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#### Next General Membership Meeting Wednesday, June 12, 2019 @ 7pm



### **“Ice Cream Social”**

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

#### **June Calendar of Local Sailing Events**

8	MYC	Beer Can Race
9	MYC	Small Boat Sunday
14	MYC	Rum Race—Spring Series
16	MYC	Full Moon Race
22-23	<b>ECSA</b>	<b>Summer Sailstice Cruise</b>
23	MYC	Small Boat Sunday
28	MYC	Rum Race—Summer Series

#### **July Calendar of Local Sailing Events**

4	<b>ECSA</b>	<b>4th of July - Cocoa Village Cruise</b>
7	MYC	Small Boat Sunday
12	MYC	Rum Race—Summer Series
13	MYC	Beer Can Race
16	MYC	Full Moon Race
21	MYC	Small Boat Sunday
26	MYC	Rum Race—Summer Series

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## THOUGHTS FROM YOUR COMMODORE

*Pat Fletcher*

### *Traveling the ICW with friends*

When you only have two weeks to spend on the water for vacation what do you do? You get a few boats together and go north on the ICW!! And that's what we did.

Joe Coleman planned the trip out perfect; we would go as far as Brunswick, Georgia and back. But for unforeseen circumstances Joe and Karen could not join us.

On April 23 Don & Joanne on Impulse II, Bruce and myself on Little Attitudes and John and Lynda on Avventura set sail for our 2-week adventure.

We anchored in Titusville on night one and moored in Daytona on night two, next stop would be Marine Land where we took a slip in the Marina. If you get the chance stop in there, very clean, friendly people, but no restaurants close by. But luckily for Lyft, we were all able to get to a nice restaurant on the ocean and have a great dinner.

On the morning of day four, we headed for St. Augustine where we would stay for two nights. Joe and Karen drove up to have dinner with us there and play some putt-putt golf, after all, it is an ECSA tradition when your there. We had such a great time!!

I must caution you, when in St. Augustine, please remember it's a historical town and not maintained the best. So, as you are walking around be careful of uneven walks, it's easy to step wrong and end up on the ground. Poor Joanne did just that and got hurt bad enough that they had to cut their trip short and head back home.

Now we're down to two boats, but still ready for an adventure. Our next stop would be Palm Cove Marina. Another great marina, nice people and laundry was on the list for this one. When we left that morning, we

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## VIEW FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

*Clyde Berry*

### *Cruising on the ICW*

This cruising adventure is proving to a bit more challenging than I expected. It is great to get the boat out on the water and move about the state or even go out of State.

In Central and North Florida cruising etiquette is still the norm. We get passed a lot and the vast majority of folks are just wonderful. Georgia and South Carolina are a little different. Slow pass?? What is that? Communication? What is that? I actually heard a fellow say on the radio that if he slowed down, he would make a bigger wake as he cruised by in a fast 50-footer. The great news is that the stops are fun, the people are fun, and the food has been great! The really great news is that Diane and pups are having a ball!

The ICW is in rough shape. Many shoal areas to contend with. We travel on a rising tide or the top half of the tide. The miles made in a day are less than expected.

While we were in St. Augustine a fellow sail boater gave us some very valuable information. There is a blog by Bob423 who goes North and South every year. He posts his track which can be downloaded as a .gpx file. That .gpx file can then be loaded on your chart plotter. It really helps with all the twists and turns and crossing of inlets. He also uses a navigation app called Aqua Map for IOS devices (yes, I know, another app). With Aqua Map you can download and display USACE surveys for the waterway. Almost too much information that shows just how shallow some areas have gotten.

I do hope all of you have a wonderful Memorial Day Cruise to the Cape. I know that the Geraci's have planned a great event!

