



FROM THE HELM COMMODORE NAN WALKER

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I look forward to 2024 as your new Commodore. The 2024 elected Board and Leadership Team will meet this month to set goals, plan events and activities to encourage membership involvement and camaraderie both on and off the water. We will be reaching out to membership and industry leaders for monthly meeting speaker/activity input, river sampling, cruising and race opportunities, and fun landside events. We welcome more ideas and your involvement to continue to strengthen and build the Amelia Island Sailing Club. As always, new friends are welcome (that is how I got involved!). Stay tuned and I look forward to getting to know you all and sharing my experience and passion for boating, boating education & safety, and our beautiful marine environment.

EVENTS: We already have "Swimming with the Manatees" adventure trip set for January 30th. Reservations can still be made online or call for the AISC group 10:45am trip at 352-795-5797. The website for more information is [Crystal River Manatee Adventure](#). Some folks also plan to stay the night before and/or after at the [Plantation Resort on Crystal River](#). These reservations need to be made separately at 800-632-6262. Unfortunately, Tom and Janet will not be able to attend this year, so feel free to contact me with any questions at nan.shorethangs@gmail.com or 410-991-5805.

RACING: The first race of 2024 is set for January 20. See racing information from Norm below..

MEMBERSHIP: You should have received your 2024 membership dues renewal via email. Contact Ken Ernst if you have any questions or issues.

I look forward to working with the experienced Leadership Team and seeing you all at our first 2024 meeting, Tuesday February 6 at the Kraft Athletic Club.

Cheers,

Commodore, Nan Walker



VICE COMMODORE BOB CANON

I'm honored to have been asked to fill the Vice Commodore position and am looking forward to being a member of the Board. As way of introduction, I grew up in Portsmouth Va, mile 0 on the southern portion of the ICW. Worked for Columbia Yacht in their East Coast assembly plant for a period and later purchased my first sailboat, a Cal 20, in the early 80's. Sailed and raced on the lower Chesapeake Bay and bought a bigger boat, a Morgan 33 OI, which I sailed down here in the early 90's when I took a job at Kings Bay Sub Base. I hope that as a long-time member of the club, I can provide a balanced perspective between the past and the present as the club continues to move forward in this, its' 46th year, providing fellowship and advancing our seamanship.



REAR COMMODORE MICHAEL KIEHNE

First of all: Happy New Year!

Secondly: I want to take the opportunity to thank Gary Sanders - Rear Commodore 2023 - for all the hard work and effort he put forward last year to support the club activities.

Last October Gary published the information below for the need of a new Rear Commodore:

Rear Commodore Needed for 2024

It's time for some new leadership! I accepted my first officer position the year I joined the club. In January 2020, Peter and I agreed to share the Vice Commodore role. Later in the summer of 2021, I assumed the role of Commodore, and last year, I took on the responsibilities of Rear Commodore.

The duties of the Rear Commodore in a sailing club can vary from club to club. They may include administrative tasks such as event planning or the maintenance of physical club assets like boats, a marina, or a clubhouse. However, Amelia Island Sailing Club does not possess any such assets. Our bylaws outline a limited role for our Rear Commodore, as follows:

“Will function as editor-publisher and distributor of the club’s monthly newsletter which shall include, among other items of interest, information to club members of the club’s activities in a timely manner. Should the treasure be unable to complete their term of office, the rear commodore will assume the duties of that office for the remainder of the existing term in office.”

Over time, we have officially assigned additional duties to the Rear Commodore beyond those mentioned in the bylaws. These responsibilities have included maintaining the website, managing the general meeting calendar and times, overseeing the club activities calendar, curating a library of the previous year's Scuttlebutt issues, and posting pictures of typical events, such as meetings, races, cruises, and social gatherings.

However, we've also established several appointed positions and committee chairs to handle specific tasks. This development occurred as club members with unique interests or talents volunteered to take on specific responsibilities. We now have a Publicity Director, Program Director, and Chairpersons for various committees, including the Holiday Party and Race Committee.

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The number of volunteers was actually not really overwhelming and at the end I took the responsibility. I'm convinced, with a set of new board members/ officers we will see some changes in directions and activities. Consequently, some changes will come for needs and duties. In January we will have the first officers' meeting to set the course. Let's see how it all pans out in 2024.

Mast und Schot- Bruch!

