

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB

Golden Isles



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Upcoming Events

June

- ♦ 16-Online Club "zoom" meeting 6pm
- ♦ 27-Club Cruise - Circumnavigate SSI

July

- ♦ 7 - Liberty Park litter clean up 9:00am
- ♦ 14 - Porthole distribution to club members
- ♦ 21 - Online Club meeting at 6:00pm, guest speaker from The GA Dolphin Project

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Commander's Message



Cdr Charles Wilsdorf, SN-ON

I hope this June *Porthole* issue finds you all happy and well. It is probably an understatement to say these times are challenging and certainly not the norm. If Teresa didn't use my car every so often it would not be getting any use at all and our boat, other than being serviced, has not moved from our neighborhood's boat storage since last October. If the weather cooperates, hopefully we will start getting out this next weekend. I know many of you have been boating all along. What a great way to escape the confines of the home and breathe a little fresh air.

I have had the request several times to give a presentation on Teresa's and I's cruising adventure, but even after twenty years, I have just never gotten around to it. OMG, I just said twenty years. I never imagined how much time it would take. I worked for hours and still not even through the first year. We have many pictures, but now I realize not near enough. I sure wish we had taken more.

Anyway, if this shelter in place stays in effect for a while longer for me, maybe I can at least get the first year finished.



Optical Illusion??

The above, Sharrow propeller is a new design which has been touted in most of the boating publications. It claims to be much more efficient than a standard design prop. After checking the price list, I think I will stay with what I have a little longer.

If you want to bone-up a little on your boating knowledge, I suggest you utilize [America's Boating Channel](#) which covers boating safety and all basic skills.

Teresa and I, as most of you, have had very little socializing with our friends. We sure miss you all. I am hoping the heat will burn this virus away soon so we can all get together and have some dialogue, drinks and break a little bread. I hear that Joe and Cathy have some great fishing stories to share. Maybe I will sport my new Albert Einstein hair doo.

Chas

Club Meetings Resume on Third Tuesdays

“Join us June 16th at 6 pm for an Online Club Meeting”

It's not our normal Club Dinner, but it will be a workable accommodation. Same date, same time, new place - let's meet online using ZOOM as a way to stay connected! If you missed it, our Club's first online happy hour was a fun success: no we are not elegant and professional online, we're just boaters using computers who want to hear what everyone's been up to! You can leave your video off if you don't want to show your hairdo, but it sure would be nice to see the faces of the friends we haven't seen in a while. BRING YOUR BOATING STORIES! Hope to see you there!



**Virtual Boaters Rendezvous – an
online club meeting**

Let's pretend. Let's raft-up in our “virtual vessels” and meet online with a cold one of your choice in hand!! No RSVP necessary, and you can even make it into a dinner meeting if you prefer!

When: Tuesday, June 16th 6 pm

Where: Your Living Room

How: www.zoom.us (see instructions below)

Meeting ID: 2498324807

Password: 414 510 9338

Host: Terry Osman, phone 414-510-9338



Screen shot from first zoom meeting

*** Dial in BEFORE 6pm if you can. Our meeting will be less than an hour, so we'll get started on time.



Instructions to log in to our Club ZOOM meeting:

1. Go to www.zoom.us
2. Click “Join a Meeting”
3. Enter Meeting ID
4. Enter Password
5. Wait for Zoom system to launch
6. You may be asked if you want to be on VIDEO? Yes/No
7. Find the mute button so you can turn on/off your microphone.

Different phones and computers have slightly different controls – sometimes touch the screen or move the mouse to make your controls appear.

Want help, give the host a call!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR JULY 21st! Even though they will be online until further notice, we will carry on the tradition of Golden Isles monthly meetings. Do NOT miss this one coming up! At our July online meeting, our guest will be Peach Hubbard of the Georgia Dolphin Project. Did you know that our coastal dolphins have uniquely different characteristics than any other species in the world? Get an opportunity to speak with a true dolphin expert at this online meeting in July! Zoom meeting ID and password will be in the July *Porthole* newsletter.

