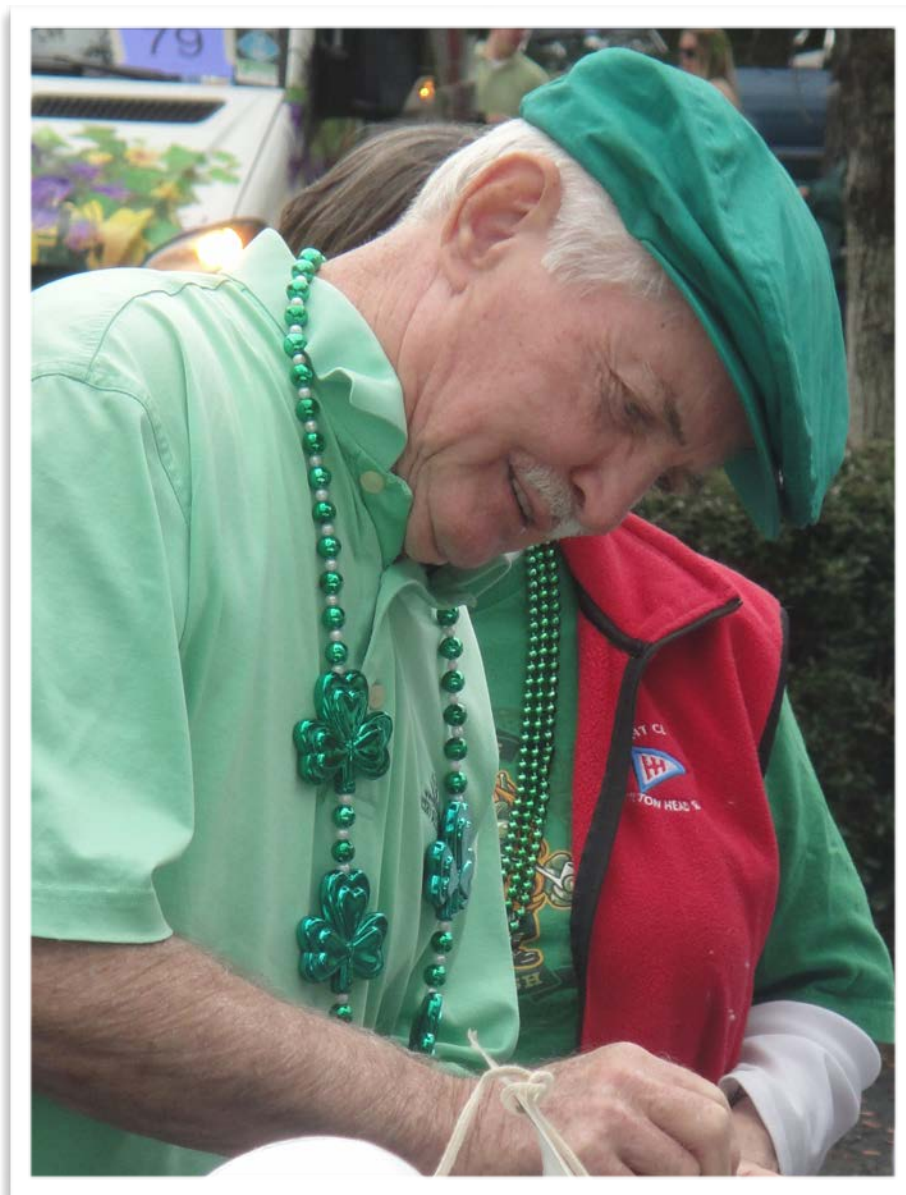


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THE MAIN SHEET

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Commodore's Comments

by Michael Roe

In an effort to keep our membership regularly updated on our club's financial health, I suggested to our Board that quarterly membership meetings be held and they agreed. Our first quarterly meeting was held on February 20th with 54 members in attendance. I presented an overview of the club's financial condition year-to-date, and the progress on each of the projects being undertaken by the Bridge and the Board of Stewards to contain costs and increase revenue to achieve our larger objectives. Since our club is primarily managed by member volunteers, it is particularly important for each of you to stay informed on our challenges and progress. The next quarterly meeting will be in May and we urge you to attend.

