

# AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB

## Golden Isles



The p<sup>orth</sup>ole

For Boaters, By Boaters™

A monthly publication of America's Boating Club Golden Isles

Editor's Note: This month's newsletter does not contain the usual Bridge Officers' articles and boating information. Instead, Cdr. Charles Wilsdorf, SN-ON emailed this to all members.

America's Boating Club Golden Isles Members,

I sure hope this email finds you all well. Many of you or maybe all of you are interested in what's going on with other members and how they are coping in these challenging conditions.

I ask all of you to please check-in/touch-base with an email to Cathy Stortz ([cstortz777@yahoo.com](mailto:cstortz777@yahoo.com)) so she might publish the responses in the club's April Porthole. Primarily, just let us know how you are doing. Also, we encourage you to include any suggestions, anecdotes, and pictures on how you are coping. I bet there is some good stories out there. You may include your response in your email's body or attach as a doc file. Let's face it, times are far from normal and our daily routines have changed. Let's just make sure we all stay connected and in good spirits.

I have attached an up to date club roster.  
Your Club Commander,

Chas

Included in this newsletter are the responses I received to his request. No one reported being sick with Covid-19, but we have one member, Paulette Harris who requests we pray for her. Please see below.



## PRAYERS DESIRED

I have just had major surgery with more to come. Prayers are appreciated.

Paulette Harris

For those that do not know Paulette, she was very instrumental in organizing our club and one of our founding members.



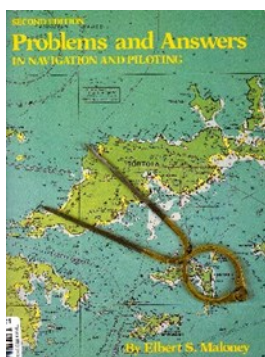
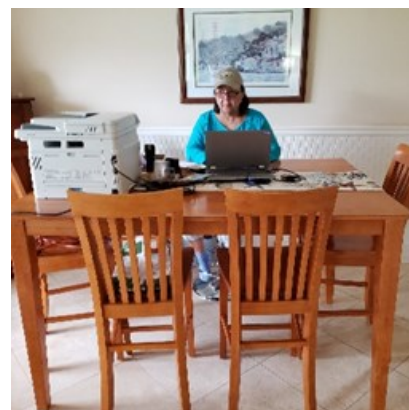
Charles and Teresa Wilsdorf

First, let me state that Teresa and I are well and we hope and pray that you are as well. Teresa has been able to work from home for the most part; no more dining nook and our dining room is now full of cardboard file cabinets. We are definitely staying at home and keeping the prescribed social distancing. I suspect some people are finding being cooped up in the confines of their home challenging. Luckily, Teresa and I lived on the confines of a

sailboat for years and learned to live with each other; so, having the space of our home makes it pretty easy to get along.

The suggested items you must have to stay virus free are a reminder these are not normal times. We have never kept wipes and hand sanitizers in our cars, not to mention the array of needed products on our kitchen bar including bleach, alcohol, hand sanitizers, antibacterial soap, Clorox wipes, etc. Your hands either smell like alcohol or bleach. Of course, I'm not complaining, these items are better than contracting the virus.

What do we do for fun? Both of our schnauzers can now sit, stay, sit-up, laydown, and shake. Teresa thinks I should learn from them how to obey. Teresa took advantage of some of the promotional free channels and recorded many movies. We even watched the 1955 movie called *The View from Pompey's Head* which was filmed here in the Golden Isles. Many of the scenes were filmed at the old Oglethorpe Hotel in downtown Brunswick. Neat!



In addition to the above, I have been reviewing a draft of the new Offshore Navigation Course. It's a blur to me not knowing the difference of what I have forgot or maybe never knew, but at least it gives me something to do while contemplating should I be working in the yard or not. If I should get bored with the above task I also have a fallback that will definitely keep me busy, a hundred navigation problems.

