



FROM THE HELM



Commodore - Peter Kurtius

Dear all

This is my first scuttlebutt contribution as Commodore, so it's a bit longer than normal.

First, I say thank you for giving me your confidence by electing me as the Commodore for 2022.

My objective for this year is to resurrect the member engagement in club activities. We plan to have at least one extra activity besides our regular meeting. I am open for suggestions. Please email or talk to me about activities you would like to see added to the plan. We also plan to have speakers at our monthly meetings, again let me know what you are interested in. We already had "Swimming with the Manatees" in January and plan to have our Oyster roast on the 25th of February (event announcement will follow). For March I am planning a "cook off" and request ideas and suggestions for the theme from those that are interested in participating. If we have club members participating in the St Augustine Race Week we would like to support

them by going down there, details to be worked out. We also planning a Raft-up during the 4th of July weekend. Please look below for the preliminary activity plan.

The new leadership team (see below) meets monthly either at my house or a location to be announced and every member who is interested to participate is welcome.

Our next regular meeting and potluck is on the 2nd of February at the Kraft Club and we are fortunate to have a speaker.

We welcome Taylor Fitzsimmons, General Manager of the Fernandina Harbor Marina, who will provide an update on the Marina as well as a look ahead to the future plans.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our next meeting

Your Commodore

Peter

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Below you will see the current activity schedule as well as the 2023 Leadership team and board positions.

AISC Event List					
Event	Leader	Board Sponsor	Occurrence	Status	Others
Swim with Manatees	Tom Maguire	Tom Maguire	January	Registration	done
Oyster Roast	Ed Spang	Peter Kurtius	February 25th	Scheduled	
Cookoff	Tom Durel	Tom Durel	March	?	
2023 St Augustine Race Week	Norm Wentworth	Michael Kiehne	March 18th - March 25th 2023	Scheduled	Willby Witt
Deck/Dock Party			April		
Coastal Cup Race	Cathy Eichmann	Michael Kiehne	May 13th	Scheduled	Wilby Witt/Norm Wentworth
Scalloping	Charlie Hayes	Peter Kurtius	June	Scheduled	
Rafting at Cumberland	Michael Kiehne	Michael Kiehne	July 4th weekend		
Deck/Dock Party		Peter Kurtius	July		
Ichetucknee Float Trip	Charlie Hayes	Peter Kurtius	August	Scheduled	
Talbot Island Picnic	Sandy Kurtius	Peter Kurtius	September	TBD	Sandy Kurtius
Ocean Challenge Race	Cathy Eichmann	Michael Kiehne	October 7th	Scheduled	Wilby Whitt/Norm Wentworth
Halloween	Shannon Sullivan	Peter Kurtius	November		
Christmas Party	Terry Sanders	Gary Sanders	December 1st	Scheduled	
Member Gatherings & Pick-up Events	?	Peter Kurtius	Monday Evenings @ Sandbar	On going	
Monthly Board Meetings	Peter Kurtius	Peter Kurtius	3rd Thursday each month	On going	
Monthly Meetings	Peter Kurtius	Peter Kurtius	1st Tuesday each month	On going	
Monthly Riverkeepers	Rick Brenner	Tom Maguire	1st Wed each month	Ongoing	
Monthly Races	Cathy Eichmann	Michael Kiehne	Feb, Mar, Apr, Jun, Aug, Sep, Nov	Scheduled	Wilby Whitt/Norm Wentworth
Deck/Dock Partys		Michael Kiehne	????		
RC Model Sailboats	?	Tom Maguire	Weather, Interest & Location	On going	

Elected Officers for 2023

Terms are for 1 year. January 1st - December 31st.

The Board			
Position	Leader/Help	Current 2022	2023
Commodore		Gary Sanders	Peter Kurtius
Vice Commodore		Peter Kurtius	Michael Kiehne
Treasurer		Fred Eichmann	Fred Eichmann
Rear Commodore		Open	Gary Sanders
Former Comodore			Tom Durell
Positions appointed by the Commodore. Terms are normally 1 year beginning Jan 1st			
	Position	2022-	2023
Appointed Position	Quartermaster	Stan Jackson	Stan Jackson
	Membership Director	Ken Ernst	Ken Ernst
	Program Director	Richard Timm	Richard Timm
	Publicity Director	Tom Maguire	John Pufahl
	Scuttlebutt Editor	Tom Maguire	Tom Flierger
Chairperson	Race Committee	Cathy Eichmann	Cathy Eichman
	Landside Committee	Carol Nieberline	Sandra Kurtius
	Holiday Party Committee	Terrie Sanders	Terrie Sanders
	River Sampling Committee	Tom Maguire	Rick Brenner
	Cruising Director		Michael Kiehne



Vice Commodore –
Michael Keihne



SARW - St Augustine Race Week

18th - 25th March 2023

The SARW is coming up in a few weeks and quite a bit of racers are already registered - including racers from the Amelia Island Sailing Club.

