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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER

- 05 Dinner Meeting at Indigo Run, Hilton Head Island, 6:30 pm  
Megan Meyer will be the guest speaker; she will discuss the history of St. Elena.
- 7,11,14,18,21,25,28 Marine Communication Systems  
HHI Senior Center, 7:00-9:00 pm
- 09 Hurricane Preparation for Boaters Seminar, 9:00 am  
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- 11 Hilton Head Island Magellan Cruise, 10:00 am, followed by lunch at the Salty Dog
- 11 Junior Navigation Course, 6:00 pm, HHI Senior Center
- 18 Ex Comm Meeting, 6:30 pm, HHI Senior Center
- 23 Fall Weekend Makeup Magellan Cruise, 10:00 am, followed by lunch at the Eagle's Nest

### OCTOBER

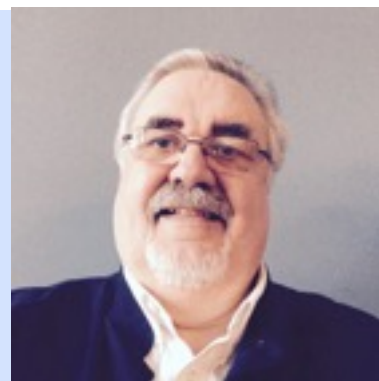
- 07 Using GPS Seminar, 9:00 am, HHI Senior Center
- 09,12,16,19,23,26,30 Piloting Course, 6:00 pm, HHI Sr Center
- 09 Dinner Meeting at Indigo Run, Hilton Head Island, 6:30
- 14 AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE, 8:00 am at Hilton Head Boathouse Showroom, 1498 Fording Island Rd, Bluffton
- 16 Ex Comm Meeting, 6:30 pm, HHI Senior Center
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### NOVEMBER

- 02,06,09 Piloting Course, 6:00 pm, HHI Senior Center
- 04 Knots, Bends & Hitches Seminar, 9:00 am, HHI Senior Ctr
- 04 CHANGE OF WATCH, Indigo Run, HHI, 6:30 pm
- 13,16,20,27,30 Seamanship Course, 6:00 pm, HHI Senior Center



*Commander's Corner*  
*Commander Mick Holroyde, AP*



## Accomplishments and Challenges

The Hilton Head Sail and Power Squadron continues to deliver against its mission of **"Safer Boating Through Education and Training."** In this report I will review the some of the accomplishments and challenges facing our Squadron.

**Education:** Under the leadership of Pete Dion, our Education Officer, we have conducted to date 5 courses and 7 seminars with a total attendance of approximately 141. Pete and his instructors have put in many hours to prepare and conduct these courses and seminars and deserve our many thanks. I would like to especially recognize our top instructors Mark Larson, Steve Rahn and Klaus Loehr.

**Cruises:** The Magellan Cruises led by Mike Gilroy have allowed us to explore and learn about the local waters by circumnavigating around the islands — like Marsh and Buck, Pinckney, Bull, Daufuskie and Hilton Head Islands. This year the Boating Activity cruises led by Barb Sommers have allowed us to explore new places — like the Savannah Yacht Club, Fripp Island and the Port Royal Maritime Museum. Importantly, we visited some great places for lunch. A special note of appreciation to Barb for volunteering to be the Boating Activity chair this year. Additionally, thanks to Bob Newbert for leading the "Day on the Water" cruise for the Bluffton Boys and Girls Club for the second year in a row and getting a great article on the event published by a local Bluffton newspaper.



## *Commander's Corner*

*Commander Mick Holroyde, AP*

**Administration:** Last year, our Administrative Officer Mark Larson together with Paul Hoyte conducted a survey to better understand the needs of our membership. Based upon the survey results, Mark made some changes like moving some cruises to the weekend, investigating new venues - like Hudson's Seafood Restaurant - and having more casual events like the singers at Indigo Run. Additionally, Paul has made some great IT contributions, which include moving us to payment by credit card, using Dropbox to store key data, and building a new website.

**Challenges:** Growing the membership and recruiting volunteers to help the Squadron continue to be challenges. Our current membership is 177, the second largest Squadron in District 26. However, we are not growing the Squadron. In addition to growing our membership through our education classes - like the ABC course - we need to continue creating a greater awareness of HHSPS in the boating community. This year our membership leader Glen Crews has reached out to many marinas, boat showrooms, and boating events, like the opening of the new West Marine on Hilton Head. Additionally, Glenn continues to use the Boating Virtual Trainer at events such as West Marine and the Hilton Head Boat Show.