*Vice Commodore,*

*Clyde Berry*

# Come Sail With Us!





# Secretary's Report

East Coast Sailing Association  
General Membership Meeting  
May 8, 2019

**Call to order:** 7:07p.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 started the meeting by welcoming everyone and noting that the board had a slim turn out with just Pat and Joe at the table. VC Clyde is cruising up north with Diane and the Geraci's are also out sailing. Pat recognized Past Commodore Joe Coleman and Joyce Alexy, our hospitality chairperson. We haven't had anyone volunteer for the membership chair so Pat announced Bruce will be taking it over although he doesn't know it yet. We welcomed new members Ann Hill and Dan Nicholson. Ann is from England and enjoys horse back riding. Dan started sailing prams at age 7. He was also a Sea Scout and has had owned various boats through the years. They have recently bought a 1975 Pearson 365 located in Moore Haven on the Okeechobee Waterway. The boat needs some work and when it is sailable, they will be looking for crew to help bring the boat back to the Melbourne area. Their Pearson is the same model as Tom and Mary Ann O'Shea.

**Approve Minutes:** Approved unanimously

**Approve Treasurer Report:** Approved unanimously

## Introduction of Guests:

None

## Any Old Business:

None

## Any New Business:

Joe Coleman and Pat had been looking into purchasing new club shirts. Joe showed several samples of the Polo shirt in different colors. The Polo's will be \$35 each and there will be a choice of colors for those who pre-order. Contact Tom O'Shea who runs the

ships store for ordering information. The club will stock the new styles but will be ordering them in white and blue. Woman's V-necks are also on order.

Cruising Captain Lynda Geraci is out cruising and asked Bob Wiley to mention the upcoming Memorial Day Cruise to Port Canaveral. She will need a head count to make reservations for dinner Saturday night so please let her know if you will be attending as soon as possible. For those planning on getting a slip at the Ocean Club Marina be aware that they have a 3-night minimum stay for the weekend and a limited cancellation policy. A slip will run \$2.75/ft. Cape Marina is another option with slips going for \$2 to \$3/ft. It is a busy holiday weekend so make reservation early. Pat gave a quick rundown on the weekend activities which are also listed in the FT&C.

John Boyd talked about the summer Sailtice cruise coming up in June 22/23 at Grills Restaurant in north Melbourne. The Sailtice is an international event to get folks out sailing. The club will also have the Blessing of the Fleet in the afternoon. The water is shallow near their docks so be careful if you are anchoring out. If you don't own a dinghy, sail up anyway as there are always club member who would be happy to provide water taxi service. This is a somewhat informal cruise and Grills has a great breakfast early in the morning.

Bob W. also discussed the July 4<sup>th</sup> Cocoa Village Cruise. Bob will go up on the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the Cocoa Village Marina where we have the club house reserved. Call the marina if you want a slip and let them know you are with ECSA, there won't be a special rate, but the marina may be able to put all club members close together. Bob will be leaving early the next day for New Smyrna Beach with others club members, so he won't be hosting breakfast in the morning but those staying are welcome to make their own arrangements. If you anchor out on the south side of the causeway keep in mind there may still be several sunken boats north of the power lines.

The Banana River Power Squadron is hosting a Flare Up and Boat Ramp Cleanup event at the Eau Gallie Causeway boat ramp on June 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:00am to 10:30am. This is an opportunity to learn how to properly shoot off flares so bring your expired ones to fire off. It was mentioned that you should not mix new and expired flares in the same container as that may result in a ticket if you undergo a safety check by FWC or other law enforcement folks.

The Geraci's, the Theriault's and the Fletchers cruised up to Brunswick Ga. Bruce gave us a summary of the trip including all the places they stopped at along the way. A favorite was Cumberland Island which has wild horses roaming around. The Coleman's were planning on going but got delayed so they drove up to St. Augustine to visit with the group. The group also met up with Clyde and Diane Berry who were headed north on an

