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EVENTS CALENDER

January

14,17,21,24,28,31 Weather

19 Marine Radar Seminar (9:00 am Senior Center)

21 Executive Committee Mtg (6:30 pm Senior Center)

February

4,7,11,14 Weather

9 Using VHF & VHF/DSC Marine Radio (9:00 am Senior Ctr)

12 Monthly Dinner @ Alexander's Restaurant & Wine Bar,
6:30 pm, 76 Queens Folly Road, Hilton Head Island

18 Executive Committee Mtg (6:30 pm Senior Center)

23 Partner in Command (9:00 am Senior Center)

March

4,7,11,14,18,21,25,28 Cruise & Cruise Planning

12 Monthly Dinner @ Poseidon Coastal Cuisine, 6:30 pm
38 Shelter Cove Lane, Hilton Head Island

18 Executive Committee Mtg (6:30 pm Senior Center)

30 Tides and Currents (9:00 am Senior Center)



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MERIT MARKS 2017-2018 WATCH YEAR

Commander Mark Larson



Please join me in congratulating the following members who earned US Power Squadron Merit Marks for the 2017-2018 Watch Year. Merit Marks are a way for us to recognize members who have contributed substantial personal time, at least 20 hours, and effort in furthering the interest, programs and objectives of the Squadron. When you have the chance, please thank them personally for their contributions. We are always looking for members to help in the squadron, please consider volunteering so a few don't have to do the work for the many.

NAME	ACTIVITY	TOTAL HOURS
Peter Dion EDUCATION OFFICER	Peter attended 6 EXCOMM meetings including preparing and publishing 8 Education reports. He was an Instructor for the following courses - ABC course, Junior Navigation, Navigation and Mastering Rules of the Road	95
Debbie Dion SECRETARY	Debbi attended 7 EXCOMM meeting, prepared and published EXCOMM meeting Minutes, prepared and published monthly Secretary report to EXCOMM. Prepared and published Ocean Breeze newsletters; assisted the Squadron 30th Anniversary committee; Squadron representative at area boat show and follow up communication liaison. For the Education department she assisted at 2 ABC classes and 1 Rules of the Road seminar set-up and test scoring, she also handled all advertising in area newspapers and social media. Assisted in squadron communications including letter to members, preparation of Squadron Membership and Fleet Roster, new member questionnaires preparation and results publication.	187
Craig Christiansen TREASURER	Chip attended 4 EXCOMM meetings; maintained all financial records including prepare monthly financial reports. reconciliation and closing of Squadron financial books for 2017 year, recording deposits and writing checks, prepare and submit filing with SC Secretary of State and tax filings.	116
Paul Hoyte TECHNOLOGY AND EVENTS CHAIR	Paul provides our website support; was the Chairman of Squadron 30th Anniversary planning committee; planned and coordinated dinner meetings; attended 5 EXCOMM meetings.	123
Glenn Crews MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR	Glenn attended 5 EXCOMM meetings, prepared monthly new member communications, planning/communications/follow-up on new member mentoring assignments, member of Squadron 30th Anniversary planning committee.	56
Bob Newbert MEMBER-AT-LARGE	Bob attended 8 EXCOMM meeting, planned and led Boys & Girls Club "Day On The Water" event our committee outreach program, created cruise brochure, member of Squadron 30th Anniversary committee, Member Retention Committee member, researched and developed list of potential speakers for dinner meetings.	101
Randy Royen MEMBER-AT-LARGE	Randy attended 8 EXCOMM meeting as a Member-At-Large representative, acted as Squadron Ship's Store coordinator.	30
Mark Dryden MEMBER-AT-LARGE	Mark attended 6 EXCOMM meetings as Member-At-Large representative (12), was an instructor for 2 ABC courses, performs Squadron website maintenance manager.	22

