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## BeeZoo meets Ibis & Sandpiper in the Exumas by Steve Elliot



After seeing a beautiful "rainbow" on the first day while crossing the Gulf Stream, we knew that our trip to the Exumas would be a lot of fun and the weather would be just great! We slept over night on the Banks near Russel light and arrived at Chub Cay at 12:00 noon the next day to check in and pay our \$100 fee.

This was before the Bahamian Government raised the check-in fee to \$300 last May/June. To find out the latest on the fee increases for entering the Bahamas, go to the web site: <http://www.boycottbahamas.com/>

Our original plan was to sail south past Andros to a GPS mark that indicated where the old DECA markers existed. Then the plan was to sail directly East finding the old markers until they lead us to Pipe Cay where we were to meet Ted and Patty on Ibis . . . Ibis is an "Even Keel

35" catamaran designed by Walter Green of Yarmouth Maine. Ted built the boat in his back yard, from plans, which took about 5 years of steady work, and they have been cruising on Ibis for the past 4 years.

Naturally, the wind was not with us so we decided to sail to Nassau Harbor and proceed down the Exuma chain until we arrived at Pipe Cay.

We had a scary night in Nassau Harbor with a storm that blew approximately 50knts. Out of the South and at 3:00am of course we had the required "Chinese Fire Drill" and had to fire up both engines to avoid bumping into a dock that was directly behind us. Everything was OK the next morning except for the rain and about 20 knots of wind out of the West. We decided to GO FOR IT and left heading South. The morning slowly cleared, and the sun began to shine so

that we made really good time and decided to get as far South as we could.

By May 4th, we had made it to Wardwick Wells Exuma Park headquarters, and anchored South of Emerald Rock. By this time we didn't know if Ted and Patty had waited for us or not. We were taking longer that anticipated. While anchored there, I spotted another catamaran anchored closer to the beach, that looked a lot like *Ibis*. We dinghies over to meet Shelly and Dick on *Sandpiper*. We then found out that they had talked to Ted on the phone several times but had never met him or seen Ibis. We also learned that Sandpiper was another Walter Green design and there were only 2 other Even Keel boats existing in the world sailing at this time. They agreed to follow us for the next day or so and would finally get a chance to see their sister ship.

Ted and Patty had waited for us and were really surprised to see another Walter Green boat following us into the anchorage behind Pipe Cay. We had several beautiful days petting the Sharks at Compass Cay and snorkeling around Big Major's Spot and Thunder Ball Cave at Spaniel Cay where the James Bond movie was filmed. Finally Ted and Patty had to leave to head home after having spent the whole winter in Georgetown. We said our good-byes and Sandpiper and BeeZoo headed for Black point.

Black point is always a fun place to stop and Joan was able to use the internet for \$6 per hour, at Loraine's Cafe as opposed to the fifty-cents per minute that is charged most other places in the Bahamas including Georgetown. Loraine's Cafe is also the best place in

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### BeeZoo continued

town for some excellent Bahamian cooking. Blackpoint is also the only place we know of where cruisers can get one 5 gal. jug of good R/O water per day during the season for FREE. Most marinas charge 50/60 cents per gallon for R/O water.

We continued sailing south through some beautiful water and protected anchorage until we made it all the way to Georgetown.

Then we turned around and reversed

the whole process and did it all over again. Arriving back home on June 3rd and having seen another Rainbow on the last day crossing the Gulfstream, just underlined the great time we had on BeeZoo cruising the Exumas.

P.S. the next time you are cruising in the Exumas be sure to stop at Norman's Pond Key, and have a burger at McDuffs and a Pina Colada made on their now famous Gas-operated chain saw blender! ◀

Joan & Steve on Stocking Island



Best Reading Spot



Gas-Operated Blender

Big Major's Spot



Nassau Harbor



Ibis Heads for Home

# Commodore's Message

Hello. Thanks to members of the board who have showed me the ropes I had an easy transition to this office. Unfortunately, I will not be able to make all the meetings this year as I will be in New Jersey during the September and December meetings to help out my father, who lives alone there.

The key to the continued health of masf is new membership. Whenever you meet multi-hullers who are not members of our organization, invite them to join. A copy of the membership application is in the newsletter. If you can obtain a mailing list of others who have purchased a boat from the same manufacture (Corsair, Maine Cat, Seawind, Stiletto, etc.) in Monroe, Dade, Broward or Palm Beach counties please send me a copy so we can compile a list of potential

members. If you have any other ideas on how to reach out to new members, please bring it up at the next meeting.

We are trying to update our membership lists. At the July meeting we asked for additional information on E-mail addresses, cell phone numbers, boat makes and models. We will pass around a sheet with the information we have at the next meeting. Please make any additions or corrections.

