



The Yacht Club of Hilton Head Island

The Main Sheet

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MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE

I want to thank everyone who came to the Change of Watch on November 13th. We had a total of 63 members attending. The food and camaraderie was fantastic. I hope all of you enjoyed the music and dancing to Dave Wingo.

On the 16th of November we had 63 people from Hilton Head Plantation Newcomers group at the club for dinner. A big thanks to Angela Anderson for booking them. I gave a 5-minute talk to the group and handed out 8 applications. This past Friday, two couples from the newcomers came to the club and one turned in their application. Hopefully we can get a few more from this group. The applicant was very interested in a sailing program. There will be a meeting on Saturday, December 4th at the club at 10:30 to start this new endeavor. Jim Vaughn will head up the program. If you would like to get involved, please show up. There will be free pizza provided for the group.

This past week, Philippe, Aubrey and I moved the three (3) JY15's boats under the building to open up more space for storage of boats and trailers in the yard behind the pool. If you have a boat trailer and need space, there is now room at only \$25. per month. Please give me a call, if you are interested.

Our club steward, Darren Macioszek has given his resignation effective 12/31/10. The food & beverage committee is working on interviewing prospective replacements. We intend to have a new Steward or caterer in place by January 1st for the annual new Years Day brunch. This is the time of the year when we give our Steward his gratuity. If you wish to include it with your monthly check, please indicate on the memo line or a note the amount you wish to give. After the monies are collected, we will give him one check. If you wish to give him your check personally, that is fine too. Darren has been our steward for 3 years. Your prompt payment of your bill is needed since the property tax bill is due on January 15th, 2011.

If you are out of town, please notify myself or the Treasurer, Emory Logan, so you won't be charged the \$75 for the 3 months food & beverage minimum.

The annual Christmas party is on Sunday, December 12th at 6:00 PM. Please sign up in the red book or call the club for a reservation. Pat Foley will entertain us with her rendition of the "Twelve Days of Christmas" Yacht Club style.

If I don't see you before the Holidays, have a wonderful season. Be safe in your travels.
Atlee (Sonny) Compher, Commodore

CLUB'S FORTITH ANNIVERSARY

Forty years is a milestone! Let's see if our membership has weathered forty years as well as the Yacht Club. Let us hoist your pictures!

We need pictures of our members from the 1970's, 80's, 90's and 2000's. There will be a box at the Yacht Club to deposit these pictures. Please write you names and date on the back of them. These pictures will all be returned.

**Please watch the Main Sheet for more anniversary information.
Thanks, Jim Kola**

NAUTILADIES



The Nautiladies gathered on November 12 for the monthly meeting. It will be a very busy winter season starting with decorating the Club for Christmas on November 30th at 10:00. This is always fun and rewarding to see the Club's transition into a holiday delight. I'll bring eggnog and cookies for extra energy. Men, remember we can't do it without you.

The Nautiladies Christmas Luncheon is on December 10th at 12:30 at the Harbor Town Yacht Club. If you have not yet sent your RSVP in the form of a check for \$19.00 to Betty Y Bush don't delay. Marilyn and her committee promise it will be a fun event with gifts and good food.

The Club Christmas party is set for December 12th at 6:00p.m. What would this party be without Pat Foley's Christmas music and especially the Twelve Days of Christmas? She will be there!! Maybe Santa will find time to visit also.

As all good things must end. We will need everyone's help the first week in January to take the decorations down. Please be alert for an announcement with the date to do this.

A new year begins and football season is at a fever pitch with the playoffs. We will be gathering in the parking lot for our annual tailgate party. So choose your team and prepare your best football food and show up! This event will be January 23rd. The time will be announced as the game schedule is announced.

In February we will hold a Bilge Auction. It will be on Sunday the 20th. Dave Shkor has agreed to be the auctioneer. Diane Stortz, with Suzy Priegel's help, has agreed to head it up. That means convincing all of you to donate something to be sold and then encouraging you to buy the wonderful items that will be on the auction block. This is a fun and exciting way to raise money for the Club.

These people will be celebrating their birthday soon. Betty Bush, November 22nd, Diane Stortz December 4th, Francis Viverette December 13th and Linda Harris January 25th. Happy Birthday! These people are celebrating their wedding anniversary: Emery and Ralph Logan, November 30th, 53 years, Betty and Ivan Bush, December 22, 57 years, Carol and George Kedrowsky, January 2nd, 30 years and Ann and Jim Landis, January 15th, 44 years. Congratulations to all.

See you at the Club
Helen Kola





BOATERS REPORT...

END OF THE SEASON EVENTS

The last two boating events of the year continued the trend of great weather for our fall boating activities

On Oct. 30th, the YC tried something new with what was supposed to be a boat-to, drive-to luncheon at the Salty Dog in South Beach. We lost the "boat-to" possibility when the marina reconfigure project began 3 weeks later than expected causing us to lose the use of the day dock. However, our YC will not be deterred from a great meal. Thirty-one members made the drive to the end of Hilton Head to feast on one of the best buffets to date. The Salty Dog staff had prepared the picnic area of the marina for us with raw and steamed May River oysters, huge shrimp, brats, burgers, salads, drinks and all the fixin's. The weather, food, and friends were perfect for a lazy Sat. afternoon. If there had been an oyster eating contest, everyone would be running for 2nd place behind George Kedrowsky who showed great affection for May River oysters on the half shell. There was much talk of having to repeat this event in the Spring. (scheduled for May 7th). With the dock work complete, we will be able to make this a boat-to day.

