

The Yacht Club of Hilton Head Island

The Main Sheet

November, 2013



MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE

Our annual business meeting was held last Friday. The membership approved two changes to the by laws and elected three members to join the Board of Stewards as the class of 2016, George Cohen, Sonny Compher and Mike Gilroy. Following the meeting, the new board met to appoint the 2014 bridge, Norm Shotz, Commodore; Mike Roe, Vice Commodore and John Lang, Rear Commodore. John will also serve as Treasurer and Mary Anne MacAlarney will continue as Secretary.

The Change of Watch, scheduled for November 16, will honor the new bridge. Lindsay has planned a great meal, and the club will be nicely decorated for this "black tie optional" event. Don't let the black tie scare you off. Many members come in suit or sport jacket. We always have a good time. Remember to make your reservations because space is limited. When you get to the club, remember to leave a space in the second and third rows of parking so that the full lot can be used.

We had great weather for the boat outing at the Salty Dog in October. The tide was high so boaters had no trouble getting to the docks. We had over 40 people attend to enjoy May River oysters, shrimp, brats, hamburgers and all the trimmings.

Jim Vaughn ran our two big regattas in October, the Harbour Town Cup on the 19th and the Calibogue Cup on the 20th. I was going to be the committee boat for both regattas, but as so often happens when you make plans, my batteries died Saturday morning so I spent the day replacing them. I did get to play committee boat for the Calibogue Cup on Sunday. Wind on Saturday was light to none, but Jim still got two races in before calling it a day. There was baked ziti and cease salad for dinner at the club after the racing. On Sunday, the wind improved and we had four races for the Harbor Twenties and three races for the PHRF boats.

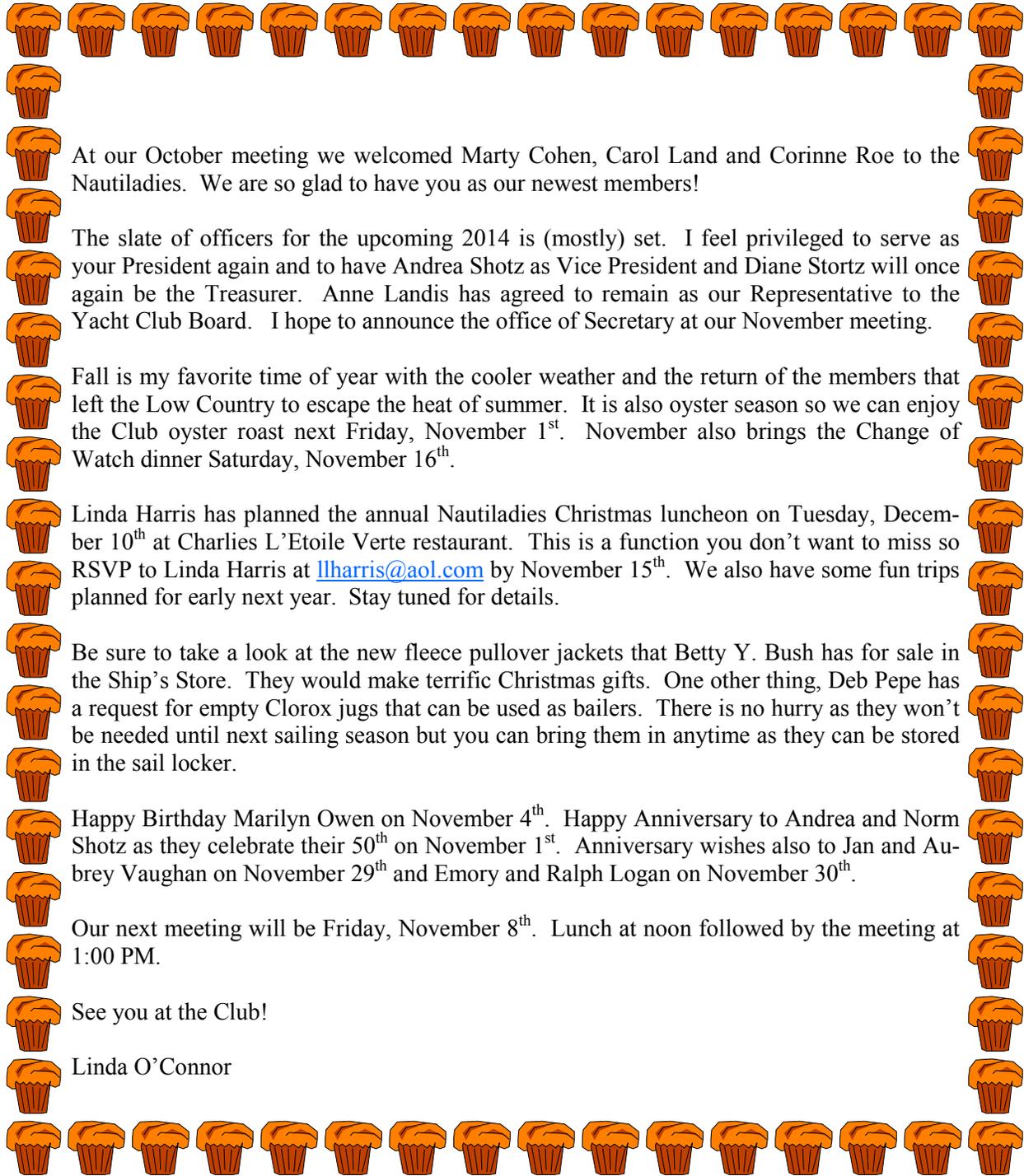
Dominico DeSole and his boat Slingshot were the big winners, taking the Island Packet Trophy for best overall time for both regattas, determined using the performance handicap racing formula. Ned Neilson and his boat Acadia finished first in the Harbor20 class on Saturday. Pat Howard and Southern Breese won the A Fleet class while Bill Lawrenson on Serenity won the B Fleet. In the Calibogue Cup on Sunday, Mike Roe, your next Vice Commodore smoked his competition with his new boat, Ocean Avenue, winning the A Fleet. Tom Caldwell's stand in crew took B Fleet honors, and Kevin Keogh on Norseman won the Harbor20.

