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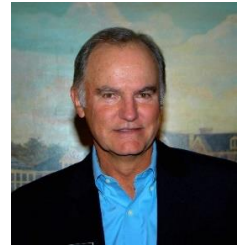
As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, America's Boating Club Hilton Head has suspended all boating activities, courses, seminars, dinner meetings, and the Jump Start program until further notice. The Ex Comm meeting on April 1st will be conducted at 4:30 PM electronically.



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FROM THE COMMANDER

Peter J. Dion, SN



Things sure can change in a hurry! First, let me say during the Covid-19 pandemic, I hope this newsletter finds you healthy and safe. As you can imagine, we have cancelled our boating activities considering our Governor's orders. We will send out up-to-date notices of upcoming activities as soon as the Governor's orders are lifted. Also, I encourage every boater to practice social distancing while boating...especially on sandbars in our area.

In view of the ongoing situation with the Coronavirus, D26's Council has made the decision to **cancel** the **2020 D26 Cruise & Rendezvous** and delay the Awards Presentations until the Fall Conference and Change of Watch. The cruise and rendezvous were to have taken place in North Strand, SC May 1-3.

The last activity we had was the "Pop-Up" Mystery Cruise. The members participating in the event had quite a lot of fun during the cruise and at our final destination (read article below).

Congratulations to Tom Ryley, Chris Brigham, and Wayne Mitchell for recently completing the **Instructor Development** course. Instructor: Joe Etter

I'd like to introduce you to our latest new members: **Dan Dickey, Larry Landis, Carla Gaff-Clark, and Peter and Donna Lupoli**. Welcome to our boating club! We are anxious to meet you at some of our activities. See you soon.

Within the next week you will be receiving our yearly ABCHH Membership and Fleet Roster. It has a wealth of information about our club and contact information on each member. On the inside back cover is a place for notes. Please copy and paste these members whose names were inadvertently left off the roster:

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I mentioned in our last *Ocean Breeze* we are one of 14 squadrons in District 26 of the United States Power Squadron. Our district also has a newsletter entitled *026* True*. Click this link on the website: [https:// www.usps.org/localusps/d26/index.htm](https://www.usps.org/localusps/d26/index.htm) They have a section entitled "News You Can Use" that may be of interest to you. The website also shows the location of all the squadrons. Check it out.

Member Barb Sommers recently sent me this article about a **Hazard to Navigation** located at the south end of Hilton Head Island. All boaters should be aware of the shipwrecks in this area to avoid danger to their boats. Read the article to understand more about this important hazard: <https://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/newscolumns-blogs/untamed-lowcountry/article239683278.html>

Did You Know? Occasionally, in this section, I will insert information about different elements of our squadron or the USPS that may be of interest to you. You may or may not be aware of these particular topics. So, in my first "Did You Know" section I highlight **Port Captains**.

What is a Port Captain? A Port Captain is a member of the United States Power Squadrons®, who stands ready to provide advice and assistance to questions about safe boating and general issues regarding specific waterways. The Port Captain can recommend service providers for boats such as mechanics, sail repairs, medical products or assistance, local restaurants, lodging, and shopping. Port Captains are eager to share their knowledge of local waters, unmarked hazards to safe navigation and to make inquirers feel they are welcome and have found a friend.

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MYSTERY "POP UP" CRUISE

Authored by Debbie Dion

On a warm Saturday in March - the 14th to be exact - four boats met at Calibogue Sound "R2" for a 'mystery' cruise with Bob Newbert leading the pack. As we zigged and zagged through several turns and stirred up some dirt in the shallow water, I thought about how many people were still experiencing the tail end of winter. The northern tier of the USA was still chilly with below average temperatures in the Northern Plains and upper Midwest where it no doubt felt more like winter than spring. And here were Bob Newbert in Leah, Mike Peck aboard J Bear, Chris and Joe Dattilo on Niblick with crew Jim and Mary Murphy, and Tom Ryley captaining Kandalore with his passengers - Pete and Debbie Dion - cruising on the May River...to Cauley's Creek...to unnamed cuts and oxbows...to Cooper River...to unnamed creek...to New River...to Ramshorn Creek...to Beaufort County Boat Landing with lots of sunshine and a temperature of 75 degrees.

This was the first time I'd been on a Glacier Bay, and I was thoroughly enjoying my ride aboard 'Kandalore' with Tom Ryley at the helm. I was afraid we'd be pounding the water, but this World Cat monohulled boat was smooth and stable. I asked Tom about the name of the boat, and he told me that "Kandalore" was a summer camp he attended as a kid in Canada. It's still operational in Algonquin Highlands, Ontario, Canada.



Mike Peck aboard J Bear



Jim Murphy driving Datillo's boat Niblick



Bob Newbert leading the pack in Leah



Tom Ryley washes windows: he trusts Pete Dion to drive.



We walked [back in time] to "The Land That Time Forgot." (Bob Newbert's quote)



Hmmmm...is this a 'sign' to our destination?



Lucy Bell's is serving lunch.



We went inside to order and had lunch outdoors.



It appears we have a sandwich challenge going on between (L) Bob Newbert with an Oyster Po' Boy and Commander Pete Dion (R) eating a pimento cheeseburger.





Tom Ryley polishes off some jambalaya.



The after-lunch mystery walk...



Chris & Joe Datillo made a new friend along the way. We didn't bring any treats with us though. Next time.



L-R: Debbie Dion, Jim Murphy, Chris Datillo, Mary Murphy, Bob Newbert, Tom Ryley, Joe Datillo, and Mick Peck. Pete Dion was the photographer.



Tom Ryley points to the sign and Commander Dion.



Note the "honor system" payment plan above the door at the Iron Fish.



A collection of handmade art at the Iron Fish



Steel Bone Fish sculptures \$1,650 - \$4,250



Rainbow Trout by Chase Allen, award winning coastal artist & sculptor.



Debbie Dion admires a blue crab. Chris Datillo asked Debbie if she had a wall that big. Debbie said "yes." The real answer is "NO" so it's still for sale.



Juvenile Bluespine Unicornfish. If you're ever at the home of Chris & Joe Datillo, check the walls. They admired these!



These handcrafted coastal sculptures by self-taught artisan Chase Allen have been featured in Coastal Living, Southern Living, Martha Stewart Living, Charleston, Charleston Home, US Airways, The South, The Bluff, Atlanta Journal Constitution, and Hilton Head Monthly just to name a few. The sculptures are made from sheet steel. Get more information about the artist and how his business unfolded by going to his website: ironfish.com

L-R: Debbie Dion, Mike Peck, Tom Ryley, Joe Datillo, Chris Datillo, and Pete Dion.



Bob Newbert front and center. Middle row left is Joe Datillo and Pete Dion. Back row left is Tom Ryley, Chris Datillo, Debbie Dion and Mike Peck.

NOTE: Tom Ryley purchased a sea turtle using the "honor system" and will be contacted by the owner to pay for it.



L-R: Education Officer Tom Ryley with his sea turtle; Commander Pete Dion; Secretary Christine Datillo

Photos were provided by Pete Dion, Bob Newbert, Chris Datillo and Debbie Dion. Thank you everyone for your submissions.