Larry Tremiere PAST COMMANDER	Larry was the Squadron Vessel Safety Check Chairman, personally conducting 49 VSC inspections, plus coordinating instructor training and deployment; he was an instructor for 2 ABC courses, classroom and on-the-water, instructor for Engine Maintenance; member of the Squadron Audit Committee.	91
Al Pepe INSTRUCTOR	Al was an instructor for the following courses – ABC, Junior Navigation and Navigation.	60
Mike Gilroy MAGELLAN SOCIETY CHAIR	Mike coordinated and led 8 cruises for our Magellan Society boating events, assisting our members in learning local waters and safe boating practices specific to our area.	56
Klaus Loehr INSTRUCTOR	Klaus was an instructor for the following courses – Seamanship, ABC, Piloting, Anchoring and ABC On-The-Water	42
Terry Baehr	Terry conducted 21 Vessel Safety Check inspections.	21
Linda Larson	Linda conducted 14 Vessel Safety Check inspections, assisted with ABC course	20
Joe Etter PAST COMMANDER	Joe attended 1 EXCOMM meeting, instructor for Instructor Re-certification course, instructor for Operations Training, Chairman of Member Retention Committee (12), member of Squadron 30th Anniversary Committee.	36
Mick Holroyde PAST COMMANDER	Mick attended 8 EXCOMM meetings, assisted in planning for 2 dinner meetings, member of the Nominating Committee; Squadron representative at area boat show.	28
Barbara Sommers PAST COMMANDER and BOATING ACTIVITIES CHAIR	Barb planned and lead 8 cruises; attended 2 EXCOMM meetings; updated and produced 2018 Squadron Membership and Fleet Roster; Squadron representative at area boat show.	138

The following members also volunteered this past year but did not have the required 20 hours to earn a Merit Mark. Their contributions are greatly appreciated.

Hal Wilson MEMBER AT LARGE	Attended 3 EXCOMM meetings, instructor Partner In Command seminar.	16
Barry Moore	Instructor for Tides and Currents and Seamanship	16
Cecil Viverette	Conducted 9 Vessel Safety Check inspections	9
Bob Golden	Conducted 6 Vessel Safety Check inspections	6
Walter Kirk EXECUTIVE OFFICER	Attended 2 EXCOMM meetings. Instructor for Engine Maintenance	6
Robert McKenzie	Conducted 5 Vessel Safety Check inspections	5
Link Powell	Instructor for ABC Course	5
Norm Shotz	Instructor for Hurricane Preparation for Boaters	5
David Hamm	Instructor for ABC	5
Steve Rahn	Instructor for Emergencies On Board	5
Tom Ryley	Assisted at 2 ABC courses	4

Education Calendar

Courses 2019



Peter J. Dion
Education Officer

Cruising and Cruise Planning

March 4, 7, 11, 14, 18, 21, 25, and 28

America's Boating Course (ABC)

March 16, 23

October 19, 26

Seamanship

May 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, and 23

November 4, 7, 11, 14, 18, and 21

Advanced Piloting

May 30, June 3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27, and July 1

Weather

January 14, 17, 21, 24, 28, 31, Feb 4, 7, 11, and 14

Radar for Boaters *(New Course)*

April 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, 29, and May 2

Instructor Development

TBD

Electronic Navigation (ME 103)

October 3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24, and 28

Courses scheduled as needed:

Piloting

Junior Navigation

Navigation

Sail

Engine Maintenance

Marine Electrical Systems (ME 101)

Marine Communication Systems (ME102)

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America's Boating Club of Hilton Head

Education Calendar

Seminars 2019

JANUARY

19 Marine Radar (9:00am Senior Center)

FEBRUARY

9 Using VHF & VHF/DSC Marine Radio (9:00am Senior Center)

23 Partner In Command (9:00am Senior Center)

MARCH

30 Tides and Currents (9:00am Senior Center)

APRIL

13 How to Use a Chart (New and Revised!) (9:00am Senior Center)

27 Basic Coastal Navigation (9:00am Senior Center)

MAY

4 Boat Handling Under Power (OTW, 9:00am, Skull Creek Marina)

18 Mastering Rules of the Road (9:00am Senior Center)

JUNE

8 Using GPS (9:00am Boathouse Showroom)

22 Emergencies on Board (9:00am Senior Center)

JULY (No Seminars)

AUGUST

10 Hurricane Preparation for Boaters (9:00am Senior Center)

SEPTEMBER

21 Anchoring (9:00am Senior Center)

OCTOBER

12 Basic Weather and Forecasting (9:00am Senior Center)

NOVEMBER

9 TBD (9:00am Senior Center)

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America's Boating Club of Hilton Head

