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THE MAIN SHEET



Travel vicariously with John and Penni Singleton as they *Sail South on Solitude*. Read Penni's fascinating account in this issue.



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Commodore's Comments

Dear Fellow Members,

The hot weather continues and so do our boating activities. Many thanks to Mike Gilroy for scheduling and planning all of our boating events. Also, the club should recognize his two able assistants. Thanks go to Bobby Golden and Dave Skhor. Bobby led the boats in June and Dave will be leading them to Q on Main at the beginning of August.

The Fun(d) Committee held a delicious Greek Dinner on July 25. Many thanks to the members, especially Babs Erny, who worked very hard to put on the event.

The Board of Stewards had a lively discussion about the insurance for our building. Linda Bange, who had a 30-year professional career in the insurance industry, reviewed our insurance policies. She pointed out that we are underinsured for replacing the clubhouse. A

vote was passed to increase the property insurance premium through the end of September. A finance committee, headed by Treasurer Jim Manning, will be convened to review our current financial status and make recommendations to the BOS about coming capital expenditures as well as the insurance question. If you are interested in joining this committee, please give Jim a call.

Looking forward to seeing each of you at the club for Friday night dinner. Wendell is working hard to prepare food that you enjoy. Because of your feedback, he is serving different salads and adding rolls each week. We have also returned to letting members serve themselves.

Thanks for all you do,

Candi Hough

Food & Beverage Committee

Leslie Gilroy, Chair
Dana Wheatley
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Cheri Sires

Reservations required for dinners. Signups will be emailed to members. Meals are \$24.00 unless otherwise noted.

Take-out is an option. You will have your dinner served to you in takeout containers. Takeout dinners will be served first.

BARTENDERS

8/5

Bob & Kathe Golden

8/12

Ernie & Terri Ahr

8/19

Jim Landis and
Candi Hough

8/26

Rhett and Al Pepe

Friday Night Dinners

Chef, Wendell Osborne

Aug 5

Spinach Chickpea Salad
Pineapple glazed Chicken
Baked Cod with Corn & Black Bean
Salsa
Cilantro Rice
Steamed Broccoli
Red Velvet Cake

Aug 12

Corn and Cotija Salad
Shrimp
Baked Flounder
Spanish Rice
Roasted Vegetable Medley
Lemon Bars

Aug 19

LOBSTER NIGHT by Sea Eagle

\$38.00

Whole Lobster
Corn on the Cob
Beef Sausage
Red Potatoes
Cole Slaw
Key Lime Pies

We need to have a minimum of
30 people for this dinner

Aug 26

Birthday Night

Caesar Salad
Center Cut Pork Chop with Bacon Red
Pepper Marmalade
Baked Grouper with Tomato Onion and
Red Pepper Relish
Smashed Red Potato
Braised Red Cabbage
Birthday Cake

Greek Dinner





Power Boats

Mike Gilroy

We're in the Thick of our Boating Activities

Thanks to Bobby Golden for leading our (unfortunately) only boating activity in July, our lunch cruise to Tubby's Tankhouse. From all accounts everyone found it just as enjoyable as in past years.

Now, as we head into August, we've got a couple of good ones coming up. First up is Beaufort's "Q on Bay" on Tuesday, August 2. According to Dave Shkor who will be leading the cruise, it was recently voted "Best Barbeque in Beaufort". If you'd like to learn more about it, click [here](#). All boats are full for this cruise, so it must be good!

Then on Monday, August 15, we'll be heading south to Tybee Island for lunch at AJ's. [Here's](#) a link to AJ's.

The rest of this year's boating schedule is reflected below.

All the best,
Mike

DATE	RAIN DATE	DESTINATION	LOCATION
Tue Aug 2	Thu Aug 4	Q on Bay	BEAUFORT
Mon Aug 15	Wed Aug 17	AJ's Dockside	TYBEE ISLAND
Tue Sep 13	Thu Sep 15	Huey's	SAVANNAH
Wed Sep 28	Fri Sep 30	Hearth	BEAUFORT
Fri Oct 14	Mon Oct 17	Marker 244	PORT ROYAL
Fri Oct 28	Mon Oct 31	Tortuga's Island Grille	THUNDERBOLT
Mon Nov 14	Wed Nov 16	Buffalo's	PALMETTO BLUFF
Mon Nov 28	Wed Nov 30	Salty Dog Pigout	HILTON HEAD

Nauti Ladies

Carol Lang
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Vice-President

Mary Ann Compher
Secretary

Julie Traylor
Treasurer

Greeters

Aug 5
Greeter Needed

Aug 12
Mary Ann Compher

Aug 19
Greeter Needed

Aug 26
Renee Bradley

Update

After the July 14th meeting, several of the NautiLadies enjoyed a great experience of greeting card making with Collette Taylor. Each person made three cards that they personalized. It was a great time. Thanks to Babs Erny for making these arrangements.