Again, hope this edition of the *Porthole* finds you all healthy and coping well.

Chas & Teresa



Executive Officer  
Ed Reynolds, S

### **Hello fellow boat lovers!**

As an introvert, the social distancing mandate really has not annoyed me. In fact, I kind of like it! On the other hand, Cindy is just the opposite, so she spends her day talking to our 2 dogs. Yes, we did hoard toilet paper but not beer. So I am almost ready to begin bartering! Anyone interested??

As far as boating goes, Morningstar Marina is open for limited operations. They seem to change the rules almost daily, often without informing anyone. It has gone from the equivalent of valet parking to parking at Walmart. However, the monthly boat storage prices have remained the same! Imagine that...

Stay safe,  
Ed Reynolds

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### **Sharree Lott**

Hope everyone is doing great, things are hopefully going to get better. Try to stay busy, time will fly by that way. Hope to see everyone soon.

Sharree

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### **Richard and Dorothy Jones**

I hope you are doing well.  
Just following Charles's request to respond.

Have a nice day,

Richard



**Secretary Sharon  
Hindery, AP**

The corona-virus has not stopped The Hindery's on the water activities. Each Sunday we are on the water just off Colonel's Island.

We haven't left the dock, but we have had the pleasure of visiting vessels and serving crews bound for Southampton, China and Japan.

For the past two weeks our seafarers have not been allowed off port, but our Corona-virus adventures started three weeks ago when the *Orion Pride* arrived late on Sunday evening. Once their cargo of road graders was discharged in Brunswick they were off to China with a cargo of Mercedes trailer trucks. We normally close up shop at nine PM but decided to give the crew an old-fashioned Cinderella Liberty. Since some of the crew would be leaving for the Philippines directly from China we made a shopping trip to Walmart for luggage and treasures to take home to their families. The final request from the *Orion Pride* crew was a last supper in the USA.

We ended up taking eleven members of the twenty-person crew to McDonald's for a feast while the remaining crew prepared to get underway. Everyone was back on board by eleven thirty and we were home in bed by midnight.

The Coast Guard checks each crew member for Covid-19 before the tugs bring them in and crews are now wearing masks in the public areas of the ship and in port.

Everyone who can get off the ship visits us at the Seafarer's Center and we try to fill any orders for necessities to get to the next port.

Yesterday we searched for a large rice cooker, infrared thermometer, hair dryer, digital indoor antenna, and assorted vitamins. Rick took the shopping list to Walmart and successfully found all but a co-oximeter- which is not to be found anywhere these days...

Since our activity calendar was wiped clean of every activity, we are spending most of our waking hours trying to finish our after Irma home rebuild.

We don't want any outside help during quarantine, but Sharon is finishing the floor in the master bedroom while I cut concrete and paint.

We made our last Lowes and Home Depot runs last week...with a list that should give us everything we need to keep busy here during an isolation that we hope will end in about three weeks.

Lastly, but most importantly, our newest granddaughter arrived on March 28....The beautiful Little Natalie Rose Puziss and her parents are fine (keeping their distance from everyone) up in the Chicago suburbs.

Stay safe and stay healthy, we all look forward to when we can again share time and stories.

Rick and Sharon Hindery



Natalie Rose Puziss  
Born March 28, 2020



The masked duo of Sharon and Rick Hindery. Not sure CDC would approve of Rick's mask.





