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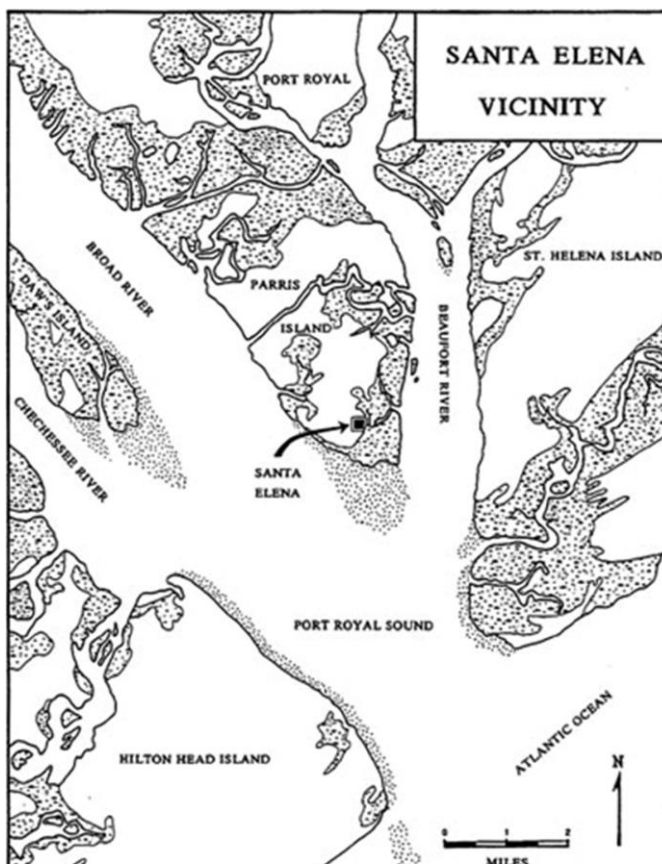
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Explore the Lowcountry like the Conquistadors of the 16th Century

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and

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invite you to save the dates

District 26 Cruise & Rendezvous
April 21-25, 2021



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FROM THE COMMANDER

Peter J. Dion, SN



The weather is warming up and it looks like we're heading for some great spring boating weather. So, if you're looking for some ideas on boating trips...and educational classes, look no further than this issue of the *Ocean Breeze!*

The complete calendars for this year's boating activities for Social Cruises and Magellan Cruises are listed below. We have day cruises, over night cruises, lunch cruises, historical/educational cruises, you name it, we have it for you! You're invited to attend as many as you like. All you have to do is either register online or call the cruise coordinator directly.

Vessel Safety Checks have begun. Under the direction of our new VSC coordinator, **Linda Larson**, the team has begun doing checks with the Freedom Boat Club vessels at both Skull Creek Marina and Palmetto Bay Marina. Contact Linda (larson419@gmail.com) for more information, or if you need to schedule a VSC.

In case you haven't heard, we are teaming up with our Beaufort Squadron boating neighbors to plan the D26 Spring Cruise and Rendezvous scheduled for April 21-25. Tentative plans are included below. I say "tentative" because at this time we're still trying to determine if there is enough interest in the activities given the COVID-19 situation. However, initial indications are that there is quite a bit of interest in people wanting to go forward with the Rendezvous. You will be notified of the final decision soon.

That's it for now. Get out and enjoy the beautiful weather... on the water!

2021 Social Cruising Calendar

Background

Last year was a record for ABCHH. We sponsored more cruises than ever before. We programmed 12 months of on-the-water activity - a club 1st. We successfully launched our first overnight to a distant port. And we introduced members to unique destinations and experiences - places our members had never been to before. Particularly noteworthy were:

Ossabaw Island

Wassaw Island Beach Party

Turnbridge Plantation

The Mini Loop

Okatie River

The Crab Shack

Oyster Harvest (and roast)

Mystery Cruise

The Year Ahead

We have another year-round cruising calendar in the works so ABCHH members can enjoy boating every month. In planning our 2021 Social Cruising Program, I set the following benchmark to keep our events fresh and exciting: Don't repeat. Avoid routine. Space key destinations 1-3 years apart. This way we avoid the "same old; same old" and create pent up demand from one year to the next.

