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EVENTS CALENDER

JUNE

- 4 Beaufort new City Dock - Land & Sea Cruise
- 8 Using GPS Seminar, 9-11:00, HHI Senior Center, Instructor Mark Larson with Garmin Regional Training Rep, Cory Hunger
- 11 Dinner Meeting at Hilton Head Golf & Country Club, 6:30 PM, with guest speaker Amber Kuehn, Marine Biologist
- 17 Magellan 3: Bull Island Cruise w/Lunch at Daufuskie Crab Co.
- 17 Executive Committee Mtg (6:30 PM, HHI Senior Center)
- 20 Fripp Island - Boating Activity w/Lunch
- 22 Emergencies on Board (Part of Boat Handling Course) 9-11:00, HHI Senior Center

JULY

- 6 Magellan Make-up Cruise
- 8 Boys & Girls Club "Day on the Water" - Harbour Town
- 15 Executive Committee Mtg (6:30 PM, HHI Senior Center)
- 11 Savannah Yacht Club (Boating Activity)
- 21 Magellan 4: Page & Pine Islands

AUGUST

- TBD Ossebaw, Georgia Nature Cruise; an all-day cruise
- 3 Magellan 5: Daufuskie Island
- 15 Savannah Downtown Dock (Boating Activity)
- 10 Hurricane Preparation Seminar, 9-11 AM, HHI Senior Ctr
- 19 Executive Committee Mtg (6:30 PM, HHI Senior Center)
- 26 May River Red Neck Riviera Sandbar - Beach Picnic

SEPTEMBER

- 4 Magellan 6: Hilton Head Island
- 6 Flying Fish/Bull River Marina (Boating Activity)
- 10 Dinner Meeting at Skull Creek Dockside, 6:30 PM
- 16 Executive Committee Mtg (6:30 PM, HHI Senior Center)
- 21 Anchoring (Part of Boat Handling Course) 9-11 AM HHI Senior Center
- 28 New River Nature Cruise (Boating Activity)



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NEW MEMBER BOAT CRUISE

Submitted by Member-at-Large Bob Newbert

Freshman members of America's Boating Club of Hilton Head enjoyed a "New Member Only" cruise to Thunderbolt, Georgia on April 23 led by ExCom Member-at-Large Bob Newbert.

Bob plotted a course through scenic backwater creeks that required tight turns on a plane in channels barely 15 ft. wide and less than three feet deep. There were sharp "S" curves and "U" turns as we sped through the marsh like Formula One cars navigating the narrow streets and switchbacks of the Grand Prix de Monaco.

New ABCHH captains Steve Scholl, Chris Brigham and Mike Schmittlein handled it like pros. Other new members on the cruise were Carla Scholl, Joe Grabias, John and Christine Eddy, Phil and Pam Gustafson, Cathy Brigham, Mark and Jo Beisswanger, Mary Schmittlein, Mark and Nancy Hente, Brad Loescher, Mary Richardson, Cassandra Davis, and Alan and Stacy Steinberg.

Along the 35-mile route to Thunderbolt, we stopped about 10x to hear stories of expanding waistlines, pot smuggling, secret airfields, steamship captains and their code warning of "revenuers aboard," the vengeance of a wrathful CEO, Savannah's North Pole, and a famous Bird Girl among other insights into the history of our local waterways.

ABCHH Commander Mark Larson and his wife, Linda, met us in Thunderbolt aboard "Hey Babe?" their 54 ft Sea Ray Sundancer and joined us for lunch at Tubby's Tank House, a local favorite featured on the Food Network's "Bizarre Foods America" with Andrew Zimmern. After lunch, Mark presented each new member with a cap embroidered with the ABCHH burgee.

Our New Member cruise was a wonderful day with spectacular scenery and great boating; but best of all, the fellowship of new friends.





Bob Newbert narrates the sights to the other boaters on his hand-held radio.



Wayne Mitchell is ON PLANE negotiating an "S" curve.



L/R: Joe Grabias, Stacy Steinberg, Alan Steinberg, Bob Newbert



Boat Captain Paul Hoyte giving a thumbs up.



US Coast Guard mending the channel markers.



Special thanks to Bob Newbert, AP for submitting articles about the 'new member cruise' and the raft up with the 'Blue Angels.' We appreciate your writing skills and narrations. Great job Bob!

