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## EVENTS CALENDAR

### SOCIAL CRUISES

June 28	Fripp Island* (Rescheduled for August 27)
July 14	Day-On-The Water
July 20	Ft. McAllister
Aug 12	Savannah Yacht Club
Aug 27	FRIPP ISLAND - new rescheduled date
Sept 14	Wexford Canals
Oct TBD	Overnight #2 - Jekyll Island*
Oct 13	Skidaway Island
Nov 6	Chelsea Plantation*
Dec TBD	Pop Up Mystery Cruise

**Note:** 1. Asterisk (\*) denotes weekend cruise  
2. All dates & destinations subject to change based on tides, weather, dockage, and venue availability.

### MAGELLAN CRUISES

July 15	Skull Creek Marina, across Port Royal Sound, Parris Island to Beaufort - history cruise. Lunch at waterfront park.
Aug 26	Circumnavigate Hilton Head Island w/lunch
Sept 24	Cooper River & Daufuskie Island - reverse w/lunch
Oct 26	Cawley's Creek & Page and Pine Islands w/lunch
Nov 8	Backside of Bull Island, Bryant Creek, Barataria Island

### SOCIAL EVENTS

August ? DINNER MEETING - To Be Determined - 6:30-8:30 PM

**COURSE & SEMINAR SCHEDULE:** READ ON - FALL/WINTER SCHEDULE IS PUBLISHED LATER IN THIS NEWSLETTER.



# FROM THE COMMANDER

Peter J. Dion, SN-IN



Finally! Our first dinner meeting, since before COVID brought things to a screeching halt, was held on June 9<sup>th</sup> at Skull Creek Dockside. Larry Toomer, native shrimper and Bluffton Town Council member, was our guest speaker. Larry's speech was very interesting, informative, and entertaining. His family owns the last local shrimp factory in South Carolina and the Oyster Factory restaurant in Bluffton. You can feel truly fortunate he represents us on the Bluffton Town council. The night also featured the presentation of awards for 2020 accomplishments. And, what a crowd, we had over 65 attendees for the dinner meeting to the point where we had to turn people away. See photos below.

Recently, I had the pleasure of participating in the Charleston, Daufuskie, and the May River Headwaters cruises. Kudos to Bob Newbert and Hal Wilson (Charleston), Paul Hoyte and Nancy Stermer (Daufuskie), and Christine Dattilo (May River Headwaters) for putting these cruises together for us...it's no simple or easy task. Your work on these opportunities for us is greatly appreciated.

Speaking of opportunities, we have several of them highlighted in Education Officer Tom Ryley's article below. I **highly suggest** if you have not taken any of the Boat Handling seminars (or have missed some of them) that you sign up for them. They are excellent two-hour seminars on important topics you need to know to become a more knowledgeable, skilled, and safe boater.

Also, in the fall we are offering **Marine Navigation**, which will be followed up in the future by **Advanced Marine Navigation, Offshore Navigation, and Celestial Navigation**. These courses will take your navigational knowledge to the next level and beyond! Go to [usps.org](https://usps.org) and click on Departments>Education>Curriculum>Advanced Courses to get a detailed description of each of the courses.

Sometimes during the year members go on **extended cruises** to far-away places. When those member trips come up, I'll post them here. Here's one to start...

**Off to Maine:** Executive Officer Chris Brigham a few days ago started his journey to Portland, Maine aboard his sailboat "Applewine" with fellow member Wayne Mitchell. He told me his trip will take him 50-75 miles out in the ocean. I'm sure the **Cruising and Cruise Planning course** and all the **Boat Handling seminars** he took recently are coming in handy! Where is he now? I have no idea. All I can say is, he's somewhere between here and Maine! I'm sure he'll have some interesting stories to tell us about his journey when he comes back in September!

We have some interesting and fun Social and Magellan cruises coming up. I hope you can take advantage of them.