Mark Larson has taken the lead to get more volunteers to step forward to help the Squadron. This is critical if we are to deliver the high level of benefits offered to our membership. Please contact Mark to see how you could help the Squadron. **Your boating club needs you.**

Finally, let me take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to all those members that have volunteered their skills, energy and time to the Squadron during my tenure as Commander.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Cdr. Mick Holroyde*



## *Administrative Officer's Report*

### *Lt/C Mark Larson, AP*

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## **Bluffton Boys & Girls Club treated to day on the water**

A "flotilla" of four boats took off Friday morning from Skull Creek Marina with special crews on board for a day full of fun and learning.

Graduates of the Bluffton Boys & Girls Club Explorers program boot camp were treated to the day on Beaufort County waterways by the Hilton Head Sail and Power Squadron.

The Hilton Head Sail and Power Squadron is a nonprofit whose emphasis is boating safety, education and enjoyment of local waterways. It offers classes and seminars on safe boating and leads cruises throughout the area.

This is the second year the squadron has taken Boys & Girls Club members boating.

Before heading out on Friday, the Boys & Girls Club members were provided with an orientation that included an overview of boats and things they would see on the cruise, including landmarks, historical sites and wildlife.

The Day on the Water event was started and organized by squadron member captain Bob Newbert.

"Tourists from around the country visit Beaufort County to fish, swim and boat in our waters," Newbert said. "But many local youth have never been on a boat; and some, believe it or not, have never seen the water."

The youth have worked hard at the boot camp and deserve a reward, Newbert said. The Explorer program is held by the Bluffton Police Department.

"I have as much fun as the kids, and so do the other captains. We all love the water and especially love sharing it with others," Newbert said.

The boot camp is a summer leadership and character development program that includes community service with physical training, such as pushups and running a mile.

The cruise included stops at several areas on the way to Harbour Town on Hilton Head Island, where the group stopped for lunch.

Stops included the Windmill Harbour locks, Port Royal Sound, Spanish Wells, Pinckney Island and the Harbour Town yacht basin.



Newbert provided history lessons of the Battle of Port Royal and Pinckney Island National Wildlife Refuge.

Newbert pointed out that when there were freed slaves on Hilton Head during the Civil War, Bluffton's black population was still enslaved within eyesight across the water.

Crew members learned that Pinckney Island was once the site of a large plantation growing Sea Island cotton, considered the finest in the world.

The Quarterdeck restaurant at Harbour Town helped provide lunch for the Explorers and also treated the group to ice cream and a trip up to the top of Harbour Town lighthouse.

Explorer members also learned some interesting facts about pelicans (they hit prey with their heads to knock them out) and bottlenose dolphins (they sleep with half of their brains awake and one eye open), and tried their hand at setting some crab pots (apparently, crabs prefer chicken necks to turkey necks.)

"I never get tired of seeing dolphins, but to watch the kids see them for the first time is special," Newbert said. "We talk about them in our Day On The Water orientation session, but there's a huge difference between looking at them on screen in a classroom and seeing one swim toward you in the wild."

Some of the biggest laughs and smiles of the day came when each Explorer got a chance to take the helm of the boat.

"That was fun!" Emily Davis said after her turn.

Davis, a rising seventh-grader, said she was nervous at first when traveling over the wakes of other boats, but that quickly turned to several "wow" moments.

Craig Washington, a rising eighth-grader, had just as much fun when it was his turn, he said. "That was cool," Washington said.

Manuel Herrera, heading to the 10th grade, took the trip last year and served as the Newbert's crew "radioman."

Squadron member captain Walker Kirk was also part of the MaryAnn crew for the day.

