



# FOOT, TACK & CLEW

East Coast Sailing Association

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## THE OFFICIAL LOG OF THE EAST COAST SAILING ASSOCIATION

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### **General Membership Meeting**

Wednesday ~ 12 October 2005 ~ 7:00 p.m.

**Satellite Beach Civic Center (565 Cassia Blvd)**

Latitude 28° 09' North, Longitude 80° 36' West

### **The Latest GPS Technology**

*Presented by: Jack Snyder*

### **OCTOBER Calendar of EVENTS**

7	MYC	Fall Rum Race #6
8	ECSA	Fall River Race #2
9	KPSS	Fall Series #3
15-16	ECSA	Marker 21 Fish Fry Cruise
16	MYC	Small Boat Racing
21	MYC	Fall Rum Race #7
22-23	MYC	Fall Regatta small boats
23	KPSS	Fall Series #4
28-30	MYC	Fall Regatta - Big Boats

### **NOVEMBER Calendar of EVENTS**

		<i>St. Pete Sail Expo Nov 4 - 6</i>
5-6	CBYC	Melges Regatta
6	IRYC	Summer/Fall #6
6	KPSS	Fall Series #5
6	MYC	Winter Rum Race #1
9	ECSA	<b>General Membership Meeting</b>
		<i>SSCA Gam Nov 11-13</i>
12	ECSA	Fall River Race #3
13	ECSA	Fall Women's #5
13	MYC	Small Boat Racing
19	ECSA	Double Handed Race
19-20	ECSA	Pinedaville Cruise
19-20	MYC	No Frills Sunfish Regatta
20	KPSS	Fall Series #6
20	MYC	Winter Rum Race #2
27	MYC	Small Boat Racing

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## THOUGHTS FROM YOUR COMMODORE...

David Merchberger

A great loss

With the sudden passing of Warren Abbott in late September, the ECSA is once again facing the loss another long time member. Warren was a member long before Brenda and I joined and immediately made us feel welcome with his graciousness. His passion for sailing was obvious to all who were fortunate to know him. Warren was also one who could be counted on to be happy do anything for the club when asked, and do it with a special flair that was uniquely Warren. If you look back through the directories and newsletters, his name is frequently there. Warren served in varied positions, from the Board of Governors to the nominating committee to hospitality. He wrote many articles for the Foot, Tack and Clew, including profiles of Commodores and other members. He arranged some of the meeting programs. He also suggested that the club purchase the siphons he had found on the Internet and sell them, which has proved to be a good source of revenue for the club. Warren had a great sense of humor. Who could forget him showing up at Pinedaville wearing only a wooden barrel? On behalf of the Board and the club members, our deepest sympathies go out to his wife Nansea and his family. The East Coast Sailing Association is a better club having known Warren and he will be missed.

I'd like to take this opportunity to remind the membership of the Sunshine Fund, which we established earlier this year to provide the resources to offer the Club's condolences as appropriate. I've had to call on Louise Worster much more often that I would have liked to use the fund so I'm asking those of you who are able to, to reach deep in your hearts and contribute what you can. Your generous contributions will be accepted via the 'Sunshine Fund' jar during breaks at the meeting, or at anytime via the Club's P.O. box.

As 2005 winds down, the Nominating Committee is hard at work finding individuals willing to serve the Club during the next year. Please, make their job easy by volunteering for a position and if asked to be nominated, consider the invitation carefully. The heart and soul of the ECSA is its members, but the Club needs just a handful of those members to lead us into the future. I know we are all very busy in our lives, but none of the positions require a large commitment and what time you do spend will be greatly rewarded by the

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### *In loving memory of ... Warren Abbott*

Warren Abbott, 82, passed away suddenly at his home on Sunday, September 25, 2005. A long-time and respected resident of Cocoa Beach, Florida, he was a loving husband and devoted father. A native of Arlington, Massachusetts, this entrepreneur/businessman/author spent much of his life traveling the world as an executive in the electronics industry. His great love, however, was sailing. Warren was a member of the East Coast Sailing Association and the Coast Guard Auxiliary. He was also a member of Keep Brevard Beautiful, the Cocoa Beach Library, contributing correspondent for the Space Coast Press and a member of the Grumpy Old Sailors Coffee Club. During World War II, he served as a Sonar-man, First Class in the Coast Guard, stationed in Key West, Florida and North Africa, on convoy duty. When he was not looking for enemy submarines, he spent time talking with dolphins. He is survived by his loving wife Nansea; his children, Howard Abbott, Susan Bonita Tibus, Gwendolyn Abbott, Jennifer London; step-children, Karen Bray, Charles Bray, Charnan Bray, Wendy Dougherty; and a sister, Marilyn Dumas. Warren will be deeply missed by his many friends who laughed, joked and sailed with him, while keeping them entertained by his wonderful stories.