See you on the water...Peter Dion



**Guest speaker Larry Toomer on June 9<sup>th</sup>**



**PC Mark Larson accepting the past Commander Burgee from Commander Pete Dion**



**Tom Ryley receives the Wolf-Ewing Award. Enclosed in the award is an antique sextant. "Am I supposed to use this?"**

**Tom Ryley is awarded the Educational Leadership Award, Congratulations!**



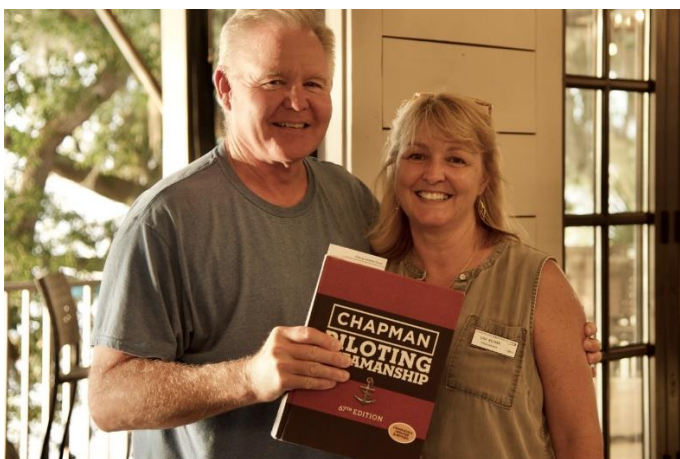




**Joe Dattilo says, "I can't believe they gave that to him!" Tom Ryley with the Educational Leadership Award trophy.**



**Paul Hoyte receives the Distinctive Communicator Award for the website.**



**"Lucky Tray" winner Don Becker & wife Lisa**



**Commander Dion presented Klaus Loehr the HH burgee for his instructional leadership.**



**Glenn Crews receives an award for his work in tracking and increasing membership.**

**Below: Debbie Dion receives the Distinctive Communicator Award for the**



# Historic Charleston Cruise via ICW

Debbie Dion, Editor



*On June 10<sup>th</sup> we were off to Charleston, SC for America's Boating Club Hilton Head's first overnight of 2021.* We boated up the Intracoastal Waterway, which was a leisurely, 4-hour cruise to America's most charming city that took us through the heart of the ACE Basin deemed "One of the Last Great Places" by the Nature Conservancy. As shown below, it is a gorgeous cruise through 350,000 acres of unspoiled Lowcountry beauty.



Making the trip by boat aboard "My Girl" were Captain Hal Wilson and crew members Jim Walters, Bob and Mary Jane Newbert, and PC Barb Sommers.

Traveling aboard "C Worthy too" (no picture) were Captain Art LaPoint with wife Cathy. Dave and Joanne Medvedeff were their crew.





New members John and Diana Hooker (below) braved the water in "Money Doc" and weren't far behind the lead boat.



The Lady D<sup>II</sup> (pictured above) was crewed by First Mate Debbie Dion, Rick and Nancy Ford, Larry and Dosha Mittelman with Captain Pete Dion at the helm



This is a picture of Joe and Chris Dattilo's boat "Niblick." This was not taken on the cruise, but I did not want to forget about their vessel that made the trip to Charleston also.



June 10....sailing NE ready to come about and point to Charleston.

And the largest boat in the fleet was a Hylas 54' sailboat named "Beke Deru." Captain Jim Dixon and First Mate Kris Dixon departed the night before to meet us at the MEGA DOCK [Safe Harbor Charleston City Marina] when the other ABCHH boats arrived on Thursday afternoon. They brought their two Hungarian bird dogs along - Beke Deru and Kutya.





We mustn't forget our members who opted to drive to Charleston to share in the fun. Jim and Kathy McQuade took to the asphalt as did Russ Collins and Susan Boggs. Russ and Susan arrived in time for Dock Tails on Thursday aboard the Lady D<sup>II</sup>, and the McQuade's joined the group for dinner Thursday night at the Marina Variety Store Restaurant.



Seated left to right is Susan Boggs, Debbie Dion, Joanne Medvedeff and Cathy LaPoint. Rick Ford is seated. Standing with his hand out is Larry Mittelman and next to him is Art LaPoint.



(L - R) Joe & Chris Dattilo, Diana Hooker, Dave Medvedeff



**Facing us left to right: Diana Hooker, John Hooker, Dave Medvedeff**

**Backs to us left to right:  
Chris Dattilo and Joe Dattilo**



**Standing aboard "My Girl" is Bob Newbert. Seated is Mary Jane Newbert with Hal Wilson.**



**Bob Newbert at the helm of "My Girl."**



**Mary Jane Newbert and Hal Wilson on "My Girl."**





Where is the pot of gold?

