



The Yacht Club of Hilton Head Island

The Main Sheet

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MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE

The Change of Watch on November 5th was well attended and enjoyed by everyone. The new bridge was introduced. Special recognition was presented to numerous members and trophies were presented as follows: John J. McAleese Trophy, the club member who has contributed the most in sailing on Hilton Head to **Jim Vaughan**; the Coolidge Trophy, the club member who exhibited outstanding sailing achievement during the year to **Jack Loda**; the Participation Trophy, the club member who has contributed the most to the club's activities, **Helen Kola**; the Mainstay Award, the outstanding service and involvement at the club over many years, **Betty Y. Bush, Terri Ahr, and Kenny Priegel**; the Chris Maxim Trophy, (new) to the woman who has done the most for the club during the year, **Melba Hildenbrandt**.

Overall 2011 was a successful year. We have reduced costs and our membership has gained slightly. We need everyone to help bring new prospective members to the club. That is our main goal for 2012. A previous way of doing that will be reinstated. If a current member brings in a new member who remains in the club for a quarter, the club member will receive credit for one-month dues. This is effective immediately. If you have a neighbor, relative or friend who shows some interest, please bring them to the club, give them a tour and an application.

The pool is now closed and leveled with dirt. The fence has been removed and we are waiting for the dirt to settle. The second step will be to plant rye grass. We will decide on what to do with that area at a later date. The rear steps that were removed recently have not been replaced as of yet. The city of Hilton Head informed me that we need a permit and a certified architect or engineer who is registered in SC to draw up the plans for a commercial building project. Julie Vaughan is using Kenny Priegel and Don Robbins drawings as a guideline for the new plans. Many thanks to all of them.

We have two new members, Harry and Linda Jewett and Chester and Lydia Rozof. Please welcome them.

The new loan with NBSC should close this week. We will reduce our mortgage payments by about \$200. per month and the Home Owners Association will be in place very soon. This will reduce our real estate taxes also. I want to thank Robbie Nichols and Mike Gilroy for all their hard work in getting the covenant work done and Melba Hildebrandt for her long hours in the office with the work that was required to get the IRS forms completed for this.

The Christmas season is almost upon us. We have some days open for that special Christmas Party you want to have at the club. The Club's Christmas party will be held on Sunday, December 11th. Please sign up as soon as possible in the "Red Book". Pat Foley will entertain us again with Christmas Carols and her famous rendition of "The Twelve Days of Christmas".

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BOATERS REPORT ...

In the last MAIN SHEET, I hoped for good weather for our 2 scheduled Oct. events, and, lo and behold, we had good weather for both.

The YC raft-up on Oct. 22nd was affectionately called the "Ivan and Betty C. Bush Welcome Back Home Raft Up". Why you ask, because Ivan and Betty C. had just returned home from their Castle Camp in Beautiful Maine, and we needed their boat. We had 3 boats, Tom Caldwell as trusty anchor, Ivan Bush, and Dave Shkor for a total of 15 YC members enjoying a perfect evening on the water. Unfortunately, we lost a few crew to last minute maladies. It needs to be noted that, even though Ron and Pat Hughes weren't able to attend due to Ron being under the weather, Pat made a special trip to the boat to drop off all the great goodies she had prepared so all on the raft could enjoy her culinary delights. As Tom Caldwell noted later, this was one of the most enjoyable rafts that we've had.

Our 2nd Oct. event was a return trip to the Salty Dog on the 30th for the great seafood and stuff buffet they put out for the YC. We had 44 members and guest attend. We had 4 boats scheduled to ride the high tide into South Beach, but the wind picked up to the point that there was a nasty chop on the May and Calibouge that kept 2 of our center consoles at home avoiding what would have been a very wet ride. Cecil Viverette and Dave Shkor were able to come by water since their cuddy cabin boats could be sealed with enclosures that kept crew dry. The wind laid down enough so that the ride home was smooth and pleasant.

The Hilton Head Heroes effort has wound down with the end of boating season. The YC sponsored 14 Hero families for private boat trips during their stay that were greatly enjoyed by the parents, children and skippers. Skippers Cecil Viverette, Tom Caldwell, Sonny Compher, and Dave Shkor pitched in for this charity. There were no boating activities in November.