One such project was the analysis of our bar's cost/revenue structure to determine how we could improve both components. The result of this analysis shows that we can reduce our liquor expense by 50% by converting from our present use of mini-bottles to pour bottles with regulated dispensers. Your Board of Stewards approved this change and the conversion will start in April as our inventory of mini-bottles is exhausted.

We have an exciting March ahead of us. The first event is the Nautiladies Auction to be held on March 1st. Many treasures have

been unearthed by our members and they will be available for purchase and bidding at the auction which starts at 4pm. Delicious finger foods of all types are being brought by the Nautiladies and our bar will be open. Proceeds will go to the Nautiladies for use in continuing to beautify the clubhouse.

The second event is our annual participation in Hilton Head Island's St. Patrick's Day Parade on Pope Avenue. I am sure the weather will cooperate and we hope that you will all join us for a good stroll. Walking is good for you and also removes any guilt when you can follow the parade with a good dinner of classic Corned Beef and Cabbage at our club. Once again, Sonny Compher has agreed to be our Grand Marshall and organize our participation.

The third event is the inaugural presentation in our speaker series. United States Coast Guard Commander John G. Rivers will be speaking at our club on March 10th at 10 a.m. This is an open event and we urge you to invite and bring anyone who might be interested. John Lang, Vice Commodore, is coordinating the series for us and will be expanding it based upon the reception of this inaugural event. Join us for an informative presentation. Refreshments will be served.



Nauti Ladies Report

by Frances Viverette

The NautiLadies certainly can follow through on a suggestion that was made not that many months ago. That suggestion ended with a very successful auction on Sunday afternoon, March 1. Through the hard work and generosity of many of our members, all agree it was a whopping success!

We are currently working on a date to tour SCAD in Savannah this spring. Hopefully we will have this tied down soon.

The following is from Anne Landis, who along with Dianne Stortz, were co-chairmen of this fine event!

Tom Foster, as "Sammy Swoon" was a riot, and his assistant Gertie, aka Deb Pepe, was great also. It was a long, exhausting day for them, but they worked the room so well, and had everyone in high spirits. One member (Arlene Walker) donated a spectacular bronze sculpture of a sunfish, which failed to meet a minimum bid, so Sonny Compher is going to put it on eBay. That will add to the total raised. The Foleys donated a glass topped patio table and 4 chairs in pristine condition, of course. The Golden's won the bid at \$105.00 and then donated the set to the club for the deck. Very generous! The food was outstanding....Smoked salmon, shrimp, roast beef sliders and pulled pork sliders, wings among other things....It was all very well received and kept looking fresh and appealing thanks to Corrine Roe and Betty Y. Bush. Mary Anne MacAlarney was the diligent cashier. Sonny Compher arrived early to open and set up the bar. At the end of it all our Commodore packaged up what was left and he and Jim Landis took it to the Bargain Box, leaving the club ready for our next event.



