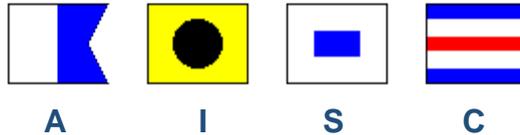


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FROM THE HELM



Commodore – Tom Maguire



Happy St. Patrick's Day! Hope you are planning to attend our meeting on March 6th for an early St. Patrick's Day celebration. Probably won't have green beer, but we are planning to have some Irish fiddling from local entertainer Amy Nixon who has agreed to join us prior to getting underway for what is her "most favorite" time of year due to her interesting gigs all month.



Janet and I just got back from our first visit to Aruba. What a place! And, interesting sailing conditions provided by the near constant 20 – 25 knots out of the east due to the trade winds. We had an opportunity to ride on one of the schooners out each night for a sunset cruise. There a lot of strings to pull on that boat but with those winds they typically only fly the

jib and mizzen sails.

On February 2nd we did our first St. Mary's River sampling in support of the riverkeeper, Rick Frey. This time of year, no e-coli is expected to be found in the samples and we wondered whether our sampling sites which are in the middle of the river will have measurable levels of this contaminant. Turns out one of our samples from the 2nd was



the only one to have any measurable amounts out of all the samples taken that day. Level was barely detectable and way below any level to be concerned about, but it did show that our sampling technique and locations can provide some data. We'll be out there the first Wednesday of each month so there will be plenty of opportunity for getting out on the water. Here's a look at your AISc sampling team at

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work - well, I'm not sure if Charlie is checking the GPS or taking a nap!

The oyster roast on the 24th was a success! Lots of good oysters, incredible side dishes and a great day outside – the weather couldn't have been better. Thanks to Ed for the heavy lifting (150 pounds of oysters!).



Race planned for the 10th – hope we can find a place to get together afterwards to discuss results. What a weekend – boats on the water and cars at the Concourse!



Vice Commodore – Craig & Toni Rowdon



This writeup is from Craig, the “sailing” half of your Vice Commodore team. The “party” half of the team (Toni) remains there to support you. I'm currently writing this anchored in Blackwater Sound off of Key Largo waiting for these stiff Easterly winds to die a bit as I make my way to the Dry Tortuga's. Who knew that the ICW is impassable south of Key Largo if there is a N, NE, or E, wind blowing for days? My Active Captain App “inferred” there were some shallows here, but no one came right out and said - 5” 6” draft need not apply. You can't make Key West on the inside any more unless they dredge (not likely). Lesson learned - Hawk Channel is the only way to go. Backtracking to Anglefish Creek and doing the Hawk tomorrow.

Toni has been gracious enough to give me a two month kitchen pass to check off one of my childhood bucket items - sailing to Dry Tortuga. She will join me for parts of the trip but overall I'm guessing she is there keeping the party going. Back in High School my parents lived on Merritt Island FL, and I helped an old couple in their sailboat off a sandbar in the ICW with my dad's power boat. I remember asking them where they were going and can clearly remember the old guy yelling - “the Dry Tortugas.” I had to pull out the Encyclopedia Britannica that afternoon to even know where it was - and I've wanted to sail there ever since.

This trip is a stark reminder of the blessings of our age. For those who long for the good old days, well these may well be them. I've had 100% cell coverage (giving weather, communication, and peace of mind), had wifi at my Key Biscayne and Key Largo stops (yeh, I watched a NETFLIX movie or two). Thus far on the trip I've had two mechanical issues (both were suspected before I departed, but I was too stupid/lazy/cheap to run them to ground). “Hope” was my strategy - bad plan. I smoked

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an alternator just north of Merritt Island (next day delivery had me on my way in two days) and my autohelm finally ate the belt I should have replaced when she first slipped on my trip to Maine three years ago. I found the belt at a West Marine on Kent Island MD and they have forwarded it to the Key West store. It beat me there. Lessons learned - hope is not a strategy - take action.

For the club - I'm all in for trying to get those who want to get back on the water, back on the water. My wife can throw a great party on land but I can certainly sail my beautiful Corbin 39 in our home waters to help bring the joy of it all back to those that seek it. Just enjoying the peace and beauty that God surrounds us with is often lost in our land bound existence. Let's pull this "drinking club with a sailing problem" together and get out there on the water when possible. PS - I'm a strict teetotaler when off the dock/anchor.