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

*Grover Gregory*

Actual for Eight Months Ended March 31			
Budget for Fiscal Year	Budget	Detail	Net
Activities			
Membership Dues	3,500	2,235	
less: Card Fees	(102)	(51)	2,184
Banquet Revenue	2,400	2,010	
less: Banquet Expense	(2,290)	(3,001)	
less: Credit Card fees	(70)	(51)	(1,042)
50/50	400	258	
GAM net proceeds	-	262	
less: Awards & Raffle Prizes	(480)	(467)	53
Bus Trip Revenue		-	
less: Bus Trip Costs	-	-	-
Merchandise Sales	1,200	457	
less: Paypal Fees	(35)	(21)	
less: Stripe Credit Card Fees		(3)	
less: Sales Tax	(84)	(52)	
less: Merchandise Costs	(960)	-	381
Advertising	350	150	
less: Print & Mail Costs	(1,600)	(822)	(672)
TidyHQ Transaction Fees	(66)		(73)
Cruise Facility Rental & Supplies	(300)		(415)
Net Revenue (Expense) from Activities			416
Fixed Expenses			
Insurance	(670)		(676)
Meeting Rental	(600)		(300)
PO Box	(92)		-
Website Fees	(450)		(437)
Other Taxes	(65)		(128)
Change in Cash	(13)		(1,124)
Sept. 1, 2018 Opening Bank Balance			7,371
April 30, 2019 Ending Bank Balance			6,246

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extended trip. As much as everyone had a good time, the trip wasn't without a few incidents. The love bugs were out in full force in the Mosquito Lagoon and swarmed around everyone's boats. The Geraci's and Fletchers both picked up line in their props and drifted into the shallows before they could untangle their props. Joanne T. also took a misstep and a tumble and had to leave the cruise to visit her doctor with Don turning the boat around to head home.

### **50/50 Drawing:**

Mick Hatch picked the winning ticket with the lucky winner being Don Theriault for \$41.

### **Introduction of Guest Speaker:**

Bill Roeder of the 45<sup>th</sup> Weather Squadron located at Cape Canaveral AFS gave a very informative talk on lightening safety. He discussed the how's and why's of lightening and debunked some common misconceptions about lightening protection. His bottom line was if it's lightening, get inside and stay there until it passes.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:44p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Joe Cloldt, Secretary*

## View from your Commodore

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headed for Jekyll Island. This is one of my favorite places. If you ever get the chance, put this gem on your list. We stayed two nights there. The marina is great there, it has a restaurant on premises, and they have a golf cart you can borrow to take into the small town or borrow some bikes and explore the Island!! I think we rode 20 miles, we had so much fun and after being on the boat for so long we really needed the exercise.

Ok, next stop Brunswick which was sad because that meant our fun was half over!! This also was a nice Marina, very big! The town was small but very friendly. We stayed one night, fueled up and headed South early in the morning to Cumberland Island where we anchored out and dinghied ashore and explored the Island. What an awesome place, all the history on this island is amaz-

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# Cruising News

## Summer Sailstice Cruise

June 22-23

John Boyd



The ECSA invites all sailors in the Space Coast area to join us at Grill's Riverside for the annual Summer Sailstice. This event is designed to help sailors the world over, join in celebration of sailing, on the northern hemisphere's longest day of the year – The Summer Solstice.

All sailors and Clubs are welcome to join us at Grills Riverside Restaurant any time after noon on Saturday, June 22. We will have the Blessing of the Fleet at 2:30 p.m., with dinner any time after 4 p.m. Grills will have tables under a tent set aside for us on the south side of the restaurant. For those staying overnight, Grills serves breakfast starting at 7a.m.

Summer Sailstice events create fun, sailing opportunities for Sailing Clubs, Fleets, Associations, and Schools to celebrate the best of sailing with their members, and to introduce their programs to new and potential members. ECSA wants to reach out by celebrating the fun and value of sailing with everyone, from old salts to beginners.