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST ABCHH MEMBERS



Meet Chris and Cathy Brigham. They reside on Hilton Head (three years) and moved here to be closer to family. They're originally from Maine but most recently from Hawaii. Chris is a physician who writes, speaks and consults. Decades ago he wrote medical articles for *Sail*, *Cruising World* and *Practical Sailing*. Cathy is a retired registered nurse and currently volunteers at Volunteers in Medicine. We know who to call in case of an emergency while boating!!! Chris and Cathy have three daughters and four grandchildren. Chris enjoys biking, sailing, kayaking and travel. Cathy enjoys sailing, tennis and crafts. Chris took ABC in October and they joined our club as a result. They hope to connect with the local boating community and enhance their boating skills while making new friends; Chris would like to get his captain's license. Pictured below is their 34' sailboat named Applewine, which is currently up in Maine. They hope to sail it down to Hilton Head next fall, although Chris is thinking about getting a trawler. He has over fifty years of boating experience.



John Eddy (pictured right) has been a resident of Hilton Head for eleven years. He is from Denver, Colorado and is a member of Freedom Boat Club. He admits he doesn't have much boating experience, but he joined our club to gain more experience in boating and to meet new friends. John currently works for Segway Tour Guide, but he has previous work experience in education, event management and sales. His hobbies include traveling, reading, and volunteer work. John has two daughters aged 34 and 30 respectively. He wants to become a better boater and hopes to meet new friends as a member of ABCHH.



Mark and Nancy Hente attended the recent holiday dinner at Indigo Run where they were introduced as new members. They reside on Hilton Head and moved here from Columbus, Ohio. They have two children and one grandson. Mark is currently a part-time consultant and Nancy is retired at the moment. Previously, Mark was a corporate pilot and Nancy was a realtor. Their boating experience has been with ski boats and sail boats on inland lakes. Mark and Nancy both enjoy boating, biking, hiking, travel, and outdoor activities. His interests are golf, painting, drawing, woodworking and reading. Nancy interests are yoga, exercise, reading and crafting. They would eventually like to become members of Freedom Boat Club and joined our club to meet people that like to boat and to learn more about boating in the Low Country.



Please meet Brad and Amy Loescher who vacationed here for the last 15 years and currently live on Hilton Head. Brad is originally from Wisconsin, but



spent the last 20 years in the Philadelphia area. He is retired and ran a marketing department for an insurance company. He is new to boating and joined Freedom Boat Club in June '18. His hobbies are swimming, running, and gardening.

He's looking forward to learning the game of golf and wants to fish. He joined our club to increase his boating knowledge and skills and to meet other boaters. He took our recent ABC course in October and looks forward to taking more courses and seminars. He and Amy also hope to go boating with other members.

Michael Peck has a second home in Sea Pines on Hilton Head Island for 16 years. He is from Erie, Pennsylvania and has two children and seven grandchildren. Michael has a Boston Whaler that he's owned for years and keeps at South Beach. He works a great deal, but he does take time to play golf while maintaining his farm in Pennsylvania. Michael wants to get proficient in small boat handling and navigation. He wants to get a better skill set on operating a small boat down here where our tides and currents can be challenging for any boater. Michael looks forward to spending time here between mid-January and mid-April 2019.



Although we don't have a photograph of Timothy and Rose Rivers, we want to welcome them as new members. They are retired and reside on Daufuskie Island. They've been here six years and are from Basking Ridge, New Jersey. Tim was an insurance broker and underwriter. They have two children and four grandchildren. Tim and Rose are members of Freedom Boat Club and have limited boating experience. They enjoy traveling, golf and reading. Tim enjoys history and investing. They joined our club to improve their boating skills and to meet new people from Hilton Head and Bluffton. If you're ever heading to Daufuskie Island, reach out to them and have lunch together at the Daufuskie Crab Company. It's a great lunch destination.



