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Next General Membership Meeting
Wednesday, December 12, 2018 @ 7pm

Election of 2019 Board and Christmas Potluck Dinner

Bring a dish to share and your beverage
of choice (wine is permitted)



Satellite Beach Civic Center, 565 Cassia Blvd
Latitude 28° 10.30' N, Longitude 80° 36.28' W

December Calendar of Local Sailing Events

1	MYC	Mermaid Regatta
2	MYC	Rum Race
9	MYC	Small Boat Sunday
15	ECSA	Grand Canal Boat Parade Cruise
16	MYC	Rum Race
30	MYC	Rum Race

January Calendar of Local Sailing Events

3	MYC	Small Boat Sunday
10	MYC	Rum Race
12-13	ECSA	Frostbite Cruise
24	MYC	Rum Race

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**THOUGHTS FROM
YOUR
COMMODORE**

Pat Fletcher

The Holiday season is upon us!!

Hope everyone made it through Thanksgiving without gaining too much weight! We have to save some room for Christmas, New Years and the Banquet. This cooler weather really helps with the Holiday mood. I think, if we could find some time, it would be perfect for sailing. We're in the perfect location for it. My family in Michigan have already put their boats away for the winter and have gotten out all their snow gear. Really makes me think how lucky we are.

I know some would like to plan something for New Year's, that would be so much fun, I hope it will happen, what a great way to ring in the New Year!!

I would like to thank everyone who showed up for Rotary Park, power boats and sail the turn out was down but we had a really good time.

I'm going to keep this short this month. I really look forward to seeing everyone at the Boat Parade!!

PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO GO ON LINE AND SIGN UP FOR THE BANQUET.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!!

*Commodore
Pat*



**VIEW FROM THE
VICE
COMMODORE**

Diana Cox

Happy Holidays everyone,

This past month I had the opportunity to attend a outboard engine round table. I learned a few things that I didn't know that I was happy to learn.

1. Do not run your engine when using the screw in engine cleaning device unless you want to burn up your engine.
2. Carry a spare spark plug and tool for it.
3. An extra propeller.
4. Change your gear fluid using marine outboard only. If it is milky you have a problem.
5. Check your oil.
6. Carry a spare carburetor as they are quite often the issue for problems.
7. Use a fuel additive, always not Sea Foam.

I also want to thank all of your support during this year as Vice Commodore. My life has become busy and I don't feel that I can do this job adequately to help the club move forward. I will however, do everything in my ability to help where needed and serve all of you in our endeavor to continue the ECSA journey.

Best regards,
Diana Cox
Vice Commodore





Secretary's Report

East Coast Sailing Association General Membership Meeting

November 14, 2018

Call to order: 7:07p.m. by Pat Fletcher, Commodore.

Introduction of the Board:

Commodore Pat Fletcher

Vice Commodore Diana Cox (NP)

Rear Commodore Lynda Geraci (NP)

Secretary Joe Cloidt

Treasurer Grover Gregory

Governors at Large John Geraci (2018) (NP),
Don Theriault (2019),
Steven Lambert (2020)

Past Commodores: Nancy Knobbs (NP),
Joe Coleman,
Page Proffitt,
John Geraci (NP),
Al Pappas

Commodores Opening Remarks

Pat remarked that we had a really big crowd tonight due to our world cruising guest speakers, Sherry and Dave McCampbell. She then introduced present and past BOG members and commodores. There are just a few things to cover since everyone was eager to see the presentation. The Rotary Park cruise is this coming weekend. The club will provide BBQ meat and rolls, members to bring sides and BYOB. Pat announced that the Miami Boat Show trip has been cancelled due to a sizable increase in the bus rental. The St. Pete Boat Show is still on but everyone needs to make their own travel and lodging plans but try to get the group together for a meal. Don't forget the Boat Parade Dec 15th. Parade starts around 5:30 and the party is at the Hutson's house on the Grand Canal, Satellite beach. Check the club website for more details but please bring a side dish to share. MYC will bring a keg and there will be a singalong after the parade is over. The Annual Banquet is coming up January 5th so please sign up for the dinner you want (four entrees) under the Events tab at our website. Sebastian Inlet Night Sounds Concert is coming up Saturday the 24th right after Thanksgiving. Thanks to Karen Coleman for snacks last month and thanks to Mary Ann O'Shea for snacks this month.

Approve Minutes: Approved unanimously

Approve Treasurer Report: Approved unanimously

Introduction of Guests:

Page brought a small group of sailors from MYC to see tonight's presentation.