January 14	Pop Up Mystery Cruise
February 28	Back to the Future Cruise - Port of Savannah
March 8	Happy Hour Cruise
March 21	Jazz Brunch at the Westin Hutchinson Island*
April 24	MCAS Air Show* CANCELLED
May TBD	Overnight #1 - Charleston*
May 11	New River
June 27	Fripp Island*
July 12	Day-On-The Water
July 20	Ft. McAllister
August 12	Savannah Yacht Club
September 14	Wexford Canals
October TBD	Overnight #2 - Jekyll Island*
October 13	Skidaway Island
November 6	Chelsea Plantation*
December 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.

Summary: We have a robust, fun-filled cruise schedule for 2021.

⚓ Fifteen cruises

⚓ Nine "new" first time destinations

⚓ Seven weekend cruises

⚓ Two overnights

THE MAGELLAN CRUISE

SCHEDULE FOR 2021

Season	Trip	Capt	Description	Date	High Tide	Tide Depen	Wind/Wave Depen	Lunch
SP	Bull Island	CD	A favorite trip exploring the fascinating history of Bull Island. This is a favorite quiet water shortcut from the May River to Daufuskie Island, that is challenging at low tide. Join us and learn important navigational tips and low country history ending with lunch at Daufuskie Crab Company.	April 15	11:44am	Yes	No	At Daufuskie Crab
SP	Colleton River and Daws Island	GC	Join us as we cruise by Daws Island and learn the history of archeological sites ranging from 10,000BC to AD500. Continue up the Colleton River and learn more history on how the Low Country could have been very different than the beauty we have today! Finally we will stop for lunch at the Colleton River Plantation dock before heading back.	May 20	4:21pm	No	Little in PRS	Picnic at Colleton River dock. Raft up.
SM	Circumnavigate Daufuskie	PH	Cruising around our state's southern-most sea island never grows old. This time, our cruise provides an opportunity to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Turtle Island, an important area for migrating birds and one of the last remaining undisturbed barrier island beaches in South Carolina. • Use our "seaman's eye" to locate the Calibogue channel markers to reenter the Atlantic. • Learn more about the area's colorful history, culture, & Gullah heritage. • Dock at Harbour Town Marina to enjoy lunch. 	June 15	12:22pm	Yes	Yes, Wind	Optional or Harbor Town, South Beach or Daufuskie Crab

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MAGELLAN CRUISES, GO TO OUR WEBSITE:
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SCHEDULE FOR 2021

	Trip	Capt	Description	Date	High Tide	Tide Depen	Wind/Wav Depen	Lunch
SM	May River and Headwaters	CD	Enjoy a wonderful historic cruise to Beaufort, SC. Hear about the history of Port Royal Sound and the Atlantic Bight. Continue by Parris Island and the town of Port Royal. We will dock at the Town public docks and Beaufort Marina and enjoy lunch outside on the waterfront at Plum's or Q on the Bay. Finish the cruise with an optional horse drawn carriage ride in historic Beaufort. You'll slip back into the town's elegant past as your carriage meanders under the moss-covered Live Oaks, past breathtaking Antebellum homes, historic churches, movie sites and more before cruising home!	June 29	1:49pm	No	No	Downtown for lunch – not on Thursday's (Farmers Market days are busy at Dock). The higher the tide the closer we can get to the headwaters.
SM	Town of Beaufort	GC	Enjoy a wonderful historic cruise to Beaufort, SC. Hear about the history of Port Royal Sound and the Atlantic Bight. Continue by Parris Island and the town of Port Royal. We will dock at the Town public docks and Beaufort Marina and enjoy lunch outside on the waterfront at Plum's or Q on the Bay. Finish the cruise with an optional horse drawn carriage ride in historic Beaufort. You'll slip back into the town's elegant past as your carriage meanders under the moss-covered Live Oaks, past breathtaking Antebellum homes, historic churches, movie sites and more before cruising home!	July 15	1:38pm	No	S	At the downtown waterfront park - Plums, BBQ or several other restaurants. ABC cruisers could take carriage ride.

