



FROM THE HELM



Commodore - Peter Kurtius

Dear all

May arrived and we hoped to leave the cold German weather behind but were wrong. May has not been what I hoped for from the weather perspective.

The club on the other hand had a successful May with a great regular meeting and great speakers, Joe Blanchard and Pete Pelar talking about the navigational dangers around our waters as well as boating safety in general.

June is coming and we will have our regular meeting at the Kraft Club on June 6th with a speaker.

Our speaker for June 6th will be local author Joe Palmer. He will share about how his sailing experiences and his antique sailboat led to writing "A Mariner's Tale". This engaging story begins on an island in Florida and ends in an Irish fishing village.

I also plan to have a Deck/pool party in potluck style in June at our house. We are not sure on the date, but it will be before the 20th of June.

The Leadership Team will meet again at our house on June 15 at 4pm to wrap up loose ends before the summer break. All members who want to contribute are welcome. I will report more about the topics at the monthly meeting.

Still working on the calendar update. I am a lot behind my plan.

Hope to see you all at the next meeting.

Your Commodore

Peter



Vice Commodore – Michael Kiehne



On-the-water potluck picnic - Poll Results

What's going on? We are looking for more ways of doing on-the-water activities, in addition to our monthly races.

The 4th of July Fireworks initiated the idea of rafting up some boats for watching the fireworks. Unfortunately, the idea was quickly deprived for safety reasons.

A possible modification could be a rafting for a potluck picnic on the water and we launched a poll last week with some key questions to see if the idea could work. Here are the results:

In total we received 22 votes overall. The key questions received - yes or - no responses:

Would you be interested in participating, either with your boat or on someone else's?

Yes 20, No 2

Do you have a boat that could be included?

Yes 4, No 18

If you take your boat, would you be open to inviting other club members as guests?

Yes 5, No 0

How many guests could you invite in addition to your family?

1-3 guests: 5, 4-6 guests: 1

In addition, we received some comments:

- I would rent a pontoon probably
- Not interested if scheduled in the middle of the summer when it's extremely hot.
- We are open to the idea of renting a pontoon boat
- Let us know if we can be of assistance in any way. Faith & Chip Ross
- Any ideas to get those of us that don't have boats but like the (idea).

Doing the math gives us an unfortunate result. We would have 4 boats and potentially 2 pontoon boats. A simple calculation tells us we could only accommodate up to 21 people but have potentially 32 interested guests (most interested parties would join the potluck as a couple). We need additional/ alternative solutions to accommodate the interested people.

Any ideas? - please let me know.





**REAR COMMODORE
GARY SANDERS**



As you have seen, Michael has started a project to get a "rafting" picnic scheduled as we continue our effort to get more members on the water. We are also working on the website to hopefully make it easier to match boat owners to crew. We have moved the "Sailing Buddies" page under the "Racing" section. This page shows your interest and experience in sailing. If you would like to be included in "on the water" events, please make sure your membership profile is up to date, especially the sections for "Sailing Experience" and "Sailing Interests". To update your account, click on your name in the Black Band at the top right of the website. Then click on "Edit Profile".

We have also just added a forum page called "Captain and Crew". This is still in the testing phase, and I am not sure how effective it will be. I will report on it again next month.

If you have any ideas to support this effort, please let us know.

Gary



Treasurer
Fred Eichmann



AISC TREASURER'S REPORT

May 26, 2023

Checking Account Beginning Balance	4/22/2023	\$ 7,410.83
Add: Deposits		100.00
Subtract: Expenses		96.46
Checking Account Ending Balance	5/26/2023	<u>\$ 7,414.37</u>

Income/Deposits

Dues	\$ 100.00
	<u>\$ 100.00</u>

Payments/Expenses

Merchant/Bank Fees	\$ 0.02
KAC Rental	50.00
River Keeper Chemicals	46.44
	<u>\$ 96.46</u>



AISC CLUB RACING
NORM WENTWORTH



2023 Coastal Cup Race - May 13

Eleven sailboats from the Amelia Island Sailing Club (AISC) and the Golden Isles Sailing Club (GISC) raced on Saturday, May 13 from Amelia Island to St. Simons Island in the annual Coastal Cup Race hosted by GISC. Lack of wind delayed the start by 20 minutes until 9:20 AM, when only a slight breeze allowed the four boats from GISC and seven boats from AISC to begin the 26 nautical mile race on calm seas, with warm temperature and partly cloudy skies. More sunshine helped to gradually increase the winds from a whisper to 10-12 knots toward the end of the race. The forecasters had it backwards with a prediction of south easterly winds which would have been perfect for the four spinnaker class boats heading to St. Simons. The reality was northerly winds in the morning, veering to the east by mid-afternoon which allowed the boats in the spinnaker class to finally fly their chutes down the St. Simons channel, through the finish line and then past to town as they headed home to their berths in the marina.

