



## FROM THE HELM



### Commodore - Peter Kurtius

Dear all

Another month went by, time moves fast. We had our normal monthly meeting; sorry I missed it. I heard the food was great. Our guest speakers unfortunately had to cancel last minute due to illness. Steve and Justyna Coleman will present to share their experience "Escape from Guatemala" at a later date.

We had a club race in March, please see the Race committee section for the details. To my knowledge we had no participants in the "St Augustine Race Week" this year.

As for me, I took most of March off, but am getting better every day. We will be in Germany over Easter and therefore will miss the next meeting. Michael Kiehne will facilitate the official part of the meeting.

The Leadership Team is doing a great job keeping the club going. Gary Sanders is investigating a lead from Graeme Nichol to set up a Pro account at West Marine, more details to follow. During our last Leadership Meeting we talked about the need for a "Website Manager" to take care of our AISC Webpage. Anyone interested, please contact Gary Sanders or me for details.

Looking forward to April, we will have our normal meeting at the Kraft Club on the 4th and another club race is planned as well.

The speaker for our April meeting is our very own Richard Timm and he will talk about "The Right Whales of Amelia Island", which should be great!

Thanks to Janet Maguire we had our first "Trivia night" at the Sandbar and would like to make it a standing event. The plan is to meet every 3rd Tuesday at the Sandbar. We will try to get two tables reserved, but it is work in progress so watch for an email with updates. The trivia starts at 7pm, but due to popular demand it is recommended to be there around 5:30 or 6:00 to get a table.

We have a Deck/Dock Party on the April schedule and need a host for this event. Please talk to Michael Kiehne if you are interested in hosting.

During the next week I plan to get the calendar on our website updated, please look at it for the scheduled and planned events soon.

Finally, please read the input from the committees in the Scuttlebutt, this is where you find the real stories and event details.

Hope you all will make it to our next meeting.

Your Commodore

Peter



## Vice Commodore – Michael Kiehne



What is heeling? Heeling is the boat “tipping” to one side or the other; it is caused primarily by the force of the wind on the sails; although it can be caused by weight such as crew or excess cargo. Some heeling is inherent in sailing; as the force of the wind is transferred into forward motion, any excess is transferred into sideways motion – some of which is slippage and some of which is heeling.

Unbalanced helm is a byproduct of excess heel. The design of the sails and the hull of the boat combine to cause the boat to “head up” into the wind. As more force causes more heel, the boat “pulls” as it tries to head up, causing a difficult helm called weather helm.

When a boat is heeled, the center of effort changes. The center of effort is the pivot point of the sails and is related to the center of lateral resistance, which is below the waterline. One way to reduce heeling is to move the center of lateral resistance upwards .... Crew weight can be a factor on a small or light boat. If the helmsman and/or the crew shifts their weight to what is known as the "HIGH" side of the boat, their body weight will overcome some percentage of the heel ... Sail trim is the primary cause of heeling; the most common way to reduce heeling is to reduce the amount of wind in the sails. There are several ways to accomplish this 1) "Spill" the wind by easing the sails 2) Come up into the wind, thereby putting less wind in the sails 3) Flatten the sails which reduces the fore of the wind ... and reefing the sails when overpowered.

In a nutshell: Sailing with a strong heeling angle gives sailors the distinct impression of good speed - not true! **Excessive heeling slows you down.**

The video from Carpe Diem Sailing explains the physical facts very nice in "Laymen's Terms" - please see YouTube link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cmmmjpr-DE4&t=171s>



**REAR COMMODORE  
GARY SANDERS**



Last month I shared with you some of the statistics on our current membership levels as well as our effort at updating our membership database. We are continuing to make progress cleaning up our management system and will soon move on to updating and improving the look and functionality of the website. I already have some suggestions for functionality improvements that I have listed below. Please let me know if you have additional ideas that we should consider. Our goal is to make the website a little easier to use as a tool for communication. Here are some examples.

1. A place for Captains to invite members to crew in social sailings.
2. Improvement of the photo album to allow easy viewing of past events.
3. A better landing page for the general public to learn about the club.
4. An online membership application.
5. A forum section for members to share experiences and ask questions.

Any suggestions would be welcomed. We would also welcome someone with website development experience to help.