CEO Mike Moye, SN

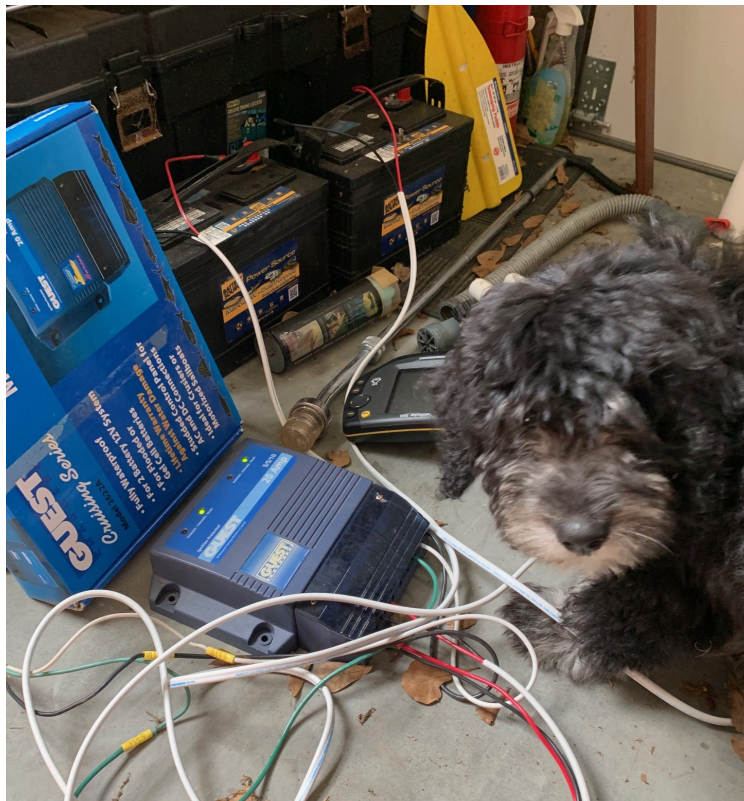
**Mike and Sharon Moye**

All is well in the Moye household except we're three hours from the ocean and it doesn't look like we'll be there any time soon. We're washing hands, sanitizing, wearing masks, and doing all the things we're suppose to be doing which is mainly staying home.

Since we're both retired and stay at home a lot anyway, our routines have not changed dramatically (although monitoring our stash of TP is certainly different). We have multiple houses, cars, and boats so there will not be a lack of projects to keep us busy. I often wear a mask when on the tractor or mower, but it really feels strange wearing it at Home Depot or Publix--but you do what you have to do to stay safe and to protect others that you might contact.

The picture I attached is one of the home-bound boat projects I'm working on--a permanent battery charger installed in the center console of our Sea Boss. The critter that looks like a bear cub is our new puppy Enzo. He likes to help with boat projects and is very good at picking up sticks and newly planted dogwood trees. Enzo is an English Goldendoodle--blackened.

Stay safe.





AO Terry Osman, P

It has been SO refreshing to see the uptick in on-the-water activity lately! With tough circumstances all around us lately, our God-given natural world comes to the rescue again – with our waterways! Have you noticed? Every afternoon this last week I've seen jet-skiers, kayakers, SUPs, fishermen, lots of sails up – boaters of all kinds. It has lifted my spirits. In a way, being on the water is a way to REALLY social distance, in fact a great help to fortify us against most any of life's burdens.

If anyone has a need that our Club can meet, make it known so that we can pitch in and help. Boaters are great problem solvers, and we are committed to our membership community.

To the extent the local regulations allow, I hope you can safely relieve some stress out on the water until we meet again!

Terry



Sailing in the ICW on a Baba30 "Lothlorian"

**Vicky Jefferis**

Hi, everybody. Everything's going well for me here in Sanctuary Cove. I've been passing the time cleaning every closet, cabinet and drawer in sight, also attacking the pollen on my porches! Fortunately, we have lots of open space in the neighborhood, so it's okay to get out and walk and bike, which helps a lot, too. The view across the golf course and marsh remains spectacular, so I'm a lucky person. Hope all of you are doing well and staying safe. Miss you all!

Vicky

**Jerry and Cynthia Lamb**

We are ok up in the north end at Hampton Plantation.

Up to now, we have been doing a lot of boating with the good weather and the marina close (out 14 days in March), biking, and walking in the neighborhood. Waiting to see what the governor orders this afternoon and how much that affects our activity.

Even took a drive to Harris Neck. The park is closed but the driving road for viewing is open. Wood stork flyover picture.

