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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### OCTOBER

23,26,30 Piloting Course, 6:00 pm, HHI Senior Center

28 Magellan Society - Fall Makeup Cruise to Bull, Daufuskie and Hilton Head Islands @ 10:00 am, Skull Creek Marina

*Junior Navigation is being offered from 7-9 p.m. on Monday's at the HHI Senior Center if you are interested in this course.*

### 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**

09 Using GPS Seminar, 9:00 am, HHI Senior Center  
This seminar will feature Dowe Thorton, Garmin Regional Training Specialist

13,16,20,27,30 Seamanship Course, 6:00 pm, HHI Senior Center

### DECEMBER

11 Christmas Party, Indigo Run, HHI, 6:30 pm

The Change of Watch on November 4th honors those members who have served on the current Bridge and Committees. We swear in those who have accepted positions for the coming year. It's a nice evening to visit with friends and meet the new Bridge. Registration ends October 31st. We would love to see you there!

## Commander's Corner

### Commander Mick Holroyde, AP



The Annual Meeting of the Hilton Head Sail and Power Squadron (HHSPS) was held on Monday, October 9, 2017 at Indigo Run. At this meeting the Nomination Chair, PC Barb Sommers, placed the following individuals into nomination for election and were elected for the 2018 Watch Year:

Commander - Mark Larson, AP  
 Executive Officer - Walter Kirk, AP-CN  
 Education Officer - Steve Rahn, P  
 Administrative Officer - Peter Dion, SN  
 Treasurer - Craig Christiansen, AP  
 Secretary - Debra Dion

Asst. Administrative Officer - Paul Hoyte, AP  
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#### Members-at-Large

Glenn Crews  
 Mark Dryden  
 Paul Hoyte, AP  
 Robert Newbert, P  
 Randy Royen, P  
 Hal Wilson, AP

#### Nominating Committee

3 Years - P/C Mick Holroyde, AP (Chairman)  
 2 Years - P/C Barb Sommers, P  
 1 Years - P/C Larry Tremetiere, S

#### Rules Committee

3 Years - D/Lt/C Joe Etter. AP-IN (Chairman)  
 2 Years - Smitty Haller, AP

#### Audit Committee

3 Years - P/C Larry Tremetiere, S (Chairman)  
 2 Years - D/Lt/C Joe Etter. AP-IN

## Commander's Corner Commander Mick Holroyde, AP

Awards given out at the Annual Meeting on October 9th were as follows:



Pictured left: Klaus Loehr with Commander Mick Holroyde. Klaus was nominated for the Chapman Award for Outstanding Instructor at the District Conference.



Commander Mick Holroyde presents the "Catch the Spirit...Pass it On" award to Robert Newbert.



Peter Dion receives the award for completing all educational courses through Senior Navigator from Commander Mick Holroyde.





Commander Holroyde presents the Educational Proficiency Award to Joe Etter for completing Advanced Piloting and three electives.



Commander Holroyde presents the Educational Proficiency Award to Mark Larson for the completion of Advanced Piloting and three electives.

The Change of Watch (COW) meeting will be held on Saturday, November 4, 2017. At this meeting we will swear in the new Commander and his Bridge. I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to all those individuals that made so many contributions between November 2016 through November 2017. Additionally, I would like to wish the very best to our new Commander and his organization as they face the challenges ahead.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
**Cdr. Mick Holroyde**

## Administrative Officer's Report

### Lt/C Mark Larson, AP

Emory Campbell, President of the Gullah Heritage Consulting Service, was the guest speaker at the Annual Meeting on October 9, 2017.

The contributions of Emory Shaw Campbell to the cultural and environmental heritage of South Carolina are enormous. Campbell began his career in the 1970's as a community development activist, working to implement public health measures in impoverished rural areas and to preserve traditional Gullah communities threatened by out-of-control resort development of the sea islands. Later, as the Executive Director of Penn Center on St. Helena, Campbell helped lead the movement to preserve Gullah culture and make Gullah people in the rural areas more aware of the importance of their uniquely rich African cultural heritage. He was a member of the committee that translated the New Testament into the Gullah language.

In 2008, Campbell was elected Chairman of the Gullah-Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Commission, an organization empowered by the U.S. Congress to develop a program to commemorate Gullah culture in the low country region from Wilmington, North Carolina to Jacksonville, Florida.

Emory Campbell has appeared in many documentaries, news magazines, films and radio and television programs, including 60 Minutes; The Today Show; a PBS special, Family Across the Sea; as well as on C-Span's Washington Journal. He has been awarded the Governor's Award for Historical Preservation (1999), was inducted into the South Carolina Black Hall of Fame (1999). He was awarded the Carter G. Woodson Award for Civil Rights by the National Education Association in 2006.

Mr. Campbell is author of *Gullah Cultural Legacies* (2008), a synopsis of Gullah traditions, customary beliefs, art forms and speech. He is currently the director of Gullah Heritage Consulting Services based on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, and he manages the Gullah Heritage Trail Tours on Hilton Head.