Check out the National Summer Sailstice website at: <http://www.summersailstice.com>. If you wish, you may sign up on this site to participate in our Summer Sailstice event. If you do so, you will be eligible to win a prize; see the web site for more information. Zoom in on Melbourne to see our event. The web site for Grills Riverside is: <http://www.grillsseafood.com/grills-riverside-melbourne/>

**See you at Grills Riverside on June 22!**

## July 4th Cocoa

Village Cruise

July 4-5

Bob Wiley



Even though it's going to be on Thursday this year, we will hold our 4<sup>th</sup> of July cruise/party on the 4<sup>th</sup>.

We have the Cocoa Village Marina Clubhouse reserved to set out our dinner and enjoy some fellowship before the fireworks over the river.

I will be there on the 3<sup>rd</sup> to make sure I'm not late getting things set-up. If you are planning to come by boat and get a slip at the marina, please remember to make your own reservations by calling the harbormaster at 321-632-5445. Identify that you are with the ECSA. There will also be signup sheets at the May and June ECSA General meetings to collect names of all who are coming (via car or boat) so that we will have sufficient supplies.

The BBQ coals should be ready at 5:00 PM to prepare your entrees. Please bring your own drinks and a side dish to share. After dinner, we will break-up to watch the fireworks from your favorite position. I always watch from the marina docks, but many go over to the park to listen to the concert or out on their boats to see the outstanding fireworks display.

Ordinarily, I schedule breakfast at Ossorio's for the 5<sup>th</sup>, but this year I am joining the Geraci's for a trip to New Smyrna Beach early on the 5<sup>th</sup>. So, if someone else wants to volunteer to head up the breakfast planning, please let me know before July 1st. Email: [rwiley1@cfl.rr.com](mailto:rwiley1@cfl.rr.com) or Cell: 321-591-8193.

### Extension Cruise - John & Lynda Geraci

We are planning an extended cruise from Cocoa Village on July 5th to New Smyrna Beach. If you would like to come with us, please make reservations at New Smyrna Beach City Marina. We plan on arriving Friday, July 5th and returning to Cocoa Village on Monday, July 8th, spending one night and returning home on Tuesday, July 9th. Contact Marina Manager, Pam and let her know that you are with ECSA. Their phone number is 386-409-2042.

We will be having cocktails at 5pm at CorkScrew Bar & Grille on Saturday night, July 6th, followed by dinner at 6pm. If you will be attending (by either car or boat) please let me know as seating is limited, [sigeraci@att.net](mailto:sigeraci@att.net), or call and leave me a message, 321-544-1922.

### Don't miss our next meeting:

The Ice Cream Social is sponsored by our BOG on June 12th at 7:00pm., at the ECSA Membership Meeting at the Satellite Beach Civic Center.

## ***Captain Katanna's Cruise***

*August 10-11  
Don and Joanne Theriault*

Beat the Heat at Captain Katanna's

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

Please RSVP to Joanne at 321-254-4624 by Thursday, August 8th.

### ***"SPEAKING WORDS OF WISDOM"***

Before moving onto your boat, go to IKEA and buy as many plastic containers as you think you can store.

You will use these for all sorts. First of all, anything that comes in cardboard needs to be removed and repackaged. Cereal boxes, pasta boxes, outer cardboard covers. This needs to be done for two very important reasons. The first is that cockroaches lay eggs in cardboard and if you happen to get some cardboard with some eggs on the boat you'll have a massive situation on your hands.

The second reason is bugs (other than cockroaches) Bugs are latent in all sorts of products – flour and pasta come to mind immediately. This year I've had pasta that I've taken out and the bag it was sealed in was full of living, crawling bugs. If that pasta was in a cardboard box, rather than a bag, my whole cupboard would have been full of bugs. The bugs can't escape plastic or Tupperware but they can easily get out of cardboard boxes. I put flour, rice, pasta and anything that comes in a box into Tupperware immediately and discard the boxes.

I often use the smaller plastic containers for odd pieces of stuff (screws, etc.), my wife's hair clips or office stuff like paper clips and so on. The cost to buy is cheap so if you give neighbor left-overs and they forget to return the container it's no big deal.

