



## FROM THE HELM COMMODORE NAN WALKER

As Roelie, owner of Windward Sailing says, *"we are heading for warmer sailing days so slap on the sunblock, remember to hydrate, and get ready to chase some wind!"* I couldn't agree more and am I ready...

We have added some group sailing opportunities to the calendar with Windward Sailing. Each session is \$80 for 3 hours from 1-4pm and great for all to exercise our sea legs, freshen our skills and socialize with fellow sailors (April 13/few spots, May 11, 18, June 1, 15, 22, 29). *Discount if book multiple sessions.* Get a group together and book [ONLINE](#) with Windward.

We had a full and very valuable [Hands4Hearts](#) CPR and AED training session March 27<sup>th</sup> thanks to Jim Bollenbacher & team. I was presented with a keychain for helping them hit their 2001<sup>th</sup> training session! Nassau County MRC just created a public non-profit to support their mission if you want to donate, or for more free training sessions and education videos.

AISC is also a sponsor for the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Mary's River Clean Up on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Volunteer [Registration is OPEN](#) to clean up a site and includes access to the White Oak Conservation volunteer appreciation to follow. Let's show our appreciation for our boating 'playground' and lend a hand.

AISC is now a First Coast Sailing Association member, so you will have more access to other sailing/cruising/racing opportunities in our area. We are also hoping to have Race Committee training sessions as part of our monthly meetings and onboard during Club races. Stay tuned... and learn more in Norm's column.

We've added 4 more members to the Club so please welcome them aboard at our **next meeting, April 2 at KAC** or invite them out on the water. Lapsed members become inactive as of April 1. Remember, annual dues are \$75 starting 7/1 so bring your friends aboard now.

MEMBERSHIP TOTAL as of 3/27			
Active Members (Family Bundle)	61	Lapsed Members (Family Bundle)	18
New Members:	2		
Blodgett, John & Libby Drury	Maine PeaPot 'Nancy B'		
Inglis, Nick & Kathy	Persuiet 3400 'Riff Raff'		

Images from CPR Training at the Kraft Club...



Nan with Hand4Hearts Keychain



Jim Bollenbacher and class of eager students



## VICE COMMODORE BOB CANON

We had a fair turnout for our March meeting with great Irish themed food and deserts and an informative presentation on the latest procedures dealing with emergency response.

Upgrades to the Kraft Club are continuing in the back meeting room, and the pool table is back in place.

We held a productive leadership meeting where we discussed membership issues, down a bit from last year, and ways we can reach out to the public and local boaters. I must say that the motivation, talent, and depth of the current officers is very impressive. As Vice Commodore I'm going to have to step it up! We talked about the upcoming Shrimp Festival, some possible cruises, and the April St Mary's River cleanup.

As the History chair, I am including a Race report for the March 2005 race, known back then as the Green Bush Regatta and later as the O'Kanes Irish Pub Regatta who sponsored the race for several years. The trophy was displayed behind the bar until the Pub closed suddenly and all the fixtures including the trophy disappeared.

The Annual running of the O'Kanes Irish Pub Regatta was held on a crisp cool morning with steady but spotty winds swinging between N. and NE. With the tide ebbing at the start and flowing in at the finish, the race director had the rare opportunity to set the start and finish lines just off the downtown marina!

It was a tough start in light winds with *Nightflyer* first across followed closely by *Cheeseboat* and *Skimmer*. The winds picked up and moved NE as the boats ran to first mark which was all the by the end of the jetties! *Skimmer* was first around the mark by a good margin, *Valhalla*, who had wisely laid back at the start to avoid the light wind jam up, was around next followed by *Nightflyer* and *Baby Blooze*. The tide changed on the way back,

just as the race director had predicted, so he said, although the moon and the tide charts may have had something to do with it.

*Skimmer* was first across the finish line, skipped by current member Graeme Nichols but not in his currently owned boat with the same name, followed by *Nightflyer*, skipped by current member Steve Ritter but in not his currently owned boat with the same name, with *Valhalla*, *Cheeseboat* and *Baby Blooze* close behind.

Final standings after the PHRF adjustments; *Skimmer*, *Cheeseboat*, *Nightflyer*, *Baby Blooze*, *Mast Confusion*, and *Vested Virgin*.