With the holiday season soon to be upon us, we need to be thinking about the steward's Christmas bonus. Each year members have written a check to the club or directly to the steward in recognition of her services for the past year. When the steward receives the bonus, she divides it among herself and the help she has hired during the year to assist in running the Friday night dinners. This year, the food and beverage committee will be putting out a collection basket each Friday following the Change of Watch. You can deposit cash or check make out to Lindsay Burnett. These gifts will be collected along with checks sent to the club for presentation at the Christmas party in December. When considering your contribution, think of all the meals you have enjoyed. This is your chance to show your appreciation for the work the kitchen staff has done all year.

This is my last Commodore's message. It has been a great pleasure serving the club. With the help of the board and the committee chairs, it has been a fun year. Norm Shotz will be a great successor and I am looking forward to working with him to keep the club moving forward.

Aubrey Vaughan, Commodore

NAUTILADIES



At our October meeting we welcomed Marty Cohen, Carol Land and Corinne Roe to the Nautiladies. We are so glad to have you as our newest members!

The slate of officers for the upcoming 2014 is (mostly) set. I feel privileged to serve as your President again and to have Andrea Shotz as Vice President and Diane Stortz will once again be the Treasurer. Anne Landis has agreed to remain as our Representative to the Yacht Club Board. I hope to announce the office of Secretary at our November meeting.

Fall is my favorite time of year with the cooler weather and the return of the members that left the Low Country to escape the heat of summer. It is also oyster season so we can enjoy the Club oyster roast next Friday, November 1st. November also brings the Change of Watch dinner Saturday, November 16th.

