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## EVENTS CALENDER

### MAY

- 6 Savannah Yacht Club - Boating Activity
- 9 Magellan 2: Pinckney Island, 10 AM-3 PM, BYO Picnic Lunch
- 18 Mastering the Rules of the Road, 9-11:00, HHI Senior Center
- 20 Executive Committee Mtg (6:30 PM, Senior Center)
- 21 May Dinner Meeting, Skull Creek Dockside, 6:30 p.m.  
(Featured Guest Speaker will be Captain Chip Michalove, the area's renowned Shark Whisperer, who has been in the news lately for tagging the largest male Great White Shark in the Atlantic in January of this year.)
- 30 ADVANCED PILOTING, 6:30-8:30 pm, HHI Senior Center

### JUNE

- 3,6,10,13,17,20,24,27 ADVANCED PILOTING 6:30-8:30PM, Senior Ctr
- 4 Ossebow, GA Nature Cruise - all day boating activity
- 8 Using GPS Seminar, 9-11:00, Location TBD
- 17 Magellan 3: Bull Island Cruise w/Lunch at Daufuskie Crab Co.
- 17 Executive Committee Mtg (6:30 PM, HHI Senior Center)
- 20 Fripp Island - Boating Activity w/Lunch
- 22 Emergencies on Board Seminar, 9-11:00, HHI Senior Center

### JULY

- 6 Magellan Make-up Cruise
- 8 Boys & Girls Club Day on the Water/Harbour Town
- 17 Savannah Downtown Dock (Boating Activity)
- 17 Executive Committee Mtg (6:30 PM, HHI Senior Center)
- 21 Magellan 4: Page & Pine Islands

### AUGUST

- 3 Magellan 5: Daufuskie Island
- 8 Beaufort (New City Dock) Boating Activity
- 10 Hurricane Preparation Seminar, 9-11 AM, HHI Senior Ctr
- 19 Executive Committee Mtg (6:30 PM, HHI Senior Center)



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# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Submitted by Debra Loomis

Philip and Pamela Gustafson moved to Hilton Head 5 months ago from Indian Wells, CA. They moved cross country for the beauty of the low country, the friendly people, and all the outdoor activities. Phil was originally from Boston and Pamela is from Southern Illinois. Phil is newly retired from working in healthcare systems. They have joined ABC to learn how to boat! They are learning about the challenging tides and currents around Hilton Head.



Phil & Pam Gustafson

Bill and Sue MacLeod have been half-time residents of Hilton Head for twenty years. They are from East Lansing, MI. They own a 28' open bowrider, *At Last*, that they keep at the Wexford Marina. Most of their boating experience was on freshwater in Michigan. They joined America's Boating Club of Hilton Head for a basic boating refresher and to learn about boating in salt water with the tides.



Steve & Carla Scholl

Steven and Carla Scholl have been in Bluffton for 4 years. Steven spent time in San Diego, Chicago, New York, and South Florida. Carla is originally from Iowa, and has spent time in Boca Raton, and Chapel Hill. They were brought to the area for retirement in Sun City. Steven is currently working as a commercial pilot but retired from American Airlines as an Operations General Manager. Carla was a real estate broker. The couple are members of Freedom Boat Club, and they also own a 21' power boat, the *Hot Pursuit*, that they keep in the Florida Keys. Steven's boating experiences have mostly been in the Great Lakes. Carla has "moderate" experience boating and is comfortable as co-captain. They both enjoy travel, golf, and fishing.



John & Rebecca Jefferies

John and Rebecca Jeffries retired to Hilton Head from Columbus, Ohio six months ago. They owned an insurance agency where they were both agents.

Chris Thompson and Karen Dunn have been residents of Bluffton for 2 years. They moved from Canton, Ohio after retirement. Chris worked as an engineer and Karen was an attorney. They have minimal boating experience but are anxious to learn and explore the area by boat. The couple enjoys gardening, photography, travel, scuba diving, and cooking. They are members of the Freedom Boat Club.



Chris Thompson & Karen Dunn

They moved to the low country for the weather. Rebecca grew up boating on lakes which ignited interest in exploring the waters around Hilton Head with their membership in the Freedom Boat Club. The couple enjoys, gardening, reading, and dogs. John is looking for a bridge partner.

