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EVENTS CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

3 Emergencies on Board seminar 5 Oyster Harvest & Roast (Start 6"27" end Skull Creek Marina) 10 Knots and Lines seminar Dinner Meeting, The Terrace Room, Rose Hill Plantation, 6:30 11 17,20,24,27 Engine Maintenance (Monday & Thursday through March 12)

MARCH

2,5,9,12 Engine Maintenance 16,19,23,26 Cruise & Cruise Planning (Monday & Thursday) 21 America's Boating Course 28 Port Royal (large boat capable w/3-5' draft) Rain date March 30 30 Marine Electrical Systems (March 30-April 23)

APRIL TBD Overnight Cruise #1 - South (large boat capable w/3-5' draft) 2,6,9,13, Marine Electrical Systems 16,20,23 Marine Electrical Systems 7 Dinner Meeting, DOCKSIDE, Hilton Head, 6:30 21 New Member Cruise #1 (Rain date April 22) 27 How to Use A Chart seminar 27 Magellan Cruise 1 - Buck Island 29 Wexford Canals (Rain date Apr 30; large boat capable w/3-5' draft)

MAY	
4	VHF/DSC Radio seminar
8	Mini Loop (Rain date May 9; large boat capable w/3-5' draft)
11	Using GPS seminar
12	Herb River (Rain date May 13)
16	Magellan Cruise 2 – Pinckney Island
18	Basic Weather Forecasting seminar
23	Inland Navigator - OTW Exam
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FROM THE COMMANDER

Peter J. Dion, SN

Welcome to our January edition of the "Ocean Breeze." This edition highlights the bios of many of our 25 new members since the beginning of November. We are pleased to share their stories and look forward to seeing them at our boating activities, dinners, and educational courses and seminars.





Speaking of seminars ... we had over 116 participants in our first three seminars (Mastering Rules of the Road, Docking and Undocking, and Boating with Confidence) ... which are all included in the new Boat Handling seminar series. These seminars were coordinated by Tom Ryley and Brad Loescher; they were taught by instructors Peter Dion and Mark Larson. Thank you, gentlemen. You can still catch the final three seminars of Anchoring, Emergencies on Board, and Knots and Lines by going to our website <u>ABCHH.org</u> and registering online.

Administrative Officer Mark Hente has organized our first dinner meeting of the year, which will be held at The Terrace Room in Rose Hill Plantation on February 11th at 6:30. Our guest speaker is storyteller, **Captain Andrew "Boo" Harrell**. Boo Harrell was born in Savannah; his family has owned property on the Mary River since the early 40's. Boo has spent most of his life on the water exploring the creeks surrounding Bluffton. Hear stories of the Lowcountry waterways that you won't necessarily find in books from a local waterman. The stories are mostly true, however creatively embellished to be entertaining. **New members are welcome and encouraged to attend**. To register online go to our website **abchh.org** and click on "Events Calendar."

You wanted more on-the-water activities and cruises...well, we have a "boat load" of them planned for you this year! Organized by Mike Gilroy, Bob Newbert, and Barb Sommers, we have 25 different on-the-water activities and cruises. Plan your year now by reviewing the enclosed cruises listed later in this newsletter. There's something for everyone; if not, let us know and maybe we can still fit it in! Special thanks to Mike, Bob, and Barb for coordinating these events.

Congratulations to Tom Ryley, Chris Brigham, and Wayne Mitchell for successfully completing and passing the Instructor Development course. Kudos to Joe Etter for teaching the course. That brings our total number of instructors to 21. If you are interested in becoming a certified USPS instructor, contact Education Officer Tom Ryley for more information.









Left to Right: Joe Etter, Instructor Tom Ryley Chris Brigham Wayne Mitchell

BOATING WITH CONFIDENCE

INSTRUCTOR MARK LARSON

THIS CLASS IS PART OF THE BOAT HANDLING SERIES.