BLUE ANGELS RAFT UP

Submitted by: Bob Newbert

America's Boating Club of Hilton Head joined our sister squadron from Beaufort to watch the Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort Air Show on April 27. We rafted together on Brickyard Creek adjacent to Merritt Field (the MCAS Beaufort runway) to watch the Blue Angels, the F-22 stealth fighter, F-35 stealth fighter, GEICO Sky Typers and other aerial performers work their magic directly overhead.

It was awesome! The F-22 climbs straight up like a rocket; the F-35 flies at 1,200 mph, but it can hover like a helicopter; and the Blue Angels fly precision formations with only 18" from wingtip to wingtip!

The afternoon was a breathtaking display of fearsome power and incredible skill. The sights and sounds of an F-35 fighter jet screaming low over your head, or the colorful F/A18's of the Blue Angels performing their aerial ballet at Mach 1 speeds is something that stays with you long after you pull anchor.

ABCHH was represented by Bob Newbert, who led the cruise captaining Barb Sommers' Grady White, Paul Hoyte and Steve Scholl. We rafted up with four boats of ABC Beaufort creating a 7-boat party platform where members of both clubs walked from boat to boat sharing food, fun and stories. Special thanks to Barb Sommers, who could not join us for the day, but donated her boat to the cruise for its all-important amenity for an eight-hour day on the water - a head!





Paul Hoyte, below, was another captain.



Special thanks to Nancy Stermer Hoyte and Bob Newbert for the great photos.



Bob Newbert below, who was the point man for the Raft Up. Thanks Bob!





EDUCATION NEWS

Peter J. Dion, SN



Jump Start is our program to help new boat owners develop essential skills for easier handling and safer operation of your new vessel.

- Highly customized for your individual needs
- Hands-on training right on your own boat
- Up to 2 hours
- Available to members and non-members at no cost
- Conducted by certified, experienced instructors
- A great way to become acquainted with our club, our members, and additional training available
- Follow-up recommendations may include:
 - Training Exercises
 - Courses
 - Boating Aids, Checklists, Safety Materials
 - Other On-the-water Training Opportunities

Typical Topics:

- Boat Handling
- Understanding Navigational Aids
- Boating Courtesy
- Docking
- Close Quarters Maneuvering
- Open Water Maneuvering
- Currents/Wind/Tides
- Basic GPS
- Radio Protocol
- Safety Equipment

To schedule your personal Jump Start session, contact our Education Officer, Peter Dion, at peterjdion@gmail.com.

BOAT HANDLING - A NEW SUMMER/FALL/WINTER COURSE

A new course called **Boat Handling** is now available. It has been specifically designed to follow the America's Boating Course, and to be the next course for ABC graduates. It is the replacement for the previous course called Seamanship.

The course consists of six, two-hour seminars, which are very much focused on the practical skills you need to have to be safe and confident while boating in our local waters.

Boat Handling seminars will be given over the next six months. The individual seminars will be open to others not registered in Boat Handling, but you will not be able to take the exam for accreditation (under the title of Seamanship) unless you have enrolled in the course.

The fee for the course will allow you to attend each of the seminars and receive the e-book for the course.

The reading and study materials for Boat Handling will only be available as an e-book. Registrants will need to download the e-book onto a computer or tablet. You will not receive the hard copy materials for each seminar, as in the past.

The six seminars and dates are as follows:

Emergencies On Board- Preparation for Handling Common Problems- June 22

Confidence In Docking and Undocking- Slow Speed Maneuvering- TBD

Boating With Confidence- Handling Your Boat Underway-TBD

Anchoring With Assurance- September 21

Knots and Line Handling- The Knots You Need To Know -TBD

Mastering the Rules of the Road - (Held May 18th)

Boat Handling is a prerequisite for those seeking the BOC (Boat Operator Certification) Inland Navigator designation.

WHERE:

Hilton Head Island Senior Ctr
70 Shelter Cove Lane
Hilton Head Island, SC 29928

COST:

Members: \$108/Includes \$48 fee for the e-book

Non-members: \$168/Includes the \$48 fee for e-book

REGISTRATION: Contact Tom Ryley at tomryley@mac.com

VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS

PC Larry Tremitiere reports that 130 Vessel Safety Checks have been completed to date by ten VSC Examiners. The District has completed 397 VSC's to date. Thank you to all Examiners for a great job this year. To schedule a VSC please contact PC Lary Tremitiere at 803-517-6626.



REMINDER ~ Any member planning to attend any of our boating functions MUST HAVE A CURRENT 2019 VSC DECAL ON THEIR BOAT.