**Kris Dixon at the end of the rainbow.**



**Pat Sommers, Barb Sommers, Jim Walters enjoying Happy Hour aboard "My Girl."**



**Kris' first ocean sunrise from a sailboat.**

Friday was a free day for everyone to enjoy a historic horse and carriage ride, a city walking tour, Fort Sumter tour, visit antebellum plantations, go to Patriots Point Naval and Maritime Museum, visit The Market, or stroll through the wonderful restaurants and cafes that Charleston has to offer. We fully intended to have Dock Tails again on Friday, but late in the afternoon the skies opened and changed everyone's plans. People scattered for shelter, and I personally had a great time at Henry's on The Market with my crew. Dinner reservations were made at the Fleet Landing Restaurant, which overlooks the Cruise Fleet Harbor. Other members who had reciprocity at the Charleston Yacht Club opted to have dinner there. In fact, we ran into an officer of the CYC, and she just happened to be a niece of Mary Jane and Bob Newbert. And quite coincidentally, we had met Becky prior to COVID when the Dion's and Newbert's took the Lady D<sup>II</sup> to Charleston for an overnight. Below is a picture of Becky with Aunt Mary Jane.



Mary Jane Newbert with her niece Becky.

Thursday night's dinner was a lot of fun. Pictured left to right is Dianna Hooker, Nancy Ford, MJ Newbert, and Debbie Dion.



Pictured below for the ride back to HHI are Dosha Mittelman (left) and Nancy Ford aboard the Lady D<sup>II</sup>.



We departed Friday morning June 10 at 9AM and traveled 89 statute miles back to our respective harbors. I'd like to thank Hal Wilson & Bob Newbert for organizing this great event. JOB WELL DONE.

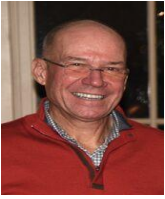
Our next three-day cruise will be in October to Jekyll Island.

Thank you to all members who made this first overnight cruise a HUGE success. Let's do it again in October!!!

Photos provided by Pete & Debbie Dion, Rick Ford, Bob Newbert and Jim Dixon.



# FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT



Tom Ryley, P-IN  
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Asst. Education Officer

**SEPTEMBER Thursday, 23,30 + OCTOBER Thursday 7,14,21,28**

**Marine Navigation - HHI Senior Center, 6:30 PM**

The Piloting course is only available to members of America's Boating Club Hilton Head. The course will take place over 6 consecutive Thursdays (9/23, 9/30, 10/7, 10/14, 10/21 and 10/28) and will conclude with a written exam.

This is the first course in the sequence of USPS courses on navigation, covering the basics of coastal and inland navigation. The course focuses on navigation as it is done on recreational boats today and embraces GPS as a primary navigation tool while covering enough of traditional techniques so the student will be able to find his/her way even if their GPS fails.

**OCTOBER Saturday, 16**

**America's Boating Course - Location: TBD, 8:00 AM**

America's Boating Course is America's Boating Club Hilton Head's primary civic effort toward public instruction in the fundamentals of safe boating. This 8-hour course is designed to familiarize you with the fundamentals of safe boating and will qualify you for the SC Department of Natural Resources Boater Education Certificate. This class covers all the basics needed to operate a boat safely.

**OCTOBER Monday, 18**

**Boat Handling Course - HHI Senior Ctr, 6:30 PM**

The Boat Handling seminar series will begin on October 18th. This course has been specifically designed to follow the **America's Boating Course**, and to be the next course especially for ABC graduates who have joined Americas Boating Club of Hilton Head.

**Boat Handling** packages together six two-hours seminars: **Rules of the Road** (10/18), **Confidence in Docking** (10/25), **Boating with Confidence** (11/1), **Emergencies on Board** (11/8), **Anchoring with Assurance** (11/15), and **Knots & Lines** (11/22). Registering for the Boat Handling course provides access to all six seminars for the reduced rate of \$108 (individual seminars will cost \$30 each). Please note that if you register for this series, you will still need to register for each individual seminar, but for no additional fee.

Boat Handling is a prerequisite for those seeking the BOC (Boat Operator Certification) designation. Boat Handling is the replacement for the previous course called Seamanship.

### **OCTOBER Monday, 18**

**Rules of the Road (Boat Handling #1)** - HHI Senior Center, 6:30 PM

Mastering the Rules of the Road is offered as a seminar and as part of the Boat Handling course.

This seminar simplifies the sometimes-complex U.S. Inland Rules and International Rules, or COLREGS, for the recreational boater.

### **OCTOBER Saturday, 23**

**America's Boating Course (potential 2<sup>nd</sup> offering)** Location: TBD, 8:00 AM

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### **OCTOBER Monday, 25**

**Confidence in Docking and Undocking (BH #2)** - HHI Senior Center, 6:30 PM

Confidence in Docking and Undocking is offered as a seminar and as part of the Boat Handling course.

