaurant, 1475 Garden Street, Titusville at 5 p.m. Please be on time, they will not seat us until all are there.

If you plan to attend, please contact John or Loretta Schnitzius by September 14, at 783-1509, or email us at [tuzigoot@bellsouth.net](mailto:tuzigoot@bellsouth.net).

We are asking for volunteers who plan to attend by car to swing past the Titusville Municipal Marina to pick up any boaters who may need a ride to the restaurant.

If you are planning on sailing or motoring to the marina, you can call the Titusville Municipal Marina at 383-5600 to reserve a guest slip.

The marina has a dinghy dock and a screened porch where we will have a covered-dish breakfast on Sunday morning. Coffee will be provided on Sunday morning.





## Member Classifieds



**FOR SALE:** 1997, 9 ft Caribe; full keel, with anchor locker, oars and new foot pump. Requires daily inflation. Located in Satellite Beach until late October. Been a great cruising dinghy. Crawford & Ann Stevens; SV Moonraker VI call 423-772-0182 or email inquires to WCW9935@GMAIL.COM. \$250.00.

**FOR SALE:** 1979 Columbia 10'7 Sloop, 35'2", 6'4" Headroom, White w/green stripe, 22HP Yanmar Diesel low hrs., totally rebuild transmission 5/2006, bottom paint 5/20/06, Loaded: Alder Barber Fridge, champagne leather cushions, green Bimini, Dodger & Bottonsiders. Sleeps 7, ready for cruising. 2nd owner Bill Zajac 321-868-3426 or 321446-3792. For pictures e-mail Jackie@etsnet.com. \$42,500 or make offer

**FOR SALE:**

Tamaya Venus sextant \$700  
1984 Inflatable Avon dinghy 98% off  
Genuine CQR anchors:  
- 25lb \$250  
- 35lb \$300  
1905 Singer Electric Powered walking foot, commercial sewing machine \$500  
15HP Nissan Outboard Engine \$900  
Tomos moped \$250  
Scuba Diving equipment (miscellaneous)  
Call Don: 777-1713

**FOR SALE:** 26' swing keel, Clipper Maine 1975, with pop-top. Bill Crealock designer. (Famous in the art of gentle helm balance.) Rig tuned professionally late 2001. Strong, healthy 8 h.p. Johnson. Roller furler jib and main with lazy jacks. Electronics include solar panel, tiller pilot, automatic bilge and f.w. pump, nav lights. Many extras. Race, day sail and overnight enthusiasts call M. Rieff, 321-255-1984. Price: \$6,500.

**FOR SALE:** 36' center cockpit Watkins. Many new and like new items, e.g. sails, Mackpack, roller furler, Garmin color GPS, custom bimini etc., etc... Strong Perkins 4-108 52 hp diesel. Needs love. See or call Kay Sparrow at 772-473-9394. Priced at \$38,000.00 OBO.

**FOR SALE:** Moving out of area. Very beautiful 35 ft CHIEN HWA trawler, 135 Lehman, low hrs. 4 KW, Onan, 2 staterooms, walk around queen bed, 2 heads, propane stove, Norcold refr., a/c, large covered sundeck w/round table seating 6, a must see! Move aboard and cruise or hang out in the Keys. \$70,000. Call Mark - cell 770-767-8413.

Place your sailing classified ad here...  
(free to members)

Just contact the Newsletter Editor Brenda Merchberger at 321-917-3698 or via e-mail to bmerch@cfl.rr.com.

### 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

### COME SAIL WITH ME

New ECSA member, Clay Bernichon has purchased ARIEL, a 41' Cruising Catamaran and would like to share the catamaran experience with ECSA members; besides he needs some crew and wants to be an active part of the club. This is initially for some day sailing on the river, club events and maybe more. All welcome – singles, couples, old or young. Call Clay at 321-631-4557.

## ECSA 2006 Race & Cruise Schedule

Date	Event	Contact
Sept 10	Fall Women's #3	Beckett
Sept 16	Fall River Racing Series #1	Yates
Sept 23 - 23	Cruise to Titusville & Dixie Crossroads	Schnitzius
Oct 7	Fall River Racing Series #2	Yates
Oct 13 -15	Boy Scout Island Fish Fry Cruise	Vanderveer/Mann

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



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