



The Yacht Club of Hilton Head Island

The Main Sheet

June, 2013



MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE

I am writing this month's article while at anchor in the ICW, about 100 miles south of Norfolk. I will be back in Hilton Head about June 12. Norm Shotz, our rear commodore, ran the May Board of Stewards meeting. Meanwhile, our Club's activities are picking up with the approach of summer weather.

Deb Pepe has started her Thursday on the Water Program. Eight members showed up for the first event. In the future, this program will be held twice a month. The Flying Scotts got in one of their spring race weekends. We had our first raft up in Bull Creek with four boats participating. See the Boater's Report for more details and activities planned for June.

Norm Shotz is putting together a "seminar" for members interested in sailing the club boats but are a little rusty on their sailing knowledge. This will be offered in June.

We had a great Derby Day Party with prizes for best traditional hat going to Terri Ahr, best outfit to Maryann McCalarney, most outrageous hat to Marilyn Owen and best food to guest, Terry Taylor. Sonny Compher and the Foley's did a great job putting this event on for us. Lindsay out did herself with our Mother's Day brunch. Sonny took pictures of these events and they are posted on the bulletin board in the back hall.

Our major building projects are now completed. Only painting below the rear windows has to be finished. We are looking at putting a new/used refrigerator in the kitchen to supplement our existing cold storage and a new kitchen exhaust fan has been ordered. The carpets will also be cleaned in June.

Getting our new liquor license is a continuing battle. The extension on our prior license ran out May 15 and we had not yet received the temporary licenses under our new name. Clyde Harris saved the day by driving to Columbia on the 15th and picking up the new temporary licenses which are good to August 30. In the meanwhile, SLED has posted notice of our application on the front entrance. By the time you read this, SLED should have removed the notice. There will be another legal notice published for three weeks in the Island Packet advising the public of our application. This was necessary because the first notice used Helmsman's Way as our address and the LCB required that the address be shown as Palmetto Bay Marina. The process is, at least, moving forward.

You may have noticed a new table and several new chairs on the back deck. These are gifts from Al and Deb Pepe.

George Cohan has been approved to fill the remaining term of Jim Kola on the Board of Stewards. Jim and Helen remain very active in the club, but Jim has taken on additional work outside the club which required him to resign his board position.

Speaking of resignations, we have received resignations from three members this month. We have not had a new member join the club in the last six months. Many of you have friends who have been to our Friday dinner meetings or other social events. Please encourage these people to join our club. Leslie Gilroy, our membership chair person, is planning an open house for later this spring to show off our renovated building and highlight benefits of membership. Ask your friends to come to this event.

Hope to see you on the water this summer.

Aubrey Vaughan, Commodore

BOATERS' REPORT



In last month's Mainsheet, it was mentioned that we had 2 late April events to take place and we hoped that they went well. If we were hitting baseballs, we didn't do to bad, we batted .500. The trip to Daufuskie for the Marsh Tacky Races was a success for Ernie Ahr and Dave Shkor and crews. Great day, great races, and surprise, surprise, great weather. This event is a definitely a do again next year. Our other event, the 1st raft-up behind Middle Marsh ended with a cancellation due to nasty weather.

The first activity for May was an Aubrey Vaughan planned trip to Bull Creek for a unique luncheon raft-up. Aubrey describes the day as follows:-----MAY 11 BOATING EVENT-----Dave's weather problems went away and we had sunny skies and light winds for our raft up on Bull Creek. Anchor down was at noon, Bill Wing, Al Pepe, and Dave Shkor tied off either side to complete the raft. We had 14 members and guests present. All brought food for our potluck lunch which we spread out in the cockpit of Serenity for all to dig in and enjoy. After lunch was cleaned up, we demonstrated lighting and holding hand held flares and firing aerial flares. Everyone had a chance to try their skills. The hand held flares were a bit tricky to light. It takes a strong strike on the surface of the flare to get it started. They burn about three minutes once they get going. We found out that it was important to hold them down and over the water to prevent dripping phosphorus from landing on the boat or your hand. We also found that they continue burning under water. We broke up the raft about three o'clock and headed home after a great afternoon on the water. AUBREY VAUGHAN.

(note from the powerboat guy) Everyone on Aubrey's raft got a chance to fire an aerial flare. You know, the little 25 gage flares you buy from West Marine in order to pass your safety inspection by DNR or the Coast Guard. In truth, those little flares would have to hit the helmsman of a rescue boat in the head to be noticed in daylight, or fall into it's cockpit at night to be spotted. When fired, the flare is the size of a little red pin prick, barely visible in daylight with a life of about 2 1/2 seconds. It is my opinion that if you're going to carry safety equipment, it should be more than something to just pass a safety inspection, it should be useful in an emergency situation. Handheld flares are much, much brighter and last 3 minutes while a parachute flare is larger, more powerful, have a much longer hang time and cost a bit more. One or both might be worth considering.