With that in mind the question came up: "if I don't participate in the racing how can I watch the racing?" The website is very comprehensive, and I spoke to the St. Augustine Yacht Club.

Please find below the synopsis.

Website: <https://www.staugustineraceweek.com>

Information: Info@StAugustineRaceweek.com, Tel. 904 687 5145

To Watch the Inshore Races:

Youth Sailing Regatta — youth sailors sail in the Matanzas Bay between the Castillo and Bridge of Lions.

- Saturday, March 18, 2023 — 12:00pm-4:00pm
- Sunday, March 19, 2023 — 10:30am-2:30pm

- You can watch from the Bridge of Lyons or the shoreline between the Castillo and the bridge of Lyons.

- Monday, March 20, 2023 — Free Day * Who knows...Maybe the Dragon Boats will show up!

To Watch the Inshore Races:

Inshore Racing Series — sailors race their yachts in the Tolomoto River, North of the Vilano Bridge.

- Tuesday, March 21, 2023 — 9:55am First Warning/Class 1 | 10:10am First Warning/Class 2
- Wednesday, March 22, 2023 — 9:55am First Warning/Class 1 | 10:10am First Warning/Class 2
- You can watch from the Vilano Bridge. The shoreline is not accessible to the public (all private property).
An alternative for spectators could be to bring your own boat and anchor next to the mooring field.
Please note: It appears critical to attract racers during the week. Last year they had only a handful of boats participating.

To Watch the Offshore Races:

Performance Yacht Offshore Series and Cruiser Offshore Series Racing – the “Big Boats” race off the coast in the Atlantic Ocean.

- Thursday, March 23, 2023 — 9:55am *(12:00pm-2:00pm)
- Friday, March 24, 2023 — 9:55am *(12:00pm-2:00pm)
- Saturday, March 25, 2023 — 9:55am *(12:00pm-2:00pm)
- The public invited to watch from The Reef Restaurant, Noon – 2 PM. Limited seating | Call for reservations!
4100 Coastal Highway, St Augustine, FL 32084, Tel: 904 824 8008

Spectators who prefer to watch the race from the beach are asked to utilize the public parking areas and not the Reef restaurant parking lot.

RACE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Offshore Racing Dates: March 23rd, 24th & 25th 2023

Yachts *not less* than 24 ft.

Performance Spinnaker • Performance Non-Spinnaker

Cruiser Spinnaker • Cruiser Non-Spinnaker

Offshore Fees include 3-Days of Racing * Parties * Awards Dinner

- Discounted Early Registration thru January 15th 2023 – \$287.55
- **Regular Registration January 16th 2022 thru March 21st – \$319.50**
- Late Registration March 22nd thru Race Day – \$372.75
- Withdrawal thru March 1st 2023 – Full Refund
- Withdrawal March 2nd thru March 22nd 2023 – Forfeit \$100
- Withdrawal After March 22nd 2023 – No Refund For You!

Inshore Race Dates: March 21st & 22nd 2023

Yachts 32 ft. and under

Class 1 Performance • Class 2

Inshore Fees include 2-Days of Racing * Parties * Awards Dinner

- Discounted Early Registration thru January 15th 2023 – \$159.75
- **Regular Registration January 16th 2023 thru Race Day – \$186.37**
- Late Registration – (No close or late registration fee)
- Withdrawal thru March 1st 2023 – Full Refund
- Withdrawal March 2nd thru March 20th 2023 – Forfeit \$60
- Withdrawal after March 20th 2023 – No Refund For You!

Youth Sailing Regatta Race Dates: March 18th & 19th 2023

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Youth Fees include 2-Days of Racing * Pizza Party * Awards Party

- **Regular Registration thru March 11th 2023 – \$106.50 Per Boat**
- Late Registration March 12th thru Race Day – \$117.15 per boat
- Withdrawal thru March 1st 2023 – Full Refund
- Withdrawal March 2nd thru March 17th 2023 – Forfeit \$10
- Withdrawal after March 17th 2023 – No Refund For You!