At the start the fleet was separated by the outgoing tide with five boats on the west side of the start line closer to Cumberland Island, and six boats on the east side. Most of the fleet sailed as close to the wind as they could which took them far out to sea, before tacking onto a course headed to the St. Simon's Channel. Several boats chose to tack earlier in the race and head into Cumberland Island hoping to find a building sea breeze to speed their journey around the shallows at the entry to St. Andrews Sound. Unfortunately, that hoped-for breeze did not materialize and the boats that had sailed farther out to sea fared much better at the end of the race.

Line honors for the first boat across the finish line was achieved by "Delphine" of the spinnaker class in 06:48:34 (6 hours, 48 minutes, 34 seconds), followed closely Jos Wolke in "Lola" of the non-spinnaker class a little over two minutes later at 06:50:52, and Dave Heine in "Contente" only 25 seconds later at 06:51:17. The remainder of the sailboats finished at 10-20 minute intervals. After correcting the elapsed times using each boat's PHRF handicap rating, the top three finishers in the spinnaker class were all from GISC: 1st place - David London on "Delphine", 2nd place - Dave Heine on "Contente", and 3rd place - Dennis Mehegan on "She Said Yes". In the

non-spinnaker class, all top three finishers were from AISC: 1st place - Jos Wolke on "Lola", 2nd place - John Drake on "On Eagle's Wings", and 3rd place - Gary Sanders on "Salty Sally". The Overall Winner of the 2023 Coastal Cup Race was "Lola", with skipper Jos Wolke attributing his win to pre-race weather and course research and making only one tack during the entire race.

Full Coastal Cup Race results are on the AISC Website [2023 Racing](#) Page, and photos from the race are on the AISC Website [Photos](#) Page. The next AISC race will be on Saturday, June 22.

If you have any questions, I would be happy to answer them.



Jos and Bibi Wolke – First Place on Lola



Spinnakers on Delphine and Contente

Landside –
Sandy Kurtius



Our next potluck will be on Tuesday, June 6th at 6pm. We haven't had the best weather lately, but that doesn't stop us from enjoying a picnic. Certainly the weather will improve. Bring picnic themed dishes and think sunshine and summer.

For our picnic themed potluck:

Members with last name starting with A-L please bring main dishes.

Members with last name starting with M-Z please bring sides and dessert.

We will not have a potluck in July but will meet again in August. Hope to see many of you in June!!



Quartermaster –

Stan Jackson



This month Stan is speaking with Jim Veilleux about his involvement with the pirates club on Amelia Island.



https://ameliaislandsailingclub.wildapricot.org/resources/Documents/Scuttlebutt/June%202023/Stan_JimV_interview.m4a

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

**SCUTTLEBUTT EDITOR
TOM FLIEGER**



Ed note: Tom Maguire sent this to me to share with you all...

From Tom:

A friend sent me this poem that I think all sailors can relate to. It is a great description of how we always seem to forget about things breaking, uncomfortable situations and maybe even sheer terror when problems crop up while cruising. Thought it might be a good entry for the Scuttlebutt.

---With apologies to Masefield---

SEA PSYCHOSIS

I must go down to the sea again, the lonely sky and the sea
And all I ask is a small ship and a frontal lobotomy.

For the rocks are hidden by thick grey [fog](#), and my bones are chilled by the cold
The rain drips in through a leak in the [deck](#) and the bread has got black [mold](#)
The [jib](#) is torn, the prop shaft's bent, and the [gps](#) is down
The [compass](#) light has just burned out, and a spare bulb can't be found.

When I finally crawl into my small damp bunk, I hear snores from my fellow-rover
When I started this voyage I expected some fun, now I wish to God it was over.
So if I must go down to the seas again, the lonely sky and the sea,
Then all I ask is a small ship and a frontal lobotomy.

(Written on a single-handed [passage](#) from the [Bahamas](#) to Bermuda—

after getting stuck up the [mast](#) while untangling a cruising [spinnaker](#) wrapped around the fore-stay.)'

Ed note2: At last month's meeting, members of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary gave a presentation about the services they provide. Here's the information about their upcoming boating safety program.

US Coast Guard Auxiliary Safe Boating Education Program 2023

Boat America

Boat America is a core U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary boating safety education course, aimed at **You** - the recreational boater - who wants the basic boating education that qualifies you for your state's Boater Education Card. This course, also, will prepare you to take our more advanced boating education courses.

Flotilla 14-1 is offering this acclaimed course as both an in-person and an interactive class through its virtual classroom via ZOOM. It is offering this course on the following dates:

- March 25 - Amelia Island Lighthouse.
- May 23, 24, 25, & 27 - ZOOM.
- June 10- Amelia Island Lighthouse.

Course Fee: \$25 per student (includes book and test fee); \$50 for a Family of 4.

To register, go to <https://cgaux7141.wildapricot.org> and scroll through the Upcoming Events to find the class that fits your schedule. Registration closes one week before the first class session so that we can prepare the course material for you.

Learn about boating from seasoned, experienced, & certified USCG Auxiliary Instructors.

Then, just pass the included final exam for your Florida or Georgia Boater Education Card!

Don't let Your day end like these folks!



For more
information,
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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.



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***