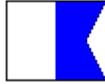


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Commodore – Tom Maguire

Fiddlin' around in March...

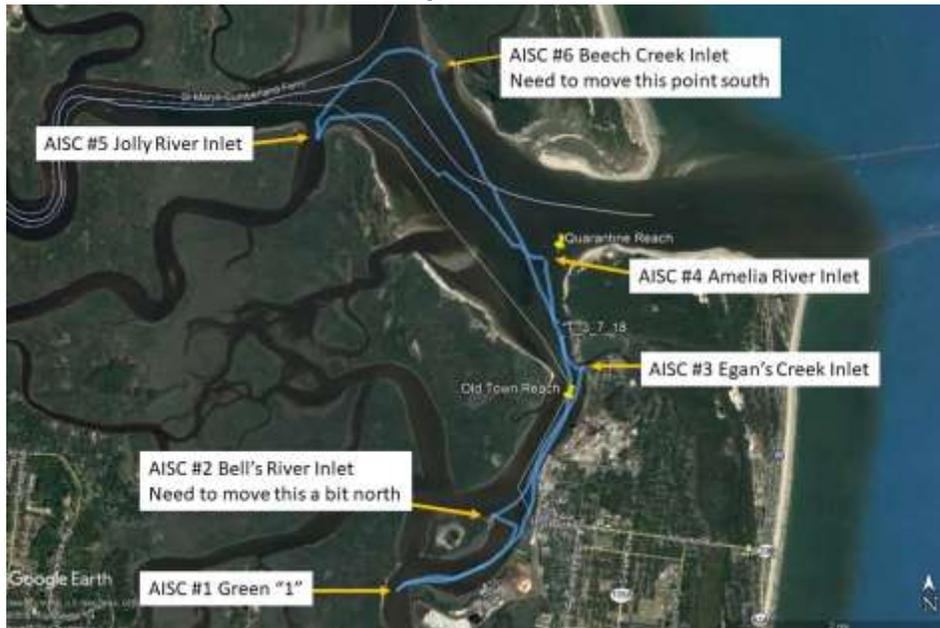
March was an interesting month. Our early St. Patrick's Day celebration at the March club meeting turned into a major happening with Amy and Dillon Basse providing some Irish fiddling and singing:



And there was a bit of clogging going on but none captured on video! We're going to try and make that an annual event.

The day after our meeting, the collection of water samples from our six sites in support of the St. Mary's Riverkeeper sampling program provided a great ride on the river. Even had a hat-overboard drill when the wind got hold of one of Charlie's favorite hats:

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Here's a video of the ride: https://youtu.be/_ls4B0mwSWI

The samples from our sites didn't show any signs of e-coli, but ones taken the same day in Egan's Creek by shoreline collectors apparently did. That was a bit disturbing to the analysis team since the cool winter weather was expected to delay those increases. So, the sampling program continues to collect some important data for documenting problem areas and, hopefully, leading to solutions. Still looking for more members to join us for the sampling trips on first Wednesday morning of each month. If we get more participants, we'll get more boats on the water.

And, later in that same week the first race of the season took place. Started out in dead calm waters - more about that in the race section of this Scuttlebutt - but here are some pictures of what turned out to be a great day on the water:



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We have some great plans for April including races, a wine and cheese night at the maritime museum on the 11th and a trip to Cumberland Island on the 21st. Hope many will join in!

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Vice Commodores – Craig & Toni Rowdon



Greetings from the land! It's Toni here this month and I must begin with a confession! As many of you know, I really don't like sailing but in the past 3 weeks I've driven to Key West not once but twice to ... you guessed it ... Sail! And honestly, I actually had FUN! While I'm not ready to live aboard or even sail from AI to KW... but I did tell the captain I would love to do it again!

All that being said, I really haven't learned much ... but I have mastered flushing the head, turning on the stove and how important it is to properly stow your wine glasses lest they break! Only broke TWO! LOL. I am looking forward to a Rowdon dock party soon!





