

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB

Golden Isles



The porthole

For Boaters, By Boaters™

A monthly publication of America's Boating Club Golden Isles

Upcoming Events

January 2021

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

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Commander's Message



Cdr Charles Wilsdorf, SN-ON

I sure hope this *Porthole* finds you all healthy, wealthy, and well. With a little luck, I am hopeful we will be able to return to normal in the not so distant future. After my holidays binging, I would be pleased to quickly return to my normal heavy weight.

All of your club officers are getting back to the swing of things. Ed is planning cruises; Terry is planning Zoom Cocktail Hours with speakers; Sharon is keeping our website running; Mike is planning for new ABC classes, seminars, and classes; and Teresa is continuing to keep our finances in order. Many of you have agreed to pitch in and help reduce the workload of our officers; Eileen Berta, David Jones, Stephanie Krause-Jones, Jerry and Cynthia Lamb. Thank you all. There is still plenty that could be delegated, so just ask any of the club officers.

Many boaters, both locally and transient, have been up in arms concerning the new boating laws concerning anchoring and waste discharge that were enacted July 1 of last year. With pressure from the general public and boating organizations, this bill has been replaced by HB 833 which went into effect December 11, 2020. See below.

The number of prohibited anchorages reduced from 50 to 11.

Prohibited Anchorages

Shad River	Brickhill River 1
Wahoo River 2	Brickhill River 3
Mud River	Mumford Creek
Eagle Creek	Crooked River
New Teakettle Creek	Southern Crooked River
New Teakettle Creek SouthCN	

See following links: [Liveaboard Anchoring](#), [Anchoring](#), [Restricted Anchor Areas](#)

I am looking forward to leading our club's Navigation Class starting Monday, Jan 11th. It will be baptism by fire for me. I might have to call my children and grandchildren to lead me in this electronic media endeavor. Hopefully, when this course is over, I will be able to say, "This old dog can still learn new tricks".

Hope to see you soon at one or all of our Zoom activities!

Chas

Happy New Boating Year!



Executive Officer
Ed Reynolds, S

Hello fellow boating lovers!

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and that Santa brought you at least one boating related gift! Ha!

Like each of you, I am really looking forward to resuming our social boating activities. Let's hope that the COVID vaccine is rapidly distributed throughout our area. That should make getting together a lot less concerning.

We are taking an optimistic view as we begin to make club plans for 2021. I am targeting our first cruise for March. Details will be in next month's *Porthole*. Now is the time to provide input into the cruise destinations you are interested in. Please send me an email (ejreynolds3@icloud.com) or text (423-341-2531) with your suggestions. David Jones has agreed to assist me in coordinating this year's cruises, so I am sure we will develop an attractive cruising plan.

Hope to see you on the water soon!

Ed Reynolds

Club Member of the Year 2020



Cindy Simpson

Terry Osman, P

Cdr Charles Wilsdorf, SN-ON (left) and XO Ed Reynolds, S present the 2020 Club Member of the Year Award to AO Terry Osman, P. Congratulations Terry!

Club Online Social - Third Tuesday of the Month

Highlights from LAST CLUB SOCIAL on Zoom (November 2020)

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

At our last Club social, Charles and Teresa shared a visual presentation of the first segments of their live-aboard life! Their beautiful Tayana 52 named *El Regalo* transported them and sometimes crewmates from California to the Baja and on to the Caribbean. We saw a blueprint of the boat's interior, delved into their route in the charts, learned of tough decisions regarding course and anchoring, and got to imagine that way of life. I hope we hear more of their experiences in the future!

Mark off your calendar on third Tuesdays at 6PM. Every month until large groups can gather safely, the America's Boating Club Golden Isles holds an ONLINE SOCIAL (on Zoom). This has been the way we meet, to strengthen our associations and continue our Club mission while pandemic measures are in place.

When: **Tuesday, January 19th, 6 pm - 7:15 pm**
Where: Online at zoom.us with new meeting login (no longer use the previous links)
Or Click: **Watch your EMAIL for new login information.**
BYO: Bring your own happy hour or dinner, your choice, your living room.
Questions? Call Terry 414-510-9338

We look forward to seeing you!



January Program

The Georgia Conservancy has been in place for over 40 years. Charles McMillan is a fellow coastal Georgia resident who, as Coastal Director, advances their mission of conserving Georgia's land and water, and advocates for the understanding and preservation of the coastal resources we enjoy.

Don't miss this opportunity to meet Charles. Lots has been happening lately: Golden Ray environmental status, Camden Spaceport and water rights, Cumberland property ownership, Marsh buffers, and more. Tune in for an update!

Club Education Officer Report



CEO Mike Moyer, SN

Eleven folks have signed up for our “experimental” Marine Navigation course. Some have already started reviewing materials and everyone will join in the virtual class Monday January 11. Commander Charles has taken the lead in developing this course and is the instructor of record. We’re all looking forward to the class and are eager to see how it goes. This class will certainly be different for all involved. The preparation effort has been unlike anything I’ve seen before mainly because it is utilizing a quite different delivery platform. Getting ready to deliver electronic materials and teach via Zoom has been really interesting. For those of us who are more accustomed to face-to-face teaching where you just show up and start talking, this effort has been quite an eye-opener.

