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Next General Membership Meeting Wednesday, January 9, 2019 @ 7pm

2018 Annual Dinner & Awards Banquet

Saturday, January 5th 2019

at "The Tides"

Reservations Required

Satellite Beach Civic Center, 565 Cassia Blvd

Latitude 28° 10.30' N, Longitude 80° 36.28' W

January Calendar of Local Sailing Events

1	MYC	Hangover Regatta
6	MYC	Small Boat Sunday
12-13	ECSA	Frostbite Cruise
13	MYC	Rum Race—Winter Series
20	MYC	Small Boat Sunday
21	MYC	Full Moon Race #1
27	MYC	Rum Race—Winter Series

February Calendar of Local Sailing Events

3	MYC	Small Boat Sunday
16-17	ECSA	Capt. Hiram's Cruise
10	MYC	Rum Race—Winter Series
17	MYC	Florida East Coast Youth Series Regatta
24	MYC	Rum Race—Winter Series

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THOUGHTS FROM YOUR COMMODORE

Pat Fletcher

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Happy New Year to All!! I hope that everyone had a Christmas that was filled with Family and Friends. I'm not sure where 2018 went but ready or not, we're into 2019. I would like to take this opportunity to thank some very important friends. Without each of them I would not have been able to fill this position, they have really kept me on the straight and narrow.

Vice Commodore Diane Cox, Rear Commodore Lynda Geraci, Secretary Joe Cloldt, Treasurer Grover Gregory. And our governors Don Theriault, John Geraci and Steve Lambert.

Our Support Committee who I don't thank nearly enough!! Membership Jennifer Clendinen, Newsletter Carmen Camp and Nancy Keane, Programs Page Proffitt, Hospitality Sharon Hicks, Fleet Cruising Captain Lynda Geraci, Advertising and Publicity Diane Cox, Directory Bob Wiley and Webmaster John Boyd.

It takes so many special people to keep this club running smoothly and I appreciate each one of you.

And a special thanks to Joe Coleman, John Geraci and Nancy Knobbs for setting me up for success at the beginning of the year and allowing me to call you for so much advice!!

No that's not everyone, I would like to thank each one of you that have helped the club during the year.

I will end this article with a quote that I borrowed from Donna Oyer.

"We begin the New Year with new dreams, new expectations and new plans for the future".

I look forward to working with the new Board of Governors this coming year. We will work together to ensure that the club remains a place where sailors can come, bring their families and share their passion with one another.

Happy New Year to each of you!

*Your Commodore,
Pat*



VIEW FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

Diana Cox

Ahoy ECSA Sailors,

Well, the new year is upon us. The past year has been an adventure for me. I had my first long trip to Ft. Pierce and I look forward to my next long distance adventure. I learned on that trip what I can handle and what I can change if I encounter another storm.

With the change of guards, I hope we can continue to hold on to the storm that is upon our club. I envy the good times that you all have had in the past as a team of crazy sailors. I will continue to try to pull in members into our club so that we can support our tradition of dinghy races, island parties and wonderful adventures.

Blessings to all of you this New Year,

*Diana Cox
Vice Commodore 2018*

Congratulations to the 2019 Board of Governors!

Commodore: Pat Fletcher

Vice Commodore: Clyde Berry

Rear Commodore: Page Proffitt

Secretary: Joe Cloldt

Treasurer: Grover Gregory

Elected Governor: Steve Lambert

Elected Governor: Don Theriault

Elected Governor: Diana Cox



Secretary's Report

East Coast Sailing Association General Membership Meeting

December 12, 2018

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

Introduction of the Board:

Commodore: Pat Fletcher
Vice Commodore: Diana Cox (NP)
Rear Commodore: Lynda Geraci
Secretary: Joe Cloidt
Treasurer: Grover Gregory
Governors at Large: John Geraci (2018)
Don Theriault (2019)
Steven Lambert (2020) (NP)

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

Commodores Opening Remarks

Introduced and said Hi to the BOG and past BOG members. Merry Christmas to all. And thanks to all who help all year long with the club. Don't forget the Satellite Beach Boat Parade at the Hutson's this coming Saturday. She will keep it short as it is our December Pot Luck Dinner night.

