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Golden Isles



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Commander's Message



Cdr Charles Wilsdorf, SN-ON

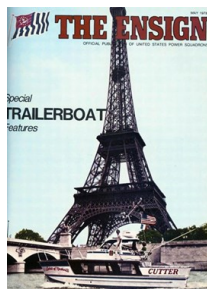
Our club plans to have an Operations Training (OT) Zoom seminar Monday, April 12th at 7:00 PM as described in a club email. I encourage all members to attend so that you can better understand our organization.

I would like to welcome N. David Campbell as a new club member. David and his wife live on St. Simons Island part of the year. He joined us to learn more about all aspects of boating. David, we hope to meet you soon at one of our club socials and/or cruises.

I told you a story in the last issue of Teresa's handy work on replacing the battery on *Topwater*. I tried to explain to her that batteries do not last forever and part of the problem was we weren't using the boat enough. As Paul Harvey use to say, "now for the rest of the story". I was wrong to think that was the end to our discussion because a few days later Teresa while leaving for work backed into the boat where it

was parked in the driveway. It not only moved the boat several feet, but also broke out the glass of her car's rear hatch. Just glad I wasn't up working on the boat because the glass exploded with small glass shards going everywhere. The hatch itself was slightly damaged as well, so Teresa's car spent a week or so at the auto body shop for a new hatch. The boat only got a few small scratches so wet sanding and a little polish should square it away. I'm really thinking twice about asking Teresa to replace the other boat battery.

Within the last year or so I wrote about my dislike of many current boat/yacht designs. Many of these new boats have extreme freeboard in the bow to increase the interior volume and more windows than an office building. I guess I am just an old school, back in the day traditionist when it comes to boats. That said, I came across an article in one of my boating magazines which was an interview with Michael Peters, a premier yacht designer. He stated from the article that current yacht design was nothing new. He referenced a Cargile Cutter which was designed and built in the 70's by Allen Cargile in Nashville, Tennessee as a trailerable cruiser. The 30-foot Cargile Cutter had many critics, so in 1977 Allen crossed the Atlantic from New York City to Paris in 31 days in one of his boats. A pretty remarkable feat, wouldn't you agree? This voyage quietened his detractors.



To me, the Cargile Cutter is not what I would call a pretty boat, but I cannot argue with its functionality. There are a few of the 300 boats built that are still plying the waters. This boat has earned a cult like following. So, keep your eyes open along the ICW for one of these historical boats.

Read further, your club bridge is planning socials, cruises and a possible Boat Handling class.

Hope to see you all soon.

Chas

Club Socials - Third Tuesday of the Month

Zoom in Again in April!

What a great time was had at our St. Paddy's Day March Social! The weather cooperated for our outdoor venue - although a bit windy - Coastal Kitchen provided great food and service, and we all enjoyed seeing each other in person again after so long!

We have a great program in store for April! Until we're all ready to meet in person, to facilitate the planned presentation for everyone's comfort and safety, we will meet by Zoom one more time. Stephanie Chewning, Coastal Education Coordinator with One Hundred Miles, will join us virtually to discuss "Barrier Island Dynamics". Hope to "see" you there!

