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Next General Membership Meeting
Wednesday, April 10, 2019 @ 7pm

**“MarinePro - Diesel Engine
and Repair”**

Presented by Frank Monchello

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

April Calendar of Local Sailing Events

5	MYC	Rum Race—Spring Series
6-7	ECSA	CAPTF Squid Lips Cruise
14	MYC	Small Boat Sunday
18	MYC	Full Moon Race
19	MYC	Rum Race—Spring Series
28	MYC	Small Boat Spring Regatta

May Calendar of Local Sailing Events

3	MYC	Rum Race—Spring Series
4-5	MYC	Big Boat Spring Regatta
11	MYC	Beer Can Race
12	MYC	Mother's Day Regatta
17	MYC	Rum Race—Spring Series
18	MYC	Full Moon Race
25-27	ECSA	Memorial Day Cruise
26	MYC	Small Boat Sunday
31	MYC	Rum Race—Spring Series

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THOUGHTS FROM YOUR COMMODORE

Pat Fletcher



Every month I struggle with what to write about in this month's Foot Tack and Clew!! Well, most times I have no CLEW! Putting thoughts into words do not come as easy for me as they do for Joe Coleman.

But sitting in our BOG meeting this month we were talking about our website and questions were asked and answered, I thought, Wow, what a good team we have, all the extra time everyone donates to keep this club going. I know you have all heard it before and everyone has their own definition of Teamwork. I've always heard there's no I in Teamwork and that's really the truth especially with this club. The ECSA team is made up of many individuals. Some are more visible than others.

Probably the most visible example of the team is our flag officers. They are hard to miss since they're on stage during the membership meetings and contribute articles to the Foot Tack & Clew each month. Others such as the elected Governors, Fleet Captain and other support personnel may not be quite as visible but are still vital to our organization.

And even less visible but just as important to the club are those members who do things like host cruises, help with refreshments and at the meetings. As we reflect on this list, it's apparent it takes some effort on the part of a fair number of people to allow the ECSA to operate.

I cannot speak for anyone else, but I have gained so much enjoyment and lasting friendships and a great sense of satisfaction of helping this group. There is never a lack of things to do in an organization like ours. So, let us hear from you. It isn't necessary to perform in a formal role, but little things like helping the host of a cruise with the planning or helping with refreshments at the meeting. These are great ways to get involved and meet other members.

A good example of not being visible but an important team player is John Boyd, who is our webmaster. The amount of time and energy he has put into keeping us in touch with what's going on in our sailing world has made such a difference in how we communicate and stay on top of things. If you have any questions at all about how our website works, please get with him.

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VIEW FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

Clyde Berry

Ahoy Sailors,

Thanks to all of you who are helping me get up to speed. I know I still have a long way to go. As it turns out, my initial reluctance to take on the Vice Commodore position was totally unwarranted. I have had the pleasure of meeting more of you and learned more about ECSA in the last couple of months than I had since joining in 2015. So, to any of you reluctant to take on a position, relax, jump in, the water is fine. ECSA is a self-help family-oriented association that relies entirely on its membership's active participation to thrive and prosper.

Rear Commodore Page Proffitt and I alternate monthly articles for the Foot Tack, & Clew (FT&C). There have been two great cruise events since my last comments. Captain Hiram's Cruise hosted by the Fletchers and the St. Patrick's Day Cruise hosted by the O'Shea's and Eileen Kiesel. Both were rousing successes! Thanks to all who came by land or sea and enjoyed the festivities. Planning for all the cruises is done months ahead. Thanks to the hosts.

Grant Ball, thanks for stepping up and presenting many useful tidbits and common practices to help keep our boats in good working order and off the bottom! Thanks to Joyce Alexy for coordinating the meeting refreshments and snacks, and to Ralph Crawford for scheduling our programs (some on very short notice) and for working with Carmen Camp to produce and print the Foot, Tack & Clew and the 2019 directory. Thanks Carmen.

Also mentioned at the last meeting, the production and distribution of the Foot, Tack & Clew is a significant expense to the association. With the cost of ink, paper, and postage all on the rise, we will distribute the FT&C electronically. If you would prefer it mailed to you, that is still available. There will be a place in your personal data section of the website to elect to have the FT&C mailed to you.

