



# The Ocean Breeze

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

### MAY

- TBD Boat Handling Under Power (On-the-Water Class) **Will be scheduled at a later date.**
- 5-6 Windmill Harbour Boat Show
- 7 Monthly Dinner Meeting - Skull Creek Dockside - 6:30 p.m.
- 12 Emergencies on Board Seminar (9:00 a.m. HHI Senior Center)
- 16 Cruise Wexford Canals w/lunch at Wexford Plantation, 10:00
- 18-20 District 26 Cruise & Rendezvous, hosted by Golden Corner Sail and Power Squadron, Seneca, SC
- 21 Magellan Society Cruise: Pinckney Island, 11:00 a.m. BYO Picnic. Anchoring in Mackay Creek
- 24 Mastering Rules of the Road Seminar 6:30-8:30 p.m., at Moss Creek Plantation, Bostwick Club House, 1523 Fording Island Road, Hilton Head Island, SC 29926

### JUNE

- 2 Anchoring Seminar (9:00 a.m. HHI Senior Center)
- 2 Cruise the Beaufort Loop w/Beaufort PS, 9:30 at R2 in Port Royal Sound w/lunch at Back Porch Grill at Port Royal Landing
- 9 Hurricane Preparation for Boaters (9:00 a.m. at HHI Senior Center)
- 15 Magellan Society Cruise: Bull Island, 10:00 a.m., w/lunch at Daufuskie Crab Company
- 16 Merit Mark Picnic, 4:00 p.m., Jarvis Park or (TBD)
- 25 Cruise up the May River to Redneck Riviera Sand Bar, 10:30, BYO picnic lunch

### JULY

- 1 Magellan Society Cruise - Summer Make-Up Cruise, 10:00 w/lunch at Eagle's Nest/Bloody Point
- 7 Join Tybee Light as they cruise to Beaufort, 10:00, lunch TBD
- 16 Magellan Society Cruise: Page & Pine Islands, 10:30 a.m.



## MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS



Please join me in welcoming Marie and Chip Munday who joined America's Boating Club of Hilton Head in March. They've been Hilton Head Island residents for just under two years and are originally from New York. They spent most of their lives in Aspen, Colorado. Chip's career in professional community management brought him to the area to be the General Manager of Indigo Run. Marie, who is not currently employed, will soon be teaching online Spanish classes for police officers and special agents. She was previously the general manager of a radio station for 11 years and a detective for 16 years.

She also taught college Spanish and Survival Spanish for law enforcement officers. Both Chip and Marie taught karate. "Does she look like a detective or someone who knows the karate chop?" The Munday's own a 22' Hurricane Sundeck named 'Rocky Mountain HHI.' Get it? (John Denver's song lyrics.) They grew up with boats on Long Island, but one family member says that Marie is very rusty. Chip's hobbies include web surfing, golf, motor boating and kayaking. Marie enjoys photography, classical music, travel, Latin culture, music, food and dance. They've served as members of Rotary International for several decades. They joined America's Boating Club of Hilton Head because they loved the Tides and Currents class. They look forward to continued learning and meeting like-minded people.



**America's Boating Club of Hilton Head is pleased to announce that the staff of the Ocean Breeze received the Distinctive Communicator Award for 2017 for its publications of this newsletter.**

### Magellan Society Cruises 2018 Season

Six boats (pictured right) and 25 ABCHH members inaugurated the 2018 Magellan Society Cruise season on Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. The cruise was the traditional season opener of the circumnavigation of Marsh & Buck Islands followed by lunch at "Up-the-Creek" at the Broad Creek Marina.

Next up: Magellan Society Cruise #2 - The circumnavigation of Pinckney Island, including a raft-up picnic, on Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. "First Call" in early May.





After the heavy breezes the last few days the Boat Cruisers were concerned they'd have a rough ride on their April 18<sup>th</sup> cruise. There were 16 hardy souls that embraced the sunny skies and headed up the Chechessee River; it was a little choppy to start, but it calmed down when the boats hit Rose Cut on the west end of Daws Island. The five boats worked their way through while noting deep water and where the shallows came up quickly. Once the boats crossed into the Broad River they were protected from the winds; they made a left turn to head up the river to go under the 170 bridge and then headed back down the Broad River towards the Sound. It was a little choppy in the Sound but nothing the old "sea dogs" couldn't handle.



They arrived at Hilton Head Dockside where the land cruisers were waiting. After a lovely lunch on the patio with a water view, the group talked about the next boat cruise. Twenty-three folks enjoyed friendship and a great lunch with good service.



On May 16<sup>th</sup> the Boat Cruisers will cruise through the Wexford locks and around the Wexford canals. Lunch will be at the Wexford Yacht Club and Marina. Look for sign up emails next week.