When: Tuesday, April 20, 6:00 - 7:15pm

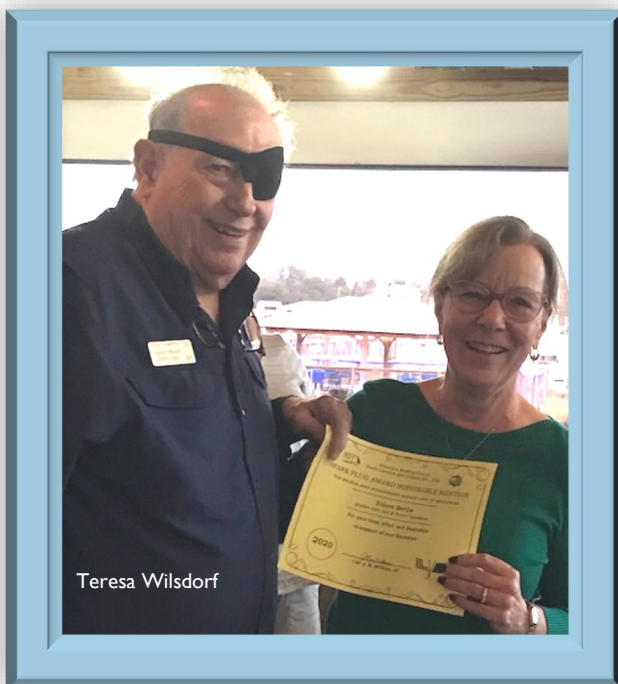
Where: Online at zoom.us

Watch: Your email for the new login information

BYO: Bring your own happy hour or dinner, your choice, your living room

Questions? Call Terry 414-510-9338

Eileen Berta attended the One Hundred Mile Conference and her summary of the conference is on page 7.



Cdr Charles Wilsdorf, SN-ON presents a District 26 Award to Eileen Berta. Eileen received an Honorable Mention for the Spark Plug Award.

Congratulations to Eileen!

UPCOMING SPRING CRUISES!



Executive Officer
Ed Reynolds, S

Hello again fellow America's Boating Club members!

So sorry the weather did not cooperate for our March cruise. Let's hope the cold and windy weather is behind us now.

Our next cruise will be on Saturday, April 17. We will return to one of our favorite places - Mudcat Charlie's. We will journey up the intracoastal waterway to the restaurant for lunch. Our itinerary is as follows:

WHEN: Saturday, April 17, 11:30am

WHERE: Boats meet at Manhead Sound (Mackay and Frederica River intersection)

ROUTE: Frederica River to Mackay River to South Altamaha River

WHAT TO BRING: Lunch money, drinks, face mask

BOAT RULES: Each captain will establish face mask and social distancing expectations.

HOW TO SIGN UP: Reply to Ed Reynolds by text (423-341-2531) or email

(ejreynolds3@icloud.com) by Thursday, April 15. Let me know how many will be attending

and if you will be providing a boat (and how many extra passengers you can carry). Passengers

will be notified which boat you will be on and when/where to board. All are welcome!

Commander Charles and I will review the pandemic situation and the weather forecast on Friday prior to each event. If we determine that it is not safe to proceed, you will be notified.

Save the date of May 22 for our May lunch cruise to the Spartina Grill in Darien!

Note to all Captains: We request that all boats participating in our events have a 2021 Vessel Safety Check decal. This is a free inspection. Please contact me, Charles Wilsdorf or Mike Moye to schedule the 30 minute courtesy review. It can be done in the water or on land.

Hope to see you on the water!

Ed Reynolds

Club Education Officer Report



CEO Mike Moye, SN

Education Officer Report

From time to time, we do a needs assessment to help plan out course/seminar offerings on a short term as well as long range basis. There are several ways that we accomplish this. First is word-of-mouth. At our socials we talk to our fellow members to find out their educational interests. During the course of our lives, we talk to friends and neighbors about our favorite pass-time (boating) and the subject of skills comes up and how best to learn them. In our ABC classes we always discuss “what’s next” to share what we have and to try to learn what our participants want.

The second thing that we do to determine what folks might want or need is to look where they have been in their nautical education path. As an example, we know that 15 members of America’s Boating Club—Golden Isles have completed the ABC course and might be candidates for the Boat Handling course. On the other end of the spectrum, we know that only three members have completed Piloting and might be interested in Advanced Marine Navigation (formerly called Advanced Piloting).

The third thing that we do in trying to figure out what courses, seminars, and other classes might be needed or wanted by our members is a formal survey. In just a few days we will launch a quick fact gathering instrument that hopefully, with word-of-mouth information and our statistical count will help us go in a positive direction with our offerings. It will come to you via email, and we encourage you to take a couple of minutes and respond.