Upcoming

The YCHHI Christmas Party will be held at the club on Friday, December 9th. Terry Herron and his group will provide the music and the NautiLadies will provide half of the cost. The NautiLadies agreed that the mix of Christmas music will be 70% with the remaining being 30% of assorted tunes.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS. The NL Christmas Luncheon will be held on Thursday, December 15th 11:00 AM at the Poseidon Restaurant on the first floor. We will be ordering off the menu with separate checks. Guests are welcome.

No August meeting. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 8th.

Note: Greeters are needed in August and September. Please contact Mary Ann Compher to sign up.

The Fun[d] Committee

Cheri Sires

Mary Ryan

Babs Erny

Jean Hillenbrand

Candi Hough

Linda Bange

Trish Bouley

Linda Sheets

Debbie Plonski

Bobbi Leavitt



A very BIG THANK YOU to all the members that helped with the fabulous Greek dinner. A HUGE THANK YOU TO Babs for doing all of the shopping, two days of cooking, and helping with clean up. A HUGE THANK YOU to Jean for the wonderful decorations!!! A very festive evening with great food!!!!

August is going to be another Fun Month.

August 10 - Wednesday
HAPPY HOUR



August 21 - Sunday



Ice Cream Social
Make your own Sundae or Banana Split!!

Get ready for September

September 5 - Labor Day Picnic

September 20 - Taco Tuesday

Sailing News

Jim Vaughn

Regattas of local interest

September 17 The Low Country Hook Ocean Race is a distance race from Hilton Head Island, SC to Skidaway Island, GA. The race is open to all non-planning monohull sailboats having an overall length of at least 22 feet and not longer than 52 feet. This event is co-sponsored by the Skidaway Island Boating Club and The Yacht Club of HHI. https://www.regattanetwork.com/mobile/mobile_event_detail.php?regatta_id=24043

September 24/25 The Lake Lanier Sailing Club Flying Scot and Lightning Regatta <https://www.llsc.com/racing-information>

October 7 Augusta Sailing Club Halloween Regatta <https://augustasailingclub.com>

TBD in October The YCHHI Regatta Weekend/The Harbour Town and Calibogue Cups

These are a few “local” regattas that our members have participated in the past. For a more complete list of all regattas go to <https://www.regattanetwork.com>

Power Boats Needed for *The Hook*, Saturday, September 17

The YCHHI collaborates with the Chatham Sailing Club in the annual ocean sailing regatta which runs from just off Calibogue Sound south to the entrance of the Wilmington River and up to The Landings Marina. Our club supports the activities related to the starting of the regatta on Saturday morning. We have a committed committee boat and need at least one more power boat to help with the start. No special training needed. The skipper of the pin/mark boat will help set the line for the start of the race with guidance from the Principal Race Officer. If you are interested in helping the YCHHI support the event, please phone Hap Todd at [704-500-6898](tel:704-500-6898).

Sailing South on Solitude

Penni Singleton

We set off on February 1st to celebrate John's retirement with our first ever cruise on a sailboat. We had been preparing for it for the previous year, making sure necessary repairs and updates were made to Solitude.

John hoped that in addition to going down the Intracoastal we would also be able to go to the Dry Tortugas and the Bahamas. Penni hoped that she enjoyed cruising enough to join John in his dream retirement and not feel the need to abandon him after the first week. We could not have set off without our ten pounds of cuteness - Timmy the dog.

Amazingly, all our dreams were achieved in 127 days. As with most adventures, it came with highs, lows, challenges and uncertainties. Here are the highlights:

Longest Crossing in nautical miles: Chubb Cay to Bimini at 86 nautical miles which we did overnight. Penni was not a great fan of sailing in the dark, but with a full moon and few hazards, she really enjoyed it. John stayed up through the night while Penni and Timmy slept for a total of 5 hours, giving John breaks in between. The motorsail took about 12 hours.



Highest number of bascule bridges in one day: 8 - Fort Lauderdale to No Name Harbor. We love the beauty and engineering of bascule bridges. The standard joke we had between us was to hold our hand to our chest and exclaim "Just for little old me?" as the bridge raised. When there are several in a row, timing can become crucial as they often open at specific times. Solitude had to use her best speed to get there in time. Both the joke and waiting on or rushing to bascule bridges got old after this stretch so we ventured into the ocean for the next leg.