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	Trip	Capt	Description	Date	High Tide	Tide Depen	Wind/Wav Depen	Lunch
SM	Circumnavigate Hilton Head Island	PH/GC	This cruise offers one of the most picturesque views of the island, seeing its entire stretch of beaches from a different perspective --- the Atlantic. On our clockwise route, we'll: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use our "seaman's eye" to establish Bay Point Island as a heading and later to aim for Palmetto Dunes. • Practice shallow water tactics when we round Joiner Bank and when we pass by Barrett Shoals. • See the pristine shoreline of beautiful South Beach, said to provide the island's best dolphin-watching. • Dock at Harbour Town Marina to enjoy lunch. 	Aug 26	11:42am	Yes	Yes	Optional -or- Harbour Town, South Beach at Braddock Point.
FL	Cooper River and Daufuskie - Reverse	PH	Let's circumnavigate Daufuskie Island by starting at Harbour Town, down the western side of the island, thru Fields Cut into the Savannah River and then take the Eastern route back around Daufuskie. Many sights to see along the way.	Sept 24	11:02am	No	Little at Tybee Shoals	Lunch at Marsh Side Mama's or Lucy Bells
FL	Cawley's Creek, Page and Pine Islands	CD	Shallow water, S-Turn's on plane, wild beauty! We'll take advantage of a high tide and navigate Cawley's Creek to the New River where we'll circumnavigate Page and Pine Islands. On our return we'll dock at Moreland Landing and have a picnic lunch.	Oct 26	1:30pm	Yes	No	Need to leave 90 min before high tide (a 7 ft. or greater high) and be sure to return no later than 1 hour after. Lunch at Moreland Landing (picnic or boxed lunch). May have to raft some boats.
FL	Backside of Bull Island, Bryant Creek, Barataria Island	CD	See the unexplored backside of Bull Island by entering through narrow Bryant Creek. We'll learn about oyster farming on our way. This is quiet rarely explored water that will take you back in time before the low country was discovered. Option for lunch will be offered after two pivot turns out of this beautiful back creek.	Nov 8	11:36am	Yes *	No	Lunch at either Daufuskie Crab or Harbour Town. 2 hours either side of high tide is fine. * (entering and exiting Bryan Creek)

All cruises will be dependent on weather and may/may not be rescheduled.

All cruises will contain elements of History, Navigation and Boating Tips

- **Yellow = Chris Dattilo**
- **Purple = Paul Hoyte**
- **Green = Glenn Crews**
- **Seasons = Spring - SP, Summer - SM, Fall - F**

FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT



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It has been a tough start to 2021 from a boating weather perspective, though as the northern hemisphere moves closer to the sun, improvement is surely in our near-term future! In the meantime, we have been fortunate to have our ABC Hilton Head education program well underway, with very active participation.

After our run of seminars, we are now in the midst of the Marine Electrical Systems course, which is very capably taught by Cecil Viverette. Cecil also has a great bag of electrical motors, wires, testers and the like, to provide live demonstrations of what he is teaching. Eight people are registered, a number of whom are working toward their Inland Navigator designation, which requires a successful pass of this course. Following in March will be the Engine Maintenance course, another one required for IN. It begins March 11 and will be taught by Larry Tremitiere. Since we have a limit on the size of in-person classes of ten, if you are interested please sign up as soon as you can.

Speaking of the Inland Navigator certification, the weather has played havoc with our efforts to conduct the On-the-Water exam that is part of IN. We do, however, have eight qualified candidates, and are hoping to complete this in March sometime. We have learned through this process as well, that we are short of accredited examiners for OTW certifications. We are hoping that at least several of those who complete IN will then undertake the training to become certifiers for our local area.

Also related to OTW training, the USPS has revamped its' on-the-water general training, which now goes by the new acronym HOT, for Hands-on-Training. This is not a certification, but rather several two-hour teaching sessions in members boats, which targets training skills in docking, undocking, use of navigational aids and route selection, and boat handling. It's a great opportunity to demonstrate the skills taught in our Boat Handling seminars, and we hope to roll this out as the weather gets better.

Finally, another reminder of the America's Boating Course (ABC) being held in two separate sessions on **Saturday, March 20 and 27**. This is the best possible introduction to boating in the Low Country for new boaters, as well as the number one way we have of attracting new members to ABC Hilton Head. Please actively promote it with your neighbors and acquaintances. Those passing the class exam will also receive their South Carolina Boaters Card. Signup for ABC, as well as our other courses and seminars, on our website at abchh.org.