As you all know our website is changing daily. Grover Gregory and John Boyd have put in many much-appreciated hours to achieve what we experience today. I do hope each of you will visit www.ecsasail.com and look around. I did and was amazed at how much information there is all just a few clicks away. As a minimum, I hope you will Log in and go into memberships

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Secretary's Report

**East Coast Sailing Association
General Membership Meeting**
March 12, 2019

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

Introduction of the Board:

Commodore	Pat Fletcher
Vice Commodore	Clyde Berry
Rear Commodore	Page Proffitt
Secretary	Joe Cloldt
Treasurer	Grover Gregory
Governors at Large	John Geraci (2019), Steven Lambert (2020), Diane Cox (2021) NP
Past Commodore	Joe Coleman

Commodores Opening Remarks:

Pat opened the meeting by thanking all who came to the meeting, then introduced the Board of Governors, past commodores and committee chair persons who were present. We all thought we had new members attending but when Pat asked them to stand up and tell the club a little about themselves, it turned out they were long time members but haven't been to a meeting in a long time. So, we welcomed Dave and Sara Smith along with mother-in-law Mary. They are currently sailing a Catalina 22 but are looking to upgrade to a large cruising cat for live aboard and future island cruising.

Pat asked for a motion to approve the proposed bylaw changes, all members approved, and the motion was carried. The bylaw changes were to better define the roles and responsibilities of BOG members.

A big weekend coming up with St. Patrick's Day activities in downtown and the club cruise to The Mansion. Pat and Bruce's business, Fletcher Hauling, will have a float truck filled with little leprechauns participating in the downtown parade, don't miss it!

Pat gave a big thanks to John Boyd for all his hard work in updating the club website. The commodore also mentioned we still need a membership committee member. Joe Coleman gave a run down on the duties for the membership position.

Pat also mentioned to members that if they don't have a dinghy, that shouldn't stop them from sailing to events as other members would be happy to provide ferry service to and from the dock or shoreline.

Vice Commodores Report:

Clyde started his report talking about the website and encouraging everyone to check their profiles to make sure their contact information was up to date. He also mentioned that we will be changing the way we send out the newsletter to help cut costs. The default will now be to receive the Foot, Tack & Clew by email or by link in the email. A member will now have to go to their profile and "opt in" to get a paper copy mailed to them. There will be a 2-month grace period before everyone is switched over to electronic copy. If any one has problems or questions about the website or their profiles please contact either Grover or John Boyd. He also mentioned that the St. Patrick's Day cruise had been advertised on the website but "free tickets" had not been set up so members could not sign up online for the cruise, but this has since been fixed. The Ships Store inventory is also now shown on the website store so members can see if an item is in stock before ordering it.

Claude mentioned he had RSVP'd for the meeting notice when he got the email invite but when the update about the presentation came out, he thought it might be going just to those who had done an RSVP and not the entire club. Several members replied that they had gotten the update even though they did not RSVP.

Rear Commodores Report:

Page talked about upcoming cruises and events for both our club and MYC. He started with MYC events before turning it over to the ECSA cruise hosts. MYC is hosting a Full Moon Regatta series this year with the next race coming up March 20th. Next lunch is also on the 20th with BBQ on the menu for \$5, please make reservations soon so they can get a head count. The MYC Spring Regatta is coming up the end of April for small boats with the big boats racing first weekend in May.

The Melbourne Air Show and the Harbor Town Nautical Flea Market are both coming up the weekend of March 30/31. The Air Show is not a club sponsored event but is fun with good viewing if you anchor out from where the building with the golden globe roof is on US1. April 20th, Easter weekend is the last music concert of the season at Sebastian Inlet Park for those who would like to cruise on down.

Tom O'Shea talked about the St. Patrick's Day cruise to The Mansion. Festivities start at 5:00pm. Tom and Eileen Kiesel plan on entertaining us with Irish jokes, quizzes and prizes. Sunday morning at 8:30am, there will be a pot luck breakfast at Front St. Park. Try to come by boat, there is some dock space at MYC, call them if you want a slip and to get the code for the gate. There will be events downtown all day long including the parade. Meg O'Malley's has a lot of events going on also. Tom asked those who were going to the event to check off their names on the sign-up list so he could verify the head count. Pat has agreed to be the leprechaun this year as Simon won't be able to make it.