Thanks go out to Scott and Lisa who skippered the **committee boat** ***Borrowed Time*** and furnished the start and finish horns with a small black powder cannon borrowed from the Pirates Club. It must have been a bit over packed because the resulting blasts were so loud, they it scared the beJesus out of the racers, the tourists, birds, and everyone in general from St. Mary's to Talbot Island!

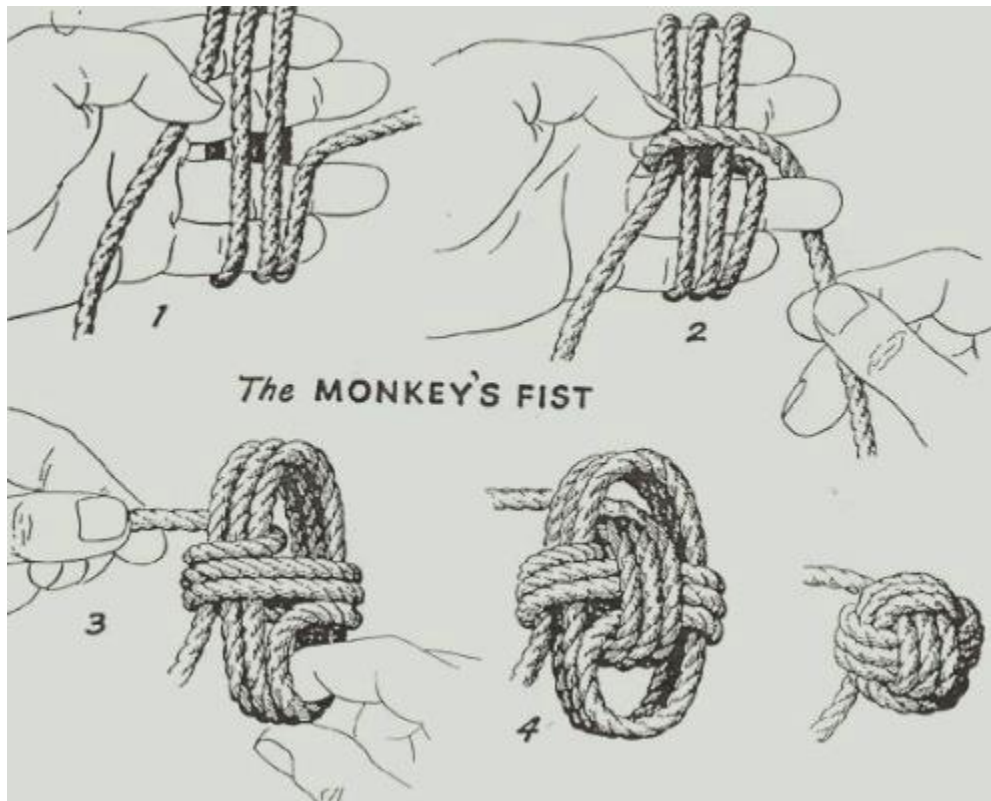


2005 Winners Steve and Leslie Ritter and their Ringer crew.



## REAR COMMODORE MICHAEL KIEHNE

Last year I placed a section about knots in the Scuttlebutt. Questions relating to knots are coming and going like the seasons.



The Monkey's fist we all know but questions always arise how to tie it. Pictures are great but animations elevate the explanation as we all know. A few weeks ago, I was hinted towards the web page below. With the started season a refresher might be helpful.

It's pretty cool - just take a look and there may be a friendly competition at the monthly meeting!

<https://www.animatedknots.com/boating-knots>



## Treasurer Fred Eichmann



### AISC TREASURER'S REPORT

March 24, 2024

Checking Account Beginning Balance	2/25/2024	\$ 6,762.68
Add: Deposits		463.00
Subtract: Expenses		(755.85)
Checking Account Ending Balance	3/24/2024	<u>\$ 6,469.83</u>

#### Income/Deposits

Member Dues	\$200.00
Burgee Sales (3 @ \$30)	90.00
Merchandise Sales (\$100 + \$5 Donation)	105.00
50/50 with Winner Donation + \$5 Donation	<u>68.00</u>
	\$463.00