**Mark**



**Barb Sommers, P  
Past Commander**



Our last cruise was to the Port Royal Sound Maritime Foundation Center on October 16<sup>th</sup> for a good ole' fashion Oyster Roast catered by Sea Eagle Market. We were joined by some members from the Beaufort Sail and Power Squadron who opted to arrive by car. We cruised up the Chechessee River and had another nice turn out of boats from HHSPS. While at the Maritime Center we were treated to a talk about the center by Bev Jennings and the oyster industry from Craig Reeve of Sea Eagle Market.



Bev Jennings



Craig Reeve from Sea Eagle Market





Randy Royen



Judy Hadley-Brown and Charlie Brown



Joe Etter and Larry Tremiere visit with David Furman (middle). Mr. Furman is President of the Moss Creek Boat Owners Association and was a guest of HHSPS member Dave Mauk.



Mark Larson & Bob Newbert



Charlie Brown



It was a great day to be out on the water!



## The Virtual Trainer Was a Great Hit !!

The Hilton Head Sail and Power Squadron participated in West Marine's grand store opening by providing the Virtual Boating Trainer in the store for customers to use. Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> kicked off with a ribbon cutting ceremony and great customer activities throughout the day. Outside the store were product vendors, boats, games, prizes, and a free low country boil and ice cream. Inside were great customer deals and the USPS Virtual Trainer!



**Glenn Crews**  
Member-at-Large

Staffed by the Hilton Head Squadron team, the Virtual Trainer was in use not only on Saturday, grand opening day, but Sunday and Monday as well. Experienced boaters, people with no boating experience and kids all tried their skills at leaving and returning to the dock, running a slalom course, navigating in difficult situations, and many, many more. With over 15 specific training lessons, skills can be tested and challenged by increasing the level of difficulty on all boating maneuvers. The capability to increase wind and current speed plus the direction of each simulates the real live boating environments we face when on the water.

West Marine had record numbers of people come for the grand opening activities on Saturday and Sunday. The Virtual trainer helped the Power Squadron to receive great PR exposure and name recognition in the local area. The Virtual Trainer was then installed at our partner, Freedom Boat Club, and used to provide custom and personalized training to its members. Its last stop in Hilton Head was to provide an on-the-water experience for those taking the first day of our fall ABC course. Working with the Hilton Head Boathouse in Bluffton, ABC participants were able to apply what they had learned in class using the Trainer and simulate many boating situations before actually receiving our follow-up on the water training.

The Virtual Trainer continues to be a great training tool for all levels of boaters and a wonderful marketing and promotions opportunity for the Hilton Head Squadron! Check out the next page for more pictures from the Open House at West Marine with the Virtual Trainer.



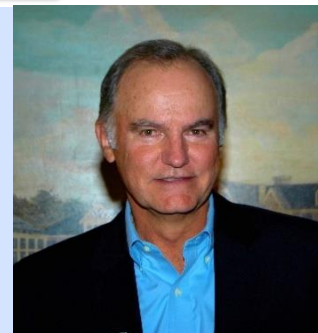
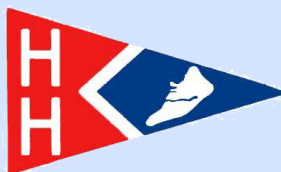


*The Virtual Trainer  
got a lot of use during  
the Grand Opening of  
West Marine.*





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



Operate Your **GPS** More Efficiently? If you want to know how to use your Garmin GPS unit to its maximum potential...we have a seminar for you! On November 11, Dowe Thornton, the Regional Training Specialist for Garmin will be here to show you how to operate your GPS more efficiently and demonstrate the latest Garmin equipment. Along with our newly inducted Commander, Mark Larson, Dowe will show you how to operate the latest Garmin equipment in this two hour seminar. This is one of our more popular seminars that will be presented at the Skull Creek Boathouse Showroom across from Moss Creek. It's not too late to register, as a matter of fact, click here to register: [Register Here.](#)

Congratulations to **Joe Etter, AP-IN** and **Mark Larson, AP** for achieving the **Educational Proficiency Award**. This award is presented to members who have successfully achieved a grade level of at least Advanced Piloting (AP) and completed at least three Elective Courses. In addition, **Klaus Loehr, AP** was our nominee to District 26 for the **Charles F. Chapman Award**. This award is given to an instructor demonstrating "Excellence in Teaching." Klaus's dedication, time, and knowledge is certainly deserving of our nomination for this award. Nice work!

Our other two final seminars for the year are "**How to Use a Chart**" and "**Knots, Bends, and Hitches.**" Sign up by e-mailing [peterjdion@gmail.com](mailto:peterjdion@gmail.com) for a notice and corresponding registration form.

Peter Dion, SN





**Magellan Society  
Lt/C Mike Gilroy**



## Magellan Cruise Schedule 2017

### Ferdies Frustrated But Still Committed

The Weatherman has not been kind to the Magellan Society this year!!! Not sure how the weather was when Ferdinand Magellan left Spain to begin his around-the-world-trip, but he has surely not been kind to us in 2017. We've had to cancel the circumnavigation cruises around Bull Island, Daufuskie Island, and even Hilton Head.

But we're going to show him!!! We're going to TRIPLE UP and combine the Bull, Daufuskie, and Hilton Head circumnavigation cruises into one GRAND CRUISE on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>.

The invitations have been sent out and you won't want to miss it. Registration ends Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. This will be a great day on the water. We hope you can join us and look forward to seeing you on the water.

**Mike**




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