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## EVENTS CALENDAR

### MAY

- 24 Mastering Rules of the Road Seminar 6:30-8:30 p.m., at Moss Creek Plantation, Bostwick Club House, 1523 Fording Island Road, Hilton Head Island, SC 29926

### JUNE

- 2 Anchoring Seminar (9:00 - 11:00 a.m., HHI Senior Center)  
2 Cruise the Beaufort Loop w/Beaufort PS, 9:30 at R2 in Port Royal Sound w/lunch at Back Porch Grill at Port Royal Landing  
9 Hurricane Preparation for Boaters (9:00 a.m. at HHI Senior Center)  
15 Magellan Society Cruise: Bull Island, 10:00 a.m., w/lunch at Daufuskie Crab Company  
18 Ex Comm Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., HHI Senior Center  
25 Cruise up the May River to Redneck Riviera Sand Bar, 10:30, BYO picnic lunch  
30 Annual Summer Picnic, 4:00 p.m., Jarvis Park

### JULY

- 1 Magellan Society Cruise - Summer Make-Up Cruise, 10:00 w/lunch at Eagle's Nest/Bloody Point  
7 Join Tybee Light as they cruise to Beaufort, 10:00, lunch TBD  
9 Boys & Girls Club "Day on the Water"  
12 Partners in Command, 6:30 p.m., HHI Senior Center  
16 Magellan Society Cruise Page & Pine Islands, 10:30, lunch TBD  
16 Ex Comm Meeting, 6:30 p.m., HHI Senior Center  
18 Cruise south to Wilmington River; Beaufort PS joining us; 9:30, Lunch at Tubby's Tank House in Thunderbolt, GA

### AUGUST

- 11 Cruise to Fripp Island via back channels with Beaufort PS; Lunch at Bonito Boathouse  
15 Magellan Society Cruise to Daufuskie Island, 11:00, w/lunch at Eagle's Nest/Bloody Point  
20 Ex Comm Meeting, 6:30 p.m., HHI Senior Center



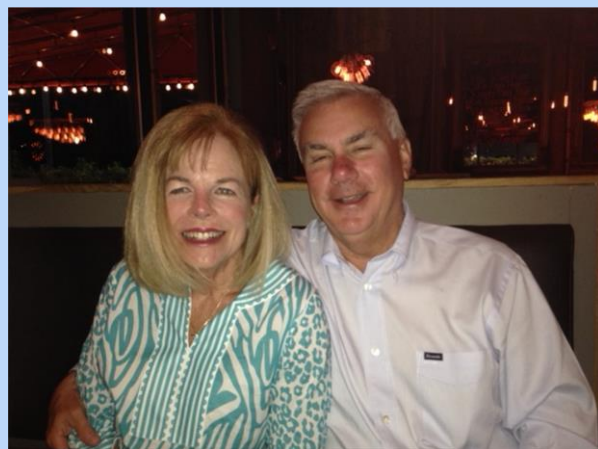
## WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS FROM APRIL



Please join me in welcoming Pam and Paul Anderson who joined America's Boating Club of Hilton Head in April. They've lived in Bluffton for four years and are from the Kansas City metro area. They enjoyed our most recent dinner meeting at Skull Creek Dockside and agreed with several members that the view was spectacular and a great venue for April. Pam's parents had retired on Hilton Head Island, and Pam and Paul would bring their five daughters down for summer vacations. The girls are grown with kids of their own (ten altogether) so they all come down to enjoy the water and the beaches. Pam and Paul each work part-time out of their home in the mental health field. The Anderson's are members of Freedom Boat Club; they sailed the lakes in Kansas City for 20 years and charter sailed in the Caribbean and off the California coast.

Pam is a potter while Paul does wood working and helps to rank websites for various customers. They enjoy cycling, boating, travel, and are members of All Saints Episcopal Church. They joined our Club for the education and social connections we offer. They intend to continue to learn and support safe boating and hope to meet other boaters in the process.