## VIEW FROM THE VICE...

by

**VICE COMMODORE  
Joe Luthman**

Well, another month has gone by and it's time to write another story for the newsletter. As a pirate would say, "argh!" Each month it gets a little harder to come up with an idea, "argh!" I watched "Pirates of the Caribbean" for the 70th time to try to gain some inspiration and all I got was "argh!" It looks like good cruising weather is on the horizon--out with the hot, in with the not-so-hot. The Marker 21 Cruise is coming up in a couple of weeks. Then, in November hang on to your Tilley Hats, it's going to get busy! It kicks off with the annual Sail Expo in St. Petersburg. This year due to hurricane damage from Dennis, they've moved the venue across the marina to the Pier. The following weekend is the annual Seven Seas General Meeting. Hope you've signed up to help out, I've already signed up myself and my family. And then our awesome annual Pinedaville Party! The 60's Theme sounds cool man! They were my formative years. I can't remember much though 'cause they are kinda hazy! Well, hope you all show up and make it the best Pinedaville ever. Jim and Donna always do a great job every year! See you there and happy sailing!

Your Vice Commodore,  
Joe Luthman



## A VIEW FROM THE REAR...

by Joe Coleman

Every year about now, it seems like time just starts flying away. September quickly becomes October, which means Thanksgiving is near and Christmas is around the corner. Throw in a couple of cruises, the Seven Seas Gam, the St. Petersburg Boat Show, and the awards banquet, and your dance card is pretty well filled up. That being said, let me say this. It is also at this busy time of the year that we need to nominate members to fill the new board. I have been on the board, in one capacity or another, for the last eight years and every year I make the same plea: Volunteer! There are several positions that need to be filled each year, from Commodore to a member of the Board of Governors. Fleet positions are also open every year. Chip Worster is heading the nominating committee again (thanks, Chip) and he will be asking some of you to help with the running of the club. Being on the board has always been a lot of fun for me. There are at least three previous members who remain on the board to help new members through the year. The meetings are already scheduled and the meeting format is already typed up. The only thing you need to bring is your imagination and any new ideas you may have for making the club even better. Don't be bashful! If Chip or someone else on the nominating committee doesn't ask you first, volunteer for a position. You will find it enjoyable and easier than you think.

In November, the club will be assisting the SSCA to set up and run their annual Gam as we have done in the past. In return for our participation, the SSCA will allow the club to have a free table at the Gam where we can sell our siphons and solicit new ECSA members. There will be a sign up form at the October ECSA meeting for volunteers willing to sit at that table during the Gam. If you could give an hour or two of your time, it would be greatly appreciated. We have just ordered fifty more siphons so we should not run out this year.

It is not too early to start thinking about the January awards banquet. This is the event where we acknowledge the sailing accomplishments of our members, but every year I have heard someone say something like this: "We went to the Bahamas for two months this year. Why didn't we get an award?" The answer is simple: we didn't know. The ECSA directory has a list of the sailing awards and the criteria for each. Your submission must be in before December 1<sup>st</sup>. I know a lot of you went sailing, so let's hear from you well *before* the banquet this year.



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Join us for our Annual Award's Banquet on Saturday, January 7, 2006 at the Holiday Inn - Cocoa Beach.

Look for the registration form in the November FT&C.





# TREASURER'S REPORT

by  
**Tom Schrader**

Income Statement		Fiscal Year End
REVENUE	Rev. Aug - 05	Sep 04 - Aug 05
Activities Income	-	4,930.00
Membership Dues	<b>185.00</b>	6,794.00
Merchandise Income	30.00	461.00
Miscellaneous Income	-	266.00
Sunshine Fund	-	<u>153.00</u>
Total Revenue	215.00	12,604.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Activities Expense	-	6,134.90
Bank Service Charge	-	-
Dues & Subscriptions	-	209.40
Insurance	-	2,415.00
Miscellaneous	-	890.94
Office Supplies	-	121.90
Postage/Delivery	123.66	963.99
Printing/Repro	36.68	749.63
Rent	-	272.88
Sales Tax	-	22.31
Sunshine Fund	-	-
Total Expense	<b>160.34</b>	11,780.95
<b>Net Income</b>	54.66	823.05
<b>Note: Items above in bold reflect revisions to previously printed statement.</b>		
<b>Balance Sheet for Period Ending August 31, 2005</b>		
<b>Assets/Checking</b>	<b>5,728.11</b>	
Restricted Cash	942.00	
Security Deposit	<u>100.00</u>	
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>6,770.11</b>	
<b>Liabilities &amp; Net Worth</b>		
Unrestricted Cash	6,432.86	
Retained Earnings	(485.80)	
Net Income	<u>823.05</u>	
<b>Total Net Worth</b>	<b>6,770.11</b>	