Members Recognized for Volunteerism

Every year our national organization, the United States Power Squadron, acknowledges members who volunteer at least 20 hours in some squadron activity throughout the year with a **Merit Mark**. Gary Cheney, last year's Chief Commander of the United States Power Squadrons in Raleigh, NC says, "a **merit mark** is awarded to a member for substantial personal effort in furthering the interest, programs and objectives of USPS, its districts and squadrons. For over 100 years, the United States Power Squadrons has worked to make the water a better place. We've done this through the hard work and dedication of volunteer members like you. Please accept the thanks of the members of USPS for your efforts to achieve our goals and fulfill our mission."

ABCHH members receiving a Merit Mark for 2019

Craig Christiansen	Barb Sommers	Larry Tremitiere
Terry Baehr	Neil Boderman	Dan Merkel
Cecil Viverette, Jr.	Mark Larson	Walter Kirk
Klaus Loehr	Tom Ryley	Randy Royen
Dave Frederick	Paul Hoyte	Nancy Stermer
Bob Newbert	Wayne Mitchell	Glenn Crews
David Mauk	Joe Etter	Peter Dion
Debbie Dion		

A sincere "thank you for your service" in helping to make ABCHH a great organization and for helping to make the waterways a safer, fun place to boat. Thank you! These recipients will be recognized at our dinner meeting on February 11th.

VSC's Completed on 50 FBC Boats

Executive Officer Walter Kirk reports that Larry Tremitiere and his seven volunteers completed 50 Vessel Safety Checks on January 15th on the Freedom Boat Club boats at Safe Harbor Skull

Creek Marina. Thanks to Larry, and Neil Boderman, Jim Walters, Dave Mauk, Mark Dryden, Robert McKenzie, Randy Royen, and Peter Dion. GREAT JOB!!!

Pictured right is Jim Walters who is checking the radio by calling Sea Tow.



25 Members Successfully Complete the Radar for Boaters Course

Tom Ryley, Education Officer, wants to congratulate the following people who recently passed the Radar for Boaters course: Mark Carroll, Christine Dattilo, Joe Dattilo, Mark Larson, Mike Gilroy, Smitty Haller, Dick Heusinkveld, Patty North, Phil North, Al Pepe, Norm Shotz, and Tom Ryley. The instructor for this course was Klaus Loehr. Thank you, Klaus.

HELP WANTED! We need a Public Relations Director

Job Title: **Public Relations Officer** (This is a volunteer position...like all the others!) This person handles promotions, media news releases, posters, flyers, paid ads, public events and anything that will enhance the public image and tell the story of ABCHH activities and services. He/she should make proper use of all materials made available by the National Marketing and Public Relations Committee and, prior to releasing information to the public, clear all material with the Commander and/or Executive Committee. Interested? Contact Walter Kirk at 843-816-5252.

COURSE COMPLETION CERTIFICATES

By Brad Loescher, Asst. Education Officer

The America's Boating Club national website contains a lot of valuable information for club members to review. In addition to details on the activities of the national organization and descriptions on all the available Courses and Seminars, the website also contains links to each member's educational achievements, course completions and designations.

In order to view your specific education information, access the website at americasboatingclub.org and selection Member Login. After entering your certificate number and password, you will be redirected to a page that contains your Member Profile. On the right of the page there is a link to Manage Profile. Click on the Manage Profile button (you may then be asked to re-login with your certificate and password information).

On the page managing your personal information page there will be several links near the top of the page; these links are indicated in blue text. Select the Show Training History link. The next page lists some personal information: certificate number, name, date joined ABC, etc. After that section there is a link to Print an Eddept "All Completions Certificate" - click on this link, which will create and open a PDF file. Depending on your browser settings, you may be asked to allow a download from this website; click "allow."

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Submitted by Debbie Dion, Editor





Please join me in welcoming the following new members to America's Boating Club Hilton Head.





