



## The Yacht Club of Hilton Head Island

# The Main Sheet

June, 2010

### MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE



Summer has arrived putting the boating season in full swing. We had one raft-up that was a great success even though it was at the Palmetto Bay Marina dock. The planned lunch at Port Royal Marina was to be the second boating activity but the weather didn't cooperate, so 32 creative boaters went to plan B, which was to go by land. We were able to finish our lunch before it started to rain and we all went inside the restaurant to party for awhile. Dave Shkor has more boating activities planned for the month so please check your e-mails and notices at the club for upcoming events.

July 4<sup>th</sup> is on Sunday and Judy Safay would like comments from members if they would attend a picnic at the club? In the past couple of years the attendance for the 4<sup>th</sup> has been sparse. If you would attend or have comments please call or send an e-mail to Judy or myself.

On Sunday July 18<sup>th</sup> we plan to sponsor a fund raiser at the Sand Box Children's Center on Pope Ave. It will be a grand event for the children and parents. It will also be a great way for the Yacht Club to get needed publicity which can lead to new members. Please save the date and more information will be forthcoming.

Hurricane season has started and the folks with the crystal balls think it is going to be a busy one. If you would like to be on the club hurricane committee, let me know. We need members to help before and after any evacuation of the island. It is best to plan for a hurricane then it is to be caught with no plan.

**Ray Carlton, Commodore**

### HILTON HEAD HEROES UPDATE

Even though the YC has just started its affiliation with Hilton Head Heroes, we've already taken 2 Hero visiting families out on the water for cruises that have been both relaxing and memorable. The first family was from the Toledo area with 2 boys, 14 and 12. The youngest was on the upside of Leukemia treatment and doing well. We went out on my boat with the idea of cruising around Pickney Isl. I let the boys take a turn at the helm and both boys took the boat onto plane. It was good to see their excitement while the mother said it was the first time in a long time that she felt so relaxed. This was their first time to HHI and they couldn't believe how beautiful it was and how grateful for the opportunity to come here.

There has to be a special place for Tom Caldwell. Our 2nd family called to ask if it were possible to go with a YC member for a little time on the water. When I asked about how many children, the mother said six kids, ages 15 to 4, so we had a family of 8! I had to ask Tom Caldwell (one of the first to volunteer for HH Heroes) since his sailboat was large enough for the family, plus Tom and myself. Without hesitation, Tom said yes, and we scheduled the sailboat trip. It could not have gone better, a clear day with just enough breeze for sailing across Calibogue with each child, **Continued pg**

# Nautiladies



At our May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting we had some lively discussion concerning the merchandising of our club logo clothing and articles and it was agreed to bring the recommendation before the Board that we handle all of the merchandise; not just the articles that bear the Nautiladies logo. We also had several ideas on new merchandise, one of which is the printing of new Note Cards with the club logo and a collage of photos. Ruth Thomas is heading that project. We also will purchase a new mat for the front entrance as soon as the renovations are completed.

A note from Mike Wallis was read by Co-President Pat Foley thanking us for all we did for Marcy's Memorial Reception.

Co-President Marilyn Owen is arranging a trip to the Cottage in Bluffton for an afternoon tea in June. It should be a fun afternoon for us. We also are planning a trip to the Round House in Savannah for spouses as well as Nautiladies in August or September.

Several of us went on the Garden Tour sponsored by All Saints Episcopal Church which featured a garden of our long time members the Thomases. It was the only garden that had vegetables as well as flowers and was meticulously appointed as only Bob can do.

Trivia question for this month: Name the Academy Award winning song from 1953.

Birthdays in May; the ever young Anita Peal celebrated her 39<sup>th</sup> again. Anniversaries: The Safays on May 18<sup>th</sup> and the Foleys on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Greeters for June: 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> : Pat Foley—Jeanne Christenson

June 18<sup>th</sup> Joan Fraser and Anita Peal

June 25<sup>th</sup> Joan Fraser and Betty Y Bush.

The answer is: My Flaming Heart from the movie Small Town Girl. I think it sold at least two copies, one to each of the writers—Nicholas Brodsky and Leo Robin. (By the way, it beat out That's Amore and Secret Love.)

See you at the Club

*Pat Foley & Marilyn Owen*



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FUN AT A RAFT-UP

## **BOATERS REPORT    May 2nd - First Raft-up of the season**

It was a dark and stormy night. Well, it really wasn't dark, and well, it really wasn't night but the wind and wave action for our first raft-up definitely conspired against us. We had scheduled our raft-up behind Middle Marsh Isl. for Sun. May 2nd and the day seemed to start sunny and bright with a nice breeze out of the South. A good crowd of over 30 YC members were looking forward to a pleasant evening on the water. The best laid plans etc., etc. Coming down Skull Creek, heading South, really wasn't bad, but as soon as we went under the HHI bridge we were met by rolling seas right on the nose which immediately soaked everyone on board in 25 knot driven spray. Thinking it would be calm behind Middle Marsh, we plowed on only to find that the wave action was so bad that trying to raft-up went past unpleasant and into just unsafe. It was decided to cancel the raft, and with everyone loaded with good food and munchies, to rendezvous on the docks of Palmetto Bay Marina. The intrepid YC boats of the Etchells, Caldwell, Harris, Viverette, Shkor, Stortz, Walton and their crews all came out to try to make this a good boating event but were turned away by Mother Nature. However,, never a group to waste an opportunity to enjoy good food and friends, just about everyone met at either Tom Caldwell's or Betty Walton's boat in their slips at Palmetto Bay. The food was laid out, the music turned on, the wind laid down, and lawn chairs opened and for a couple of hours, the salt spray encrusted crowd still enjoyed another great day on the water.

