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Holiday 2010 Edition

Waterfront prepares to celebrate EC-SAR's 40 years of service

~Ryan Dilkey '98 (Coordinator of EC-SAR)

The *Friends of the Waterfront*, alumni spanning four decades, program staff, and current students are all looking forward to the celebration of a milestone in EC-SAR's history. Next year marks forty years of service!

Plans are already underway to make the celebration one of the most memorable at the Waterfront Program and Eckerd College. Scheduled events will begin on Wednesday November 2, 2011 and conclude with a blast on Saturday November 5 with the SAR Bowl, cookout, and awards. Other notable events will include the 7th Annual Triton Inshore Slam Fishing Tournament, Waterfront Fun Day for families, a beach day, and the Friday evening's Celebration Reception, Dinner, and Party.

Friends Board Members and Waterfront Staff have begun the preparations with setting the agenda and planning the events for the celebration. Committees have been created to help coordinate efforts for some of the more complex tasks such as locating and communicating with any "lost alumni".

Celebration Committees

- Communications & Search Committee
- Marketing/Registration/Finance
- Sponsorships/Support
- Memorabilia
- Open House/SAR Bowl
- Friday Dinner/Agenda/Party
- Beach Day
- Fishing Tournament
- Waterfront Fun Day

If you'd like to get involved with any of these committees, please contact Renee Register at the Waterfront!

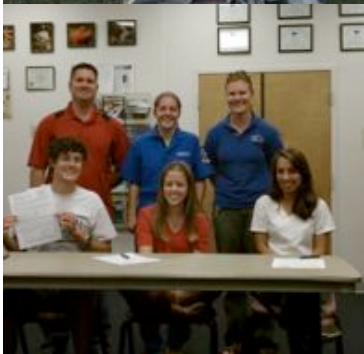
We look forward to everyone attending the celebration, sharing stories from past and present, and reconnecting with friends. For more information regarding next year's big celebration, go to our website at www.eckerd.edu/waterfront/ or call the Waterfront Office at (727) 864-8288.



Walking For A Cure

~ Meagan Bonenfant '11 (FM, First Responder, Ops Coordinator, Instructor, C Watch Leader)

For the third year in a row, EC-SAR will be participating in Relay For Life. The Relay is an overnight event hosted by the American Cancer Society during which members of teams walk around a track all night in order to raise money. All profits go directly towards helping those who are survivors and/or currently fighting cancer. Money raised also goes toward research so future generations never hear the words "you have cancer." Last year the team was able to raise over \$2,800 making us the top fund raising team at the event. This year, we are hoping to be a silver level team with a goal of \$3,500. We have already raised \$1,125 and in the spirit of the holidays we are asking for any generous donations people can spare. We are walking the event in honor of Bill Schmidt, the Shop Supervisor at the Waterfront. We would like to help him in his fight as much as possible. If you have no one to make a donation in the name of, please put it in Bill's name. Donations can be made online at <http://main.acsevents.org/goto/ec-sar>. If you would like to write a check, please make it out to the American Cancer Society, and send it to the Waterfront address with attention to Relay For Life. The Relay will be held April 29, 2011 here on campus. We appreciate all your support!



Can We Get Your John/Jane Hancock?

~ Alanna Frayne '14 (Crew Trainee)

We began as a group of 70. The rigorous trial period started in August as we learned new skills, procedures, and began to understand firsthand the responsibilities of being an EC-SAR team member. Our first marlinspike test included knot tying, heaving, flicking, and general seamanship knowledge. From this point forward, the 10 remaining trainees maintained course and persisted in the training. However, this is not to suggest that our drills became any easier; on the contrary, our trial had only just begun. Dubbed "Phasers" in reference to our current standing as Phase 1 trainees, we continued to meet the high demands expected of us. These expectations include achieving 85% or higher on exams, maintaining a GPA of at least 2.0, prompt attendance at all meetings and functions, arriving prepared in uniform, and abstaining from drugs. In addition to these expectations, we had many intense, but exciting training days as well as the chance to learn proper use of spotlights during night navigation and searching. After about three months of training, we found ourselves at the culmination of our hard work; upon completion of Phase 1 training, we signed our EC-SAR contracts. The sincerity of the contract signing was really heartwarming. We were read our contracts, which explained our commitment and the expectations of our membership. Once we signed, we officially became part of the team. The staff and team welcomed us with enthusiasm that, along with the satisfaction of achieving our goal, made our struggle worthwhile.