Lynda G: The Annual Awards Banquet is coming up soon, January 5th and we need members to sign up as we need to send The Tides a head count soon. So far only about 23 members have signed up as of last Friday.

Marci Hutson says she could use some help setting up for the boat parade party around 3:00, please call her if you can help (321.501.3722). Page has got a couple of folks from MYC to help out. Ray Cox volunteered to pick up tables and bring them there.

Lynda talked about the tentative 2019 cruising schedule, hosts are still needed for some cruises so please contact her if interested. Award nominations have been done but if someone wants to throw in a name please do it tonight.

Bob W. reminded us to not forget about the photo contest, there have been no submissions so far and the deadline is December 25, 2018.

Joe Coleman mentioned we need a refreshment host for April's meeting. Sharon Hicks has done a great job keeping us in drinks and snacks but she wouldn't be our so hospitality committee member next year so we need others to pitch in.

Pat started to announce the incoming Board of Governors but Ross Herbert reminded her that she needs to call a motion to close the nomination process before announcing them. Pat complied and the motion was approved by the general membership. The 2019 BOG names did not make it into the December FT&C but Pat read out their names.

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Diane Cox (2021)

Approve Minutes: Approved unanimously
Approve Treasurer Report: Approved unanimously

Introduction of Guests:

None

Any Old Business:

None

Any New Business:

None

50/50 Drawing:

Jennifer Clendenin hosted the drawing for \$30, the lucky winner was John Geraci.

Introduction of Guest Speaker:

No speaker tonight as it was Pot Luck Dinner night!

Meeting Adjourned at 7:22p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Cloidt
Secretary

*Happy
New Year*



**TREASURER'S
REPORT**
Grover Gregory

Income Statement	Report Month	Year to Date
	Nov '18	Jan '18 - Nov '18
Revenue		
50/50	\$84.00	\$306.97
Advertising	\$0.00	\$175.00
Banquet	\$143.00	\$1,070.19
Bus Trip	\$0.00	\$1,900.00
Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00
Member Dues	\$165.00	\$1,690.00
Merchandise	\$172.00	\$709.00
Miscellaneous	\$262.00	\$262.00
Total Revenue	\$826.00	\$6,113.16
Expenses		
Awards	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bank Svc	\$14.11	\$177.91
Banquet	\$0.00	\$2,829.27
Bus Trip	\$0.00	\$2,490.45
Cruising	\$295.00	\$485.46
Insurance	\$0.00	\$670.00
Meeting & Ofc Sup	\$0.00	\$653.88
Merchandise	\$0.00	\$1.36
Miscellaneous	\$341.84	\$583.26
Postage	\$0.00	\$122.11
Printing	\$491.13	\$1,217.11
Rent	\$0.00	\$378.00
Sales Tax	\$0.00	\$72.48
Sunshine	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$1,142.08	\$9,681.29
Bank Balance		\$7,204.47
Bank Balance This Time Last Year		\$8,547.47

Please Give This Some Thought!



Cold hard facts about our Club:

- Less than 5% of members run the club and show up for almost every event;
- Another 15% of members regularly participate;
- Another 20% occasionally participate;
- The remaining 60% never show up for anything!

Our club has a turnover rate of 15-20% per year.

People leave because they lose interest, they have health or financial problems, they move away or pass away, or because they are no longer interested in what the club has to offer.

Some members lose interest because they cannot even get renewal notices sent out reliably, so members have no idea that it's time to renew.

We just don't market ourselves very well, figuring that "passion" alone is enough to keep people interested and paying their dues. But most of the time it isn't!

With the statistics listed above in mind, how do we build a strong and vibrant club that actually grows and survives?

People get disillusioned or tired out and others need to step in and take up the mantle of responsibility. Running a club can be a huge amount of work, with the only compensation being the complaints of other members.