Joe Coleman discussed the Squid Lips/CAPTF cruise
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TREASURER'S REPORT

Grover Gregory

Actual for Six Months Ended			
Feb 28			
Budget for Fiscal Year	Budget	Detail	Net
Activities			
Membership Dues	3,500	1,950	
less: Card Fees	(102)	(46)	1,904
Banquet Revenue	2,400	2,010	
less: Banquet Expense	(2,290)	(3,001)	
less: Credit Card fees	(70)	(51)	(1,042)
50/50	400	224	
GAM net proceeds	-	262	
less: Awards & Raffle Prizes	(480)	(467)	19
Bus Trip Revenue		-	
less: Bus Trip Costs	-	-	-
Merchandise Sales	1,200	377	
less: Paypal Fees	(35)	(16)	
less: Stripe Credit Card Fees		(3)	
less: Sales Tax	(84)	(52)	
less: Merchandise Costs	(960)	-	305
Advertising	350	150	
less: Print & Mail Costs	(1,600)	(790)	(640)
TidyHQ Transaction Fees	(66)		(66)
Cruise Facility Rental & Supplies	(300)		(295)
Net Revenue (Expense) from Activities			184
Fixed Expenses			
Insurance	(670)		-
Meeting Rental	(600)		-
PO Box	(92)		-
Website Fees	(450)		(437)
Other Taxes	(65)		(128)
Change in Cash	(13)		(380)
Sept. 1, 2018 Opening Bank Balance			7,371
Jan 31, 2019 Ending Bank Balance			6,990

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on April 6/7. The restaurant will donate 5% of its food sales from 5pm – 8pm to CAPTF, Child Abuse Prevention. There will be events for kids during the day. Squid Lips would rather that we didn't all sit at one big table so it's a fend for your self dinner where ever you find a table or space. Joe has some blue streamers, CAPTF colors, that he will hand out to those who want to fly them on their boats. Those staying on their boats are welcome to have a pot luck breakfast on the beach Sunday morning. Joe also mentioned there was one boat left for the Erie Canal trip set for July 2020. The boat is one of the smaller ones that has bunks for 4 but 2 more could sleep on the settees if so inclined.

The Seven Seas Sailing Association told us last year that they were moving the GAM from its usual location in Eau Gallie to St. Augustine. Joe talked to one of their staff who said ECSA was still welcome to come help out and they could get us a reduced rate on hotels but we probably would not make enough money to make it worth it. Of course, any member is welcome to help out if they wish, contact Joe for more info.

John Geraci discussed the Memorial Day Cruise to Port Canaveral, May 25 -27. It will be held at the Ocean Club Marina, call them if you want a slip. Dinner Saturday night at Gators Dockside, an ocean sail on Sunday followed by a BBQ and head home on Monday. This is an ECSA sponsored cruise and don't forget they have a pool!

Secretary Report:

The secretary had nothing new to report.

Treasurer Report:

Grover mentioned he had a new format for the financial report in the FT&C and would like comments from club members about what they thought of the new look and if it was easier to read and understand.

Approve Minutes:

When Commodore Pat asked for a motion to approve the Secretaries report as published in the March FT&C, Bob Wiles raised an objection. It had been incorrectly stated that he had talked about a boat registration discount for boats older than 30 years when he had actually talked about the discount for having a registered EPRIB. This was duly

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Cruising News



CAPTF Squid Lips Cruise **April 6-7** *Joe and Karen Coleman*

Saturday April 6th is the annual kick-off of Child Abuse Prevention Month at Squid Lips. Squid Lips donates 5% of all food purchases between 5 PM and 8 PM to the Child Abuse Prevention Task Force of Brevard. This money is used to provide assistance to Brevard families in need.

