

# AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB

## Golden Isles



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#### Upcoming Events

##### November

17-Online Social via Zoom

##### January 2021

- 11, 18, 25, - Marine Navigation Course via Zoom
- 19 - Club Social
- 23 & 30 - Marine Navigation Course practicum, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at UGA

##### February

- 1 & 8 - Marine Navigation Course via Zoom
- 6 ABC Class at UGA

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#### Commander's Message



Cdr Charles Wilsdorf, SN-ON

Hope you all agree that our Oct 24 get together was fantastic. It was good to see everyone in person again and the weather co-operated for a perfect day. This time of the year we

have historically held our Change of Watch and a Christmas Party, but Covid-19 has dampened our inside activities. We don't anticipate any more club events for the year, with of the exception of our November Zoom Cocktail meeting which Terry Osman will keep you updated with specifics. The November *Porthole* will also be our last newsletter of the year.

#### 2019 National and District Awards

Congratulations to P/C Sharon Hindery, AP and Cathy Stortz, AP, for receiving the 2019 "Distinctive Communicator Award".



Many thanks to these two who have countless hours keeping our club news exciting, informative, and assessable.

Cathy was also awarded a "Certificate of Appreciation" for her work as the editor of *026° True* the District's newsletter.

I would also like to recognize David Jones for honorable mention for the "2019 District 26 Sparkplug Award". The Sparkplug Award is presented to a district member who has less than two years of

membership and has contributed the most time and effort to the USPS.

Note: You might be confused, I know I was, in the timing of these 2019 awards. Historically, these awards are presented at the District Spring Conference which was cancelled this year due to Covid-19.

#### Club Awards - 2020

For those of you who could not attend the club's October get together, Terry Osman, P was awarded "Member of the Year Award." Terry's efforts keeping us connected with zoom and her constant effort to recruit new members is greatly appreciated. Mike Moye, SN and Cathy Stortz, AP received the "Silk Purse from a Hog's Ear Award" for their efforts of turning a bunch of notes into a club navigation course with a Power Point presentation and a student manual. Ed Reynolds, S was presented the "Recruiter of the Year Award" for his efforts in filling the seats in our October America's Boating Course class. Jerry and Cynthia Lamb, and David Jones received the "Magellan Award" for hours spent on their boat exploring our local waters. Mary Gray, P and Jack Sterrett, SN also received the "Magellan Award" for miles under the keel for blue water cruising.

All of these National, District, and Club Awards recognize members who have gone over and above to support of our organization and our club activities.

For the foreseeable future, we plan to continue our monthly Zoom get togethers, cruises, America's Boating Course Classes, and a January/Feb Navigation Class. Our club's Executive Committee will continue to work to explore other activities. Please do not hesitate to give us your suggestions. Remember this is your club.

Hope this message finds you all in good health and spirits.

Chas

## Let's Start Planning for Next Year!



Executive Officer  
Ed Reynolds, S

Due to a poor weather forecast, we canceled our planned cruise for last Friday. It was probably a good move anyway since they started cutting up the Golden Ray during this time. I suspect the authorities were on high alert and may not have appreciated our desire to cruise near the ship wreck.

Anyway, let's start planning for next year. I would like for us to plan for several longer (day long or even overnight) excursions as well as some local cruises. To that end, I would like to hear your ideas. Please send me your cruise wishes to [ejreynolds3@icloud.com](mailto:ejreynolds3@icloud.com) or text me at 423-341-2531.

See you on the water!

Ed

**Recruiter of the Year Award** - Cdr. Charles presents the award to Ed Reynolds.



Photo by Stephanie Kraus-Jones

## Administrative Officer Report



AO Terry Osman, P

I hope everyone is enjoying a little cooler weather, even if it is sprinkled with pretty regular showers! November has always been a month to count our blessings, travelling to see family, and special times of sharing. This year may be a bit different – or not, depending on your situation – but there is no shortage of things to be thankful for, including a free and civilized society with all its pimples and bruises. I hope you are determined to celebrate gratitude in whatever way works for you, and maybe even on a boat . . .

