



For Boaters, By Boaters™

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Upcoming Events

February

- 9-15 -USPS Annual Meeting in Ponte Vedra, FL
- 18 - ExCom meeting at 5:00pm followed by club dinner at 6:00pm
- 25 - Liberty Park litter clean up 9:00am

March

- 10 - Intro to Navigation Seminar 6-8pm
- 14 - Peaches to Beaches Yard Sale 8am-5pm
- 17 - ExCom meeting at 5pm followed by club dinner at 6 pm
- 20-22 - Savannah Boat Show
- 21 - Club Cruise on Turtle River with lunch at Blythe Island Park

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Commander's Message



Cdr Charles Wilsdorf, SN-ON

Thanks goes out to our club's administrative officer, Terry Osman, P for putting together a fantastic club dinner and the presentation that LCDR Matt Waller delivered on the *Golden Ray* salvage. We had a full house with many guests, some of who have already joined our club. Welcome from our club to Jerry and Cynthia Lamb for taking the membership plunge.

U.S. boat sales has reached the second highest volume in 12 Years reaching 280,000 units/42 billion dollars according to the National Marine Manufacture Association (NMMA). Sales are expected to remain strong in 2020. I think we had a couple of members who contributed to this volume.

NMMA also reported that the U.S. Senate voted unanimously to pass key legislation to address the growing global marine debris crisis. The Save Our Seas 2.0 Act (S.1982/H.R.2969) was sponsored by Senator Dan Sullivan (R-AK) and Representative Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR). This legislation will create a federal marine debris foundation establishing a "genius prize" to encourage the development of solutions to address plastics pollution and launch several federal studies into marine debris.

Everyone enjoys the camaraderie of our club dinners, even though when weather permits we would much rather be out on the water with our friends. Ed Reynolds, S, our club's Executive Officer/Cruise Chairman has put together cruises for this year that we think will please and get us all out on the water. So, follow Ed's articles/emails on the dates of our cruises and let's all hope for good weather.

I encourage everyone to bone up on boating safely while having fun by taking one of our America's Boating Course classes. I've been boating now for over 65 years, but I learn something new each time I am associated with these classes. Check the club's calendar and/or with Mike Moyer, SN our Club's Education Officer for our club's boating classes and seminar offerings.

As a clarification on my January Porthole article, relating to the new Georgia law pertaining to Marine Sanitation Devices (MSD), I stated that these regulations had been in effect before the law, **Wrong**. The new regulation states that no discharge into Georgia waters inside the three-mile offshore limit is allowed period, even with an MSD Type I or Type II which prior to the new law was legal. Now, regardless of MSD Type, you are required, as a practical matter, to have a holding tank and it can only be emptied at an approved pump-out station or be discharged more than three miles offshore. As a previous owner of a vessel with two MSDs Type I's, Raritan Electro Sans, I was able to dump overboard legally treated waste. If I still owned that vessel, I would have to install a holding tank/tanks which would come with a pretty hefty price along with finding suitable locations to install them on the vessel.

I have mentioned before that **all club members** are members of the Membership Committee. In the last four months our club has added six new members who were encouraged by current members to come have dinner with us, take a class, or come on a cruise. Friendly, no pressure invitations by Vicky Jefferis, JN, Steve and Kathy Druckenmiller, and Terry Osman, P resulted in these new members. Once these potential members asked to join, Terry followed through on her responsibilities as Administrative Officer/Membership Chairman. Thanks to you all for your efforts in encouraging these new members. Now, again I remind you, all club members are on the Membership Committee.

Hope to see you all at our next week's club dinner. Until then, wishing you all warm fair winds.

Chas

TIME FOR SOME FUN, ON THE WATER FUN!



**Executive Officer
Ed Reynolds, S**

Hello again fellow America's Boating Club members!

Our first cruise of the season will be on Saturday, March 21. We will convene at the Blythe Island boat dock at 11:00am and journey up the Turtle River. After exploring that waterway up to Oak Grove Island, we will return to Blythe Island boat dock for a picnic lunch. Our itinerary is as follows:

WHEN: Saturday, March 21, 11:00am

WHERE: Blythe Island Boat Dock

ROUTE: Turtle River and return

WHAT TO BRING: Lunch, drinks, sunscreen, jacket, sunglasses

HOW TO SIGN UP: Reply to Ed Reynolds by text (423-341-2531) or email (ejreynolds3@icloud.com) by Wednesday, March 11. Let me know how many will be attending and if you will be providing a boat (and how many extra passengers you can carry). You will be

notified which boat you will be on and when/where to board.

