

The Yacht Club of Hilton Head Island

The Main Sheet

February, 2011



MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE

We have had a fantastic start to the New Year. On January 1st, Megan prepared our annual brunch for 70 members and guests. This was just the start of things to come as the next three (3) Fridays we averaged 73 dinners. Please continue to call or e-mail Megan for reservations. It helps to keep our costs down. There is just so much energy in the club. Thanks to Clyde Harris and Susie Priegel for the great meal selections.

On January 7th, we had the New Members recognition night, which was well attended. All the new members received their membership books and license plates. Many thanks to Pat Foley and her chorus of Linda Harris, Ruth Thomas, and Diane Stortz for their entertainment of the evening. We have most of their photos posted on the new members' board in the hallway. On this note, we have added three (3) new members since the beginning of the year and also three (3) new applications pending. I sent out 28 letters to previous members last week urging them to renew their membership. Last Friday, the Lobels reinstated their membership. Welcome Back!

We have paid the property tax bill. Thanks to everyone who sent in their dues early for the quarter. Going forward we will pay the taxes on an installment basis. No word yet on any adjustment.

I am happy to report that Past Commodore Dennis Foley has accepted the open position on the board. He was voted in at the last Board of Stewards meeting. Dennis will be in charge of house and grounds. On that note, thank you Mike Gilroy for painting the trim on the outside of the club.

I sent an e-mail recently about needing a new gas grill. Kenny Priegel checked out the ones we had and they needed costly repairs. Within an hour, Sue Sheridan called and said she had one that was barely used. It's been picked up and ready to use. Ron Hughes and I took the old grills, a stove, and a dishwasher to the recycling center. Thanks to Kenny, Sue and Ron for their efforts.

We had 17 attend the last Small Boat meeting with Jim Vaughn presiding. On February 5th we will learn how to rig our "Flying Scots" and launch one, if the weather is favorable. The meeting begins on Saturday at 10AM. Lunch will be provided. Please come and get involved!

There were about 35 attending the Tailgate Party on Sunday, January 23rd. The weather was beautiful and sunny. We had lots of great food and sampled it all. At 3PM we went inside the club and watched the Green Bay Packers beat the Chicago Bears. The Packer fans stayed until the end and were all hoarse by the game's end, especially Susie Priegel. Photos are on the bulletin board.

Next month we will participate in the annual St. Patrick's Day parade. We will need volunteers to help decorate one of our boats and walk the parade route. I'm assuming the date will be Sunday, March 15th. Of course, we'll have the usual Corned Beef and Cabbage at the club following the parade. Come and wear your green!

Thanks to every one of you for making this club a success. It takes ALL of us to make this the best Yacht Club on the Island.

Atlee (Sonny) Compher
Commodore

NAUTILADIES



The Nautiladies met January 14th for their monthly meeting. There was much enthusiasm shown for support of the upcoming events. Two of these activities occurred in January. First, a trip to the Savannah History Museum located at the Visitor's Center. The second event was to the Central of Georgia Railroad Round House. We then had lunch at the seventeen Hundred Ninety restaurant. Thanks to Marsha Christenson and Betty Y. Bush for making the arrangements.

On the 23rd of January the club's annual tail gate party was held. Since the Green Bay Packer's were in the play off game, there was an excessive amount of enthusiasm from certain club members. Need I say more? It was a sunny, although cool day, perfect for football. The food was delicious and we had a good time.

Now to the future - The Club Auction will be held Sunday, February 20th. Please see the separate article on this event. The Nautiladies and other Club members will be providing the heavy appetizers for our dinner. We ask that everyone bring something tasty for our dinner that night. Judy Fennell and Anne Landis have volunteered to be in charge of organizing and setting up the food for the evening.

Judith Lawrenson has offered to be in charge of getting bartenders for Club events and Friday nights. Thank you Judith!

Thank you to Judy Fennell for organizing cooking classes with Megan. There will be a class once a month for the next three months. If you would like to participate in these classes sign up in the Red Book. Participation is limited, so it will be first come, first served. I've heard through the grape vine that bourbon may be a key ingredient in the chosen recipes

Linda Harris and Carol Kedrowsky have volunteered to be the Nautiladies historians. When you see them approaching say "CHEESE."

Happy Birthday to Suzy Priegel, Jeanne Christenson, Judy Fennell and Pat Foley. Happy Anniversary to Anne and Jim Landis.

See you at the Club,
Helen Kola



GOING, GOING GONE!

There will be plenty of deals to be had at The Yacht Club Auction. It will be held **Sunday February 20th**. Shopping begins at 5:00 pm at the sale tables. Delicious heavy appetizers will be served at 6:00 pm, to delight your taste buds. The main event, the auction, will begin at 6:30 pm.

The sale tables will be for the less expensive, but still wonderful finds and collectibles. We plan to have \$5, \$10, and \$20 tables.

You no doubt have heard that Dave Shkor will be the auctioneer for the more valuable treasures. He promises to be entertaining, while at the same time getting the best price for items you donate to this event. Please bring your new, or gently used treasures, to the Club on Saturday morning February 19th beginning at 10:00 am.

Auction donations can take several forms. You may want to donate your services, such as providing a dinner party. Computer savvy people may donate the service of cleaning up someone's computer, or give a lesson about selling on e-bay. Perhaps you may give someone a lesson in another area, such as cooking your special dish, or canning pickled beets. Gift certificates are always good auction items. Do you have a favorite restaurant or store that would give a gift certificate? Any gently used or new item, valued at \$25 or more, would also be a good auction item. It is not too soon to begin thinking about what you can give to the cause.

