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EVENTS CALENDAR

OCTOBER

25,29,Nov 1 - Piloting, 6:30 p.m., HHI Senior Ctr
27 America's Boating Course (ABC) 8:30-1:00, Hilton Head
Boathouse Showroom ~ 1498 Fording Island Road, Bluffton, SC

NOVEMBER

1 Piloting, 6:30 p.m., HHI Senior Center
8 Change of Watch dinner/Skull Creek Dockside, 6:30 p.m.
5,8,12,15,19 Seamanship, 6:30 p.m., HHI Senior Center
10 Using GPS Seminar, 8:30-11:30 am, Location TBD
19 Ex Comm Meeting - 2019 Calendar, 6:30 p.m., HHI Senior Ctr

DECEMBER

1 How to Use a Chart Seminar, 9:00 a.m., HHI Senior Center
11 Holiday Dinner Meeting w/Shore Notes, 6:30 p.m., Indigo Run

We invite you to join us for dinner at the Skull Creek Dockside Restaurant on Thursday, November 8, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. We will be using this opportunity to acknowledge the 2019 leadership team and recognize those volunteers who have contributed their time and energy in planning and executing the various training, boating, and social activities during the past year. This event will be casual - no uniforms, jackets, etc. We hope you will attend this event in a beautiful waterfront setting where we will swear in those members who have been elected to fill next year's Bridge and Member-at-Large positions.



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2nd Annual Oyster Roast



PC Barb Sommers

We had a beautiful day for our 2nd Annual Oyster Roast on October 15th. We had nine boats with 46 participants. The boats cruised out of Skull Creek, up the Chechessee and into Colleton River. Captain Bob Newbert provided history of the area including how local residents successfully lobbied to prevent BASF from building a massive plant Where Colleton River Club now stands. We are all blessed that they were successful and presented the Lowcountry. The flotilla continued up the Colleton River, past Spring Island and Callawassie Island to the Okatie River. On the Okatie we cruised by Oldfield and down past Berkeley Hall to the end of the navigable part of the river. This was a new run for a number of Captains, who mentioned what a beautiful cruised it turned out to be.

Cruising back down the Colleton River the boats docked at the Colleton River community dock for the Oyster Roast. They were treated to an "all you could eat" local oyster roast - prepared on site by Sea Eagle Market. They also served us roasted chicken, red rice, salad and a course of hush puppies. There was a lot of very satisfied members enjoying some of the first oysters of the year.

If you missed this year, don't worry. We are already planning for our 3rd Annual Oyster Roast next fall, tentatively scheduled for St. Helena.

A special thank you to Captain Bob Newbert for leading the cruise and providing all the great the history of the area and his stories.

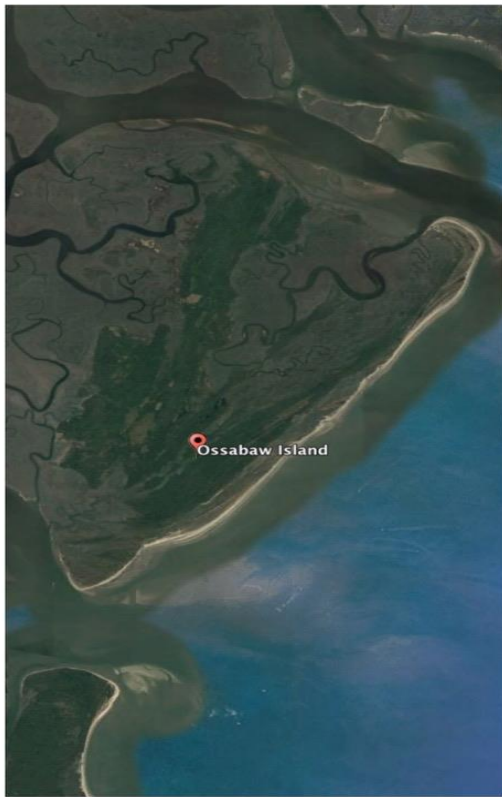
Look forward to seeing you on our next cruise. Until then ... safe boating.

Barb Sommers, PC



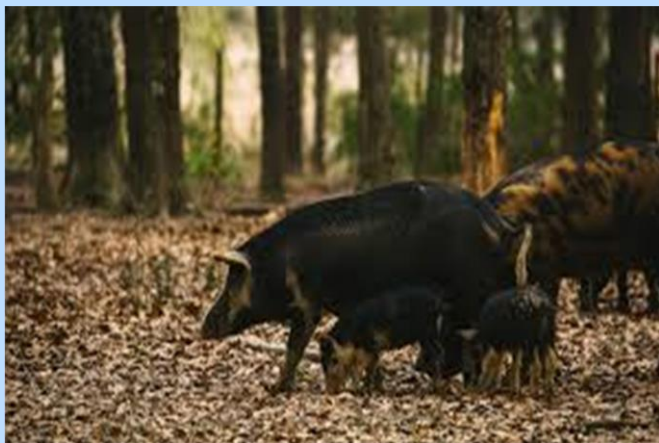


Boating Adventure to Ossabaw Island



ABCHH Members Paul Hoyte (top left in blue) and Bob Newbert recently explored the hidden creeks of uninhabited Ossabaw Island, a Georgia State Heritage Preserve. At twice the size of Bermuda, it is one of the largest of Georgia's barrier islands and home to feral donkeys, wild horses, and about 2,000 Ossabaw Hogs, a unique breed native to the island. Ossabaw Hogs are the closest genetic relatives to pigs brought to the

New World by the Spanish. They have lived here in isolation for centuries without interbreeding with other strains. However, they are not identical to the Spanish pigs of the 1400's. Shaped by natural selection, they adapted to an environment known for heat, humidity, and seasonal scarcity of food. As a result, Ossabaw Hogs are able to store astounding amounts of body fat to survive when there is little to eat. They are also highly tolerant of dietary salt from eating vegetation coated with salt from constant sea breezes. PLEASE NOTE: Paul and Bob anchored in a creek for a lunch of tuna sandwiches and did not consume any pulled pork.



America's Boating Course

Peter Dion, SN
Education Officer



Instructor Mark Dryden explains the important characteristics between a "route" and a "waypoint" to a group of America's Boating Course (ABC) attendees at the Hilton Head Boathouse Showroom on October 20, 2018. Sixteen boaters are currently taking ABC, which will finish on October 27, 2018. Attendees will take a written exam and be able to participate in some "on the water" training immediately after Saturday's class. This year we presented the course to a total of 71 boaters from the Hilton Head and Bluffton area.

NEWS FOR MEMBERS

From Your Editor
Debbie Dion



Personal Boating Adventures

If any of you spend a day on the water and would like to have your outing featured in the newsletter, please send me a picture with a description of the activity. Or maybe you went fishing and caught a really big fish. I'd be happy to include it in the Ocean Breeze. My e-mail address is on the front page.

News from National

The chair of the Membership Committee wants us to be aware that USPS has member benefits we are entitled to, which include the following:

- LTC Global is Long Term Care Insurance. As a USPS member you can save more when you prepare for the future. Learn how in a free educational webinar that can be found on the Membership Benefits Home page on the National website.