## ***Memorial Day Cruise Review***

*John & Lynda Geraci*



Memorial Day Cruise was an amazingly good success. The weekend started with Aspire docking at Cape Marina Friday morning and two boats; Impulse and Little Attitudes pulled into Ocean Club on Friday night, May 24th. Southern Comfort and Morning Star docked at Cape Marina early Saturday afternoon, May 25th, while Cool Breeze pulled into Harbortown.

After some pool time we all headed over to Gator's Dockside at 5 for cocktails, dinner and lively conversation. Among the happy 30 participants were: John & Lynda Geraci hosts, Pat & Bruce Fletcher, Tom & Genevieve Boles, Bob Wiley, Patti Key, Madren Campbell, Diana & Raymond Cox, Eileen Kiesel, Simon Koumjian, Clay & Patty Showen, Diane & Bob O'Hara, Moya & Pablo Allen, Audrey Allen, Jesse & Carmen Camp, Doris Donovan, Jennifer Clendinen, Don and Joanne Theriault, John Boyd, Tom & Mary Ann O'Shea, and JoEllen Johnson.

Sunday morning, May 26th, some of us hit Charlie's for breakfast. Before noon four boats; Morning Star, Southern Comfort, Aspire and Little Attitudes headed for the ocean. While conditions were not the greatest, light winds made for a light sail and the water sparkled under the day sun. A little excitement was provided by one of Jennifer's son's friends when his fishing line became entangled in Morning Star's prop. Little Attitudes, Aspire and a third boat went to assist. Jennifer dove under the boat and easily pulled the line off. Everyone sailed back to the dock safely. We gathered for cocktails and appetizers, interesting stories and grilled our entrees and shared our recipes, as well as, our delightful dishes. Participants (25) at the Ocean Club BBQ included: John & Lynda Geraci, Jesse & Carmen Camp, Doris Donovan, Don & Joanne Theriault, Madren Campbell & Patti Key, Simon Koumjian & Eileen Kiesel, Pat & Bruce Fletcher, Dave Keane, Tom & MaryAnn O'Shea, Jo Ellen Johnson, Diana & Raymond Cox, John Boyd, Will Lilienthal, Jennifer Clendenin, Adam Clendenin, CJ Miller and Robert Holman.

Monday morning, May 27<sup>th</sup>, John & Lynda Geraci, Pat & Bruce Fletcher, Joanne & Don Theriault and John Boyd gathered at Grills for a delicious breakfast.

After breakfast we headed back to the boats to head home as we say farewell to the port until next year and another successful Memorial Day Cruise comes to a close, remembering those who have fallen.



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ing, so make the stop and wander around with the wild horses.

Next stop heading South would be Palm Cove Marina then to St. Augustine where we met up with Joe & Karen on Alibi and Clyde & Diane on Chances R. Joe and Karen headed South with us and Clyde and Diane headed North, so I know they will have some good stories to tell.

As we headed South, there were a few minor problems like running aground and getting a rope stuck in the prop but, all in all, it was a great two weeks.

What a way to start the summer!!

*Your Commodore,*

*Pat*



## 2019 PROPOSED ECSA Events Calendar

Date	Event [Contact]	Date	Event [Contact]
Jun 12	General Membership Meeting	Sept 11	General Membership Meeting
Jun 22-23	Summer Sailstice—Grills (Boyd)**	Oct 9	General Membership Meeting
July 4	4th of July - Cocoa Village (Wiley)**	Oct 12-14	Sebastian (Gregory)**
July 5-7	Extended Cruise to New Smyrna (Geraci)	Nov 13	General Membership Meeting
July 10	General Membership Meeting—Potluck	Nov 9-11	Pinedaville - Rotary Park( BOG)**
Aug 14	General Membership Meeting	Dec 11	General Membership Meeting—Potluck
Aug 10-11	Captain Katanna's (Therault)**	TBD	Boat Parade Party (Hutson)**
Aug 30-Sept 2	Labor Day Cruise—Ft Pierce {Camp}**		

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