As you may have noticed, Clarke Blacker has taken over as newsletter editor from Jamie Titcomb. Editing the newsletter takes about 20 - 40 hours if you know what you are doing, and can take much longer if you have to write, as well as edit, some of the articles.

There are currently only two people in the club that have the skill and the software to edit the newsletter. We must help them out!

Please send Clarke@clarkeblacker.com any articles, pictures etc. that he can use in future issues. We all owe many thanks not only to Clarke and Jamie but also to the club members who have been providing articles in the past.

If you have any ideas on how the club can better serve your interests please contact myself or one of the board members.

*Eric Tullberg*  
Commodore

## Skeeter Progress Report

by Tom Mestrits

After more than a month of sanding the exterior and trying to find a couple of days without rain, and some other minor set backs, Skeeter is painted.

Throughout the construction process I was keeping very close control on the weight of the boat. All the parts were weighed before installation and listed on a spread sheet. According to my original calculations the dry weight of the boat with motors (2 Hondas 30 hp), batteries and interior furniture, should come out around 2,600 lbs. The longer this process took the more doubt I had that my numbers were realistic. Considering that the Seawind is 11,000 lbs. and the PDQ 36 with 9.9 hp OB motors, is over 12,500 lbs. I started to think that my calculations were off.

To know for sure, I rented a scale and weighed the boat. It came out at 2,450 lbs. One hundred fifty pounds lighter than calculated. I still cannot figure out why some of those production boats are so heavy. By the time the boat goes in the water it will be heavier but not much. My calculated weight with fuel, water, general stores and two people will be around 3,500 lbs. ◀

## masf meetings/minutes

Jack Spoering, Recording Secretary

Board Meeting – August 20, 2003, 8 board members present and meeting started 7:30 pm.

Commodore was not present so board held open discussions.

Clarke Blacker Race Committee Chairman — masf to take charge of the the S.O.R.C Trophy since it is not being presented at this time (Commodore Monroe's Proa)

Rating Committee — Clarke Blacker reported masf to look into being sanctioned by PHRF and that in principle masf would agree to pick up any costs involved as long as they are reasonable and within the club's means.

Open discussion — masf to check out reestablishing our membership in *U. S. Sailing*.

Need to enlist new members to take part in Race Committee work. John Nitkin was suggested for this position.

Tom Mestrits will handle repairs to the Rudy Choy Memorial Trophy now held at

the Ft. Lauderdale Yacht Club.

Arrangements will be made with McKnight of C.A.B.B. to try for a masf Raft-Up off Hobie Beach Sept. 14 and inviting the Beach Cat club members to join us aboard the masf larger cats and sail out to Stiltsville. This effort going toward showing beach cat owners the advantages of larger multis.

Incorporation — Tom Mestrits will handle whatever is necessary to refile the masf incorporation papers as masf Inc..

Blue Card — Walter Steinhard will handle the masf Blue Card which will continue in it's large size and be sent monthly. The card will be written by Walter and Don Siedler and produced by Clarke Blacker.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:30 PM

Respectfully submitted  
John Spoering  
Recording Secretary





# 2003 Conch Cup Regatta

by Victor Mendelssohn

The Conch Cup Charity Challenge benefits Ronald McDonald House and is wonderfully organized by Robert Onsgard. Boats showed up on this 10kt summer Saturday, August 23 to enjoy the coming together of about 35 multi and monohulls. Most were beach cats some very high tech speedsters weighing less than the crew, some monohulls, but only two Cruising Cats. We all enjoyed good sailing from just south of the causeway to Dinner Key Channel across the bay east around the southern end of Key Biscayne, out the channel and then north to the finish. Monos and

Cruising Cats finished off Government Cut and Beach cats off the dock at Miami Yacht Club.

Having to get Catnip ready to race, making sure all equipment is working correctly and starting and racing with a fleet of boats is all very exiting and makes us all better sailors; being that this was for charity made it even more special.

I personally can't understand why, we at masf didn't have more of a turn out.

Hope to see more of us next year. ◀



**Conch Cup 2003 Final Results**

Class	Sail #	Skipper	Crew	Boat Type	Rating Class	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected	Place
masf 1	102	Raquel Lopez	Family	F-24 II	75	13:46:22	13:46:22	11520	1
masf 1	133	Geller/Brenell	Steve Marsh	F-27	48	13:42:59	13:42:59	11735	2
masf 1	S	Mike Powers	Steve Evans	Stiletto 23	-35	13:47:39	13:47:39	13302	3
masf 1	161	Joe Rome	F-28	21	DNS	DNS	DNS	4	
masf 2	1007	Victor Mendelson	Carke Blacker	Seawind 1000	114	14:24:18	14:24:18	13191	1
masf 2	1082	John Teloh	Pamela Bennett	Seawind 1000	117	14:35:07	14:35:07	13794	2
masf 2	MC 30	Jon Nitkin	Kelly Nitkin	Maine Cat 30	120	DNS	DNS	DNS	3