# TREASURER'S REPORT

by  
**Tom Schrader**

Income Statement		Fiscal Year End
REVENUE	Sep - 05	YTD Sep 05
Activities Income	-	-
Membership Dues	4,400.00	4,400.00
Merchandise Income	78.00	78.00
Miscellaneous Income	-	-
Sunshine Fund	-	-
Total Revenue	4,478.00	4,478.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Activities Expense	837.07	837.07
Bank Service Charge	-	-
Dues & Subscriptions	-	-
Insurance	-	-
Miscellaneous	114.93	114.93
Office Supplies	-	-
Postage/Delivery	76.22	76.22
Printing/Repro	37.31	37.31
Rent	-	-
Sales Tax	-	-
Sunshine Fund	-	-
Total Expense	1,065.33	1,065.33
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>3,412.47</b>	<b>3,412.47</b>
<b>Balance Sheet for Period Ending September 30, 2005</b>		
<b>Assets/Checking</b>	<b>9,080.58</b>	
Restricted Cash	942.00	
Security Deposit	<u>100.00</u>	
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>10,122.58</b>	
<b>Liabilities &amp; Net Worth</b>		
Unrestricted Cash	5,887.06	
Retained Earnings	823.05	
Net Income	<u>3,412.47</u>	
<b>Total Net Worth</b>	<b>10,122.58</b>	



## SECRETARY'S REPORT

By

**Phyllis Paradies**

EAST COAST SAILING ASSOCIATION  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2005

Vice Commodore Joe Luthman called the September General Membership Meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Board members present were Joe Luthman, Joe Coleman, Phyllis Paradies and Wes Whitley

After introducing Board of Directors, chairmen, and past commodores, Joe welcomed all and recognized new members and guests.

### COMMODORE:

Joe Luthman reported on the following for David Merchberger who was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Joe noted there was one application for membership, Susan and Chris Conrad. Since a board quorum was not present at this meeting, their application for membership will be voted on at the next Board of Governor's meeting.

Joe thanked Don & Joanne Theriault and Bob White for providing refreshments for tonight's meeting.

Joe read a thank you note from Jean Freeman to ECSA expressing her gratitude for the cards, flowers and condolences sent to her and the family upon Phil's passing. Jean, who was in attendance, also thanked everyone and said the support meant so much to her and her family.

Joe stated there was a pre-Pinedaville cleanup last Sunday at the site of the event. Wes Whitley said it was a good turn out, and they removed a lot of trash, mostly bottles and cans. Wes thanked all who turned out. There will be another clean-up prior to the event and members will be notified via e-mail.

Joe announced the 2006 Nominating Committee. The Chairman is Chip Worster and the committee is: Gil Paradies, Brenda Merchberger, and Donna Oyer

A motion was made and seconded to accept the August Secretary's Report as published in the September Foot, Tack & Clew (FT&C). The motion carried.

No action was taken on the August Treasurer's Report due to a question brought up by Wes Whitley, which most likely is a typographical error. The report will be reviewed and the corrected report will be published in next month's FT&C.

### VICE COMMODORE:

Joe Luthman noted that Larry Broom from Yacht Masters is presenting tonight's program on "Marketing Your Boat and Buying a Boat."

### REAR COMMODORE:

Racing: Joe Coleman reported for Jim Yates that the Fall River Series Race for last Saturday was cancelled due to weather and will be run this Saturday.

Cruising: Ron Vanderveer thanked Johan & Dee Neve for hosting the Labor Day Cruise at Port Canaveral. We had a great turnout of 21 boats with superb food and company.

Ron noted the next cruise is to Titusville this Saturday, Sept. 16 with hosts John and Loretta Schnitzius. Loretta asked members to sign up at tonight's meeting or to call them. The correct number for the Schnitzius' is 783-1509. The dinner will be at 5 p.m. on Saturday at Dixie Crossroads Restaurant. Members who will be driving are asked to please arrive at 4:30 p.m., and swing by the Marina to see if any boaters would like a ride to the restaurant. Breakfast will be potluck on the dock Sunday morning at 8 a.m.

