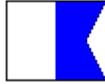


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## FROM THE HELM



### Commodore – Tom Maguire

#### **Pelicans on the deck, subs in the water!**

At our last meeting the St. John's Riverkeeper, Lisa Rinaman, helped put some interesting perspective on the issues regarding dredging and other potential threats to the St. John's River and surrounding areas. As usual, there seems to be ways to accomplish the goals without damage, just a matter of money and time. Let's hope there can be a compromise that is satisfactory to all. Thanks to Ray Mooney for getting a piece about Lisa's talk in the News Leader.

The day after the meeting, a group of us went out on our monthly sampling run. For the first time we were lucky to have two boats involved and split the sampling sites, thanks to Rick Brenner and Glen Stettler. We now have seven sites to sample each month and we continue to discuss how this effort can be enhanced to obtain data that will be most useful. Afterwards, we all joined together to make sure we were all hydrated after such an arduous task (NOT!).

The group handling the northern sites, aboard Rick's boat, also took the time to explore Beach Creek while those of us on Glen's boat sampling at the southern sites hosted some interesting hitchhikers:



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We'll be out again on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, the day after the May meeting, so we'd welcome any members that would like join us.

A few days after the sampling run, Janet and I were sailing and noticed two ships heading west in the channel between the jetties escorting an important customer to Kings Bay:



<https://sway.com/n3HD36VFrUgIRPs1?ref=Link>

Its always a great experience to be out there when these boats arrive or depart and this time we weren't even chased by the Coast Guard!

We had a pretty good turnout on the 11th for the night at the Maritime Museum and Distillery on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Saw an interesting canon recovered by the crew from the Polly-L. It apparently was from a ship that was part of the 1715 Silver Plate Fleet. Although the ship that the canon was mounted on has never been found, ten canons have been recovered. Nine went to the state of Florida and one will reside here at the Amelia Island Maritime Museum.

We also managed to find some time for tasting some of the new products of the Marlin and Barrel Distillery next door to the museum:



And, on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> of April, the second AISC race of 2018 was held. Tough (and interesting) run for the four participants in the race. Pretty gusty wind and strong current at the start presented challenges and also made sure everybody had their rail in the water for a bit:



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Unfortunately, after some extensive planning by John Lohr, our cruise to Cumberland Island was postponed due to some very significant winds accompanying a cold front

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making for some rough conditions across the St. Mary's River. But, Toni and Craig Rowdon came to the rescue and hosted a great mid-day dock party for us. Many thanks to John for the planning efforts that we hope to use in the future and to Toni and Craig for saving the day!

Hope you'll be joining us for the May meeting where we will be hearing about some of the nesting shore birds that we may see as we sail in the sound. Also looking forward to the FL-GA race on the 12<sup>th</sup> of May. We're planning a get together at the Galley Restaurant after the skipper's meeting with the crews from St. Simon's. Then for Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, hope you'll consider joining a race crew or some of the folks that will be driving to St. Simon's to meet us for an after race get together at Brunswick Landing Marina. Should be a great event – last year our racers took first place in both spinnaker and non-spinnaker classes.

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### **Vice Commodores – Craig & Toni Rowdon**



Well, as most of you know, I'm back from the Dry Tortugas. It was a wonderful trip and one to be remembered. I'm pleased to say it will also be repeated because Toni loved her visits to Boca Chica. She was a real trooper when I again underestimated the weatherman's ability to underestimate the predicted wind conditions. Good news is, Grace is a high freeboard, canoe stern, monster that loved the run back to Boca Chica.

I managed to get all the way back from Key West before my kitchen pass was revoked, and I only burned nineteen gallons "rushing" back so for the most part I could not have had better winds on the way back or better weather the entire trip (rained on only four times or so). It was seven great weeks (or six weeks and six days as Toni will certainly remind me) and with the exception of the two things I should have fixed before I left (auto-pilot pulley and questionable alternator), the boat was flawless. So, my bucket list trip is completed. What next? If I went to Bar Harbor for five weeks and five days, then this trip at six weeks and six days, guess that puts me in line for an eight week trip next time - I'm taking suggestions!