### **May 17th, All member boat and drive to Port Royal Landing for a Picnic lunch**

It was a dark and stormy night, "2". For anyone checking the box scores, it is now Mother Nature "2", Dave's planning "0". On Mon. May 17th, the YC had an all member trip planned to go to Back Porch Grill @ Port Royal Landing Marina. There were 41 members and guest signed to go for lunch with 4 boats taking about 20 people by water. Unfortunately, the weather forecast given the Fri. before was not the weather we encountered Mon. morning. Green blobs on the weather channel were moving in our direction, but would it hold off? With so much already planned and committed, it was decided to go, with the boating skippers driving their land yachts instead of boats to Port Royal. Luckily, the weather held off just enough that we were able to enjoy the outdoor grilled picnic buffet on the veranda for about 1 1/2 hours before the first drops began to fall. I thought it was great that just about everyone who signed up was able to make it and turn a nasty day into a fun and enjoyable day. Thanks to you all for participating.

### **All member events boating policy-**

Lastly, I would like to address an issue that I should have spoken to earlier. The issue is for the YC events that are described as "all member events", (trips to Daufuskie, Port Royal, etc.), where we try to put as many of our non-boat owners onto boats to make the trip an enjoyable time on the water. All of the members of the YC now or in the past have owned boats and recognize the costs involved with maintaining and running boats. Marine fuel is about \$4 a gallon and boats only go a few miles per gallon. A powerboat out of Broad Creek making the run to Port Royal could burn anywhere from \$50 to \$70 in gas just to get there and back, so for the skipper of that boat it can become a costly proposition. Our YC skippers are the most accommodating people when it comes to volunteering their boats to provide transportation to events. Many guest offer to chip in money for gas, but are usually turned down with a shrug of the shoulders and a casual "Don't worry about it" response. I don't think our YC skippers should bear all the costs involved in using their boats for all member events, nor should they be placed in the awkward position of seeking help in sharing those expenses.

**What I propose is to establish a set policy for our boating activities, when people are assigned to various boats. I want to encourage as many skippers to use their boats as possible and make available space open to all members. For short trips,(i.e. Daufuskie) a \$5 per guest chip-in should be good, and for longer trips (Port Royal, Beaufort) a \$10 chip-in per person should be good. Sign up sheets for each event will indicate what is considered to be a fair chip-in per person so both skippers and crew will know what's expected and can make their plans accordingly. As we put more Yachting back into the Yacht Club, let's help ease some of the cost for our volunteer boat owning members.**

Lastly, really. For my skippers, pencil in **Sunday, June 6th, for our next raft-up.** This will be the Ivan and Betty C. Bush Memorial Farewell For the Summer Before They Go To Maine Raft-up. Usual place, usual suspects, usual time, about 4:45 pm behind Middle Marsh. Let's hope Mother Nature doesn't go for 3 in a row. Dave Shkor

## YCHHI June, 2010 Events and Activities

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4 Lunch Dinner-Italian Seafood Stew</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6 Raft-Up</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9 Hackers Golf</b>	<b>10 Mah Jongg</b>	<b>11 Nautiladies DinnerLemon chicken</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16 Hackers Golf</b>	<b>17 Mah Jongg</b>	<b>18 Lunch Dinner- Commodore BBque</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21 Board of Stewards 4:00PM</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23 Hackers Golf</b>	<b>24 Mah Jongg</b>	<b>25 Lunch Dinner- French Night Beef Provencal</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30 Hackers Golf Game Night</b>	<b>1 Mah Jongg</b>	<b>2 Lunch Dinner- Grilled Tuna</b>	<b>3</b>

Darren will be on vacation on June 18th. The Club's **past Commodores** will be in the kitchen and on the grill that evening. They will grill burgers and dogs with the usual trimmings. They will prepare or buy sides to complete the meal. The cost will be \$8.00.

The following Friday, the 25th will be **French Night**. Darren will be preparing Beef Provencal. French wines will be available and prizes will be given out. Judy & John Safay

### Heroes...

even the 4 year old, taking a turn at the wheel. The kids were active, excited but well behaved, and looked out for each other. The oldest child was just about done with chemo treatments and said several times how much she loved the feel of sailing. After returning to the dock, we left the family at Cap't Woody's with smiles from everyone!

I think the YC is doing a good thing for the Hilton Head Heroes families. As more people come, I'll contact all the volunteer skippers for their opportunity to help. Dave Shkor