Please join us online for the Club Social Tuesday 11/17, I'll look to see you there.

Terry

## Online Social on the Third Tuesday of the Month

Every month (except December) until large groups can gather safely, the America's Boating Club Golden Isles holds an ONLINE SOCIAL (on Zoom) every third Tuesday at 6PM. This has been the way we meet, to strengthen our associations and continue our Club mission while pandemic measures are in place. Next year, watch for other activities to replace the Zoom calls at times - to get us outside and on the water. Do you have ideas for mini-cruises, socials or other activities we should schedule? If so, let Terry Osman or Ed Reynolds know!

Until then, "see" you online Tuesday evenings!

### JOIN the CLUB ONLINE SOCIAL

"Teresa & Charles Wilsdorf's Cruising and Living Aboard"

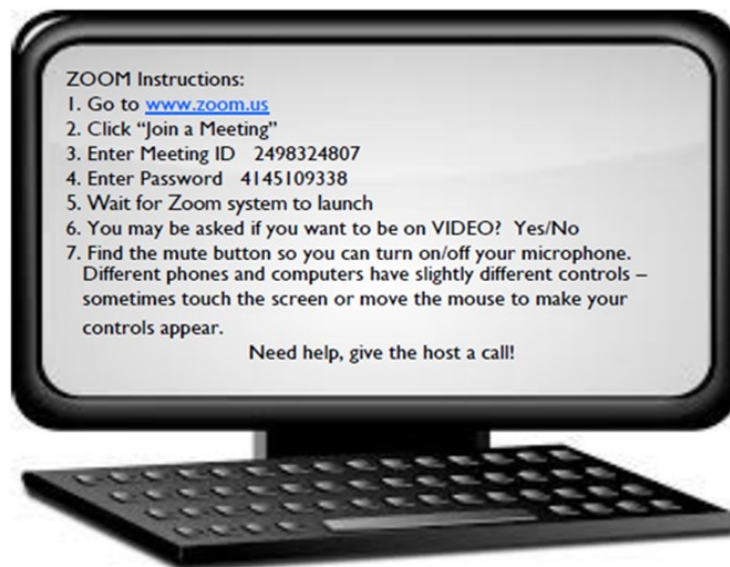
Charles and Teresa will share the highlights of cruising on their Tiana 52 "El Rigalo" (the Gift) during 2000-2005. Come online and check in with your Am Boating Club friends at our monthly social – **online Tuesday 11/17 at 6pm !**

When: **Tuesday, Nov 17, 6 pm**

Where: Online at [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us) Meeting # 2498324807 / Password # 4145109338

Or Click: [CLICK HERE TO ENTER ZOOM SOCIAL on 11/17 6pm](#)

Questions? Call the host 414-510-9338



## Club Education Officer Report



CEO Mike Moye, SN

We're very pleased to report that 14 folks attended our last ABC class, and we could have had more if there had been a larger space. The University of Georgia Extension building allows us to hold our classes in their classroom and we're very appreciative of that. They have placed a limit on the number of occupants in the classroom to maintain proper social distancing and we are careful to abide by the guidelines. The next ABC class is Feb 6 and we already have two students enrolled. The other two ABC classes scheduled for 2021 are April 3 and October 9.

The Marine Navigation course will be held in the evenings beginning on January 11 and we'll use a ZOOM platform to deliver instruction. The full schedule is as follows: January 11, January 18, January 25, February 1, and February 8. In addition, there will be two face-to-face meetings held at the UGA facility.

Those will be the practicums and they will be on January 23 and January 30. Each of the practicums will be held from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The written materials are all on-line and provided at no-cost. Each student will need a laptop computer (Mac or PC) capable of running OpenCPN software. You will also need a USPS plotter and a set of dividers and we will do a group purchase for those interested.

Commander Charles is the primary instructor, and he will have some lab assistants to help with the practicums to give you personal attention with plotting instruction. Please let Charles or me know via email if you want to take the class and we'll get in contact with you with class times and to get order information.

