



The Yacht Club of Hilton Head Island

The Main Sheet

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Greetings!

After a number of false starts, and a few too many *FREEZING* days and nights, our Deep South weather is finally beginning to resume its promised character, and is now beckoning those of us with salt remaining in our blood to *go down to the sea in ships*. It's time to get back out onto the water!

.....Which some of us did last weekend in the season's initial set of Flying Scot Races. There were four Scots in the three races, skippered by the usual suspects - Marty Otten, Jim Vaughn, Cameron Henderson and your's truly. The winds were quite variable, a bit less than desired, and as is often the case, picked up to ideal as we were heading back to the docks. *C'est la vie*. We expect to launch the rejuvenated blue boat very soon. Next set of Scot races is scheduled for April 5 and 6. Willing skippers and crew are welcomed with open arms!

The O'Connors have opted for inactive status for an indefinite period. With Linda's resultant retirement from the Nauti Ladies presidency, *the Commodore's Lady Andrea* has assumed that prestigious position, and I'm sure will earn great KUDOS for her performance in that role. And Past Commodore Hugh, who has been our capable Insurance Guru for some years, has graciously agreed to continue supporting in that role, with Steward George Cohen representing that area on the Board.

We still have many copies of the updated (Jan 2014) Member Handbook available at the Club for your pick-up. If you already picked up the Nov 2013 update, the Jan 2014 update pages are also available for you to insert.

We welcomed Hap and Cathy Todd to our thriving club. Todd is a long time Flying Scot skipper and will be an asset to our fleet.

Mike Gilroy initiated our new "Member Travelogue" activity with an interesting video of his and Leslie's recent passage through the Panama Canal. Members - treat us all to a slide show or video of YOUR exciting experiences away from the club!

See y'all soon!

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NAUTILADIES



The O'Connors have requested a change in their membership to "inactive" status effective March 1, 2014, due to personal reasons. They have been valuable members of the Club for many years. They will be sorely missed, and we hope that they will return to active status in the not too distant future. Linda has been the Nauti Ladies President for the past year and one half. With Linda's retirement, I have assumed the position of President of the Nauti Ladies, and I know I have the support of our wonderful members.

Our social Chair, Marilyn Owen, has been hard at work, and as I write this has an enthusiastic group in Savannah enjoying the Swing Central Jazz Band Competition being performed on River Street.

We are currently looking forward to a Fashion Show and Tea at the Club on Thursday, May 1, from 2 - 4 pm. *Affordables*, located in the Fresh Market shopping complex, will present the fashions. This is a small boutique type store that carries wonderful and interesting clothing and accessories. Mary Ann Compher will be sending invitations with more information to all Yacht Club ladies, and we are hoping that we'll see lots of you. This will be a fund raiser for the club, so please consider bringing a friend and enjoying our fabulous view.

Our monthly meetings are held on the second Friday of each month; next meeting Friday, 11 April at 1 pm, or come at 12 noon for lunch. Please consider joining us, and please let Lindsay know by noon on Thursday if you're coming - burnett.lindsay@gmail.com

See you soon at the Club.

Andrea Shotz, President

BOATERS' REPORT



Here's where we're headed for 2014... Evites will be coming out 3-4 weeks ahead of each cruise for you to sign on.

April 5 hours	Dockside Buffet joint with HHSPS (SKM)	45 minutes one way 4
May 8	Raft Up behind Middlemarsh	10-15 minutes one way 3 hours
May 14 one way (plus 4.5 hours for golf)	Golf and Lunch at the Eagle's Nest, Bloody Point (R32)	25 minutes 6 hours
May 19 way	Lunch at Tubby's Tankhouse, Thunderbolt (R32)	75 minutes one
June 2 way	Savannah Riverfront Lunch (R"32")	75 minutes one 4 hours
June 16 way	Dinner at Saltus in Beaufort (SKM)	90 minutes one 4-5 hours
July 1 way	High Seas Five Card Stud (Dave Shkor) (TBD)	45 minutes one 4 hours
July 31 way	Dinner at the Inn at Palmetto Bluff (R2)	30 minutes one- 3 hours
August 24 way	Jazz Concert at the Westin, Savannah (R32)	90 minutes one 5 hours
September 11 way	Triple Treat Cruise to Bluffton (R2)	30 minutes one 4 hours
September 20 one way	Raft Up behind Middlemarsh	10-15 minutes 3 Hours

Mike Gilroy

Powerboat Guy, Jr.

SAILING NEWS...



Flying Scots

Thank you to everyone who helped flip, paint, rig, launch or were/are otherwise involved in the maintenance of your club boats. You are needed and appreciated. Our first race was held last Sunday with 4 boats participating. We had a wonderful challenge from the tide to work around. Marty Otten finished with 2 firsts, Jim Vaughn with 1. Congratulations! And a big Thank You to Al Pepe's Committee Boat and the Race Committee headed by Tom Caldwell. Next races Sat April 5 and Sun April 6. Contact me if you would like to be involved.

Thursday on the Water (TW)

Some years ago, there were Beer Can races on Thursday afternoons followed by the requisite libationary sessions back at the club. I understand these were well attended and enjoyed. In order to revive weekly opportunities for on-the-water activity, we have created "Thursday on the Water" to include as many members as possible. This is how it works:

Every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month beginning in April we will meet at the club dock at 5PM. There will be a "skipper" who is knowledgeable to take out crew and passengers on a Flying Scot. We will have Sunfish available for the adventurous. A chase boat, probably with room for passengers, will go along with us for safety, and possibly a tow out to Calibogue. Members with their own boats are encouraged to participate. A re-turn to the club afterward for said libationary session is a possibility.

Evites will be sent out early in the week to those who signed up for the Sail List. Re-ponding yes or no will help us have the proper boats ready to go. If you are not on the list and would like to be, please contact me.

Crew Survival for the women of the club:

So there is a new boat in the family and you are assumed to be enthusiastic and know everything about it? If "starboard", "bowline" and "what do I do now" are on your list of questions, join me for two very basic boating introductory sessions on Tuesday, April 29 and Tuesday May 6 at 9:30AM. These will be followed by hands on time on a large boat and on the water. The Power Squadron is offering their "Partner in Command" seminar on Sat, May 10. If you decide to attend, you will have been introduced to the terminology and concepts presented. We will also address how to be a successful crew or passenger with the hope that you and your captain will have many years of enjoyment on the water. Please call or email me for more information.

Work Sessions

We need to launch the Blue Boat and to survey and rig the Sunfish. I will be contacting the Sail List people for help with this.

And we're off!

Please contact me with any comments, questions, concerns or suggestions.

Deb Pepe, Sailing Coordinator

YCHHI April, 2014 Events and Activities

		1	2	3	4 Dinner– Chicken Marsala Macalarney/ Walker	5 Flying Scot Race + Dockside Trip
6 Flying Scot Race	7	8 Mah Jongg 1pm	9 Hackers Golf	10 Charleston Race Week starts	11 Nautiladies Dinner– Meat Loaf Pepes	12
13	14 Heritage Golf begins	15 Mah Jongg 1pm	16 Hackers Golf	17	18 Dinner– Fish Fry I. Bushs	19
20 Happy Easter	21	22 Mah Jongg 1pm Board of Stewards 4:00pm	23 Hackers Golf	24	25 Dinner– Stuffed Pork Chops Roes	26 Harbor Town Cup
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Bartenders in Red

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