



## FROM THE HELM COMMODORE NAN WALKER

I am looking forward to our first 2024 meeting and Valentine's potluck as your Commodore on February 6<sup>th</sup> at the 'Kit Kat' Club at the [Kraft Athletic Club](#) (KAC). The new leadership team (see below and note I am in good hands) met in January to set our goals and start planning activities to engage and grow our membership. I have already learned so much in my short membership about the history of AISC from historical documents and longtime members. But we hope to get more of your ideas, leadership, and involvement at this next meeting or feel free to contact me at any time with your ideas to help us move forward. We also plan to send out a survey to get your opinion on meeting facilities, group events, and speaker interests.

We will continue to host our regular meetings on the first Tuesday of each month (excluding July, Nov Thanksgiving Dinner, Dec Holiday Dinner, and January) at Kraft with some additional exceptions to accommodate special events and monthly meetings speakers'/activity needs. You will notice some KAC building improvements and I have discussed with Judy (our bartender) how to make it easy to purchase drinks if you are not a KAC member. Non KAC members can start a drink tab under their name, but because KAC is a private club, a KAC member must settle the tab. So, bring cash or set up a Venmo account, etc. to reimburse the paying KAC member for your tab & tip (Jason and I are members!). You can also become a KAC social member for only \$100/year. KAC membership gives you access to the Kit Kat Club Wednesday-Saturday 5pm-close AND to the best sunsets on the Island.

We will post & communicate all events and details on the [AISC Website](#) so check the schedule often and take advantage of these member opportunities and involvement!

I just had my first hand experience with the Swim with the Manatees which was fantastic and educational. I plan to do it again even though I doubled up

my wetsuit! The spring was clear and filled with hundreds of resting and playing manatees and cubs this time of year before they head out to more open water for food.



For this month's meeting activity, we will do a Nautical Trivia with some AISC history to give you a taste for joining the AISC Trivia Team. There were 20 members/2 teams at the first 2024 event to try out [V Pizza's Trivia Night](#). The group will continue to meet on the **3rd Wednesday monthly**. The team leader will send out a reminder email prior that week for your attendance so V Pizza management can reserve us team seats. You don't have to be a trivia pro to join the fun!

**NEXT EVENTS:**

**[AISC Race #2](#) – Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Trivia – Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm at V Pizza. Come at 6pm if you want to eat.**

**Oyster Roast - Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at KAC pavilion. More info to follow...**

I subscribe to [Scuttlebutt Sailing News](#) and enjoy living my sailing career these days vicariously through sailor athletes/industry stories and news. But my favorite is the author, Craig Leweck, 'Curmudgeon's Observations' which I will share some with you – 'The older I get, the more I understand why roosters just scream to start their day.'

Fair Winds & Smooth Seas,

Nan Walker, Commodore

## Elected Officers for 2024

Terms are for 1 year. January 1 – December 31

<b>The Board</b>			
Position	Leader/Help	2023	Current 2024
Commodore		Peter Kurtius	Nan Walker
Vice Commodore		Michael Kiehne	Bob Canon
Treasurer		Fred Eichmann	Fred Eichmann
Rear Commodore		Gary Sanders	Michael Kiehne
Past Commodore		Tom Durell	Peter Kurtius

## Positions appointed by the Commodore. Terms are normally 1 year beginning Jan 1

	Position	2023	2024
Appointed Position	Quartermaster	Stan Jackson	Stan Jackson
	Membership Director	Ken Ernst	Ken Ernst
	Program Director	Richard Timm	
	Publicity Director	John Pufahl	Ray Mooney
	Scuttlebutt Editor	Tom Flieger	Tom Flieger
	Sailing Race Program	Norm Wentworth	Norm Wentworth
Chairperson	Race Committee	Cathy Eichmann	Cathy Eichmann
	Cruising Director	Michael Kiehne	
	River Sampling Committee	Rick Brenner	Rick Brenner
	Landside Committee	Sandra Kurtius	Sandra Kurtius
	Holiday Party Committee	Terrie Sanders	Terrie Sanders



## VICE COMMODORE BOB CANON

I'd like to complement the Skippers and crews who braved the elements during the Ice Bucket Regatta. Norm Wentworth did his usual great job setting the course and posting the results.

I was fortunate enough to enjoy the race, especially the exciting start, from the committee boat and only shivered uncontrollably once or twice.

One of my goals for the Spring is to update the Club History records. I've gotten some great help on this from former Commodore Joe Blanchard who has furnished a trove of records that I missed a couple of years ago when I started the project. When it is updated I will give a presentation at one of the meetings.