The Marker 21 Cruise will be held in October. The Vanderveer's and the Mann's will be hosting a Fish Fry on the island. Please bring side dishes for Saturday night's meal.

Donna Oyer gave a preview of Pinedaville, which will be held on Nov. 19th and 20<sup>th</sup>. They will start building Pinedaville on Friday afternoon, the 18th. The theme is the 1960's; so start planning your costume now. This is the most attended cruise of the year for ECSA.

Brenda Merchberger gave an update on the Seven Seas Gam, which will take place at the Eau Gallie Civic Center (across from Abaco Jack's) the second weekend of November. This is the annual meeting of the Seven Seas Cruising Association, a group of sailors worldwide whose membership is 4,695. The ECSA is their main source of local volunteers for this event. It starts Friday and goes through Sunday. There will be seminars, vendors (we will have a table), flea market, auctions, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, entertainment and a barbeque. We need volunteers for a couple of hours or all three days. There are many areas in which

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## Secretary's Report

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volunteers are needed such as setting up Friday morning, working in the galley, registration, door monitors, etc. ECSA members will receive a discount of \$5.00. The tickets are \$15.00 for Seven Seas Members and \$10.00 for ECSA members. You must pre-register before Oct. 26th to receive the discount. After Oct. 26, it will be \$25.00. There are separate charges for some of the events like the Friday night party and Saturday barbecue. For an application, log onto SSCA's website.

St Pete Boat Show - This is the first weekend in November, typically many ECSA members attend.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS – A motion was made and seconded to send a check for \$675.00 to the Cocoa Beach Holiday Inn for a deposit for the January Award's Banquet.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. Following refreshments, Larry Broom gave a program on "Marketing Your Boat and Buying One".

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Paradies, Secretary

### ***Is there a bright yellow highlight across your name on the mailing label???***

If so, as of October 5th we have not received your annual Membership Dues which were due by Sept 1st. Unfortunately, this will be your last FT&C Newsletter received as we have begun our new fiscal/membership year as of September 1st.

If you just plain forgot to send them in — dues for members are \$35 and associate members (those without boats) are \$25. Just pop a check into an envelope and mail it to the PO Box listed on the front page of this newsletter.

Any dues received after October 31st incur a \$5.00 late fee, so please, continue to enjoy the camaraderie of ECSA and send those dues in today.

## OCTOBER 15th - 16th

### **Cruise to Marker 21**

#### **"FISH FRY"**

**By Cruise Co-Hosts:**

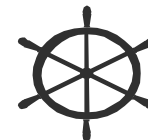
**Ron & Pam Vanderveer and Charlie & Karin Mann**

This will be a low-key cruise to our old hangout at Marker 21. As it turns out, Friday October 14th is a State in-service day for any school-aged kids. So the Vanderveer's are planning to head down on Friday and anchor up Friday and Saturday nights. The Mann's will arrive sometime late Friday or early Saturday. Club members are welcome to join us anytime, but we aren't planning any meals until Saturday night.

We will plan to have dinner on the island at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday night. Your gracious hosts will bring the club-purchased main fish course (likely a white fish of some kind) and if the Board-approved budget allows, we'll throw in some shrimp or other sea life. This will be a boiling-fat type of fish fry, but you're welcome to grill something if you feel the need, and you are also welcome to bring your own fish or seafood to fry up. The Club will furnish paper plates and utensils. Members should bring a side dish or dessert, drinks for their crew, and anything else deemed necessary for an island-based fish fry (e.g. chairs, camp lights, bug spray, underarm deodorant, etc.).

Sunday morning will be breakfast on your own, but let's plan to meet up on the island around 0900 hours for coffee, chatting and socialization, and any final cleanup from the night before. New on this cruise: I am going to furnish a prize for the member that manages to sleep in the latest on Sunday morning! It won't be me, I'm cursed by an inability to sleep past sunup, but my lovely wife could probably take the prize without too much effort! And I hear our Commodore could give her some serious competition!

So barring any late season hurricanes, we look forward to getting together with everyone for a weekend in October. Please don't hesitate to call Ron at 321-255-3854 if you have any questions or ideas or whatever.