On June 1st, we're to have a boat-to drive-to lunch at Lemon Island Marina / Port Royal Sound Foundation. We currently have 31 members signed up to go. I hope we had good weather and all went well. Let you know next month.

Mike Gilroy has planned a June boating event that should be something totally new for the club. He describes the trip as follows:-----JAZZED UP BOATING-----Attention all Yacht Club members. Sunday, June 16 (Father's Day) will provide us with a unique boating opportunity, a cruise to Savannah, a late lunch and a Jazz Concert by noted pianist Kevin Bales. You can read all the concert detail here.....<http://savannahjazzfestival.org/>

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Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Yacht Club Open House on Saturday, June 22nd from 2:00 to 5:00 PM. Leslie Gilroy, our Club Membership Chair, is in charge of this event that is being held to attract new members by showcasing the many boating and social activities the Club offers. The Nautiladies have been asked to help with some decorating and to greet and visit with our guests. We will have more details to discuss at our meeting in June.

Marsha Christenson has planned a trip for us to the Parris Island Museum on Tuesday, June 18th. After a guided tour of the museum where we will learn about the history of the Marine Corps and the Port Royal region, we will enjoy lunch at the Traditions Restaurant. Tentative plans are to meet at the Club to form car pools around 10:00 AM. Further details will be forthcoming but please note Marsha will need a headcount for lunch reservations by Friday, June 14th. By the way, husbands and friends are more than welcome to come along!

I hope everyone considers participating in "Thursdays on the Water". Deb Pepe has worked hard to make this a fun boating experience. Meet at the Club at 3:00 PM on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month.

Thank you to Suzy Priegel for hosting the swim party in May. I would also like to extend my thanks to all the Nautiladies that helped decorate the Club for Derby Day: Marilyn Owen, Betty Y. Bush, Emory Logan, Suzy Priegel, Betty Bush, Pat Foley and Jan Vaughan. I would also like to point out how great the centerpieces look not only for our Friday night dinners but for special occasions as well thanks to Marilyn Owen and Edie Wastler.

Our next meeting will be Friday, June 14th at 1:00 PM with lunch served at noon. Don't forget to let Lindsay know by noon on Thursday if you plan on eating lunch at the club prior to the meeting.

Linda O'Connor

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We'll all rendezvous at R "32" at the mouth of the Cooper River at 2:30, head on up to Savannah, dock either at the Westin or at the Savannah public docks, have a late lunch and settle in for the jazz concert from 5:00-7:00, leaving us plenty of daylight to make it home.

We'll post a signup sheet at the club for "captains" and "crew" hoping to have plenty of both to make this an event to remember. So circle June 16 on your calendar, and sign up today. MIKE GILROY

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Sailing news

The Red Boat made her maiden voyage for our Thursday on the Water program last Thursday. After some creative lining, bumping and towing out of the slip, Norm and Andrea Shotz had an afternoon sail on Broad Creek. Al and I drifted around in Apogee to be sure they didn't end up in Calibogue or Shelter Cove (they didn't).

It was a beautiful afternoon, and I'm sure there are many to come. You are encouraged to join us. You don't have to touch anything on the boat .. Just come for some peaceful time on the water.

NOTE TIME CHANGE: After discussion at the Executive Committee meeting, it was decided to move the time to 3 pm and the dates to the first and third Thursdays of the month. That means we'll see you on the dock Thursday, June 6 at 3 pm.

Respectfully,
Deb Pepe, Sailing Coordinator

YCHHI June, 2013 Events and Activities

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					31 Dinner– Cornish Game Hens J.Christenson/ L.O'Connor	1 Lemon Island Boat Trip
2	3	4 Mah Jongg 1pm	5 Hackers Golf	6 Thursday on the Water 3pm	7 Nautiladies Dinner– Beef Brisket D.Shkor/Foley	8
9	10	11 Mah Jongg 1pm	12 Hackers Golf	13	14 Dinner– Fish Fry McMahon	15
16 Father's Day Jazz Trip to Savannah	17 Board of Stewards 4:00pm	18 Mah Jongg 1pm	19 Hackers Golf	20 Thursday on the Water 3pm	21 Dinner– Baked Ziti with beef & sausage Vaughan	22 OPEN HOUSE 2-5pm
23	24	25 Mah Jongg 1pm	26 Hackers Golf	27	28 Dinner– Chicken Marsala	29
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