*It's an very old German sailors idiom. When Sailboats left for the next journey, the people stayed back wished the sailors: "Mast und Schot- Bruch". Literally translated "wishing you mast and sheet breakage" doesn't really mean anything. The meaning of the colloquialism translation is: **Fair winds and always a hand-width of water under the keel.***



Treasurer
Fred Eichmann



AISC TREASURER'S REPORT

December 18, 2023

Checking Account Beginning Balance	10/28/2023	\$ 6,631.33
Add: Deposits		1,575.00
Subtract: Expenses		<u>6,981.04</u>
Checking Account Ending Balance	12/18/2023	\$ <u>1,225.29</u>

Income/Deposits

Holiday Dinner Tickets	\$ 1,575.00
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Payments/Expenses

Race Committee Expenses	\$ 206.74
Landside Expenses - Thanksgiving	726.14
Holiday Gift Cards	100.00
Holiday Party Music	700.00
Holiday Party Ticket Printing	19.25
Holiday Party Cake	81.99
Holiday Party FB Golf Course Dinner Cost	4,914.75
Post Office Box Annual Fee	176.00
Merchant/Bank Fees	<u>56.17</u>
	\$ <u>6,981.04</u>

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



AISC CLUB RACING
NORM WENTWORTH



2024 Racing Season is Coming

With the finish of the 2023 Racing Season, we first want to congratulate the season winners and thank all of the 11 boats, owners and crew that participated in the nine AISC Races and two inter-club Ocean Races (Coastal Cup and Ocean Challenge) between Golden Isles Sailing Club (GISC) and AISC. Full results for the 2023 season are on the [AISC 2023 Racing Page](#) on the website, and pictures from the final race in November are on the [Photos](#) page.

- 1st Place - "Misty" - Baltic 35 owned by Wilby Whitt, with Fred Eichmann on the helm
- 2nd Place - "Morning Glory" - Catalina 355 owned by Norm Wentworth
- 3rd Place - "Valkyrie" - J/105 owned by Justin Pelham-Webb

The **2024 Racing Schedule** is finalized, posted in the website events calendar and available for download from the [2024 Racing Page](#). As in 2023, there are nine AISC club races scheduled, plus the two Ocean Races with GISC. There will be three "throw-out" races when determining the AISC full year results. This year we would like all AISC race boats to obtain new or updated PHRF Certificates (\$35 new, \$30 update) from First Coast Sailing Association, which rates sailboats racing in northeast Florida. This will help assure that all of our club boats are uniformly rated to yield fair adjusted race results. For more information about obtaining a PHRF Certificate, see the discussion and links below.

Jan 20 - AISC #1 - annual "Ice Bucket Challenge"

Feb 17 - AISC #2

Mar 16 - AISC #3

Apr 27 - AISC #4

May 18 - Coastal Cup Race - annual race with GISC from Amelia Island to St. Simons Island

Jun 15 - AISC #5

Jul 13 - AISC #6

Aug 10 - AISC #7

Sep 14 - AISC #8

Oct 12 - GA-FL Ocean Challenge Race - annual race with GISCS from St. Simons Island to Amelia Island

Nov 16 - AISC #9

St. Augustine Race Week (SARW) - Registration is now open for the annual [2024 St. Augustine Race Week](#) which runs from April 06-13, with the Inshore Series on the river for boats 32' and under scheduled for April 09 and 10 (Tues-Wed), and the Offshore Series for boats 24' and up scheduled for April 11, 12 and 13 (Thurs-Sat). The Offshore series is raced in a number of classes: PHRF Performance Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker, PHRF Cruising Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker and Multihulls. In the past two years there have been about 12 boats racing in each of the performance and cruising classes. Discounted early registration is available through January 15. See the website and [Notice of Race](#) for other important information and links to the registration.

PHRF Certificate Required - Note that a current 2024 PHRF Certificate is required from First Coast Sailing Association (FCSA) or another current certificate that must be presented for review and potential adjustment to conform to FCSA ratings. This is not a difficult process but may take a little time to gather pertinent measurements for your boat and sails. The initial certification from FCSA costs \$35, with annual renewals at \$30. An excel spreadsheet or pdf version of the 2024 Rating Application is available from the [FCSA Website](#). As noted above, we would like all AISC Racing boats to obtain a PHRF Certificate for our own club racing.

SARW is a well-run annual event which gives AISC Racers an opportunity to race against many other boats, and enjoy the camaraderie of other sailors at the various daily post racing and awards events. Family and friends can come to St. Augustine to enjoy the city and watch racing from certain viewing areas on the shore. In the past a number of boats from AISC have participated, and it would be wonderful if we could have several or more boats attend this year.

Happy Holidays to all.



Quartermaster –

Stan Jackson



This month Stan is chatting with Kent McKee...

https://ameliaislandsailingclub.wildapricot.org/resources/Documents/Scuttlebutt/January%202024/stan_kent_mckee.m4a



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TOM FLIEGER**



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