

The Yacht Club of Hilton Head Island

The Main Sheet

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MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE

Our Annual Christmas party on December 12th was well attended. Pat Foley entertained us with her rendition of the "Twelve Days of Christmas". I enjoyed being the "Partridge in a Pear Tree". Thanks to Betty Y. Bush, Jeanne Christenson, and Judy Fennell for the beautiful poinsettias they donated to the club. A big thanks to the Nautical Ladies and the club members for decorating the club so beautifully. Santa (Helen Kola) was kind enough to bring cookies and eggnog that morning. We will be taking down the decorations on Tuesday, January 4th. Join us, if you can.

On January 1st, our new steward, Megan Yeomans will be here to prepare and serve our annual brunch. The Food and Beverage committee did a great job interviewing five applicants early in December. Megan was the unanimous selection and we are looking forward to a great relationship with her as our new steward. Thanks again to Clyde Harris and his committee for their work in the selection process.

We have some good news with two previous members being reinstated. The Fennell's and Betty Walton have re-joined the club along with two new members, Jim Patsios and Darren Macioszek. I want to thank them and encourage everyone to extend a warm welcome. We had a total gain in December of three (3) new members, but I am sad to say that the Safay's have resigned. If we could gain three (3) new members every month, we would be where we were several years ago with 125 members. One of the new ideas for attracting new members to our club is a Sailing Program. In the Spring, our membership chair, Leslie Gilroy, will be starting a sailing course for ages 12 and up. It will be conducted by the Hilton Head Sail and Power Squadron here at the club. The Power Squadron will run the ads and sign up. Both organizations will reap the benefits by attracting new sailors to their organizations. Along this same line, Jim Vaughn had a great attendance on December 4th at the club with 17 people attending his meeting. Jim's article about upcoming events is on page 4 of this Main Sheet.

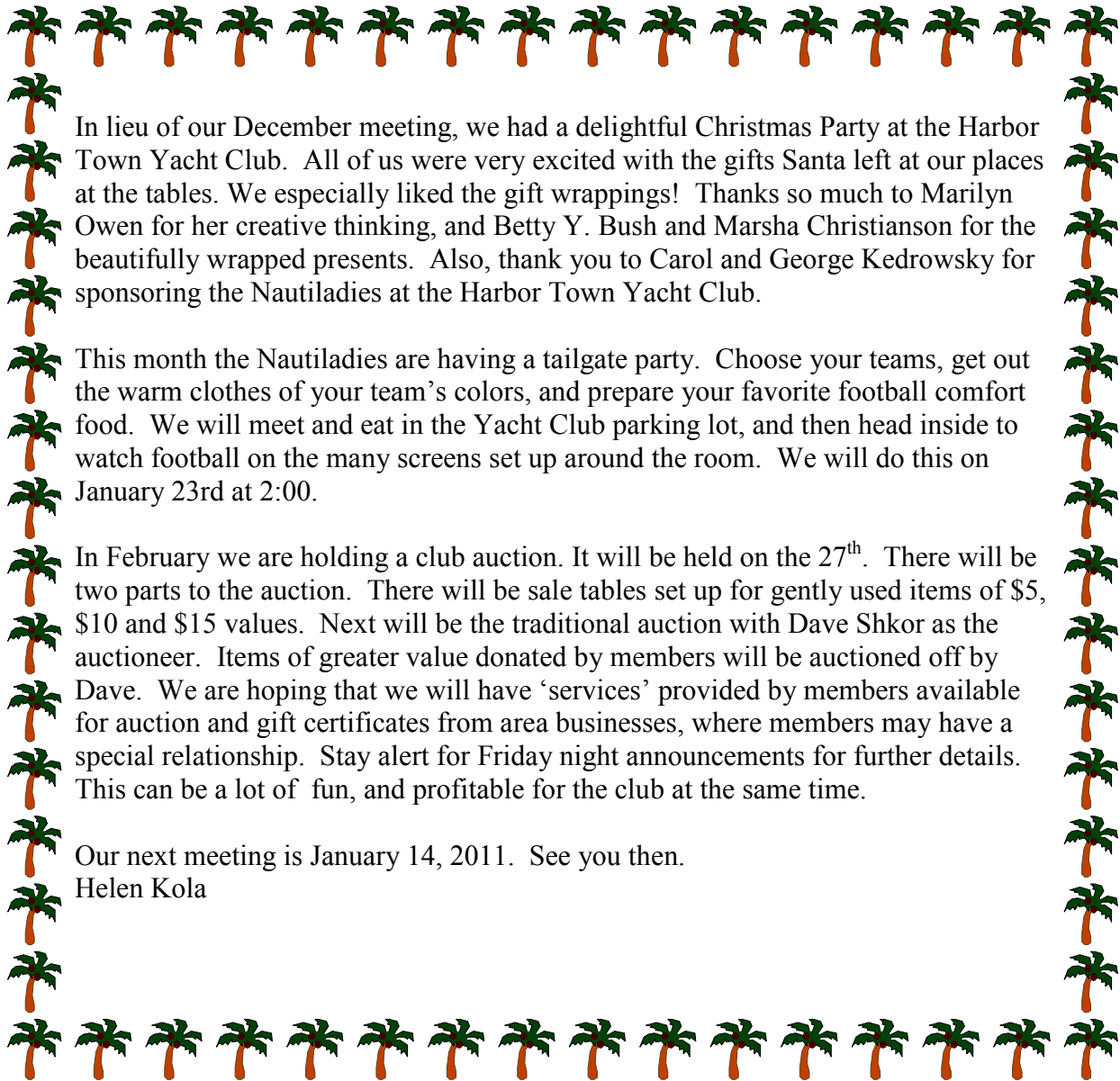
You will be receiving your January bill in a few days. We are asking all members to please pay by the 10th of January. We have a large property tax bill due on the 15th. We will be billing quarterly starting in February. You will be billed for February, March, and April. We used to bill quarterly and the board decided this was better for cash flow and makes it easier with less work for Emory and Melba. I have appealed to the county for a new appraisal/assessment in taxes since we are coded "Commercial Restaurant". We have also filed an application for the taxes to be billed on an installment basis. This way we won't have a huge tax bill in January.

