



## FROM THE HELM



### Commodore – Tom Durel

***Asterisk: any factor or element that makes an otherwise outstanding achievement somewhat doubtful or less impressive***



2020

If any year in our lifetime deserves an asterisk it is 2020. And here is hoping and praying that we will not need one for 2021.

As we close in on the end of pandemic dominated 2020\* the club did accomplish somethings for which we are grateful.

- AISC was able to enjoy several club events including the Oyster Roast at KAC, Swim with the Manatees at Crystal River, Scalloping in Steinhatchee, Cajun Cook-off at Tiger Point, Float Trips on the Ichetucknee and Picnic on Talbot Island.
- We also had 5 races off Fort Clinch in addition to the Ocean Challenge race with Golden Isles.

## December 2020

- We continued our water sampling and analysis for the River Keepers pretty much every month.
- AISC held 2 routine club meetings at KAC and 2 somewhat at Tiger Point. March was the last routine meeting. Our meetings have been compromised greatly by Corvid and we are hopeful that we can get back to a normal schedule in 2021 beginning with a February 2<sup>nd</sup> scheduled members meeting. We will see!
- Unfortunately we had to delay our 2020\* Christmas Party. But we are looking forward to an evening in 2021 when we can get together and celebrate.
- We were able to have an indoor / outdoor Thanksgiving Gathering at KAC and share an individually boxed meal provided by the club through Kitchen 251. About 50 people participated and it was great to be back at KAC. We also collected \$373 in cash donations for Joy to the Children. Thanks to Landside for their help in putting this together and thanks to Richard and Carol Nieberline for transporting the food to KAC.
- Early in 2020\* Bob Canon and Steve Ritter initiated an effort to document AISC history for placement on our website and sharing through Scuttlebutt. Bob reports significant progress into the research of our clubs' founding and growth from 1976 until the present. By contacting many former and current members we located two boxes of paperwork that a former member had stored that included a Scrap Book with articles and photos from the clubs' founding and yearly reports and Scuttlebutts up until the year 2006. From that date the records were no longer as accurately maintained. The records were not well organized, so they were filed into folders by year, all superfluous items sorted though and a list of all past Commodores compiled in chronological order. There are quite a bit of interesting race and cruise reports, newsletters, and articles pertaining to quite a colorful and unique cast of members who have enjoyed our fellowship though the years. We intend to share these stories periodically in the Scuttlebutt. We thank the following past and current members who provided clues and input during the investigative process; Bill Bass, Joe Blanchard, Gail Kellum, Eric Hughes, John Lohr, Tom Maguire, Graeme Nichol, Charlie Monroe, Kent McKee, Russ Ridley, Steve Ritter, and others.

Near term we have a number of events planned to bid farewell to 2020\* and to welcome in 2021.

- We will have an informal indoor-outdoor gathering at the KAC bar on the evening of December 8<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the holidays. We will continue our collections of donations to Joy to the Children to be added to what was collected at the Thanksgiving Gathering. This is NOT a meeting but rather a get together for a drink or two for those interested and comfortable. No registration is needed. We ask you to follow COVID19 guidelines in effect on December 8<sup>th</sup>. No one who is ill or concerned should attend. There will be no Landside support or food provided. Individuals may bring snacks or munchies as desired but there will be no provision for sharing. We encourage all members to purchase their drinks at the KAC bar and no alcoholic drinks not purchased at the KAC bar may be consumed at this event.
- We are tentatively planning another informal indoor-outdoor gathering at the KAC bar on the evening of January 5<sup>th</sup> to launch the New Year. Details will be provided by mid-December. Our first formal club meeting is currently scheduled for February 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- We are planning a final 2020 race for either December 12<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup>. Details are forthcoming.
- Water sampling and analysis is planned for the first Wednesday in December.

## December 2020

The AISC Board met on November 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss 2021 Officers and Dues. In early December we will survey the membership for their acknowledgement and concurrence on the following direction.

