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THE MAIN SHEET



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Commodore's Comments

Norm Shotz, Cmdr



Annual Meeting:

Our Annual Meeting was well attended at the clubhouse on October 17. The membership voted to approve several changes to the by laws and elected three members to join the Board of Stewards as the class of 2017: Marek Belka, Anne Landis and Hap Todd - each a high value member of our club.

Following the meeting, the new board met to appoint the 2014-2015 bridge: Mike Roe as Commodore; John Lang as Vice Commodore, Mike Gilroy as Rear Commodore, Leslie Gilroy as Treasurer and happily, Mary Anne MacAlarney will continue as Secretary. Yours Truly will replace Aubrey Vaughan as Past Commodore. Mike Gilroy's election to Rear Commodore leaves a vacancy in the Class of 2016, which will be filled by a vote at the Change of Watch dinner.

Change Of Watch:

Our Change Of Watch dinner meeting is set for next Saturday, November 15, at which the new bridge will be seated and honored, the departing bridge honored and unseated (only the current Past Commodore) and Awards presented for outstanding member participation and contribution of time and energies to the club. Andrea and Lindsay have finalized the table arrangements and the menu (Tenderloin of Beef!), and Andrea has designed and created a delightful center piece for each of the tables. **Please** make your reservations as early as possible. When **parking**, please fill the back rows first and leave the yellow marked pass-thru lane OPEN. If you must park outside of our lot, do not park in any of the un-numbered spaces. Black Tie is optional, and suits and sport jackets are also welcomed.

Sail Racing Activities:

We haven't had the greatest luck so far with the weather for our Scot and Cup races, with all but one day blighted by a dearth of breezes and the one ultimately truncated by an over abundance of wind. The Cup Races were held, thanks to the efforts of Jim Landis, right off of and in sight of Harbor Town. The participation was great, with a dozen yachts of widely varying sizes competing. Jim worked with the Sea Pines folks to join in the sponsorship of the races, and the awards were made at Harbor Town's wonderful Liberty Oak pavilion. Jim Vaughn and Jim Landis put on one heckova great show!



New Members:

In October we welcomed three new members - Harold (Smitty) and Gail Haller and Alex Iannuzzi. Smitty and Gail come to us from the HH Sail & Power Squadron, where they have both helped to teach the squadron's SAIL course. Please make them all feel at home and encourage their participation in our activities.

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Commodore's Comments (continued)



Email Communications:

We continued to use Constant Contact on a trial basis for our dinner meetings and other email internal communications during the past two months. Save for some initial stumbles due to the inevitable learning curve, the process works nicely and has benefitted us in the simplification and improvement of the dinner reservation and check-in process and appears to have helped with the incidence of walk-ins with no reservation. At the last meeting, the board decided to sign on with CC for one year (reduced cost) and revisit the question thereafter.

Club Dock effort:

In a quest to obtain a viable path for our walkway over the marsh to the proposed site of our club dock, our Dock Committee met with board members of the next door Condo Association, which owns the needed real estate, and came away with positive expectations. As agreed, we have drafted and will shortly submit a letter detailing a proposed arrangement with the Association that will grant their owners certain privileges in exchange for our right to traverse their marsh space. We are proceeding to work out other details of the project and will keep our members informed of progress.

Food & Beverage Committee:

Marek Belka has agreed to take on the Chairmanship of the F&B Committee, with Kathe Golden and Carole Moore continuing as members. As a bonus, Clyde Harris has agreed to be available as a consultant to the committee, which will constitute a huge benefit from his extensive prior experience as chair of the committee. Gracias Marek and Clyde!

Au Revoir....

This being my final Commodore's Comments message, I wish to say that I have thoroughly enjoyed the privilege of serving in the role of Commodore for this wonderful Club over the past year, and I give thanks to the Board of Stewards for their excellent cooperation, competent support and guidance. There have been some challenges that our very capable bridge and board have met head-on, and I'm confident that this great team will provide excellent and successful leadership for the Club going forward.

*Thanks, and Wishing y'all blue skies and a fair breeze over your quarter,
Norm Shotz, Commodore*



NautiLadies Report



October was a busy month at the club and many of the NautiLadies were quite involved. Deb Pepe represented us as a crew member on a Flying Scot at the Regatta both race days and Cathy Todd and Andrea Shotz provided refreshments for the sailors and their crew following the Calibogue Cup race.

Following the Annual Meeting on October 17th, the new NautiLadies board was announced: Frances Viverette, President; Janet Gillespie and Arlene Walker will share the Vice President position; Diane Stortz will again serve as Treasurer and Andrea Shotz will be the Secretary.

Diane Stortz and her committee took on the task of making a new skirt for the buffet table and a new cover for the appetizer table. I think it's a great improvement!

The month of October ended with a very successful Halloween party. Once again, Marilyn Owen and Cathy Todd rounded up helpers and decorated the club. Laura Hattersley created our photo booth and Sonny Compher acted as official photographer....can't wait to see the results. Lots of members got in the spirit of the evening with some very creative costumes. Barry and Carol Moore, Ken and Suzy Priegel, Tom Foster and Michael Roe were all recognized.

The Change of Watch, our black tie (optional) event, is scheduled for Saturday, November 15 at 6 p.m. We are hoping for a robust attendance!

The NautiLadies will be decorating the club on December 3 for the Christmas party, which will be on Friday December 5th. We ask all of our members to bring a new ornament for the Christmas Tree.

Hope to see lots of you at the Change of Watch on Saturday, November 15.