Standing by to work some ideas with Club leadership upon my return regarding some scheduled day trips, short overnights, and three/five day outings. Might be looking for crew from Key West - home in late March. Until then - Grace and Peace to you.

Picture of my Grace *below...*





Rear Commodore – Ed Spang



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

Web Site Address: ameliaislandsailing.org.



Treasurer – Pat O'lear



The treasure's report will be delivered at our March Meeting,

Landside – Darlene Spang



The theme for March will be Irish for St. Patrick's Day.

Our February 'Farewell to Winter' social was nothing short of amazing. Choosing which dish to try was a challenge and everything I had was delicious. Thank you all for your hard work.

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

- **Ahlers through Mooney** please bring a side or dessert.
- **Murphy through Zachary** please bring a main dish.
- 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: corned beef, meat shepherd's pie, Irish stew
- Side dishes: any potato dish, broccoli or stuffed cabbage, Irish soda bread, any green dish in your recipe box
- Desserts: cakes, cupcakes or cookies with green frosting

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

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I look forward to seeing everyone at the March 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



First, I would to thank Commodore Tom for sending an article to the News Leader for me. Patty and I have been traveling for most of February and missed the last monthly meeting. It seems that most of our travel revolves around being on or near the water. This time we are on the Sapphire Princess visiting ports in Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, and Vietnam. My last time spent in this part of the world occurred in 1972, courtesy of the US Air Force. The Vietnamese locals are decidedly more friendly this trip. See you all at the March meeting.



Race Committee – TBD

March 10 race, Details TBD





Past Commodore – Charlie Hayes



Spring.... Rejuvenation

New Year, New Management, Out with the Old, in with the.....which “reminds me” Short Song by Tom Rush... <https://1funny.com/the-remember-song/>

If you remembered to come back, continue reading. For those of us who are participating in The St. Mary’s RiverKeeper Program, February water samples were obtained, delivered and should have been analyzed. I have not seen the results yet. As the year goes on, and as results accrue, hopefully we will learn that our back door playground is in better shape than we think. But until then.....we sample.

Haven’t heard any more about building wire cages to drop in the mud to create new homes for the “to be” oysters. I’ve offered my pontoon boat because could turn into a messy job and I can wash my boat without causing much of a problem.

Every 1st Tuesday evening....we have our meeting....the following day WEDNESDAY ...water sample collection. If you want to go out for the ride....speak up, show up. Bring your own Life Jacket, Water, SUNSCREEN, hat, sunglasses etc. Captain might have extra’s, but if you are going out.... Come prepared. Thanks

Scuttlebutt Editor – John Lohr

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Johnlohr@comcast.net or 303-229-7692



Thank you for the Oyster Roast! Many thanks to our AISC officers (Commodore, Vice, Rear, and Landside) for a great event on Sat 2/24. If you want to know how to do an oyster roast, contact Ed Spang. He is now the AISC expert on oyster roasts. Thank you Ed.

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Cumberland Island Picnic

Saturday, April 21, 2018

Flotilla of AISC member boats will rendezvous at Cumberland Island
(Dungeness or Sea Camp Docks TBD)

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 will be at the discretion of each skipper

Target arrival at Cumberland Island dock will be 9:30 am

Cumberland Island is a National Seashore (National Park) and 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

Estimated 10 to 11:30 am

There is also the opportunity to take a walk through the maritime forest or over to the Cumberland Is beach

Picnic Lunch on Cumberland Island

11:30 to 1 pm picnic and social time

AISC to furnish the entree

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

Windbreaker or rain jacket would be a good idea

All should bring a National Park Pass or \$ for admission (small bills)

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

RSVP: John Lohr - johnlohr@comcast.net; 303-229-7692

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, March 6; At Kraft 10 Acres; Social hour at 6:30 followed by our potluck dinner and meeting. Amy Nixon will be entertaining us with Irish music during our social time. See you there!

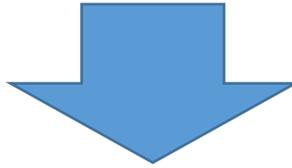
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Sailing Race: Saturday, March 10th; All of you powerboaters are invited get your boats in the water and cheer for your favorite team of intrepid sailors. Let's all find a place for a celebration after the race!!! Details TBD

Cumberland Island Picnic: Saturday, April 21. See March "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