



The Yacht Club of Hilton Head Island

The Main Sheet

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MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE

February is here and Valentine's Day is just around the corner. This is the time of year our hearts turn to love and dreaming of warm weather, new flowers, and a renewed outlook on life. We make plans for the coming year which could include updating the home, changing the layout of your rooms, looking at what the new colors are going to be, planning on doing more sailing & boating or many other things that can push the winter out of our minds. The club is doing the same thing; looking at those things that need to be done such as repairs to the roof, repairing the ceiling in the office, ladies room and doing more updating to the tile floors. We have a few members who have volunteered to do some of this work but we need a few more. If you are interested in getting involved please let me know or one of the bridge officers.

As I stated in the last Mainsheet our goal for new members is job number one. At the present time our total membership is 105. Regular Resident: 70

Non- Resident:	18	Honorary:	5
Jr. Members	0	Widows:	5
Life Members;	8		

Our membership has been declining for the last few years. Most has to do with members passing away or reaching an age that they can no longer be active. We have lost some because of not enough sailing and boating activities, some because they have moved out of the area, and some who have found other interests.

Last year with the help of Bill Lawrenson and Dave Shkor we kicked up our boating activities and will do even more this year. We have moved 3 of the JY-15's off the dock and have them up in the yard to do repairs. They will stay there until we get some members to use them. We left 1 on the dock with the mast up for anyone who would like to sail it. This has now made room for members with boats under 26 ft. a place to tie up their boats for short time use. Please notify Larry Jordon that you will be using the dock. We will still have room for Flying Scots and dingy use.

The food & Beverage committee has made many changes to our food service and are working to have more functions at the club. The Club clean up date is set for March 27 at 9am with lunch severed after the job is done.

The bridge and the board of stewards believe that we can do what is needed to increase our membership. Working together having fun, getting involved and asking our friends to join us will make this happen. George Bernard Shaw made this statement as he was looking into the future, "You see things; and you say Why? But I dream things that never were, and I say Why not?" which brings us back to increasing our membership "Why not?"

Ray Carlton, Commodore

YCHHI February, 2010 Events and Activities

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 <i>Mah Jongg</i>	3 <i>Hackers Golf</i>	4	5 Lunch <i>Dinner-Oatmeal Crusted Cod</i>	6
7	8	9 <i>Mah Jongg</i> <i>Game Night</i>	10 <i>Hackers Golf</i>	11	12 <i>Nautiladies- Friends Day</i> <i>Dinner-Grilled Pork Chops</i>	13
14	15	16 <i>Mah Jongg</i>	17 <i>Hackers Golf</i>	18	19 Lunch <i>Dinner-Swedish Meatballs</i>	20
21 <i>Talent Show</i>	22 <i>Board of Stewards Meeting</i>	23 <i>Mah Jongg</i>	24 <i>Hackers Golf</i>	25	26 Lunch <i>Dinner-Chicken Parmesan</i>	27
28	1	2 <i>Mah Jongg</i>	3 <i>Hackers Golf</i>	4	5 Lunch <i>Dinner- Casino Style Tilapia</i>	6

Around the World Cuisine Night is February 19th spotlighting Sweden. The Appetizer Table will be full and a Gift Basket will be given out.

If any club member would like a certain Country or USA City to be the Cuisine of the Month, please email Judy Safay and let her know. If you have any favorite appetizer recipes for that country or city, please share.

The club's **Game Night** will start this month. Helen Kola and Judy Fennell have Tuesday the 9th saved for our first of the year. Bring your coins and your sense of humor and enjoy. Darren will prepare soup and sandwiches before the games start.

Food and Beverage has put a **suggestion box** on the appetizer table. We would appreciate your comments. We would like to hear members' ideas to help make our Club a success.

John and Judy Safay

BOATERS REPORT

Bill Lawrenson, Fleet captain Sail, and I, Fleet Captain Power, want to begin the process of planning the boating activities for 2010. We welcome ideas from all members now and as the year progresses.