Allow me to look in the “crystal ball” for just a moment as it regards the 15 members who might give a positive nod toward the Boat Handling course. Covid 19 has been a horrible scourge worldwide. However, we have all learned that to survive we can find different ways to “get the job done.” You have heard it said, and I believe it, that in the post-Covid era we will continue to do some of the things we learned to do to survive the pandemic’s effect on our normal way of doing things. From an educational view, and this is where Boat Handling could be affected, we can offer the course in a much different manner than what we’ve done in the past. And, we can do so very successfully. As an example, we’ve learned from other squadrons around District 26 that doing part of the course on-line and meeting as a group to discuss more complicated topics and to review for the test has worked quite well. We’ve also learned from our own platform shift (the experimental Marine Navigation class) that we can offer the course in a blended format with some material covered via Zoom, some from reading in an e-book, some face-to-face meetings and even an on-the-water experience to finish things off. After all, what better way to teach Boat Handling than being in a real boat surrounded by very wet water—salted to taste.

Watch for the survey and help us out.

Mike Moye, SN

Education Officer

Administrative Officer Report

Destinations Ahead



AO Terry Osman, P

While it was a really a huge treat to have dinner together in person in March, the months ahead do look promising for more fun and advocacy of safe boating in the club! I'm starting to see a light at the end of the tunnel, and hope you are also, with the ability to live and boat more safely with others. Thanks to all who have suggested activities and speakers for our meetings, and to Eileen Berta for developing and bringing forward leads. We will be alternating ZOOM and In-Person monthly Club Dinners/Socials for a bit longer until more folks feel comfortable gathering.

What will Spring bring for you on the water? I've been checking out destinations and spending as much time as allows before the summer heat. For each destination I might visit, I make a note in my planner: hours/miles by boat, type dock, boat ramp, 30/50amp, amenities, sites/restaurants, and whether there is an anchorage. This way

when I feel like an outing, I can size up the options easily.

The last place I visited was Spring Park in Green Cove Springs, a city park on the St Johns River. From where my Shannon 28 sailboat is docked in Jacksonville, it's a 3.5 hour sail south. I'd strongly recommend it as a stopping point for river travel south of Jacksonville, or as a great weekend destination. It is truly a beautiful park built around natural springs, located along the St. Johns River. It has a spring-fed swimming pool with a stream running to the river, gazebos, picnic pavilions. Two fishing piers extend into the river, one which has about 8 slips and a T-dock, with floating docks with power and water, and an honor system of \$20/night. AND two blocks walk to a cute local coffee shop, or a SUPERB deli, antique shop.

The company that shows up at the Spring Park Docks is a great mix of local, families, fishermen and "lookers". If you want to talk boating, show up on a transient dock for a few days! Great fun.

I love to talk about destination hot spots and am interested to hear where you've found to pull the boat up on the beach, or "dock 'n dine" in the Southeast. Hope we get a lot of boats out for the next Club Cruise as our activities resume and the weather cooperates.

Becoming acquainted with more of our waterways and destinations is a great benefit of Club Membership!!!!

Terry



Club Yard Sale Coming Soon!



Sharon Hindery, AP

Hopefully you got my email last week about our upcoming Yard sale.... You may remember that we had scheduled this event for Peaches to Beaches in March 2020, but alas the Evil Covid 19 squashed those plans – as it has most everything up close and personal for the past year (and longer!) We have decided to have our own sale on **Saturday May 1st, 2021** at **8 am to 1pm** (yes, this year). The sale location will be on the Hindery's driveway at 142 Belle Point Parkway – (just off I7- across from the Brunswick Country Club for those who don't know where we are).

We already have some donated **Squadron members Things, Unwanted but Functional or Fun (AKA STUFF)** that we have been holding since last year, but need much more of such **STUFF** of various types:

Nautical – Boat gear, extra parts, nautical theme items

Decorative- Art, knickknacks etc.

Potentially Useful (to someone else other than you)

Anything you have and don't want/need and is taking up valuable space in your boat or abode, that someone else might consider their Saturday find!