Kim and Roger Frederick have resided on Hilton Head for about a year; they are originally from Iowa. They retired to our 'neck of the woods' after enjoying the Lowcountry for thirty years. Roger was an engineer for Deere & Company and Kim was a podiatrist. They have a daughter Allison in Princeton, NJ who is married with two children - Katharina and Johanna. Their son Ryan is married and has two children - - Hugh and Archie. Kim and Roger are members of Freedom Boat Club. They have many years of boating experience on the Mississippi River. Their hobbies

include golf, cooking and rowing. They joined our Club as a result of taking our ABC course, which they enjoyed. They would like to take advantage of our courses and seminars and hope to participate in our boating activities in the future.

George and Trish Grieve are from Park City, Utah. They have lived on Hilton Head for four years. Our great weather and beautiful water brought them to our area. George still works and is the CEO of an IT consulting firm. Trish is retired. I hope she's enjoying the winter down here; some of our January weather has been phenomenal until this cold snap arrived. George and Trish have two daughters. They own a 34' Sea Ray Sun Dancer called Castle Bay, which they keep at Wexford. Their boating experience includes ski boats on lakes. They enjoy golf and snow skiing as well as music and reading. They joined ABCHH for the course/seminar offerings and to gain local knowledge of our waterways. They've taken ABC, Rules of the Road, and Docking. They want to learn more about boating in the Lowcountry.



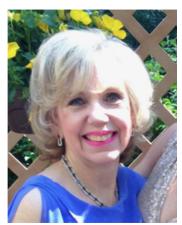
Meet Ashley Macko, who is from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and resides on Hilton Head. When asked what brought her to the area, her answer was "Why not?" Ashley is a physical therapist and a member of Freedom Boat Club. She used to own a 19' Sea Hunt center console in St. Thomas. Ashley's hobbies include boating, wakeboarding, running, and laughing. Her smile is quite contagious I must say. She joined America's Boating Club Hilton Head to learn as much as



possible about boating here in our local waters. She has taken some of our education offerings and intends to take more of them. Welcome Ashley.

Say "hello" to Michael and Jan McKelvey. The McKelvey's own a house in Wexford Plantation and a villa in Palmetto Dunes. They are part-time residents and have owned property in Palmetto Dunes for 20+ years. They just purchased their home in Wexford in August 2019. Michael and Jan are from Arlington, Virginia. They've loved Hilton Head so much over the years that as Mike's career winds down they've decided to spend 4-6 months here. Mike has a PhD in Economics from Wharton and is currently finishing up his job as the interim CEO of Target PharmaSolutions. This caps a 25+ year career in the clinical trial, technology, and economic analysis industries. Janice is a docent at the Library of Congress and Hillwood Museum and Gardens in Washington, D.C. Mike plans to retire from full-time employment at the end of this month, but he will remain on corporate boards and have a light consulting practice. Janice loves her work in Washington, D.C. and has no plans to give that up entirely. The McKelvey's have two children: Michelle, 29 and Blake, 27. Mike and Jan just purchased a 25' Chaparral Suncoast power boat; they keep it at their dock in Wexford. The name of their boat is "It's About Time." They admit they have no previous boating experience, but they are eager to learn. They both love to play golf and love to travel. Janice loves history and historical research. She looks forward to a "deep dive" into the history of Hilton Head Island. Mike and Jan joined ABCHH to learn everything they can about the sport and world of boating. They've already signed up for Boat Handling. They're also anxious to meet people and become a part of the island's boating community.





Jim and Mary Murphy have resided in Bluffton, SC for twelve months. They're originally from Boston and moved to Bluffton from Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. The beauty and lifestyle of the area is what brought them here. They're retired and Jim was previously in healthcare services. They have three daughters and two grandchildren. They intend to become boat owners very soon by purchasing a center console, which they will keep at Palmetto Bluff. Jim and Mary have yet to pick a name for their new vessel. Maybe we could have a boat naming contest within the Club to help them out. (I'm kidding.) They've owned several boats; most recently they had a 35' cruiser. They enjoy playing golf. Jim and Mary joined our Club to meet fellow boaters and to take advantage of our courses and seminars.



