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THE MAIN SHEET



Read about how the clubhouse came to be in this month's issue.



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Commodore's Comments

Dear Fellow Members,

I have more exiting news to report! The Food and Beverage Committee, chaired by Leslie Gilroy, has hired a new chef, Wendell Osborne. He is an experienced chef and caterer, having worked at the South Carolina Yacht Club and is currently working at the restaurant, Fish, in Coligny. He also owns his own catering company. He will begin preparing meals at the YCHHI on Friday, August 13th. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend our Friday night dinner on that evening.

Asked why he wants to work at the YCHHI, he said, "I just love to cook!"

Work on the outside deck is on hold until we obtain our building permit from the town of HHI. We are working with member Julie Vaughn to clear the necessary hurdles, obtain the permit and begin demolition.

Work on the floating dock has paused as Norm Shotz communicates with SC DHEC about our project. We are hopeful at this time that we will be allowed to proceed.

Both sailing races, on September 17th-18th and October 2nd-3rd are in need of YCHHI member's homes to house a sailor or two for a night. If you have a spare bedroom or two, please reach out to Hap Todd. This is a great way to be hospitable and make new friends.

Please mark your calendars for the Annual Meeting on Friday, October 15th and the Change of Watch on Saturday, November 6th.

The Change of Watch will also include a celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the YCHHI. Hooray!

Thanks for all you do,

Candi Hough

Food & Beverage Committee

Leslie Gilroy
Chair

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Reservations required for dinners.
Signups will be emailed to
members.

Friday Night Dinners, Happy Hours, and Special Events

Hangout & see all the friends you've missed!
Enjoy great food! The bar will be open!!
New members are most welcome!

Friday, August 6

Happy Hour

Friday, August 13

Chef, Wendell Osborne

Lasagna

Chicken Marsala

Garden salad with ranch and balsamic vinegar

Herb toasted potatoes

Broccolini and carrots with balsamic drizzle

Tiramisu

Friday, August 20

Friday, August 27

Menus to Come—Watch for
Constant Contact Email

Update

With John and Penni's Catalina 28 Solitude needing rudder repair we have suspended the Wednesday Sailing.

We are working hard to get a Flying Scot ready for use by club members. We pulled the white Scot out, cleaned her, rigged her, and last Saturday she was launched and tested. What a day! For qualified sailors you can now reserve the boat. Please give me a call for details.

Also, we are working to get a Catalina 22 ready for launch and testing in the next week.

The planning for the 50th Harbour Town Cup Regatta is ongoing. October 1-3 is quickly approaching. If you would like to volunteer let me know.

And finally, thanks to all who have worked so hard on behalf of the sailing program.

Hap Todd, Chairman 🚤
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Upcoming Races

YCHHI cosponsor race,
Low Country Hook
Ocean Race
September 17-18

YCHHI Regatta Weekend
Calibogue and Harbour
Cups
October 2-3



Club Sailing
Hap Todd

Power Boats

Mike Gilroy



2021 Power Boating Schedule

Month	Date	Rain Date*	Event	Location	Menu
April	Wed 4/14	19-Apr	lunch	The Cottage	HERE
May	Mon 5/17	19-May	lunch	Marker 244	HERE
June	tue 6/1	3-Jun	lunch	Crab Shack	HERE
June	Tue 6/8	8-Jun	DINNER	The Pearl	HERE
June	Mon 6/14	16-Jun	lunch	Fish Camp	HERE
July	Tue 7/13	15-Jul	lunch	Tortugas	HERE
July	Tue 7/20	22-Jul	DINNER	Calhoun St. Tavern	HERE
July	Mon 7/26	28-Jul	lunch	Q on Bay	HERE
Aug	Thu 8/12	16-Aug	lunch	Wyld Dock	HERE
Aug	tue 8/24	26-Aug	lunch	Huey's	HERE
Sept	Thu 9/9	24-Sep	lunch	A.J.'s	HERE
Sept	Thu 9/23	27-Sep	lunch	Buffalo's	HERE
Oct	Mon 10/11	13-Oct	lunch	Flying Fish	HERE
Oct	Tue 10/26	27-Oct	lunch	Hearth	HERE



"Let's go eat and come back when he's finished."



"Our boat is fine, and we're not stranded.
We just don't want to go back to that
crazy world."