With the knowledge you gain in this seminar, coupled with your on-the-water practice, your confidence in docking and slow-speed maneuvering will increase and your boating will be both safer and more enjoyable.



## **NOVEMBER Monday, 01**

**Boating with Confidence (BH #3)** - HHI Senior Center, 6:30 PM

Boating with Confidence is offered as a seminar and as part of the Boat Handling course.

This seminar has been designed to acquaint you with general boat-handling situations and teach you skills to handle your boat at sea.

## **NOVEMBER Thursday, 04,11,18,25 and DECEMBER 2**

**Weather** - HHI Senior Center, 6:30 PM

The Weather course is only available to members of America's Boating Club Hilton Head. The course will take place over 5 consecutive Thursdays (11/4, 11/11, 11/18, 11/25 and 12/2) and will conclude with a written exam.

The course focuses on how weather systems form, behave, move, and interact with one another and reflects the availability of all sorts of weather reports and forecasts on the Internet.

## **NOVEMBER Monday, 08**

**Emergencies on Board (BH #4)** - HHI Senior Center, 6:30 PM

Emergencies on Board is offered as a seminar and as part of the Boat Handling course.

Learn how to adequately prepare for common emergencies and deal with them when they occur. Gain practical knowledge about accident prevention, running aground, onboard fires, getting lost, towing, and medical emergencies.

## **NOVEMBER Monday, 15**

**Anchoring with Assurance (BH #5)** - HHI Senior Center, 6:30 PM

Anchoring with Assurance is offered as a seminar and as part of the Boat Handling course.

The seminar covers useful anchoring tips and tricks and concludes by discussing how to moor and raft safely. Also included is how to use and tie the two knots most often used when anchoring: the anchor bend and the figure-eight knot.

**NOVEMBER Monday, 22**

**Knots & Line Handling (BH #6)** - HHI Senior Center, 6:30 PM

Knots & Line Handling is offered as a seminar and as part of the Boat Handling course.

Recreational boaters use line and knots to secure their boat to docks, piers, and other boats; handle rescue and repair situations; manage running rigging; anchor securely; and tow other vessels or people. This seminar has been designed to help you to select lines for your boat and know which lines and knots to use in each situation.

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**Reminder: Schedule your Vessel Safety Check by contacting ABCHH VSC Coordinator, Linda Larson at [larson419@gmail.com](mailto:larson419@gmail.com)**



# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

By: Debbie Dion, Editor



Please join me in welcoming Jeff and Irene Kaminski, who reside on Hilton Head, and arrived to the Lowcountry less than a year ago from Downingtown, Pennsylvania. Jeff and Irene have been married for fifty years. That is a wonderful achievement that I must recognize. Congratulations on your golden anniversary! Jeff and Irene are both retired. Jeff managed M & A for a large energy company, and Irene is a retired teacher. They have two children and four grandchildren. They are members of Freedom Boat Club and have many years of sailing experience. Their hobbies include golf, boating, wine tasting, and more wine tasting. Let's say they're connoisseurs. Cheers! They are interested in cruising the area by boat. Having been previous boat owners, they found it to be a lot of work. That's why they joined FBC. They have taken courses from the US Coast Guard Auxiliary, which include piloting, marine engines, marlin spike, weather, radio & telephone, and locks & dams. They joined ABCHH to make new friends, to crew on other boats, and because boating is a common hobby they both enjoy.

This is their wedding photo from Jeff. →  
They were boyfriend and girlfriend before they got married.



Ned and Alli Owens are from Lake Norman, North Carolina and Pembroke Pines, Florida. They have lived in Bluffton for five years and relocated here due to the beach, weather, golf, and outdoor activities. They are both retired. Ned previously worked in sales and marketing, and Alli was worked in financial group management. They have a Carver 37' motor yacht named "Over the Rainbow" which is docked at Skull Creek Marina. Ned has over 30 years of boating experience; he first learned in waters off the coast of Maine when he was 12 years old. Their hobbies include golf, pickleball, boating, reading, radio-controlled boats (Ned I suspect), and boat travel. We can help with boat travel because we navigate a lot of water as a club. They joined ABCHH because they felt it would be a good way to meet people and learn about the area waters. There's lots to learn and we can certainly provide the education courses and boating activities to keep them both very busy. Welcome Ned and Alli. I'll look for you at Skull Creek Marina.