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THOUGHTS FROM YOUR COMMODORE

Pat Fletcher

Happy August Everyone!

As I was thumbing through the directory, I realized so many Sail Boats and so many different names!!

I thought instead of an article I would give you something to make you think!!

See page 8 and I'm sorry I couldn't fit everyone in

Hope to see everyone Labor Day weekend!!

Commodore Pat



Don't miss our next meeting: "Cell Phone and Tablet Apps for Boaters"

With so many new apps coming out, we will be covering everything from Chart Plotting to Boating Help including how to entertainment while cruising. In addition to the apps, we will also be covering some hardware necessary to make some of your experiences more enjoyable.

This month's program will be presented by Page Proffitt on August 8th at 7:00pm., at the ECSA Membership Meeting at the Satellite Beach Civic Center.



VIEW FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

Diana Cox

Hello from your Vice Commodore

I was happy to be able to attend the July pot luck dinner. It is always nice to visit with people and have time to chat.

Our Rotary Park event will be coming soon! We have begun to discuss what we want to do that day for entertainment. Last year we all enjoyed Bingo, what can top that? We will leave it a surprise for all of you that will make your way to the event. I hope that we can get a significant number of boats to attend this year so please mark your calendar and head to Rotary Park this year on November 17-18 for some fall fun. It always helps to have people RSVP even if it is 2 days in advance. However, the sooner the better for planning purposes.

In the meantime, we have some fun cruises coming up and the St. Petersburg boat show. Make your reservations now and let us know if you will be attending so we can make it a fun event.

Have a great August, Diana Cox Vice Commodore







Secretary's Report

East Coast Sailing Association General Membership Meeting July 11, 2018

Call to order: 7:05p.m. by Pat Fletcher, Commodore.

Introduction of the Board:

CommodorePat FletcherVice CommodoreDiana CoxRear CommodoreLynda Geraci (NP)SecretaryJoe CloidtTreasurerGrover Gregory (NP)Governors at LargeJohn Geraci (2018) (NP), DonTheriault (2019) (NP), Steven Lambert (2020) (NP)Past Commodores:Nancy Knobbs (NP), Joe Cole-man, Page Proffitt (NP), John Geraci (NP), Al Pappas(NP)

Commodore's Opening Remarks:

Announced it would be a quick meeting as there were not enough BOG members to hold a vote and it was Pot Luck Dinner night. Pat welcomed our past Commodore Joe Coleman and other committee members.

Pat asked Bob Wiley to talk about the July 4th cruise to Cocoa Village which he had hosted. Bob's full report is on page 6. But overall there was a good attendance both by boat and car with everyone enjoying the buffet style dinner and the marina facilities. Despite the usual July weather, the fireworks went off on time..

Jesse Camp, co-host for the Labor Day cruise at Ft. Pierce, discussed the upcoming cruise and wants a consensus on where club members want to go, Harbor Town Marina or the City Marina. We will post this in the next FT&C. Jesse and Carmen have a minivan and can provide shuttle service to drive everyone around town. Once it is decided which marina will be the destination it is recommended that you make your reservations early as it's a busy holiday weekend. See page 5 for more details.

John Boyd, host for the August cruise to Capt. Katanas, mentioned they have a good dock although it is exposed so be careful tying up your dinghy or boat. There will be dinner at the restaurant and a pot luck breakfast the next morning. See page 5 for more de-

tails.

New Member:

Ingrid Bradley is a new prospective member, the BOG needs to vote her in. Ingrid owns a Catalina 25 that she keeps at the Patrick Air Force Base marina. She has been sailing for 35 years and coaches the FIT sailing team. She added that if anyone needs crew to please contact her as the sailing team would welcome keel boat experience. The team uses 420's for their sailing.

