

## FROM THE HELM



### Commodore - Peter Kurtius

Dear all

February was a good month for the club. We had our normal monthly meeting, well attended I may say and delicious food. We also learned a bit more about the Downtown Marina during the meeting. There was a club race as well as our traditional Oyster roast organized by Ed Spang.

As for me, I took the month of February off sick, but hope to be more active again in March.

The good news is, thanks to the rest of the Leadership Team the club moved along just perfect. Thank you all for making the club work.

Looking forward to March, we will have our normal meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> and another club race. Also the "St Augustine Race Week" is in March, where we could organize a trip down. We may have to forfeit the cook-off, due to lack of planning on my side, sorry.

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

Looking forward to seeing you all at our next meeting

Your Commodore

Peter

**Note:**

"Our Escape from Guatemala"

At the March 7 monthly meeting...

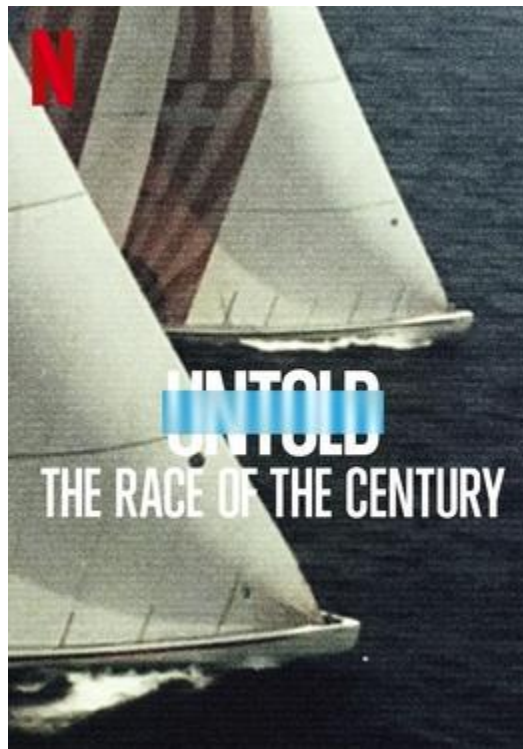
Steve and Justyna Coleman will share their experience which turned out to be a lot more dangerous than they ever anticipated.



**Vice Commodore –  
Michael Kiehne**



My recommendation for an evening of brilliant sailing entertainment:



# **Watch it on Netflix!**

## **UNTOLD**

### **THE RACE OF THE CENTURY**

A chronicle of the thrilling 1983 America's Cup, "The Race of the Century" is a classic underdog story.

It tells the tale of the scrappy group of Australians who band together to dethrone the New York Yacht Club,

and break the longest-running win streak in history— 132 years!— in the most prestigious sailing competition in the world.

Key members of the 1983 U.S. and Australian crews sit down for interviews sharing their experience of this ultimate race to victory.

Lots of awesome race scenes, details and amazing background shots about the classic America's cup racing with 12-meter sailboats.

Australia II (KA 6) is the 12 Metre challenge boat sailed by John Bertrand to win the 1983 America's Cup. She was the first successful challenger and broke a 132 year string of successful defenses by the New York Yacht Club. Designed by Ben Lexcen, built by Steve Ward, owned by Alan Bond and helmed by John Bertrand. Lexcen's Australia II design featured a winged keel which gave the boat a significant advantage in sailing faster and pointing higher into the wind.

Here is the trailer:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PSmns9QWPiE>

The full story is available on Netflix.



**REAR COMMODORE  
GARY SANDERS**



I am slowly making progress on the membership database, trying to make it more useful for all of us. While I have the data organized, I thought it would be a good time to share some membership statistics. The following figures are the number of “memberships”, which, for the most part, include two people. The club currently has 59 memberships (~118 members) who have paid their 2023 dues. We have an additional 15 memberships that have yet to renew as of Feb 28<sup>th</sup>. Their status will show in the database as “Lapsed”. They will continue to have access to the website and will receive emails for a few more months, including reminders about their payments. At any time, they can pay their invoice online which will immediately change their status to “Active”. We do have some members that will notify us of their intention not to renew for various reasons. At that time, we “suspend” their membership, but keep their contact details archived for future communications.

Last year, we added 13 new memberships (26 members) compared to only 5 memberships that did not renew.

We have already added 6 new memberships in 2023.

The makeup of the club is constantly changing as we add new members and lose others. Here is the approximate distribution based on years of membership.

**Years of Membership: Percent of Club**

|               |     |
|---------------|-----|
| One or less:  | 24% |
| Two to Three: | 17% |
| Four to Five: | 27% |
| Over Five:    | 32% |

This high turnover rate creates a need to have a better way to get to know each other. One of my objectives is to develop a program for members to share a brief bio about themselves. One suggestion is to include this bio in the Scuttlebutt. Maybe one new member and one long-term member each month. Any other ideas are welcomed.

