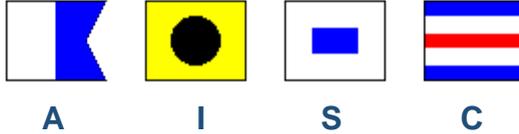


SCUTTLEBUTT



FROM THE HELM



Commodore – Tom Maguire

Post Labor Day Blues!

Well, when it meant back to school for us, it was time to sing the blues, but here on Amelia Island sure looking forward to more “Island Time”! Still, it does seem like the end of summer mentally even with 90 degree days still ahead of us.

We had an interesting end of summer in August – great meeting/social in August welcoming several new members, a challenging race:



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and a terrific ride down the Ichetucknee on blow-up tubes, just like a bunch of kids:



We've posted images from both and embedded a video on the website. I hope all of you are familiar with getting on the website, but here's the link, and to see the photos and videos you don't even have to sign on, just select the photos page on the menu bar:

<https://ameliaislandsailingclub.wildapricot.org/>

To view the video, just click on the arrow in the center of the image.

I'm sure we'll be trying to do the tubing again next year, but if you can't wait its still a great time to go to the State Park and ride down the river.

Time to do river sampling again the day after our meeting and hoping for another club race on Saturday, 29 September. After that we'll be gearing up for a dock party in October and the Coastal Challenge Race with boats from the Golden Island Sailing Club – I think of that more as a cruise than a race! We're still working on getting that cruise committee back in shape. More stuff to come, we'll try to keep the website calendar up to date but stay alert for emails.



Vice Commodores – Craig & Toni Rowdon



This is from Craig, the “sailing” half of your Vice Commodore team. The “party” half of the team (Toni) continues her record of making this all about being a fun time for all. Thanks to Darlene and the entire Landside team for making this such a fun experience to be part of here on our beautiful little island.

We had a fantastic time with the recent race and follow-up fun time at the Sand Bar. Another successful race with nothing broken (at least on my boat) and once again the

fiberglass guys remain unemployed. "Nobody gets hurt" - that was our motto in Air Force exercises and I'm happy to start each race with that foundational principle. My compliments to Ellen for her outstanding helm skills and keeping Grace on a straight course all day long. Pretty amazing to put three people that had never sailed together on crew and make such a great day of it. Tom has done a great job of hooking crew up with boats on race day and I really appreciate his hard work as the race coordinator.

Here are a couple of sailing "lessons-learned" that apply to the weekend. The current that is generated in our little river continues to amaze me. Make no mistake, that current, coupled with a counter wind, can be a challenge for just about any vessel our size class (25-40 ft). Do not take these waters for granted. Wind and counter current, will always make waves bigger. When heading in or out of the St Mary's inlet, in such a condition, expect to have a mile of really ugly water from about half way out of the jetty to a good mile or more past it. Make an effort to get out of the current flow but NEVER try to cut the corners on these jetties. In most conditions they are awash. You should know where the rocks are just under the surface nearly out to Red 16/Green 17. On the same note, the North end of Cumberland Island, St Andrew Sound, can be one ugly little beast even in the Inter-coastal waterway. Coming from the sea, this inlet is much, much, more dangerous than coming in at St Mary's entrance (Ft Clinch) or St Simon's Sound (on the north end of Jekyll Island). Do not attempt to cross St Andrew Sound on the ICW with a stiff NE wind and any outgoing tide, unless you are in a forty footer or larger and feel like taking a beating. The depths and channel markers in St Andrew Sound are questionable after any storm or prolonged NE wind conditions so local knowledge and great care is needed.



Boating lesson 201 for you above. The photos show mooring balls that a prudent sailor will never take. Barnacles and any rust are a "never take" condition for me. Almost every ball off of Fernandina is currently in this shape. An inch of barnacles or more will sand one ugly hole in the side of your gel coat if you tie off, and the wind goes counter tide. That condition will push you up on the ball, roll the ball on its side and proceed to put a basketball size scare on your fiberglass hull. I understand the city marina has a plan to pull the entire mooring field and start over in October. Just sorry they let these moorings go so far downhill as the city council fights over what to do about the marina repairs that have been needed for two years now. No doubt in my mind the city has lost hundreds (if not thousands) of cruising boats from stopping at our little town, because there is no place (or very little) to take a mooring, dock, or refuel. Can't wait to see the results the long-fought refurbishment plans.

Until next time - see ya on the water (or more likely at the Kraft Club).



Rear Commodore – Ed Spang



Sailing Buddies Introduction

Web site: ameliaislandsailingclub.wildapricot.org

There is a new page that has been added to the AISC web site entitled *Sailing Buddies*. The purpose of the page is to allow members to declare their sailing interest with other members as well as to find other members with a common sailing interest. There are new data fields in the database which allow members to specify if they want to crew, are looking for crew, or just want to be out on the water and will crew or captain. Once fields are populated most members will look for members wanting to sail and be able to get their contact information.