Looking ahead, our second cruise will be on April 11. It will be a fishing trip. Since I am not a fisherman, I need a volunteer to help me plan this. Please contact me if you can assist.

See you on the water!

Ed Reynolds



2020 Vessel Safety Check Decal

We are getting our boats ready for another great boating season in 2020. Is your boat's Vessel Safety Check decal out of date like mine? Or perhaps you bought a new boat that needs a safety inspection. If so, then it is time to have one of our club's certified vessel examiners conduct a safety check on your boat. Contact Charles Wilsdorf, Ed Reynolds, Mike Moye or Paulette Harris for your 2020 safety check.

You do not need to be a club member to get a vessel safety check. Refer a friend who needs a safety check on their boat. The inspection is free.

Secretary's Report

Peaches to Beaches Yard Sale

Hi y'all! A couple of years ago we were able to clean out our closets and raise a bit of cash (well over \$200) for America's Boating Club education endeavors. We again realize that we have too much stuff cluttering our lives, and what a great way to get rid of it and support the club!

Date of the yard sale is Friday and Saturday March 13 & 14- but we are only going to set up for Saturday- the busiest day! Location is Mary Ross Park (MRP) in Brunswick. Hours are 8a to 5p. We will set up a table or two.

At our next meeting I will solicit volunteers to help for 2 hour shifts to work the booth, throughout Saturday... which gives you plenty of time to peruse the other booths in MRP or head up Hwy. 341 to visit other vendors set up along this big, BIG event. Even keep an eye out for ELVIS!! The Elvises are in town for the annual Elvis Festival and there will be free concerts in Jekyll and Machen Squares Friday & Saturday 430pm... so a little more fun to be had if you are a fan of the Man.

But I digress... I am asking for 2 things, 2 hours of your time to work the booth AND just as importantly, donated stuff to sell. We would love any nautical related stuff- boat parts and related useful stuff... nautical décor (come on, we all have collected more than our share of this type of paraphernalia. I assure you, you will not be judged negatively if you offer up that sailboat picture, ships wheel hanging thing, or coasters that you still like, but just no longer have the place or space for...). But other art, household items, interesting stuff would be great. I will begin accepting stuff at the February meeting. Or you can stop by our house and drop it off. I do suggest you note a suggested pricing on anything of real value or run the risk of us over or under selling something we are not familiar with. We might consider a 50/50 split on the sale on any big ticket items.

I do drone on and on.... Sorry. So just please step up and let me know when you can work (time slots first come /first serve). I really need set up help starting about 7am so start from there. Email me or sign up at the next meeting. I am charging Rick to collect names and times and any Stuff that might be brought in. I will be missing February's meeting as I will be in Chicago for a few days for our Baby's Baby Shower (Cindy is due in April) and a bit of kid sitting for our other daughter's 3 little ones. Do be nice to Rick- say you will help and bring him some stuff, so he can feel needed.

As far as official Secretary minutes....

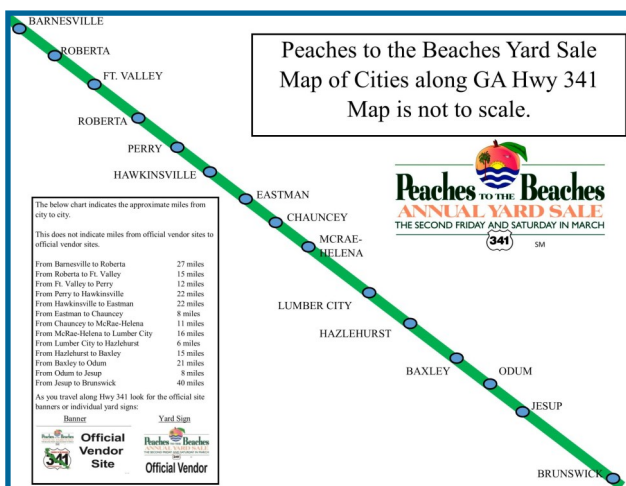
The official minutes of the EXCOM meeting from the January meeting are available by email by request. I will note that for the General meeting, we had 15 members present and 7 guests at Ember's Restaurant on January 21. Our speakers, Lt Cdr Matt Waller and PO Nick Littlejohn both of USCG representing The Unified Command for the *Golden Ray*. Their talk was very informative in updating us on a bit of history and *Golden Ray's* ongoing salvage activities. The new information that the current goal is to complete the removal by the start of hurricane season this year was enlightening. They answered questions honestly and stressed that things are unique in this situation and the plan is always fluid.