The Harbour Town Yacht Club is undergoing renovation at this time and will be closed until spring. We have invited their members to join us on Fridays for lunch and dinner. They will be encouraged to call in for reservations. Please make them feel welcome.

The new members recognition will be Friday, January 7th. We had 10 new members join the club in 2010. Please attend so we can welcome them.

Atlee (Sonny) Compher
Commodore

NAUTILADIES



In lieu of our December meeting, we had a delightful Christmas Party at the Harbor Town Yacht Club. All of us were very excited with the gifts Santa left at our places at the tables. We especially liked the gift wrappings! Thanks so much to Marilyn Owen for her creative thinking, and Betty Y. Bush and Marsha Christianson for the beautifully wrapped presents. Also, thank you to Carol and George Kedrowsky for sponsoring the Nautiladies at the Harbor Town Yacht Club.

This month the Nautiladies are having a tailgate party. Choose your teams, get out the warm clothes of your team's colors, and prepare your favorite football comfort food. We will meet and eat in the Yacht Club parking lot, and then head inside to watch football on the many screens set up around the room. We will do this on January 23rd at 2:00.

In February we are holding a club auction. It will be held on the 27th. There will be two parts to the auction. There will be sale tables set up for gently used items of \$5, \$10 and \$15 values. Next will be the traditional auction with Dave Shkor as the auctioneer. Items of greater value donated by members will be auctioned off by Dave. We are hoping that we will have 'services' provided by members available for auction and gift certificates from area businesses, where members may have a special relationship. Stay alert for Friday night announcements for further details. This can be a lot of fun, and profitable for the club at the same time.

Our next meeting is January 14, 2011. See you then.
Helen Kola

Christmas Party, 2010





BOATERS REPORT...

YEAR IN REVIEW

2010 turned out to be an active year for the skippers of the YC. Some boats didn't make it much further than Middle Marsh Island, while others put thousands of miles under their keels. Bill and Judith Lawrenson made the long trip south to the Caribbean for early spring and summer island hopping while John Shkor sailed to Maine so that he and Sheila could cruise the granite coast.

The YC had 5 planned activities for the spring, from sailboat races, (Harbourtown Cup, Flying Scot series) to social raft-ups and lunch cruises to Port Royal. Unfortunately, Mother Nature decided to prove that she was in charge when it came to boating activities. Every spring event had some weather issue that we were either able to work around and still make happen or just bite the bullet and cancel.

As spring was a season of weather, the fall events all turned out great. We had 6 events. Our sailors had the Calibougue Cup for 2 good days of keel boat racing, and the Flying Scots continued with the fall series. We had 3 three raft-ups (including a very successful raft with the racing Scots) and a dinner cruise to Daufuskie. In total, 17 different skippers and boats, along with 208 crew, (not counting the boats and crew in the sail races) came out and supported planned YC events. Many thanks to all who participated for making 2010 a year of putting more yachting into the Yacht Club.

