

March 2024



THE MAIN SHEET

The St. Patrick's Day Parade: The YCHHI's Biggest Public Appearance of the Year



Sunday, March 17 will mark the 36th year that the Yacht Club of Hilton Head Island has participated in Hilton Head Island's St. Patrick's Day Parade. Over 20,000 people will watch our Club's participation in the parade—an opportunity to show them our club.

We need volunteers to decorate the trailered boat and to walk in the parade with some carrying the banner. The parade starts at 2 PM. We leave here about 11:30 to get to the parade route to decorate the boat. Dinner to follow at the club with traditional corned beef & cabbage.



99 HELMSMAN WAY
HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SC 29928

BRIDGE

Commodore
Mike Gilroy
mikegilroy@gmail.com

Vice Commodore
John Westerveldt
john.westervelt@heritagebank.com

Rear Commodore
James Dickie
jwdickie843@spectrum.net

Treasurer
Janet Fontano
jfantano@mindspring.com

Secretary
Linda Bange
lbange@gmail.com

Past Commodore
Kathe Golden
kathe.golden9@gmail.com

BOARD OF STEWARDS

Class of 2024
Mary Ryan
Jean Hillenbrand
Sonny Compher

Class of 2025
Bryan Plonski
John Westerveldt
Jim Vaughn

Class of 2026
Beth Ann Dickie
Tom VanLandingham
Pat Muma

Main Sheet Editor
Julie Traylor
julie.traylor17@gmail.com

Commodore's Comments



As we approach the end of my third month as Commodore, it is clear to me that we have a vibrant and dedicated membership and that our future is filled with exciting, member focused activities.

Our Social Committee is organized and firing on all cylinders as is evident from the recent announcement of planned and suggested activities. As the weather slowly improves their "Sunset on the Deck" gatherings will gain momentum, and I'm expecting a big crowd for the vernal equinox "Sock Burning Party".

Dave Shkor and I are going to be publishing our Boating Activities calendar in next month's Main Sheet, planning two lunch cruises per month, a "Salty Dog Pigout" drive-to lunch, and Dave's special "Poker Run", maybe even a dinner cruise or two in May, June or July.

And throughout it all, we'll have Wendell's delicious Friday night dinners as well as Special Events like Corned Beef and Cabbage on St. Patrick's Day, Kentucky Derby pot luck, Mother's Day brunch and many more.

Now to paraphrase JFK, "Ask not what your Club can do for you, ask what you can do for your Club." Our building is fifty years old, and, like most 50 year olds, it needs a little TLC once in a while. So the Board of Stewards has scheduled "interior" and "exterior" clean up days on March 23 and April 13, respectively, from 10:00am to noon. You'll hear from me as we near those days.

Additionally, thanks to the hard work of our Treasurer, Janet Fantano, we have determined our financial status; and, frankly, we have some work to do to assure that we maintain a sound financial position. Your Bridge and Board will be studying the situation and identifying ways in which we can accomplish that goal.

Mike

Food & Beverage Committee

Leslie Gilroy, Chair
Lynne Harlan
Cheri Sires

Reservations required for dinners. Signups will be emailed to members. Meals are \$25.00. Special dinners are as noted. Take-out is an option. You will have your dinner served to you in takeout containers. Takeout dinners will be served first.

BARTENDERS

March 1

Julie Traylor and Leslie Gilroy

March 8

John Westervelt and Dana
and Diederik Adocaat

March 17

Judy and Steve Wilbert

March 22

Sonny and Mary Ann
Compher

March 29

Linda Bange and Eileen
Fitzgerald

Please contact Mike or Leslie
if you can volunteer to
bartend.

Friday Night Dinners with Chef Wendell Osborne 6:00PM Cocktails 7:00PM Dinner

March 1

Garden salad
Parmesan crusted haddock
Chicken francese
Lemon herb orzo
Sautéed broccolini
Lemon meringue

March 8

Spinach tomato orzo salad
Honey dijon salmon
BBQ pork bites
Quinoa pilaf
Baby bok choy and Napa cabbage medley
Key lime pie

Sunday, March 17

Irish pub salad
Corned beef
Mashed potato
Steamed cabbage
Bailey's cheese cake

March 22

Pear and blue cheese salad
Tuscan chicken gnocchi bake
Shrimp a la vodka w/ penne pasta
Zucchini and squash medley

March 29

Caesar salad
BBQ chicken
Pot roast
Saffron rice
Braised green beans
Bday cake

Friday Night Theme Dinners

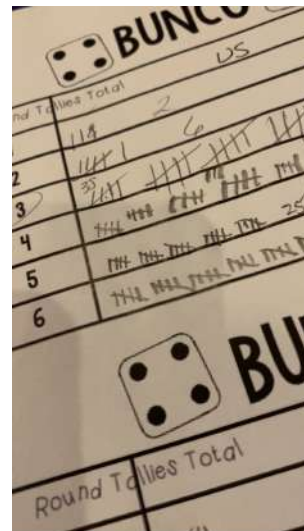
valentine's Day ❤️



Mardi Gras



Bunco Night



SAILING NEWS

There are no new developments on sailing at YCHH since last month's Mainsheet. During February and March most boat owners are hopefully getting their boats ready for spring and summer sailing. The sailing committee has some ideas to work through and hopefully post by the April Mainsheet.



