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This issue is dedicated to introducing our new members who joined our club since November 2017. First, Commander Larson and I want to thank all new members for completing the questionnaire that was sent to them. We appreciate the time they spent answering the questions in order for this newsletter to be developed. We will continue to feature new member biographies and photos in future newsletters. It is our hope that all members will find something in common with each other. We look forward to seeing all new members at future dinners, classes, and boating activities.

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2018 Course Schedule

Cruising and Cruise Planning	February 15,19,22 March 1,5,8,12,15(8 sessions)
Navigation	Starts February 26
Engine Maintenance	March 22,26,29 + April 2,5,9
America's Boating Course (ABC)	March 24 & 31 (Open to the Public)
Seamanship	April 16,19,23,26,30

2018 Seminar Schedule

Partner in Command	February 17 (9 am/Senior Center)
Tides & Currents	March 10 (9 am/Senior Center)
Using VHF & VHF/DSC Marine Radio	April 21 (9 am/Senior Center)

REGISTER ONLINE @ abchh.org



Our February dinner will be held on February 12, 2018 at Alexander's in Palmetto Dunes on Hilton Head Island. Our guest speaker will be BM2 2nd Class Petty Officer Trent Williams from the United States Coast Guard. We have great menu items plus a vegetarian selection as well as gluten free options with your main course. Please register online.

Daniel & Sarah Allen are from Potomac Falls, Virginia. They reside part-time on Hilton Head Island where they are in the process of remodeling their home on Singleton Beach Place. Their third home is a 45' King Air motor home, which they are currently living in while down in Naples, Florida until mid-May. They both retired last summer. Dan was CEO of SERCO and Sarah was the Chief Human Resource Officer for Leidos. They have four children and three grandchildren. Dan enjoys golf and they both enjoy motor home travel and their grandchildren. They've been members of the Freedom Boat Club for a number of years on Hilton Head.

**Welcome the "ABC's"
Allen's, Benz's, and
Carroll's to America's
Boating Club of Hilton
Head. We look
forward to seeing you
at future dinner
meetings and on-the-
water boating
activities.**

Jeff and Barbara Benz reside in Long Cove Club on Hilton Head Island. Before moving into their home a few years ago, they resided in Roswell, Georgia. Jeff was a dentist in Atlanta, Georgia for forty years. Originally from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Jeff loves to fish. They had a boat on Lake Lanier when they lived in Georgia. They have a new grandson who was recently born in Atlanta. Jeff and Barbara enjoy biking, the beach, dining out, and reading. They joined our club for the social aspect as well as to learn about the local waters through our course offerings.



Mark and Teresa Carroll are from Springfield, Missouri. They reside on Hilton Head Island and have been there about six months. Mark owns HMS and sells point-of-sale technology to restaurants. The main office is in Kansas City, Missouri. There are other locations in Omaha, Nebraska; Springfield, Missouri; Fayetteville and Little Rock, Arkansas; and Dallas, Texas. Teresa teaches at USCB in the Natural Sciences Department. They own a Carver 440 Express, which will be moved to Shelter Cove

from Table Rock Lake, Missouri very soon. The boat is named "Force of Habit" and they have forty plus years of boating experience. John also enjoys flying. They joined our club for networking and the educational offerings. They attended the January dinner meeting at Redfish on Hilton Head Island, and we look forward to seeing them at Alexander's in February for our monthly dinner meeting.

Jack and Enes Cunningham have been married for 35 years and have lived in Sun City for eleven years. Jack is a retired NYC fireman and Enes is a retired bank manager; however, she recently went back to work for an apartment management company on Hilton Head Island. They are from Brooklyn, New York, where they used to go boating. Jack said he's been out of boating for a number of years, but he's anxious to get back into it. He owns a 20' Pioneer open fishing boat, which he trailers, called "Big E Bones." I suspect there are club members who'd be willing to go out with Jack to show him the highs and lows of our tides and introduce him to the local waters. Do we have any volunteers? Jack intends to continue his boating education by taking courses and seminars we offer. He also enjoys golf.