#### Payments/Expenses

Merchant Bank Fees	\$24.84
Pavillion Rental	80.25
Oyster Roast Expense	238.99
KAC Rental	50.00
First Coast Sailing Association Dues	150.00
Holiday Party Band Deposit	200.00
Ice Bucket Trophy Tag	<u>11.77</u>
	\$755.85

Note: Total 50/50 Raffle proceeds in checking account - \$81.00 + \$68.00 = \$149.00

Because of our reduced membership renewals I have compared the current checking account balance of \$6,469.83 with last year's checking balance, as of 3/24/2023, which was \$7,765.61 or \$1,295.78 more than the current balance. The First Coast Sailing Association dues is a new expense and the Holiday Party Band Deposit has been paid much earlier than typical. Adding back these two recently written checks (\$350) the account balance is still down \$945.78.



AISC CLUB RACING  
NORM WENTWORTH



**Breaking News: AISC joins FCSA** - I attended the FCSA (First Coast Sailing Association) Board Meeting in early March and made a presentation about AISC, after which I was informed that we were welcomed as the 11th member club into the organization. While we still have to be listed on their [homepage](#) which has loads of information, race schedule links and resources, we are listed on their [Organizations](#) page. I will be the AISC Club Representative, and Wilby Whitt is the AISC PHRF Handicapper.

What is FCSA? - As noted in their by-laws, FCSA is non-profit sailing organization with area of jurisdiction of Northeast Florida including neighboring areas in Southeast Georgia, St. Augustine, Daytona Beach and New Smyrna Beach. FCSA is an area group under the United States Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (US PHRF), a subcommittee of the Offshore Racing Committee of the United States Sailing Association (US SAILING). The primary focus of FCSA is to: 1) Promote sailboat racing among member clubs; 2) Provide coordination of the member sailing clubs; and 3) Establish and maintain an equitable system of handicap ratings for yachts owned or chartered by members. The term "Coordination" shall include: 1. Establish the annual racing schedule with member clubs including one-design and cruiser racing schedules through collaboration among the member clubs. 2. Disseminate information for race schedules, changes, times, race results, club officers/contacts, local rules, and activities/information of interest to area sailors. 3. Provide race management techniques and racing rules instruction. 4. Organize annual interclub championship competition.

As we work on growing our own racing sailboat fleet, membership in FCSA provides high visibility into the various racing and other sailing activities amongst member clubs in Northeast Florida. For example, the upcoming Coastal Cup Race on May 18 is now posted in the racing schedule, and perhaps we can attract several other participants to that race. Our members can look at the numerous race and other sailing related adventures at the other member clubs, and they may desire to travel and participate in those events. The annual Saint Augustine Race Week is scheduled for April 06-13, with 31 boats currently registered, including "Morning Glory" and "Valkyrie"

from AISC for the three days of offshore races on April 11-13. We look forward to benefitting our club through this relationship.

**AISC 2024 Season Race #3** - The race on March 18th saw a marvelous turnout of nine boats, a submarine, and 31 sailors competing, including a several new Club members crewing for the first time. Russ Ridley provided the Race Committee boat and Tom Maguire shot quite a number of photos from the RC boat. The 10 nautical mile race started at 11am. The weather was beautiful, slightly overcast with breaks of sunshine and temperatures in the mid-70s. Winds from the South/Southwest were light and variable in the range of 5-10 knots with no gusts, and the tide was incoming for the whole event resulting in challenging currents impacting the race. The racing was nice and close for the first several legs and mark-roundings, after which the performance boats increased their leads over the cruising sailboats in the light winds and currents. Complete results and the newspaper article are available on the AISC website [2024 Racing](#) page, with pictures on the [Photos](#) page. Boats in finishing order with the helmsman and number on board are as follow:

1. "Tiger Tale" - Beneteau First 36.7 - Bill Kavanaugh - 6 sailors on board
2. "Misty" - Baltic 35 - Fred Eichmann - 5
3. "Miss Marsha" - Harbor 25 - Steve Boice - 3
4. "Fin" - J/40 - Graeme Nichol - 7
5. "Valkyrie" - J/105 - Rene Brand - 4
6. "Lola" - Alubat Ovni 365 - Jos Wolke - 3
7. "Salty Sally" - Hunter 336 - Gary Sanders -
8. "Morning Glory" - Catalina 355 - Norm Wentworth - 4
9. "Rebecca's Reach" - Catalina 27 - Tom MacArthur - 2

The 2024 Racing Season is in full swing with monthly opportunities to get out on the water with your sailboat or as crew on one of the racing sailboats or the Race Committee Boat. We are planning to have some Race Committee Boat training in the near future. Announcement of each upcoming race is sent via AISC email a couple of weeks before the race. The races and dates for the next several months are listed below. As a reminder, all boats should obtain or renew their PHRF Certificates for 2024 from FCSA. PHRF Applications can be downloaded from [sailjax.com](http://sailjax.com).