Any Old Business:

No

Any New Business:

Page Proffitt gave us an update on upcoming events at MYC. The Mermaid Regatta is on December 1st, the boats will have an all women crew but can have one guy onboard as an advisor. Dragon Point racing has been active. Ft. Pierce had a big regatta a couple of weeks ago with some MYC sailors/boats placing well. Space Coast Sailing (<http://www.spacecoastsailing.org>) is a sailing activity for kids where they learn to sail and race 420, BICs and Opti's. They race at various venues on Florida's east coast so if you know a young person who wants to learn how to sail, have them check out SCS. He also mentioned the Sebastian Inlet concerts for November and December.

Joe Coleman talked about the SSCA GAM, it was a little disappointing this year due to the low turnout of SSCA members. This seemed to be attributed to some who had suffered storm damage this past season and weren't cruising. ECSA made \$262 and Joe thanked everyone who helped out at the club table and in the kitchen.

50/50 Drawing:

Jennifer Clendenin hosted the drawing for \$36, the lucky winner was Clyde Berry.

Introduction of Guest Speaker:

Sherry and Dave McCampbell are currently cruising in the Philippines aboard Soggy Paws, a St. Francis 44 catamaran. Their presentation covered the areas they have cruised in the last year including some great underwater photography. Check out their website, <http://svsoggypaws.com/>

Meeting Adjourned at 7:24p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Cloidt
Secretary





TREASURER'S REPORT

Grover Gregory

Income Statement	Report Month	Year to Date
	Oct '18	Jan '18 - Oct '18
Revenue		
50/50	\$0.00	\$222.97
Advertising	\$0.00	\$175.00
Banquet	\$0.00	\$927.19
Bus Trip	\$0.00	\$1,900.00
Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00
Member Dues	\$25.00	\$1,525.00
Merchandise	\$50.00	\$537.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Revenue	\$75.00	\$5,287.16
Expenses		
Awards	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bank Svc	\$1.71	\$163.80
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	\$0.00	\$653.88
Merchandise	\$1.36	\$1.36
Miscellaneous	\$60.17	\$241.42
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	\$63.24	\$8,539.21
Bank Balance		\$7,524.11
Bank Balance This Time Last Year		\$8,128.26



AWARDS BANQUET

The Awards banquet is on Saturday, Jan. 5th, 2019. Cocktails at the cash bar and a live band (Sass & Brass) start at 5:00 p.m. followed by a plated dinner and dancing at 6:00 p.m. The banquet will be held at The Tides (Patrick Air Force Base on A1A)

There will be four entrees:

- Peppercorn Prime Rib
- Chicken Paillard
- Sake Grilled Fish
- Rosemary Roasted Pork Loin

The dinner will not include an appetizer, however, there will be the Chef's choice of vegetables as a side. Dessert is included along with Hot Tea and coffee. Register early to reserve your dinner choice and party size (eight seats per table) before December 20th!

The deadline to sign up for the banquet is quickly approaching and we haven't had many members sign up. Please visit the club website to buy ticket for the entrée you would like. Members may also bring a check to the next meeting or mail it to the club. If any one has any questions or needs help signing up, please call or email anyone on the BOG.



ECSA News

And Now for Something Completely Different

Joe Clويد

One of the great things about sailing is being able to observe and interact with the wildlife we meet along the way. Everyone enjoys seeing dolphins leaping and playing on the bow wave or watching the pelicans diving into the water in search of a meal. And if you have ever swum with a manatee, it's an experience you'll never forget. But not all these nature encounters are pleasant, and some can be downright painful. No, I'm not talking about sharks, alligators or even jelly fishes, I'm talking about the most vicious critters out there, the bugs!

Not that all bugs are evil, Love Bugs are more annoying than anything else and when a butterfly lands on the boat to catch its breath before fluttering on, it has us reaching for the camera. But I think we all have been chased off a beach at dusk when the No-See Um's swarm up to make a meal out of our legs. Then there are those anchorages where the mosquitoes are so thick, they trap you in the cabin after the sun goes down. And who hasn't pulled off the main sail cover to find a wasp has built a nest in a fold of the sail and is really pissed off that you've disturbed it.

It has always amazed me how much pain such small critters can inflict when they sting or bite. I was painfully reminded of this fact on a sailing trip to Sebastian Inlet back in June. It was evening and I was chillin' in the cockpit with a rum drink while doing some star gazing. Although my mind was idling, a sudden thought popped in my head, had I turned off the propane switch after dinner? I've found that at my age, not that I'm ready for Fiddler's Green, when those important thoughts suddenly pop into my head, act on right then and there before I forget what was so important. I reluctantly got up to check the switch.