Regards, Gary



**Treasurer**  
**Fred Eichmann**



**AISC TREASURER'S REPORT**

March 28, 2023

<b>Checking Account Beginning Balance</b>	3/1/2023	\$ 8,016.99
Add: Deposits		400.00
Subtract: Expenses		<u>651.38</u>
<b>Checking Account Ending Balance</b>	3/28/2023	\$ 7,765.61

**Income/Deposits**

Dues	\$ 400.00
	<u>\$ 400.00</u>

**Payments/Expenses**

Merchant/Bank Fees	\$ 13.50
KAC Rental	50.00
Oyster Roast Expenses	350.15
Landside and Race Trophy Expenses	137.73
Refund of Dues (Double Payment)	<u>100.00</u>
	\$ 651.38



AISC CLUB RACING  
NORM WENTWORTH



There are great sailing days, good days, and interesting days, but never any bad sailing days. Saturday, March 18 was an "interesting day" for the third race of Amelia Island Sailing Club's (AISC) 2023 season. A very strong outgoing tide for the duration of the 9.3 nautical mile race, overcast with periods of drizzle and downpours, and a wind that would not make up its mind how hard to blow or from which direction all combined to test the skills and mettle of the five teams that raced. Two other boats had planned to race but refrained due to the weather.

The first close reaching leg to the first mark south of Cumberland Island gave all the boats a navigational challenge and a hint as to what was to come. The outgoing current pushed out to sea and no boats were able to round the mark without several tacks to claw back up-current before finally rounding the mark. This routine of missing marks due to the current continued for every windward and reaching leg of the triangular course. The fast down-current and downwind legs from the west end of Cumberland Island into the Amelia River provided the only respite from upwind slogs.

Line honors for the fastest boat was taken by the team on Wilby Whitt's "Misty" with Fred Eichmann at the helm in 2 hours 33 minutes. All the remaining boats finished within the next 30 minutes. After applying the race handicaps, "Misty" held onto first place and newcomer "McGeeves" finished eight minutes behind in second place after having been sailed masterfully by Steve Boice and crew. The last three places were captured by "Morning Glory" skippered by Norm Wentworth, Jos Wolke on "Lola", and Graeme Nichol on "Fin". It was certainly an interesting race as Wilby commented in reflection: "I have never missed so many marks in a season, let alone in one day." There are several additional photos from the race on the [AISC Website Photos Page](#).

The next AISC race is on Saturday, April 22 and the annual Coastal Cup race from Amelia Island to St. Simons Island is on Saturday, May 13. Boats planning to race in the Coastal Cup are advised to make their reservation at Morningstar Marina as soon as possible. All Club members with sailboats or those interested in crewing are invited to race with us, or watch the race from the race committee boat. If you have friends with a sailboat, encourage them to join our Club - \$100

## AISC Scuttlebutt April 2023

membership gives them a year of monthly races, as well as our meetings and other club activities. Watch for the AISC race notice email sent two weeks before each race and plan to have some fun.

AISC RACE Results  
 2023 Race #3 (Course Option 1)  
 Saturday, March 18, 2023  
 Distance (nm) 9.3  
 Start Time 11:00:00 AM

Place	Boat Name	Skipper	PHRF Rating	Finish time	Elapsed Time	Time Allowance	Corrected Time	Time Behind	Make	Model	# on Board	LWL	LOA
1	Misty	Wilby Whitt	146	1:32:45 PM	02:32:45	00:22:37.8	02:10:07.2	00:00:00.0	Baltic	35	4	28.67	34.83
2	McGeeves	Steve Boice	204	1:49:53 PM	02:49:53	00:31:37.2	02:18:15.8	00:08:08.6	Harbor	25	3	21.50	25.75
3	Morning Glory	Norm Wentworth	187	1:55:50 PM	02:55:50	00:28:59.1	02:26:50.9	00:16:43.7	Catalina	355 WK	3	30.17	35.42
4	Lola	Jos Wolke	181	2:00:28 PM	03:00:28	00:28:03.3	02:32:24.7	00:22:17.5	Alubat	Ovni 365	3	35.01	37.53
5	Fin	Graeme Nichol	118	2:01:42 PM	03:01:42	00:18:17.4	02:43:24.6	00:33:17.4	J-Boats	J/40 WK	5	34.00	40.00



Misty



Dressed for the weather on Misty





Lola crossing Misty

**Landside –**  
**Sandy Kurtius**



Time flies as the weather starts to get nicer and nicer. April and the Easter holiday are upon us so let's hop into Spring. Our next potluck is on April 4 at 6pm. Bring a dish that is an Easter favorite of your family or one that just says spring is in the air!!

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

If you haven't been to ones of the potlucks recently, please join us. We would love to see you.



## Quartermaster –

Stan Jackson



This month Stan is speaking with Olivier Garret about his varied interests and the path that led him to Amelia Island.

[https://ameliaislandsailingclub.wildapricot.org/resources/Documents/Scuttlebutt/April%202023/Stan\\_Olivier\\_Interview.m4a](https://ameliaislandsailingclub.wildapricot.org/resources/Documents/Scuttlebutt/April%202023/Stan_Olivier_Interview.m4a)

(File can be opened in Windows Media Player or Itunes.)

**SCUTTLEBUTT EDITOR  
TOM FLIEGER**



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 Signature - date*

***Please return this application and the \$100 annual membership fee to:  
AISC Membership Committee  
PO Box 16143  
Fernandina Beach, FL 32035***