CHIP MICHALOVE

Our guest speaker at the May dinner meeting, held at Skull Creek Dockside, was none other than local "Great White Shark Whisperer" Chip Michalove.

Chip loves fishing for King Mackerel, Cobia, Mahi, and Sailfish. He is most noted for South Carolina tournament wins and state record catches. In 2009 Chip was the South Carolina Shark representative for the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission.

With more than 33 years of fishing experience, Chip has guided scientists for Discovery Channel's "Shark Week" to catch and insert satellite tags. You can track shark sightings on the Sharktivity App and watch livestreams thanks to Chip's effort.

Since 2014 Chip has worked with the Ocearch team and more recently with the Atlantic White Shark Conservancy scientists. Michalove works with scientists at the Atlantic Shark Institute and the Atlantic White Shark Conservancy by placing tracking devices on the sharks. He's become an expert in the field, being one of the only fishermen in the world to consistently catch great white sharks on rod-and-reel.

Outcast Sport Fishing of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, hooked seven great white sharks in one day on January 18, 2019. The crew managed to tag four of them — including what could be the "largest male (great) white shark tagged in the Atlantic."



Michalove and his three-man crew at Outcast Sport Fishing hooked seven great white sharks in eight hours a few miles off the coast of Hilton Head. Michalove has hooked more than 30 great white sharks in the last four years, but he'd never had a day like Friday, January 18, 2019. It was "legendary" for him. The last shark was a 2,600-lb 'hog.'

"I've never dreamed of seeing that many in one day," Michalove said. "We found this spot where there was a plethora of great whites, like barracuda swarming a reef." "Depending on how the shark is acting and how healthy it is, we decide to place either satellite tags, acoustic tags, or PSAT tags," Michalove said. "Each of those tags give scientists different information and data on the fish, but we make sure the way we catch them puts a minimal amount of stress on the animal." Michalove said the 15-foot, 2,600-pound shark was the "largest male great white" ever tagged in the Atlantic. "It was almost as wide as the boat, about three fourths of it," Michalove said. "It's always shocking to not only see the length of these sharks, but their width and their power is just incredible."

Michalove said the epic fishing adventure on January 18th opened up the possibilities of great white discovery off the South Carolina coast. Great white sharks visit the South Carolina region every year between December and March as they prefer a certain water temperature. He previously estimated that there were 1,000 great whites off the South Carolina coast in the wintertime. But now he's thinking there might be more out there.





Below are new members Louise & Dick Heusinkveld, who were introduced during the evening.



CRUISE TO AJ'S ON TYBEE ISLAND

Submitted by PC Barb Sommers, AP

It was a hot one folks when we headed south to AJ's on Tybee Island. A beautiful day with very calm seas and a little breeze. We cruised at high tide and going down the creeks that looked like glass from the ICW to AJ's was breathtaking. A wonderful site to see with eight boats winding their way through the Spartina grass. We did have ten boats signed up, but two dropped out at the last minute; one due to the heat and the other with engine problem, but the other eight boats made it with 36 on board. Always fun to go to AJ's -- good waterside restaurant and the staff there is so friendly. For some, this was their first boating trip with the ABCHH. It was a great way to introduce them to our boating activities.

It was a fabulous day for watching wildlife. We saw a large number of dolphins, stingrays jumping out of the water, a couple of bald eagles and osprey's as well as a turtle, we think a loggerhead. Always something to see when you hit the beautiful waters around us.

Our next trip is to Downtown Beaufort on June 4th; we will have a BBQ lunch at Q on Bay. This will be a land and sea cruise, if you can't come by boat, please join us by car.



Many thanks to Carrie Maglich, Deb Loomis, and Lynne Harris for the wonderful photographs. Carrie captured all the wildlife that you'll see in the pictures; and Deb and Lynne zeroed in on boats and bodies. Thank you all so much.