## EDUCATION DEPARTMENT NEWS

### Peter J. Dion, SN - Education Officer



### AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE

This year's class was held on March 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> at the Boathouse Showroom in Bluffton. It was our biggest class ever with 55 attendees. Special thanks go out to our volunteer instructors (Mark Larson, Klaus Loehr, David Ham, Link Powell, Al Pepe, and Walter Kirk) for putting on a great two-day class. On-the-water training was provided after completion of the course. We appreciate our volunteer instructors and boating captains for their service; they include Klaus Loehr, Barb Sommers (boat captain), Al Pepe, Pete Dion (boat captain), Klaus Loehr, Paul Hoyte (boat captain), Larry Tremiere, Dick Herrin (boat captain). Thanks to Glenn Crews, Debbie Dion, Linda Larson, and Tom Ryley for helping set-up the classroom at the showroom for the two-day course.



At left is our Commander, Mark Larson, who is also a certified instructor. Here Mark is discussing the different types of PFD's - personal flotation devices - better known as life jackets.

Pictured right is our veteran instructor Klaus Loehr, who is discussing Navigation Rules with the class. Klaus has navigated thousands of miles so he is definitely qualified on this subject.







Education Officer, Peter Dion, discusses boating accidents with ABC attendees on March 24<sup>th</sup>.



David Ham makes his presentation on charts and how to read them.



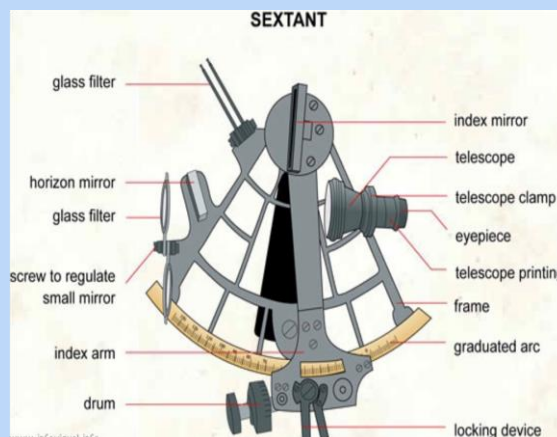
Link Powell is talking about recovery procedures during an emergency situation when there's a 'man overboard.'



Linda Larson (left) and Debbie Dion manned the registration table and stuck around for cleanup.

## JN Graduates!

Congratulations to Job De Boer, David Ham, and Don Lesuer for recently passing the Junior Navigation course. Junior Navigation is a very intense and challenging course in which students must use a sextant to calculate their position on the earth. In this course students learn to use celestial sights as reference points for offshore navigation. Two sun sights -- one of the lower limb and one of the upper limb -- and a meridian transit of the sun using the sextant is a requirement of the course. Congratulations!



# DISTRESS CALLS

## How to call Mayday in an emergency

There are three levels of emergency calls that assist the U.S. Coast Guard or other receiving vessel in knowing how promptly a response is needed. In the event of an emergency on the water, use Channel 16 to hail for help on your VHF radio.

**Mayday** is the highest-level emergency call and is used only when there's imminent danger of loss of life or vessel.

**Pan-Pan** calls reflect a sense of urgency without the potential loss of life or vessel, such as loss of steerage or power, or injuries without the potential for death but that adversely impact the ability to safely operate the boat.

**Sécurité** alerts boaters that safety information is being broadcast. It could be a navigational problem like a piling loose in a channel, a light out on a navigational aid, a vessel overdue in transit, or severe weather moving through the area.

## Distress call: Mayday

Mayday is used only for severe emergencies where there is immediate danger to life or property such as your boat is sinking, or there's a severely injured person or fire aboard.

When calling for help, repeat Mayday three times. Anticipate the Coast Guard's questions and be prepared to answer them.

State your geographical position. You can read the boat's latitude and longitude from the boat's GPS. If you can't get those coordinates, look for a prominent feature ashore that you can identify or a buoy or beacon on the water that you can identify and from which you can state your distance and direction. You can also use a chart to communicate your position relative to navigational aids.

Describe your emergency, your situation and the assistance you desire. Be as precise as you can about the nature of your situation so the responder can be prepared to assist you.

Describe what kind of boat you are in, its color and size plus any distinguishing features that would make it easy to identify. Describe the number of people on board. The Coast Guard or other responder will want to know how many people are on board and if any are injured or ill with any medical conditions that need attention. They also will want to know the condition of the boat.

Saying "Over" means you are through with this piece of information and are waiting for a reply. The Coast Guard may request additional information and keep the radio link open. When the communication is completed, saying the word "Out" ends the expectation of additional transmissions.

To learn more about how to handle emergencies on board, take [our Seamanship course](#).

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