Activities that we are going to plan are;

- 1) All member April trip to Daufuskie Isl. by boat for a lunch gathering at one of the Daufuskie restaurants.
- 2) Sail and powerboat social raft-ups starting in April with a general schedule of at least one per month.
- 3) A spring and fall all member trip to Port Royal Landing for a picnic buffet at the Back Porch Grill. This would be a boat to or drive to event.
- 4) Club sponsored sail boat races.



Several of our community minded members suggested that our Yacht Club could use its assets of sail and powerboat owners for a charitable benefit. This idea could benefit the skippers who chose to participate and put the Yacht Club name out into the public arena. Several worthy organizations were discussed and a possible candidate could be Hilton Head Heroes. For those not familiar with this local group, its focus is on helping families that have a seriously ill child in bringing that family to Hilton Head Isl. for a brief respite from the daily battles they must face. A one week vacation is provided with basically all cost, lodging, food, activities being covered by the organization and its sponsors. I think of the times that I have taken friends and their kids out on the boat, and the excitement those kids have in seeing their first dolphin, and osprey overhead or just the natural beauty of our area as seen from the water. Imagine what we could bring to a child and family whose life has been hospitals, treatments and struggles. I feel that with a minimal amount of effort and time, the skippers of the Yacht Club could impact a family in need of a break in a tremendously rewarding way. I see myself taking a family out for a "gurgle" cruise to behind Pinckney Isl, see some dolphins along the way, have a bite to eat, and cruise back to the dock. Something we all take for granted, but to an outsider, a totally unique experience. Each skipper would design their own cruise of a couple of hours and would do this once or twice a year. I've talked to the volunteer coordinator of Hilton Head Heroes, and she has indicated that this could be a good fit and they would like to explore this further. This effort is only in the preliminary stages and several issues will need to be discussed. I know of 2 boats that will participate and I would like feed-back from other skippers if this is something they would like to do. Let Dave Shkor know of your questions and interest. Dave Shkor, Power Boats

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I would just like to add my five cents to what is being said. We would like to have as many all-club events as possible. Raft-ups give us a wonderful opportunity for many of us to be out on the water together and mixes cruising, sail, power boats, big and small together. In addition, as distances are small, it is easy. That coupled with all club events such as Daufuskie and Port Royal trips gave us an opportunity to all be together near or on the water.

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Nautiladies

January was a busy month; we un-decorated early on, only to redecorate for several events including the oyster roast, tailgate party and the Mah Jongg Tournament. It was a wonderful event filled month with lots of participation.

Game night returns this month with the first on Tuesday February 9th (please note the night change) and will feature a new game of Double Dominos taught to us by Judy Fennell. Looking ahead to March and game night that month will consist of a Trivia Contest. They all begin with a light soup and sandwich supper. Bring lots of money and hope you win.

The Nautiladies meeting this month will coincide with Valentine's Day and we are being encouraged by co-president Marilyn Owen to bring a friend and relate how our relationship with that person began. Lunch and prizes will also be on the agenda. We will conclude the month with a trip to the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum on the last Thursday of February.

Ede Thiele is chairing a Nautiladies shut-in committee to help anyone with meals or rides to the doctor if needed. This is a welcome addition to our club. Please sign up if you haven't already done so.

Our "shout-out" this month goes to Diane Stortz; always ready to help, always fun to be with, and always a glass half full person. Her help in the office is also appreciated by all the membership. She is another club member that proves her worth each and every time she steps through the door.

Birthdays in January: Betty Y. Bush on the 19th, Linda Harris on the 25th. Anniversaries included the Kedrowskys 29th on January 2nd and the Peals 54th on January 7th.

Greeters for February: Judith Lawrenson/Ede Thiele Feb. 5th, Linda Harris/Jackie Carnevale Feb. 12th, Anita Peal/Betty Y. Bush the 19th and Anita and Mary Ann Compher on the last Friday of the month.

See you at the club.

Pat Foley and Marilyn Owen, Co-Presidents

Boating continued... In addition, I strongly support using our boats to assist and enrich a charity. I was lucky enough to race with a returning soldier on our boat (when he was here on Operation R&R) and it was great. Long Cove has adopted Operation R&R, so they are well set. We need to pick and support another good cause. Let's plan to meet in early February and get some things finalized. Bill Lawrenson, Race and Sailing