Mike Moye, SN

Education Officer

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## Christmastime is Coming Soon!



THIS YEAR we've elected to forego our traditional December gathering at the home of our Commander for a less-traditional "**Christmas in July (2021)**". But we will keep our habit of Gift Exchange (steal) and have a jolly good time then instead!!!





## Secretary's Report

( -actually Sharon's notes- nothing secretaryish about this little tidbit!)



Secretary Sharon  
Hindery, AP

It is sad that the weather did not co-operate for our Club Cruise, but when does it ever these days?? However, we DID spend a bit of time picking up litter Under the Sidney Lanier Bridge to satisfy our 4<sup>th</sup> quarter litter pickup for Keep Golden Isles Beautiful. In spite of a few brief rain showers Charles, Rick and I were still able to pick up about 5 bags of trash. Notice the waterfall from the bridge behind our somewhat soggy group of litter picker uppers!



Sharon Hindery

Litter Pick Up Crew from left: Sharon Hindery, Rick Hindery and Charles Wilsdorf on 11/10/2020.

Rick and I had an opportunity to join a tour out to the Golden Ray (plan B since our club cruise had been cancelled) with the Glynn Environmental Coalition on one of Cap Fendig's pontoon tour boats. I am including a couple of pictures I took showing the sunken Boat, the Big Crane, and the Very Very Big Floating Rig VB 10,000. Note the white car – still strapped and hanging on the deck, that you can see through the rear of the ship! As of this writing, the first cutting started on Saturday about 11:30am, but has been taking longer than they thought... with delays due to broken chain, lightning, and now potential wind and rain to come from TS Eta coming through this weekend! Is 2020 over soon??



Sharon Hindery



Sharon Hindery

When we next meet – virtually that is- we will be fresh back from a week in Chicago – when we get to meet our newest Granddaughter (now aged 7 months! Yikes) and attend her baptism... not looking forward to the challenges of travelling by air in the new world, but ya gotta make sacrifices to get to visit with the grands! 🤞

## Additional 2020 ABC Golden Isles Club Awards (all pictures by Vicky Jefferis)

**Member of the Year - Awarded to Terry Osman, P** (not pictured)

### Magellan Award Winners



**Magellan Award** - Cdr. Charles presents the award to Cynthia and Jerry Lamb.



**Magellan Award** - Cdr. Charles presents the award to David Jones.

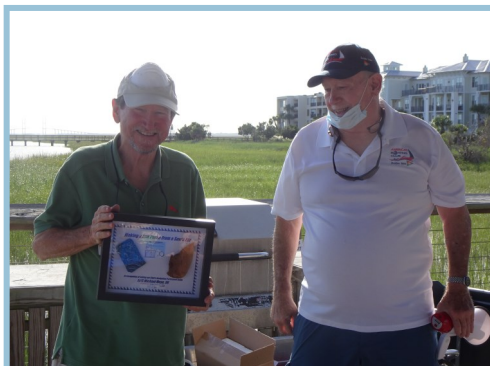


**Magellan Award** - Cdr. Charles presents the award to Mary Gray, P.



**Magellan Award** - Cdr. Charles presents the award to Lynda Sterrett, accepting the award for Jack Sterrett, SN.

### Silk Purse from a Hog's Ear Award Winners



**Silk Purse from a Hog's Ear Awards**- Cdr. Charles presents award to Mike Moyer, SN on left and Cathy Stortz, AP on right.