Stay safe and look forward to the end of this,

Jerry



As soon as I sent this, they closed the marina.



**Frank and Eileen Berta**

The Bertas are hunkered down here at home in Sanctuary Cove. A great place to be quarantined - we can still get out, bike the community, spend time down by the dock, etc. The golf course is still open with restrictions, one person per sanitized cart or walking only, so we are able to social distance and still play. We were lucky enough to get a beautiful day out on the boat just before Morningstar closed down and checked out the progress on the *Golden Ray* from the water. But...we may be dipping into the marine toilet paper before this is over 🙄 ....Missing everyone and hoping all are safe and healthy!

Eileen

**Ken and Carla McCully**

All good here. Our boat is in dry stack at Jekyll Harbor Marina. They are not putting boats in the water for a while for employee safety.

We love being home and are doing a lot of landscaping. I am also spending time watching Cody The Dog watching squirrels.

Ken





**Jack and Lynda Sterrett**

Lynda and I are being quiet at home. I have replaced *Martini's* auto pilot and wind vane and taken her for a trial sail this past weekend and everything works fine. (I came back from Lake Worth in January alone without an autopilot and it was a chore.) We are walking for an hour every morning and like everyone else will be happy when this is behind us. We miss all of our friends.

Jack

**Bob and Margaret Butler**

I am checking in with our activities of the past few weeks. I had a knee replacement on March 10, probably one of the last non-urgent surgeries to be done at the hospital. So, our last four weeks have been easy to stay at home...our only projects have been physical therapy and taking care of the yard. But better times are coming!!!

Margaret

**Joe and Cathy Stortz**

Two days ago Joe decided to take two weeks off, so he can avoid catching the virus. On most weekends and now daily, he continues to service the catamaran's two Yamaha engines. Once he looks at one thing, he finds another issue to take care of. So while working on the tilt cylinders, he decided to remove the spark plug covers and inspect the internal zinc anodes that are behind the covers. Oh what a mess (photos on right) and they definitely needed to be replaced. He is also moving the trolling motor batteries and associated wiring from the bow to the stern. Like Mike Moye, he put a battery charger in the center console of his Sea Boss fishing boat. Great minds think alike!

I only go into town to buy groceries and hunt for the illusive toilet paper and paper towels. I am lucky that I have a fully furnished "She Shack" so I have plenty of crafts to keep me busy.

Cathy



## Jim and Sara Grimshaw

Ref your note requesting responses about how members are coping with the COVID-19 situation, I offer the following:

My wife Sara and I live in Springfield Plantation, a private development in northern McIntosh County and keep pretty much to ourselves under normal circumstances when we are here. About half of our property owners live elsewhere, so we're fairly quiet most of the time.

Restrictions statewide and in Florida have prevented us from going to dinner or having a nice lunch after shopping in Brunswick. Social distancing caused postponement of a doctor's appointment but had no impact on my cardiologist appointment in Brunswick. And, of course, there is the toilet paper issue.

County/state restrictions have forced the cancelation of neighborhood monthly socials at our community clubhouse and dock, traveling across Georgia to visit my wife's family, and traveling to Ft Pierce, Florida to visit friends and work on my boat. I had to tell my contractor to stop working on the boat. I was hoping to move it up here to Georgia early this summer, but that won't happen now. So, the *Lone Ranger*, my aging Morgan sailboat sits silently in its slip, still feeling the impact of Irma 2016.

We had a military association reunion in Las Vegas pushed back until the last week in July. As time goes by, this date might again be pushed back. Other military association reunions that I am scheduled to attend are postponed. One organization is surveying its members to consider canceling until next year. Fortunately, we made a cross-country trip over the Christmas holidays to see friends, family and wintry sights.

My wife has not been able to take care of some personal things such as getting her hair done and her monthly manicure and pedicure. I don't get to work out at the Darien YMCA, my second home when things are right. We are trying a 2000 calorie diet my cardiologist recommended in the meantime.