- Thurs, Fri, Sat, April 11-13 - SARW Ocean Races, registration required
- Saturday, Apr 27 - AISC 2024 Race #4
- Saturday, May 18 - Annual Coastal Cup Race from Amelia Island to St. Simons Island
- Saturday, Jun 15 - AISC 2024 Race #5

**Landside –**  
**Sandy Kurtius**



Our next potluck will be on Tuesday, April 2nd. I hope everyone enjoyed their Easter holiday. Spring is definitely in the air. Let's celebrate with a spring fling themed potluck. All things that make you think of spring are on the table. Or maybe a favorite Easter dish that you would like to share. Hope to see you all there.

Members with last name starting with A-L please bring sides and desserts.  
Members with last name starting with M-Z please bring mains.

Social starts at 6pm with dinner served at 6:30. Guest speakers will start at 7pm when applicable, and then meeting to follow. Remember you can start a bar tab, and then have a fellow KAC member check out at end. Bring cash for bar.



## **Quartermaster –**

Stan Jackson



This month Stan chatted with Darrell Shealy. Unfortunately, there were technical issues and only a small portion of the chat was recorded.

[https://ameliaislandsailingclub.wildapricot.org/resources/Documents/Scuttlebutt/2024/April%202024/Stan\\_Darrell\\_Shealy.m4a](https://ameliaislandsailingclub.wildapricot.org/resources/Documents/Scuttlebutt/2024/April%202024/Stan_Darrell_Shealy.m4a)

**SCUTTLEBUTT EDITOR  
TOM FLIEGER**



***What was the name of the committee boat used for the **2005 O'Kanes Irish Pub Regatta**? If you read this edition of Scuttlebutt you should know the answer. And if you know the answer you have a chance to win a prize at our next meeting!***

Comments/Suggestions?

Please email [tom.flieger@outlook.com](mailto:tom.flieger@outlook.com) or text me at 973-703-6877

*If you have seen something that you think would be of interest to the membership, please send it to me and I will see if it can be published in a future edition of Scuttlebutt.*



## Amelia Island Sailing Club Membership Application

*In order to ensure accurate, current information ALL members are requested to complete the application*

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ ; \_\_\_\_\_

Last, First

Last, First

Cell phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_ ; \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_ ; \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ ; \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Builder & Length: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ ft

Marina, berth, or storage location: \_\_\_\_\_

**What interests, experiences, qualifications or accomplishments would you share relative to sailing or boating?**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Which AISC activities do you have an interest? (check as many as you like)**

Cruising \_\_\_\_\_ Racing \_\_\_\_\_ Social Events \_\_\_\_\_ Boat Crew \_\_\_\_\_

**Which AISC activities would you like to learn about or volunteer?**

Cruising \_\_\_\_\_ Racing \_\_\_\_\_ Social Events \_\_\_\_\_ Boat Crew \_\_\_\_\_

Other Interests/Comments \_\_\_\_\_

Waiver: in consideration of the Amelia Island Sailing Club's (AISC) acceptance of my application for membership, I hereby waive, release, and discharge any and all claims against the AISC for damages, personal injuries, or property damage which subsequently accrue to me by reason of my participation in any activity (including without limitation, yacht races, cruises, and social events) sponsored by the AISC.

*NOTE: APPLICATION CANNOT PROCEED WITHOUT YOUR SIGNATURE(S)*

Signature(s): \_\_\_\_\_ ; \_\_\_\_\_

*Signature - date*

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*Please return this application and the \$100 annual membership fee to:*

*AISC Membership Committee*

*PO Box 16143*

*Fernandina Beach, FL 32035*