And yet as we all know, being a member of a club and participating in its activities has enormous rewards. We get to share our passion with others who have the same passion. We learn new things all the time and make new and lasting friendships.

One out of 4 people say, they don't volunteer because no one asked them to. **So, we are asking.**

We still have several openings for the support staff that require very little time but lots of enthusiasm. Be part of making the club great and contact a board member about volunteering.



Cruising News



Frostbite Cruise

January 12-13

Page Proffitt



We are all set for the first cruise of the season, the Frost Bite Cruise to Ballard Park on January 12th. You can either anchor out and dinghy in or sail into the lagoon at Ballard Park and anchor in the "mud".

As with most, come by car with plenty of parking available.

Saturday late afternoon, we will have a forum on cruises people are planning during 2019. Let us know where you might be going.

Saturday night at 5 p.m. we will start up the charcoal grills, so bring something to cook for yourself and a side dish to share. Music will be playing throughout the day. We are sure to have a great time!

A reservation has already been put with the local weatherman for warm weather this year but bring a jacket just in case!

For more information, call Page Proffitt, host at 321-806-0303 or email to rpp1@pageproffitt.com

Captain Hiram's Cruise

February 16-17

Bruce and Pat Fletcher



Let's sail to Captain Hiram's on February 16th for dinner at 4:00pm. Anchor east side of the channel just north of Hiram's!!

It is a 3 day weekend so if anyone is up to it, we can stop at marker 21 Sunday night, and have a get together on the island .

Boat Parade Review

Dave Hutson

The weatherman said we could get rain. Bummer! Soggy boat parades are not as much fun as dry ones. But the weatherman was (mostly) wrong. The weather was cool and comfortable, and the parade was much better organized than last year. And the food was excellent as always.

We had one situation this year. I couldn't be at the house that afternoon to help with final preps.

Marci put out a call to ECSA and MYC for help and they responded. Patty and Clay Showen, Page Proffitt, Joe Coleman, and John Boyd came early. Page setup the MYC keg. The others moved our junk out of the garage and set up the tent. After the party, Nancy Knobbs and Joe Cloidt stayed around to help put the house back together.

The next day, Page was there to do trash duty and keg removal. Later that day while we were gone, a phantom ECSA person took all the ECSA stuff back to the ECSA Hidey-hole for storage. Thanks to all of you who helped Marci and saved my miserable butt.

There were at least 50 people at our house, an equal number at Bob Jones', next door and Simon's. We had ECSA people, MYC people, and musician people from New Horizons Band. Everyone got into the spirit of the evening with a lot of whooping and singing when the boats went by.

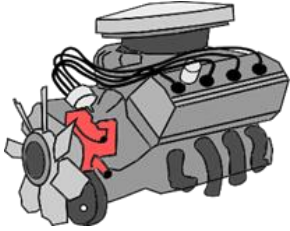
Our sing-along was pre-empted by our neighbor in his catamaran and a live band on board. They stopped at our dock for a while and entertained the neighborhood. What a hoot!

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



The Price of Quality

Joe Cloidt



Ben Franklin once said “The bitterness of poor quality remains long after the sweetness of low price is forgotten.” I think that most of us have learned that lesson the hard way, I

know I have. But recently, I had the opportunity to relearn that lesson, and once again, it was the hard way. Not that I’m cheap but some things just seem so over priced for what you get. This generally has me looking for alternatives or finding a way to prolong the life of a piece of equipment that is probably past its useful life. If you have a Yanmar diesel engine in your boat, you know what I’m talking about.

A couple of years ago the solenoid on my starter jammed up and kept the starter motor engaged after the engine had started. It took me a few minutes to figure out what was going on before I could shut off the power but by that time the starter motor had started to smoke. Knowing that the solenoid was shot and the starter motor was now suspect, it was time for a visit to Marine Pro in Cocoa for a new starter. You can imagine the look on my face when the parts guy said the OEM starter was just a tad over \$400! But for about a third of the price they had an aftermarket starter they could sell me. As I mentioned, not that I’m cheap but...

