



The Yacht Club of Hilton Head Island

The Main Sheet

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MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE

Sonny and Mary Ann decorated and arranged the Club for a beautiful Change of Watch dinner on November 3. The white linens, table decorations and luminaries lining the walk made the whole evening a festive time for every one. We had 67 members attend. Sonny handed out several awards to recognize those who had contributed to the Club during the year.

The Mainstay Award recognizes outstanding service and involvement at the Club over many years. The Board of Stewards named Sonny Compher as the recipient this year. The Ed Gibbs Trophy is awarded to the skipper with the best racing record for the year in Flying Scots. This was presented to Don Robbins. The Participation Trophy recognizes the individual who has contributed the most to the Club's activities during the year. This year's recipients were Jeanne Christenson and Pat Foley. The Coolidge Trophy is awarded by the Board of Stewards to an individual who exhibited outstanding sailing achievement during the year, and was presented to John Shkor. The John J. McAleese trophy, awarded to the Club member who has contributed the most to sailing on Hilton Head Island was awarded by the Board of Stewards to Morris Young. Lastly, the Chris Maxim Award was presented to Suzie Priegel. At the conclusion of the awards ceremony, the Club thanked Sonny for his leadership of the last two years, and he was given a modest token of recognition, a \$100.00 gift certificate for sporting goods now that he will have some time to devote to his hobbies.

The new year started off with a bang with an oyster roast and wine tasting party which was attended by 50 members and guests. The meal on Friday following Thanksgiving featured ravioli lasagna which I had never heard of, but it was delicious with homemade raviolis layered with cheese and roasted vegetables. It was a great way to wrap up the Thanksgiving celebrations.

The NautiLadies will be decorating the Club for the Christmas holidays. They have bought a new Christmas tree for the club but they need some men to assist them bringing up decorations from storage under the building on Saturday, December 1 at 10am. If you can give the NautiLadies some time on the 1st, please call Linda O'Conner to let her know you will be there.

Financially, the Club ended the year with a loss, but in a good cash position. The change to a Homeowners Association has resulted in reducing the Club's property tax from \$10,715 to \$5517. Keeping our membership up is the single biggest thing we can do to keep our Club financially strong.

Our Christmas Party will be December 7, featuring prime rib roast and Lindsay's wonderful sides (to be announced). A barber shop quartet will entertain us with audience participation, and we will have a white elephant exchange of gifts. Please bring some canned goods or other non perishable food for deep well. We will deliver whatever is collected to the deep well facility on Beach City Road. Look for Suzi's emails about the dinner for more details.

On Saturday, December 8, Jim and Julie Vaughn will be hosting a lunch cookout for the FS fleet and the Small Boat Group. They will also be pulling the club boats from the water for winter storage. Let Jim know if you plan to attend. He needs your help to get the club's flying Scott and sunfish ready for the winter.

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NAUTILADIES



December is going to be a busy, festive month. We'll begin by decorating the Yacht Club for the holidays at 10:00 am on Monday, December 3rd. Jackie Carnevale is in charge and she welcomes all who would like to help turn the club into a winter wonderland. The next event to be enjoyed is the Club's annual Christmas party on Friday, December 7th complete with entertainment and a white elephant gift exchange. We'll then look forward to the Nautiladies Christmas outing to Charlie's L'Etoile Verte Tuesday, December 11th with drinks at Noon followed by lunch at 12:30.

Coming Events in 2013:

We are going to revive game night beginning in January. Helen Kola has volunteered to be in charge and has planned the first game night of the new year on the second Tuesday in January, 01/08/13. Details to follow.

Deb Pepe is enthusiastic about getting a Recreational Sailing Program started and will begin by distributing questionnaires to gauge the members' interest and obtain ideas. This could be a great asset to the Club and will succeed with everyone's support.

Happy Birthday to Diane Stortz on December 4th and Frances Viverette December 13th.

Happy 59th Anniversary to Betty & Ivan Bush, and Sandy & Herbert Heins as they celebrate 55 years together.

The next NL meeting will be on Friday, January 11, 2013 at 1:00 pm; lunch at Noon. The luncheon on the 11th will replace our regular December meeting.

Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, and Best Wishes for the New Year!

Linda O'Connor

Green and Red Friday

On Friday, December 7th the YCHH will be celebrating the Holiday Season. It will not be your typical Friday night dinner, except, of course, for the excellence of the food. We will begin with the assortment of tasty appetizers. Then we will be treated to a superb Prime Rib dinner. During the delightful Xmas dessert we will have a white elephant gift exchange. Please dig out a funny or risqué or dusty item that will make someone laugh or groan or blush. Wrap the gift. These will be distributed by the roll of the dice. Finally, we will be serenaded by a Barber Shop Quartet who will be singing and leading us in a program of Holiday songs. A donation of some canned or boxed food will be appreciated. It will all go to a food bank.. HO HO HO

Jim Kola, Special Activities

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We have three new board members starting this year. So you can know your board a little better, I will be providing a brief biography for each of the new members. This month I will give you my own background.

Prior to retiring to Hilton Head, I was a Group Executive for the British conglomerate, BTR. In the spring of 1997, I moved to Port Royal Plantation from Pittsburgh, PA and brought my sailboat to Skull Creek from Rock Hall, MD. After my wife died of breast cancer, I sold the home and moved aboard my sailboat. I met Jan about a year later and we have been married four years. The sailboat got converted to a trawler two years ago. We enjoy being on the boat for extended trips lasting several weeks.

I hope you can attend some of our holiday activities. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Aubrey Vaughan, Commodore



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YCHHI December, 2012 Events and Activities

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					30 Dinner- Chicken Piccata O'Connors	1
2	3 Club decorating 10 am	4 Mah Jongg 1pm	5 Hackers Golf	6	7 Dinner- Christmas Party Prime Rib Vaughan's	8 Small Boat Meeting
9	10	11 Mah Jongg 1pm	12 Hackers Golf	13	14 Nautiladies Dinner- Shrimp Scampi Jim Vaughn	15
16	17 Board of Stewards 4:00pm	18 Mah Jongg 1pm	19 Hackers Golf	20	21 Dinner- Beef Tenderloin Tips D.Shkor & T.Caldwell	22
23	24	25 	26 Hackers Golf	27	28 Dinner- Grilled Ham Steak Priegel & ?	29
30	31 New Year's Eve					

Bartenders in Red

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