There will be displays and booths on the beach at Squid Lips starting around 3:00 PM. Bring your kids, grand kids or greats as there will be face painting, balloon animals and games for them to enjoy. Normally we meet in the bar area around 5PM and eat in small groups. If you prefer eating in the dining room, by all means do so, just make sure that you sign the sign-in sheet. After dinner grab a table outside for some friendly conversation and listen to the music.

Sunday morning, we will have a pot luck breakfast for those who anchored for the night. Time will be decided by those who remain for the night.



Memorial Day Cruise **May 25-27** *John and Lynda Geraci*

Plan ahead now for the ever-popular Memorial Day Weekend Cruise to Ocean Club Marina at Port Canaveral!! Make your reservations at the marina now, as there are a limited number of slips available. Be sure to mention that you're with the ECSA Sailing Club. Ocean Club Marina is at 930 Mullet Road, Port Canaveral. Phone 321-783-9001.

Saturday night, May 25th, we're planning on meeting at Gator's Dockside (the old Milliken's Reef), 683 Nesbit Drive, Port Canaveral. Cocktails at 5pm. Be sure to RSVP Lynda Geraci (slgeraci@att.net) or sign up at the general meeting in April or May so that we can guarantee a seat for dinner.

Sunday, May 26th, your choice of "sail in the ocean" or "play in the pool"! Cocktails (BYOB) at the Tiki Bar begins at 5pm. There is a gas grill nearby for dinner at 6. Bring your entrée and a dish to share (don't forget about the serving utensils).

See you there!

Summer Sailstice Cruise **June 22-23** *John Boyd*



ECSA BOG will be hosting the Brevard Summer Sailstice at Grills Riverside Restaurant, Melbourne. All sailors and Clubs welcome.

Check out the National Summer Sailstice website at: <http://www.summersailstice.com/>

Grills Riverside: <http://www.grillsseafood.com/grills-riverside-melbourne/>

More information to coming the following month. Meanwhile, SAVE THE DATE!

Thoughts from your Commodore

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John is an outstanding example of a TEAM PLAYER and one that should not be taken for granted!! Again, Thank You John.

One last thing, we really need a membership person we offer no pay but a sense of satisfaction for helping the Club so join the team.

Your Commodore,

Pat





St. Patrick's Day Cruise Review

Tom and MaryAnn O'Shea

A fine time was had by all! We gathered at The Mansion's downstairs Garden Room at 5 p.m. Green was definitely the color of the day! Tom and Eileen each had a few Irish jokes to share, interspersed with ordering and consuming drinks and good food. Numerous Irish trivia questions followed, with many prizes being awarded to those who were bold enough to guess the answers! We also celebrated Carmen's birthday, along with her guests.

We had 32 people at dinner, and three boats made the cruise – *Impulse*, *Southern Comfort* and *Cool Breeze*. All three boats were generously hosted at the Melbourne Yacht Club docks. Thank you, Page, and MYC!

Breakfast in the park on Sunday morning drew about 10 people, bringing a yummy egg and sausage scramble (thank you, Ray), bagels, donuts, coffee, juice, and Irish soda bread. After that, *Cool Breeze* had the wind to carry her home, while *Impulse* and *Southern Comfort* headed north – into the wind!

View from your Vice Commodore

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and check your information. Fearlessly click a few tabs to see what is on the website. Under 'Newsletters' you will find every Foot, Tack, & Clew dating back to 2004. Under 'Photos' you will find photos of cruises and events back 2007. Under 'Weather' are excellent links for up to the minute weather we all need to plan our days on the water. Under 'Local' are the local lock and bridge schedules with contact information, navigation alerts, and local racing information.

We are still in need of someone to help with membership. You greet folks at the door, pass out name tags, sell 50/50 tickets, and coordinate and prepare the new member packets to be presented at the monthly meeting. The website makes managing member data much less labor intensive. I hope you will consider helping!

Vice Commodore
Clyde Berry

Heartfelt 
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

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noted and apologies to Bob. The meeting minutes were then approved.

Approve Treasurer Report: Approved unanimously.

Introduction of Guests:

Deb Vorndran brought her friend Judy Adams to tonight's meeting. Judy has moved into the area and wants to get back into sailing. She has done some Hobie Cat sailing in the past.