# The October 24 Club Social

(Unless noted, all photos by Vicky Jefferis)



Bob and Margaret Butler



Ed Reynolds, Chas Wilsdorf and Steve Druckenmiller



Photo by Stephanie Kraus-Jones



Vicky Jefferis



Teresa Wilsdorf



Mike and Sharon Moyer



# The October 24 Club Social Continued

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Rick and Sharon Hindery



Ed Reynolds



Cindy Simpson

Photo by Stephanie Kraus-Jones



Stephanie Kraus-Jones and David Jones



Charles Wilsdorf



## 2019 District 26 Awards



**On Left:** David Jones receives honorable mention for the 2019 District 26 Sparkplug Award from Cdr. Charles Wilsdorf.

**On Right:** Cdr. Charles presents Cathy Stortz with a 2019 District 26 Certificate of Appreciation

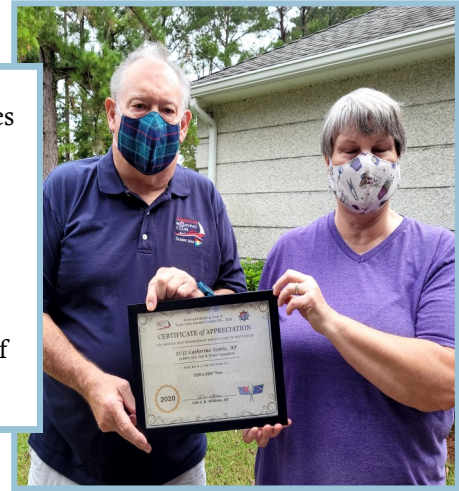


Photo by Stephanie Kraus-Jones

WISH YOU ALL  
THE BEST

*Happy Birthday*

**Coy Hodges**

**Mary Gray**

**Cynthia Lamb**

**Cathy Stortz**

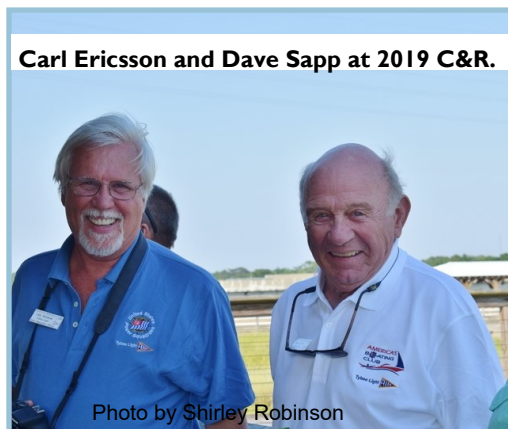
**Sharon Hindery**

## In Memoriam: David C. Sapp

We were all saddened to learn about Dave's sudden passing. He served several terms as America's Boating Club Tybee Light Commander and was a 24 year member. Dave agreed to serve as the 2021 District 26 Commander. He was the current District 26 Executive Officer and a National Governing Board Member until recently.

Here in the Golden Isles, we called him "Uncle Dave" as he attended many of our club functions and often came with his daughters Cindy Phillips and Kim Sapp-Gornto. I remember just in the last few years he attended our Lake Blackshear event, the Dolphin Tour and picnic, our Cruise and Rendezvous (C&R) and he was the District 26 Representative at our 2019 Change of Watch. Dave was always upbeat and if you had the time, he had a story to tell. We will all miss you "Uncle Dave".

Here is a link to Dave's obituary <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/coastalcourier/obituary.aspx?n=david-charles-sapp&pid=197004557>.





## America's Boating Club of Golden Isles Calendar Nov 2020 - Feb 2021

### November

**17 - Online Zoom Club Social 6pm**

### December

No *Porthole* or Zoom meeting this month

### January

5 - Content for *The Porthole* due

11 - Marine Navigation Course via Zoom

12 - *The Porthole* distribution

18 - Marine Navigation Course via Zoom

### 19 - Club Social

23 - Marine Navigation Course practicum, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at UGA

25 - Marine Navigation Course via Zoom

30 - Marine Navigation Course practicum, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at UGA

### February

1 - Marine Navigation Course via Zoom

2 - Content for *The Porthole* due

6 - ABC Class at UGA

8 - Marine Navigation Course via Zoom

9 - *The Porthole* distribution

### 16 - Club Social



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## Thanksgiving Memes



I'm no cook, but I can follow directions. They said to let the bird chill in the sink for a few hours.



### 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](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.