**A random collection of shots taken by Clarke Blacker before the start and at the awards ceremony hosted by the Miami Yacht Club.**



**Hurricane Manual**

The *Hurricane Manual for Marine Interests* has been republished through the efforts of Marrella Crane of Florida Sea Grant, Miami-Dade Office of Emergency Management and other Marine Agencies and individuals. Copies have been distributed to every marina, yacht club, West Marine and Boat U.S. stores and should be on display at all locations. Additional manuals in any quantity can be acquired from:

Marella Crane  
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It can also be viewed on the web at:

[www.aicw.org/hurricane/hurricanecover.htm](http://www.aicw.org/hurricane/hurricanecover.htm)

**FREE 23' Trimaran (99% Complete)**

Recording Secretary Jack Spoering must give up his coastal cruising trimaran because of knee surgery and the inability to get around now to do necessary work.

The tri is now moored off the launching ramps on the Intercoastal side of Jupiter. I-95 to exit 59 (Jupiter). Go east over Intracoastal bridge turn left about 200 yards to Jupiter launching ramps on the left. If you walk out to the end of the ramp you can see the tri off to your left (light blue with cream decks and pop-top cabin. Your welcome to dingy out and inspect her.

She is built of developed compounded plywood, glassed and epoxied. The tri is modeled after the Gougeon brothers tri "Victor T" as illustrated in their book – "Gougeon Brothers on Boat Construction", page 226. Sizes have been increased to give cockpit and cabin area & she has space for 2 berths in the lift top cabin. She can be completely dismantled by removing 12 bolts and comes

with a lifting o.b. motor mount. She carries approx. 180 sq. ft. of sail on a very simple to operate lateen rig.

If you are interested, take a look. She needs a serious bottom cleaning now since I can no longer get out to her and a coat of antifouling. The centerboard is in the cabin but not yet mounted.

Jack can be reached at 954-563-9583.

**Local Seawind 1000 News Bits**

*Don Quixote* hull #066 (owned by Walter Steinhart) has been hit by lightning and currently is hauled out at Manatee Bay Boat Yard. All the instrumentation is being replaced and the 12 volt system re-wired.

In the Conch Cup held August 23, *Catnip* finished first in the cruising multihulls class. On board; were Capt. Victor Mendelsohn, Clarke Blacker, and Tom Mestrits.

Visionary Technologies (Tom Mestrits) received the 6th order for hull extensions for Seawind hull # 0090 from Potomac, MD.

Seawind XL, hull #0096 (in Brooklyn, NY) with the hull extension is the only Seawind in the country that is powered by two Honda 25hp motors. Her cruising speed under power is 9.5 knots, and the top end is 10.2 knots.



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### For Sale

1982 Stiletto 27 SE. Yamaha 9.9, two mainsails, roller furling jib, masthead gennaker. \$15,000. Call Paul Chudnow at 954 760 9245 or email: chudnowftl@pol.net. Hope to see you next meeting.

### For Sale

18 hp. Nissan OB, 2-stroke. Same size as 9.9 or 15. 25" shaft, electric start, remote, 6 amps charge, 2 props, 100 lbs. Great kicker for fast multihull. \$800. Call Norm Hansen, (561) 278-2570

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[http://www.angelfire.com/nb/tripple\\_play/framesindex.html](http://www.angelfire.com/nb/tripple_play/framesindex.html)

### New Website

New catamaran sailing site with news, repair tips, stories, pictures, mailing list, and free classified ads. [www.TheBeachcats.com](http://www.TheBeachcats.com) has a links section where you can add your site, and include your own description.

Thanks,

Damon Linkous, Hobie 18 Magnum,  
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## www.bbyra.net

Biscayne Bay Yacht Racing Association (BBYRA) is composed of five yacht clubs in the Biscayne Bay area. A monthly racing series is run by these clubs. In the cruising event, multihulls are invited but must have 5 boats for the class. All subject to change. See the above website for updated information and links.

## Newsletter:

Please send any multihull sailing, racing, or cruising related information to Clarke Blacker at [clarke@clarkeblacker.com](mailto:clarke@clarkeblacker.com) for the newsletter and or website. Notify us before sending large document/image files for special instructions. Please email race & calendar submissions to

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## masf Web Site Moves!

Jamie Titcomb has obtained the new domain: [www.masf-multihulls.com](http://www.masf-multihulls.com) and Clarke Blacker has donated the server space to host it. Over the next few months Jamie and Clarke will be giving our site a shiny new look. Visit the **masf** website for the latest links to your favorite sailing sites, races and marine companies. Don't forget, the new **masf** web site address is . . .

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