

Eckerd College Search & Rescue

Parent's Weekend Edition

With Crew Training Update

Located on Beautiful Boca Ciega Bay

~ Karla Pedersen '03 (Tech Rescue/Medical and SAR Coordinator)

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The college literature boasts this, but how many students or parents get to see the bay from some place other than South Beach? This past family weekend over 200 parents and family members were able see the bay up close and personal by taking a ride on one of the waterfront's recreation or Search and Rescue boats. This made it one of the busiest days for boat rides that anyone can remember for an open house. It was a beautiful day to be out on the water, one of the warmest we've had so far this year, and many families that went out for rides encountered dolphins or were able to catch a glimpse of a sailing regatta. One boat was even flagged down by a vessel in distress (VID) that needed a jump start; this gentleman was referred to EC-SAR who got a vessel underway.

So what is the most important thing to know before climbing on-board for your next boat ride? Think about it like this; if you go watch a show at Sea World the splash zone is 15 rows wide. On our boats there is no row 16.



Scott Shoemaker '13 and his parents



Emily Freeland '13 and her parents
"I think the boat ride was their favorite part of the weekend."
~ Emily Freeland



Kira Moyer '13 having fun on Rescue 4



Justin Blancher '13 and his parents



Isabella DiGregorio and her parents



A Day as Dock Master

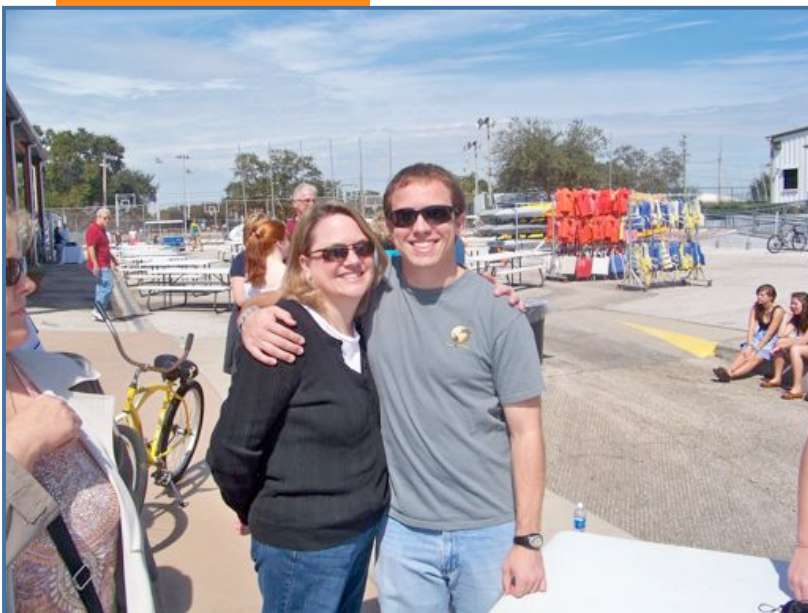
~ Rachel Kobernick '12

The Parent's Weekend Waterfront Open House: A day full of boat rides, families, buffet luncheon, and mingling. My job that day was to man the table and sign people up for boat rides. We had six powerboats including Rescues 4 and 5, two Colgate sailboats, and ASPEC's handmade electric boat, the Don Brown, and the Deckboat available for boat rides. It was fun to meet all the different students and their families who wanted to check out what the Waterfront was all about. It was especially nice to meet some of the families of some of our new crew persons on the team.

Families were able to walk around the Waterfront, take a tour of OPCOM, and enjoy a buffet luncheon out in the sun. With the weather the best we've had in a while, it was a beautiful day for boat rides, and apparently many people agreed. The event started at noon and ended a little before 3:00. Alicia and I were able to help 220 people enjoy the sun from the deck of a boat.



Alicia Glatt '10 and Rachel Kobernick '12 directed the boat ride sign-up and kept everyone on time.



"What a beautiful Sunday afternoon to be able to go to the Waterfront to see what ECSAR really is. A great boat ride around the coast to see and hear the things Nick does on a daily basis working for ECSAR. Nick was able to show me where he is when he is on OPCOM duty, where all the equipment is. It was wonderful to hear the music, eat great food, and see where Nick spends his time when not in classes. These young adults that I met on this weekend show such enthusiasm and are very proud of what they are doing in ECSAR!"

~ Mrs. Amy Ward with her son Nick '12



"We thoroughly enjoyed the waterfront activities including touring the waterfront area, especially Op-Com, talking to many of the EC-SAR team and then riding on Rescue 4, driven by Alice Best, around Boca Ciega Bay."

~ Kim and Tony Uhlman with their daughter Emily '12

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Training Update

~ Alicia Glatt '10, Team Leader and Instructor

Training has been a lot of fun this semester. Second semester training days consist of more technical skill that builds on knowledge from the first semester. We have been working on grounders, firefighting, dewatering, local knowledge, and medical situations.

One of my favorite training days is the firefighting and free surface training. We take the last half of the training session to teach free surface with teamwork mixed in. Free surface is the movement of the water in a vessel taking on water, much like water sloshing in a shallow pan. The trainees walk along the sides of the boat attempting to prevent the gunwale from dipping under the waterline and controlling the flow of water in the boat. The drill boat we use starts half-way filled and takes on more water through the drill, and it becomes increasingly difficult to keep the boat from capsizing. The trainees spend a lot of time trying to work out a system that keeps the water evenly distributed throughout the boat and they did very well working together. The water was rather chilly which gave them a strong motivation to stay on the boat!