MENUS for February

Watch for your weekly

Constant Contact

*reservation notice. Remember
reservations help to save money.*

*Please make your reservation by
Thursday online or by emailing*

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**BARTENDERS
FOR
MARCH**



March 6, 2015

Pat & Ron Hughes

March 13, 2015

Lee & Melba Hildenbrants

March 20, 2015

Barry & Carol Moore

March 27, 2015

George & Marty Cohen





March 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 1:00 - 4:00 Mahjong 4:00 - 7:00 Nauti Ladies Auction	2 6:00 - 10:00 Rotary Club	3 1:00 - 4:00 Mahjong	4 Hackers Golf	5	6 6:00 - 10:00 Dinner	7 9:30- ????? Boats in the Water meet at the Club
8 1:00 - 4:00 Mahjong	9 6:00 - 10:00 Rotary Club	10 1:00 - 4:00 Mahjong 10:00 - 11:00 Speaker Series USCG CDR Rivers	11 Hackers Golf	12	13 6:00 - 10:00 Dinner	14
15 1:00 - 4:00 Mahjong 6:00 - 9:00 St. Patrick's Day Dinner	16 6:00 - 10:00 Rotary Club	17 ST PATRICK'S DAY 1:00 - 4:00 Mahjong 4:00- 5:00 Board Meeting	18 Hackers Golf	19	20 6:00 - 10:00 Dinner	21 9:30- ????? Boats in the Water meet at the Club
22 1:00 - 4:00 Mahjong	23 6:00 - 10:00 Rotary Club	24 1:00 - 4:00 Mahjong 5:30 - 7:30 World Affairs Council	25 Hackers Golf	26	27 6:00 - 10:00 Dinner	28
29 1:00 - 4:00 Mahjong	30 6:00 - 10:00 Rotary Club	31 1:00 - 4:00 Mahjong				



Commander John G. Rivers

Commanding Officer, U.S. Coast Guard
Air Station Savannah, Ga.



Commander Rivers graduated from the Coast Guard Academy in 1994 with a Bachelor of Science in Government. Following commissioning, he was assigned to USCGC MOHAWK (WMEC-913) in Key West, Florida as a Deck Watch Officer.

After earning his “Wings of Gold” from the Naval Flight School in Pensacola, Florida in April of 1997, Commander Rivers’ initial aviation assignment was to Coast Guard Air Station Miami, FL to fly the HH-65A Dolphin helicopter, where he upgraded to Aircraft Commander and served in both the Operations and Safety Departments. In 2001, he received orders to be a Flight Examiner at the Coast Guard’s Aviation Training Center in Mobile, Alabama. During the final year of his assignment, he was selected to head the Performance Technology Branch where he oversaw the design, development, and implementation of the pilot training curriculum for the fleet transition from the HH-65B to the HH-65C.

In June of 2005, Commander Rivers was assigned to Coast Guard Air Station Borinquen, Puerto Rico serving as a Department Head and Flight Examiner supporting aviation operations throughout the eastern Caribbean. During his tour, he created the Coast Guard’s first ever partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of America, providing after school programs for more than 100 children of Coast Guard, Department of Defense, and other Federal employees assigned to western Puerto Rico.

From 2009 to 2011, Commander Rivers served as the Coast Guard Liaison to the Chief of Naval Operations Staff (N857) where he was responsible for validating requirements, evaluating cost, and developing resourcing strategies for Navy Expeditionary Combat Forces while providing subject matter expertise on Coast Guard capabilities to Navy and Marine Corps senior leaders. His efforts were instrumental in prioritizing \$7.5 billion worth of expeditionary warfare program funding in the Navy’s Fiscal Year 2012 budget submission.

After his tour at the Pentagon, Commander Rivers returned to aviation, serving as the Executive Officer of Air Station Houston, TX since 2011. Throughout his career, he has accumulated more than 3,800 flight hours and has held Flight Examiner designations in the H65A, B, and C models.

Commander Rivers is a 2009 graduate of the Naval War College Command and Staff College with a Master of Arts in Strategic Studies. He also holds a Master of Science in Instructional Systems Design from the University of South Alabama and a Certificate in Aviation Safety Management from the University of Southern California.

Commander Rivers’ personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, two Coast Guard Commendation Medals and the Coast Guard Achievement Medal.

Commander Rivers is the son of Gary and Joan Rivers of North Adams, Massachusetts, and is married to the former Nancy Hawrylcw of Hollywood, FL. They have two sons, Brice and Andrew, and a daughter, Lauren.



World Affairs Council Comes to YCHHI

by John Lang

The World Affairs Council of Hilton Head announces a World Affairs Evening Speaker Series invitation to all who have a serious interest in international relations and American interests in the world.

The World Affairs Evening Speaker Series will feature topics of local concern, with global reach, for participants to discuss and explore the critical questions regarding the economic, political and strategic trends that are shaping the U.S. Foreign Policy agenda.