Andrea Shotz, President



November 7, 2014

Greek Lemon Chicken

November 14, 2014

NO DINNER

November 15, 2014

CHANGE OF WATCH

November 21, 2014

Pork

November 28, 2014

Baked Ziti

Remember reservations help to save money. Please make your reservation by

Thursday by emailing Lindsey at

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**BARTENDERS
FOR
NOVEMBER**



November 7, 2014

Vaughans

November 14, 2014

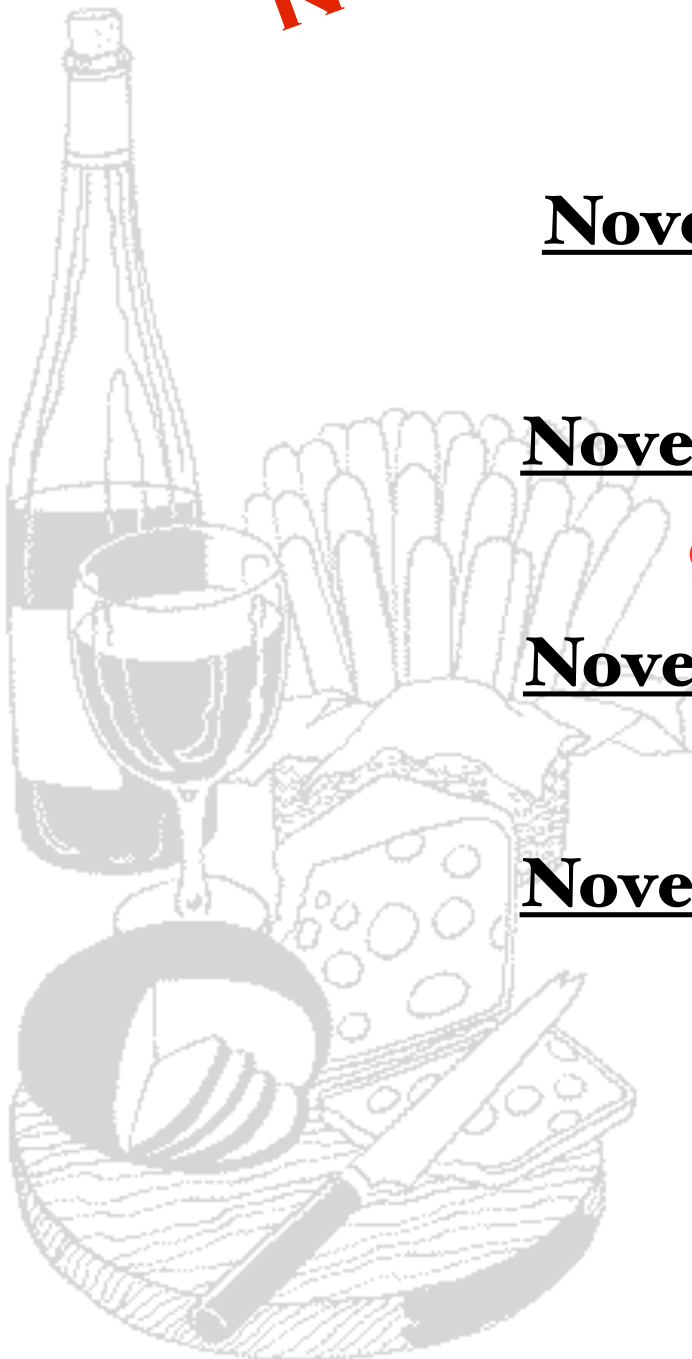
Club Closed

November 21, 2014

Goldens

November 28, 2014

Gilroys



What's Going On in November

Monday, November 3, 2014	5:00 - 9:00 PM Rotary Club Meeting
Wednesday, November 5, 2014	Hackers Golf
Friday, November 7, 2014	6:00 - 9:00 PM DINNER: Greek Chicken BARTENDERS: Vaughans
Monday, November 10, 2014	5:00 - 9:00 PM Rotary Club Meeting
Wednesday, November 12, 2014	4:00 - 5:00 Board of Stewards Meeting
Saturday, November 15, 2014	6:00 until when the party ends: Change of Watch
Monday, November 17, 2014	5:00 - 9:00 PM Rotary Club Meeting
Wednesday, November 19, 2014	Hackers Golf
Friday, November 21, 2014	6:00 - 9:00 PM DINNER: Pork BARTENDERS: Goldens
Monday, November 24, 2014	5:00 - 9:00 PM Rotary Club Meeting
Wednesday, November 26, 2014	Hackers Golf
Friday, November 28, 2014	6:00 - 9:00 PM DINNER: Baked Ziti BARTENDERS: Gilroys

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BOARD OF STEWARDS

Class of 2014

Clyde Harris

Bob Hattersley

Anne Landis

Class of 2015

Ernie Ahr

Carol Kedrowsky

Don Robbins

Class of 2016

George Cohen

Sonny Compher

Mike Gilroy

THE ADVENTURES OF A YACHT CLUB CAT

by Betty Bush

A week ago I had dinner at the club as usual and returned home by 8:30. The next morning I went out to go to water aerobics at about 10:30 and when I opened the door of my car there was a loud scream that came from under the hood of the car. I have owned cats for years (have 3 now) and I was pretty sure that it was the anguished cry of a cat, but I was not about to open that hood alone. I was picking up a neighbor so I asked her son to come open the hood with me - which he did and we looked thoroughly and found nothing, so I put the entire matter in the back of my mind. The next afternoon there was a very young solid black cat in my back yard and as there are no cats running loose in Spanish Wells I knew that I had brought him/her from the YC! I wanted desperately to get it back to its family, but how? I went to the animal shelter but there were no traps available until Friday, so I put food and water out every day and prayed that nothing would kill it before I could take it back to the club. I put the trap out Friday afternoon and as soon as I was up and around Saturday morning I heard him/her meowing, so I threw on some clothes and had it back at the club at 7:30 am.

I guess the moral of the story is: if you have been to The Club and think you hear a cat under your hood, you probably do!

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