

# AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB

## Golden Isles



### The porthole

For Boaters, By Boaters™

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#### Upcoming Events

##### July

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

##### August

- ♦ 18 - Online Club meeting at 6:00pm

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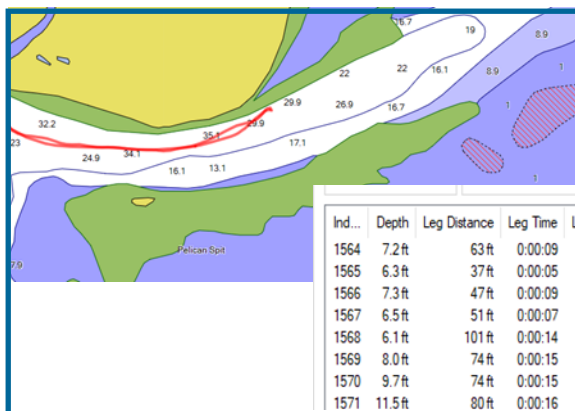
#### Commander's Message



Cdr Charles Wilsdorf, SN-ON

Gang, if you missed Saturday's June 27<sup>th</sup> cruise I'm here to tell you, you missed a great day on the water. The sky was brown by the Sahara's dust particles, but the water was smooth the entire day. I would like to thank Ed Reynolds, S, our club's executive officer for planning such a great cruise. It was a real adventure to visit an area in our local waters that I had not visited before. Teresa and I discussed why in the world didn't we ever anchor on the Hampton River for a weekend when we had our trawler.

Once arriving at the mouth, Teresa and I did a little reconnoitering of Pelican's Spit. What was charted at 29' MLLW was actually 6.3' a couple of hours before high tide. Guess I better keep looking for some local knowledge if I ever want to make the trip to the ocean from the Hampton River.



The chart on left shows the route Teresa and I took to check the water's depth in Pelican's Spit. Notice the charted depths. The table below shows the detailed information.

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I am looking forward to several more cruises this year.

There were many boating courses, activities, and events planned for this year, but this virus has really dampened our offering. A few of the District 26 clubs were still active at the time of our last Commander's meeting, but will be interesting to see if they are maintaining at this month's meeting. Our ExCom has thus far chosen to err on the side of safety and limit ourselves to on the water activities only. Predicting how many people this virus could affect in our local area is unknown, but just looking at the cases over the last several weeks it does not look promising. The ExCom will continue to re-evaluate week to week as to when to resume all club activities.

I would like to thank the club members who have recently renewed your membership. Your support and friendship are what makes our club successful. We still have a couple members past due. If you have misplaced your invoice I will be happy to provide you another.

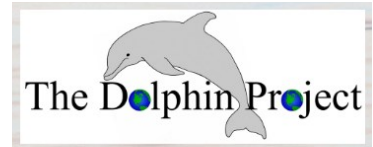
I sure hope this *Porthole* finds you all well and coping in these unusual circumstances.

Chas

## Virtual Boaters' Rendezvous - July 21<sup>st</sup>

### Program: "Meet the Golden Isles Bottlenose Dolphin"

At our online club social in July, our guest will be **Peach Hubbard** of the **Georgia Dolphin Project**. Did you know that the bottlenose dolphins along our coast are a unique species not seen anywhere else? Did you know dolphin behavior is a good indicator of the health of our environment? Get an opportunity to speak with a true dolphin expert at our online meeting in July!



#### Online Club Social

When: Tuesday, July 21<sup>th</sup> 6–7:15pm  
Where: Anywhere you want  
How: [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us) (see instructions)  
Meeting ID: 2498324807  
Password: 414 510 9338  
Host: Terry Osman, phone 414-510-9338

\*\*\* Please log in timely so we can begin at 6pm \*\*\*



**Virtual Boaters Rendezvous** – Let's raft up together online! No RSVP required. Enjoy the drink or meal of your choice!

#### ZOOM Instructions:

1. Go to [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us)
2. Click "Join a Meeting"
3. Enter Meeting ID 2498324807
4. Enter Password 4145109338
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.

Need help, give the host a call!