Speakers are drawn from within the World Affairs Council of Hilton Head as well as regional experts known for their international experience in government, business, military affairs and academia.

The Evening Speaker Series takes place on the 4th Tuesday of each month, January - May 2015, at the Yacht Club of Hilton Head.

JANUARY 27, 2015

Kent Harrington

The Politics of National Security, Civil Liberties and Privacy as Technology Calls the Tune

FEBRUARY 24, 2015

Col. Mark Mykleby (Ret.)

Sustainability Redefined - In Search of a New Grand Strategy

MARCH 24, 2015

Lee Wilwerding

The Western Response to the Geopolitics of the Ukraine and Russia

APRIL 28, 2015

Arthur K. Smith, Ph.D.

Cuba and the United States

MAY 26, 2015

Harold Hauer, Ph.D

Science Report: What's Next in Global Medical Technology

YACHT CLUB CRUISES

By Mike Gilroy, Rear Commodore

Despite the cold, gray, rainy weather, just a few short weeks remain before our scheduled cruises begin. You can expect to hear from me in a more organized way in late March, but just to whet your appetite, mark your calendars for Saturday, April 18. At about 11:00 that morning, all boats will rendezvous at Skull Creek Marina and head over to 11th Street Dockside for the best seafood buffet in the Low Country. That will be the 2015 inaugural event in our "Yacht Club Cruises" program in which we'll have at least one Cruise every month throughout the spring, summer and fall. If you'd like to see our entire calendar, see below and/or log on to our newly designed website and check out ALL the club's planned activities here:

<http://www.yachtclubhh.org/calendar/>

Boats in the Water

by Jim Landis

The First and Third Saturdays of every month have been designated as YCHH BOATS IN THE WATER SATURDAYS. All boaters of all ilks: power boaters, sailors, experts, amateurs, crew, and the just plain curious are invited to show up at the club on these Saturday mornings for a whole variety of un-programmed activities. Depending on the weather and interests, there could be folks interested in working on their own or club boats. There will be opportunities for hands-on and on-the-water boating training and experience. Some people may want to put together crews to get on the water that same afternoon and/or Sunday of that weekend. Some may schedule outings for the coming week. The lack of specifics and structure is intentional. Circumstances and interests will drive events. This is the natural way of boaters.

All of this excitement will get started on Saturday, March 7, at 9:30 AM. Come ONE. Come ALL. Together we will get YCHH BOATS IN THE WATER SATURDAYS off to a good start. We might get organized; we might eschew organization and just go boating.

Join the Race Committee Team

SCYC will run four interesting sailing regattas in April, June and October.

We need volunteers to help run the races on the signal boat, a mark boat or on the computer scoring the race results. If you would like to join in the fun, learn what each committee person does or update your race committee skills, please come to a

Race Committee "Nuts & Bolts" Training Seminar Friday, March 27th, 3:00 to 6:00 PM In the Chart Room at the Club Followed by cocktails and hors d'oeuvres

This practical seminar will be presented by John McCarthy, a US Sailing Certified Race Officer and Race Management Course Instructor. There is no fee for the seminar.

Please let Mark Newman, our Yachting Director, know if you will attend.

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Boating Committee Report

by Deb Pepe, Boating Committee Coordinator

Have you looked at our Club Calendar? Your Boating Committee (Jim Landis, Mike Gilroy, Henry Schultz and myself along with John Lang and Mike Roe) have created great boating opportunities for all Club members. This includes Power Boat trips to various places for lunch, day cruising on power boats or large or small sailboats, racing with our Flying Scot fleet, to helping out with Race Committee. Please explore these opportunities. We hope we have something for everyone.

On most first and third Saturdays, there will be a morning activity (seminar, instruction or hands on boat work) with boating in the afternoon. Some activities are scheduled; we need your input on what you would like to explore.

For example: Engine maintenance/upkeep during season. What trouble to look for.

Please contact a member of the Boating Committee with other ideas/requests.

Need another excuse to get on the water? If you either have a power boat or would like to use one to help out with small boat sailing, would you please contact me. We'll instruct you in what you need to know.