Approve Minutes: Approved unanimously Approve Treasurer Report: Approved unanimously

Introduction of Guests:

None

Any Old Business:

None

Any New Business:

Joe Coleman is selling an 8'9" Achilles air floor dinghy and an inflatable kayak. Please contact him if you are interested. Joe Cloidt mentioned his "ECSA Goes Green" recycling program. He will start bringing in a bucket for items that can be recycled such as cans and cups that we use during our club meetings. He also encouraged members to bring in their own dinnerware when we have our Pot Luck Dinners. Joe also had copies of Good Old Boat Magazine that he handed out. This is a great magazine for those with older boats and are the DIY types. There will be more copies available the next meeting.

50/50 Drawing:

Jennifer Clendenin hosted the drawing for \$28, the lucky winner was Bob Wiley.

Introduction of Guest Speaker:

No guest speaker as it was Pot Luck Dinner Night. We all enjoyed a wonderful spread with a nice variety of dishes. Thanks to all for their culinary talents and to the cleanup crew. We had a good number of members bring their own dinnerware and we did fill the recycling bucket! Good Job!

Meeting Adjourned at 7:33p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Joe Cloidt Secretary



TREASURER'S REPORT

Grover Gregory

Income	Report Month	Year to Date
Statement	Jun '18	Jan '18 - Jun '18
Revenue		
50/50	\$41.00	\$125.00
Advertising	\$0.00	\$175.00
Banquet	\$0.00	\$927.19
Bus Trip	\$0.00	\$1,900.00
Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00
Member Dues	\$140.00	\$1,300.00
Merchandise	\$120.00	\$392.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Revenue	\$301.00	\$4,819.19
Expenses		
Awards	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bank Svc	\$8.60	\$154.42
Banquet	\$0.00	\$2,829.27
Bus Trip	\$0.00	\$2,490.45
Cruising	\$0.00	\$190.46
Insurance	\$0.00	\$670.00
Meeting & Ofc Sup	\$56.08	\$189.48
Merchandise	\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$181.25
Postage	\$0.00	\$122.11
Printing	\$0.00	\$725.98
Rent	\$0.00	\$378.00
Sales Tax	\$0.00	\$72.48
Sunshine	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$64.68	\$8,003.90
Bank Balance		\$7,591.45
Bank Balance This T	ime Last Year	\$10,438.23



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Cruising News

Capt. Katanna's Cruise

August 25-26 John Boyd

Cruise to one of our favorite waterfront eateries, Captain Katanna's in north Melbourne, for cocktails and dinner. Join us at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, August 25, for Meet-and-Greet drinks at the bar followed by dinner at 5 p.m. For those making a night of it, we will have a pot luck breakfast Sunday morning at 8 a.m. Breakfast will be for the boaters only as there is no public access to the restaurant at that time.

Dock space is available and easy to pull into. It's also a nice area for anchoring out. From the ICW slightly north of Marker 99, look for the distinctive yellow-onblue "KATANNA'S" sign to the west. The end of the T -dock is located at 28°10.63'N 80°38.86'W. If driving, the address is 4263 North U.S. 1, Melbourne, FL 32935, for you landlubbers (or in case of inclement sailing weather -- it's August in Florida you know!).

Please RSVP to John at 321-720-9813 (voice or text) or jrbsailor@yahoo.com by Thursday, August 23.

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Ft. Pierce Labor Day Cruise

Aug 31-Sept 3 Jesse and Carmen Camp

We will start out at the Harbortown Marina in Ft Pierce, Friday August 31st through Sept 2nd and at the Suntex Marina in Vero Beach (formerly Loggerhead) Sunday Sept 2nd.through Sept 3rd.

We will meet Friday evening for dinner at 6:30pm at the Marina's Restaurant, Harbor Cove.

At 8am Saturday, we will meet by the Pavilion for a ride to the Farmers Market at Ft Pierce Municipal Marina. Rides back to Harbortown will be at 11:30am for some pool time.

Saturday Night at 6:00pm we can meet at the Harbortown Marina Restaurant for drinks and dinner.

Sunday meet 8:00am at the Pavilion for the ride to Lenzie's for breakfast. Leave for Suntex Marina in Vero Beach

Sunday meet 6pm at the Captains Lounge for dinner, bring your preferred meat and a side to share. A grill is available.