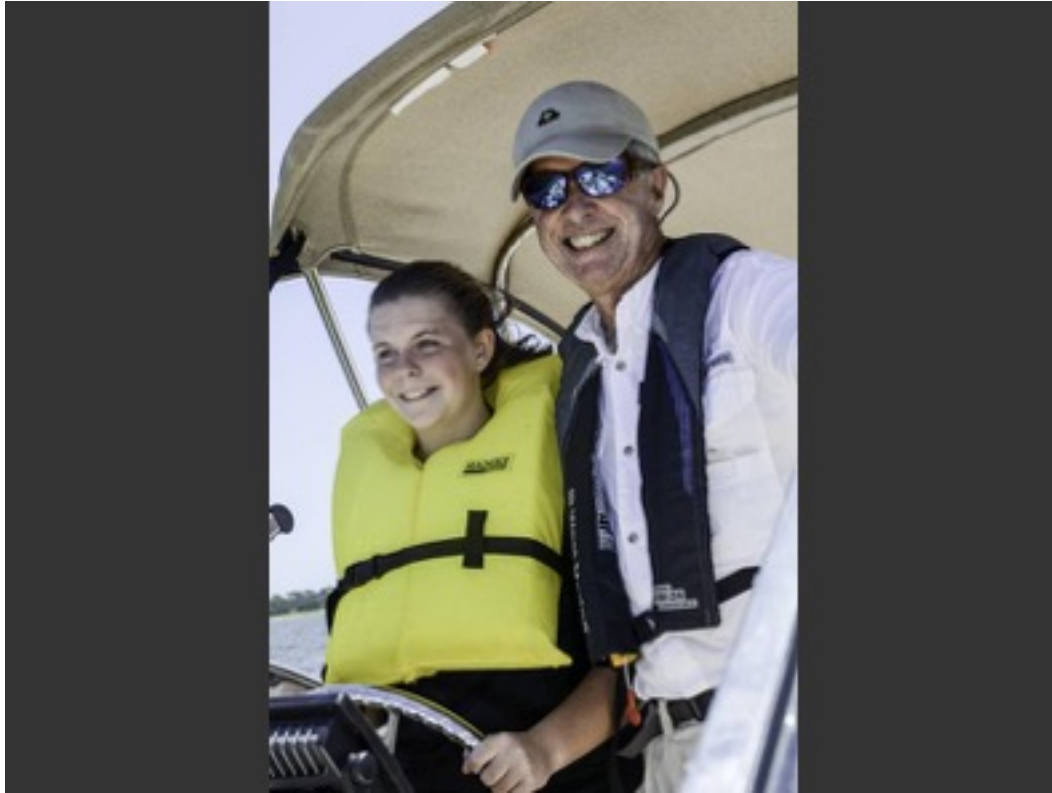
Boys & Girls Club director Molly O. Smith was on board and also took a turn at the helm. Smith said this trip is the highlight of summer for the boys and girls.

"Miss Molly says we do not understand the lasting impact we have on the lives of these kids," Newbert said. "I don't know about long-term, but I do know that for one day anyway, strangers young and old come together to have fun and enjoy the beauty of the Lowcountry with each other."

Also helping to make the day a success was the Freedom Boat Club. Cash Mullen was thanked for providing gas for all the boats. The club also provided some of the boats.

Upon returning to Skull Creek, all Explorer members were presented with a Day on the Water certificate and a squadron hat.

## PHOTOS FROM DAY ON THE WATER/BOYS & GIRLS CLUB/HHSPS



Explorer Emily Davis takes a turn at the helm with the help of Captain Bob Newbert during a Day on the Water, hosted by the Hilton Head Sail and Power Squadron.

Picture by Deann Komanecky/Bluffton Today

Members of the Bluffton Boys & Girls Club Explorer Program received certificates and hats following a Day on the Water, hosted by the Hilton Head Sail and Power Squadron.



Picture by Deann Komanecky/Bluffton Today

## PHOTOS FROM DAY ON THE WATER/BOYS & GIRLS CLUB/HHSPS



Four boats were part of the Day on the Water event hosted by the Hilton Head Sail and Power Squadron for the Bluffton Boys & Girls Club.