The YC initiated a rewarding partnership with Hilton Head Heroes that resulted in 15 families being helped by 5 skippers providing their time and boats to serve 30 adults and 42 children.

In next month's Main Sheet, we'll look to the future and outline plans and possibilities for the 2011 boating season. I encourage all YC members to add their input to the goal of putting more yachting into the Yacht Club.

Dave Shkor



★ **YCHH'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY NEWS**
 ★ **OLD NEWS IN THIS ARTICLE**



★ Excerpts from old Main Sheets will be published for the next
 ★ few months in recognition of the Club's 40th anniversary. Here is part of an article published in
 ★ the Main sheet in March of 1977. It pertains to the then board of Stewards, Tom Galbraith,
 ★ Commodore, Porter Thompson, Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore, John Curry plans to-
 ★ ward the acquisition of a facility to house the Club. They had at the writing of this article three
 ★ possible alternatives.

★ "First, we have been told by Sea Pines that it is desirous of establishing a yacht club in Harbour
 ★ Town. In our discussions with Sea Pines we indicated that if the sailing club were to vote to
 ★ incorporate itself in such a club, all of our members would have to be permitted regular mem-
 ★ bership regardless of their affiliation (or lack thereof) with Sea Pines and that the management
 ★ of the resulting club would have to be independent of the Sea Pines Club....."

★ Second, I have had a brief discussion with Mike Mahon regarding the possible use obny our
 ★ Club of the marina he and a group of investors are planning to build on Skull Creek north of the
 ★ Old Fort Pub. In addition to extensive dock and repair facilities, he intends to have shore
 ★ amenities that would satisfy the Club's needs for meetings, social events, and the like....."

★ A third alternative that the Board will give serious consideration to is one involving the devel-
 ★ opment of a facility at Palmetto Bay Marina in an as-yet-undefined joint venture with its new
 ★ operators, Glatha and Bunky Helfrich and Gary Wheatley. The essence of their plan is the con-
 ★ struction of an attractive two -story building adjacent to the west side of the existing store
 ★ (where his small boat hoist is now), the lower floor of which would house a small first class
 ★ restaurant and bar and the second floor an exclusive club area—large lounge/meeting room,
 ★ office, bar, committee room, heads, and a service area connected by stairs and dumb waiter to
 ★ the kitchen below. The building would incorporate a 270 degree panoramic view from west
 ★ (the Sound and Daufuskie) through north to east (up Broad Creek). An adjacent outbuilding
 ★ would house shower and sauna rooms. In addition, the possibility would exist for limited club
 ★ dockage directly in front of the building....."

★ When this article was written the Board of Stewards was waiting for firm proposals from the
 ★ interested parties.



SCHEDULE OF THE "First Saturday Small Boat Activities"

January 8th– Introduction to sailboat racing, participation and race management. There will be a "Bar Stool Regatta" as a hands on portion of the day. Instructor Jim Vaughn 384-7322.

February 5th– Introduction to Flying Scot Rigging, check out/in procedure, racing Instructor Jim Vaughn and others 384-7322.

March 5th- Small motor boat handling and care Instructor Sonny Compher

April 2nd- Boat Maintenance and inspections Instructor Don Robbins

May 7th- Women Only Sailing Instructor Chris Maxim

June 4th– Where to go in and around HHI Instructor Mike Gilroy

There will be a sign up sheet at the club to assist the instructor in preparing, but reservations are not required. Anyone interested should come even if it was a last minute decision. Some accommodation for lunch will be provided.

Times for the monthly meetings on the first Saturday of each month are between 10am and 1 pm. More information will be forthcoming in the Main Sheet next month. Jim Vaughn

YCHHI January, 2011 Events and Activities

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Happy New Year BRUNCH 11:30-2:00
2	3	4 Mah Jongg	5 Hackers Golf	6	7 Lunch New Members' Dinner- Roast Pork Loin with Apple Chutney	8 First Small Boat Meeting
9	10	11 Mah Jongg	12 Hackers Golf	13	14 Nautiladies Lunch Dinner- Chicken Parmesan with Fettuccine Alfredo	15
16	17 Board of Stewards 4:00PM	18 Mah Jongg	19 Hackers Golf	20	21 Lunch Dinner- Teriyaki Marinated Fish with Rice Pilaf	22
23 Tailgate Party 2:00pm	24	25 Mah Jongg	26 Hackers Golf	27	28 Lunch Dinner- Homemade Beef Stew with fresh mashed potatoes	29
30 BRUNCH	31	1 Mah Jongg	2 Hackers Golf	3	4 Lunch Dinner- TBA	5 Small Boat Meeting

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