Old Business:

The Capt. Hiram's cruise was a success, with 26 members and 6 boats attending. Folks anchored in 3 different locations on either side of the channel but those anchored near Hiram's said it was a bit noisy in the evening from the live music. John G. mentioned that one has to watch the tides down there as there is about a 2' change that could leave you touching the bottom. The next day a group of 5 boats spent the day at Marker 21.

Claude mentioned his cruise to Newfoundland this summer but does not have a definite date yet as the water is too high to launch his boat right now. His plan is to leave around the first weekend of June to head down the St. Lawrence seaway. It's good sailing east but can be tough to sail back home due to the currents. Anyone is welcome to join him. He will be leaving the first week of April to head back to Canada so talk to him before he leaves if you are interested in cruising with him. Claude sails a Hunter 34, sleeps 4 comfortably but 3 is good.

New Business:

Ken Spear told us about an upcoming event at FIT. The Lifelong Scholar Society is presenting "Benefits of Biofouling: Why care about creatures that live on the bottom of a boat" at their Thursday Night Lecture series on April 11. Cost is \$20 for non-members. It was suggested Ken could do a write up for the FT&C or give us a short talk about what he learned there.

John Boyd discussed an event that may be of interest to the club. Satellite Beach is having a Garden and Earth Day Fair on April 27 at the DRS Community Center from 9am – 2pm. This is to promote earth friendly activities and education. John met and talked to the city's rep who seemed interested in having ECSA have a table there so we could educate the public about our wind powered vessels. A table is \$20 and if you would like to get involved with this, let John or one of the BOG members know. John will be there at the Space Coast Electric Vehicle club table. John said he would send a write up to Carmen to include in the next newsletter.

John and Lynda Geraci will be cruising up the ICW
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Coastal Garden Fair and Earth Day

The Satellite Beach Beautification and Sustainability Boards are sponsoring this fun and free celebration on Saturday April 27, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Schechter Center, 1089 South Patrick Drive, Satellite Beach, FL 32937. There will be food trucks, plus numerous exhibits pertaining to gardening, arts and crafts, and natural resources, such as clean waterways. ECSA has been invited to set up a display to promote our club and our interest in protection of our lagoon. If anyone is interested in helping staff an ECSA table, and promoting our club, please contact:

Commodore Pat at patvipisland@gmail.com.

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this spring and hope to make it to Chesapeake Bay.

50/50 Drawing:

Our guest Judy Adams hosted the drawing for \$33, the lucky winner was Dave Smith.

Introduction of Guest Speaker:

Grant Ball, local marine technician, gave a talk about the importance of doing routine checks and maintenance on our boats. He covered engines, cooling and fuel systems with some eye-opening stories about boats he was worked on that have suffered from neglect.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joe Cloidt, Secretary



Hospitality



**Thank you to Joyce Alexi
for refreshments at the April
general membership meeting.**

2019 PROPOSED ECSA Events Calendar

Date	Event [Contact]	Date	Event [Contact]
April 6-7	CAPTF Squid Lips {Coleman}**	8/30-9/2	Labor Day Cruise—Ft Pierce {Camp}**
April 10	<i>General Membership Meeting</i>	Sept 11	<i>General Membership Meeting</i>
May 8	<i>General Membership Meeting</i>	Oct 9	<i>General Membership Meeting</i>
May 25-27	Memorial Day Cruise (Geraci)**	Oct 12-14	Sebastian (Gregory)**
Jun 12	<i>General Membership Meeting</i>	Nov 13	<i>General Membership Meeting</i>
Jun 22-23	<i>Summer Sailstice—Grills (Boyd)**</i>	Nov 9-11	Pinedaville - Rotary Park(BOG)**
July 4	4th of July - Cocoa Village (Wiley)**	Dec 11	<i>General Membership Meeting—Potluck</i>
July 10	<i>General Membership Meeting—Potluck</i>	TBD	Boat Parade Party (Hutson)**
Aug 14	<i>General Membership Meeting</i>		
Aug 10-11	<i>Captain Katanna's (Therault)**</i>		

** ECSA Sponsored Cruise

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