July Cruise

The best laid plans

For our fourth lunch cruise of the season, the intention was to visit a new venue, Tortugas, a new restaurant in Thunderbolt. When Tortuga's was closed due to staffing issues, we set out for Tubby's which was unfortunately closed as well. The day was not a complete bust though with many boaters opting to stop at Daufuskie Crab Company for lunch and the others going to the Boathouse. Always a beautiful ride and great company!



July Cruise



Update

Nauti Ladies

Frances Viverette,
President

Bobbie Leavitt,
Vice-President

Mary Ann Compher,
Secretary

Julie Traylor,
Treasurer

The *Thrift Store Frenzy and Lunch* at Jane's event and meeting for July was a big hit. Betty Bush won the prize for the best find and received a gift card to Jane's.

Greeters for August are:

July 30	Grace Abel
August 6	Jean Hillenbrand
August 13	Candi Hough
August 20	Julie Traylor
August 27	Shari Manning

As of the July meeting, 29 members have paid their dues of \$15.00. If you haven't paid, you can pay at the next meeting or mail your check made out to Nauti Ladies to Julie Traylor, 11 Stonegate Ct. Hilton Head Island, SC 29926.

Upcoming

December 9, 2021 The date is set for our Annual Christmas Party. This event will be held at the Harbour Town Yacht Club. Mark your calendars.

Members are welcome to join the MahJong group on Sundays at 1PM. Please contact Marilyn Owen if you plan to attend.



The Fun[d] Committee

Mary Ryan

Babs Erny

Jean Hillenbrand

Candi Hough

Linda Bange

Trish Bouley

Linda Sheets

Cheri Sires

Jennifer Thompson

Angie Eads

Debbie Plonski

Bobbi Leavitt

John Lang
Speakers

Marilyn Owen
Consultant

Pizza Party



Following Wine



There are over 10,000 grape varieties worldwide though not all are grown commercially and only about 1,000 are grown for crafting wine. For decades the wine industry considered six grape varieties the backbone of wine production and they were called the “Noble Grapes”. They are three whites: Chardonnay, Riesling and Sauvignon Blanc plus three reds: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Pinot Noir. They were considered the backbone because they were supposed to do well wherever they were planted. This was true for Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon but not so for the temperamental Pinot Noir. Keeping in mind that terroir influences all grapes. Then as new wine regions developed and grew so did the variety of frequently planted grapes which now number over 18.

However, when wanting to expand your wine knowledge, the Nobles are a good place to start. Why? Because understanding the differences among varieties tells you what to look for in any wine and makes evaluating it easier. Good/Great wine must always taste true to the inherent flavor of the grape from which it was made. In the U.S. and most of the New World, wines are labeled according to grape variety. If only one variety is named on the label, then at least 75% of the wine has to be from that grape, so we will not be discussing blends in this post. European wines however, are labeled by geographic origin.

So, what should you smell and taste in these Nobles?

CHARDONNAY: Can be oaked or not oaked. Oaked Chardonnays are medium bodied, they will smell or taste smokey, toasty, spicy, buttery, with hints of vanilla or butterscotch. They will be medium dry. Unoaked Chardonnays have fruity aromas and flavors that can range from apples to tropical fruits. They can also taste of minerals, be crisp, dry and full bodied.

RIESLING: There are sweet and dry Riesling. They are not often oaked. The sweet varieties often smell and taste of honeysuckle. The dry ones are usually light bodied, crisp and refreshing. The aromas and flavors range from fruity, flowery to mineral, lemon, green apple and/or tangerine.

SAUVIGNON BLANC: Until recently they were not oaked unless blended 50/50 with Semillon (France). On its own the grape has a very distinctive character. Herbal, mineral flavors and aromas. Lime, grass, green herbs. The wines are crisp, intense, full bodied with rich texture with high acidity. The oaked ones are light to medium body, softer in texture and usually dry. They have a fruity character such as ripe melon, figs or passion fruit.

Next month we'll explore the 3 Noble Reds. Happy tasting!

Babs Erny

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I saw a guy drink a coke in the store and pay for it later, but I'd barely gotten the cork out of this wine bottle before the manager confronted me.

Twitter/@Darlainkv

New Member Profiles

Every month the Main Sheet will help you
get to know your new members

Jim Gawryszewski

Jim grew up on Lake Erie in Ohio. He graduated from West Point in 1987 & served tours in Germany and the US. Jim enjoys traveling and has visited all 50 states, the Canadian provinces that border the US, lots of Mexico, most of Western Europe, Bermuda, Bahamas, and the Caribbean.



