



The Yacht Club of Hilton Head Island

The Main Sheet

May, 2013



MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE

April has been a busy month for our Club. Most notable was the work completed on the back windows and the clean up under the building. Ernie Ahr, Dennis Foley, Mike Roe, Morris Young, George Kedrowsky and Don Robbins deserve a major thank you for what they have accomplished. Marsha Christenson and her helpers will be painting the inside windows while the outside will probably be painted in the fall. Philippe DeLangre helped Ernie get the kitchen exhaust fan down because it had been making loud noises for several months, and Ernie shopped several locations to find a new motor. It's going to take some creative carpentry to reinstall, but this should be finished this month.

Going on behind the scenes has been the task of getting our liquor license renewed. We filed the normal request for our renewal in February. However the state rejected it because we had changed our name from the Yacht Club of Hilton Head to the Yacht Club of HHI Homeowners, Inc. The name change was necessary to obtain a major reduction in our property taxes which was accomplished last year. Therefore, we had to file a new application; this was done in March. Then we find that when the papers for the name change were filed with the Secretary of State, they were recorded as a "for profit" organization. This required us to file a request to change our status from a profit to a non profit organization. In the middle of this paperwork shuffle, I had a commitment to attend a trawler meeting in Florida and was gone for over two weeks. Mike Gilroy, who helped me interpret some of the requirements, found himself picking up the ball to carry the process along. We still are waiting for the application to be approved. We have until May 15 to operate under an extension given to us by the Liquor Control Board. If we do not have our new license by then, we will be unable to sell alcohol until the new license is received.

Meanwhile, the membership has been very supportive of the Club's Friday dinners. We have had record attendance and our food and beverage operation is ahead of budget. Be sure to give Lindsay a big thank you for her efforts to make our Club a better place to visit.

Boating activity is picking up with the warmer weather. The red flying Scott is in the water and ready for member use. The Board of Stewards has adopted some qualifying requirements which should be met before taking a Club boat out on your own. These are posted on the bulletin board. May's small boat activities are covered in the boating report. Our first raft up is scheduled for the end of April, and we have a second one scheduled for May 11. See Dave Shkor's boating report for details.

The big social event for spring is the **Derby Day Party** on May 4. Sonny Compher and Dennis Foley are chairing this year's party. Nauti-Ladies will do the decorating; Betty and Ivan Bush will be there to man the betting tables and Pat Foley has agreed to host the pastel pony game. Mint Juleps flavored with mint from Bob Thomas' garden will be the featured drink. Please bring a covered dish for six people and wear your best derby hat. Prizes will be given for best traditional hat, most outrageous hat, best outfit and best food for the buffet. The F&B committee will be the judges and prizes will be wine and free dinners. The fun begins at 4pm. Be There!

Our last new Board member to be introduced is Michael Roe who has only been a member for six months. Mike grew up in the New York City environs. Later, he moved to San Francisco. He ran operations for American Express, Visa International and Bank of America before changing direction in 1991 when he went into retailing and property development. Three years ago, he and his wife moved to Hilton Head. After a visit to the Annapolis Boat Show two years ago, Mike decided sailing would be his next adventure. Presently, his quest is finding the right sailboat and learning everything he can about the boating life.

Aubrey Vaughan, Commodore

NAUTILADIES



Only ten members attended the April Nautiladies meeting at our new 11:00 AM start time. The members present seemed to like the new meeting time and agreed to meet at eleven o'clock at the May meeting as well. If it turns out that too many ladies are unable to come at that time, we can go back to the 1:00 PM schedule. Let's give it another try!

Marilyn Owen and Edie Wastler have graciously agreed to take charge of decorating the Club for our various activities. Their first challenge as co-chairwomen will be the Kentucky Derby Day party on May 4th. They will definitely need some help turning the club into a "racetrack" the morning of the event so please consider giving them a hand. Marilyn will send out an email to let everyone know what time to be there.

I hope you can all attend the Derby Day party since this is one of the best parties of the year. Everyone attending should bring a heavy appetizer, salad or dessert to share. There will be mint juleps, the popular Pastel Pony Game, a betting table and TVs to watch the race and cheer on your favorite horse. Don't forget to wear your fancy hat for the contest.

Ernie Ahr has asked for volunteers to paint the trim around the windows. If you have some spare time, the paintbrushes and paint will be available at the Club so feel free to stop in and help out whenever you can. There is no set time at the present; but if a date and time can be established, I'll let you know.

Suzy Priegel is planning a swim party at her home in May. It will be a potluck affair for either lunch or dinner and should be a fun event. Details, including the date, will be discussed at the meeting in May.

Although the date has passed, a belated Happy Anniversary to Diane and Dave Stortz for celebrating 54 year of marriage on April 18th.

Our next meeting is May 10th at 11:00 AM with lunch to follow. I hope you can all attend. See you at the Club.

Linda O'Connor



BOATING NOTICE:

Those heading south out of Calibogue Sound toward the Savannah River Channel will note that a new, possible temporary, ATON, R"2" is on station east of G"3". It is suggested that you maintain a heading of 270* when passing between these two marks. Also favor the G"3" mark as there is a shoaling east of R"2". At low tide the shoaling has waves breaking over this area.