Welcome Jack and Enes Cunningham, Rich and Linda Delcore, Brian DeMatteo, and Stacy Groark to America's Boating Club of Hilton Head.



Rich and Linda Delcore worked for 25 years in Cincinnati, Ohio. Rich worked as a manager at Proctor & Gamble, and Linda was a high school teacher. They were raised in New Jersey. They've been residents of Hampton Lake in Bluffton for four years where they have a pontoon boat. They are also members of the Freedom Boat Club. Rich enjoys photography, golf, remote control planes/drones, and wood working. Linda enjoys tennis, scrap booking, and charity work. They joined our club for the ABC course, to enjoy Magellan Cruises, to learn about our waterways, and to meet new people.



Brian DeMatteo and Stacey Groark hail from Bradford, Massachusetts. Brian sold his data security business and is retired. Stacey on the other hand is pursuing her real estate license here in the Low Country. They reside in Bluffton and are members of the Freedom Boat Club. Stacey has some prior sailing experience. They both enjoy golfing. They attended the boat parade in Beaufort and talked to some folks who recommended they join our club. They were at the January dinner meeting at Redfish and look forward to participating in the Magellan Cruises that we offer and attending future social events.

American's Boating Club of Hilton Head welcomes new members Joe and Lynne Harris, Larry Jones and Shelley Horn, and John and Carol Lang.



Joe and Lynne Harris were both born in South Carolina. They moved to Hilton Head five years ago from Huntersville/Lake Norman, North Carolina. Joe is with Daimler Corporation and Lynne is a realtor. They have a son Joseph, who is married to Christy, and have a grandson Wyatt. They own a 17' Boston Whaler that they keep at Broad Creek Marina. They have previous sailing experience. They enjoy fishing, shrimping, and photography. Joe and Lynne both like getting out on the water and enjoy all there is to do in the Low Country. They joined our club to become safe boaters and to learn how to navigate our local waters. They look forward to meeting and socializing with fellow boaters from the club and were introduced at our holiday dinner meeting. Lynne has taken the American Boating Course and Seamanship.

Laytonsville, Maryland was home for ten years to Larry Jones and Shelley Horn before they moved to Hilton Head five years ago. Larry is a management consultant, and Shelley is a veterinarian on Lady's Island in Beaufort. They both enjoy kayaking and Shelley became a member of the Power Squadron about twenty years ago. She previously took classes and Larry took ABC and Rules of the Road. They have two dogs as pets. Larry enjoys cooking and listening to music. Shelley enjoys home repair projects; and according to Larry she's good at tiling and electrical. Sounds to me like this doctor not only takes care of animals, but she's also good at home repairs! Larry and Shelley would eventually enjoy having a boat. Since they both work, they're hoping we offer weekend classes and social events on their days off.



John and Carol Lang have lived on Hilton Head Island for nine years. They are from Connecticut. John is a financial consultant in NYC and Chairman of Protect Our Power in D.C. Carol was a computer programmer and business analyst. They have six children and eleven grandchildren. They used to own a J-22 and Carol loves to crew on friends' boats. They're very involved in the Yacht Club of Hilton Head Island. They enjoy traveling and reading and John likes to play golf. He recently had knee replacement surgery. John and Carol joined our club for the dinner meetings, the boating activities, and to have fun times with friends. They've taken some of our courses and hope we plan one of our future dinner events at the Yacht Club of Hilton Head. All those in favor say "aye."



Meet your members from New Zealand - Wayne and Jocelyn Mitchell - who are four months new to Hilton Head Island. They've also lived in England and Hong Kong. Wayne was a corporate executive for a fortune 300 company. They have three daughters. Wayne and Jocelyn are members of Freedom Boat Club, and they also have two kayaks. Being born and raised in New Zealand, they have always been on the water. They enjoy any chance to get on the water whether it's for sailing, pleasure boating or fishing. They both enjoy hiking and biking. Wayne enjoys a casual round of golf, and Jocelyn rides and competes her

horse Kelso in the sport of dressage. Additionally, they enjoy travel and New Zealand rugby. They joined our club to meet and mingle with other boaters in the area and to learn more about safe boating in the Low Country. It also gives them an opportunity to explore new areas that they might not have found by themselves. Wayne and Jocelyn have taken the USPS University Seminar on Using GPS, the America's Boating Course and Seamanship. They hope the club continues to embrace bringing in new members and making it relevant to everyone. Wayne and Jocelyn attended the holiday dinner meeting at Indigo Run in December.