Please let me know by April 20 if you are going to participate with donating **STUFF** and /or an idea of the types / quantities of **STUFF** you are donating. This is to help me set up the newspaper advertisement as well as tables and space required.

Please arrange to get **STUFF** here (142 Belle Point Parkway) by Wed April 28th, so we have some time to arrange and price. Let me know if there are some larger items we need to accommodate.

Please consider joining us for the fun of working the sale for a couple of hours. Will need some help organizing on Friday afternoon (April 30) and on Saturday from 7 am through 2pm.

Ok, you have read all this and want to know what we will do with the proceeds of this spectacular Sale of the Spring?? It has been decided, that it would be Fair and Fun for the folks who donate and participate in the sale to decide as a group how to spend the cash we take in. We can field any questions and suggestions at the April 20th Social Zoom call.

I do hope you join in the fun!

To donate **STUFF** and /or help out before and after the sale please call, message or email me:

Sharon Hindery

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Pictures from 2019 Peaches to Beaches Yard Sale event.

Pictures submitted by Sharon Hindery.



One Hundred Miles Conference Highlights

“Choosing to Lead”

One Hundred Miles is a local Coastal non-profit working to protect and preserve Georgia's Coast through advocacy, education and citizen engagement. One Hundred Miles holds an annual “Choosing to Lead” conference, this year due to Covid the conference was held virtually with weekly sessions over a five-week period.

Session 1, “How Do We Save a Species?” featured noted ecologist and author Carl Safina and was led by Wendy Paulson, Little Saint Simons conservation advocate. In addition to being one-third of the remaining salt marsh in the United States, our Georgia Coast is the only known calving area for the North Atlantic Right Whale. The species is threatened in their yearly migration by ship strikes, fishing gear and lobster trap entanglements. Dr. Safina emphasized the interdependence of species and reminded us that we are wrong to think we can deny other species. Even a small number of caring committed people can turn a situation around. One Hundred Miles will be launching an “Eat Local - Not Lobster” campaign soon.

In Session 2, “How Do We Tell our Story?”, we were treated to amazing underwater photography by award winning National Geographic photographer Brian Skerry. Brian sees his role as “storyteller”, using his powerful tool to spur engagement as “humans remember photos”. His goal is to emulate the William Henry Jackson photos that inspired Congress to create the National Park System. He proposes Marine Protected Areas, Management of Fisheries and Aquaculture as solutions. One key take-away from his talk - every other breath - 50% of the oxygen you breathe - comes from the ocean.

Session 3, “How Can We Do Better?”, offered a perspective many of us may not have experienced, with Georgia born Dr. Drew Lanham and Sapelo native writer-actor and 223 Foundation founder Josiah (Jazz) Watts making the connection between conservation and preserving culture. They point out that gentrification can happen in conservation, as culture being erased is another aspect of development of land. History and Culture are often lost along with the land.

Session 4, “How Can We Save our Future?”, featured Bill McKibben, author and environmentalist, in conversation with Brionte McCorkle, Director of Georgia Conservation Voters. The session revolved around the actions we can take to integrate environmental issues into how we do everything. They urge us to join together in a group, to elect people who take environmental issues seriously, and to expect more action at a state and local level. They quote Maya Angelou, “Do the best you can until you know better, when you know better - do better.”

Speaking of electing people who care, the final session, “How Can We Make a Difference?”, focused on the Conservation Legacy of Jimmy Carter, with Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) founder Gus Speth, author of Carter biography Jonathan Alter and Carter Foundation Chairman Jason Carter, Jimmy Carter's grandson. The session detailed President Carter's foresight and initiatives both locally as Governor of Georgia, such as saving Cumberland Island, and nationally as arguably the greatest conservationist President since Teddy Roosevelt, doubling the National Park System. Carter reshaped national energy policy and was early to identify climate change as our largest threat.

For those who were unable to participate in the conference, links to the recorded sessions and resource materials are available on the One Hundred Miles website, www.onehundredmiles.org.

Eileen Berta

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July

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20 - Club Social



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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 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.