Thank you.

-Sharon



Secretary Sharon Hindery, AP



This picture is from the last time we participated in Peaches to Beaches Yard Sale.

Administrative Officer Report



AO Terry Osman, P

The January Club Dinner kicked off the new year in fine style, in many ways! We were happy to have several new guests attend and had so much fun we almost had to kick ourselves out the banquet room! U.S. Coast Guard representatives of the Unified Command Incident Response Team fully briefed us on the *Golden Ray* situation, and entertained questions such that those of us who attended walked away well-versed. If you were unable to attend, they expressed a desire to keep us, the local America's Boating Club, up to date as months pass. They officially expressed the U.S. Coast Guard and Unified Command's appreciation of the role our America's Boating Club serves in building boating skills and in helping keep waterways safe through education. These partnerships across agencies and organizations combines our strengths and amplifies our impact!

We have a marketing program to spread the word about our Cruise Outings, Socials and Education programs. **YOU CAN BE AN AMBASSADOR TOO!** Word of mouth is how good things spread in the Golden Isles. Who do you know who cares about fun safe boating?

We appreciate how important it is to be an EDUCATED boater and want to share that message. LOOK UP our CLASS SCHEDULE and attend the next one that's right for you. The club calendar is posted on the website at www.gisps.org. Everything is posted there and ALWAYS in this Newsletter – including the Monthly Club Dinner and Golden Isles trash pickup outings. Easy to find on Facebook and Meetup also!

So anytime you're making plans with friends, check out our activities and come along!

February Club Dinner – Social

BRING A GUEST TO THE CLUB DINNER. See you there!

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

6:00 pm

Ember Restaurant

70 Reserve Village

St Simons Island, GA 31522

ember2f.com



Shirley Robinson

AO Terry Osman, P talks with USCG PO Nick Littlejohn and Lt Cdr Matt Waller before the presentation.

Club Education Officer Report



CEO Mike Moye, SN

Education Report

It's amazing—and we say the same thing year after year. How can any company afford to pay that much money for a 30 second commercial??? This year a 30 second commercial during the Super Bowl was \$5.6 million. In 1967 during the very first Super Bowl that same commercial was \$40,000. Hear that rattle? That's me shaking my head. Just think of all the boat parts I could buy... Anyway, I mention this little bit of trivia, during the wake of the Super Bowl, to apologize for not having an America's Boating Course marketing budget quite large enough to advertise during the big dance. Our primary marketing efforts are "not much cost" (an occasional ad or billboard) or "no cost" (social media, email, public announcements, and flyers posted around town). Without question, however, the biggest factor attracting students to our classes is "word of mouth." That's true for a lot of businesses too. Back in my higher education administration days we'd spend two or three hundred thousand a year on marketing activities. At the beginning of each semester, though, we'd survey students during orientation and get the same results time and time again. The biggest factor influencing students to enroll was "word of mouth."

America's Boating Club Golden Isles really needs your help in generating some "word of mouth" advertising. You can do that by telling friends, posting flyers, forwarding emails, and whatever you can think of. If you've never taken the ABC class, we'd love to have you (and bring your friends). We have three scheduled this year, February 8, April 4, and October 17.

Also, don't forget the Introduction to Navigation class which will be held on March 10. We've already begun picking up registrations for this interesting two-hour seminar which will be held on Tuesday evening March 10.

Finally, we've talked a lot about Boat Handling (the new name for Seamanship) and we've blocked several dates in April and May.

Mike Moye, SN

Club Education Officer

SAVE THE DATES	TELL A FRIEND
ABC Classes ⇒ April 4 ⇒ October 17	Intro to Navigation Seminar ⇒ March 10

Pictures from January Club Dinner



USCG Lt Cdr Matt Waller briefs our club on the *Golden Ray* incident response.



We had a good turn out for the January dinner.



Cdr Charles Wilsdorf, SN-ON and Club EO Mike Moye, SN address the club members.



AO Terry Osman, P shows our club burgee that may be purchased.



From left: PO Nick Littlejohn, Shirley Robinson, Lt Cdr Matt Waller and Charles Wilsdorf. Shirley is a wonderful photographer who took all the pictures of the club dinner and she also took pictures for our Cruise and Rendezvous in May 2019.