# Welcome New Members

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Submitted by Debra Loomis

Mary and Michael Schmittlein are new members who moved to Spring Island from Philadelphia. Mary retired from working in Human Resources and Michael was in Banking. The couple are members of Freedom Boat Club with limited boating experience. They joined America's Boating Club of Hilton Head for the training and education. The couple enjoys golf, fishing, tennis, and hunting.



## VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS

PC Larry Tremitiere reports that 125 Vessel Safety Checks have been completed to date by ten VSC Examiners. The District has completed 397 VSC's to date. Thank you to all Examiners for a great job this year. To schedule a VSC please contact PC Larry Tremitiere at 03-517-6626.

**REMINDER ~ Any member planning to attend any of our boating functions MUST HAVE A CURRENT 2019 VSC DECAL ON THEIR BOAT.**



## EDUCATION REPORT

Peter J. Dion, SN, Education Officer



The following is an excerpt from Instructor Klaus Loehr:

Dear Squadron/Club Members,

I have just completed a thorough review of the new Radar Course to include the textbook, The Radar Book by Kevin Monahan, 2nd Ed. 2008 with addendum 2017, and the Power Point presentation by Canadian Power Squadrons, 2018.

The Radar Course is one of the best I have seen or taken. It is clearly not only for the owners of radar equipped boats. The Course goes into detail on radar but also covers integration of boat electronic systems and their interface. This is most useful as small craft electronics tend to be controlled by multi-function displays leaving the older independent, stand-alone systems. The Course also brilliantly covers collision avoidance using all available means. I recommend this course to all boaters and especially all our instructors!

At present I have completed self-study of the Course. I was very familiar with the original first edition that I bought when published in 2004. It was one of my must have texts on board our Nordhavn 40 trawler in the Pacific Northwest. I wish I could have taken this course when we worked on the specs for the electronics of our Back Cove 37 in 2013-2014.

Very truly yours,  
Klaus Loehr, AP and CI

This course will be taught in five two-hour sessions. If you already have The Radar Book there will be a discount for the course. Look for it on a future calendar in November.



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On Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, the "How to Read A Chart" seminar was held at the Senior Center. Norm Shotz, AP, presented the materials and each attendee was given a Port Royal Sound chart and a US Chart #1 Book. The following people participated in the seminar: Neil Boderman, Phil Gustafson, Frank Dulin, Mike Webb, Tim Rivers, Pete Brubaker, David Thoms, Rebecca Jeffries, Joe Dattilo, Christine Davis, Michael Peck, Chip Munday, Michael Kozyr, and Mikell Schultheis.



Instructor Norm Shotz explains the difference between fathoms and feet on a chart.



Norm Shotz talks about features below the water.



# Magellan Society Kicks Off Its Eleventh Year

There are two rules in overseeing a boating program. Rule Number 1 - You can't trust the weatherman. Rule Number 2 - Repeat Rule Number 1.

Predictions of late morning and mid-afternoon thundershowers were fortunately ignored by 28 members in six boats who consequently circumnavigated Buck Island and lunch at Fish Camp, thereby kicking off the 2019 Magellan Society cruise schedule.

The raison d'être of the Magellan Society is to provide ABCHH members who are new to boating in our local waters with knowledge of the back channels, tides and currents throughout our area. In keeping with that philosophy, today's cruise first charted the depth of the mouth of Broad Creek by transiting it from Bram Point to Buck Island's north end. We observed that the greatest depth was at the "Idle Speed" ATON mid-way between the two tips of land. We were also fortunate to observe the Haig Point Ferry enter Broad Creek, keeping G"31" on its port side. Since we were virtually at high tide, we were 6 feet above mean lower low. Hence the belief of some sailors that low tide forces them to leave Broad Creek via the cutoff between Calibogue Cay and Buck Island.

Having measured the depth of the mouth of Broad Creek, the group then explored the channel between Calibogue Cay and Buck Island, maintaining "no wake" speed per the posted buoys. We observed the various docks and boats on the Calibogue Cay side, some still in a state of disrepair due to Hurricane Matthew. We also viewed the exclusive residence located on Buck Island for which one crew member looked up the sale price at a whopping \$5.9 asking price. Our final observation was that the southern end of Buck Island's marsh extends quite far south, necessitating a long ride to G "1" before turning north again.

The group ended the day with a great lunch at Fish Camp, located adjacent to Broad Creek Marina. Well fed, we all returned to our respective marinas.

Next Up: Circumnavigation of Pinckney Island on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. "First Call" to be initiated later this month. Save the date!



Mike Gilroy