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DISTRICT 26 NEWS

D26 Spring **Virtual** Conference March 12-13, 2021 (Details coming soon)

Agenda: Friday - Focus on 2020 Awards

Saturday: Seminars and other learning opportunities

D26 Cruise & Rendezvous April 21-25, 2021

A **tentative** activities list includes:

- Hilton Head Sunset Cruise
- Beaufort Sunset Cruise
- Beaufort Loop Cruise
- Port Royal Sound History Cruise
- Monkey Island Cruise
- Port Royal Maritime Center Cruise
- Lowcountry Oyster Roast
- And more...

A FINALIZED LIST WILL BE SENT OUT BY THE MIDDLE OF MARCH

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Please join me in welcoming Don and Lisa Becker, who joined ABCHH in January of this year. They arrived in Bluffton four years ago after a short 18-month stop in Atlanta, Georgia. Prior to that they were in Connecticut for about 30 years. Don is originally



from California and Lisa is from Massachusetts. They relocated to our area after visiting a friend who had recently moved here. They loved the area and missed the ocean so they hired a real estate the next week and the rest is history. Don worked in nuclear power with electric utilities for many years; he now works for an LED lighting manufacturer supporting utility energy efficiency programs. Lisa is an artisan who specializes in driftwood sculptures utilizing media provided by nature on

our local beaches. They aren't retired yet, but they think living here and working from home is the next best thing. I honestly have to agree with them, and I think both of their professions sound very interesting. They have two children. Their daughter Ashleigh lives in New York City. She went to school there and never left. Their son Garrett came south with Don and Lisa and is in local law enforcement. They are the proud owners of a new Stingray 204LR Bowrider which they keep at Broad Creek Marina. They are really looking forward to learning and taking advantage of all the education the Club has to offer. Don and Lisa regularly take sunrise walks on the beach with their two dogs (Skye & Nyx). Don is also a motorcycle enthusiast and makes a weeklong trip with a group of friends somewhere new in the country each year. Lisa is very creative and does a lot of crafting in addition to her art sculptures. They like to attend and participate in local art/craft fairs. They joined ABCHH to learn more about boating and to take advantage of the Club's education offerings. They also want to meet new and diverse people. Don has taken the VHF Radio seminar and is signed up for the Weather course. Don and Lisa both plan to attend the ABC Course in March.



We'd like to welcome Dr. Andrew and Debbie Buzzelli, who joined our Club back in November. They've lived on Hilton Head for twenty years. Andrew is originally from Neptune, New Jersey and Debbie is from Ramsey, New Jersey. Debbie was a longtime resident on Hilton Head and it became their home. Andrew is a Dean at Lincoln Memorial University in the College of Optometric Medicine. Prior to her retirement, Debbie was a physical education teacher for 28 years at the Eric Smith Middle School in Ramsey, New Jersey. She also worked as a concierge at the Marriott Palmetto Dunes Hotel on Hilton Head Island. Debbie and Andrew have four children and three grandchildren. They are currently members of Freedom



Boat Club and boated in the northeast for over forty years on a power cruiser. They earned their boating certification certificate. Some of their hobbies include cycling, cooking and cross fit. They also enjoy walking, gardening, and cruising. They joined ABCHH to learn about local navigation; they also look forward to cruising and socializing with our members. Keep an eye out for them at future boating events.



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These new members are celebrating something because I see a bottle of bubbly. Please meet David and Joanne Medvedeff. They've resided on Hilton Head for the last four years. Previously they lived in Rochester, New York and then Midland, Michigan. They relocated to our area to enjoy the warmer climate and maintain an active lifestyle. David was a former IBM executive where he managed large customers' IT infrastructure; he is currently retired. Joanne is currently a yoga instructor; prior to that she taught Radiologic Technology (X-Ray) students. They have a Pioneer 222 Sportfish center console which is moored at Long Cove Marina. David and Joanne have over 40 years of fresh water boating experience in the Great Lakes and on the inland lakes. Besides boating, their hobbies include golf, cooking, and pickleball. They also enjoy travel and healthy living. By joining America's Boating Club Hilton Head, David and Joanne hope to meet other boaters and want to participate in education opportunities that we offer. They also want to become much more familiar with the area waterways. The Medvedeff's came to the right place, and I know our Club can check all of their boxes - meeting fellow boaters, providing education opportunities, and familiarizing them with our local waterways. This editor knows only too well that we didn't have tides in the Great Lakes the way we have tides in the Low Country. I'm a Michigan Girl.