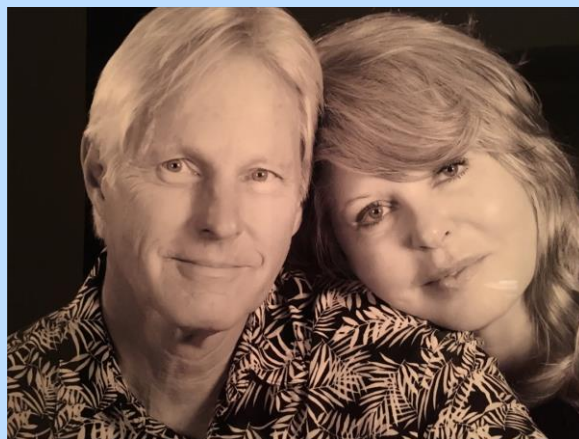
Next up ... Stan and Cindy Dennis, who reside in Palmetto Bluff, and have been in the area for seven months. They are from Newport Beach, California and love the Low Country. Stan is still working in commercial real estate, and Cindy is a retired certified financial planner. They have a cocker spaniel named Jake. Stan and Cindy have experience with small sail boats and sailed for pleasure and in races out in Newport Harbor. Stan enjoys fly fishing (both salt & fresh water), biking, hiking, running and boating. Cindy enjoys running, hiking and swimming. They volunteer and assist at various social agencies in the Bluffton and Hilton Head area, and they travel to as many new places as possible. They joined our Club because of its reputation for promoting responsible boating, offering great education and learning experiences, as well as great social opportunities. They both took our ABC course in March, and Stan just completed the Tides and Currents seminar. They will be joining the Palmetto Bluff Boat Club and look forward to taking more course and seminars in the future. They want to develop great power boating skills with a safe working knowledge of the local waterways. They look forward to participating in on-the-water opportunities and our planned social events. They hope to get to know as many of our members as they can. We have a pair of social butterflies here folks, who want to sharpen their boating skills, so hook up with Stan and Cindy for a safe and fun boating adventure.



We'd also like to welcome Steven and Wanda Jeffcoat along with their son Steven Jr. The senior and junior Steven's participated in our America's Boating Course offered in March. The family resides in Bluffton.



Nick and Rosemary Hrinko reside in Hampton Hall in Bluffton, where they've lived for ten years, but they also have a condo on Hilton Head. They are from New Jersey, most recently from the Flemington area, but they also lived in Walnut Creek, California in the 80's. The sea, the weather, and the low-key country vibe brought them to the Low Country. Nick works from home but also spends time on the road for an Austria-based firm. Rosemary was an educator and administrator in the pre-school through university levels. They've self-chartered a trawler and a few cuddy cabins in the British Virgin Islands. Nick loves his Harley, and Rosie loves her books. They both love their dogs, the outdoors, travel, and cruising - with cruise



number "67" coming up in June. WHOA! Perhaps we should have them as speakers at one of our dinner meetings with that itinerary. They prefer smaller, nicer ships and longer voyages. Currently, they are focused on learning more about boating; and they were blown away by the responsibilities and how much is involved with safe boating. They were in awe over the amount of knowledge, instinct, reflex and automaticity that is required; they developed a greater respect for the water. Ever since moving here Rosie has wanted to charter a captain who'd arrange a multi-day trip of the South Carolina and Georgia sea islands to teach them about area history and cultures. Asking around at the harbors yielded no real results, but the America's Boating Club seems to offer some nice day trips. The Hrinko's have taken the America's Boating Course and Tides and Currents. They're looking forward to taking more offerings in the future; they have a special interest in seamanship and navigation by the stars.



Michael and Sophie Kozyr are from Cleveland, Ohio; they have lived in Bluffton for nine years. The weather and beauty of the area brought them to the Low Country. Michael is a retired engineer and worked at Ford Motor Company. Sophie was a site administrator for Ameriprise Financial Services. They have two children and two grandchildren. They have a Grady White Freedom 192, which is named Lucky Lady, and it's kept at Skull Creek Boathouse. They have a year of boating experience, and they've taken ABC, Seamanship, and Tides and Currents. They enjoy golf, boating, traveling and cruising; when Michael is fishing I suspect Sophie is reading because she enjoys it. They joined our Club to meet new people and to learn more about boating. They also want to participate in the various boating trips we offer. Engine maintenance and CPR are desired as future classes.