Jim has some experience with motor boats, 10+ years as well as sail boats for the past 3 years. He was a member of the Barefoot Sailing Club on Lake Lanier in Georgia for the last 2 years and hopes to buy a sail boat for some ocean adventures.

Jim and his wife (Margaret) have been visiting HHI for the past 15 years. Their twin daughters graduated from Georgia Tech in May 2020 and moved for jobs to Texas and Virginia. As empty nesters, Jim and Margaret decided to make the pre-retirement move to see what Island life is all about as a full time resident. Jim still works full time & Margaret is looking to continue her preschool teaching. They have a Dalmatian - Kerry who is 12 yrs old. They reside in Port Royal.

Welcome to all our new 2021 members

Mike & Kathy Emery
Jim Gawryszewski
Bobby Luta
Parker Newell
Joe Coppola
Rhett Pepe

Angie Eads
Hansel & Jennifer Thompson
Tobin & Jennifer Johnson
Bryan & Debbie Plonski
Kim & Ron Brown



Celebration!

For the remainder of the year, The Main Sheet will have a dedicated section celebrating the 50th anniversary of the club. A multi-part history of the club as well as photos, celebration events and activities will be posted here.

50th Anniversary Committee Members include Jim Vaughn, Betty Bush, Mike Gilroy, Morris Young and Sonny Compher.

How the Clubhouse came to be

Compiled by Jim Vaughn

The Yacht Club of Hilton Head Island began in 1971 but operated at the Hilton Head Sailing Club without a physical building until 1980. The Clubhouse came about nine years later. The year began 1978 with more than 150 members and the new commodore, Augustus (Gus) Wavpovich pressed on actively for the selection, acquisition, and development of a Club facility site. He was reelected Commodore for 1979 so he could continue the important work of establishing the Club facility. The Club bylaws were amended to enable the Club to purchase and build its permanent facility. The initial acre of land for the Club building was acquired by the Yacht Club and construction plans were formulated.

With John F Curry, Commodore for 1980, construction on the new facility began early in the year and was completed in December 1980. Much effort on the part of many Club members was given to the completion of the interior, furnishings and decoration.

1981 saw Grant Morehouse take the helm as Commodore. Much member work remained to be done on the new Club building, including landscaping and various interior installations. Rear Commodore Art Swenson led the interior work activities to include the design, installation and donations for the entry floor displaying the Club Burgee. By year's end, the new building had served well for meeting, parties and weekend social gatherings."

How did the design come about? Some say that it represented crossed Burgees and others that it was to represent a sailboat. The original architect Mike Briles, now in Annapolis, could neither confirm nor deny those rumors and only remembers that the club exterior was designed to be compatible with The Chart House Restaurant which was the Club's neighbor to the west (now an empty lot). Interestingly Mike added that the county building department thought that the building should be "on grade" but he convinced the Club to build it up to its current height to capture the view. Good call Mike especially after Hurricane Matthew!

Why was the name changed from the HH Sailing Club? The bridge and members thought that calling it a Yacht Club gave the club a larger potential membership base.

Why not call it the Hilton Head Yacht Club? On looking for a clubhouse site both Skull Creek Marina and Palmetto Bay Marina (PBM) were considered. It is thought that the owners of Skull Creek Marina registered the name Hilton Head Yacht Club to give them an advantage. When the Palmetto Bay site was chosen the name had to change. Old records support this theory.

Why doesn't YCHHI have its own dock? When the clubhouse was built the Club entered into a long term fixed cost lease with PBM for the closest dock to the clubhouse and its members rented dock space from the Club. In the early 1980s a storm destroyed the docks and it took over a year to get them repaired. Many boats failed to return to the YCHHI dock after the repairs and eventually YCHHI canceled their agreement with PBM.

In memoriam

Cecil Exum Viverette Jr.

Past Commodore and long time yacht member, Cecil Viverette, unexpectedly passed away on July 25th, 2021 from heart complications.

Cecil (Sonny) was born on July, 4th, 1941 to Cecil (Sr.) and Kate Cherry Viverette in Asheboro, NC. Just prior to starting second grade, the family moved to Lenoir, NC, in Caldwell County. Cecil graduated from Lenoir High School in 1959. He graduated from N.C. State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological and Agricultural Engineering.