Monday 7am breakfast, Jesse will be making waffles at the Captains Lounge. Bring a breakfast dish to share. Fleet returns to home port.

Both marinas have swimming pools so bring your swim suit and sun lotion.

Please make your reservations with both marinas ASAP and make sure to inform them you are with ECSA. Rate should be \$1.80 per ft. with Boat US, otherwise, \$2.00 per ft.

Harbortown Marina Ft Pierce 772-446-7300 for Fri and Sat Night

Suntex Marina Vero Beach 772-770-4470 for Sunday night





Cruising News



4th of July Cruise Review Bob Wiley

With the recent weather issues, I had decided to get to

Cocoa Village Marina about 3 PM so I left home about 11:30 on the 3rd. Those of you on the Grand Canal know we now have an additional bridge opening to deal with and sure enough because of the extra time it took to get through Lansing Bridge, I missed the Mather's Bridge opening by 5 min. and spent a half hour circling. I used the time to put on my foul weather gear. As I headed around Dragon Point, the rain I had been watching on radar arrived, but I was prepared and remained dry.

Per the usual ECSA cruise experience, the wind was on the nose and I motored all the way to Cocoa Village. John and Lynda Geraci were already there when I tied up. Not too long after I was secure, Pat and Bruce and 'the puppies' arrived.

Discussions with the dockmaster revealed that the EGYC had their get together the night before so we would have the entire clubhouse to ourselves for Wed.

The three boat crews went to Ryan's in the Village for dinner. In spite of the good Italian food, Bruce and I couldn't pass up homemade ice cream and dragged everyone off to Ossorio's to watch us 'force' down a couple of scoops.

The boat crews returned to Ossorio's for breakfast and then found ways to stay occupied until the "crowd" showed up at 5 PM. I cleaned my A/C strainer which improved it's performance more than I had anticipated. John searched for a pesky oil leak. Of course, Pat and Bruce had the doggies to keep them occupied.

As the afternoon passed, Diana and Ray arrived with their boat. John Boyd arrived with his boat and crew. Two members brought their boats, but anchored out instead of taking a slip – Nathan Miller and Grover Gregory.

We inherited a fully fueled and hot grill from activities the marina had conducted during the day so by 5:00 PM when others started arriving, we had hot coals ready to cook. Food appeared magically from the boats and cars. The aroma of delicious dishes filled the clubhouse air while we ate. The food never ran out but we did have to put stuff away to prepare for the fireworks display. Thanks to all who stayed and helped with this necessary task. I received good comments from the dockmaster on how well we had left the dining area the night before.

What can I say about the fireworks? Everyone has their favorite site – some go to the park, some go out on a boat, and some watch from the marina docks. This year, if you watched any fireworks you probably got wet, at least a little. Those of us who were going to watch from the docks started getting sprinkled just as they started. I 'hid' on the boat until after the rain stopped, but still got wet. I will say I enjoyed watching the 'Grand Finale' from so close up. With the camera put away for the rain, I have no photos of event.

We started forming up about 9 AM for breakfast at Ossorio's. For some of us this was the 2nd morning in a row.

After breakfast, we prepped the boats and headed home. Once again into the wind. Maybe next year - no rain and no headwind.

We had 5 boats in slips at the marina and 2 anchored out. Pretty good turnout considering recent weather. They were: Bob Wiley, Judith III; Diana & Ray Cox, Rayana; John Boyd, Marian & Jean-Marie Van Ferel, Aspire; Lynda & John Geraci, Avventura; Pat & Bruce Fletcher, Little Attitudes. Anchored out; Natasha & Grover Gregory, Windependence; Nathan Miller, Windy Lou.

At least an additional 12 attended by car. My count isn't exact because some of the younger participants didn't get listed on either sign-up sheet. Joanne & Don Theriault, Joe Cloidt, Madren Campbell, Mary Ann & Tom O'Shea, Nancy Knobbs, Pam & Ken Windsor, Patti Key, Susan & Rick Hushla.