We Didn't Start The Fire

~ Jeremy Bernfeld '13 (FM Trainee, First Responder Trainee, Communications)

Tuesday November 9th, Ryan Dilkey, Frauke Rost, Rachel Kobernick and I responded to a 38' vessel on fire near marker 6 of the Intracoastal Waterway. TowBoatUS was first on scene and had picked up the couple and their dog off the vessel prior to our arrival. We were second on scene. When we arrived, the vessel had smoke coming out of the cabin but no flames were visible. Upon speaking with the owner of the vessel aboard the towboat we learned that there was live ammunition as well as two propane tanks aboard the vessel. We retreated to a safe distance and within minutes of our initial assessment the vessel was engulfed in flames and the ammunition and propane exploded. Once the ammunition and propane had discharged, the superstructure of the vessel collapsed. At this point we were still the only SRU on scene as well as the only vessel with firefighting capabilities. We started our pump and began putting water on the flames. After about 5-10 minutes we reduced the flames to about half of what they had been. When a fireboat from Hillsborough County arrived on scene they began to fight the fire with us. We soon had the fire contained and, by the direction of the Coast Guard, we scuttled the vessel so it would not reignite. The vessel was salvaged the following day. I think I can speak for everyone when I say this was truly a job well done. Even though this was a dangerous situation with many complications, we were able to coordinate with the other agencies on scene and carry out the job safely and efficiently. In the end, everyone and the dog was safe which is what matters most.

Fond Memories

~ Rachel Kobernick '12 (Coxswain Trainee, Ops Coordinator Trainee, First Responder, Equipment Specialist, Equipment Coordinator)

One thing I always look forward to on EC-SAR is alumni weekend. It's a great time because we get to see some of our friends that have just recently graduated as well as other alumni who remember what campus was like before Omega was built. I was able to go out on the water with some EC-SAR alums and enjoyed listening to them recount some of their own college stories.

One unique characteristic about EC-SAR is even after you've been away for a while, you'll always remember how to tie a cleat knot. It was neat to see alums crew the boat for me when I took them for a ride out on Boca Ciega Bay. I heard many comments about missing the smell of salt in the air, or feeling the wind on your face again, and how it was so easy to come back to. When we got back, we had a few impromptu rounds of alums vs. students: marlinspike edition. It was a very informal affair, and while waiting for our turns, we swapped stories about how things used to be and how they are now. There were some trick heaves over mangroves and into a bucket down on the dock, and down the boardwalk into a boot, as well as some trick flicks. It was a good turn out from everyone from freshman to newly graduated seniors to alums that remember when Op/Com was located in the boathouse.

I hope that we see some more familiar faces next year for alumni weekend, so we get to do this all over again. And we always want to hear more Ryan Dilkey stories!



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Family Weekend



Thursday, February 24 – Saturday, February 26, 2011

EC-SAR Parents and Family Members are invited to attend a special Family Weekend at the Waterfront Program

Come join the Waterfront Staff and the EC-SAR team for a fun filled weekend. See what your sons and daughters are always raving about. Events will include underway patrols, friendly competitions, and plenty of food!

Information packets and formal invitation will be mailed after the holiday season.

Don't Spoil Your Supper

~ Emily Reichert '08 (EC-SAR Staff Instructor)

There's nothing more enjoyable than sitting down to a good meal with those you care about. That's doubly true when the meal is served in front of the Wallace Boathouse and the attendees are all, literally, great friends. Early this past November, my fellow staff and I had the pleasure of hosting the 6th annual Friends of the Waterfront Dinner. Catered by Eckerd's own dining service, Bon Appetite, we enjoyed a meal that left us all wondering why the students constantly complain about 'Cafe food'. But as good as the food was, the company was even better. This year was our largest yet with 90 Friends attending the dinner. I shared a table with alums from all areas of the Waterfront Program: EC-SAR, Sailing Team and Recreation. Conversation included EC-SAR case stories, the sharing of fond waterfront memories and speculation about what the future holds for "the place that we all call home" as Murray Fournie, Chairman of the Friend's Board, so accurately stated in his address that evening. Also featured on the evening's agenda was the bestowing of Honorary Team Member status upon the Lindley family, who have been actively involved in supporting EC-SAR even though they were not team members when they were students.

To those of you who were there, thank you again for a wonderful evening! To those who missed out, I hope to see you next year. With next year being EC-SAR's 40th year of service, we anticipate the Friend's dinner to be even bigger and better than this year's was! Until then, fair winds and calm seas, and remember to eat your veggies.