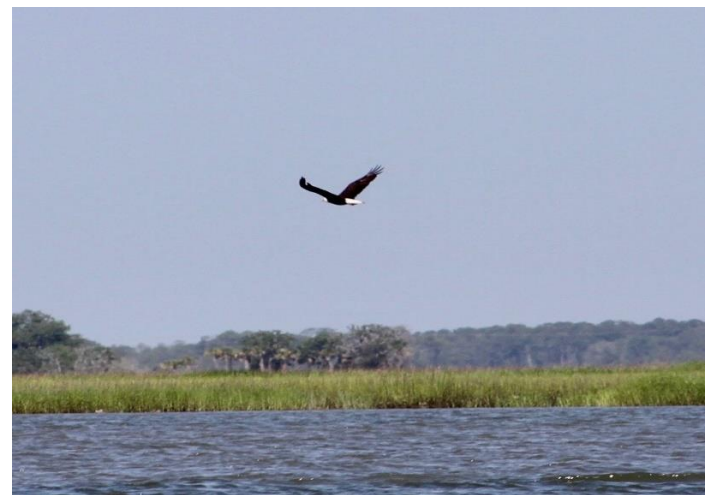








Pictured right is PC Barb Sommers. We owe her a big round of applause for coordinating these wonderful on-the-water boating activities for us to enjoy. Thank you Barb for doing such an outstanding job. →→→→→→→→



Magellan #2: Pinckney Island

Navigating, Anchoring and Weathering



Mike Gilroy, AP

There are two rules that everyone who schedules boating activities must follow.

RULE #1: Never trust the weatherman.

RULE #2: Repeat Rule #1

Four boats and a total of seventeen hardy boaters braved cloudy skies, light winds and light waves to begin their circumnavigation of Pinckney Island. Leg 1 was to transit "Fisherman's Cut" at the north end of Skull Creek, passing R "6" and going all the way to and beyond R "4" in order to avoid the shallows that extend from the north end of Pinckney. Leg 2 was to head west to G "1" and turn to port to enter Mackay Creek. Leg 3 was to anchor at the "elbow" of Mackay, raft up on the anchor boat and enjoy a picnic lunch. Right? So far, so good. As we were finishing up our picnic, we were reminded of Rules # 1 and 2. NEVER TRUST THE WEATHERMAN! What the morning's forecast predicted from 8:00 to 3:00 was "Partly Cloudy." Get it? NO RAIN. Guess what? HE LIED!

As the boats were separating from the raft up and the anchor boat was retrieving its anchor, light misting turned into a slanting downpour, drive by a 12 mph wind. Right! Brrrrrrr!

Fortunately, virtually everyone had brought some form of foul weather gear to avoid a total soaking, but no one escaped dry. Not even close.

So we continued with Leg 4, transiting Mackay Creek, past the private ATONs that mark the entrance to Moss Creek's marina, passing under the island entry bridge and giving wide berth to the shallows that extend from the south end of Pinckney. By which time the rain had stopped, and we were able to head for home port, then home, followed quickly by a hot shower, and warm, DRY clothes.

Corollary to Rules # 1 & 2: Be prepared for anything by packing foul weather gear.

NEXT UP: Magellan #3, Bull Island, June 17. Note: While I will be doing the logistics and boat assignments, the cruise will be led by Robert Newbert, who will not only get you through Bull Creek, but will also share a good bit of the history of Bull Island.

Magellan # 2 Pictures from Pinckney Island.



Captain Chris Brigham (L) and first mate.



R to L: Mike Gilroy, Suzanne, Stansbury, Walter Matejovic and two friends.





Chris Brigham (R) w/his guest.



Captain Mike Gilroy at the wheel in foul weather gear.



Front Boat: Mike Gilroy & Friends. Rear Boat: Norm Shotz (white shirt), Andrea Shotz (dark blue) and their guests.

CDR. JOHN KERN, USCG (Ret.) MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

On May 14, 2019, P/C Mick Holroyde presented the 2019 Commander John Kern Scholarship Award of \$250. The award is presented each year in John's name to a deserving Cadet in the Hilton Head High School Navy ROTC program. This year's recipient was Edward Maxted-Sorensen. He will be attending the Citadel.



HILTON HEAD SAIL & POWER SQUADRON
Proudly presents the



Cdr. John Kern, USCG (Ret.) Memorial Scholarship Award to

Cadet Edward Maxted-Sorensen

This award is given in Cdr. Kern's name to a graduating senior enrolled in the Jr. NROTC program at Hilton Head High School who demonstrates commitment and leadership. Cdr. Kern retired from the USCG after 29 years of service to his country. Cdr. Kern then became a member and Past Cdr. of Hilton Head Sail & Power Squadron where he both guided the organization and gave tireless hours educating local boaters in safe boating practices for many years. He also held the rank of Rear Commander for the National United States Power Squadrons.

Award is given this day 14 May, 2019

Mark Larson

*Cdr. America's Boating Club Hilton Head Island
(Formally Hilton Head Sail & Power Squadron)*