During my trip, the big winds from the East never let up and the ICW South of Key Largo could not be made in anything that drew more than about 4 1/2 feet. Note to self - you may not always end up where you were headed, but God has an amazing planet for you to explore while you bumble through life. You just have to get out there and do it. Just shows that, on occasion backtracking can put you in a better place. The Hawk Channel was an amazingly nice sail once I backtracked from Key Largo to get outside. Thanks for all Facebook support I got - I should have posted more.

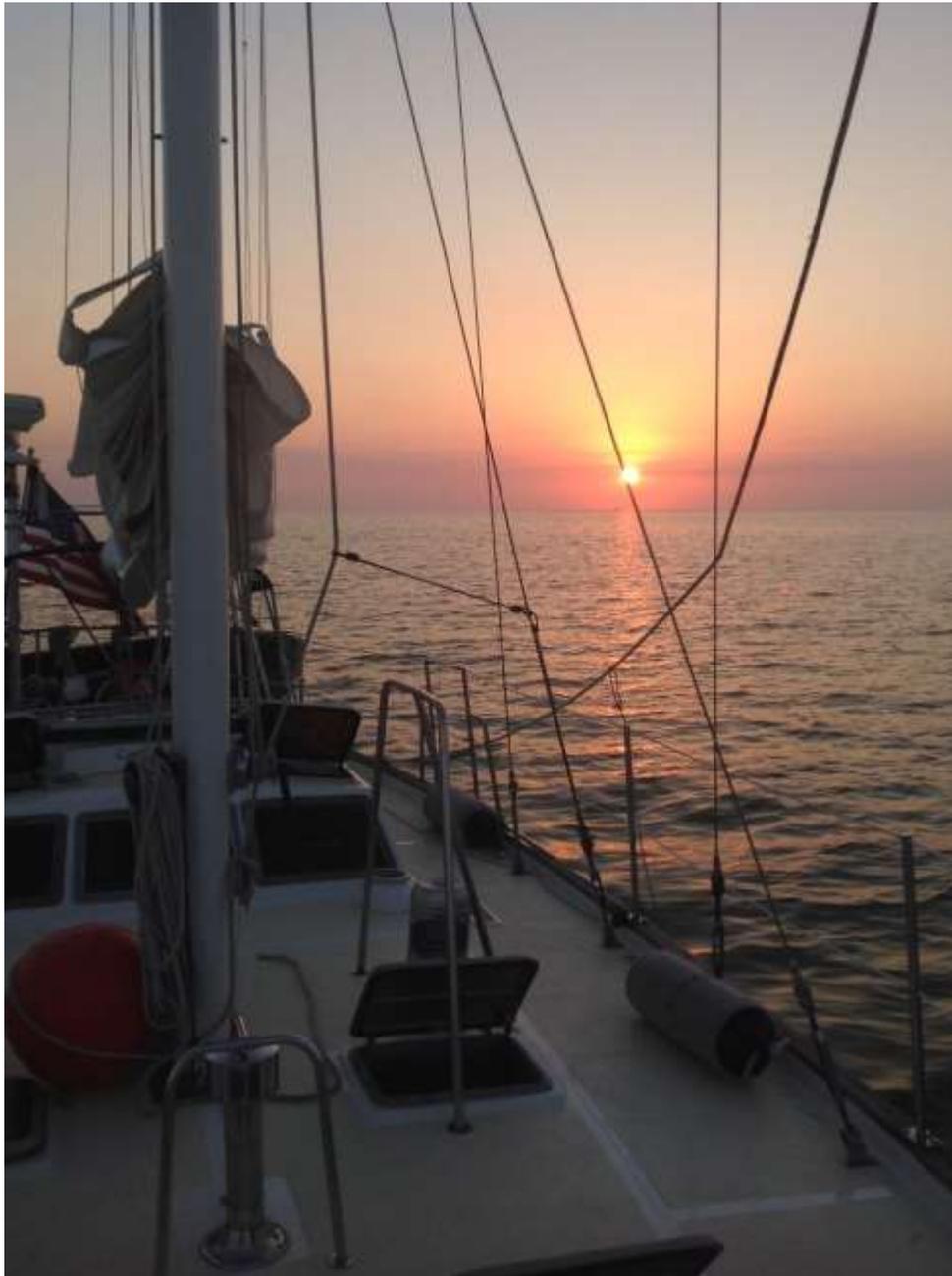
Sorry the trip to Cumberland was scrubbed but it was wonderful having everyone over to our place for an "opening the season" dock party. Like I said two months ago, Toni can throw a great party and do it with about a "three hour notice". I, however, would be a boat recluse if God hadn't seen fit to put her in my life. Much like us being "Co-Vice Commodores" - it is the team that makes us whole. Just as in our marriage, if we were both the same, one of us would be unnecessary.

