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## EVENTS CALENDER

### SEPTEMBER

- 4 Magellan 6: Hilton Head Island w/lunch at Salty Dog
- 6 Flying Fish/Bull River Marina (Boating Activity)
- 10 Dinner Meeting at Skull Creek Dockside, 6:30 PM
- 16 Ossebau Island, Georgia - Adventure Cruise (an all-day event)
- 16 Executive Committee Mtg (6:30 PM, HHI Senior Center)
- 21 Anchoring Seminar, 9-11 AM, HHI Senior Center
- 28 New River Nature Cruise (Boating Activity)

### OCTOBER

- 3,7,10,14,17,21,24,28: Electronic Navigation (ME 103)
- 5 Magellan Fall Make Up Cruise
- 8 Dinner Meeting at Poseidon in Shelter Cove (6:30 PM)
- 15 Oyster Roast at Colleton River
- 18-20 D26 Fall Conference, Hotel Tybee, Hosted by ABC of Savannah
- 21 Executive Committee Mtg (6:30 PM, HHI Senior Center)
- 26 America's Boating Course, HHI Senior Center, 8:00 - 4:00

### NOVEMBER

- 1 May River/Dispensary Lunch - Land & Sea Cruise
- 9 Change of Watch & Merit Mark Recognition Dinner, Indigo Hall

**OUR SEPTEMBER 10<sup>th</sup> DINNER MEETING WILL BE HELD AT SKULL CREEK DOCKSIDE. PLEASE JOIN US FROM 6:30-9:00 ON THE UPPER DECK.**

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# SAVANNAH ADVENTURE - August 26, 2019

Submitted by Bob Newbert, AP



Seven boats navigated up the Savannah River on August 26<sup>th</sup> to Hutchinson Island for lunch at "Aqua Star" in the Westin Hotel. Along the way, the Lowcountry marsh of the Wright River and Turtle Island quickly morphed into the derricks, storage tanks, and tugboats of the Port of Savannah.

For many, it was their first venture into a working port taking us from the past to the present. The past was represented by Old Fort Jackson, the oldest fort in Georgia and a National Historic Landmark. During the Civil War, Ft. Jackson was shelled from a ship commanded by Robert Smalls, an escaped slave who earlier stole a Confederate ship and turned it over to the Union. After the Civil War, Smalls became a United States Congressman; founded the South Carolina Republican Party; and drafted legislation that made South Carolina the first state in the union to require free, compulsory public education.

The present was all around us as we sailed past Liberty Terminal towards Ocean Terminal and Garden City Terminal, each a major docking and storage facility which, along with other smaller terminals, make up the Port of Savannah.

Today, the Port of Savannah is the largest single container terminal in North America. On average, 22 large, ocean-going ships per day call on Savannah. Each one stops at the entrance to the Savannah River from the Atlantic Ocean ("Tybee Roads") to await a Pilot Boat bringing two pilots (a river pilot and a docking pilot) who will take command of the vessel as it makes the 20-mile journey to its berth in Savannah.

During our trip up and down the river, we passed just one container ship of medium size. It was the COSCO EXCELLENCE, a 1,464 ft long, 141,823-ton vessel under the flag of Hong Kong. Before sharing the river with us, her most recent ports of call were Xiamen, China; Shanghai; and New York City. Bob Newbert, who led the Savannah trip, explains: "You can find background on every ocean-going ship on [vesselfinder.com](http://vesselfinder.com), [marinetraffic.com](http://marinetraffic.com) or [vesseltracking.net](http://vesseltracking.net). Simply go to the site; enter the vessel's name and you'll learn its size and weight, year built, country of registration, recent ports of call, and current position at berth or in the middle of the ocean."

Our berth was the Westin Hotel where we enjoyed lunch in a private dining room with friends old and new. Many thanks to our river pilots - who did double duty navigating the river AND docking on the river - for delivering us safely: Captain Mark Beisswanger, Captain Rebecca Jeffries, Captain Craig Loomis, Captain Wayne Mitchell, Captain Chris Datillo, Captain John Thompson and Captain Bob Newbert.

