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VOLUNTEERISM:

the policy or practice of volunteering one's time or talents for charitable, educational, or other worthwhile activities, especially in one's community.

America's Boating Club of Hilton Head is a volunteer organization. All of the boat cruises, boating activities, and Magellan Society Cruises that we enjoy... the courses and seminars we take...the dinner meetings that we attend monthly...the speakers that address us at our monthly dinner meetings...the Vessel Safety Checks performed on your boats...the boat shows we participate in with the Virtual Trainer...and the additional on-the-water training you receive on your boat are all because of VOLUNTEERS. Do any of us realize that none of these things would be possible if it weren't for our volunteers and Executive Committee members and members-at-large? Think about it for a moment. WE NEED AND DEPEND ON OUR VOLUNTEERS. The Bridge members are all volunteers from the Commander on down to the Secretary. If you have any interest in helping in any of the volunteer areas (Hospitality, Membership, Education, Communications, Public Relations, Newsletter, or Photography) please contact any Bridge member listed on the left. We will get in touch with you to explain our needs and what is required of you in your area of interest. Perhaps you'd like to become an instructor or learn how to perform Vessel Safety Checks; we need you! Maybe you'd like to become an officer; we need you! Or maybe you'd like to dust off your resume and volunteer in an area where you can still excel and make a difference - public relations, education, communications, photography, hospitality, or membership. WE NEED YOU! In order for this Club to remain active and viable, we need more help from our membership. Please join us in this effort.



Six boats joined the Wexford Canal Cruise on May 16th. Once the boats were through the lock, they enjoyed a narrated canal tour by Drew Hearn. Drew bought the first lot in Wexford and built a home, which he lived in for 32 years. He and Diane now live on their boat, the "Rambling Wreck," in Harbour Town. Today there are 460 homes with either marsh, lagoon, golf course or harbor views. Seven bridges were built spanning lagoons and the harbor; four islands were formed to support island home sites. Only two other communities on the East Coast have lock-controlled harbors. Wexford's design was inspired by an article in National Geographic about the inland canals of Ireland. Cruise attendees enjoyed a lovely lunch in the club house before their departure. Thank you, Barb Sommers, for another great cruise.



Barb Sommers is on the walkie talkie aboard the "Lady D II." Deb Dion gives sunscreen to Mary Goodrich and her guests.



Bob Newbert and crew on the "Mary Jane" going through the lock.



Paul Hoyte with his brother Samuel, Randy Royen, Elaine Stermer (Nancy's mom) and Nancy Stermer.



The party boat is captained by Glenn Crews with Terri Jackson and their guests.



Bob Newbert and his crew aboard "Mary Jane."



Captain Brian DeMatteo with the Carroll's and the Wolfe's.



Club members Leighs & Sharon Church waved to us from their porch and later joined us for lunch at the club house.



Mark & Teresa Carroll with Tom Wolfe. Ann Wolfe is busy taking pictures.



Club member Mark Dryden, in yellow shirt, is the harbor-master at Wexford Plantation. Behind him is Club member John Thompson.



Our narrator, Drew Hearn, is in the pink shirt seated next to Diane White along with the Sharon and Leighs Church and Brian DeMatteo on far left.



Wexford Canal Cruisers were joined at the club house by Leighs and Sharon Church, Al and Deb Pepe, as well as Bill McCombs, Tamra Avrit and daughter. Thank you for joining us for lunch.

Continue reading on Page 5 about the "Ferdies" as they circumnavigate Pinckney Island. We had lots going on in May. Thank you to Mike Gilroy for another great Magellan Society outing.

FERDIES CIRCUMNAVIGATE PINCKNEY ISLAND

Mike Gilroy, JN

Despite cloudy skies, thirteen ABCHH members, including new members Craig & Deb Loomis and John & Tina Thompson, spread among three boats completed the circumnavigation of Pinckney Island. We observed how the island extends well to the north and to the south, providing ample opportunity for the unwary to run aground. In passing, we observed the difference between Intra-coastal waterway ATONs and regular ATONs, noted the entrance to Moss Creek Marina, and experienced the vagaries of anchoring in pluff mud for a picnic lunch. Special thanks go to Lucia Rosenblatt for her skill at repositioning our "raft up". All participants benefitted from the excellent brochure authored by Paul Hoyte on the history of Pinckney Island. And thank you to Ann Wolfe for the photos of today's events.

NEXT UP: Magellan Society cruise #3 - Bull Island on June 15. Mark your calendars!



Mike & Leslie Gilroy with Tom Wolfe while Ann Wolfe takes photo.



Captain Lucia Rosenblatt with crew members John and Tina Thompson and Judy and Charlie Brown.





Captain Lucia Rosenblatt and crew.



The Gilroy's



Craig & Deb Loomis with Al & Deb Pepe.



Al Pepe in his PFD with Deb Loomis, Craig Loomis, and Deb Pepe.



EVENTS CALENDAR

MAY

- 24 Mastering Rules of the Road Seminar 6:30-8:30 p.m., at Moss Creek Plantation, Bostwick Club House, 1523 Fording Island Road, Hilton Head Island, SC 29926

JUNE

- 2 Anchoring Seminar (9:00 - 11:00 a.m., HHI Senior Center)
- 2 Cruise the Beaufort Loop w/Beaufort PS, 9:30 at R2 in Port Royal Sound w/lunch at Back Porch Grill at Port Royal Landing
- 9 Hurricane Preparation for Boaters (9:00 a.m. at HHI Senior Center)
- 15 Magellan Society Cruise: Bull Island, 10:00 a.m., w/lunch at Daufuskie Crab Company
- 18 Ex Comm Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., HHI Senior Center
- 25 Cruise up the May River to Redneck Riviera Sand Bar, 10:30, BYO picnic lunch
- 30 Annual Summer Picnic, 4:00 p.m., Jarvis Park

JULY

- 1 Magellan Society Cruise - Summer Make-Up Cruise, 10:00 w/lunch at Eagle's Nest/Bloody Point
- 7 Join Tybee Light as they cruise to Beaufort, 10:00, lunch TBD
- 9 Boys & Girls Club "Day on the Water"
- 12 Partners in Command, 6:30 p.m., HHI Senior Center
- 16 Magellan Society Cruise Pigeon & Pine Islands, 10:30, lunch TBD
- 16 Ex Comm Meeting, 6:30 p.m., HHI Senior Center
- 18 Cruise south to Wilmington River; Beaufort PS joining us; 9:30, Lunch at Tubby's Tank House in Thunderbolt, GA

AUGUST

- 11 Cruise to Fripp Island via back channels with Beaufort PS; Lunch at Bonito Boathouse
- 15 Magellan Society Cruise to Daufuskie Island, 11:00, w/lunch at Eagle's Nest/Bloody Point
- 20 Ex Comm Meeting, 6:30 p.m., HHI Senior Center