Most Challenging Crossing: Bimini to Great Harbor. It was a long crossing at 79 nautical miles. As soon as we rounded the tip of Bimini the waves grew to 5 to 6 feet and it was choppy for the first 5 hours. The waves had just calmed down when the engine stopped working. Twenty minutes later the wind dropped and we were left bobbing midway between islands. It took John five hours to find and fix the problem—a blocked fuel line. We then continued on and arrived at Great Harbor in the dark at 1 am. The marina entrance was too challenging to enter at night so we anchored outside.

Longest time in a Marina: 7 days at Bimini Cove as we waited for calm winds to cross to Great Harbor. This is where we made the most friends who fortunately organized pot luck dinners, sundowners and island tours.

Longest time at anchor: 6 days as we waited at Hoffman Cay for calm weather. We were lucky to have two other boats with us. We had got to know them at Bimini Cove. We were able to share food supplies as none of us had intended anchoring for so long. We spent the days snorkeling, picnicking on the beaches and visiting the blue hole.

Best Place for Turtle Spotting: Chubb Cay was the best for seeing green turtles. We took the dinghy up a small river. We were the only ones there as we watched turtles swimming around, largely ignoring us. Timmy loved watching them too! The best place for loggerheads was around the Marquesas on our way to the Dry Tortugas.



Greatest challenge when living on a boat: Lack of freezer and refrigerator space.

What we loved about living on a boat: Moving! Exploring somewhere new every few days. Making discoveries and solving problems together made every day exciting. We felt a sense of accomplishment or relief at the end of each day.

Best item we brought with us: A generator. This was a lifesaver when the alternator started to fail. It meant we could charge batteries and run electrics - most importantly the refrigerator. We ran it for around an hour. It is noisy so we never ran it all night.

What we should have left at home: Long cook rice, Timmy's toys, 15 pens, cardboard boxes for storage, an extra extra anchor.

What we wished we had brought: More solar panels. Sturdy clothes pegs, fishing equipment. Boat cards with our contact information, a portable fridge freezer.

Our favorite place: Hoffman Cay. Even though it had it's challenges such as mosquitos in the evening and tiny jellyfish called sea lice that often stopped us from swimming, it was a beautiful, isolated area with lots to do and natural wonders to see.

What went wrong: the alternator, although we had a new one delivered to Chub Cay, we could not fit it without other parts that we were unable to source in the Bahamas.

Biggest Surprise: We made lots of new friends on our voyage. Many of whom we will stay in touch with.

Our blog is still available for anyone interested in learning more. The titles usually suggest which days were more interesting.

<https://www.sailblogs.com/member/theonlysolitude/page/8>



New Member Profiles

Get to know your new members

Renee Bradley & Carl Merz



Carl and Renee lived in Cold Spring Harbor, Long Island for 30 years where they raised their son, Chris and daughter, Wendy. Carl was a CPA with Price Waterhouse and served as a CFO or Controller for several firms in brokerage and banking in NYC. Renee ran her company, Interior Restoration, which specialized in restoring historic homes in LI. She then joined Daniel Gale Sotheby's International Real Estate.

Carl and Renee belonged to the Cold Spring Harbor Beach Club, a yacht club on The North Shore of LI. Renee raced Sonars and Atlantics and they had a Boston Whaler which they took out on the Long Island sound with their children.

They visited SC frequently where they had family friends and golf outings. Carl and Renee bought a house in Moss Creek in 2021 where they now live.

Laurin Easthom

Laurin Easthom is a part time resident of Hilton Head Island and loves to “work from home” on the island versus her other home in Chapel Hill, NC. Laurin is a retired-from-clinical dentist and works full time as a dental reviewer for a large insurance company. She went to Davidson College undergrad, University of South Carolina for a Master's, and University of North Carolina for a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree. (She likes school).

She is married with 2 adult girls who visit often to the island.



Laurin has a 17 ft Edgewater outboard ("Mustang") currently at Palmetto Bay Marina, a small Snark sailboat, a kayak (that sails too), and an outdated windsurfer. She used to own a 14 ft Hobie and misses it. Laurin's greatest passion is spending time on or near the saltwater, in whatever form that takes!

Welcome to all our new 2022 members!