They want to sharpen their navigation skills and intend to start taking classes this year.



Jeff and Patty North have been residents on Hilton Head for 23 years. Jeff is originally from West Virginia and is a retired attorney. Patty is from Ohio and is a retired physician. They've been boaters for 20 years. They have a trawler named "Positive Vibration." It's kept at Long Cove. Jeff and Patty enjoy boating and travel. They joined ABCHH to take advantage of the numerous courses and seminar we offer. Let's all look for "Positive Vibration" on the water!

Raymond Ojeda and Mery Womack reside in Beaufort. Ray is from northwest Indiana and retired from BP as part of their oil refinery management team. Mery is from Eugene, Oregon. She is currently working in Bluffton. Ray and Mery both have children and Ray is a grandfather. They relocated to our area to have easier access to water recreation. They're members of Freedom Boat Club and admit they're beginners. That's why they joined ABCHH so they could take our education classes and meet fellow boaters. They're looking forward to our boating activities and will have lots of opportunities in 2020. Their hobbies include golf, cycling, boating, fishing and kayaking. They enjoy movie watching, Backgammon, pool, darts, corn hole, and camping.



Rob and Susan Regan have resided in Bluffton for three years. Rob is from New York and Susan is from Michigan. They wanted to explore new and exciting locations so that's why they ended up in the Lowcountry. The Regan's are relatively new members of Freedom Boat Club. They both enjoy biking, boating, fishing and traveling. Other interests include sports and reading. Our very own PC Larry Tremitiere was instrumental in them becoming members of our Club. They want to improve their boating skills and have already taken America's Boating Course.

Tim and Beth Scavone relocated to Bluffton approximately three years ago from Cincinnati, Ohio. Tim worked for Proctor & Gamble; both he and Beth are retired now. They came to our area to enjoy the sun, the ocean, and to have fun. They have two sons and three grandchildren. Tim and Beth are members of Freedom Boat Club and have some prior experience with boating. Their hobbies include golf and community involvement. They enjoy learning about local history, area wildlife, and new experiences on the water. Joining ABCHH gives them an opportunity to enjoy and learn about the coastal waterways. By taking the ABC course and becoming members, they will enjoy our guided/narrated boat tours. They look forward to navigating to the various islands and local waterways.







Daufuskie Island residents Bill and Vail Shipley were part-time dwellers for seven years until about six months ago. Bill is from Baltimore, Maryland while Vail is from Richmond, Virginia. Bill will be retiring in February from NVR - Ryan Homes; Vail is retired from sales. Attracted by the water, our weather, nature and activities, they now reside permanently in the Lowcountry. As prior boaters in Maryland, they own a 23' Grady White named "Partner-Ship." Their hobbies include travel, golf, entertaining, boating, wine tasting and reading. They also enjoy reading and listening to live music. Bill and Vail joined ABCHH as a result of taking the ABC course. They are interested in taking more safety education courses in order to better acclimate themselves to the coastal waterways.

Elaine Stermer is a retired teacher who relocated to Sun City from Michigan, where she and her husband raced sailboats on the inland lakes and spent summers enjoying both sail and powerboating on Lake Huron. A favorite cruising destination was Canada's North Channel, just west of Georgian Bay, an area of hidden coves, narrow passageways, and the only fjord in North America. It was



here that she experienced one of her most memorable boating adventures. Anchoring out for the night with several other boats, at sunrise her group discovered they were adrift and learned they had been cut loose by the native Ojibwa tribe who consider the area sacred. A long-time Power Squadron member, Elaine belonged to the Ponce De Leon (Daytona Beach) Squadron and is a 35-year member of the Flint (MI) Squadron where she taught cruise planning and weather. She is a huge Wolverine football fan and enjoys mah jongg, gardening, and raising butterflies. You may

have already met Elaine at one of our dinner meetings when she has attended with her son-in-law and daughter, Paul & Nancy Hoyte.