Thanks to all who supported the cruise.



ECSA News

Free, Free, Free! Joe Cloidt

Okay, now that I have your attention and knowing how frugal sailors can be and will never pass up a free offer, I have a free give away for club members. I'm a subscriber and occasional contributor to Good Old Boat magazine, the magazine "For the rest of us". They have generously sent me 25 copies of the magazine to distribute to the club. GOB is a magazine for those of us with older sailboats who don't mind rolling up our sleeves on DIY projects. Every issue has a boat review, articles on repairs and equipment installations and creative solutions to customizing your boat. They offer both print and digital subscriptions. Their web site is www.goodoldboat.com.

About half the copies were given away at our last club meeting and I will bring in the rest for August's meeting as an incentive to get you members who only show up once in a while to come on out and get a freebie. I would like to get a picture of the group with their copies to send to the magazine so if you picked up a copy last month, please bring it in for the picture. If you can't make to the meeting and would like a copy let me know (jbcloidt@gmail.com) and I'll see what we can work out.

And remember it's Free!



ECSA Goes Green

Joe Cloidt

Just prior to July's meeting I sent out an email about starting up a recycling program for the club. The main ideas were to recycle what we can and ways to reduce using one time use items. As July was our Pot Luck Dinner night, the timing was just right to try out both of these ideas. For recycling I brought in a blue bucket for cans, bottles, cups, clean paper products and plastic bags. I was very happy to see a full bucket at the end of the evening. However, please make sure the cans and bottles are empty before putting them in the bucket otherwise I end up with a sticky mess at the bottom of the pail. I will bring the bucket to our monthly meetings so we can recycle our snack break cans and bottles.

To reduce our use of disposable items, I encouraged members to bring in their own dinnerware, cups and cloth napkins for the Pot Luck. Once again, I was happy to see most members participated with everyone using their reusable bags to carry their stuff. I had several members give me positive comments on our going green. And someone also mentioned that they thought food tasted better on a real plate using real silverware. By reducing the use of paper and plastic products not only do we reduce waste but we save the club some money by not having to buy disposable items.

Although we can try to cut down on one time use items, sometimes it's hard to avoid. I bring a couple of big canvas boat bags when I go food shopping and keep a smaller one in the truck for other shopping but still seem to get a plastic bag now and again. Most go to the bins outside of Publix but I keep some to use as garbage bags on the boat. They're just big enough for a weekends worth of trash and I'm not buying plastic garbage bags anymore. Another item that I "repurpose" is single serving yogurt containers. They're great for mixing small batches of epoxy or when working with varnish and paints. While they can't be recycled afterwards at least they have a second life and I'm not buying something else just to throw it out later on. So, before you toss that next item in the recycle or trash bin, take a minute to think if you can use it for some other purpose. Thanks to all who pitched in and if you have any suggestions or tips on recycling, please forward them to me and we'll put them in the next FT&C.

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Thank you to Carol & Ken Bettam for refreshments at the June general membership meeting



2018 PROPOSED ECSA Events Calendar

)ate	Event [Contact]	Date	Event [Contact]
uly 4	Cocoa Village {Wiley}**	Oct 10	General Membership Meeting
uly 11	General Membership Meeting—Potluck	Oct 20-21	Sebastian {Fletcher}**
Aug 8	General Membership Meeting	Nov 14	General Membership Meeting
ug 25-26	Capt. Katanna's {Boyd}**	Nov 17-18	Rotary Park - {BOG}
Sept 1-4	Labor Day Cruise - Ft Pierce {Camp}**	Nov 24-25	Sebastian Cruise
Sept 12	General Membership Meeting	Dec 12	General Membership Meeting—Potluck
Sept 22-23 Sebastian Cruise	TBD	Boat Parade - {Hutson}**	
		Dec 22-23	Sebastian Cruise
	**	ECSA Sponsored Cruise	
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