The first thing I noticed about the new starter was it wasn’t quite as heavy as the original, not that weight is an indicator of quality but generally means the part is more robust. The second thing I noticed was it didn’t seem to crank as hard as the old one but it did get the job done. However, after about a year, I noticed it was taking a little bit longer to get the engine fired up and the starter was starting to make some unhealthy noises. I started browsing the sailing forums to see what others recommended for replacement starters and saw a lot of complaints about aftermarket starters failing. A few folks talked about having good luck with Masco starters that are made in the USA. At about twice the price of the cheapo import models, it was still a much lower cost than the Yanmar part. I ordered one online, then headed to the marina for an afternoon sail, or so I thought.

The engine cranked for a few seconds then made a horrible crunching noise! I could hear the starter motor spinning but not engaging the flywheel. Like Ralphie in A Christmas Story, I uttered an “Oh Fudge!” I pulled off the engine cover half expecting to find the starter in pieces but nothing was obviously wrong so I headed home to wait for the new starter to arrive.

It showed up a few days later and the difference in the design and construction was a noticeable improvement over the old one, not to mention it felt heftier. Grabbing the tool box and the new starter, I headed to the boat expecting about an hour’s worth of work and then some sailing. Foolish me, you would think by now I would know better than to believe it would go as expected. When I removed the broken starter my heart sank, the cast aluminum nose cone was broken and a big piece was missing! That meant only one thing, the chunk of metal had fallen down inside the flywheel housing. I sat back in frustration and repeated the “Oh Fudge” along a few other choice words. In the back of my mind I knew I would have to pull out the transmission to get the missing piece but I was still in denial and spent a couple of hours devising ways to fish out the metal chunk but to no avail. I headed home to break out the Yanmar manual and the rum.

I discussed the problem with a mechanic buddy who offered to bring his endoscope to the boat to see if we could spot the elusive fragment. We managed to snake the probe down inside the housing and sure enough, found 2 pieces just under the flywheel. He confirmed what I already knew but didn’t want to hear, the transmission would have to come out. He left the scope with me and once again I spent a couple of fruitless hours trying to retrieve the chunks. In the end, I finally bit the bullet and pulled out the transmission to remove the broken pieces, but that’s another whole story in itself. As a lesson to myself, I’ve decided to mount the pieces of metal on a wooden plaque along with the words “The bitterness of poor quality...”





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2019 PROPOSED ECSA Events Calendar

Date	Event [Contact]	Date	Event [Contact]
Jan 5	<i>Awards Banquet and General Meeting</i>	Aug 14	<i>General Membership Meeting</i>
Jan 12-13	<i>Frostbite Cruise {Proffitt}**</i>		<i>Captain Katanna's (Therault)**</i>
Feb 13	<i>General Membership Meeting</i>	8/30-9/2	<i>Labor Day Cruise—Ft Pierce {Camp}**</i>
Feb 16-17	<i>Captain Hiram's Cruise (Fletcher)**</i>	Sept 11	<i>General Membership Meeting</i>
Mar 13	<i>General Membership Meeting</i>	Oct 9	<i>General Membership Meeting</i>
Mar	<i>St. Patrick's Day (O'Shea/Kiesel)**</i>		<i>Sebastian (Gregory)**</i>
April	<i>CAPTF Squid Lips & Air Show {Coleman}**</i>	Nov 13	<i>General Membership Meeting</i>
April 10	<i>General Membership Meeting</i>		<i>Pinedaville - Rotary Park(BOG)**</i>
May 8	<i>General Membership Meeting</i>	Dec 11	<i>General Membership Meeting—Potluck</i>
May 25-27	<i>Memorial Day Cruise (Geraci)**</i>		<i>Boat Parade Party (Hutson)**</i>
Jun 12	<i>General Membership Meeting</i>		
	<i>Summer Sailstice—Grills (Boyd)**</i>		
July 4	<i>4th of July - Cocoa Village (Wiley)**</i>		
July 10	<i>General Membership Meeting—Potluck</i>	**	<i>ECSA Sponsored Cruise</i>

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