



## FROM THE HELM



### Commodore – Gary Sanders

Well we tried to act like things were back to normal last month, so we scheduled a meeting/dinner at KAC. Only about ten of us attended, which was a clear message that most of the club is not yet ready. While the COVID levels in Nassau County may be slightly better than a month ago, they are still at a concerning level. We therefore have decided to cancel the meeting for September.

We are still trying to keep other club activities functioning to maintain some momentum. We did provide river sampling assistance and enjoyed our monthly sailing race (technically speaking it was a 3-race regatta this time).

Hopefully conditions will improve throughout the month, and we will not have to cancel our October meeting. It is still on the calendar. We are also looking for other activities that we can organize that would be more pandemic proof. If you have any ideas, please let me or one of the officers know.





# Looping Vice Commodore – Peter Kurtius



## Back on the LOOP, now in the Windy City!!

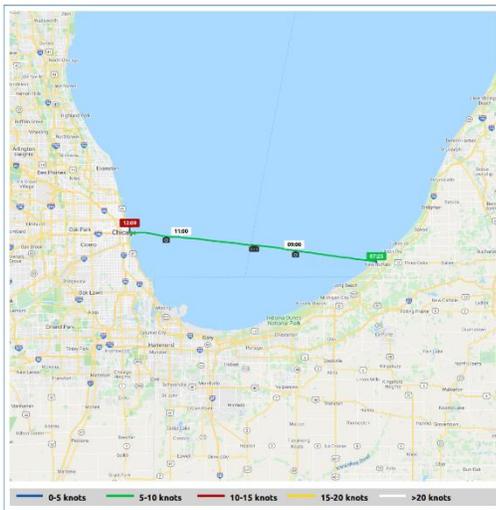
Our looping Vice Commodore and Tipsy Turtle Admiral Sandy are back at it, just crossing Lake Michigan and landing in Chicago. That's it for the big lakes, rivers are in their future!

### Tipsy Turtle

30 August 2021



Voyages	Underway (hours)	Duration (hours)	Distance (mi)	Average Speed (knots)	Max Speed (knots)
1	4:43	4:44	45.7	8.4	9.1



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Follow their adventures on the Nebo app and keep looking for blog updates:

[TipsyTurtleTravels](https://www.tipsyturtletravels.com)



**Treasurer –**  
**Ray Mooney**



AISC TREASURER'S REPORT, AUGUST 28, 2021		
Checkbook Beginning Balance		\$ 9,869.77
Less: Expenses		<u>\$ 124.58</u>
Checkbook Ending Balance		\$ 9,745.19
PayPal Balance		\$ 871.20
Petty Cash Balance		\$ 54.00
Total Funds Available		\$ 10,670.39
Expenditures		
Kraft Club		\$ 50.00
Landside Supplies and Food		<u>\$ 74.58</u>
		\$ 124.58



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



This month we tried something new. Instead of one loooong race, we had three short races - aka, a regatta! What was fun for us on the committee boat, was that we could always see all of the boats--all four of them. We had three races, each successive one starting shortly after the last boat finished. The first and third races took the longest with a lot of current pushing the boats away from the first mark. There was a lot of tacking in order to make it past and on to the next mark. For some reason, the second race was much easier. Who knows?

We had a great time on the committee boat, provided by Bernie Crumrine. Fortunately for all of us, sailors and race committee, the day remained cloudy. Even on the water, it would have been steamy. There was a steady breeze which kept things moving. Thank you to the skippers who brought their boats out for a few hours on the water. It is always enjoyable to watch everyone. Tom Maguire had some great photo ops due to Bernie's skillful driving getting us up close and personal to the boats.

Overall winner Misty--Wilby Whitt  
Second place Valkyrie--Justin Webb



Third place Fin--Graeme  
Nichol  
Fourth place Salty Sally--Gary  
Sanders

More pictures at:

[Amelia Island Sailing Club \(AISC\) -  
Photos \(wildapricot.org\)](https://www.wildapricot.org/Amelia-Island-Sailing-Club-AISC-2021-AISC-Racing-Season)

And, race course, results and  
News Leader article (online, all  
pictures are in color – in print

the paper seems to think pictures of golfers holding golf clubs are more interesting than sailboats and end up on the first page of the sports section in color – go figure!):

[Amelia Island Sailing Club \(AISC\) - 2021 AISC Racing Season \(wildapricot.org\)](https://www.wildapricot.org/Amelia-Island-Sailing-Club-AISC-2021-AISC-Racing-Season)

Another club race planned for September 25<sup>th</sup> and then in October we host the Ocean Challenge from St.Simons to Fernandina Beach with the Golden Isles Sailing Club. It should be fun!



**Quartermaster –**  
**John Kropa**



Please visit our P5 Web Store when you have a moment and give yourself the gift of an AISC item for your Fall outfit (yes I'm afraid Summer is almost over 😞). Not only stylish and comfy, they can be a convenient conversation starter.

[Amelia Island Sailing Club Web Store \(printavo.com\)](http://printavo.com)

**Nav. tip of the month:**

Just for fun, or if you find yourself on the high seas without a chart or GPS, you can use "rules of thumb" to make some simple estimates.

You can use the curvature of the earth to help calculate the approximate distance to the visible horizon. Knowing the height of your eye above the water, for example 5 feet if you are standing on a boat with your feet at the waterline. Obviously this changes slightly depending on how tall you are.

The formula is: Square root of (1.17 x height of eye in feet) = distance in miles.

So, if your height of eye is 5 feet,  $\text{Sqrt}(1.17 \times 5) = 2.4$ , so you are roughly 2.4 miles from an object at the horizon.

You can also literally use your thumb for this "rule of thumb" to guess how far away an object is:

- Hold your arm straight out, thumb up
- Close one eye, align your thumb with distant object
- Switch eyes (don't move your thumb!)
- Your thumb will seem to change position
- Now ... estimate how far it moved sideways (you could imagine the length of a car or something similar).
- Multiply that by 10 and you have an estimate of how far away it is

An example would be if your thumb seemed to jump the length of what you know to be a 36 foot sailboat, multiply 36 times 10, and the boat is estimated to be 360 feet away.

Guaranteed to not be highly accurate but give it a try sometime!



**Scuttlebutt Editor**  
**Tom Maguire**



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**September 2021**  
**AISC Event Calendar**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	Sep 1 <a href="#">River Sampling</a>	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<a href="#">Ocean Challenge Participants - make your Golden Isles Marina Reservations for 15 October</a>						<a href="#">8th AISC Race</a>
26	27	28	29	30	Oct 1	2
3	4	5	6 <a href="#">River Sampling</a>	7	8	9



# 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***

**AISC**