

The Yacht Club of Hilton Head Island

## The Main Sheet

March, 2013



### MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE

February has been a busy month for our Club. The new roof has been installed. The old roof cover was removed and the underlying wood panels were checked for water damage. Only two panels had to be replaced. The new membrane and insulation boards were installed across the entire roof and run up and under the flashing surrounding the top of the parapet. The side roofs were also recovered. The new sky lights have been installed above the bar, and work is proceeding on the windows along the back wall. There was substantial wood rot below the back windows and this is being fixed by Ernie Ahr, Lee Hildenbrandt, Don Robbins, Ken Preigel and Dennis Foley as the windows are being replaced. After these repairs have been made, we will look at other projects for consideration. If you have any ideas of what you would like to see the Club tackle, let me or Ernie know so we can add your ideas to the wish list.

Work also continues on our small boat sailing fleet. Following the Small Boat Saturday meeting, several members got out the three sunfish. Morris Young power washed the boats. Then the members cleaned them by going over all the hulls with a cleaner/wax. They are now covered and stored under the club waiting for warmer weather. Don Robbins, Deb and Al Pepe and a few other members have been working on the blue Scott to repair the side decks and get it ready for the new season. Don still needs to finish the fiber glass work and apply gel coat. Several members have expressed an interest in learning gel coat repair, and Don will let us know when he plans to perform this work so those interested can take a lesson from him.

Don't forget St. Patrick's Day on March 17. Sonny Compher is preparing our "green boat float" for the parade. We need members to walk the parade and represent the Club. On Sunday evening, Lindsay will be doing a traditional Irish dinner, corned beef, boiled potatoes and cabbage.

March is the last month to get your stuff stored under the Club organized and identified. Come April first, we will have a dumpster placed in the yard and unidentified items will be tossed allowing the space to be cleaned up and made presentable again.

The new Board member to be introduced this month is Don Robbins. Many of you have known Don for years because he was Commodore in 2000. Don retired from Brookhaven National Laboratory in 1997 and moved to Hilton Head. He was a Coast Guard diesel mechanic before college and enjoys working on all kinds of things. He built a 23' Cape Cod catboat and sailed it for almost 30 years. He competes each year in our Flying Scott races and owns a power boat often used as a committee boat during our regattas. He was a volunteer firefighter for 25 years and served as his department's Fire Chief for several years.

We also replaced Philippe DeLangre, who resigned, on the Board this month with Mike Roe. Mike is one of our newer members and will bring a fresh outlook to the Board. I will include his bio next month. The Board also elected a new Rear Commodore, Norm Shotz who has been very active in many of our Club activities. Norm will be a great addition to our Bridge.

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# NAUTILADIES



The Nautiladies celebrated Valentines Day at our February meeting. We put our creative skills to use completing the rhyme “Roses are red, Violets are blue..... Prizes were awarded to Frances Viverette for the nicest verse, Andrea Shotz for the cutest and Grace Lewis for the dumbest. We also welcomed new member, Pat Hubbard.


There are two events planned for March. Anita Peal has arranged Shag lessons for Friday, March 8. If you want to learn the “official” dance of the Carolinas, a demonstration and lessons will be given before dinner so plan to arrive at the Club at 6:00 PM wearing your dancing shoes. The second event is the Savannah Music Festival. On March 28<sup>th</sup> we will travel to Savannah to enjoy the high school jazz competition on River Street with lunch afterwards.

Please note two other Club events coming in March - a trivia game night arranged by John and Sheila Shkor and the annual St. Patrick’s Day celebration. Stay tuned for further details.


Happy Anniversary to John and Joan Fraser on March 17<sup>th</sup>. They will celebrate their 62<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary on St. Patrick’s Day!

Our next meeting is March 8. I hope to see you all there.

Linda O’Connor



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## *BOATERS' REPORT*



All quiet on the Water Front. January, February, the winter doldrums. The only boating activity to speak of is taking place on the asphalt parking lot. It was good to see Josh and Adrie re-launch their sailboat after all their efforts to transform what had been a neglected derelict into a lovely restored sailboat. Bryon Young is putting a new interior in his sailboat and hopes for a re-launch soon. Sonny is getting the "Queen" ready for another busy season, and Ernie is getting his boat ready for the fishing season using the asphalt and a new trailer for the first time. Soon to come out will be Tom Caldwell to reclaim the bottom of his sailboat from sea growth and Sue Sheridan and Dave Shkor will be out de-winterizing their powerboats. This is a Yacht Club and boats and boating activities are the core reason for this club's being. Having the yard amenity, to be able to work on your own boat is a benefit of membership to this club that cannot be overstated. If any member knows of someone who owns a boat and is complaining about the expensive maintenance from the commercial yards, remind them of the savings they could enjoy as a member of the YC. Let's all try to grow our boat owning membership.

