



The Yacht Club of Hilton Head Island

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MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE



"The Snow is snowing, the wind is blowing, but I can weather the storm!
What do I care how much it may storm, I've got my love to keep me warm."

I suspect that that tune might bring you back just a few years. But it's a good thing that our clubhouse now has a blazing hearth to warm our inner cores as we huddle in from the chill of the dreaded *POLAR VORTEX!*

The January Board reviewed the placement of the new-to-us TV and decided that - "it's a keeper"! Thanks again to Mike and Corrine Roe for the donation. We plan to really exploit the TV come the Superbowl on Sunday February 2. John Lang took the lead on organizing an indoor tailgate party that at this time has about 25 members signed up to come and bring pot-luck treats. With Captain Sonny C. helping to coordinate the affair, we'll have the bar open - self service - and the weather promises to be benign - 64° and partly sunny. The door will open at 5:00 PM with the game scheduled to begin at 6:30. Y'all come on down!

The Board voted to allow and encourage the Hilton Head Sail and Power Squadron to hold classes at the clubhouse on a limited, non-interfering basis. A USPS seminar was presented recently to test the water and it worked out eminently well. We believe that this may serve as a vehicle for attracting more Squadron members to join the Club. We're also exploring the possibility of the Squadron occasionally holding their monthly dinner meetings here. There's lots of synergy between our two organizations.

The Van Landingham Rotary members who won the four dinners that we had contributed to their charitable fund raising auction visited the club recently and avowed that they thoroughly enjoyed the visit, the hospitality and the excellent food. So much that they asked for membership applications! The Board voted to repeat the donation again this year.

I felt the need to learn more about the functions of our Nauti Ladies organization, so I asked its President Linda O'Connor to fill me in on its recent activities. And WOW, did I ever get filled in! I expected a list of a dozen or so items, but as you will see on a page to follow, she had a few more than a dozen things that deserved mention. Those Ladies really do "make things happen"!

We've welcomed **eight** new members over the past 2 months - Michael Owen, Barry and Carole Moore, Paul and Michele Ashby, Bob and Kathe Golden, and Arlene Walker. I'm confident that Mike Gilroy's newly conceived "Ambassador Committee" will assure that they are all being comfortably integrated. Cheers,

Cheers, Norm

NAUTILADIES



The Nautiladies had seventeen members at our “kick off the new year” meeting on January 10th. We were all pleased to welcome Marty Cohen to her first meeting as our newest member.

Our February meeting falls on Valentine’s Day, February 14th, and Marilyn Owen has come up with a unique idea to make it special. The theme of the meeting will be “Heartfelt Valentine’s Day”. In keeping with the heartfelt theme everyone is encouraged to bring \$2.00 to put in a fund that will be donated to Deep Well. Also, members are being asked to write about a heart-warming experience they’ve had. The stories should be fun and entertaining and submitted anonymously as some will be read out loud. And...we will have a special Valentine Day’s luncheon prepared by Lindsay.

Another event taking place in February and planned by our hardworking social chairperson, Marilyn is a trip to Beaufort to tour the Verdier House and have lunch at Wren Bistro. Did you know the house was built in 1804 by John Mark Verdier and is the only planter’s house in Beaufort open to the public? Come to the docent-guided tour and find out all the details on Tuesday, February 25th. By the way, lunch at Wren should be a real treat as I’ve heard they serve great food! Watch for an email from Marilyn with all the details.

We are currently looking into some fund-raising possibilities so the Nautiladies can continue to support the Club with the purchase of needed items. Please let me know if you have any ideas about some fun and clever ways to raise money.

A belated Happy Anniversary to Anne and Jim Landis for their January 15th anniversary and belated birthday wishes to Betty Y. Bush for her January 19th birthday.

Happy birthday to Jeanne Christenson, Pat Foley, and everyone’s favorite author of witty and informational emails, Suzy Priegel as they celebrate their February birthdays.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our next Nautiladies meeting at 1:00 PM on February 14. If you plan to have lunch prior to the meeting, please let Lindsay know by Noon Thursday on the 13th.

Linda O’Connor, President

SAD NEWS....

Steve Smith passed away on January 20th after a long fight with cancer. He and his wife, Barbara, have been non-resident members of the club since 2002.

NAUTILADIES - " WE MAKE THINGS HAPPEN"

Purchase, maintain and rotate seasonal decorations throughout the year

Decorate club at Christmas for rental parties (and un-decorate)

Help Commodore prepare club for Change of Watch

Help organize yearly events (e.g. Derby Day, St. Patricks Day)

Purchase (\$322.00) and maintain white chair covers for special events

Organize venue and food for memorial services; serve food and clean up

Organize venue and food for events not under the supervision of Steward

Operate Ship's Store

Arrange outings for Nautiladies as well as for entire club (e.g., Savannah Music Festival, Mighty Eighth Museum)

Purchase and plant flowers, help with painting, polish trophies, wash and iron burgees

Conduct 50/50 fund-raising raffle

Arrange fund-raising auctions, book sales

Arrange for Friday night Greeters, bartenders

Send get-well cards and condolence cards to members

Loan money to the club when necessary (\$2,000. to help with 2010 insurance bill)

Purchase items for club

Riding lawn mower (\$1,198.38)

1/2 cost of new carpeting (\$1,200.)