Rear Commodore – Ed Spang



Please continue to explore our website. Ask questions and provide content.

Web Site Address: ameliaislandsailing.org.



Treasurer – Pat O’lear



Treasurer's Report					
Beginning Balance					\$4,332.39
Expenses					
	Landside	\$	60.00		
	Fiddling	\$	120.00		
	Oyster Roast	\$	219.74		
	Corporate Fee	\$	61.25		
Income					
	Memberships	\$	200.00		
Closing Balance		\$	4,071.40		
Paypal		\$	2,226.40		
Total Assets					\$6,297.80

Landside – Darlene Spang



The theme for April will be ‘Rolling into Spring’ with Casseroles.

Our March social was so much fun. The food was fantastic and the entertainment spectacular. It certainly was a lively night – thank you Tom for providing us with such wonderful entertainment.

We will continue to follow along with the way food was assigned last year. For this month:

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Ahlers through Mooney please bring a main dish.

Murphy through Zachary please bring a side or dessert.

If you bring a dish that needs serving utensils, please bring the utensils.

Here are a few examples of dishes for this month's theme, but remember that these are only examples:

Main dishes: Chicken Tetrizzini, Chicken and Rice, Lasagna, Baked Ziti, and any type of Seafood Casserole.

Side dishes: Green Bean Casserole, Broccoli Casserole, Corn Casserole, Mac and Cheese or any type of Potato or Vegetable variations.

Desserts: Pudding, Cobblers, or as always – Cakes, Cupcakes, Cookies, Brownies.

If anyone has any suggestions/recommendations for the 2018 socials, please either bring them up at the meeting or email them to me.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the April meeting.

Your Landside Team: Darlene Spang, Janet Maguire, Patty Mooney, Toni Rowdon, Jan Schuurman

Membership – Russ Ridley

2018 is going to be a great year for our club! We have approximately 100 people on our membership rolls. This number has remained steady over the last few years. We have a lot of fun activities planned for the year; so, encourage your friends to come join us.

An AISC Membership application is attached as the last page of the Scuttlebutt!

Publicity – Ray Mooney



As we reach the end of the first quarter of 2018, I thought I would provide some feedback on our PR efforts. In short, they have been mixed! My initial contact with the News Leader was very positive. I made some minor changes to the wording of our monthly meeting notice and changed the name of our contact person to Tom. It ran as corrected. GOOD! Later, we sent a small write-up and photos about our manatee trip, but it never ran. BAD! Next, during my absence traveling, Tom sent photos and a write-up about the Bell Trophy award ceremony and it ran in the paper. GOOD! When I

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returned home from my travels, I reviewed the previous eight issues of the News Leader and found that they had stopped running our monthly meeting notice. BAD! I sent an email to the editor inquiring about our sudden absence from the paper. The notice has run every issue since. GOOD!

So, where are we now? We sent photos and a write-up to the NL about the seasons first sailboat race. I received an email saying that it would run. GOOD! But as of the March 23rd issue, it still has not appeared. MAYBE BAD! On March 20th, I sent a new article about our wonderful St. Patrick's Day meeting with photos of our entertainers, Amy and Dillon Basse. I received an email saying it would run. TOO SOON TO KNOW!

So, what's next? I will wait a week or two and will send more photos and another small article about our last water testing day. We had a clear blue sky, strong winds, cold temperatures, and a successful outing on Charlie's pontoon boat. I expect our club will get some positive attention from the paper on this topic.

I will also contact the Fernandina Observer to see about coverage of our club. Not everyone is aware of the Fernandina Observer. It is a free, on-line source of local news just about every day of the week. Just google the name and register by providing your email address. Their news is usually more timely than the News Leader and doesn't cost anything.

If you attend a club event and take photos you would not mind seeing in the paper, please send them to me at coolbreeze380@hotmail.com. Thanks!



Race Committee

March 10th Race Summary



Had a slow, but great start to the 2018 AISC racing season on the 10th of March. Five boats "drifted" to the start line with almost no wind and a mirror-like water surface. But, that challenge was handled by all the competitors and within the first hour of what turned

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out to be a roughly four hour race the winds picked up and provided good sailing conditions.