Better yet, they did not lose one container (aka passenger) overboard as often happens with large container ships. Indeed, they delivered all 21 TEUs ("a unit of cargo used to describe the capacity of container ships") back to their port of origin much to the gratitude of TEUs Jo Beisswanger, Suzanne Stansbury, Walter Matejovic, John Jeffries, Brian Sieva, Deb Loomis, Sophie Kozyr, Mike Kozyr, Jocelyn Mitchell, Craig Williams, Debbie Williams, Phil Gustafson, Joe Datillo, Eric Sutherland, Susan Sutherland, Tina Thompson, Al Pepe, Deb Pepe, Kay Jones, Pat Jones and Mary-Jane Newbert.



**"Honey, I ordered  
a few things from  
Cosco."**

Photo from Bob  
Newbert.



**Savannah Field  
Trip Group Photo**

Photo provided by  
Bob Newbert.





Savannah Adventurers (L to R):  
Bob Newbert, Mary-Jane Newbert,  
Joe Datillo, Eric Sutherland, and  
Susan Sutherland.



Typical scene at the Port of Savannah with ships lined up like moms in  
their SUV's waiting to pick the kids up from school.



**"Not going to argue Right-of-Way  
with this guy."**

Photos submitted by Bob Newbert.





Captain Joe Datillo on Niblick with his crew.



Captain Wayne Mitchell and Crewman Phil Gustafson.



The lunch bunch at the Aqua Star in the Westin Hotel.



Can anyone guess who that is next to the Kozyr's?



The Newbert's and the Thompson's at lunch.

Photos on Page 5 were submitted by Debra Loomis and Jocelyn Mitchell. Thanks Ladies!



# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



**Submitted by: Debbie Dion, Editor**

**Please join me in welcoming the following new members to America's Boating Club of Hilton Head.**



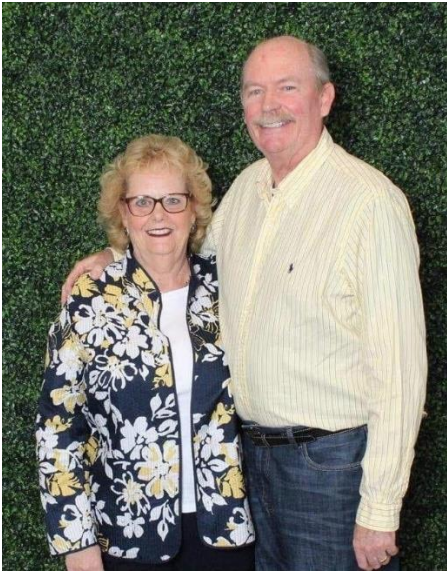
Cassandra "Cassie" Davis joined in April and is a seven-year resident of Bluffton. Cassie returned to the area after several relocations as a child and an adult. She spent over 20 years living in Europe and is a retired Civil Engineer of the Federal Government. On a somber note, Cassie is a widow and her husband was a professor at Georgetown. Cassie's hobbies include photography, cooking, travel, and swimming.



Her other interests include studying (she loves to learn), foreign policy/international politics, and art history. She is a 'newbie' at boating and joined our club to become a better boater and to meet others who are interested in boating. Cassie has taken several courses and seminars that we offer. She's also participated in several boating activities. She hopes to gain practical and hands-on learning experience.



Bob and Carole Greene have lived in Bluffton for 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  years. Bob is from Cleveland → Cincinnati → Knoxville → Boulder → Bluffton while Carole starts in Cincinnati and ends up in Bluffton with Bob. They're both retired. Bob was an executive with Procter & Gamble R&D and Carole was in Market Research with Procter & Gamble. They have three adult children and four grandsons. They have a Boston Whaler which they keep at the Boathouse on Hilton Head Island. They boated for many years on the freshwater lakes in Tennessee and Kentucky; the Low Country saltwater is new to them. They enjoy golf, biking, fishing and boating. Their interests include local history, navigation, cooking and dining out. They joined our Club for the courses, to meet other boaters, and to enjoy the day trips. They look forward to taking our educational offerings while learning about local waters and enjoying the company of other boaters. They have completed the SCDNR boater education course. Welcome Bob and Carole!