Dishwasher (\$839)

Coffee cabinet (\$378.78)

Furniture (\$525.)

Flatware (\$307; \$86.)

Soup bowls (\$223.47)

Flameless candles (\$120.)

Coffee urn (\$85.47)

Commodore's gift 2011 (\$72.23)

Tablecloths, napkins

Hurricane lamps, tea lights, bud vases

Christmas tree (\$211.)

Garden cart

First-aid kit

Awards and Trophies

Contribute to Hilton Head Heroes gas money (\$180.)

Paid for Barbershop Quartet (\$100.) and Shag Night

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Have paid for extra club cleanings, regatta refreshments, charitable donations

Bought fabric and made table runners and table cloth for 2013 Christmas Party.

* * * And, most importantly, the Nautiladies contribute to the spirit of the club.* * *

BOATERS' REPORT



Boating Activities Calendar Set

The Yacht Club of Hilton Head Island's 2014 Boating Activities Calendar has been set. We'll go as far south as Thunderbolt, as far north as Beaufort and as far into "Adventure Land" as you'd like!

But first, here's how it's going to work.

One month before a scheduled activity, I'll send an email invitation through "eVite" to all members describing the activity, the date and the approximate time and asking for a reply from "Captains" (those who will take their own boat), "Crew" (those who do not have a boat but would like to "crew" on another member's boat) and "Can't Make it" (those whose schedule will not permit them to attend). Based on all the replies, I will attempt to marry "crew" with "captains" so that everyone who wants to go has a ride.

Two weeks before the scheduled activity, I'll send a "Second Call" to everyone for the cruise.

4-5 days before the cruise I will send out a "Boat Assignments and Logistics" email to everyone who's replied establishing who's on who's boat, where and what time they should meet and where and at what time we're all going to rendezvous to begin the cruise. If we're going to Beaufort, we'll rendezvous at Skull Creek Marina. If we're going to Bluffton, we'll rendezvous at R"2" on the May River. And, if we're going south, we'll rendezvous at R"32" at the mouth of the Cooper River.

There are two provisos.

First, "captains" are asked to keep space available on their boat for YCHHI members who want to be "crew". I know many "captains" have neighbors and friends that they like to have on their boat. However, to make this a truly club-oriented activity, I ask that "captains" wait to see how many YCHHI "crew" have been assigned to their boat and then invite friends to fill any empty spaces.

Second, I will establish a "Crew Fuel Surcharge" based on the size of the boat, the number of "crew" in the boat and the length of the cruise. Short cruises may be \$5. Long cruises may be \$20. Anyone wanting to be "crew" will be asked to give the "Crew Fuel Surcharge" per person to the "captain" to help defray the cost of fuel.

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Our schedule is ambitious. We have at least 2 cruises per month, and they go all over the place.

I hope you like what you see. If not, send me an email with your suggestions.

The New Power Boat Guy,
Mike Gilroy



Small Boat Sailing

Jim Vaughn chaired the first Sailing Meeting of the year last Saturday, Jan 11. He presented the possible dates of the Calibogue Cup and Harbortown Cup. These dates need to be coordinated with other SAYRA (South Atlantic Yacht Racing Association) races along the Southeast coast.

We also discussed the Spring and Fall Flying Scot club races, which are tentatively scheduled.

The importance of the Race Committee was emphasized, with a call for support and participation from Club members, even if you don't sail. We welcome all and ask for your help.

Tentative Race Dates: Please mark your calendars!

Harbortown Cup	since 1970	April 12 or 26, 2014
Calibogue Cup	since 1971	October 18 - 19, 2014

Flying Scott

Spring March 22 - 23, 2014
April 4 - 5, 2014
May 3 - 4, 2014
Makeup: May 10 - 11m 2014

Fall: Sept 20 - 21, 2014
Oct 4 - 5, 2014
Nov 1 - 2, 2014
Makeup: Oct 8 - 9, 2014

As for our Small Boat program, we are excited about the coming season, not only for the Flying Scots, but also for the Sunfish - I think there are enough people interested for an informal fleet!

Stay tuned for further information, announcements and calls for help!! We need your participation.

See you on the Hard to get the boats in shape, and on the water to enjoy them!

YCHHI February, 2014 Events and Activities

					31 Dinner- Pot Roast Kolas	1
2	3	4 Mah Jongg 1pm	5 Hackers Golf	6	7 Dinner- Pasta Night Marilyn Owen I.Bushs	8
9	10	11 Mah Jongg 1pm	12 Hackers Golf	13	14  Nautiladies Dinner- Oyster Roast & Chicken Joan Fraser Hughes	15
16	17 Board of Stewards 4:00pm	18 Mah Jongg 1pm	19 Hackers Golf	20	21 Dinner- Meat Loaf with Bacon Grace Lewis D.Shkor/ T.Caldwell	22
23	24	25 Mah Jongg 1pm	26 Hackers Golf	27	28 Dinner- Stuffed Pork Chops O'Connors	1

Bartenders in Red Greeters in Green

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