July 21st 6pm - The GA Dolphin Project
Online Club Meeting at www.zoom.us



Let's Plan a Cruise!

Hello again fellow boating lovers!



**Executive Officer
Ed Reynolds, S**

Despite the slightly increasing numbers of COVID-19 cases in Glynn County (as of 6-2-20), we believe that we can safely conduct a cruise while practicing our new habits of social distancing and hand washing (and glove and mask wearing as you wish).

We plan to resume our cruise schedule beginning Saturday June 27. Details are as follows:

WHEN: Saturday, 6-27-20, beginning at noon.

WHERE: Circumnavigate SSI (weather permitting).

Alternate routes may involve only a journey to Hampton River Marina or Mudcat Charlie's.

HOW: Rendezvous at the intersection of the Mackay and Frederica Rivers

WHAT TO BRING: Drinks, lunch, Personal Protection Equipment

There will be a slight change to our boat assignment process. Captains will be determining who their passengers will be. If you are interested in participating in this club event, please email me at Ejreynolds3@icloud.com or text to 423-341-2531 by Monday, June 22. Let me know if you are using your boat and who your passengers will be. If you would like a ride, let me know as well. I will compile a list and distribute it to boat captains for their consideration.

Charles and I will continue to closely monitor the local pandemic status. If conditions deteriorate, we will re-schedule. We will also monitor the weather forecast and make a final route selection on Friday evening, June 26. All participants will be informed of the final plan by email that evening.

See you on the water (I hope!)

Ed



Picture of Pair-a-Dice from a 2019 Club Cruise.

Administrative Officer Report



AO Terry Osman, P

Hi fellow boating friends! It's finally summer! --- when we get back on the water and all get the opportunity to show or NOT show what we know about boating in action! If you haven't brushed up your skills in a while, think about it. I want to tell you about my best experience with an America's Boating Club course. I believe in ongoing education, learning from (lots of) experience, and from interacting with a network of friends and community. The experience I want to share was "classroom and hands-on" sponsored by the Tybee Light Squadron. It's common for neighboring squadrons to open the more unique courses to members across the region to offer the opportunity to more people.

This was the Boat Handling Hands-on course. The other enthusiasts in the course were all levels and types of boaters. First, we had an evening classroom seminar where we went over the principles of hull against water, rudder and prop forces, planing and cavitation, docking methods. I've operated my own sailboat for 20+ years but - believe me - this theoretical refresher filled in a lot of cobwebs and cleared some space to try out some new practices.

But the thrill was the following day when we jumped in boats with Instructors and executed maneuvers repeatedly until we got them right. It was hard for a tiller sailboat skipper to adjust to a smaller boat, a wheel and much more power without a rudder! 😊 But getting the feel of it, as compared to a sailboat, was "priceless". For that I am grateful to our friends at Tybee club for providing the opportunity.

I am inspired by the new offering we now have available online for learning / refreshing on Boat Handling!!! Really reasonable price, and it's much more fun and instructional than reading a book. If you spend your time and money, you want to walk away with new skills to try! America's Boating Club keeps producing new and different benefits for us, I encourage you to take advantage of them. If you know other boaters, new boaters or young people, make sure and spread the news!

Link to: [Online Boat Handling Course Description](#)

Hope to see you on the water VERY SOON! Let's go cruising!

Secretary's Report



**Secretary Sharon
Hindery, AP**

Oh my, it's June already... I can't say that much has happened in the last month, just same old stuff... working around the house & not seeing any one. Occasional trip to buy groceries or stuff for the house and garden at Lowes/Home Depot. We are really missing human contact with friends though! That said, we were unfortunate to have lost our internet connection on Saturday afternoon. We stream *All* of our content, movies and TV, radio, social media etc. AND our connection to various devices around the house! (Alexa, turn off the light... I'm sorry, I don't seem to be connected... I'll keep trying!). You really get an Idea of how much we depend on internet these days.

So after I tried all the obvious steps... check connections (wall, house, street), reboot modem, restart computer, yada, yada, yada... I decide the modem is faulty (Wi-Fi works, but it won't connect to internet...). I take the modem down town to the Comcast location on Gloucester Street to exchange for another one (done it before, easy peasy)...