Please join me in welcoming Bill and Vivian Hinchcliffe, who recently joined ABCHH. Bill and Vivian retired to Bluffton five years ago. They are from Connecticut and Illinois respectively. Bill was in pharmaceutical distribution while Vivian was in administrative work. They have two sons and one granddaughter. They are members of Freedom Boat Club and owned boats when the children were young. They boated on lakes with the kids. Their hobbies include boating, biking, sport shooting, bowling, bocce and travel. They joined our Club to gain more boating experience in our waters, and to attend social events and meet new friends. They've taken America's Boating Course, Mastering Rules of the Road and Emergencies on Board. Make sure to introduce yourself to Bill and Vivian.

Jeanne Kangas joined ABCHH in July and wants to learn about boating on the coastal waters. She has been a part-time resident at the Hilton Head Island Motorcoach Resort since 2018. She is from Washington, Pennsylvania and needed to get away and out of the cold north winters. So many of us can relate to Jeanne's rationale. Jeanne lost her husband Michael after thirty years of marriage in June 2018. Jeanne is retired but owned and operated a commercial engraving business for twenty years. She owned a 20' ski boat about twenty years ago which they also used for fishing on various lakes. Her hobbies include motor-coaching and hopefully boating. She's looking forward to traveling and spending time with good friends. Jeanne is already signed up for America's Boating Course in October and the weather course that's being offered this fall. She hopes to meet other members in the boating community and wants to determine if coastal boating is for her.



**Meet Jeanne and Rosko!**

Please meet Joe and Beverly Kyle, who joined our Club in July. They are making a lifestyle change and are in the process of selling their home in Atlanta, Georgia and relocating to Wexford Plantation. The move should be completed in January. In the meantime, they are splitting their time between here and there. Joe is semi-retired but still has real estate interests. Beverly is a homemaker. They have one son who resides in Atlanta. Their shared hobbies include playing the piano, staying in shape, and as Joe put it -- 'flora and fauna.' Joe enjoys writing/music composition and Beverly enjoys Bible study. They have a 45' Sabre SX, which resides in front of their Wexford home, and is named "Bookin." Joe has participated in our "Jump Start" program and was featured in one of our July issues with trainer Walter Kirk. Joe has taken America's Boating Course. The Kyle's want to learn more about boating and look forward to enjoying fellowship with our members and meeting other boaters.





Patrick and Beth McIntyre joined ABCHH in June and are new residents of Hilton Head. They are both from upstate New York originally, but most recently spent 20 years in Minneapolis. They are building a home on Daufuskie Island. Patrick is the CEO of Portage Health Insights and Beth is the owner of Wicked Stitches. The McIntyre's have three children. They own a 2006 Sea HuntEscape 220, which they've yet to name. They keep their boat at The Boathouse and admit they have limited boating experience. They want to learn more about boating and are anxious to have more training. Since they'll be living on an island, they want to have more knowledge of the waterways and want to explore the Low Country via the water as well as by land. They enjoy travel and Patrick is a collector of Bourbon. They hope to meet other boaters and make new acquaintances as a benefit of joining ABCHH.



Angelo Nardi started his membership in June; and he and his wife Reenee are currently part-time residents of Hilton Head. They are from Chicago, Illinois and will become full-time residents in a few years. They've been coming down to Hilton Head Island for over forty years and purchased a home in 2007 in Palmetto Hall. Currently, they spend mid-September until May 1<sup>st</sup> in our area. Angelo is a retired insurance broker. They hope to purchase a 21' or 23' Hurricane in the future; they used to have a large sailboat in Chicago. Angelo enjoys playing golf and would like to take boating education courses. He looks forward to connecting with other boaters.



Alan and Stacey Steinberg have been members since April 2019 and they absolutely love it here. They reside in Bluffton and are from Mentor, Ohio, which is in the Cleveland area. Alan is partially retired and was an auto dealer back in Ohio. They have four children and currently have no grandchildren. Alan's hobbies and interests include old cars; I guess that's only natural since his background was in automobiles. The Steinberg's have several years of boating experience on inland lakes. As we all know, the tides and currents down here will take some getting used to because it's so different from inland lakes. They have a 'TideWater' center console and are anxious to do some 'real boating.' Those are Alan's words and not those of this author. They have taken some of our educational offerings and will continue to do so. They are looking forward to meeting other boaters and develop friendships while gaining knowledge and experience about boating in the Low Country. Please welcome Alan and Stacey to our Club.