There are two requirements. 1. Purchases must be paid for that night with a check or cash. 2. Please take home your treasures that do not sell that evening.

Bring your friends! We promise you good deals, fun, socializing and delicious food!



BOATERS REPORT...

It won't be long before we start to see boats in the yard with their covers off, bottoms being scraped and painted and hulls waxed as the hope for a good year of boating springs eternal.

We reviewed in the last Mainsheet, an active 2010 season and now we'll look forward to the plans and possibilities for 2011. Below are the lists of these activities.

Planned Activities

1. Continue with social raft-ups, at least one per month.
2. Special Nauti-Ladies raft-up for the women who hold the club together.
3. Lunch raft-ups in conjunction with the Flying Scot races.
4. All member dinner cruise to Daufuskie Crab Co. or Marshside Mama's.
5. All member lunch cruise to Port Royal Landing Marina.
6. Continue partnership with Hilton Head Heroes.
7. Lunch cruise to South Beach and Salty Dog.

Possible Activities

1. Lunch cruises to new destinations. They could be Tuby's Tank House in Thunderbolt, Palmetto Bluff, Bluffton Old Town, Paris Island, etc.
2. Sandbar rally
3. 4th of July fireworks raft-up
4. Add the element of a Poker Run to our raft up gatherings.
5. Some of the big sailboat owners have talked about an overnight.

Since the Heritage Golf Tournament is a week later, I see a shake-down raft-up for mid April as our first gathering of the year. I will get with Jim Vaughn and Tom Caldwell for when we will raft-up with the Flying Scot races. In May, we already have two events planned. May 7th will be an all member boat-to, drive-to lunch trip to South Beach for a repeat of one of the best buffets we've had. We've scheduled this day as high tide will be at noon. We're planning a special Bull River-Flare Off- raft-up for the weekend of May 21st. Like all boat owners who have replaced their flares every two years, most of us have a supply of good flares that are out of date, and many skippers, like me, the next time I fire off a flare will be the first time. Aubrey Vaughn has suggested that we schedule this raft up in the Bull River, with Coast Guard approval, and legally practice firing our old flares. He did this several years ago with the Power Squadron

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Yacht Club of Hilton Head's 40th Anniversary



This article appeared in the Island Packet on July 10, 1979

Yacht Club purchases land

By Russell Small

Members of the Yacht Club of Hilton Head Island gathered late Friday afternoon at the Palmetto Bay Marina at an informal ceremony to conclude the purchase of land by the club for a planned clubhouse.

One acre of land was purchased as a site for the building, and the club has an option to purchase an additional acre of adjacent land near the Palmetto Bay Marina.

The gathering was held on property purchased by the Yacht Club from Bunky Helfrich.

Present at the ceremony were Helfrich, Yacht Club Commodore Gus Wavpotich, Dr. Manny Gunn, Art Swenson, Jane Clarke, Howard Price, Lou Ten Eyck, John Ten Eyck and Gary Wheatley. Michael Jordan and Grant Morehouse, the attorneys who worked on the transaction, also were present. All, except Helfrich, who owns the Palmetto Bay Marina, were members of the Yacht Club's Board of Stewards.

Architects are now bidding for work on the project, Commodore Wavpotich said, and he said the design plans would be formulated within the month.

"We will proceed with construction as rapidly as possible, probably by the end of the Next month," Wavpotich said. "It's a beginning, and is sort of a landmark for the Yacht Club, which has been very strong on the island."

Attorney Jordan said he estimated that construction of the building would begin in three months.

In August 1978, after more than five years of exploratory planning and discussions, the club began making strides to obtain a building.

"The membership decided to become a facility club rather than a paper club," Wavpotich said, explaining that a facility club owned a building and was not just in possession of a charter. The money for the land purchase and building construction was collected by club members.

The Friday ceremony was the latest in many Yacht Club activities that began with the club's formation as the old Hilton Head Sailing Club in the spring of 1971. In November of that year, the Sailing Club was formerly chartered and incorporated, and became affiliated with the South Atlantic Yacht Racing Association the regional organization of the United States Yacht Racing Union.

The first commodore was Robert G. (Bob) Scott, and the club sponsored many boat races, regattas and other sailing activities. In 1977, a major revision of the club's constitution and bylaws was accomplished, which led to the adoption of "The Yacht Club of Hilton Head Island" as the new name in October 1977 and among power boat owners. The club currently has approximately 100 members.



Boating continued...

and I feel it would be a good exercise for the YC skippers. Let's learn how to use our flare guns before an emergency so that we are prepared.

Remember skippers, time on the water with our boats and friends is a heck of a lot better than watching TV or a computer screen. Let's plan on being active. If these ideas sound like something you would like, or if you have other ideas, just let me know and we'll put something together.

Dave Shkor— the powerboat guy

YCHHI February, 2011 Events and Activities

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Mah Jongg	2 Hackers Golf	3	4 Lunch Dinner- Stuffed Chicken Breast with Spinach & Ricotta	5 Small Boat Meeting
6	7	8 Mah Jongg	9 Hackers Golf	10	11 Nautiladies Lunch Dinner- Meatloaf Wellington	12
13	14 	15 Mah Jongg	16 Hackers Golf	17	18 Lunch Dinner- Tilapia or Liver and onions	19
20 AUCTION 	21 Board of Stewards 4:00PM	22 Mah Jongg	23 Hackers Golf	24	25 Lunch Dinner- Oven roasted New York Strip Steaks	26
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