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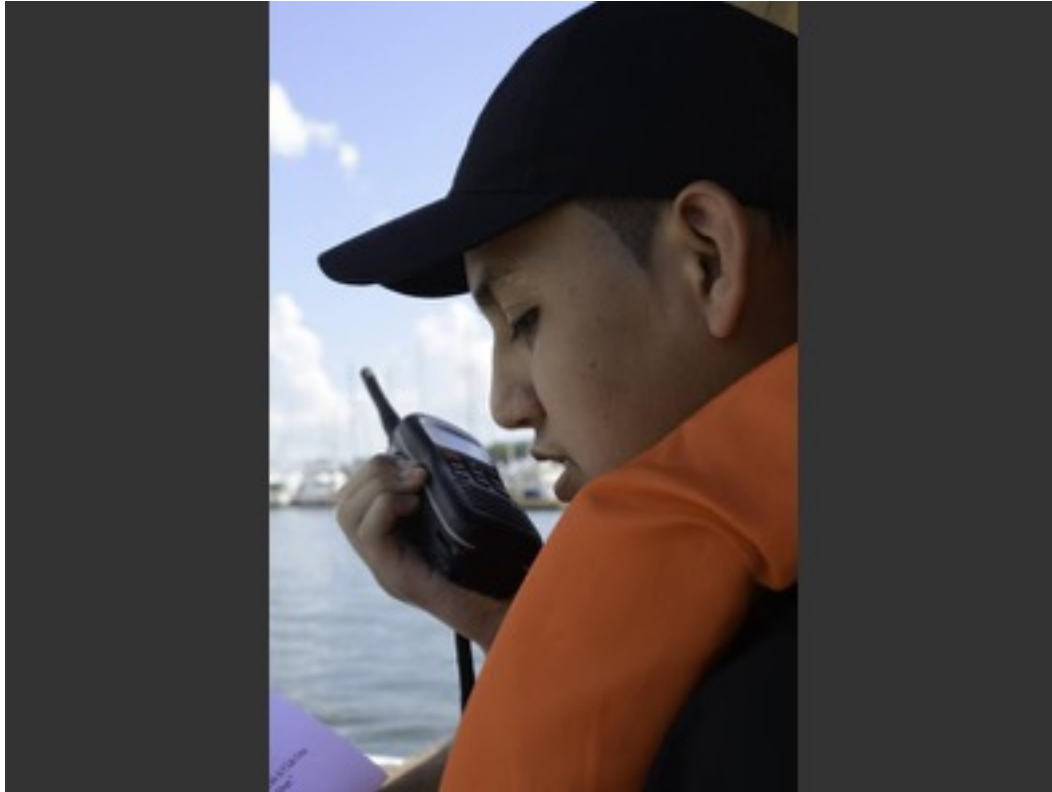
Explorer Craig Washington takes his turn at the helm of the *MaryAnn*, the boat of Captain Bob Newbert with the Hilton Head Sail and Power Squadron.



Picture by Deann Komanecy/Bluffton Today



## PHOTOS FROM DAY ON THE WATER/BOYS & GIRLS CLUB/HHSPS



Explorer Manuel Herrera served as the "radioman" aboard the *MaryAnn* during the Day on the Water event.

Picture by Deann Komanecky/Bluffton Today

How pelicans get their prey was one lesson the Bluffton Boys & Girls Club Explorer members learned during the Day on the Water event hosted by the Hilton Head Sail and Power Squadron.



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## Summer Boating Activities

We have had some great cruises so far this year, I think the highlight to date has been the cruise to Savannah Yacht Club. We had 58 members on 10 boats cruise down to the Wilmington River. It was a wonderful day, beautiful day for boating to the Savannah Yacht Club where we were treated to a lovely lunch on the veranda overlooking the water.



**Savannah Yacht Club  
Paul Hoyte & Nancy  
Stermer with Glenn  
Cruise & Terri Jackson**



**Mary Jane & Bob Newbert**



**Terri Jackson & Glenn Cruise**



Our last cruise was to Fripp Island where we joined the Beaufort Sail and Power Squadron for a great time. We had another good turn out, 30 participants on 5 boats from HHSPS. This was a different cruise for us as we went via Blue Water, it was a little choppy in a couple of spots but we all weathered it well. On the return, Beaufort showed us a back way to Fripp Island via the creeks. All enjoyed learning a new way to get to Fripp Island. Picture is on the dock at Fripp Island.



### Upcoming Events:

We were scheduled to cruise to Morgan Island with lunch at Sweetgrass. Unfortunately, Dataw Marina is still not up and running so we are going to substitute a different cruise. Keep an eye out for an email announcement with the new location.

In October, we have a great cruise planned. We will cruise to the Port Royal Sound Foundation Maritime Center on the Chechessee River where we will have an Oyster Roast. While at the Maritime Center we will be treated to a talk about the center and the oyster industry. Mark your calendars for Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. This will be a Land and Sea cruise so even if you can't cruise with us you can join us by car.

Fall large boat cruise is still being planned; we are targeting to cruise to Charleston for a couple night stay. This will be for information forth coming.



*Barb Sommers, P  
Past Commander*

## It's Back In Town!!!

Our boating Virtual Trainer will be back in Hilton Head starting Sept. 29! If you have never used our trainer, now is the time to practice all those boating skills at the comfort of a desk. It is a real life



boating simulator with wind, waves, currents, sounds, jet skis and sailboats to test all of your skills when on the water. Try docking, navigation, man overboard, mooring, crossing/overtaking/meeting, all kind of turns, fairways and much more!