**REAR COMMODORE
GARY SANDERS**



I wanted to thank everyone again for their support of the club during my tenure as Commodore. Peter is in full swing as the new Commodore and has already made a great starting plan for an active year of events.

As Rear Commodore, in addition to supporting Peter and Michael, I will be working to enhance our use of WildApricot, the online software that provides our membership management system and our website. The first task will be to streamline our membership “types”.

We have three types of membership setup in our system; “Individual”, “Family” and “Joint”. These were set up in the past for various reasons but are no longer needed and just complicate communication. We will soon be converting everyone’s membership to “Joint”. For each standard \$100 membership you can have two separate (but linked) contact records in the database. This allows two separate logins to the website and provides separate emails for the two contacts allowing individualized communication. If you already have two contacts in the database, you will not notice any change. If you only have one contact record, you will receive an email asking for the name and email address of the second member. This second contact record is not mandatory so you can decline this option. However, it will help us when scheduling events.

The next project will be to enhance the website functionality as a communication tool.

Regards, Gary (Rear Commodore)



Treasurer
Fred Eichmann



AISC TREASURERS REPORT

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December 31, 2022

Checking Account Beginning Balance	11/29/2022	\$ 8,070.95
Add: Deposits		3,550.00
Subtract: Expenses		<u>5,801.58</u>
Checking Account Ending Balance	12/31/2022	\$ 5,819.37
 Income/Deposits		
Holiday Party Tickets		\$ 250.00
Dues		<u>3,300.00</u>
		\$ 3,550.00
 Payments/Expenses		
Merchant Fees		\$ 54.64
Prestige Flag		216.62
Holiday Party - Golf Club Cost		4,638.33
Holiday Party Band		720.00
Holiday Party Supplies		71.99
Holiday Party Gift Cards		<u>100.00</u>
		\$ 5,801.58

Financial Summary Amelia Island Sailing Club 2022

Checking Account Beginning Balance	01/01/22		\$7,651.19
	Expense	Deposits	
Payments Received *Notes Below			
Dues Received in 2022		\$6,450.00	
Paypal Account Closeout		871.20	
Shirt Sales		36.00	
Ocean Challenge Entry Fees		250.00	
Larry Murphy Memorial Collection		135.00	
Club Events			
Oyster Roast 2/26/22	\$540.59		
Club Dinner 4/5/22	179.95		
River Cruise 9/21/22 **	2,890.00	1,460.00	
Talbot Island Picnic 8/2/22	103.92		
Thanksgiving 11/8/22	893.74		
Holiday dinner 12/2/22 ***	5,530.32	1,675.00	
Other Club Expenses			
Kraft Club Rentals	350.00		
Wild Apricot Annual Fee	648.00		
Wild Apricot Merchant Fees	239.69		
Ocean Challenge Flags	263.39		
Club Race Season Flags	216.62		
Larry Murphy Memorial Donations	225.00		
Landside Expenses (not in event cost)	265.36		
Miscellaneous	362.44		
	<u>\$12,709.02</u>	<u>\$10,877.20</u>	
Checking Account Ending Balance	12/31/2022		\$5,819.37

*Note - River Cruise and Holiday Party ticket sales posted on Event line

** The River Cruise had a club funds contribution of \$1,430.00

*** The Holiday Party had a club funds contribution of \$3,855.32

Above I have reconstructed the checking account statements published in the AISC Scuttlebutt in 2022. In this summary the cost of Club Events is easily viewed. Other club expenses are listed for better disclosure. Because of bulk purchases (table covers, plastic ware, etc.) some Landside purchases are spread over several events. Strict cost accounting is an unnecessary exercise. Miscellaneous expenses include state registration fees, the club post office box, and other incidental expenses. AISC is strong financially. However, I do recommend event ticket pricing be reviewed.



AISC CLUB RACING
NORM WENTWORTH



What a beautiful day it was for the annual "Ice Bucket Challenge" Race was held on Saturday, January 28 with four boats racing. A fifth boat had planned on racing but last minute problems kept her out, and several other boats were undergoing annual maintenance or repairs and promised to be out for the next race. The 7.6 nautical mile race in Cumberland Sound started at 11:00 under clear skies, steady 12mph NE winds on an incoming tide. Good maneuvering at the start had Morning Glory pegging the line forcing Misty and Lola to dip and start behind her, followed by Salty Sally. The windward beat to the first mark saw a change of place with Misty first around the mark, followed very closely by Morning Glory and Lola. This "chase" held until midway down the third leg when Lola was able to catch slightly more wind and passed Morning Glory who attacked to defend her position but then had to fall off for the approach to mark 3, the "Spider". The rest of the race was wonderful fast sailing with Lola and Morning Glory trying to get past Misty for "line honors" at the finish, but Misty's normally fast speed allowed her to hold the lead and cross the line first. The finish was close on elapsed time, but after adjusting for the PHRF ratings, Lola (Jos Wolke and team) captured the "Ice Bucket Challenge" with a winning margin of only 9 seconds ahead of Morning Glory. A GREAT DAY OF RACING.