Larry and Dosha Mittleman have lived on Hilton Head Island since 2011. Larry is a pilot for Delta Airlines and Dosha is a flight attendant. They moved here from South Atlanta, Georgia. Larry is originally from New York and Dosha is originally from Kentucky. They have four children and one granddaughter. Larry and Dosha are members of Freedom Boat Club without prior boating experience. However, PC Larry Tremitiere encouraged them to join American's Boating Club of Hilton Head. If they've received training from Larry at Freedom Boat Club then we know they'll be safe boaters who wear their PFD's. Larry and Dosha enjoy boating, fishing, beach walks, and travel. They love Europe and have trips planned in 2018 to Israel and Greece and also a safari. I think they could be a potential guest speaker at one of our dinner meetings. Hmmmm. Larry has taken the America's Boating Course and plans to take Seamanship in the future.

The Mitchell's and the Mittleman's could share some very exciting travel stories by the sounds of it. If you love to travel then you owe it to yourself to seek them out at one of our future dinner meetings or on-the-water activities. We have a delightful cross section of new members who have so much to talk to us about. I can't wait to meet all of them personally. I've enjoyed reading their comments on my questionnaire and compiling these biographies to share with you. Three more new members to meet. Continue reading!!!

We round out our new member biographies by introducing you to John and Tina Thompson, Dennis and Beth Trantum, and Bob and Stella White. Please reach out to all new members who have been featured in this "WELCOME" newsletter. So nice to have you in our club.



John and Tina Thompson were introduced at the holiday dinner meeting at Indigo Run in December. They live on Hilton Head Island and have been there eight months. Tina is from Germany; John was born in Montgomery, Alabama. He spent 20 years in the US Air Force as a fighter pilot; he met and married Tina; he moved to Germany and lived there for 22 years where he founded a German publishing company. Tina owned a partnership in a radiology practice in Germany. I think we've found another worldly couple! They're members of Freedom Club and enjoy boating, cooking, reading, afternoons on the beach, and socializing. John owned a ski boat when he lived in Washington, D.C. They joined our club because of their love for the water in the Low Country and the natural beauty around us. They're looking forward to attending future club events both on and off the water. John says ... "Let's get together and go boating." We will all be calling John and Tina.



Dennis and Beth Trantum are currently in the Honduras; they reside at Hampton Lake in Bluffton. Dennis is a retired private practice audiologist and Beth was his business manager. They've been married 38 years. They raised their two sons in Battle Creek, Michigan and have two grandsons. They moved to Bluffton in July 2017. Dennis is an avid SCUBA diver and loves all things 'watery.' He likes both sail and power boats, and they've recently joined Freedom Boat Club to take advantage of all the beautiful waterways in the Hilton Head area. They spend a lot of time every year on the island of Roatan where Dennis loves to dive. I forgot to ask Beth what she does while Dennis is diving; if anyone sees her before I do please ask her that question. They're also members of St. Gregory's parish.

Bob and Stella White have been married for 57 years!!! They reside in Sea Pines and Bob says they are from all over. Bob graduated from Ohio State University, which makes him a Buckeye; he also attended the University of Florida, which makes him a Gator. He spent three years in the US Armed Forces; ten years working for Ford Motor Company in Dearborn, Michigan (lived in Bloomfield Hills); 15 years at City Corp in New York (lived in Greenwich, Connecticut); and also lived in North Carolina for five years after he retired. He owns a 48' Hatteras named White Swan and doesn't have any experience in boating. The boat is in Suttons Bay, Michigan, which is where they will spend their summers. Bob and Stella enjoy golf, walking and biking. They joined our club for the educational courses we offer. Bob has taken the GPS seminar and Seamanship.