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I'm in for trying to pull boats together on short notice and pulling off the Cumberland trip if we get what looks like a good weather window. I need a "days notice" to bring the boat over (If Toni keeps us in town) but otherwise flexibility is the key to having a fun day.

I'm also in for pulling off some (short notice) scheduled day trips, quick overnights, and three/five-day outings if anyone is interested. With the amount of "connectivity" we have these days I'm open for ideas to make thing happens.

Below is a picture of my favorite Key West Sunset...





## Rear Commodore – Ed Spang



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

Web Site Address: [ameliaislandsailing.org](http://ameliaislandsailing.org).



## Treasurer – Pat O’lear



<b>Beginning Balance</b>	\$4,071.40	Checking
<b>Income</b>	\$ 500.00	Membership
	\$ 55.00	Merchandise
	\$1,000.00	Paypal Transfer
<b>Expenses</b>	\$ 120.00	Landside
	\$ 80.00	Rent
<b>Closing Balance</b>	\$5,426.40	Checking
	\$1,226.00	Paypal
<b>Total Assets</b>	\$6,652.40	

## Landside - Darlene Spang



The theme for our May meeting will be Mexican to celebrate ‘Cinco de Mayo’.

Thank you to everyone for the fantastic casseroles you brought to our April social. As usual, everything was delicious. We will continue to follow along with the way food was assigned last year. For this month:

- Ahlers through Mooney please bring a side dish 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:

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- Main dishes: Enchiladas, Mexican Lasagna, Quesadillas, Burrito Pie
- Side dishes: Spanish Rice, Refried or Black Beans, Mexican Slaw, Guacamole & Chips
- Desserts: Mexican Wedding Cookies, Apple Enchiladas, Margarita Cake

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 May meeting.

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

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## **Christmas/Hanukkah/Winter Solstice/Kwanzaa/Holiday Party**

**Party Committee:** Janet Maguire, Patty Mooney, Darlene Spang



This year's party committee would like to thank Leslie for her hard work and effort for our party last year. It was a great party and I know everyone enjoyed the evening. Our 2018 party will be December 7<sup>th</sup> with location TBD. The committee is looking into alternate venues for the party this year. The past several years the party has been held at the FB Golf Club and that is one venue under consideration. If anyone has any suggestions/recommendations, please either bring them up at the meeting or email a committee member.

As mentioned at the March meeting, the committee has decided on the Macy's for this year's entertainment/dancing. They are among the top musician/band groups in the area.

Updates will be passed along as more details are finalized. As always, suggestions/recommendations are welcome.

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## **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!***

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## **Publicity – Ray Mooney**



"By now, I am sure most of you have seen the news surrounding Mark Zuckerberg, Facebook, and what can happen to the information you post. I also know that many club members probably are not signed up for Facebook. I get it! I originally joined Facebook in 2004 and used it to catch up with some relatives and high school friends. But then, by accident, my account got deleted. I did not bother to rejoin until just a few years ago and, quite frankly, did not miss it. But Patty convinced me it was a great way to keep up with extended family, distant friends, and businesses and organizations that I was interested in.