## CRUISE QUARTERS Part I

### LABOR DAY CRUISE TO NOWHERE *By Dee Neve*

It was a blustery Labor Day weekend in 2005 when the ECSA traveled to the fourth island from nowhere. One vessel Sea Angel was loaded with enough food for a small flotilla in anticipation that they would come. And come they did in all sizes and shapes from the vessels - two and four-footed beings. A count of 26 vessels was heard at the height of activity with over sixty people on the island. One vessel in particular had her maiden voyage to an ECSA event, Sea Therapy a 22-foot Sea Pearl.

The festivities began Friday evening with the securing of the island. The island kitchen was set. A dinghy picket line was provided so those pesky but necessary craft would not wander. In the midst of all this activity several dinghies were not cooperating. The Triple ECSA towing service then went into service providing unlimited mileage towing to those in need for the remainder of the weekend. Chairs were set and drinks were poured. The kitchen then started to produce hamburgers and hot dogs for mass consumption. Then the kitchen broke! Oh no, how were we going to cook 80 pounds of ribs for the masses? A plan was devised to retrieve spare parts from land. All enjoyed a quiet evening of friendship.

Saturday brought more bluster to the weather report. Many sighs of regret (?) were heard from the breakfast crowd about their offshore sailing adventures while eating pancakes and sausage. Never left to flounder, the crowd entertained themselves and each other with stories, lies, and water activities. A windsurfer was provided for use along with various water guns and tubes. Some quietly sat and read or watched the insides of their eyes go by. Then the kitchen, bar, and pot luck began. Several members were ferried in to join the crowd. Remember those 80 pounds of ribs? About 50 pounds of ribs were consumed along with a barrel of Bahama Donna's. A minute of silence was observed for those affected by Hurricane Katrina. Then with the help of adult beverage, all heard a rousing rendition of Jabberwocky and Alice's Restaurant. Remember

you can get anything you want at Alice's Restaurant except Alice.

Sunday was a repeat of Saturday with clouds, wind and potential rain threatening the crowds and canceling ocean sailing plans. However, the water activities continued. Later in the afternoon a Caribbean dominoes lesson was provided. It really is easier to play with them face up. The kitchen then proceeded to cook the rest of the ribs and red beans and rice. The stories and adult beverages continued.

At approximately 0350 Monday morning all were awakened by a squall that could not be ignored. Covers, tarps, and anchors were secured. Many prayers were heard to "please not let my anchor drag". The majority were spared. Later that morning the last of the hearty crews gathered on the island to quickly remove gear and take down the kitchen. It appeared that our weather was running out and many had a long journey back to port. Good byes, hugs, and handshakes were exchanged. Promises to gather in the future were heard. The ECSA cruise to nowhere now had to be somewhere.

Yours host would like to thank all who helped to make this a most memorable cruise. All assistance provided from dinghy, cooking, to ferry service is greatly appreciated. The faces and names are many and you know who you are. In addition the names of the vessels in attendance are numerous, so as not to miss any and protect the names of the innocent they were not included. May the seas rise up to meet you and the wind be at your back.



- cookin' those ribs!



## CRUISE QUARTERS—Part II

### **CRUISE TO DIXIE CROSSROADS**

By Loretta Schnitzius

On Saturday, September 17, several of our members cruised to the Titusville Marina. In the morning, there was a fair wind but by 10:30, this had died down to a mere whisper, and motor-sailing was the way to go. A large group arrived by car at the restaurant later in the afternoon and by 5 p.m., we were seated for a delicious meal of rock shrimp, steak and other seafood of choice.

Joining us by boat were Joe and Karen Coleman on Alibi; Joanne and Don Theriault on Impulse; Aston Hough and guests, John Schnabel, Pat Yount and Dick Ruffe on Shadow; and Chris, Susan and Park Conrad on Cool Change.

Arriving by car were Joe, Wanda and Briana Luthman, Erwin and Gertrude Kissenberth, Warren and Nancy Abbott, Maurice Rieff and Edith, Jim and Donna Oyer, Clyde and Judi Crouch, Loretta and John Schnitzius, Steven and Susan Eklund, Kay, Barbara and Jacob Sparrow, Linda Dawson, Erik and Dominique Hass and Dania and Gregg Billman with their guests, Harry and Darlene Pawlack and Marlene and Jeff Abbott.

Thank you to those drivers who stopped by the marina to give some of the sailors a ride to the restaurant, and thanks to the Titusville Marina for the use of a dinghy dock and screened porch for Sunday morning breakfast. And a great big thank you to Heie and Ruth Simonsen, who arrived at the marina on Sunday morning with coffee, eggs casserole and delicious banana bread.