The last boating activity of the fall season took place Sun. Nov. 14th behind Middle Marsh Isl. The event was the result of an idea that Tom Caldwell, Jim Vaughn, and I have been kicking around for over a year.

Remember the "Doublemint Gum" commercials, where there were two, two, two great ideas in one. Well, the YC has had some really good raft-ups, and the YC has had some really good Flying Scot races in the small boat series. We thought, why not, like Doublemint, combine these two good activities into one. On Sun. Nov. 14th, mid-day, we held a social raft-up that became part of the Flying Scot races. With the raft of anchor boat Bill Lawrenson, Dave Shkor, Mike Gilroy, and Ivan Bush acting as one end of start-finish line, three Scots started and finished to the cheers and jeers of an enthusiastic gang of spectators. Special thanks to Ivan Bush and Dick Lewis who, as committee boat, went to Palmetto Bay to get the marks and also tow the Scots to Middle Marsh. Also of note were two of the clubs most adventurous women. Chris Maxim, without crew, single handed the red Scot to the race and in hopes of getting crew help, yelled to the raft to see if anyone would like to race. Without hesitation, Linda Harris said yes, and with Chris sailing up to the raft, Linda jumped aboard for what became a very successful partnership. At the start of the 1st race, Jim Vaughn and son Neil got off to the early lead and were first around the turning mark heading for home. Chris and Linda, with good tacks and some favorable puffs were able to catch Jim and pass for what looked like an easy win. However, about 20 yards from the finish, Chris got caught in irons, (don't you love the nautical talk ARRRRGH) and Jim was able to close to 2 boat lengths before Chris got a puff and the win. You go girls! The 2nd race had all 3 boats close at the start with Cameron Henderson and Chris Gerrards in the 3rd Scot with Chris Maxim winning the tacking duel to the turning mark only to get caught by Jim in a starboard, port yield situation that ended with Chris forced to do a 360 degree penalty allowing Jim the lead for home. It looked like an easy win except Chris put Linda on the helm and popped the spinnaker to just about catch Jim at the line. Close but a win for the Vaughn boys. Perfect weather, great sailing by the Scots, good food and I think 23 people who made this special agree that we'll do this again in the spring.

Dave Shkor

HILTON HEAD HEROES YEAR END REPORT

The 14th and 15th families for the HH Heroes project went with YC skippers for a much needed respite from the trouble that brought them to HHI. Both families had extraordinary circumstances that required extraordinary effort. Sonny and Mary Ann Compher stepped up to provide that effort. The last family consisted of the parents and 7 children, ages 6 to 17. For large groups, my turn-to guy has been Tom Caldwell and his sailboat, but due to a mechanical issue, Tom wasn't able to help.

I called the Comphers to see about using their tour boat "Pelican" which could hold this group. Mary Ann said that Sonny was out of town, and "Pelican" was out of the water but that she would get in touch with Sonny and see what they could do. Mary Ann called the next day to say Sonny would be home Thurs. night, would schedule to have "Pelican" put in the water Fri. morning and would be able to take the family Fri. mid-morning. The plan came together perfectly, and there are now family photos of little kids driving the Pelican all over Broad Creed with smiles on their faces. Special thanks to Sonny and Mary Ann.

In review, the success of this partnership with HH Heroes and the YC started with our 1st family going out May 23rd, and finished with our 15th family out Nov. 7th. Five YC shippers, Tom Caldwell, Cecil Viverette, Mike Gilroy, Dave Shkor, and Sonny Compher took out these families on their boats. A total of 30 adults and 42 children were helped by these skippers and the YC's support. We will re-start this program April of 2011. I want to thank all of the Yacht Club for making this such a worthwhile and rewarding effort. Dave Shkor

RESULTS OF THE SPRING AND FALL RACING SERIES FOR THE FLYING SCOTS

The winner of the Gibbs Trophy for 2010 is hull number 2087 sailed by Chris Maxim and Don Robbins. Second went to Jim Vaughn in boat 3428. There were 27 races run in the combined series; 11 in the Spring and 16 in the Fall series. The difference between the first and second place was 1 point. Most of the 27 races were sailed in excellent conditions which made for very exciting races. Tom Caldwell



YCHHI December, 2010 Events and Activities

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Dinner- Baked Ziti & Meatballs	4 Sailing Club Meeting 10:00am
5	6	7	8 Hackers Golf	9 Mah Jongg	10Nautiladies Dinner- Beef Stroganoff	11
12 Christmas Party! 6:00 pm	13	14	15 Hackers Golf	16 Mah Jongg	17 Dinner- Horseradish crusted Salmon	18
19	20 Board of Stewards 4:00PM	21	22 Hackers Golf	23 Mah Jongg	24 Christmas Eve closed	25 Merry Christmas
26	27	28	29 Hackers Golf	30 Mah Jongg	31 New Year's Eve closed	Jan1 Happy New Year BRUNCH



Our new Commodore and his wife,
Sonny and Mary Ann Compher, at the Change of
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