I had just stepped in front of the binnacle when I bumped up against the plastic binocular/drink holder, now whether it was from the boat rolling or the rum is still in debate but it's not something I haven't done a thousand times before. This time was different however as I suddenly felt a sharp prick on my right cheek, and I'm not talking about my face. Although it stung, my first reaction was curiosity as I couldn't

figure out what was sharp enough on the plastic drink holder to stick me like that. I reached around to see if there was a splinter stuck in my skin but when I touched the sore spot, I howled! It felt as if someone had jabbed a hypodermic needle filled with hot acid into my butt. Two words sprang into my mind, BEE STING! When I had reached around to see what was going on back there, I had pushed in the last of the bee's stinger venom and it was starting to really hurt.

I looked down at the drink holder and sure enough I saw a small dark smudge on its front edge. Grabbing a flashlight confirmed it had been a bee attack with the wounded soldier slowly crawling off.

I tried to remember the last time I had gotten a bee sting and had vague memories of thinking I was going to die when stung on the foot as a kid. For some reason I thought it shouldn't hurt as much being an adult but rather than lessening, the pain was getting worse and starting to spread down my right leg. At this point I was hopping around the cockpit trying to recall my First Aid training but was drawing a blank. My first thought was more rum but decided that would come later and headed below to see what I could find in the medicine chest. Fortunately, I found a tube of Hydrocortisone cream and quickly rubbed some of it into the sting. It took a minute, but the pain slowly started to ease up and I knew I would survive. Knowing I would need some more later, I grabbed the tube and headed back to the cockpit to see if any other bees were waiting to ambush me. But first I stopped in the galley for a splash of rum thinking that since the cream was for external use only, a little internal medicine wouldn't hurt.

The bee that had stung me was no longer moving so I gave it a burial at sea before doing a thorough search of the cockpit for his comrades. Finding the cockpit bug free, I settled back down on a cushion, after checking it twice, and licked my wounds. Between the Hydrocortisone and the rum, the sting slowly ebbed to a dull throb, providing I didn't lean on my right cheek. It took a couple of days before the soreness was completely gone but I quickly found the humor in the "bug" incident knowing it would be a funny tale to tell.





Cruising News



Boat Parade Party and Pot Luck

*Dave and Marcy Hutson
December 15, 1018*

Arrive at 1700 with your covered dish. We will begin the fine-dining pig-out at 1730. The boat parade begins on the north end of the Grand Canal at 1800. The parade should arrive at our latitude starting around 1830. See you then! MYC will bring a keg!

Come by boat – Bring your dink to our dock or to Simon’s dock. We are on the Grand Canal directly east of the cut-through between Tortoise Island and Samson’s Island. Simon’s dock is 2 houses north of us.

Come by car – We are at 458 Nautilus Dr. in South Waterway at the end of the cul-de-sac. You may park on the street, in our driveway, or in Simon’s driveway (457 Nautilus Dr.).

Everyone please bring a dish to share, your favorite beverage, and something to sit on. We will provide fine plastic dinnerware, cheap paper napkins, and equally cheap plastic cups. Dining at 1730 on the lawn overlooking the canal. Boat parade after dinner. Holiday sing-along after the parade. Bring your instruments and your best singing voice.

Questions? Contact Dave Hutson at 321-501-3722 or e-mail, hutson1945@gmail.com.



Frostbite Cruise January 12-13 Page Proffitt



We will be at Ballard Park for another Frostbite Cruise on January 12th. We will have the grills going about 5 p.m., so bring your entrée to cook, your beverage of choice, and a side dish to share.

The pavilion is full of picnic tables and, if necessary, we will set up a wind screen. There is likely to be music as well.

For more information, contact Page at 321-806-0303.



SEBASTIAN STATE PARK CONCERT CRUISES

September: 22 - 23

October: 20 - 21 (Fletcher)**

November: 24 - 25

December: 22 - 23

****October is the only month that is an ECSA sponsored cruise.**





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*Classified ads are **free** for ECSA members.
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2018 ECSA Photography Contest

Get your photos together and submit them for the 2017 contest. There is no entry fee, but there is a chance for you to win a monetary prize. The rules are simple:

- You need to be an ECSA member.
- One of the boat(s) in the picture needs to be an ECSA boat.
- Fill out an entry blank and submit before the **Christmas Day deadline**.

Since so many of you have provided photos this year for posting on the club website, we know you have them. Share them with the rest of us and win \$\$\$ as a reward. Full details are available on the website:
<http://www.ecsasail.com/node/404>.

2018 PROPOSED ECSA Events Calendar

Date	Event [Contact]	Date	Event [Contact]
Dec 12	General Membership Meeting—Potluck		
Dec 15	Boat Parade - {Hutson}**		
Dec 22-23	Sebastian Cruise		

** ECSA Sponsored Cruise

Check out <http://www.sail-race.com> for up-to-date racing information.



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