Yes, a Flying Scot can plane!!!

Area Regattas

03/02/24 2024 ILCA Southernns @ LLSC

Lake Lanier Sailing Club Flowery Branch, GA

<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27515>

03/16/24 River City Regatta 2024

The Rudder Club of Jacksonville Jacksonville, FL

<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27657>

3/23/24 St. Patrick's Regatta

Geechee Sailing Club Savannah, GA

<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27399>

4/06/24 2024 Low Country Hook Ocean Race

Chatham Sailing Club and The South Carolina Yacht Club Savannah, GA

https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27528#_registration

More local sailing news can be found at the SAYRA web site

<https://sayra-sailing.membershiptoolkit.com/homewell>

Elsewhere

- Olympic sailing is happening this year in Marseille July 28-Aug 8
- The America's Cup is also happening this year in Barcelona Oct 12-27



Fair Winds and Calm Seas Jim Vaughn FS 3428

Contact at: phone or text 843-384-7322; email jim@vaughnsystems.com

From the Helm



Last month we discussed VHF radios. Let's discuss using your radio during an emergency. There are three procedures to follow to ensure prompt response to your need for help. Each procedure is initiated with a particular phase that people will quickly pick up and it will relay the severity of your emergency. They are Mayday, Pan-Pan, and Securite. This month we will cover Mayday distress calls. In the following month we will discuss the other two.

Mayday represents the most urgent of the emergency calls. This signal is only used when a person(s) or boat is threatened by grave or imminent danger and requires immediate assistance.

A Mayday distress call is initiated by transmitting on Channel 16 by repeating three times "Mayday, Mayday, Mayday." It is followed by the name of the vessel, position, nature of distress, and any other relevant information. Example:

- Mayday, Mayday, Mayday
- This is sailing vessel Salacia
- Position 32 degrees 8.448 N, 80 degrees 49.113 W
- (Provide a landmark if possible) I am .2 NM Northwest from the entrance of Harbour Town Yacht basin.
- I am sinking.
- (If you have time) We are a 32' Catalina, white hull, white decks, white sails, with 4 adults onboard.

Remember to speak slowly and clearly. Repeat this information every few minutes until you get a response. Your response could be from the US Coast Guard or other boaters who may come you provide assistance.



James Dickie
(757) 450-1010

NautiLadies

NautiLadies 2024 is starting with a healthy membership of both previous and new additional members. If you are interested in joining, please contact one of the NL officers or attend our March 14 meeting, 9:00am at the club (bring your morning beverage). Reminder, yearly dues are \$15, cash or check to Julie Traylor or use the hallway metal drop box.

Unfortunately, we didn't meet the 20 minimum attendees for the Branches "Front Door Décor" demo class for March 14. We'll focus our March energy on helping decorate the YCHHI boat for the annual St. Pat's Parade and walk or ride in the parade. Our 50-50 raffle will be offered at our post-parade annual dinner at the club on Sunday 3/17. Bring some cash to buy some tickets. It may be your Irish Lucky Day!

Plans are still in the works for our Recycled Items Sale at the club on Saturday, April 27th. Please set aside some of your no longer wanted treasures to donate to this event. Remember no clothes please except for YCHHI good condition logo items. More details will follow via email announcements.

Greeters from either the NL or the general membership are still needed for the dates below. It's a fun way to interact with the membership as they attend Friday dinners and special club events plus an easy task of checking off attendees and offering name tags for their guests. Please contact cjhillen46@gmail.com to volunteer and thanks in advance. Fridays 3/22, 3/29, 4/12, 4/19



NautiLadies Officers

President: Jean Hillenbrand cjhillen46@gmail.com

Vice President: Debbie Plonski dlplonski3@aol.com

Secretary: Mary Ann Compher
sonnyc21941@gmail.com

Treasurer: Julie Traylor Julie.traylor17@gmail.com

Any questions, concerns, input contact one of the NL officers.

Thank you Volunteers!

The Yacht Club of Hilton Head Island is fortunate to have you! Thank you to those who serve on the Board, Committees, write articles, take photos, bring appetizers, serve as Captains, Greeters, Bartenders, and in many other capacities. Thank you!



