



The Yacht Club of Hilton Head Island

## The Main Sheet

March, 2011



### MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE

Our February auction was an outstanding success. The NautiLadies did a tremendous job organizing, getting the merchandise ready, promoting, and setting up the hors d'ouerves. Dave Shkor did his magic and had us falling off our seats laughing with his quick wit and auctioneering skills. Many thanks to his sidekick, Vanna White, A/K/A Helen Kola. The total revenue was \$2628 plus the bar income.

The St. Patricks Day parade will be held on March 13<sup>th</sup> this year. We will have a boat in the parade. Hugh O'Connor is our committee chair for this event and we need folks to help decorate and walk in the parade with us that day. Jim Carnavale will pull the boat with his vintage green 1955 Chevrolet Pick-up. We will meet about 1 PM near the "old" Smoke House off Pope Ave. in the parking area to decorate the boat and get ready for the parade. The parade starts at 3 PM and will take about an hour to cover the parade route. After the parade, the club will be open for dinner with the traditional corned beef and cabbage. Please sign up for the dinner so Megan will know how many to plan for dinner.

We have several new members and two re-instatements. The Lobels and the Kingrees have been re-instated. The new members are: Jerry Hunt, Elizabeth Foley, Alan and Linda Kwiatkowski. Please welcome them when you meet them at the club.

The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner date has been set. It will be on April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM with Magician, Gary Maurer, performing at the dinner. Jim Kola is chairing the evening's activities. There will be more on this in next months Mainsheet. Ray Faust is contacting the magician and Clyde Harris is working on a menu, which will include the cost of the entertainment.

John Maxim is in the process of donating a trophy in memory of Chris and has it earmarked for the best female sailor each year. I would also like to thank John for donating many of Chris's items for the auction.

Our Saturday boating program is off to a great start. At last month's meeting we had 17 sailors/boaters attending. We learned how to rig a Flying Scott in the parking lot. Judith and Bill Lawenson provided chili and cornbread for lunch. This months meeting will meet on March 5<sup>th</sup> with Norm Shotz at the helm and his program will be "Bimbo". That stands for Brotherhood of International Boat Operators. Norm has a great program planned. Please come and see what's happening that day. It starts at 10 AM and lunch will be provided. No reservations are needed. Next month we hope to get on the water and put some of our skills to work with the club's boats.

We are working on a date for a clean up day at the club in April. That date will be marked at a later time in the next Mainsheet. Dennis Foley is heading that and we need everyone's help.

Commodore ,

Sonny Compher

# NAUTILADIES



The long awaited auction is over, and no one went home with the treasures they brought. Everything was sold due to the generosity of those attending. The sale tables were a huge success. The auction itself was not only profitable, but great fun, thanks to auctioneer David Shkor. He kept the action fast, got the best bids, and at the same time made us all laugh.

Diane Stortz chairperson, and Suzie Priegel assistant chairperson, were marketing wonders getting the sale tables set up. They were assisted by Jackie Carnevale, Judy Fennell and Anne Landis. In true Nautiladies form, others pitched in to help as they dropped off their treasures. We don't want to forget the husbands of these ladies who did the heavy lifting. The proceeds from this endeavor came to over \$2500. Good job ladies!! Thanks to Jim Vaughn and Tom Caldwell for tending bar, and all those who brought an appetizer or dessert. Mary Anne MacAlarney collected the money, and Betty C. Bush kept track of the bidding. Neither job was easy, as sales were fast and furious.

The first in a series of cooking classes, taught by Megan, occurred on February 15<sup>th</sup>. It was a delectable affair. The 15 participants had fun in the kitchen, and then enjoyed the fruits of their labor. The next class will be March 22 at 11:00. If you would like to participate in the next class, sign up in the Red Book. The cost is \$20.

Joan and John Fraser are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on St Patrick's Day. Congratulations Joan and John.

See you at the Club.

*Helen Kola*



**CLUB AUCTION, 2011...**

**Great fun and big success!  
Thanks, Nauti-ladies**

## BOATERS REPORT...



Ladies and Gentlemen, start your engines, scrub brushes, wax and polishers, and tune-up kits, it's time to think about yachting with the Yacht Club. These last few days have given us respite from Old Man Winter and are a harbinger of the Spring to come.