Three ABC classes have been scheduled for 2021. They are February 6, April 3, and October 9. The class flyer for the February class is on page 12. We hope that you help spread the word about these classes. Please remember that if you have any interest in becoming an instructor with our Golden Isles squadron of America’s Boating Club/USPS we’d be very happy to talk with you. Folks joining the instructor group generally begin by teaching one or two sections of the ABC course and go from there to more advanced courses as their comfort level increases. We often have a need for someone to fill in when one of the regular instructors has a schedule conflict. If you’d like to give a hand just to see if you like it, please let Commander Charles or me know.

On a personal note, this is a somewhat blue day for me. It is often said that the two happiest days of a boater’s life is the day he/she buys a boat and when he/she sells the boat. I signed a Bill of Sale for “My Sharona” today and I keep expecting some happiness to kick in, but it just hasn’t happened. One boating buddy suggested that a sure-fire cure is to just buy another boat. I reminded him that I still have three boats to keep me occupied (only a couple of years ago I had six). He then suggested that maybe some sort of “boat drink” might smooth things out a bit. Decisions, decisions—I just don’t know...

The new owners of “My Sharona” are named Carl and Sheryl and will be living aboard her at Fernandina. You may encounter them cruising the ICW. If you do, give them a big hello from Mike and the other “Sharona” in my life (and no, she’s not for sale!)

Stay safe.

Mike Moyer SN

Education Officer



Administrative Officer Report



AO Terry Osman, P

HELLO!

We turned the corner of 2021! The sensation is like that of a race run long and hard . . . ! I often wonder what this coming year will hold for our club. Lots of opportunity for boating, socializing and learning I hope.

My boating learning curve has been quite high recently, with projects related to *Willow*, and more activity on the water - plenty of river, inlets and ocean maneuvering and sailing last year. This works for me because my learning curve **LIKES** to be high, it keeps life interesting. I don't care if I've been sailing for 30 years – we keep the saw sharp by using it.

I have to say though, probably like you, COVID put a big damper on last year by reducing the social aspects from my boating life. My associations with you and other boaters is a key source of knowledge and inspiration. I don't know about you, but I sure miss our Club dinners at Ember, Moondoggy's, Olive Garden and Bonefish. And the frequency of our on-the-water outings.

Hopefully this year will eventually allow us to do more in-person gatherings and bring fellow boaters around more readily.

THIS YEARS CLUB ACTIVITY

First and foremost, Education – see Mike Moye's lineup of classes and participate in one. The last quarterly program was **the largest we've had in a long time!** Good going guys and gals!

On the activity and social front, big thanks to **member Eileen Berta** for helping out with ideas and presenters for this year! We have **NO** plans to jump into restaurant socials right away, but you will see us try **switching things up** to keep it interesting.

- ◆ ***Continue COVID default plan: Zoom Socials on the third Tuesday every month ***
- ◆ Dockside dining (if we can find venues)
- ◆ Outdoor pot luck by boat
- ◆ ZOOM movie event "MAIDEN"
- ◆ Christmas in July (because we missed the traditional Christmas party)

What else? If you can dream it up, our Club will make it happen. PLEASE voice your ideas, and your expectations for COVID precautions, to Eileen, me or the Cruise team.

Thank you to all of you members for holding fast through the COVID challenges and making this the great Club we are!

P.S. If you haven't sent a picture of your boating activity to Cathy Stortz lately, do it! We want to see it!

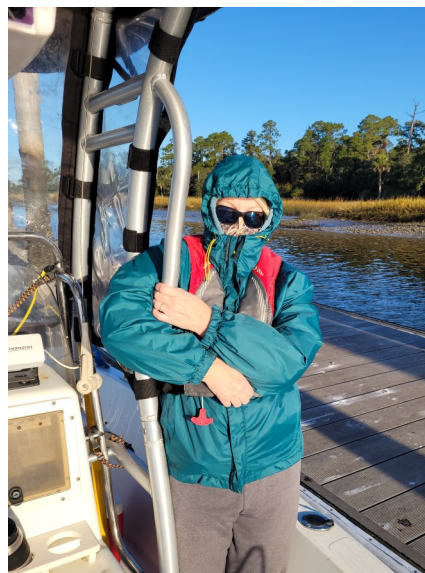
Terry

Cold Day on the Water in December 2020

So has anyone been out on the water now that the weather has cooled off? Well Joe and I went fishing last month and this is how I had to dress to stay warm. High fashion huh? But notice I am wearing my life jacket over all my layers.

Anyway, in the afternoon when we were about ready to call it a day, we saw the bow section of the *Golden Ray* loaded on the deck of the Barge *JULIE B* moving out of the East River and on its way to Louisiana for final salvage. We watched as it barely cleared under the Sidney Lanier Bridge. This picture doesn't show it but I took a few videos that show the close clearance. Good ending to a bad fishing day.