Please join me in welcoming Tom and Debbie Tremain. Originally from St. Louis, Missouri, the Tremain's moved from Wichita, Kansas and have lived on Hilton Head for three years. Tom and Debbie relocated due to his employment with Gulf Stream where he is an engineer. Debbie is a speech-language pathologist. The Tremain's have a 25' Morgan Sunfish named "Legacy" which is docked at Windmill Harbour. Debbie began sailing at age three and Tom has been sailing since 1985. They've sailed on rivers, lakes, and seas as well as chartered. They're combined hobbies include traveling, gardening, reading and biking. Debbie's parents were very

involved with the United States Power Squadron. She and Tom have been familiar with the organization since the 70's and were cyber members prior to joining our club because they haven't had a local chapter until now. They joined ABCHH to be part of a like-minded community, to meet new people, and to have access to our resources from an educational standpoint. We look forward to their future participation in club events.



As the editor of the '*Ocean Breeze*' I would like to thank my readership for taking the time read all of the monthly news that we send to you. I would also like to wish all of our members a very happy holiday and joyous new year. It continues to be a pleasure to serve you as your editor.

Debbie Dion

Tech News.....from Webmaster Paul Hoyte



It's been a year since our website was redesigned and published. The new site www.abchh.org (short for www.americasboatingclubofhiltonhead.org) has several features that support the operations of our club.



Starting with the opening page that gives a bird's eye view of the different services that we offer, the site offers you as members the ability to perform several tasks in an easy and productive way. No more having to read thru reams of information to get to the data that you need.

Here is a brief synopsis of what you will find on the new site:

- Immediate information on our upcoming events
- A quick view of the various services and activities as offered by the club
- A review of our team and the positions they hold
- A complete list of our education schedule - Courses and Seminars
- Our dinner event schedule
- The Magellan Society and Social boating schedules
- Ability to learn about and request a Vehicle Safety Check(VSC)
- Our community involvement and supporting activities
- Our monthly and annual activity schedule
- Links to boating information and publications
- Ability to sign up for membership
- A member only section where you can see our member list and review pertinent documents related to our ExComm meetings and other historical fact
- A forum where you can exchange ideas with your fellow members
- The ability to directly contact the responsible person for your area of interest
- And much more.....



From our site you are also able to register for all events (dinner, social boating, all courses and seminars, etc.). Take a minute and check it out and provide your feedback. This year we will be improving the site even more by offering a mobile version which will allow you access by cell phone, tablets, etc.

Finally we have been reviewed and have qualified for consideration for the Distinguished Communicators Award which will be awarded at our spring conference to be held in Myrtle Beach, March 8, 9, and 10, 2019. A big thank you to the team(find out who on the site) that helped in developing the final product.

Happy Surfing.....



ABCHH CELEBRATES THE SEASON WITH THE SHORE NOTES AT OUR ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER

For the second year in a row members and guests enjoyed listening to holiday tunes performed by an ensemble from the Shore Notes. It was a very festive evening minus the snow.



As is our annual custom - to support those who are need - we supported Bluffton Self Help this year. Kimberly Hall, the Executive Director of Bluffton Self Help, was an honored guest. She outlined what the organization does and how many families they support throughout the year in Beaufort County. Bluffton Self Help got its start back in 1987 by Bluffton resident Ida Martin. Mrs. Martin realized a great need that was not being met in our area for working families and senior citizens. The organization was chartered in October of 1988 and over the last year had over 34,000 touch points in and around our community. Pictured below from left to right are Paul Hoyte, Kimberly Hall (Executive Director of Bluffton Self Help), and Commander Mark Larson.



The Christmas Toy Shop at Bluffton Self Help opened its doors to support local families in need. Families have five shopping days to select from a huge array of books, toys, and bicycles in order to provide for their children. The generosity displayed to stock this store is literally amazing as shown in the three photographs below. Thanks to all who brought their donations and gave money at our annual holiday dinner on December 11th at Indigo Run.





Commander Larson presented raffle winner Don Lesuer with a gift basket from Harry and David.

Commander Larson (center) is pictured with two of his newest Executive Committee members. On left is Tom Riley; Tom is our Assistant Education Officer. On the right is Wayne Mitchell who is a Member-at-Large. We'd also like to welcome Dave Frederick who is our Assistant Treasurer.



Left to right: Paul Hoyte, Kim Duford, Allen Miller, and Kimberly Hall. Mr. Miller gave Ms. Hall a monetary donation to Bluffton Self Help after hearing about what they do for our community.