**Mark your calendars...**

### **PINEDAVILLE 2005**

is coming November 19th & 20th

The theme for this year's Pinedaville is:

### ***The Sixties (1960's)***

The festivities officially begin at noon on Saturday November 19th.

*Join us for:*

**CROWING of the NEW KING & QUEEN  
BEST COSTUME CONTEST**

**KURT'S KARAOKE**

**MULLET TOSS**

**DINGHY RACE**

**CONCH BLOWING**

**LIMBO**

**PASS THE FRUIT**

**GREAT PRIZES**

**DELICIOUS FOOD**

**BAHAMA DONNA'S**

**COME BY BOAT, CAR OR DINGHY!**

**SCOTT'S COVE**

*(East side of the Indian River  
just north of the Pineda Causeway)*

*The Schedule will be posted  
in the November FT&C and on our website:  
[www.ecsasail.com](http://www.ecsasail.com)*

### **Hospitality**

Volunteers to bring goodies for our  
October General Membership Meeting  
are:

? Donna Oyer

? Louise Worster



## Seven Seas Cruising Association Annual "GAM"

*By Brenda Merchberger*

Melbourne is privileged to be the site of one of SSCA's annual gatherings. For those of you that don't know about SSCA, this is the organization's opening statement on their website ([www.scca.org](http://www.scca.org)):

*"For as long as mankind has memory, many has been entranced by the sea. The need to know what lies beyond the next wave and over the far horizon is all pervasive. Ask any group about their fantasies and someone will tell you of a vision of tropical blue skies, balmy breezes, ever-gentle waves and sailing to exotic ports. Those who are living the dream, those who are planning for the day they can release all the ties to the workaday world to sail off to seek paradise and those who only dream of such adventure all join together in an organization called the Seven Seas Cruising Association."*

Due to SSCA's mission, ECSA members (many who are past or present SSCA'rs) greatly enjoy the event and participate in the seminars, vendor area, networking with other sailors, and the other activities.

ECSA's member tirelessly help out at this 3-day event each year. If you haven't volunteered at this event before, below is a summary of where your help would be greatly appreciated!

**Friday, Nov 11th    Eau Gallie Civic Center**

7 to 9 a.m.	Help Vendors Unload
8 to Noon	Pre-Registration
11:30 to 12:30	Subway lunch distribution
All Day	Volunteers needed to:
	- Man the Galley
	- Man the ECSA table
	- Set up AV equipment

**Sat. Nov 12th    Eau Gallie Civic Center**

6:30 a.m.    Flea Market Set Up

Same as above, but the vendors are already set up!

4:00 p.m.    Set-up/serve/clean-up at the BBQ at Wickham Park.

**Sun. Nov 13th**  
11:30 to 12:30

**Eau Gallie Civic Center**  
Subway lunch distribution

All Day

Volunteers needed to:  
- Man the Galley  
- Man the ECSA table  
- Set up AV equipment

There will be a sign-up list at the October general membership meeting. Please let me know your preference in helping and the days/time you are available.

If you plan to attend and/or volunteer at the event, you **must** pre-register to receive a registration discount by October 26th. SSCA is providing ECSA members a \$5 discount on our registration for our volunteer efforts. You may find a registration form on their website: **[www.scca.org](http://www.scca.org)**. Just note on the form you are an ECSA member and enter in \$10 as a registration fee. After Oct. 26th the registration fee is \$25 for all.

Thanks to everyone who has helped in the past and those willing to help again this year. Should you have any questions about the event or would like to volunteer and you won't be at the October general membership meeting to sign-up, *please* call me at: 321-779-0438.

Thanks again!  
*Brenda*

### Thoughts from your Commodore - cont'd..... *From page 2*

sense that you'll be helping to move the Club forward in the spirit of its long and successful past.

And finally, be sure to keep looking in the FT&C and on ECSASAIL.COM for the latest in upcoming events. We typically finish off the year with a flurry of activities before the Holiday Season bursts upon us and this year is no exception.

See you on the water  
Dave

## ECSA 2005 Race & Cruise Schedule

Date	Event	Contact
Oct 8	Fall River Race #2	Yates
Oct 15 -16	Cruise to Marker 21/Fish Fry	Mann/Vanderveer
Nov 11 - 13	Seven Seas Cruising Association GAM	Merchberger
Nov 12/Nov 13	Fall River Race #3/Women's Racing #5	Yates/Beckett
Nov 19	Double Handed Race	Yates
Nov 19 - 20	PINEDAVILLE	Oyer

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ECSA race schedule and race results



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