Cathy Stortz



UFO - Unidentified Fashion Object.



The severed bow section of the *Golden Ray* passes under the Sidney Lanier Bridge.

ABC National News

America's Boating Club NATIONAL NEWS

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT
TRANSCRIPT - December 22, 2020
*Delivered by CC Mary Paige Abbott on
behalf of the Board of Directors to the
ABC Club/USPS Leadership*

The 2021 National Annual Meeting is NOT canceled.

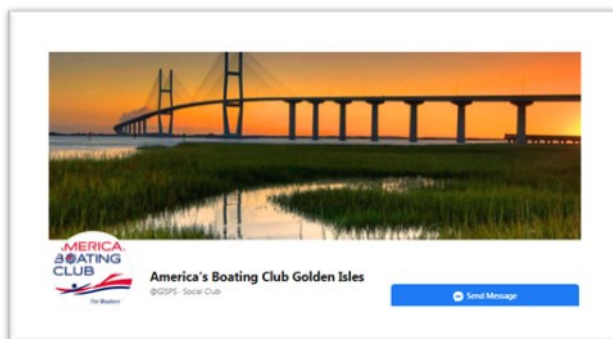
The 2021 National Annual Meeting will be VIRTUAL. We will be using FreeConferenceCall due to the vast amount of long-term use by the Educational Department, the experience they can provide, and the fact that there is no cost. The schedule will be out shortly and posted on the member website. The meeting will be spread over two

weeks, commencing the week of February 15 and concluding about February 27.

The offerings will include committee meetings, seminars, workshops, virtual social events, guest speakers, and more. Most, if not all, events will take place in the afternoon or early evening EST so that our members on the west coast and further may participate at a respectable hour.

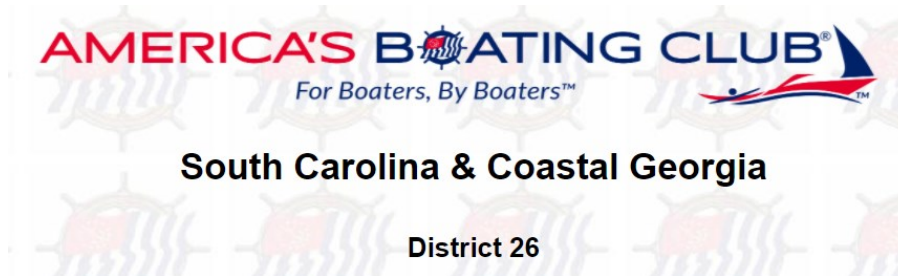
Please take appropriate time to read the schedule thoroughly; there will be something for everyone.

Did you know our Boating Club has a Facebook page?



VISIT OUR [CLUB FACEBOOK PAGE](#) by searching "GISPS" or "Americas Boating Club Golden Isles"

ABC District 26 Upcoming Events



Save the dates for two upcoming District 26 spring events:

- Spring Conference (Virtual) - March 12-13
- Cruise and Rendezvous - April 21-25 Co sponsored by ABC Beaufort and ABC Hilton Head

MEMBER PHONE ROSTER

Keep it handy for a quick-connect with your fellow members!

Do you recall receiving the master list of all Club members and their contact information? It came to you by email last year from Commander Charles.

Remember that it is available if you've misplaced. Just request one from Terry Osman at t.osman@att.net.

Bridge Contact Information and January Birthdays

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Bob Butler

Kurt Glass

Dorothy Jones

America's Boating Club of Golden Isles Calendar Jan - April 2021



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- Mid to Late February - ABC's National Meetings (virtual)

March

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- 9 - *The Porthole* distribution
- 12 & 13 - District 26 Conference (virtual)
- 16 - Club Social**

April

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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

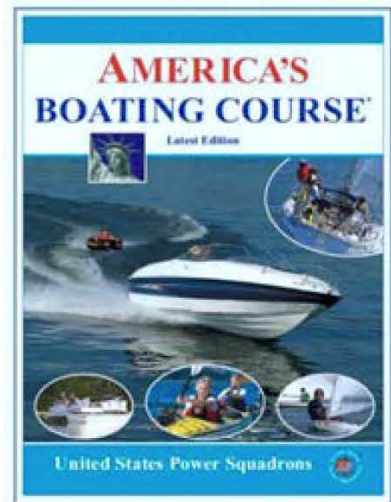
ENGAGE with boating friends

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.

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- *Become a Skilled Boater*
- *Reduce Boat Insurance Rates*
- *If you were born after Jan 1998 you must have completed a **Georgia DNR approved boating education course** to legally operate a boat in GA*
- *All types of boating, local inland and coastal*



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Saturday, Feb 6, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Location:

UGA Marine Extension

715 Bay Street

Brunswick, GA

For info, call: 229 454-6791 or email: mmoye@surfsouth.com

Online Registration: www.gisps.org

Registration Fee \$10.00, credited to optional suggested text \$40.00

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