OUR FIRST FAMILY PHOTO! I'm pleased to introduce you to the Stetter family. Pictured from left to right are Rylan, Kathleen, and Derek. They are residents of Bluffton and relocated from Ohio about four years ago. It was the beautiful weather and coastal life style that attracted them to the Lowcountry. Derek works in sales for Brightview and is a landscape architect; Kathleen is a part-time office manager for a local custom builder. Rylan is a 13-year-old teenager who enjoys running, Lego building, and fishing. The Stetter's bought their first boat in August 2019; it's a 19' Bayliner VR4, named 'Days Like This' that they trailer. The family hobby is boating; Derek enjoys golf; and Kathleen enjoys photography. They joined ABCHH to



learn more about boating and safety on the water. They hope to meet more people who share a love for the area and to learn about the local waterways. They want to explore the beautiful Lowcountry water, learn more about local wildlife and ecology, and become safe boaters.



Eric and Susan Sutherland are residents of Bluffton and reside in Palmetto Bluff. They lived in Kenilworth, Illinois, which is just north of Chicago, after working in the city for 30 years. Eric still works at JP Morgan as an Executive Director, providing wealth management services to wealthy families and not-for-profit foundations and endowments. He has a remote office in Bluffton and commutes to Chicago monthly. Susan is a retired writer. Eric and Susan have two working children, and they're very happy to be full-time residents of Palmetto Bluff. They currently do not own a boat, but they'll be joining Palmetto Bluff Boating Club. Eric has sailed and boated all his life; but they're very interested in updating their boating education, learning the local waters, and participating in new adventures. Their

hobbies include racket sports, boating, fishing, kayaking, sporting clays, golf, American and European history. Eric took the 6 Pack course about ten years ago so he's very interested in a review and getting out on the water. They look forward to meeting new friends and participating in boating activities. Welcome Eric and Susan.

Michael and Rebecca Hubbard have lived on Daufuskie Island for a year and are former residents of Virgina. They wanted to live on the coast, and now they reside on an island. Michael is a residential builder and Virginia is an architect. They have two children and one grandchild. Michael and Virginia are members of Freedom Boat Club and consider themselves as "just started" boaters. They are not alone in that respect, and we're here to help them become boat saavy. Their hobbies include golf, cooking, travel, and architecture. They are also interested in politics. They joined ABCHH because they thought it was the best way to get educated in boating. They have already taken some of our course offerings and hope to serve on some of our committees in the future.

We'd also like to welcome Bluffton residents Roy Hill, Jan MacLeay, and their son Nathan Hill.

2020 Magellan Cruise Dates & Tide Times

Buck Island	Monday, April 27	High @ 12:00
Pinckney Island	Saturday, May 16	Low @ 10:53
Bull Island (New)	Tuesday, June 24	High @ 11:37
Page & Pine/Daws/Bay Point	Wednesday, July 8	High @ 11:29
Summer Weekend Makeup	Saturday, July 25	High @ 1:25
Daufuskie Island	Friday, August 7	High @ 11:30
Hilton Head Island	Monday, Sept. 7	High @ 12:08
Fall Weekend Makeup	Tuesday, October 6	High @ 11:44

ABCHH 2020 Cruise Schedule

JANUARY

TBD "Pop Up" Mystery Cruise

What's a "Pop-Up" Cruise? The "Pop-Up" Mystery Cruises are last minute (48-hour notice) cruises based on warm weather forecasts in January and December. A couple of days ago, it was 80° and beautiful for boating. Two days later it was cold, raw and windy - miserable for boating. Bob Newbert will monitor the weather and call for a Pop-Up Cruise as opportunity arises. Adding to the fun will be a mystery location announced at the rendezvous point on the day of the cruise.