New AISC Membership Fields

If you look at the fields in the member data record you will find two new fields, Sailing Interest and Sailing Experience.

Sailing Interest will allow you to enter Crew, Looking for Crew or Captain or Crew.

Sailing Experience allows you to let others know your experience level in order to provide a better match up for sailing.

How To Enter Data Into Membership Fields

The information used in Sailing Buddies is protected information just like your member profile. Therefore it is password protected and you need to login.

To enter the data for Sailing Buddies you need to:

1. Login in to the web site
2. Click on your name at the top right
3. Click on edit to change your profile
4. Click on your experience level in Sailing Experience
5. Enter you interest choice text as indicated in the instruction field
6. Save you changes

Note: The steps 1-3 are how you would log in to the web site to view or change your profile. You are now ready to participate in Sailing Buddies.

How to use Sailing Buddies

1. Login in to the web site
2. Click on the Sailing Buddies tab

At this time the database will provide, sort and display a list of members with contact info for those who have expressed an interest in participating in sailing activities with other members.

Web Site Address: ameliaislandsailing.org.



Treasurer – Pat O’lear



Jul 21- Aug 20

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| Beginning Balance | \$6803.18 |
| Income | \$225.00 |
| Expenses | \$75.00 (membership refund) \$51.91 (supplies) \$25.57 (landside) |
| Ending Balance | \$6850.70 |
| Paypal | \$226.40 |
| Total Balance | \$7077.10 |

Landside - Darlene Spang



The theme for the September social will be ‘Farewell to Summer’ with salads. It has been quite a hot summer and I’m sure we have more heat to come. Salads should help cool us off a bit.

Hope everyone enjoyed the ‘International’ theme we had for August. Thank you to everyone for bringing such amazing dishes. Everything was delicious!! It was suggested to me that the next time we have an international theme that everyone should have to speak the entire evening in that language – now that would be quite interesting!

There has also been a request that dishes brought to the social be labeled and designate whether it contains meat if it isn’t obvious. Sometimes it’s easy to tell if the dish contains meat but not always. I will bring Posits and a pen if you forget to bring a label from home.

We will continue to follow along with the way food has been assigned. For this month:

Ahlers through Mooney please bring a salad that is a main dish.

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Murphy through Zachary please bring a side dish salad or dessert.
If you bring a dish that needs serving utensils, please bring the utensils.

If anyone has any suggestions/recommendations for themes for our socials, please either bring them up at the meeting or email them to me. We are always looking for new ideas

I look forward to seeing everyone at the September meeting.

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

Christmas/Hanukkah/Winter Solstice/Kwanzaa/Holiday Party

Party Committee: Janet Maguire, Patty Mooney, Darlene Spang



As of now, these are the details that have been finalized for the 2018 party. Any suggestions/recommendations are always welcome so either bring them up at the meeting or email a committee member.

Party Committee: Janet Maguire
Patty Mooney
Darlene Spang
Party Date: December 7th
Menu Theme: Italian**
Time: TBD
Cost: TBD
Location: Fernandina Beach Golf Club
2800 Bill Melton Road
Entertainment: Macy's

** If anyone has any dietary restrictions, please let one of us know. We can work with the Golf Club to accommodate anyone who would not be able to eat what will be on the buffet. A few of you have already done that and it is appreciated. I know it seems early to be thinking about Christmas, but the sooner you let us know the better so that we can finalize the menu.

Updates will be passed along as more details are finalized.

Membership – Russ Ridley

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



In the Friday, August 24th edition of the NewsLeader, Tom's article about our last sailing race appeared on page 10A with four color photos. The photos look so much better than the usual black and white. Speaking of the NewsLeader, on Sunday I sent in an article and five photos regarding our Ichetucknee Springs State Park tubing trip. Hopefully, this information will find its way into the paper by next week. The person at the NewsLeader that I have been working with has been great. I invited her to our next club meeting on September 4th. Hope she can make it. I want to thank her for her cooperation and introduce her to our group.

Back to the Ichetucknee trip, it was a great time. If we go next year as a group, you should try to make it. It is a lot of fun and the river is beautiful.

On the topic of having fun, last year Tom Maguire, Ed Spang, and I talked about going somewhere in the world and chartering a sailboat for a week or so. I explained that I had done just that about five different times in the BVI's. A plan started to form but we did not follow through. Well, about several weeks ago we revisited the idea and decided to 'git her done'. So, about a month ago we placed a deposit on a Sunsail 444 catamaran for a one week trip to begin June 11, 2019. This particular sailboat has 4 cabins and 4 heads, comfortably supports 8 people, comes with a dinghy, etc. The trip begins and ends in Tortola, BVI. To fill out our crew of 8, I invited dear old sailing friends of mine from New Jersey.