In addition to the racing boats, John Lohr and Rick Brenner and crews were out on the water serving as committee boats providing great support and picture taking. Rick's boat served as the western end of the start line and John was positioned to get a good look at the boats as they rounded the first mark. After that first mark, the course essentially took the racers for three laps around a triangle:



As mentioned, the start conditions initially meant more drifting than sailing, but it wasn't too long before the winds piped up and gave us confidence that the racers could complete the planned three laps around the course before we lost daylight!



The results with adjustments for handicaps were as follows:

10 MARCH 2018 AISC RACE Results
11.88 NAUTICAL MILES; Start Time 10:00:00

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Boat	Captain	PHRF Handicap	Raw Finish Time	Adjusted Finish Time
Misty	Wilby Whitt	146	13:43:08	13:14:14
Wayward Wind	Larry Murphy	238	14:21:00	13:33:53
Darby	Ed Spang	198	14:17:35	13:38:23
Athore	Tom McKenna	235	14:36:55	13:50:23
Finn	Graeme Nichol	117	14:26:22	14:03:12

We met at the Galley later in the day to discuss the race as well as to improve history and develop the stories about the race. Next race currently planned for Saturday, 14 April. Hope more members will come out to join us with their boats (racing or not) or as crew on somebody else's boat in the race or aboard one of the committee boats. And, still looking for a Race Committee Chairman - great way to get involved and learn about sailboat racing even if you don't race – no experience necessary, you will get terrific support in planning and if I can figure out how to deal with those handicaps, anybody can! - Tom



Past Commodore – Charlie Hayes



Seems another month has passed...and I've been on the water only once: doing water sampling for St. Mary's River Keeper program. Winds were out of the North West blowing 15-20 as I backed my pontoon boat in the water Wednesday morning at Dee Dee Bartels North End Boat Ramp. Climbed on board, cranked her up.....no problems. Had a little help backing my truck in the last foot or so and I was off the trailer and moving. Noticed immediately that the chop was enough that the moment I let up on the gas, I was about to be tossed back onto the concrete ramp.....so a little "gunning her" was called for.

Well, got her backed up, came along side the dock, loaded my five (5) exploratory crew: Tom Maguire, Ray Mooney, Russ & Jan Ridley and of course...your's truly..... and off we went looking to go find "e-coli"! Being the sophisticated explorers that we are....we know the little buggers could be hiding in the water somewhere and it is our job to find out WHERE. Off to sites 1, 2, 3; sample bags are attached to the "UNIQUE" and one of a kind quality water-sampling DEVICE created by this author. Dipping was done, water was captured, spun around, sealed, labeled and locked into our storage container. No problems.....no sir'ee, not for this group.

NOW, we head off for sites 4, 5, 6.....winds out of the NW, waves 1-3....chop and spray for all. Great day to be on the water, provided you had wet gear. We slowly motored, beat into the winds, laughed and enjoyed being out when saner sorts watched from afar. But....our wives would never say we were sane sorts.

Site 6, off Cumberland Island at the St Mary's mouth winding back to Dungeness was our last pickup spot. Not sure if we captured any of those "e-coli" dudes, but we know we gave it our best dip, spin and capture routine.

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Seems like last month.....we caught some....Egan's Creek. And before that, at Site 2, the transient docking area.... AND this was when the water was cold and we should not have found anything. Stay tuned for more!!!

Your Explorers are out and about. Escherichia coli.....be worried!!

Scuttlebutt Editor – John Lohr

For comments and/or suggestions contact:
John Lohr, Scuttlebutt Editor and "Commodore-retired"
johnlohr@comcast.net or 303-229-7692



Cumberland Island Flotilla and Picnic – Saturday April 21, 2018

A Flotilla of AISC member boats will rendezvous at Cumberland Island (Dungeness) - Estimated arrival about 9:30-9:45 AM, Saturday, April 21.