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 5-Feb Oyster Harvest & Roast

MARCH

Saturday 28-March Port Royal*

Rain date 30-March

APRIL

Saturday TBD Overnight #1 - South*

Tuesday 21-April New Member Cruise #1*

Rain date 22-April

Wednesday 29-October Wexford Canals*

Rain date 30-October

MAY

Friday 8-May Mini Loop*

Rain date 9-May

Tuesday 12-May Herb River

Rain date 13-May

JUNE

Monday 8-June Ossabaw Island

Rain date 9-June

JULY

Thursday 9-July Boys & Girls Club DOW

Rain date 10-July

Wednesday 22-July Turnbridge Plantation (Wright River)

Rain date 23-July

AUGUST

Monday 10-August Bull River*

Rain date 13-August

Friday 21-August Oldfield*

Rain date 24-August

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 20-September Monkey Island

Rain date 21-September

OCTOBER

Wednesday TBD Overnight #2 - North*

Thursday 28-October New Member Cruise #2

Rain date 29-October

Monday 19-October Port Royal Maritime Center*

Rain date 26-Oct

NOVEMBER

Monday 2-November Savannah*

Rain date 5-November

DECEMBER

TBD "Pop Up" Mystery Cruise

SUMMARY

19 Cruises

2 Overnights

2 Member Only cruises

13 Weekday cruises

4 Weekend

2 TBD

NOTE: Specific dates may change due to weather, tides, dock availability.

^{*}Large boat capable (3ft to 5ft draft)

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB HILTON HEAD 2020 EDUCATION CALENDAR

(submitted by Tom Ryley)

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3	Emergencies on Board Seminar	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
10	Knots and Lines Seminar	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Engine Maintenance: Feb 17 - Mar 12	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	(Mon and Thurs - 4 weeks)	23	24	25	26	27	28	29

		March 2020									
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	Engine Maintenance: Feb 17 - Mar 12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7			
	(Mon and Thurs - 4 weeks)	8	9	10	11	12	13	14			
	Cruise & Cruise Planning: Mar 16 - Mar 27	15	16	17	18	19	20	21			
	(Mon and Thurs - 2 weeks)	22	23	24	25	26	27	28			
21	ABC Course	29	30	31							

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Marine Electrical Systems: Mar 30 - Apr 23	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
(Mon and Thurs - 4 weeks)	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
27 How to Use A Chart Seminar	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	26	27	28	29	30		

			May 2020										
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4	VHF/DSC Radio Seminar						1	2					
11	Using GPS Seminar	3	4	5	6	7	8	9					
18	Basic Weather Forecasting Seminar	10	11	12	13	14	15	16					
23	Inland Navigator- OTW Exam	17	18	19	20	21	22	23					
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8	Partner in Command Seminar	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
15	Tides and Currents Seminar	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		28	29	30				

THERE WILL BE NO CLASSES OR SEMINARS IN JULY & AUGUST. (Unless Requested)

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5	Rules of the Road Seminar	s	М	Т	w	Т	F	s
12	Docking Seminar					1	2	3
17	VHF Radio Seminar	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
19	Boating with Confidence Seminar	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
24	ABC Fall Course	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
26	Emergencies on Board Seminar	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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2	Anchoring Seminar	S	M	Т	W	Т	F	S
7	Using GPS Seminar	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9	Knots and Lines Seminar	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
14	Basic Weather Forecasting Seminar	15	16	17	18	18	20	21
	Weather Course: Nov 16 - Dec 10	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	(Mon and Thurs - 4 weeks)	29	30					

		December 2020									
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	Weather Course: Nov 16 - Dec 10			1	2	3	4	5			
	(Mon and Thurs - 4 weeks)	6	7	8	9	10	11	12			
5	Inland Navigator - OTW Exam	13	14	15	16	17	18	19			
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