OH \$%!# (fill in your favorite expletive) they are temporarily closed due to Covid 19... a

message on the door states "please go online to Xfinity.com to pay bill, report problem, return equipment...." I am doing a slow burn now as I was hoping to get back on line to get this article done for our deadline-a much more complicated dance with no email... <sigh>

So, I get home and call Comcast. Of course it's an Automated system, that ya can't get around. "I see your modem is off line" (duh!), "please reboot and call us back!" No way to get around this... yes I have already rebooted SEVERAL times, but no, I got to go and play the game.

I reboot (cycle power) wait 10 min still offline, call back go through the 5 minute process to get to the next step...

"They" then perform a remote Reset, another 10 min, no change (not really sure how a reset works if they cannot connect) & I call back. I must say MS Automated Attendant does at least know that they tried (after the five minute intro, account verification Covid 19 precautions spiel...OK, Now I will connect you to a technician... Oh, but wait, let's call you back in 29 to 43 minutes so you don't have to sit on hold (how NICE!) and would you like to take a survey after talking with the technician (Oh #\$\$\$@ YEAH!). At least I can do something else for a few minutes...(better charge my phone in the meantime - it is going to be a long afternoon).

34 minutes later, I spent a pleasant 16 minutes on the phone with a real Tech... he scanned for my modem, and alas, he was unable to get a signal. During that time we did have a pleasant conversation about the weather and growing up in Chicago. Yes, a support tech who was understandable, personable and did not say "perfect" as standard response working from a script. The resolution, though, is to have someone visit with new modem in hand... on Thursday. YIKES! Another 3 days no internet - if the office had been open I would be up and running by now!

Maybe with the current state of things, the Pandemic and social unrest, this inability to access the internet and social media might have a silver lining... Time for sunrise/sunset walks on the beach and looking forward to some time on the water on our next club cruise!

Stay healthy, stay sane, keep your sense of humor and love one another.

Sharon

Club Education Officer Report



CEO Mike Moye, SN

In these strange times with even stranger things going on in the world, we need something to keep our minds focused on happier times. Please allow me to suggest a new boating course that you can take without leaving the comfort of your home (no mask, no gloves and no disinfectant—unless you're not sure where your computer has been going when you leave the room.

We have all heard about the on-line courses and seminars that were coming on-line from national and so Sharon and I thought we would give one a test drive (for a mere \$67.50). Sharon is the official student but I'm going to review everything with her to get a better feel for this new course in which she is enrolled—Boat Handling—which is next for her in the sequence of courses recommended. As you may recall, Boat Handling is the new name for the Seamanship course. I took it back in '92 when the book had chapters on things like "Radiotelephone", so I probably need a little refresher too. I am expecting to see a much updated and hopefully user-friendly course. See the web page on right from our national web site to get further information.

Mike Moye, SN

Boat Handling now available in a virtual classroom.

[View in your browser](#)

Boat Handling Now Available Online

Now available online. *Boat Handling*, the new squadron course that replaces *Seamanship*, is now available in a virtual classroom. The online version of *Boat Handling* includes student-controlled narrated slide presentations for each of the six sections, an e-book version of the full *Boat Handling* student guide and an online test. If you've taken America's Boating Course—Boat Handling is next! Purchase, take the course, take the test, and earn your grade of Seaman all online.

Learn at home. In this time of social distancing, what could be better than taking and passing *Boat Handling* at home? The course covers what all boaters need to know: Rules of the Road, Docking, Boating with Confidence, Anchoring, Emergencies on Board and Knots and Line Handling.

Get it here. Go to [America's Boating Club Online Boating](#), click on the gray Virtual Classroom tile and purchase *Boat Handling* for \$67.50. You can also purchase the individual seminars that make up the *Boat Handling* course for \$24.95, but the full course is the best deal, saving you \$82.20!