**Laurin Easthom
John & Susan McClave
Renee Bradley & Carl Merz
Mark & Ann Baker
John & Vicki Westerveldt
Steve Pittelli
Errol & Holly Hammet
Trent & Heidi Witthoef
Ken Loskamp & Maria Morrell
Gina Patrick & Bill Mitchell**

ITALIAN FESTIVAL TICKET SALE FUNDRAISER

Last August club members generously bought 127 Italian Heritage Festival Tickets raising \$508 for the club. For each \$6 ticket, the club received \$4 back-what a deal and offered again! Hoping for a repeat success, tickets will be delivered in early Aug. for the Oct. 22 event at Honey Horn. Ticket purchase amount will be charged to your chit with tickets delivered to the club. Use them for yourself, family, friends. If you're not interested in attending, then gift to the aforementioned, retail & service staff, surprise strangers. Make somebody happy with a gift admission to a fun festival of food, drink, music, silent auction, various wares for sale, even freebies! Non-residents, this is an opportunity for you to support the club via long distance. Purchase tickets from me, and I'll distribute however you direct. Members, please decide how many tickets you'll want; I'll send out an email in early August with specifics. Let the fundraiser ticket sale begin! Thanks in advance for your usual and appreciated generous support.

Questions? Marketing Committee, cjhillen46@gmail.com, 317.997.9746

Festival Info/Details:

<https://www.hiltonheadchamber.org/events/italian-heritage-festival-1>

HILTON HEAD HEROES UPDATE



A few months ago, I wrote in the Mainsheet that the Hilton Head Heroes program was coming to an end and that their Board of Directors had voted to do a very abbreviated schedule for 2022. The Hero House would only be open for June, July, and August, then the house was to be sold. We made the Yacht Club trips available to any family who came this summer and have taken four families on our customary outings.

One of the families that I took out was a Mom and two daughters, 17 and 16 along with Mom's twin Sister. The older daughter was the Hero child who had been diagnosed with childhood leukemia at age 15 and had a bone marrow transplant from her younger sister and then went through the rounds of chemo only to have her port removed just two weeks before coming to Hilton Head. The two sisters were cute, active, curious typical teenagers except for one major difference. Not a cell phone in sight, what a joy! The kids took to the helm like experienced drivers even though it was a first for both. Weather was perfect for this run, but the highlight came when we were on the backside of Pickney Island just past the launch area heading around towards Windmill Harbour. I often see small groups of Flippers cruising that area but, on this day, it must have been the tenth annual family reunion of all dolphins in the area. Everywhere you looked Flip was out and about cruising, chasing, jumping and making Sea World worthy leaps and jumps. By this time the engine was in neutral, and we were in drifting mode when one biggy Flip (naturalist term) came straight up and out of the water like a missile launch no more than 10 feet off the stern of the boat with his/her tail a good 5 feet above the water when he/she kicked out, inverted to head down position and made a perfect Greg Louganis quality re-entry with nary a splash. Even the Bulgarian judge held up the 10-scoreboard sign. Talk about being in the right place at the right time and everyone had been looking in that direction that gave us the show from start to finish. The only issue I had was both my eardrums were assaulted by the high-pitched squealing of two teenage girls at a level that probably only the dolphins could hear. I'll miss seeing the reactions like this from our Hero families.

The third family that just went out for their personal trip was a Mom and Dad from Ohio with their three kids, two boys, 8 and 6, and little girl 4. The 6 year old boy was the Hero Child. I'd like to give a big shout-out and THANK YOU to Skipper Ernie Ahr who took this family down Broad Creek and out into the sound where every child got a chance to be the helms person until the Hero little boy started to fade energy wise. It was back up Broad Creek for home only to have the famous show off of Broad Creek, Bob the dolphin who came right up to the back and side of Ernie's boat that of course thrilled all onboard. Ernie got everyone back to the dock full of good memories, especially of Bob. Ernie has already received a really nice handwritten Thank You card from the family that spoke of the Hero child, the 6 year old boy, who all he can talk about is the time he got to drive Mr. Ernie's boat and how excited he was to see Bob, up close and personal.

Dave Shkor

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug

2	Cruise to Tubby's Tankhouse	10 AM
5	Friday Night Dinner	6 PM
10	Happy Hour	TBD
12	Friday Night Dinner	6 PM
15	Cruise to AJ's Dockside	TBD
19	Lobster Dinner	6 PM
22	Ice Cream Social	TBD
25	Friday Night Dinner - Birthday Night	6 PM

Sept

5	Labor Day Picnic
8	Nauti Ladies Meeting
12	Cruise to Huey's
20	Taco Tuesday
28	Cruise to Hearth

Dec

9	YCHHI Christmas Party
15	Nauti Ladies Christmas Luncheon

For more information on these events, watch for the Constant Comment email.