So, why am I telling you this? If you ever dreamed of chartering a large sailboat, catamaran or monohull, this is your golden opportunity to do so with a buddy boat along for company. Tom did most of the on-line research and we selected Sunsail because they are the biggest charter company in the world, had the style boat we wanted, and came with a better price than the Moorings. The Moorings is the second largest charter company and the one I had used in the past. As I said, I have been there before and can attest to what many people say about the BVI's being about the best charter location anywhere. The navigation is line of sight, the water is deep with no reefs, there are plenty of places to anchor, and I understand that a lot more mooring balls are available than when I last went. We have also been checking into the hurricane damage from last year. Most businesses and restaurants are already back in operation, so we do not expect any issues next June, unless another hurricane rips through there.

If you think you want to experience a trip like this, let me know. I will collect the names of the people or couples who are seriously interested and put you in contact with one another to fill another charter boat. Boats come in many sizes and styles. Check out the Sunsail website for lots more info. If you just want to talk about it or have questions, call me at 352-497-0833."

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



Great Race Coverage in the News Leader

For those that haven't seen it, we had some good coverage of our race on the August 18th in the August 24th edition of the News Leader:

Misty finishes first in sailing club's fourth race of 2018

The fourth race of 2018 for the Amelia Island Sailing Club was held Saturday, with six boats competing in the race between navigational buoys on the St. Marys River.

The strong flood current at the start of the race, typical of those in Cumberland Sound, made for some slow starts, but the winds cooperated, enabling all boats to complete the shortened course of just 6.1 nautical miles in just over two hours.

Misty, skippered by Wilby Whitt, finished first, followed by *Grace*, skippered by Craig Rowdon. Skipper Larry Murphy, aboard *Wardward Wind*, finished third.

The Amelia Island Sailing Club holds informal races monthly throughout most of the year. The club also sponsors various other boating and social activities and meets the first Tuesday of each month at the Kraft Athletic Club on Buccaneer Trail.

Contact Commodore Tom Maguire at (703) 298-1714 for additional club information.



Pelican, skippered by John Kropa, found some good wind in the late part of the race held on Saturday, left. Below, from left, *Misty*, skippered by Wilby Whitt, and *Sea Esta*, skippered by Glen Stettler, are the first over the starting line; *Grace*, skippered by Craig Rowdon, took second place; and *Darby*, skippered by Ed Spang, makes headway abeam of Fort Clinch. SUBMITTED PHOTOS



It was an interesting time on the water with a very challenging start. Next race planned for September 29th. Here's hoping for a continued quiet hurricane season!



Past Commodore – Charlie Hayes



Our former Commodore is AWOL somewhere in the Pacific challenging a Typhoon and chasing kangaroos! Charlie, please be good to the kangaroos.

Other Items of Interest

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Scuttlebutt Editor – John Lohr

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



Announcing the arrival of Genevieve Elizabeth Lohr born to John William Lohr IV and Emily Gillett Lohr on August 24 in Charleston, SC.

- 7 lbs 10 oz
- 20.5 inches
- Cute as a little jelly bean

Baby, mother and father all doing well!

We are off to Charleston on Aug 31 to meet our new grand daughter and celebrate.



**AISC HIGH TIDE DECK PARTY
SATURDAY, OCT 6 @ 5-8 PM
96166 MARSH LAKES DRIVE**

**COME JOIN YOUR AISC FRIENDS
SEE THE 7.2 FT TIDE AND WATCH THE
SUNSET**

**BYOB
PLEASE BRING AN HOR D' OEUVRE OR
DESSERT TO SHARE
RSVP BY WED, OCT 3**

**JOHN AND JOAN LOHR
JOHNLOHR@COMCAST.NET**

Calendar of Events

September

AISC Meeting: Tuesday, September 4; At Kraft 10 Acres; Social hour at 6:30 followed by our potluck dinner and meeting. See you there!

River Sampling: Wednesday, September 5; Contact Tom Maguire if you are interested in helping sample

AISC Race: Saturday, September 22; Club race tentatively scheduled – Details TBD

October

AISC Meeting: Tuesday, October 2; At Kraft 10 Acres; Social hour at 6:30 followed by our potluck dinner and meeting.

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River Sampling: Wednesday, October 3; Contact Tom Maguire if you are interested in helping sample.

High Tide Party: Saturday, October 6; AISC High Tide Deck Party, 5-8 pm, John and Joan Lohr, 96166 Marsh Lakes Drive, RSVP johnlohr@comcast.net

GA – FL Race: Sat & Sun, October 20-21; Details to follow

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