



The Yacht Club of Hilton Head Island

The Main Sheet

July, 2010

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE



Yes, you can

Canning your own vegetables are coming back and our own chief Darren is up to the pickle juice doing this. If you haven't read or looked at the latest issue of "fit!" magazine you missed a great article and picture of Darren. He has started pickling vegetables from his grandmother's recipes that she passed on to him. Darren learned the secrets of pickling from his grandmother when he was a child on her farm near Houston Pa. Pickling which uses salt, vinegar, water and spices to preserve raw fruits and vegetables requires less of an initial investment than canning and is easier to learn. I have asked Darren to share his expert pickling with the club one day this fall. When you see Darren let him know that the club is proud to have him as our chief.

The month of June has been a great month for new members. We picked up four new members and one reinstatement. The new members are: Matt Williams, Jamie Megan McLaughlin, Joshua Cunningham and Susan Sheridan and Jack and Pam Nelson have been reinstated. Please welcome our new members and welcome back Jack & Pam. We still need new members so please do all you can to promote the club. Word of mouth is the best way to get new members.

The club has committed to sponsoring the Sand Box event on July 18th. We will have a couple of boats and other items on display for the kids to see and we need as many members as possible to attend this fun event. More information will be coming in the next few weeks. Contact Judith & Bill Lawrenson if you would like to help

French night at the club was the highlight of June. Pat Foley with the help of Sonny Compher, John Maxim, Hugh O'Connor and Dennis who hauled the keyboard and speakers did a great job of entreating us after dinner. We have show plans for the month of July please check the web site and your e-mails for details.

Ray Carlton, Commodore

RESERVATIONS FOR FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS...

The Food and Beverage Committee has been able to make significant progress in reducing costs while maintaining quality in the last two years.

One way the members can help us keep a healthy cash flow will be **by calling in a reservation for Friday Night Dinners**. Under the current system, Darren never knows how many members to prepare dinner for. This causes two problems, a waste of food if not enough members show up, or running out of food if more members and guests show than anticipated. If Darren can have a reasonable estimate as to how many members and guests are coming by Friday morning, he can adjust accordingly.

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NAUTILADIES



Our June meeting began with some needed discussion on our stock for the merchandise armoire. Several photos were passed around to select one for the new note cards and a unanimous choice was the three Flying Scots taken from Ivan Bush's boat by Dick Lewis. Be on the lookout for these soon as they will make great stocking stuffers and hostess gifts. Our thanks go out to Ruth Thomas for gathering up the photos. We now will be in charge of all merchandising as approved by the Board.

Marilyn Owen requested that the co-president title be changed to Events Chairperson and it was so voted. We went to the Cottage in Bluffton for afternoon tea and that was another successful outing. Great job Marilyn!

We are going to concentrate on making our Friday nights special to encourage more participation and French Night was a rousing success with our very own "Ladies" of the Follies Bergere doing their famous Can-Can dance to a most appreciative crowd.

July 9th will be a heavy Hors D' oeuvres night with some sing-a-long entertainment provided by yours truly. Come and join in the fun and make your requests.

We are also planning a County Fair night for Friday the 13th in August. Since it's usually associated with bad luck we decided to reverse that with games and prizes. The pastel ponies will make a second appearance this year. Bring some guests to try their luck and join in the fun.

After the business part of our meeting concluded, John Fraser gave an interesting presentation complete with photos of Hampton Plantation and included a charming story about Jackie Carnevale's mysterious and magical beads. Our heartfelt thanks go out to John, a longtime devoted member of the club.

Birthdays for June : Helen Kola, Grace Lewis, Marsha Christenson. Anniversary wishes to Marilyn and Dave Owen on their sixtieth, celebrated on June 10th.

See you at the club. *Pat Foley*

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If you forget to make a reservation, come anyway. Darren will always have a few extra meals prepared to accommodate everyone.

If you make a reservation and do not attend, you will NOT be charged.

You can make the reservation by simply calling the club, 785-9244, and leaving a message on the machine or you may reply to Darren's weekly e-mail which gives the menu for the evening.

We understand this will take time to get used to. The long range view is to keep the Club financially sound and to make members happy. Please give it a try.