Volunteer Bartender Bryan Plonski



Volunteer Greeter Debbie Plonski



Volunteer Jean Hillenbrand demonstrating her photography skills.

Welcome to our new members!

Have you seen little blue dots on the name tags of new members? This is your clue to welcome them. We would like these dots to remain for a few months, but may be removed at the discretion of the wearer!

Barbara & Peter Roberts
Purvis & Brooks Anderson
Diederik Advocat
Nick & Janet Fontana
Robert & Jan Ross
Tracey Hoffman
Lane & Suzanne Phillips

Around the Club



New member Diederik Advocat celebrating his February birthday.



Members Beth Ann and James Dickie along with Rodney and Ingrid Peterson attend the Hilton Head Seafood Festival.



Members socializing at the club.



Winter boating on the *Salt Time*. Although cool on the way over to Daufuskie Island Crab Shack, the sun came out and all enjoyed the beautiful day.

Social Committee Update

Your club Social Committee is planning many fun activities including the very popular Wine Tasting and Bunco. In the works are *Wear Your Plaid* dinner night to kick off Heritage Week, Father's Day Brunch, Trivia, and Sock Burning to celebrate the spring equinox!

Activities will always be posted in the calendar on the last page of the Main Sheet or on the website.

<https://yachtclubhh.org/events>

Don't miss the Sock Burning First Anniversary!
March 19 at 6PM



Sunsets on the Deck

This casual get-together has been a great way for members to spend time together. Twice a month on Wednesday evenings at 6PM. Hope you'll join us soon!



Announcing Cocktail Corner

We will use some of the "odd lot" liquor inventory to offer special drinks! This month we will have frozen margaritas and a specialty rum cocktail.





Hilton Head Happenings is a new addition compiled by members of the Social Committee. It includes events of interest from around the area. These events are not club sponsored or coordinated events and provided for information only. If you would like to suggest an event, please email Ingrid Peterson (petersoningrid@yahoo.com).

March 16th IRISHFEST Concert. 4PM - 7PM at celebration park. IRISHFEST kicks off with a free concert with lively Irish cloggers, traditional dancers, and bagpipers playing their tunes to get us in the St. Patrick's Day spirit. <https://www.hiltonheadisland.com/events/event/irishfest-2024-saturday-concert-sunday-parade/>

March 23rd WingFest. 11AM - 5PM at celebration park. Wingfest will feature 20 – 25 local restaurants cooking their best wings. [Wingfest 2024](#)

March 24 - 30 Hilton Head Island Wine and Food Festival. Various locations and times. The Hilton Head Island Wine and Food Festival makes its return. A week of wine, craft beer and culinary experiences celebrating the world's top wineries on gorgeous Hilton Head Island! <https://hiltonheadwineandfood.com/>

Let's Get Together

April 2nd, Symphony Under the Stars - Deas Guyz. Join fellow club members for an evening of great music. This free event will happen on April 2, 2024 at 7:00 PM at Celebration Park. Information can be found on the following link: <https://www.hiltonheadisland.org/events/free-symphony-under-stars-deas-guyz>
Look for an email from the Social Committee in mid-March to set up a meeting time and place.



The Ship's Store

See Mary Ann Compher, Jean Hillenbrand, or Julie Traylor
for assistance during Happy Hour on Fridays and club events.
You may also contact julie@julie.traylor17.com.



Hoodie Zip Sweatshirts

New sizes just in M-L-XL

Red, Blue, Gray

\$35.00

Note: Hoodie price increases after May 1

Sales!

30% Off

**During February,
March and April**

Featuring

Denim shirts

Fleece vests

Polos

Windbreakers/Jackets

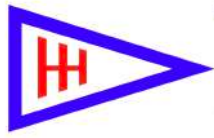


Until They're Gone

Cotton tee shirts, hats, visors
and even a few Hanes Cool-Dri
long-sleeved anniversary
shirts are available while they
last for \$10.00!



Ask us about other products!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar

1	Friday Night Dinner	6PM
8	Friday Night Dinner	6PM
13	Sunset on the Deck	6PM
14	NautiLadies*	9AM
15	Friday Night Dinner	6PM
17	St. Patrick's Day Parade & Dinner	3PM
19	Sock Burning 1st Anniversary	6PM
22	Friday Night Dinner	6PM
27	Sunset on the Deck	6PM
29	Friday Night Dinner	6PM

**Note: New time*

April

2	Symphony Under the Stars	7PM
10	Sunset on the Deck	6PM
12	Heritage Themed Friday Night Dinner	6PM
24	Sunset on the Deck	6PM
27	NautiLadies Recycled Items Sale	TBD

May

8	Sunset on the Deck	6PM
14	Bunco Night	TBD
22	Sunset on the Deck	6PM