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BOATERS' REPORT



On Sat. April 27th, two boaters from the YC were to go to Daufuskie for the Marsh Tacky races. I hope they had a good time since it's Ernie Ahr and I with crew making the trip on our boats. Also on the April schedule was Tom Caldwell's shake down cruise and raft-up for Sun. the 28th. Tom will give the how'd it go report in the next Mainsheet. (as I write this on the 26th, the weather forecast is rain, it looks like Tom might have done it again).

On the May schedule, Aubrey Vaughan has planned a unique outing for the YC skippers and crews. Aubrey describes the event as follows: May 11 will be our next on the water boating event. We will be doing a pot luck lunch followed by a flare demonstration and shoot off. The Coast Guard has approved the flare exercise, however, we need to let them know approximately how many flares will be set off. We will demo both hand held and aerial types. We won't do SOLAS flares because they can travel too far. For the lunch pot luck, please bring a dish to share. Location for this event will be Bull Creek, opposite Haig Point Landing. Aubrey will be the anchor boat and he will be in place by noon. Please email Aubrey at aubrey@sailserenity.net if you plan to go and how many flares you expect to fire. Please limit the flares to one of each type for each crew member. Anyone wishing to attend who does not have a ride, please contact Aubrey and he will try to find you a spot. We hope to see you there. AUBREY

Note from the powerboat guy - I've been boating for a long, long, long time, and the next flare I fire off will be my first. In an emergency, having to spend extra time trying to figure out how to do it for the first time might not be to best idea. Also, it might be good for EACH spousal unit on the boat to know where and how to use a flare gun in an emergency to attract the attention needed for help. Most of us have saved our outdated flares because we're too cheap to throw them away and they might be handy one day. These are the flares we can practice with. If any skipper doesn't have any, I have at least 15 to share. Dave

As YC members and active boaters, we all have a vested interest in maintaining the environment and water quality of this area. You might not be aware of a relatively new organization, the **PORT ROYAL SOUND FOUNDATION**, that is dedicated to the betterment and conservation of the waters and lands on our unique salt marsh ecosystem that is the Port Royal Sound estuary system. One of the groups founder, and board member is the YC friend and ex-commodore, Tom Henz. Tom has invited the YC to the property on the banks of the Chechessee River for a "PICNIC ON THE CHECHESSEE". This would be an all member boat-to, drive-to event with a picnic lunch. (details for lunch still being settled). Tom describes what he would like to do for the YC as follows: We would be delighted to have the Yacht Club flotilla ascend upon the former Lemon Island Marina / future Port Royal Sound Foundation Maritime Center on Saturday, June 1st. We have plenty of dock space and parking so bring the whole club. We'll provide a talk on the Sound and tell you all about the plans we have for the Center. We will be starting construction/renovations soon so this will provide you with a good opportunity to see the "before" picture. It is a beautiful setting and a great boat ride from the Island. I will serve as your host so please let me know how I can make this a great outing for my old YCHHI family! TOM HENZ

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For those who don't know, the old Lemon Island Marina is the facility just to the left of the Chechessee bridge. The first little bridge as you're driving to Beaufort. After Tom gives us the overview of the Foundations work, we'll have lunch and enjoy the day. Sign-up sheets and notice to skippers are coming.

The first family of the season for Hilton Head Heroes had to cancel their boat trip due to the same weather that spoiled the Heritage.

Dave Shkor- the powerboat guy

SAILING REPORT...

The **Red Boat** has been launched! She tells me she wants as many members as possible to enjoy her.

To this end, we will be scheduling a few **review/learning sessions** to cover the skills that will be needed to take the club boats (both Flying Scot and Sunfish) out safely. Norm is generously putting it together, as he has run programs like this in a previous life. Thank you, Norm! We will get information to you as soon as possible. I would urge everyone with any interest at all to attend these sessions even if you don't think you'll be taking a boat out. The more people we have sailing, the more vibrant our club will be.

Small Boat Saturday: The next SBS will be Saturday, May 4 at 2pm. Aubrey will take the lead to launch the two Sunfish that are ready so they will be available. Yes! Please let him know you will give him a hand.

Please keep an eye on the **Bulletin Board** for schedules, announcements and information re sailing activities.

As always, please contact me with any comments, suggestions or concerns.

Deb Pepe, Sailing Coordinator

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YCHHI May, 2013 Events and Activities

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Hackers Golf	2	3 Dinner- BAR-B- QUE RIBS E.Logan/M.Mac.	4  Derby Day 4:00pm
5 McIntosh Cup 4-5th	6	7 Mah Jongg 1pm	8 Hackers Golf	9	10 Nautiladies Dinner- Bourbon Glazed Salmon D.Stortz/P.Foley	11 Bull Creek Outing-Pot Luck lunch
12  Brunch- 11:30-1:30	13	14 Mah Jongg 1pm	15 Hackers Golf	16	17 Dinner- Oriental Sweet & Sour Pork A. Landis/	18 Flying Scot Race
19 Flying Scot Race	20 Board of Stewards 4:00pm	21 Mah Jongg 1pm	22 Hackers Golf	23	24 Dinner- Beef Tenderloin H.Kola/J.Fraser	25
26	27	28 Mah Jongg 1pm	29 Hackers Golf	30	31 Dinner- Cornish Game Hens J.Christenson/ L.O'Conner	1 Port Royal Sound Foundation Lunch

NOTE: ALL FEMALE BARTENDERS THIS MONTH!
DERBY DAY PARTY & MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH!
Small Boat Saturday, May 4th at 2pm.

Bartenders in Red

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