So, why bring this up? Did you know that our club has its own Facebook page? Graeme set it up a few years ago and I have recently been updating the information on the site. We currently have about 70 AISC paid club members for 2018, but only 26 members have joined the Facebook page. Our site has lots of photos, a list of the members who have joined, some documents like past Scuttlebutts, and so on. If you are a Facebook user already, just type in Amelia Island Sailing Club in the search box and our page should come up for you to review. If you like what you see and want to see more, hit the JOIN button. If you are not currently a Facebook user, it is free and very easy to set up your account. My only word of advice is, be careful what you post because you have to assume that anybody can see and read it."

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](mailto:coolbreeze380@hotmail.com). Thanks!

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### **Race Committee**

#### **April 14<sup>th</sup> Race Summary**



We had a great day on Saturday, the 14<sup>th</sup> with four boats racing and two committee boats out on the water for the second race of 2018. The day presented some gusty winds making for interesting sailing conditions over the approximately two hours that the participants took to complete the course.

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The 10 mile race course took the boats around several markers in the St. Mary's River.

At one time or another during the race, all boats had their rail in the water with the choppy seas adding to some very interesting sights. Here's Misty dealing with the conditions during the race.



The final results after adjusting for handicaps had Sea Esta, skippered by Glen Stettler winning the event:

**14 APRIL 2018 AISC RACE Results**

**10 NAUTICAL MILES**

**Start Time 13:00:00**

**Raw Finish**

	PHRF Rating	Time			Adjusted Finish Time
		hr	min	sec	
Misty	146	14	59	55	14:35:35
Sea Esta	226	15	10	17	14:32:37
Darby	250	15	17	20	14:35:40
Wayward Wind	238	15	24	25	14:44:45

Later that afternoon we had an after-race meeting at the American Legion to swap the wild stories and discuss the results. Thanks to Pat O'Lear for providing access to that facility which is a great place to meet.

Next month is the FI-GA race, aka the Coastal Cup hosted by the Golden Isles Sailing Club from St. Simon's. Their participants will be here Friday night, May 11<sup>th</sup> and we're planning to have a skipper's meeting at the Galley followed by a get together and we hope many of you will join us. Then the race will end in St. Simon's Saturday evening with our boats staying at the Brunswick Landing Marina where the after race awards ceremony will occur.

Several non-racing members will be driving to St. Simon's to join in during and after the awards ceremony. Some will be staying in Brunswick – more details on that at the May club meeting.



**Past Commodore – Charlie Hayes**



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**Scuttlebutt Editor – John Lohr**

For comments and/or suggestions contact:  
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***Special thanks to Toni and Craig Rowdon*** for providing a wonderful venue to replace our cancelled Cumberland trip. Thank you both for your hospitality and generosity in opening your home to the AISC members on such short notice. It was a very nice party. Thanks!

I am sorry that we were not able to have the Cumberland Flotilla and Picnic. Safety and weather will always be critical criteria for any AISC event. We now have a basic plan ready for the next opportunity. Thank you all for your interest and cooperation,

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**Calendar of Events**

**May**

**AISC Meeting:** Tuesday, May 1; At Kraft 10 Acres; Social hour at 6:30 followed by our potluck dinner and meeting. See you there!

**Sailing Race:** TBD

**Monday Nights at the Sandbar...** Several members have been enjoying Monday nights at the SandBar Kitchen and Restaurant at Main Beach when the local band The Macy's are performing. They start at 5 during Happy Hour and are currently playing inside, but will soon start playing outside. Either location is great, so consider joining us for a Happy Hour cocktail and/or dinner.

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**Membership Application**

**BELOW**

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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*

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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***