- **Officers:**  
The current officers, board, committee leaders shall continue for 2021 with the following exceptions and acknowledgements.
  - The term shall be 2021 or until such time as a new election is held in 2021 covering the 2022 term and any balance of the 2021 term then in effect.
  - It is acknowledged that Vice-Commodore Peter Kurtius will be unavailable from April 2021 through the end of the year.
  - It is acknowledged that Commodore Tom Durel will be unavailable in February and September through November 2021.
  - Vice-Commodore Gary Sanders will assume AISC leadership during the absences of the Commodore and other Vice-Commodore.
  - Race committee shall remain as is
  - Ken Ernst will continue over Membership
  - Julie Veilleux will be stepping aside as the leader of Landside but will remain a member of Landside. We expect to announce a new leader by the New Year.
  - John Kropa will continue as Quartermaster
  - Tom Maguire will continue as Scuttlebutt editor and handling newspaper articles.
- **2021 Dues:**
  - We expect to end 2020\* with about \$5500. This is about \$2500 more than we would normally have.
  - While we have postponed this year's Christmas Party, we will have a party sometime in 2021 when the situation is agreeable. This is consistent with the feedback from the majority of the members.
  - We will leave dues as is at an annual rate of \$100 and second half of year at \$50 for all membership types of Individual, Family and Joint. This is consistent with the feedback from the majority of the members.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving.

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### **Vice Commodores –** **Peter Kurtius** **Gary Sanders**



**Dear all**, here is the Scuttlebutt contribution from the “Vice Commodore who picked something up and it was not a present.”

Another month is gone and my apologies because I did not participate in the Scuttlebutt last month because I did not know what to write.

We had a great race last Saturday, however we picked up a crab-pot while giving way to a sailboat under sail. It was the right thing to do, but note to self “keep your eyes on the water at all

times". Luckily, I was able to get the props out of gear and the damage if any at all was kept to a minimum. I will have the diver check it out and was planning to take the boat out in January for maintenance anyway. We were able to continue our presence on the water and Tom was able to capture some great moments during the race.

The crazy year is coming to an end and I appreciate the membership's commitment to the Club during these weird and unprecedented times. I hope to see some of you during the next event so I can express my appreciation in person.

If we do not see you for the rest of the year, Sandy and I wish you a fantastic and safe Thanksgiving as well as a Merry Christmas.

As a preview of the new year, we plan to pursue our plan to do the "Great Loop" next year. Starting in the spring going north, more to follow.....

### **Christmas Time**

"At Christmas, lights burn brighter,  
and friendly hugs get even tighter.  
The spirit of Christmas fills the air,  
and people seem to really care." by Lenora McWhorter

Cheers 😊

Peter (Vice Commodore who picked something up and it was not a present)

### Don't Get Trapped Like a Crab.

I suspect there were plenty of "sailor" words and phrases hurled at a few innocent crab traps during last weekend's race. To keep our reporting fair and balanced, I thought someone should speak about them in a more positive tone. This is easier for me to do because I have yet to catch one with my boat!

The commercial crabbing fishery in Fernandina has always been the little sibling to the larger and more famous shrimping industry. However, at one time there was a successful crab processing plant located on the river front sourcing live crabs from numerous local commercial crabbers. Significant tonnage of canned meat was shipped all over the US including some that was magically converted into "Maryland Crab Cakes". Today, commercial fisherman can purchase a license and crab endorsement for \$225 and then pay \$0.50/tag for each trap. Depending on the license type, a "crabber" can fish up to 600 inshore traps. Recreational crabbers only need a saltwater fishing license and to register their traps online. You can harvest 10 gallons per day and can have up to 5 traps per person.

Blue crabs can be caught year around with spring and summer being slightly better. The more cherished Stone Crabs have a fall and winter season and require a separate license. There are no assigned territories so each crabber will use a specific color or markings on their floats to identify their traps. Trap wars have occurred in the past between commercial crabbers fighting for premium spots.

Crabbers move their traps regularly, chasing more productive locations by varying bottom types and depths. This can move them closer to higher traffic areas, but by regulation cannot be placed in "navigational channels". Another issue is caused by our strong currents that will sometime drag one into areas you are not expecting. Regulations also require that the spherical floats need to be at least 6 inches in diameter and should have a "Color, Hue and Brilliancy" to be easily identified. That just means that if you happen to

see it just before you run over it, you can be sure that it is a crap trap that has you dead in the water.