After college and service in the Army, he married the love of his life, Frances Lawrence of Durham, NC, in 1965. Cecil was named President and CEO of Rappahannock and its subsidiary companies in 1988. He served on the board of directors of Old Dominion Electric Cooperative, a three-state generation and transmission entity (from 1998-2001). He also served on the board of directors of the Virginia, Maryland, Delaware Associations of Electric Cooperatives and on the board of directors of the Better Business Bureau of Central Virginia.



Early on, with the encouragement and support of his wife Frances, Cecil became involved in community service. He was a volunteer fireman, including serving as president and assistant chief. He also founded and was the first president of the Caroline County Volunteer Emergency Units organizations. He served in various capacities with his church, was a scout leader, youth coach, primary school guest reader, member of the board of directors of the Rappahannock United Way, the Fredericksburg Regional Alliance, the Fredericksburg Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Virginia Agribusiness Council and Mary Washington Hospital. He was chairman of the board of directors of the Fredericksburg March of Dimes campaign, the Caroline County Economic Development Corporation, and Hope House, a homeless shelter for women and children.

Frances and Cecil moved to Hilton Head Island after his retirement in 2004. In 2006 he was appointed to the board of directors of the South Carolina Public Service Authority, the state-owned electric utility. He served until his term expired in 2014. In 2016 he was appointed to the advisory board of Protect Our Power, a Washington, DC group that advocates for national electric grid security. In 2018, Cecil was inducted into the Caldwell County Schools Hall of Honor. Cecil was an Elder in Hilton Head's First Presbyterian Church, and previously served as the Commander of The Hilton Head Sail and Power Squadron, and as the Commodore of the Yacht Club of Hilton Head Island. Cecil was also active as a certified instructor and a Vessel Safety Examiner for the Power Squadron.

Cecil was a loving husband, father and grandfather, who cherished time with his family, and loved being on the water. He was preceded in death by his parents, Cecil (Sr.) and Kate. Cecil is survived by his wife, Frances; daughter, Mandy Willis (Mark) of Chester, VA; son, Tripp Viverette (Jennifer) of Maiden, NC; sister, Edie Hipp (Jim) of Hilton Head, SC; and grandchildren, Timothy Willis, Robert Willis, Mary Elizabeth Willis, Mack Viverette, Emerson Viverette, and Georgia Viverette.

The visitation to receive family and friends will be on Sunday, August 8th at the Island funeral Home on Hilton Head from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The celebration of life service will be Monday, August 9th at the First Presbyterian Church on Hilton Head Island at 11:00 a.m., followed by a reception at the Spanish Wells Club. In lieu of flowers, donations to Hilton Head Heroes will be greatly appreciated.



HILTON HEAD HEROES UPDATE

Take a look at the young fellow with the pale complexion and bald head. Most of our YC membership who watch television might just recognize him. You've heard him speak in a high pitch squeaky voice, bright eyed and smiling face. Think of the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital television commercials that have actual patients speaking about the love and care they receive while being treated for life threatening illnesses at St. Jude. This youngster's name is Carson, and he was a recent passenger on our yacht club sponsored Hilton Head Hero boat trip.



This was a boat trip of firsts, the first family from Oklahoma to ever take part in our YC Hero program. When I was talking to the father setting up the trip I was told that Carson's immune system was very weak and that the family would be wearing masks, as I would also. Meeting the family all I saw was a small boy, short curly hair, glasses, wearing a mask. Carson was typical inquisitive, talkative, excited boy who had never been on board a boat before but when put behind the wheel went into studied concentration and took to it no problem at all. The mom came forward to take bunches of pictures of him driving for the first time and then asked Carson to tell me what recently happened that tickled him so much. Carson was happy to brag (at 12 years old) that he had recently gotten a kiss from actress Jennifer Anniston. As the story unfolded, Jennifer Anniston, a supporter of St. Jude, was making a commercial for them along with Carson, thus the kiss.

It was then that I recognized Carson, not by his face, that was hidden behind the mask and glasses, but by that squeaky high voice. Carson has been almost living at St. Jude for the last four years being treated for acute myeloid leukemia, an aggressive form of blood cancer. Good news, after all the chemo, the bone marrow transplants and the care of St. Jude, Carson is in remission and was able to make the long trip to Hilton Head Island and because of our yacht club, have his first boating adventure.

Dave Shkor