Logistics

The Dungeness dock is currently out of service due to Irma hurricane damage; so, we will be landing via Charlie Hayes' pontoon boat. Remember the old films of the D-day Landing with troops splashing ashore. That is what we have in mind minus the splashing and shooting. We are likely to get our feet wet, but plan for that.

Right now my list of RSVP's is 22 persons with boat space for up to 38 persons:

RSVP "Yes"	Head Count	Boat Capacity	Port of Departure
Debbie & Tom Durel	2	0	
Amy & Jim Lohr	2	0	
Cheri & Terry Vander Biezen	2	0	
Pam & Charlie Hayes	2	8	Deedee Bartels
Joann Perkins & Rick Brenner	2	6	Deedee Bartels
Eileen & Larry Murphy	2	2	Tiger Point
Joan & John Lohr	2	6	Yacht Basin
Kay & Tom McKenna	2	2	Tiger Point
Toni & Craig Rowdon	2	6	???
Janey & Tom Maguire	2	4	Tiger Point
Darlene & Ed Spang	2	4	Tiger Point
Current Total	22	38	

There appears to be space for all those who have an interest to go.

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Tide on April 21: LO @ 8:05 am; so, our visit will be on a rising tide. Anchored boats will drift to the North - should be no appreciable swing while at anchor; mid-tide current is typically swift in that area (lots of scope on anchor)

Monitor Channel 71 for AISC boat to boat communications

Park Ranger 912-882-4336, ext254

All AISC boat owners should bring their boats

We need boat owners who have space on their boat for guests to let me know

We will try to provide passage to fellow AISC members who do not own boats

Departure location and time to Cumberland will be at the discretion of each skipper

Target arrival at Cumberland Island @ Dungeness dock will be 9:30-9:45 am

Cumberland Island is a National Seashore (National Park). A \$7 admission/use fee is charged. If you have a National Park Pass, please bring it. Each pass typically allows up to 4 people admission to the park.

Sightseeing on Cumberland Island

- We will try to arrange for a Park Ranger to conduct a tour of Carnegie's Dungeness mansion @ 10:15 AM at the Dungeness gateway
- Or, there is also the opportunity to take a walk through the maritime forest over to the Cumberland island beach

Picnic Lunch on Cumberland Island

- 11:30 to 1 pm picnic and social time
- AISC to furnish the entrée (likely sandwiches), paper and plastic
- Members should bring their own beverages and a dish to share (side or dessert)

Don't forget

- All should bring hat, sun glasses, sun screen, good walking shoes, and insect repellent We will land as high as possible on the beach; however, expect to get your feet wet.
- We will be beaching a boat on the beach; might want to have water shoes, flip flops, or scuba booties to wear ashore.
- Windbreaker or rain jacket would be a good idea
- All should bring a National Park Pass or \$7 per person for admission (small bills)
- Your own beverages and a dessert or side dish to share

Departure from Cumberland Island returning to Amelia Island estimated at 1 to 1:30 pm

RSVP: John Lohr - johnlohr@comcast.net; 303-229-7692 – Deadline is Wed April 18 @ 6 pm.

Bringing your boat Y/N

How many guests can you handle 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 (life jackets needed for all)

Do you need passage to and from Cumberland Y/N

Departure time and location (boat owners)

Email address and Mobile phone - ALL

Names of pre-arranged guests on your boat if any

Calendar of Events

March

AISC Meeting: Tuesday, April 3; At Kraft 10 Acres; Social hour at 6:30 followed by our potluck dinner and meeting. See you there!

Sailing Race: Saturday, April 14 Details TBD ; All of you powerboaters are invited to get your boats in the water and cheer for your favorite team of intrepid sailors. Let's all find a place for a celebration after the race!!! Details TBD

Cumberland Island Flotilla & Picnic: Saturday, April 21. See April "Scuttlebutt Editor" article for details and RSVP

Membership Application &

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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

Signature - date

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

AISC Membership Committee

PO Box 16143

Fernandina Beach, FL 32035