Our first shake down cruise-raft will start the season mid-April. I'm going to try to throw in a test for the YC skippers by adding a twist as you head to the raft site. We'll incorporate a poker-run where I will give each skipper 3 latitude-longitude coordinates (within a mile of the raft). At these coordinates will be an anchored float ball with an attached container holding playing cards in sealed envelopes. The skippers will pick a total of 5 envelopes from the 3 containers, (each location must be found to count), to be opened at the raft with the best hand of 5 card stud determining the winner of fantastic prizes. Now, don't think you can get away with simply putting the coordinates into your fancy GPS chart plotter and having electronics line up a perfect course to the mark. No, way too easy! You'll be given your coordinates early, but you cannot analysis, plot, study the location until you leave your dock, and you can only use a paper chart to plot the location and only use your compass to get you there. How hard could it be, no electronics, only the old fashion way, something you might have to do one day if your GPS craps out. I think this could be a fun challenge without taking much time as you head to the raft and the winner gets bragging rights and the winners pot. More details to follow as we get closer to mid-April.

We already have two boating events for May, a boat- to-drive-to lunch buffet and a raft-up in the Bull River with a practice flare shoot-off.

Dave Shkor– the power boat guy

## Yacht Club of Hilton Head's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

An excerpt from the September 22, 1996 Island Packet



Yacht club hosts dinner for commodores

By Melba Windham

The Yacht Club of Hilton Head Island held a dinner to honor the club's past commodore last Sunday, one in a series of event being held to celebrate the club's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Thirteen past commodores were present for the celebration. Each commodore entertained the evening's guest with an anecdote about the club during his tenure.

"We were first organized as the Hilton Head Sailing Club," said Robert Scott, who was the first commodore in 1971. "Every Friday, boats from Charleston would come down on Friday evening and we would hold races on the weekend. It wasn't expensive to belong to the club. Our first dues were \$25 a year."

Present commodore Charlie Fraser recalled that he won his first Junior sailing award when he was 12 years old. His sailing partner had been Rick Marscher. Sailing and the club have been a part of his life for 25 years.

The third commodore, Duane Cason, recalled that he drew the plans for the present clubhouse. He drew the plans in the dirt on the spot where the present facility is located. The club was built following much of what was etched in the dirt on the site that overlooks Broad Creek at the end of Palmetto Bay Road.

Commodores present for the evening were: Robert Scott, 1971-1972; Duane Cason, 1974; Thomas Galbraith, 1977; John Curry, 1980; Grant Morehouse, 1981; John Mingay, 1985; William Ridenour, 1988; Jim Vaughn, 1990; Tom Henz, 1992; Tom Crews, 1993; Randy Tilly, 1994; Susan McCann, 1995; Charlie Fraser, 1996; and Larry Jordan, who will be commodore in 1997.

### Courage of the Commodore (or, will you still love me next year?)

Musings by Jim Kola

The position of Commodore, Commander, or President of any organization that is private requires remarkable courage on the part of any individual accepting the position.

After leading a like organization I took a silent vow to avoid serving in that capacity ever again. You learn to cope with many different agendas that are in conflict with each other, you deal with budgets and how monies should be spent, and you have to cope with various committees or factions who feel that their voices are being ignored.

Those people that accept these positions usually have only one goal. At the end of their term they hope they left the organization moving in a positive direction. This is why people volunteer to become Commodores, Commanders, or Presidents.

Here's to Forty years of courageous Commodores and devoted members.

### **NEWS FLASH-**

### **CUPID CUP RESULTS 2/19/11**

**HILTON HEAD'S LEW GUNN'S "DEAD ON ARRIVAL" WON FIRST PLACE IN THE SPINNAKER" CLASS.**

**THE SUMMARY OF THE RACE IS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN HALLWAY.**



## YCHHI March, 2011 Events and Activities

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1 Mah Jongg</b>	<b>2 Hackers Golf</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4 Lunch Dinner– Pork Loin with mango salsa</b>	<b>5 Small Boat Meeting</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8 Mah Jongg</b>	<b>9 Hackers Golf</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11Nautiladies Lunch Dinner– Shrimp Creole with grits &amp; collards</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13 St. Patrick's Day Parade</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15 Mah Jongg</b>	<b>16 Hackers Golf</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18 Lunch Dinner– Shepard's Pie</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Time change</b> 						
<b>20 BRUNCH</b>	<b>21 Board of Stewards 4:00PM</b>	<b>22 Mah Jongg</b>	<b>23 Hackers Golf</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25 Lunch Dinner– Chicken Coq au vin</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29 Mah Jongg</b>	<b>30 Hackers Golf</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1 Lunch Dinner– Salmon with Citrus beurre blanc</b>	<b>2</b>



**St. Patrick's Day**  
**Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner– 6pm**  
**Sign up in Red Book or call.**

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