The Food & Beverage Committee

BOATERS REPORT

That's it, I surrender, yield, capitulate, turn tail, no mas. It's Mother Nature "3" - Dave "0".

Our last boating event, a raft-up behind Middle Marsh was scheduled for June 6th with the best turnout ever committed. Twelve boats with about 50 crew planned to raft-up to our first time anchor boat, CHRISTIANNE, of Jack and Elizabeth Loda. The Lodas, or is plural Lodie, arrived early on a warm summer like day and dropped anchor with plenty of scope to handle the crowd and wind out of the SW. There was a little "iffyness" to the weather forecast but all the boats started to arrive and the raft began to form. As soon as lines were secured, great quantities of food and drink appeared and were passed from boat to boat. Just about the time the plates were filled, we felt the first "puff" of wind and a wind shift about 90 degrees out of the SE which started moving the raft from the channel toward the marsh on the western shore. There was still plenty of water under the keels, but everyone kept looking over their shoulders as the raft swung closer to the grass. Everyone was settling in when dark clouds appeared over Daufuskie and seemed to be moving rapidly in our direction. As the first drops of rain fell, people started scrambling to move the food to drier locations, (we have our priorities), but when a really strong gust hit, we knew we had to break the raft and do it now! I'm pleased to report the YC skippers can really move when the pressure is on and we were able to break-up a 9 boat raft in less that 5 minutes. That's the good news. The bad news was not everyone got back to the original boat they came on, and not everyone's munchies made it back to their original boat. (Betty Y, your brownies were wonderful and we really enjoyed them back at my dock - Dave). The front passed, everyone was delivered back to where they needed to be, and the socializing continued at various docks and homes. To the YC skippers, the Lodas, Caldwell, Bushs, Wings, Shkor, Lawrensons, Viverettes, McCann, Etchells, Comphers, thank you for continuing to put the Yachting back into the Yacht Club, even under trying conditions.

Tom Caldwell reminded me (I think out of self defense), that last year we put off formal boating events during July and August because several skippers leave for the summer and the hot and sticky weather can change very rapidly. My thoughts are to start in Sept. with planned boating events, including all-member trips. If any skipper has an idea for a summer activity, there are still plenty of us here and it wouldn't hurt to make a few phone calls to see what kind of participation you could get.

HILTON HEAD HEROES UPDATE

Five visiting families have now taken advantage of the YC offer to provide private time on the water with all enjoying the experience and creating memories to take back to their homes. This has been a hit with the Hero families and we will continue to provide a special time for this worthy cause. In the tradition of the YC members generosity, Jeanne Christenson pointed out that helping the Hilton Hero families was an all club effort, not just for those people owning boats. She and the Nauti - Ladies have come together to encourage members to chip-in a few dollars to be applied to the gas expense for those skippers who take the families on their boats. This past Friday, Judy Safay introduced a collection box and spoke of the effort, and immediately members reached for their wallets and just about filled the box with cash. As chairman for the HH Heroes program, I can only thank everyone from the bottom of my heart for the kind thoughts of help, and the response of the YC members.

Dave Shkor

YCHHI July, 2010 Events and Activities

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | 1 | 2 Lunch Dinner- Grilled Tuna | 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 Hackers Golf | 8 Mah Jongg | 9Nautiladies Cabaret Night- Heavy Appetizers | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 Hackers Golf | 15 Mah Jongg | 16 Lunch Dinner- Glazed Ham+ Potatoes | 17 |
| 18 | 19 Board of Stewards 4:00PM | 20 | 21 Hackers Golf | 22 Mah Jongg | 23 Lunch Dinner- Stuffed Shells | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 Hackers Golf | 29 Mah Jongg | 30 Lunch Dinner- Salisbury ? Steak | 31 |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 Lunch Dinner-Chicken & Artichoke Fricassee | 7 |

On July 9th we are turning our club into a New York Cabaret. We will have our own "Piano Lady", Pat Foley, to entertain us. Members are invited to get into the act themselves. We will serve heavy appetizers this evening. Make your reservations and join in the fun.



RAFT UP FUN!