Linda Harris has planned the annual Nautiladies Christmas luncheon on Tuesday, December 10th at Charlies L'Etoile Verte restaurant. This is a function you don't want to miss so RSVP to Linda Harris at lharris@aol.com by November 15th. We also have some fun trips planned for early next year. Stay tuned for details.

Be sure to take a look at the new fleece pullover jackets that Betty Y. Bush has for sale in the Ship's Store. They would make terrific Christmas gifts. One other thing, Deb Pepe has a request for empty Clorox jugs that can be used as bailers. There is no hurry as they won't be needed until next sailing season but you can bring them in anytime as they can be stored in the sail locker.

Happy Birthday Marilyn Owen on November 4th. Happy Anniversary to Andrea and Norm Shotz as they celebrate their 50th on November 1st. Anniversary wishes also to Jan and Aubrey Vaughan on November 29th and Emory and Ralph Logan on November 30th.

Our next meeting will be Friday, November 8th. Lunch at noon followed by the meeting at 1:00 PM.

See you at the Club!

Linda O'Connor

BOATERS' REPORT



I need to start this month's Boaters Report with an apology. Last month I mentioned and thanked the different YC skippers who had taken the time to organize a boating event that gave us a nice variety of on the water activities. In a Senior moment, (they're coming faster and faster), I forgot to add Aubrey Vaughan's name to the list of volunteer skippers for his planning of a lunch raft-up and emergency flare shoot-off. What's really embarrassing is I attended his event, with my boat, and really enjoyed the day. As I've said ad nauseam, memory is the 2nd thing to go. Sorry Aubrey and thanks for your effort.

Our only boating event for Oct. (no one took the hint to step up and volunteer for a raft-up or other activity) was the 5th annual luncheon trip to the Salty Dog @ South Beach. About 42 members came to enjoy the seafood and stuff buffet on a perfect day with the boats of Don Robbins, Dave Stortz, and Dave Shkor making the trip for an easy high-tide arrival.

About 5 yrs. ago, Don Robbins, Tom Caldwell, and I were sitting around over beers talking about our Yacht Club having no boating activities other than sailboat racing with the Scots and the 2 club sponsored big boat races. We all agreed that we should do some water activities for the existing boat owning members but also to attract other boaters to membership in the club. We came up with the idea of a raft-up behind Middle Marsh, announced the idea and had a good turnout for the YC boaters and crew. The first couple of years, I did most of the planning as the Powerboat Chairman and the last two years asked for our YC skippers to volunteer to do an event. The hope was to grow our boat owning membership. Unfortunately, we have not been able to grow the number and now have a core of 6 or 7 boaters. We all know the tired but true cliché about doing the same things over and over and expecting different results. It is now time for new blood, new ideas to have a go at it. I would like to see a new leader for the club's non racing activities in 2014. If wanted, I would help in a co-chair, 2nd fiddle role, but a change has to be made. I would continue to head up the club's relationship with Hilton Head Heroes. Sooooo, this will be my next to last Boaters Report for the Mainsheet. Thanks to all for the help and support.

Dave Shkor - the powerboat guy



44th Annual Harbour Town Cup and 43rd Annual Calibogue Cup

For more pictures go to the club's website— www.yachtclubofhh.org

YCHHI November, 2013 Events and Activities

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Dinner– Oyster Roast & Low Country Boil Lewis	2 Flying Scot Race
3 Flying Scot Race	4	5 Mah Jongg 1pm	6 Hackers Golf	7	8 Nautiladies Dinner– Meat Loaf Shelford	9 Make up Flying Scot
10	11	12 Mah Jongg 1pm	13 Hackers Golf	14	15 No Dinner I. Bush	16 CHANGE OF WATCH
17	18 Board of Stewards 4:00pm	19 Mah Jongg 1pm	20 Hackers Golf	21	22 Dinner– Chicken Cordon Blue Kola	23
24	25	26 Mah Jongg 1pm	27 Hackers Golf	28 THANKS- GIVING	29 Dinner– Pot Roast Landis	30

Bartenders in Red

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