There are 22 pictures of the race and awarding of the Ice Bucket Trophy posted on the [AISC Website Photos](#) page, and racing notices, results and copies of News Leader sailing articles are posted on the [AISC Website Racing](#) page (select any year from 2018-2023 from the drop down list).

AISC RACE Results								
2023 Race #1 - Ice Bucket Challenge								
Saturday, January 28, 2023								
Distance (nm)		7.6						
Start Time		11:00:00						
Place	Boat	Skipper	PHRF Rating	Raw Finish Time			Adjusted Finish Time	Make
				hr	min	sec		
1	Lola	Jos Wolke	181	12	17	5	11:54:09	Alubat 39
2	Morning Glory	Norm Wentworth	187	12	17	59	11:54:18	Catalina 355 WK
3	Misty	Wilby Whitt	146	12	15	40	11:57:10	Baltic 35
4	Salty Sally	Gary Sanders	181	12	33	0	12:10:04	Hunter 336

Lets Go Racing - AISC members own about 15 sailboats of which about 12 have raced at one point or another in the past. It would be wonderful to have 8-10 boats out for the AISC races this season. The start lines are long, being set between government channel markers, so there is no need for "crowding" at the start. As all of the boats are different, there may be some close racing as in this month's race, but the monthly races are really a wonderful opportunity to sail your boat as fast as you can and the PHRF handicap takes care of the rest at the finish. As the saying goes "On any given race day..." anyone has a chance to win, but most importantly enjoy your sailboat alongside other AISC member boats.

Race Committee Boats needed - ideally every race will be supported by a powerboat on the water hosting the Race Committee to start the race and take pictures. While you do not need to stay for the entire race, it is an opportunity to use your powerboat, watch the sailing event, and cruise Cumberland Sound alongside the racing sailboats.

The next race is on Saturday, February 18 which is a change from the original date of February 25 which is the date of the annual AISC Oyster Roast. Watch for the email announcement a couple of weeks before the race and please respond if you plan to race, would be available to crew on a sailboat, or you would like to serve as race committee boat. Do visit the [AISC Website](#) often to view the calendar of events and explore the various pages on the site - there is lots of interesting information.



Landside –
Sandy Kurtius



After a great turnout for the Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations and then a much-needed break in January we will have our first potluck for 2023 on February 7. Let's keep the momentum going. Bring a dish that makes you or your valentine's heart (or tummy) happy.

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



Quartermaster –

Stan Jackson



This month Stan is speaking with Past Commodore Tom Durel about sailing the Chesapeake, and about his time as Commodore during the height of the pandemic.

<https://ameliaislandsailingclub.wildapricot.org/resources/Documents/Scuttlebutt/February%202023/AISC%20Tom%20Durel%20Interview%2012.2.22.m4a>

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

**SCUTTLEBUTT EDITOR
TOM FLIEGER**



I will be taking over as Scuttlebutt Editor as of this month. Many thanks to Tom Maguire for the many years he has served in this role. And thanks for the assistance he has provided as I attempt to learn the ropes of this job.

Comments/Suggestions?

Please email 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.

Here's a contribution shared by **Loretta Ernst**:

Many of us of a certain age were saddened to learn of the recent passing of David Crosby of supergroup Crosby, Stills and Nash (and sometimes Young). His soaring harmonies with Stephen Stills and Graham Nash were an unforgettable part of the folk rock movement of the early 1970s. What is lesser known is that Crosby was a passionate sailor who spent many happy hours on his boat, the MAYAN. Crosby, who struggled with substance abuse for many years, found solace in the open seas: "MAYAN became my rock. She was always there and I could always get away from the crazies in my business." Read more about David Crosby's travels here:

<https://medium.com/schoonermayan/mayans-history-the-david-crosby-years-517d8c0cb389>



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

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PO Box 16143

Fernandina Beach, FL 32035