Speaking of boating activities, the YC skippers Tom Caldwell, Bill and Sandy Wing, Cecil and Francis Viverette and Dave Shkor have all volunteered to take a month to plan a boating event for the benefit of all YC skippers. With a boating season 6 or 7 months long, that leaves 2 or 3 months with no coverage and therefore no events. We need a couple more skippers to step-up to complete the year. Don't sit on the sidelines, let Dave Shkor know you want to help. Let's get on the water and enjoy yachting with the Yacht Club. DAVE SHKOR- the Powerboat guy

### **Sailing News**

Mike Gilroy gave his excellent presentation of about 25 **Places To Go** in the Hilton Head Island waters and environs. If you have any questions about directions, docking, restaurants, I'm sure he'd be happy to chat with you. He has been leading local day trips for the past few years for the Power Squadron and is very knowledgeable.

Check the Sailing Bulletin Board in the hall for the list. I can also email you a copy.

### **March 2 at 10AM** will be the next **Small Boat Saturday**.

As requested, basic **Rules of the Road** will be reviewed. Don't let yourself get into a panic situation! There's (almost) always an out .... If you know it!! Important for all skippers and passengers who will be on the water this summer.

Racing season is coming up! Jim Vaughn will update and review **Racing Rules** - necessary for participants, and makes watching sailboat racing much more interesting - both for our season and for the America's Cup later this year.

Following will be a **Bar Stool Regatta** .. For fun!

Work has been progressing to get our boats ready for the season. Don Robins and his crew have done some major repairs on the Blue Flying Scot. We are aiming to have her ready to join the Red Boat for the first races, tentatively set for next month.

After SBS last Feb, Aubrey Vaughan and his crew washed, cleaned and polished the three Sunfish that we'll be using this summer. Still a little more work to be done on one of them.

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The Club is looking for another refrigerator for the kitchen; If anyone is getting rid of a working fridge, please contact Lindsay or Ernie to see if your old one would help the Club.

**Aubrey Vaughan, Commodore**

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We will be having lots of sailing activities coming up. Stay tuned!

As always, comments, suggestions, and questions are always welcome.

Thanks for your support.

Deb Pepe

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### **PROPOSED RULES FOR USING CLUB BOATS-**

The Small Boat Sailing Committee continues to refine the procedures to be used for taking out one of the Club's sunfish or Flying Scotts. Here is what has been proposed.

For Sunfish--Demo rig and launch from dock; take boat into Broad Creek, capsize, turn upright and return to dock; pull onto float, unrig and store equipment.

For Flying Scott--Rig boat at dock; paddle/sail into Broad Creek; demo coming about and jibe; return to dock, flake sails and store equipment.

All members using the boats will also be required to sign a waiver agreement holding the Club harmless for any accidents or damage while captaining one of the Club boats.

## YCHHI March, 2013 Events and Activities

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>Hackers Golf</b>		<b>1 Dinner- Pork with Sauteed apples</b>  <b>Stanfields</b>	<b>2 Small Boat Meeting</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5 Mah Jongg 1pm</b>	<b>6  Hackers Golf</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8 Nautiladies Dinner- Seafood Gumbo</b>  <b>Shag Lesson!</b> <b>I.Bushs</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12 Mah Jongg 1pm</b>	<b>13  Hackers Golf</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15 Dinner- Chicken Cacciatore</b>  <b>Hughes</b>	<b>16</b>
 <b>17 St. Patrick's Day 6:00 Corned Beef &amp; Cabbage</b>	<b>18 Board of Stewards 4:00pm</b>	<b>19 Mah Jongg 1pm</b>	<b>20  Hackers Golf</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22 Dinner- Paella</b>  <b>Watts &amp; Weber</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26 Mah Jongg 1pm</b>	<b>27  Hackers Golf</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29 Dinner- Pot Roast</b>  <b>Lewis</b>	<b>30</b>
 <b>31  EASTER BRUNCH</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2 Mah Jongg 1pm</b>	<b>3 Hackers Golf</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5 Dinner- Springtime Celebration Lamb</b>  <b>Ahrs</b>	

### Bartenders in Red

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