Dave Shkor - the powerboat guy

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The NautiLadies will be decorating the club on the 1st. Please join us at 10 AM to help out. I've heard many people comment over the past few years about how beautiful the club looks. I thought it would be a good idea for our Club to support the "Deep Well" project during the holidays with donations of much needed food for those without. A box will be located in the foyer for your donations.

Mark your calendars for the annual New Year's brunch on January 1st. Please be sure to sign up in the "Red Book".

Sonny Compher
Commodore

NAUTILADIES



The Christmas season is upon us! We Nautiladies are looking forward to our holiday traditions. The first.... is decorating the Yacht Club **Thursday, December 1st at 10:00** is the date to remember. It is truly magic to see the Club transform into a Christmas wonderland. So please come, enjoy some cookies and egg nog.... and jump start your Christmas spirit. Gentlemen, we need your help as well, so put on your elf hats and enjoy the morning.

The second tradition.... is the Nautiladies luncheon. Linda Harris has made arrangements for us to go to Charlie's L'etoile Verte on **Friday, December 9th at 12:00 noon**, our regular meeting day. She has prepared a nice surprise for each of us attending. Please e-mail Linda to let her know that you will be there, decked out in your Christmas finery.

New soup spoons have been purchased by the Nautiladies for the Club. Thank you Marti for getting them.

During the Change of Watch I was pleased to recognize Jeanne Christenson and Ede Thiele for their work on the Sunshine Committee and Anita Peal and Joan Fraser for their years of service as the Nautiladies secretary and treasurer. I learned that I should have also recognized Gary Peal as the assistant to Anita. Thank you Gary.

Happy Birthday to Doris Broere.

Happy anniversary to Sandy and Herb Heins and Betty and Ivan Bush.

See you at the Club.
Helen Kola

JINGLE, JINGLE! It is that time of the year again when we are all trying to think of the perfect gift. Please think about including some of our lovely official YACHT CLUB OF HILTON HEAD merchandise that is available in the Ships Store or can be ordered for you. For instance, there are those great 'Eisenhower' type jackets in a number of color combinations and just the right weight for our climate and they are only \$55. Or there are 100% cotton V neck sweaters with long sleeves (\$49), or V neck sweater vests (\$39) all in a variety of colors. Of course, we always have sweat shirts (\$28), fleece vests (\$40), and a variety of knit shirts. If you are looking for something other than clothing, we have boat bags (\$25), license plates (\$20), note cards (3 packages of 15 for \$25) and those nice insulated bags that will take a sandwich and a drink to the golf course or out on your boat (\$8). Stop by to see Ms. Santa Claus at the Ships Store!

CHANGE OF WATCH 2011



The Commodore & his wife, Sonny & MaryAnn Compher>



FLYING SCOT RESULTS....

The Flying Scot fleet finished their Fall Series Sunday, November 13 with no wind and no races. Unfortunately the series was hindered by either too much wind or no wind which resulted in only 6 races for the series. The overall results are as follows:

Sail No. 1983	Marty Otten	8 points
Sail No. 3428	Jim Vaughn	14 points
Sail No. 5005	Red Club Boat	21 points
Sail No. 1923	Cameron Henderson	22 points.

Sail No. 1923 is new to the fleet and as can be noted above, ran away with the series.

The fleet is having a cookout at the Yacht Club on Saturday, Dec. 3rd at noon to re-cap the series and discuss the coming Spring Series.



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YCHHI December, 2011 Events and Activities

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Hackers Golf	1	2 Lunch Dinner- Meat Loaf Vaughans	3 Small Boat Meeting
4	5	6	7 Hackers Golf	8	9 Nautiladies Lunch Dinner- Pasta Special \$10 Robbins	10
11 Christmas Party \$13. 	12	13	14 Hackers Golf	15	16 Lunch- Dinner- FOWL Night Comphers	17
18	19 Board of Stewards 4:00pm	20	21 Hackers Golf	22	23 Lunch Dinner- Pork Loin Nicols	24
25 Christmas 	26	27	28 Hackers Golf	29	30 Lunch Dinner- Jean's Night Soup & Sandwich \$9. Foley/Hattersley	31 New Year's Eve

Brunch is 11:00 am –1 pm.

Bartenders in Red.
Special New Years Day Brunch \$13.00



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