We covered many subjects during first board meeting and have several exciting events in the planning stages. The Commodore pointed out that Summer Olympics and the Americas Cup are both being held this year so there we be some exciting sailing to watch.



## REAR COMMODORE MICHAEL KIEHNE

As mentioned in the last Scuttlebutt the first Leadership meeting was planned for January and actually happened on 01/16/2024 with a strong agenda. A lot of points were addressed, and ideas generated from the planning of Nautical Trivia to events for 2024 and new and returning speakers like Richard Tim talked about the Right Whales last year. All of that is too early to call and the discussions will continue. But some really good stuff has a fair chance for realization as long as enough members volunteer to participate in organization teams.

Gary Sanders, our former Rear Commodore volunteered to continue to look after and update our website. He just updated and modified the Scuttlebutt website - check it out.

In addition, reminder emails will be sent out to members who haven't paid their dues for 2024.

And here is the thing - we heard a few comments and opinions about our club meeting venue. To get a fair grasp on it and to better understand how the majority feels, we will send out a poll about the meeting location. For example: The Kraft Club rent is fairly cheap, we have private access, potluck capability and there is a bar with a bartender. The flip side, is the Kraft Club membership is required to buy drinks. Other venues might be more appealing to some but you can't bring or buy any food and/or has no bar with bartender. Gary plans on a few simple "yes or no" questions. Based on your input we might have a second poll about future venues. Please watch out for Garry's poll and give us your view/ input.



**Treasurer**  
**Fred Eichmann**



**AISC TREASURER'S REPORT**

December 31, 2023

<b>Checking Account Beginning Balance</b>	12/18/2023	\$1,225.29
Add: Deposits		2,000.00
Subtract: Expenses		0.00
<b>Checking Account Ending Balance</b>	12/31/2023	<u>\$3,225.29</u>

**Income/Deposits**

Member Dues		<u>\$2,000.00</u>
		\$2,000.00

**Payments/Expenses**

None		<u>\$0.00</u>
		\$0.00

Note: Total 50/50 Raffle proceeds in checking account - \$81.00

The above brings my reports to year end 12/31/2023. With all holiday party expenses promptly paid, in late December the only transactions pertained to member dues.

**AISC TREASURER'S REPORT**

January 28, 2024

<b>Checking Account Beginning Balance</b>	1/1/2024	\$3,225.29
Add: Deposits		2,450.00
Subtract: Expenses		89.87
<b>Checking Account Ending Balance</b>	1/28/2024	<u>\$5,585.42</u>

**Income/Deposits**

Member Dues		\$2,400.00
Holiday Dinner Tickets		50.00
		<u>\$2,450.00</u>

**Payments/Expenses**

Merchant Bank Fees		\$ 89.87
		<u>\$ 89.87</u>

Note: Total 50/50 Raffle proceeds in checking account - \$81.00

In January dues continued to be received and there was one late payment for the holiday party. The only expense was bank fees for credit card processing.

And here is the annual summary for 2023...

**Financial Summary AISC 1-1-2023 thru 12-31-2023**

<b>Checking Account Beginning Balance</b>	<b>1/1/2023</b>		<b>\$5,819.37</b>
	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Deposits</b>	
<b>Payments Received</b>			
2023 Dues Received		\$ 4,000.00	
2024 Dues Received		2,000.00	
Merchandise Sales		35.00	
AISC Burgee Sales		120.00	
Ocean Challenge Race Entry Fees		275.00	
Holiday Party Tickets - 2022		50.00	
Holiday Party Tickets - 2023		1,575.00	
50/50 Raffle		81.00	
<b>Club Events</b>			
Oyster Roast February	\$ 350.15		
Thanksgiving Dinner	726.14		
Holiday Party Expenses	6,015.99		
<b>Other Club Expenses</b>			
Dues Refund	\$ 200.00		
Wild Apricot Annual Fee	810.00		
Wild Apricot Merchant Bank Fees	306.33		
Post Office Box	176.00		
State Annual Report	61.25		
Kraft Club Rentals	430.25		
Landside Expenses	291.74		
River Keeper Chemicals	155.88		
AISC Burgees	328.17		
Race Committee Expenses	415.39		
Ocean Challenge Flags	261.45		
Ocean Challenge Year Imprint Cost	70.62		
Club Race Season Flags	<u>130.72</u>		
	\$ 10,730.08	\$ 8,136.00	
<b>Checking Account Balance as of</b>	<b>12/31/2023</b>		<b>\$3,225.29</b>

In 2023 we had fewer Club Events than in 2022. Expenses for the Oyster Roast and Thanksgiving Dinner were less but the Holiday Party expenses increased. With fewer events, payments received and expenses were less than in 2022. In 2023 the club holiday party contribution was \$4,440.99, \$585.67 more than the \$3,855.32 contribution in 2022. Holiday and event ticket pricing needs to be reviewed. The Club remains in good financial condition but inflation expense increases have reduced the year end Checking Account balance by \$2,594.08 in comparison to year end 2022.