## Cruising - Stay Tuned!



**Executive Officer  
Ed Reynolds, S**

Hello again fellow boat lovers!

On Saturday, June 27 we held our first cruise. The weather turned out to be wonderful for this time of year. Seven boats containing 19 members participated. This was the largest turnout we have had for at least the past 3 years. Our route took us up the Mackay River to the Hampton River. We followed the winding turns of the Hampton River to the ocean entrance. There we paused for lunch. Some dropped anchor while others motored between the boats. We all enjoyed seeing each other again and loudly conversing over the engine noise. We returned via the same route.

Despite all the fun we had, the number of COVID cases has since exploded in our county. In fact, Morningstar Marina shut down for 3 days due to several staff members contracting the virus. In addition, 9 members of the Golden Ray salvage crew have tested positive (they use Morningstar as one of their home ports). As a result, I am hesitant to schedule our next cruise at this time. We will continue to monitor the COVID situation and notify you of our next cruise plan when we are more comfortable with the local health conditions.

Stay tuned!

Ed Reynolds



**Teresa Wilsdorf**



**Cathy Stortz**

Top photo: We began our club cruise in Manhead Sound.

Bottom photo: Pausing at the mouth of the Hampton River.



## Administrative Officer Report



AO Terry Osman, P

I had a blast with the Druckenmillers at our cruise this month! Thank you and also to Ed Reynolds for getting us out there!!!!!!

A cruising milestone was also achieved recently in my ownership of *Willow*, a 1979 Shannon 28' Cutter-rigged sailboat. She had her first offshore sail the

first week of May – just myself and a good friend who was my right hand racing crew in the 90s. The new rudder and refurbished rigging performed marvelously and “passed” her offshore



*Willow offshore near St Mary's Inlet*

sailing test with flying colors. This was what I'd been working toward for many months and throughout the project year 2019.

All in all we were gone 6 days with a couple other sailboats and a trawler. It was two 7-hour day-sails from St Johns River south of Jacksonville then offshore to the next inlet north – St Mary's Inlet. We “tucked in” behind

Cumberland Island, GA just east of the US submarine station Kings Bay for 3 days. You can see the sky couldn't have been clearer – a pretty few days with building winds from barely anything to 14 kts from southeast. We had growing seas offshore, from gentle swells to 4 ft off the stern. Managed to test her balance with wing on wing sail configuration for several hours and it worked like a dream. At times very heavy, the wind direction was as usual unpredictable during the trip: SE, S, NW, SW.... made for lots of fun in the anchorage with heavy current.

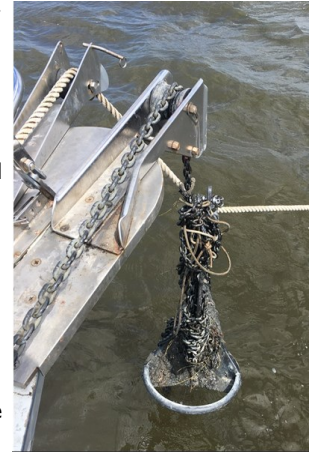
We had plenty of adventures, but mostly just a great experience!! We watched wild horses on shore feeding at dusk and had time over 2 days to walk around the old ruins of the 19-



*Wild horses at Dungeness on Cumberland Island*

20<sup>th</sup> century rich & famous. One of our buddy boats (Spencer 44') sailed around on his anchor so much that after 3 days he

discovered a full-day project lay ahead hoisting before he could depart (see picture). The mess included an old tow rope and cable dragged up with the chain. The ketch rig Choi Lee with 6' draft sat aground for hours on an outgoing tide, the trawler dumped his dinghy engine overboard, and me on *Willow* – well, we tried to dock downwind and felt the dock hit the bow, but no damage was done. I think we came out pretty good compared to our companions. The old lesson continues to be germane: always prepare for the unexpected to occur.



*Garbage on the bottom at Cumberland Island anchorage*

Kind of the funny thing was: we didn't know we were doing this trip until two days ahead of time. Because of COVID19 our April Bahamas cruise plans had been dashed, so we were “primed” with nowhere to go until someone said “CUMBERLAND!” - and off we went.