How well do you know our club's fleet? Match the owner with their boat's name. See how many you are able to match. The answers are at the bottom of the page.

Boat's Name (listed alphabetically)	Owner's Last Name (listed alphabetically)
1. _____ 3DOGS	A. BERTA
2. _____ CAROLINE EM	B. BRIDGES
3. _____ FELIX	C. GLASS
4. _____ KICKINGBACK	D. GRIMSHAW
5. _____ LAMBOATZ	E. GRAY
6. _____ LIL AUDREY	F. HINDERY
7. _____ LONE RANGER	G. JONES, DAVID & STEPHANIE
8. _____ MARTINI	H. JONES, RICHARD & DOROTHY
9. _____ MISS GLENDA	I. LAHRS
10. _____ MY SHARONA	J. LAMB
11. _____ PAIR-A-DICE	K. LOTT
12. _____ SALMON EYE	L. MORRISON
13. _____ SEA HUNT	M. MOYE
14. _____ SEA SCOTTY	N. OSMAN
15. _____ SHIP FACED	O. PIERCE
16. _____ THE ISLAND LADY	P. REYNOLDS
17. _____ TOPWATER	Q. STERRETT
18. _____ WILLOW	R. STORTZ
19. _____ WINGS OF THE MORNING	S. WILSDORF

(Answers: 1P, 2A, 3O, 4B, 5J, 6F, 7D, 8Q, 9C, 10M, 11R, 12I, 13H, 14G, 15K, 16E, 17S, 18N, 19L)

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**Happy Birthday to Club Members
in February!**

Richard Jones
Tim Lahrs

America's Boating Club of Golden Isles Calendar February - July 2020



February

9-15 - USPS Annual Meeting in Ponte Vedra, FL

18 - ExCom meeting at 5:00pm followed by club dinner at 6:00pm at ember's Restaurant on St. Simons Island

25 - Liberty Park litter clean up 9:00am

March

3 - Articles due for March *Porthole*

10 - Introduction to Navigation Seminar

10 - *Porthole* distribution to club members

14 - Peaches to Beaches Yard Sale at Mary Ross Park 8am-5pm

17 - ExCom meeting at 5:00pm and club dinner at 6:00pm

21 - Club Cruise on Turtle River with lunch at Blythe Island Park

20-22 - Savannah Boat Show

April

4 - ABC Class at UGA Marine Extension in Brunswick 8:30am - 4:30pm

7 - Articles due for April *Porthole*

11 - Club Cruise #2; Fishing Trip

14 - *Porthole* distribution to club members

17 - Co-hosting the movie "Maiden" at St. Simons Casino Theatre 7pm

21 - Liberty Park litter clean up 9:00am

21 - ExCom meeting at 5:00pm and club dinner at 6:00pm

May

1-3 - District 26 Cruise and Rendezvous in Myrtle Beach hosted by North Strand Sail and Power Squadron

5 - Articles due for May *Porthole*

12 - *Porthole* distribution to club members

16-22 - National Safe Boating Week

19 - ExCom meeting at 5:00 pm and club dinner at 6:00pm

30 - Club Cruise #3

June

2 - Articles due for June *Porthole*

9 - *Porthole* distribution to club members

16 - ExCom meeting at 5:00pm and club dinner at 6:00pm

27 - Club Cruise #4

July

7 - Liberty Park litter clean up 9:00am

7 - Articles due for July *Porthole*

14 - *Porthole* distribution to club members

21 - ExCom meeting at 5:00pm and club dinner at 6:00pm



2020 Club Cruise Dates

March 21

April 11

May 30

June 27

August 8

September 26



File photo from our Cruise & Rendezvous in May 2019

Shirley Robinson

CONTRIBUTE TO OUR NEWSLETTER!

Please submit an article, picture, or even a link to a boating video that you feel other club members may enjoy. All newsletter content is due to Cathy Stortz cstortz777@yahoo.com by the first Tuesday of each month.



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Our Club is part of the world's largest recreational boating organization with more than 30,000 members. We learn together, boat together, and help each other and other boaters on the water and on land.

Consider joining our Club to:

LEARN boating skills

ENGAGE with boating friends

CONNECT with the boating community

The only requirements for membership are a keen interest in boating-related activities and an eagerness to meet like-minded people whether power, or sail, or paddle boaters; however, **you don't need a boat to join**. Contact us through our website or Facebook page if you would like more information.