We will have the Virtual trainer set up, with our partner West Marine, on Hilton Head Island in support of their new store Grand Opening. It will be available during their Grand Opening days of Friday and Saturday, Sep. 29 and 30 and remain in the store to use for the rest of the week. Come by and celebrate all the activities West Marine has planned and shop in their new 20,000 square feet store with lots of new products available!

The Virtual Trainer consists of three computer screens and a helm with steering wheel and throttle/shifter. Based on a Boston Whaler, the simulation is so real you will absolutely feel the waves and the spray in your face!

Once you've tested your skills and mastered all of the maneuvers, treat yourself and go shopping at the largest Marine supply store in the Low Country. West Marine will have all of the latest in electronic Navigation aids, boating and fishing supplies, marine parts for all kind of water craft and a large line of clothing and accessories.

The Hilton Head Squadron will also be conducting free Vessel Safety Checks on Friday and Saturday in West Marine's parking lot. If you haven't had your boat checked by a certified Power Squadron inspector, now's the time! Bring your boat and trailer by between 1-4pm on either day for a free inspection.

Come on by to see the new store and enjoy the Hilton Head Squadron



*Glenn Cruise,  
Member at Large*



# Vessel Safety Checks

2017 has been a busy year for members who are certified to perform Vessel Safety Checks. These are the latest recorded numbers:

Terry Baehr performed ten VSC's and all ten boats passed.

Charles Brown performed two VSC's with both of them passing.

Bill Cantelupe conducted three VSC's and three of them passed.

Peter Dion conducted seven VSC's with four of them passing.

Bob Golden performed 14 VSC's and ten of them passed.

Dick Herrin conducted 12 VSC's and ten of them passed

Robert McKenzie performed two VSC's with both of them passing.

Larry Tremitiere conducted 43 VSC's and 41 of them passed.

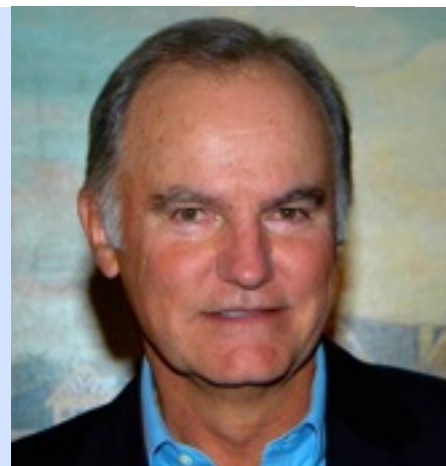
Cecil Viverette performed 12 VSC's and all 12 of them passed.

TOTAL VSC'S: 105



If you haven't had your boat inspected yet this season, be sure to get in contact with PC Larry Tremitiere to schedule your VSC inspection. Only members with a current VSC will be the only ones able to participate in Squadron On-the-Water Activities. This is a free service to our members and all members need to have the Power Squadron inspect their boats. Get on board and have it done!

## *Education Officer's Report - Lt/C Peter Dion, SN*



The Hilton Head Sail and Power Squadron's Education Department is offering plenty of opportunities in the next few months to gain valuable knowledge and skills to make your boating activities safe and fun.

The following courses are scheduled for the remainder of the year and will be sent to you soon via an email: Junior Navigation, Piloting, America's Boating Course, Seamanship, Weather, Marine Communication Systems, and Engine Maintenance. In addition, look for these seminars: Hurricane Preparation for Boaters, Using GPS, Knots, Bends and Hitches, and How to Use a Chart.

Mastering Rules of the Road seminar was instructed by Mark Larson in June. The following people attended this important seminar: Glenn Crews, Shelley Horn, Tricia Schulze, Richard Schulze, David Fox, Judy Fox, Lawrence Jones, Mary Richardson, Robert Sharkey, John Henderson, and Belinda Eichel.

Here's something new! Are you looking for help with a particular boating skill? Do you need help on your boat such as anchoring, backing into a slip, tying to a dock, etc. Well, we have a program just for you. The program entitled "Jump Start" will provide you with one of our skilled members assigned to you on your boat to help with your particular area of need. If you'd like more information on how you can get a "Jump Start" on this program contact me at 631.456.9134. Full details will be coming out in the next edition of the Ocean Breeze.

*Peter J. Dion, SN*



*Magellan Society*  
*Lt/C Mike Gilroy*



## Magellan Cruise Schedule 2017

Monday, September 11 - Hilton Head Island w/ lunch at the Salty Dog

Saturday, September 23 - Fall MakeUp Cruise w/lunch at the Eagle's Nest

With only two cruises left to round out the 2017 season, I look forward to a great turn out to finish the cruising season.

*Mike Gilroy, M*

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