All in all, we had a blast. *Willow* will do many more offshore jaunts. One day she will mosey to St. Simons also, but when that will be – we don't know. Until then, I hope if you are traveling to Jacksonville, just let me know and we'll go out .... ANYTIME!

I look forward to seeing you at the Online Club Social on July 21<sup>st</sup>.

Terry Osman



*Yummy breakfast in the anchorage*

## Club Education Officer Report



CEO Mike Moye, SN

I was pleasantly surprised recently to see that we have two individuals already signed up for the America's Boating Course that we are presenting on October 17. We have it listed on our national web site but have not started local advertising. I am making two assumptions regarding these registrants. First, folks are beginning to be willing to venture out of their "shelters". Second, although we are in the middle of a dangerous pandemic, the recognition that being safe while boating is ALSO a concern that many folks have. For certain there are still some "wait and see" items that we're aware of regarding the class, it's location, the presentation methods, and more; but, we're determined to make it happen if we can do so safely. I noticed a headline in today's AJC that the University of Georgia's classes this fall will require students to wear face masks. Since we are meeting in a University building, I suspect that we will be doing something similar.

Name Change—no I am not referring to the Power Squadron to the Boating Club movement. That is important, but even closer to home, how about changing the name of your boat? This is not something to be taken lightly. This column is usually about our education services but there are some things that are just not in our books and PowerPoint presentations. Concerning changing the name of your boat, if you put the right terms in your computer's search engine you'll come up with a plethora of spin off topics such as documentation from the Coast Guard, how to remove vinyl letters, cute name suggestions (including some that

are not so cute). But if you don't already know about the name change ceremony process, then you really need to dig a little deeper and get the proper words and actions required for removing an old name and presenting the new name to the world and especially the "gods of the sea." If you do not do it correctly some pretty bad luck can quickly come your way. I have a story about my bad luck that I am certain came from a decree of Poseidon for me not following the proper tradition. I will briefly describe the tradition and show you where I went wrong.

The first step in the "de-naming" process is to get rid of anything with the old boat name: sand off the name from the transom, remove any papers or documents that have the old name, remove the name from PFD's, dinghy, logs, hats, and everything you can find. Do not just mark out or repaint—the old name must be gone. Do not tempt fate by putting the new name on the boat before the old name is removed. Once everything with the old name is gone (really gone) it's time for the de-naming ceremony which includes five parts—the invocation, an expression of gratitude for the past safe passages she has undergone, the supplication, a re-dedication and finally libation (most ceremonies I've attended really got into this libation part). The actual words you use in the ceremony vary from vessel to vessel and captain to captain, but it is especially important that you say them. Lots of folks will dress up and gather a crowd on the dock to witness the ceremony but some will sulk below and do it alone. The important part is that you do it and you do it aloud. You may notice that I mentioned Poseidon, but you can also appeal to Neptune if you are partial to the Roman version and even Njord from the Norse mythology. They all work—just do it.

Well I did it, I thought, but it did not work. My ceremony came straight from Wikipedia, so I know it had to be correct. At the end I bowed to all four winds and gave each a taste of champagne finishing up with more than half a bottle given directly to Poseidon. I did not use the cheap stuff either. The bad things started within days. After de-naming and naming, getting new documentation and registration, signing a lot of papers, and writing big checks it was time for me to take it out without a paid captain. My son, nephew, and I left my berth on a beautiful spring day for our first cruise. Within ten minutes I hit bottom and did \$800 damage to a prop. While it was being repaired the diver noticed a sizable current coming from my underwater metal—that cost \$1,000. A couple of weeks later I became embroiled in a \$10,000 tax snafu. It gets worse. A couple of months later my local towing service helped me dewater after a plumbing leak. Instead of a bill they decided to claim salvage my boat (if you do not know about salvage, stop now and do some research—it's your worst nightmare). Things calmed down a bit after a few more months. I celebrated by doing a little cleaning and inventorying. Hidden in one of my galley lockers was a cup whose presence hit me like the proverbial lightning bolt. The picture is below. By the way, the new name for my boat was "My Sharona". The old name was "Neverrest". The cup now holds pencils on my workshop bench and is a reminder to not count my blessings too quickly but in the end to be thankful for those that truly are gifts.