Improve your boating skills today

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District 26 Fall Conference and Change of Watch Changing in 2020

The year 2020 has certainly been a year like none most people have ever seen. Not only has it impacted our club's activities, it's had a major impact on the District 26 Fall Conference and Change of Watch scheduled for the weekend of October 30-31. Due to the threat of the coronavirus, it will not be conducted at a central site as is traditional. Instead, it will be conducted via a series of teleconferences to include some or all of the following topics: Seminars/Workshops; an awards teleconference to recognize member and Squadron recipients' of 2019 awards; Council/Conference teleconference to complete necessary business, such as approval of 2021 Budget, election of officers, etc. and a Change of Watch teleconference, officiated by C/C Mary Paige Abbott to accomplish the installation of the 2021 Bridge officers.

While disappointing that we won't get the opportunity to participate and see our friends from far away clubs in person, this approach of using virtual tools will allow many in our club to attend a seminar or ceremony from the comfort of our own homes. We can participate without having to travel to Columbia, South Carolina and it won't cost anyone a thing – no hotel, no meals, no registration fees.

A registration form will be developed and posted on the D26 Website to allow members to indicate the teleconference(s) he or she intends to participate in...this will allow teleconference moderators to know the number of people participating and determine the appropriate tools to reach everyone interested.

The District Planning Committee and Bridge are working to identify seminars that will appeal to ALL members, not just Bridge officers. This will be a great opportunity to have access to seminar content that our club may not be able to offer, so watch for more information over the summer.

Vicky Jefferis, JN

*Happy Birthday to Club Members in
June!*

Jerry Lamb and Joshua McCollum



National News

Why Attend a National Meeting?



2020 Fall Governing Board
Raleigh, North Carolina

The USPS/ABC national meetings are designed to conduct the business of the organization. People who support the organization gather to share ideas and have fun accomplishing our goals. Committee members of all levels (squadron, district and national) are encouraged to attend and participate in their associated national committee. Communication is the key, the fun is the result! Not a member of a committee? Come interact with those who are or join others on tours around the area. We are lucky to be in Raleigh NC this time, September 8-13, 2020, and can offer tours of our headquarters building and a staff meet and greet. Tours of the NC History and Science Museums, downtown Raleigh, a kayaking trip, and afternoon tea at the beautiful Carolina Inn are some of the offsite trips. If you can

break away from the meetings, join us for these events and various other activities. Check out the meeting website for more details. https://www.usps.org/php/reservations_new/meetings.php?mtg_id=39 Everyone is invited to attend the meetings, meals and tours!

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America's Boating Club of Golden Isles Calendar June - December 2020

June

16 - Online Club meeting at 6:00pm

27 - Club Cruise; circumnavigate SSI



July

7 - Liberty Park litter clean up 9:00am

7 - Articles due for July *Porthole*

14 - *Porthole* distribution to club members

21 - Online Club meeting at 6:00pm, guest speaker from The GA Dolphin Project

August

4 - Articles due for August *Porthole*

8 - Club Cruise

11 - *Porthole* distribution to club members

18 - Club dinner at 6:00pm (ExCom meeting at 5:00pm)



2020 Club Cruise Dates

June 27

August 8

September 26

September

1 - Articles due for September *Porthole*

8 - *Porthole* distribution to club members

15 - Club dinner at 6:00pm (ExCom meeting at 5:00pm)

8-13 - America's Boating Club Fall Governing Board meeting in Raleigh, NC

26 - Club Cruise

October

6 - Articles due for October *Porthole*

13 - *Porthole* distribution to club members

17 - ABC Class 8:30 - 4:30

20 - Club dinner at 6:00pm (ExCom meeting at 5:00pm) - Annual Meeting

30-31 - Online D/26 Fall Conference and Change of Watch

November

3 - Articles due for November *Porthole*

10 - Liberty Park litter clean up 9:00am

10 - *Porthole* distribution to club members

16 - Club Change of Watch

December

No *Porthole* this month

TBD - Club Holiday Party

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"He's the guy who sold us this boat. Apparently, he's having a hard time letting go."



"The boat's motor had a small oil leak, and thanks to my lack of mechanical skills, it now has a big leak."

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.