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America's Boating Club of Hilton Head celebrated the season with the Hilton Head Shore Notes Ensemble at the annual holiday dinner on December 11, 2017



The Hilton Head Shore Notes Ensemble entertained members by performing a variety of traditional carols as well as "Believe" from the ever popular 'Polar Express.' The all-female acappella ensemble is part of the regular group of over 30 singers from Hilton Head and the nearby cities of Bluffton, Beaufort, Pooler, and Savannah. They even have members who drive up from Florida each week because they love to sing. The Hilton Head Shore Notes is a chapter of the Sweet Adelines whose focus is to share the love of music - acappella close harmony - referred to as barbershop - with the world. It was a delightful evening.



Commander Mark Larson gives his opening remarks to the membership. We had about sixty members enjoy the festive evening -- the majority of whom opted for prime rib over seafood pasta as their dinner entrée.



The annual tradition of donating to The Deep Well Project and the Marines Toys for Tots Foundation continued with members contributing to both. LCpl Mitchell and Sergeant Freedom were guests and addressed the group about the Toys for Tots Foundation.

We'd like to welcome the new members pictured below to America's Boating Club of Hilton Head. We enjoyed the evening getting acquainted with them and hope to see them at future dinner meetings and boating activities.



Lynne & Joe Harris



Wayne & Jocelyn Mitchell



Tina & John Thompson

2018 First Quarter Course Schedule

Cruising and Cruise Planning	February 1,8,15,22 March 1,8,15,22 (8 sessions)
America's Boating Course (ABC) Open to the Public	March 24, 31
Navigation	Starts February 26
Engine Maintenance	January 8,15,22,29 & February 5,12

2018 First Quarter Seminar Schedule

Mastering Rules of the Road	January 13
Marine Radar	February 3
Partner in Command	February 10
Tides and Currents	March 10

Hilton Head Sail and Power Squadron Announces Name Change & Launches New Website

The new *America's Boating Club*™ of Hilton Head, "For Boaters, By Boaters", is part of a national rebranding initiative to highlight the organization's focus. With "boating" and "club" now part of our name, the group is more easily recognized and can provide greater service to its members and the public.

The launch of the new website, which offers quick access to essential information, is part of the club's ongoing efforts to enhance the quality and availability of information to members, other boaters, and the local community. The site also serves as a platform to effectively showcase the group's three areas of emphasis: Boating Education, Cruising & Social Activities, and Community Service.

In addition to a streamlined and easy-to-navigate design, website visitors will find new functions and helpful tools. These include links to boating resources, tips, and videos as well as the ability to view comprehensive education and cruising schedules and then directly register online for seminars, courses, cruises, and social events. The website also offers special members-only features: a blog, documents library, member directory and searchable member file.

"With a new website and name, our club is strengthening how we are represented and how we are promoting our services to members and others in the community," said Mark Larson, our Club's Commander. "With these changes, America's Boating Club of Hilton Head™ begins a new chapter in our thirty-year history."

Explore the club's new website at americasboatingclubofhiltonhead.org or abchh.org

SUGGESTIONS WELCOME

Let's rename the newsletter. . .together!

Since we're in "change" mode with a new name and website, let's put our heads together and come up with a new name for our newsletter. Out with "The Ocean Breeze" and in with a new, catchy name that appeals to all of our readers and members. Please e-mail all suggestions to ladyd_gi@hotmail.com. Let's get creative and see what we can come up with. Once the names have been submitted, we will cast a vote with the membership to see which name everyone likes the best. 2018 is a year of change for us so let's get our boating year off to a great start. Everything is fresh and new and promises to be better than ever! And the member who comes up with the winning name will get a prize. TBA.

The Bridge of America's Boating Club of Hilton Head wish you all a very happy holiday and joyous new year.



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