Mike Moye



## June 27 Club Cruise Pictures



**Jerry Lamb**

On the next several pages are pictures from our June 27 Club Cruise. The seven boats pictured here participated in our cruise from Masthead Sound north on the MacKay River then east on Hampton River to the river's mouth.



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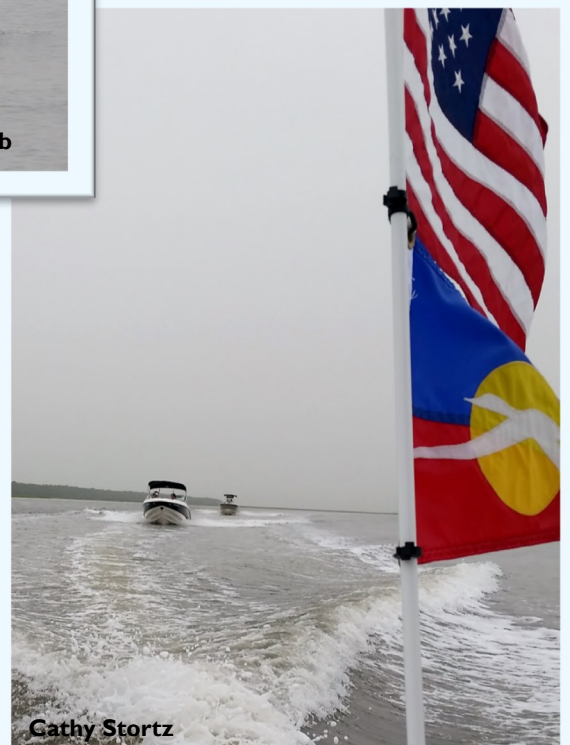
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## National News

### Come Learn our History and Meet Headquarters Staff



**2020 Fall Governing Board**  
Raleigh, North Carolina

The 2020 Fall National Governing Board will be held in Raleigh, North Carolina (September 8-13). In addition to accomplishing lots of work for the organization, the national meetings committee has planned some wonderful offsite events. Tours of the headquarters building, including the library and board room, the warehouse, the shipping center and the various offices will be the highlights. In addition, there will be a cocktail hour at the hotel with the staff in attendance. Come meet the wonderful people who help solve your challenges! There are three opportunities for these tours on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. There are other tours and events available including a Kayaking Trip, Tour of Raleigh, Afternoon Tea, and beautiful museums. Check out the meeting website for more details. [https://www.usps.org/php/reservations\\_new/meetings.php?mtg\\_id=39](https://www.usps.org/php/reservations_new/meetings.php?mtg_id=39) Everyone is invited to attend the meetings, meals and tours! Join us for fun, work, and fellowship! You determine how much of each.

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



### July

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

### August

4 - Articles due for August *Porthole*

11 - *Porthole* distribution to club members

**18 - Online Club meeting at 6:00pm**

### September

1 - Articles due for September *Porthole*

8 - *Porthole* distribution to club members

15 - **Club dinner at 6:00pm** (may be online)

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

### 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** - Annual Meeting

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



**2020 Club Cruise Dates**  
TBD

### November

3 - Articles due for November *Porthole*

10 - Liberty Park litter clean up 9:00am

10 - *Porthole* distribution to club members

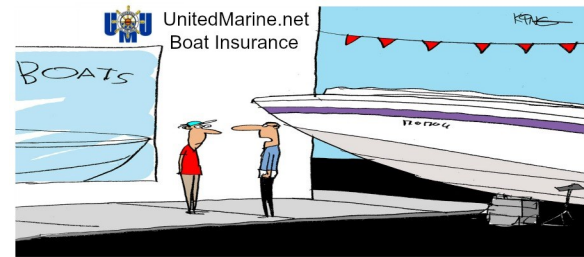
16 - Club Change of Watch

### December

No *Porthole* this month

TBD - Club Holiday Party

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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](mailto: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.