As I said, I have been lucky enough not to catch one yet. However, I am certain that it will come one day. I will try to find some more experienced sailors to teach me the best techniques for untangling traps from a keel or prop. Maybe that will be my next month's report.

Gary Sanders  
Co-Vice Commodore

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**Rear Commodore**  
**- Charlie Hayes**



**Treasurer -**  
**Ray Mooney**



AISC TREASURER'S REPORT, NOV. 16, 2020		
Checkbook Brginning Balance		\$ 6,669.05
ADD: Deposits		\$ 775.00
LESS: Expenses		\$ 2,261.07
Checkbook Ending Balance		\$ 5,182.98
Paypal Balance		\$ 959.08
Petty Cash		\$ 30.00
Total Funds Available		\$ 6,172.06
Revenue:		
Shirt Sales		\$ 560.00
Dinner for non-member		\$ 40.00
Membership fees		\$ 150.00
Race fee		\$ 25.00
Total Revenue		\$ 775.00
Expenditures:		
Race Flags - Maguire		\$ 51.36
P5 Production for shirts		\$ 757.56
Food and supplies for Turkey Dinner - Durel		\$ 1,070.49
Kraft Club rent Nov. and Dec.		\$ 100.00
Annual post office box fee		\$ 106.00
Food and supplies Lanside - Veilleux		\$ 175.66
Total Expenditures		\$ 2,261.07

**Landside –**  
**Julie Veilleux**



Kitchen 251 did a great job preparing individual meals for our November gathering. A complete Turkey dinner for all. The food was delicious! The Kraft club worked out well for the numbers we had. Most dined outside on the screened in porch ... and as always, Judy took good care of us. Thank you to those who helped pick up the meals, set up and clean up. You made the event run smoothly.

May your Holiday season be healthy.  
May your food be cooked just right.  
May Santa take a liking to you all on his Christmas flight.

Your Landside Team: Julie Veilleux, Debbie Durel, Sandy Kurtius and Joann Perkins

I am stepping down from the Lead Landside position. If anyone is interested in Stepping up for next year, or helping with the position please let us know.

Thank you, Julie Veilleux

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**AISC Club Racing -**  
**Cathy Eichmann**



We had a fantastic race November 21st with 7 boats on the water. Unfortunately, there were a few mishaps along the way. Before the start, the committee boat, Topsy Turtle, and Fin both had encounters with crab pots. Getting unentangled and trying to start the race was an adventure in itself. It made for an interesting start for the committee, doing the timing, taking pictures, sounding the horn, etc...

The wind was just right for a change. Wayward Wind had the misfortune of a ripped jib but carried on to the end. All in all, it was a great day to be out there. We avoided rain and even had quite a bit of sunshine.

## December 2020

Here are the results – close calls for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place after accounting for PHRF ratings:

21 NOV 2020 AISC RACE Results					
Distance (nautical miles)	7.1				
Start Time	13:00:00 PM				
	PHRF Rating	Raw Finish Time			Adjusted Finish Time
		hr	min	sec	
Misty	146	14	16	7	13:58:50
Valkyrie	99	14	13	59	14:02:16
On Eagles Wings	172	14	22	39	14:02:18
Sea Esta	226	14	44	44	14:17:59
Salty Sally	181	14	52	31	14:31:06
Wayward Wind	238	15	1	14	14:33:04
Fin	112	DNF	0	0	#VALUE!

To view a slide show of pictures taken from Topsy Turtle and Miss Amanda (thanks, Barney!) click on the link:

[Amelia Island Sailing Club \(AISC\) - Photos \(wildapricot.org\)](http://wildapricot.org)

Thank you to all the skippers who were on the water to make it a wonderful day for all of us. Seeing so many boats together at the start was beautiful.

We are looking forward to having another race in December if there is enough interest.

Best wishes to everyone.  
Cathy



**Scuttlebutt Editor**  
**and Past Commodore**  
**Tom Maguire**



For comments and/or suggestions contact:  
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addition to the “Commodore-retired” ranks  
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## December 2020 EVENT Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	Dec 1	2 River Sampling	3	4	5
6	7	8 6:00 PM 2020 Christmas Informal Get Together	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	Jan 1	2
3	4	5 6:00 PM AISC First Event January 2021	6	7	8	9

Amelia Island Sailing Club





# 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***