Craig and Debra Loomis, pictured right, are members of the Freedom Boat Club. They reside on Hilton Head Island and are from central Illinois near Peoria. Craig works part-time as a CPA, and Debra is a retired college professor having her Doctor of Education degree. They have two sons and three grandchildren. Craig grew up on the Illinois River and has been boating since he was a young child. He enjoys flying, biking, kayaking, and fishing. Deb enjoys biking, kayaking, and yoga. They are both avid readers who enjoy traveling, cooking, and good wine. They joined our Club to meet other members who enjoy boating and to gain knowledge about the waterways. They enjoyed the America's Boating Course in March and hope to take future courses and seminars.





Bill McCombs and Tamra Avrit have resided in Hilton Head for two years; they're from Dumfries, Virginia. They bought property here in 2003; they were previously stationed at MCAS Beaufort. Bill is a retired USNC and United Airlines pilot, and Tamra is a retired business executive. They have two sons, one daughter, and four grandchildren. They are members of Freedom Boat Club and owned numerous power boats over the years. Their hobbies include golf, tennis, and boating. Their other interests include travel, church, and community. They joined our Club to meet people and to become more knowledgeable about boating. They've taken the America's Boating Course, Tides and Currents, and intend to take more classes and seminars in the future.

## VOLUNTEERISM:

the policy or practice of volunteering one's time or talents for charitable, educational, or other worthwhile activities, especially in one's community.

America's Boating Club of Hilton Head is a volunteer organization. All of the boat cruises, boating activities, and Magellan Society Cruises that we enjoy... the courses and seminars we take...the dinner meetings that we attend monthly...the speakers that address us at our monthly dinner meetings...the Vessel Safety Checks performed on your boats...the boat shows we participate in with the Virtual Trainer...and the additional on-the-water training you receive on your boat are all because of VOLUNTEERS. Do any of us realize that none of these things would be possible if it weren't for our volunteers and Executive Committee members and members-at-large? Think about it for a moment. We need and depend on our volunteers. The Bridge members are all volunteers from the Commander on down to the Secretary. If you have any interest in helping in any of the volunteer areas (Hospitality, Membership, Education, Communications, Public Relations, Newsletter, or Photography) please contact any Bridge member listed on the front page of this newsletter. We will get in touch with you to explain our needs and what is required of you in your area of interest. Perhaps you'd like to become an instructor or learn how to perform Vessel Safety Checks; we need you! Maybe you'd like to become an officer; we need you! Or maybe you'd like to dust off your resume and volunteer in an area where you can still excel and make a difference - public relations, education, communications, photography, hospitality, or membership. **WE NEED YOU!** In order for this Club to remain active and viable, we need more help from our membership. Please join us in this effort.



## EDUCATION DEPARTMENT NEWS

### Peter J. Dion, SN - Education Officer



On behalf of America's Boating Club of Hilton Head, Education Officer Peter Dion presented the John Kern Memorial Award (\$250 scholarship) to Cadet Lieutenant Gabrielle Elman on Tuesday evening, May 15, 2018 during Hilton Head Island High School's ROTC Awards Night held at the Seahawk Cultural Center.

#### HHI BOAT SHOW ~ WINDMILL HARBOUR

In other news, our Club participated in the Hilton Head Island Boat Show on May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> held at Windmill Harbour. Pictured below at our booth are Commander Mark Larson and Secretary Debbie Dion.



Guest speaker SA George Graves, pictured right, has the attention of members after dinner during his presentation.

#### DINNER MEETING - SKULL CREEK DOCKSIDE

The Club's April dinner meeting was held at Skull Creek Dockside. Members enjoyed a splendid water view from the upper deck while mingling during cocktail hour, which was followed by an equally splendid dinner and dessert.



Left to right are Peter Dion, Al Pepe, and Mark Larson. Al was awarded the Senior Navigation Award because he completed all courses offered by the Power Squadron/America's Boating Club of Hilton Head; he is one of only six members to have accomplished this mile stone. Our guest speaker for the evening was Special Agent George Graves, Jr., who is a 22-year veteran with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He is currently assigned to the Columbia Field Office and has investigative responsibility in Beaufort, Jasper, and Hampton Counties. He discussed various types of fraud including credit card fraud, identity theft, and internet scams.