Thanks, Gary



**Treasurer**  
**Fred Eichmann**



**AISC TREASURER'S REPORT**

February 28, 2023

|   |           |               |
|---|-----------|---------------|
| <b>Checking Account Beginning Balance</b> | 1/1/2023  | \$ 5,819.37   |
| Add: Deposits                             |           | 2,650.00      |
| Subtract: Expenses                        |           | <u>452.38</u> |
| <b>Checking Account Ending Balance</b>    | 2/28/2023 | \$ 8,016.99   |

**Income/Deposits**

|                       |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Holiday Party Tickets | \$ 50.00        |
| Dues                  | <u>2,600.00</u> |
|                       | \$ 2,650.00     |

**Payments/Expenses**

|                                 |               |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Merchant/Bank Fees              | \$ 222.13     |
| KAC Rental (Club and Pavillion) | 130.25        |
| Refund of Dues (Double Payment) | <u>100.00</u> |
|                                 | \$ 452.38     |

Due to the 2022 Financial Summary published in the previous  
Scuttlebutt this report is a summary of January and February 2023



AISC CLUB RACING  
NORM WENTWORTH



Our second race of the 2023 season was held on Saturday February 18th. It was a beautiful sunny day, but cold and blustery, with temperatures in the mid 50s and winds averaging 18mph with gusts into the low 20s. Six boats came out to the start/finish on the Amelia River in front of the Dee Dee Bartels Boat Ramp, but only five sailed the race. "Lola," which won last month's "Ice Bucket Challenge" race, suffered a mechanical failure prior to the start which precluded her from racing. A strong outgoing tide during the entirety of the race pushed "Misty" across the start line early, so she had to circle back behind the line and start behind the fleet. Unabashed, "Misty" powered her way around the 7.3 mile course and crossed the finish line in 3rd place, but won the race on corrected time.

With each leg of the triangular course in Cumberland Sound being about a half mile long, the four laps of the triangle kept the boats close and the crews busy tacking and beating to the windward mark, reaching on the second leg, and jibing onto the third leg of the triangle. The strong outgoing tide challenged the navigational skills of the skippers to sail into the current and use it to get their boats to the next mark as quickly as possible. All five boats finished the course within eight and half minutes of each other, with Justin Pelham-Webb's "Valkyrie" taking line honors crossing the finish line in one hour and 22 minutes. After applying PHRF handicap time allowances, all boats finished the race with just under three minutes separating the winning boat from the last place boat. An exciting day of very close, competitive racing.

## AISC Scuttlebutt March 2023

**AISC RACE Results**  
**2023 Race #2**  
**Saturday, February 18, 2023**  
 Distance (nm) 

|     |
|-----|
| 7.3 |
|-----|

  
 Start Time 

|             |
|-------------|
| 11:30:00 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         | 12:52:31 PM | 01:22:31     | 00:17:45.8     | 01:04:45.2     | 00:00:00.0  |  | Baltic   | 35       | 3          | 28.67 | 34.83 |
| 2     | Morning Glory | Norm Wentworth | 187         | 12:58:03 PM | 01:28:03     | 00:22:45.1     | 01:05:17.9     | 00:00:32.7  |  | Catalina | 355 WK   | 5          | 30.17 | 35.42 |
| 3     | Salty Sally   | Gary Sanders   | 181         | 12:59:27 PM | 01:29:27     | 00:22:01.3     | 01:07:25.7     | 00:02:40.5  |  | Hunter   | 336      | 3          | 28.58 | 33.50 |
| 4     | Fin           | Graeme Nichol  | 118         | 12:51:48 PM | 01:21:48     | 00:14:21.4     | 01:07:26.6     | 00:02:41.4  |  | J Boats  | J/40 WK  | 5          | 34.00 | 40.00 |
| 5     | Valkyrie      | Justin Webb    | 108         | 12:50:50 PM | 01:20:50     | 00:13:08.4     | 01:07:41.6     | 00:02:56.4  |  | J Boats  | J/105 SD | 4          | 29.50 | 34.50 |
|       | Lola          | Jos Wolke      | 181         | DNS         |              |                |                |             |  | Alubat   | Ovni 365 | 3          | 35.01 | 37.53 |

Many thanks to Mike Powers for providing the Race Committee Boat for the start of the race and photography. There are many photos of the race on the [AISC Website Photos Page](#). Our next race is on Saturday, March 18th. We have about 15 Sailboats in the Club, and it would be great to have more boats on the race course. Racing is easy, you just have to show up and sail - there are no spinnakers in our races. If this is new to you, just hang back a little and follow everyone else. It is a wonderful opportunity to sail your boat and have some fun with your crew members. Also, if you have friends with a sailboat, encourage them to join our club - \$100 membership gives them a year of monthly races, as well as our meetings and other club activities.

Prestart: Misty, Salty Sally and Valkyrie





Misty and Fin at the start



Race to the 1st windward mark



Morning Glory and Misty



Valkyrie



**Landside –**  
**Sandy Kurtius**



Our oyster roast was a big success! The weather was perfect, and the turnout of members was really good. A big thank you to everyone that helped make this a great event!!

Our potluck on March 7 is just around the corner. We can't let the month go by without having an Irish themed potluck to celebrate St Patrick's Day. To make it more fun I think everyone should try to wear green!!

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



## **Quartermaster –**

Stan Jackson



This month Stan is speaking with Loretta Ernst about the club's annual trip to snorkel with the manatees at Crystal River.

[https://ameliaislandsailingclub.wildapricot.org/resources/Documents/Scuttlebutt/March%202023/Stan\\_Loretta\\_Interview.m4a](https://ameliaislandsailingclub.wildapricot.org/resources/Documents/Scuttlebutt/March%202023/Stan_Loretta_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*

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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***