Our house is up for sale and the current situation is not conducive to selling houses.

On the other hand, we are binge-watching the Netflix series "Ozark" and doing a lot more TV watching overall, especially the daily pandemic briefing from the White House. And, I am rewriting my autobiography, as well as trying to improve my landscape photography skills during several sundowns and sunrises. Attached photo is from high tide this morning.

Stay safe.

Jim Grimshaw, JN





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

**Ken McCully  
&  
Carla McCully**

**Laughter.** This crises we are living through is serious. People are dying all over the world every day. Perhaps a few moments of laughter will take your mind off the pandemic. These are random thoughts from the internet.



- Half of us are going to come out of this quarantine as amazing cooks. The other half will come out with a drinking problem.
- I used to spin that toilet paper like I was on Wheel of Fortune. Now I turn it like I'm cracking a safe.
- I need to practice social-distancing from the refrigerator.
- Still haven't decided where to go for Easter ----- The Living Room or The Bedroom
- PSA: every few days try your jeans on just to make sure they fit. Pajamas will have you believe all is well in the kingdom.
- Homeschooling is going well. 2 students suspended for fighting and 1 teacher fired for drinking on the job.
- I don't think anyone expected that when we changed the clocks we'd go from Standard Time to the Twilight Zone
- This morning I saw a neighbor talking to her cat. It was obvious she thought her cat understood her. I came into my house, told my dog..... we laughed a lot.
- So, after this quarantine.....will the producers of My 600 Pound Life just find me or do I find them?
- Quarantine Day 5: Went to this restaurant called THE KITCHEN. You have to gather all the ingredients and make your own meal. I have no clue how this place is still in business.
- My body has absorbed so much soap and disinfectant lately that when I pee it cleans the toilet.
- Day 5 of Homeschooling: One of these little monsters called in a bomb threat.
- I'm so excited --- it's time to take out the garbage. What should I wear?
- I hope the weather is good tomorrow for my trip to Puerto Backyard. I'm getting tired of Los Living room.
- Classified Ad: Single man with toilet paper seeks woman with hand sanitizer for good clean fun.
- Day 6 of Homeschooling: My child just said "I hope I don't have the same teacher next year".... I'm offended.

## America's Boating Club of Golden Isles Calendar APRIL - SEP 2020

### April

- 11 - Club Cruise #2; Fishing Trip
- 14 - *Porthole* distribution to club members
- 17 - Dinner at Half Shell 5pm and movie "Maiden" at St. Simons Theatre 7pm
- 18 - Brunswick's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual City wide cleanup starts
- 21 - Liberty Park litter clean up 9:00am
- 21 - **Club dinner at 6:00pm** (ExCom meeting at 5:00pm)

### May

- 5 - Articles due for May *Porthole*
- 12 - *Porthole* distribution to club members
- 16-22 - National Safe Boating Week
- 19 - **Club dinner at 6:00pm** (ExCom meeting at 5:00pm)
- 30 - Club Cruise #3

### June

- 2 - Articles due for June *Porthole*
- 9 - *Porthole* distribution to club members
- 16 - **Club dinner at 6:00pm** (ExCom meeting at 5:00pm)
- 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 - **Club dinner at 6:00pm** (ExCom meeting at 5:00pm)

### August

- 4 - Articles due for August *Porthole*
- 8 - Club Cruise #5
- 11 - *Porthole* distribution to club members
- 18 - **Club dinner at 6:00pm** (ExCom meeting at 5:00pm)

### September

- 1 - Articles due for September *Porthole*
- 8 - *Porthole* distribution to club members
- 15 - **Club dinner at 6:00pm** (ExCom meeting at 5:00pm)



#### 2020 Club Cruise Dates

May 30  
June 27  
August 8  
September 26

All Club activities are currently canceled.  
We will resume our activities after the  
threat of Covid-19 has passed.





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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.