AISC CLUB RACING  
NORM WENTWORTH



## "Misty" Wins the Ice Bucket Challenge Race

AISC held its first race of the 2024 racing season on Saturday, January 20. It was a gorgeous sailing day. The mid-40s cold temperature and variable northwest winds of 10-15 knots under clear sunny skies were suitable for this annual race - The Ice Bucket Challenge. The Club's perpetual "Ice Bucket Trophy" has been awarded to the winner of this race since 1985. Hearty congratulations to "Misty" for racing hard and fast by her owner Wilby Whitt, helmsman Fred Eichmann and crew members Dave Ahlers and John Hodge to win this year's Ice Bucket Challenge Race.

Seven sailboats with 24 bundled-up sailors competed for the trophy on the 6 nautical mile course, with the start time of 1pm. The Race Committee Boat was under the command of Russ Ridley and his crew, including Tom Maguire who took some great [pictures](#). There were some close finishes including Bill Kavanaugh on "Tiger Tale" taking line honors only 2 minutes ahead of "Misty." A short while later Gary Sanders brought "Salty Sally" to the finish only 1 minute ahead of Jos Wolke on "Lola". Rounding out the finishers were Norm Wentworth on "Morning Glory" and Jason and Colleen Gerke on "Juliana". A grounding of "Valkyrie" in the shallows of the west end of Cumberland Island resulted in her not finishing the race after receiving assistance from the Race Committee Boat. Fortunately, no injuries or damage. After applying PHRF Racing handicaps, the corrected finish order was "Misty" winning the race, then "Tiger Tale", "Salty Sally", "Lola", "Morning Glory" and "Juliana". Complete results are available on AISC website [2024 Racing](#) page.

The 2024 racing schedule is available for download from the website racing page and the dates are posted in the website events calendar. The races and dates for the next several months are listed below. As a reminder, all boats should renew their PHRF Certificates for 2024 or obtain a new Certificate from First Coast Sailing Association. Applications are available from the FCSA website at [sailjax.com](http://sailjax.com). Also, registration is now open for the annual [Saint Augustine Race Week](#) (SARW), which consists of three ocean races for the larger boats on April 11-13. Currently there are 18 boats registered, including "Morning Glory" from AISC.

- Saturday, Feb 17 - AISC 2024 Race #2
- Saturday, Mar 16 - AISC 2024 Race #3



- Thurs, Fri, Sat, April 11-13 - SARW Ocean Races, registration required
- Saturday, Apr 27 - AISC 2024 Race #4
- Saturday, May 18 - Annual Coastal Cup Race from Amelia Island to St. Simons Island

The 2024 Racing Season is off to a great start, with many wonderful monthly opportunities to get out on the water with your boat, or as crew on one of the racing sailboats or the Race Committee Boat. Announcements of each upcoming race is sent via AISC email a couple of weeks before the race.



Ice Bucket winners: John Hodge, Wilby Whitt, Fred Eichmann and Dave Ahlers



Colleen Gerke bundled up on Juliana



Valkyrie, Morning Glory, Tiger Tale, Salty Sally and Misty bear towards Cumberland Island

**Landside –**  
**Sandy Kurtius**



Happy New Year! In February we will get back to our normal monthly routine. Our next potluck will be on Tuesday, February 6 at the Kraft Club. Let's celebrate Valentine's Day with a "Sweetheart Soirée." We will celebrate love and friendship with a potluck featuring heartwarming (or heart healthy) dishes. Let's look forward to romantic desserts and savory dishes all made (or bought) with a touch of love.

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



## Quartermaster –

Stan Jackson



This month Stan is chatting with Jason Walker...

[https://ameliaislandsailingclub.wildapricot.org/resources/Documents/Scuttlebutt/2024/February%202024/stan\\_jason\\_walker.m4a](https://ameliaislandsailingclub.wildapricot.org/resources/Documents/Scuttlebutt/2024/February%202024/stan_jason_walker.m4a)



A note from Tom Maguire....



**January Trivia at V Pizza**

We didn't win but we had a great time! Come join us. We'll meet the third Wednesday of the month at 6:00 for dinner and 7:00 for trivia. We'll send an email reminder a couple days before. You need to let us know if you're coming so we can save the right number of seats.

**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***

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***PO Box 16143***

***Fernandina Beach, FL 32035***