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Upcoming Events

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Commander's Message



Cdr Charles Wilsdorf, SN-ON

I would like to welcome our newest members, Russ and Whit Wright, who live on Saint Simons Island. They are experienced boaters having owned both power and sail, but felt they should brush up on their boating knowledge at April's America's Boating Course. Thank you, Cynthia Lamb, for recruiting these newest club members.

If you didn't make it to the May club social all I can say is, you missed a good time. We had a beautiful setting with extremely good weather where we caught up with other club members while enjoying the tasty drinks from Rebecca Burns, owner of Event Libations. We learned about the many ingredients that can go into a mixed drink, like sloe gin and blood orange juice. We also learned some mixing techniques as slapping mint

to release its flavor and when to stir or shake. What delicious drinks we all tasted. I would like to thank our Assistant AO, Eileen Berta for arranging this wonderful evening.

The May's club cruise was well attended consisting of 24 club members and guests cruising north on the ICW to the Darien River and on to the city of Darien for a great lunch at the Spartina Grill. Our skippers did a great job navigating the routes, with areas of skinny water with no groundings. Unfortunately, I missed this event. Many thanks to our club's cruise chairman, Ed Reynolds, S and his local knowledge aid, Jerry Lamb for making this cruise a real success.

In previous issues of *The Porthole*, I described several instances based around our boat, *Topwater*. The first was Teresa's installation of a new AGM battery which she was not, let's just say, overly thrilled about. Then the episode of Teresa backing her car into poor *Topwater* resulting in little damage to the boat, but a new rear hatch and glass for Teresa's car. As I mentioned above, I missed the May cruise. Again, this involved our poor *Topwater*. When carrying out my usual pre-departure checklist, it necessitates me stepping up on the fender step and then into the boat, which I have done a hundred times before. This time though, taking that first step with a bad right knee which carries more weight than it should, my knee folded up, traveling much further than it should, resulting in a high-grade rupture of my quadriceps tendon where it attaches to the knee cap. The good news is no surgery, the bad news is I have to wear a brace that holds my leg stiff for the next 4-6 weeks which means no boating for a while. *Topwater* and her skipper will just have to suck it up until the knee heals.

If you enjoyed the May club activities, then stay tuned for the exciting upcoming June club events with details in this *Porthole*.

Wishing you all a safe boating summer.

Chas

Club June Social and Presentation

After a hurried last minute change of venue due to the damage to the Morningstar pavilion, the weather cooperated and sixteen of us enjoyed a breezy delightful evening under the gazebo at Sanctuary Cove for our May get together. Thanks to Rebecca Burns, owner of Event Libations, for a fun, informative and tasty demonstration of “Boat Drinks” and to everyone for the great appetizers we shared. We all left with the cocktail recipes to try mixing on our own. Please consider Event Libations for your next party or event.

In June, we will hear from the Veterans of FOAR From Home, who will detail their plans to row the Atlantic Ocean later this year to bring awareness to the issues of PTSD and Veteran suicide. I’m sure we boaters will have lots of questions about the vessel, planning, routing and logistics for this amazing and meaningful voyage!

When: Tuesday, June 15, 6:00pm

Where: Ember Restaurant, 70 Retreat Village, St. Simons Island, www.ember2f.com

Questions/RSVP Call or email Eileen, 912-602-9500, eileenberta@gmail.com

FOAR From Home Info and speaker bios: www.foarfromhome.com



In February, Kathy Druckenmiller took these pictures as the crew rowed up to the dock at Morningstar Marina on St. Simons Island.



What’s planned for future meetings?

- ◆ A Golden Ray update from the Response Team
- ◆ A representative from UGA Marine Extension will educate us on oyster farming and the shrimp industry here in Georgia
- ◆ Some useful fishing advice from a local Fishing Captain
- ◆ Fun social time at one of our new local breweries

Please continue to let us know your interests and suggestions for future events!

Eileen Berta

LET'S DO IT AGAIN!



**Executive Officer
Ed Reynolds, S**

Hello again fellow America's Boating Club members!

Our May 22 cruise to The Spartina Grill in Darien was a huge success! We had 6 boats and 24 members/guests participate. Many thanks to Jerry and Cynthia Lamb for leading the way as it was uncharted territory for the rest of us. We were able to go up one route and return another which provided a new scenery both ways. Furthermore, we were required to raft up due to limited docking space and that was a new experience for some.

Let's continue our cruising adventures with a June trip to Lang's Marina Restaurant in Saint Mary's for lunch! If you have never eaten there, the food is wonderful (and reasonable). Here is a link to their Facebook page and menu https://www.facebook.com/langsbestseafood/?ref=page_internal. In fact, if we get "rained out", I propose we journey there by car for lunch. You will not be disappointed. Our itinerary is as follows:

WHEN: Saturday, June 19 at 11:30am

WHERE: Boats meet in Saint Simons Sound near markers R22 and G21 (vicinity of entrance to Jekyll Creek).

ROUTE: We will journey across Saint Andrew's Sound to the Cumberland River to the Saint Mary's River. We will dock at the city dock (much larger than the Darien dock). From there, it is a short walk across the St. Mary's Park to the restaurant.

WHAT TO BRING: Lunch money, drinks, bug spray

BOAT RULES: Maintain contact via channel 72, max boat speed of 25mph.

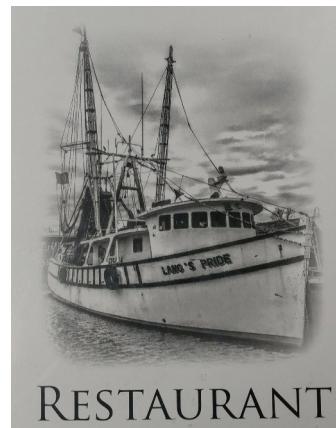
HOW TO SIGN UP: Reply to Ed Reynolds by text (423-341-2531) or email (ejreynolds3@icloud.com) by FRIDAY, JUNE 11 with the approximate number of participants you will have. This is due to the restaurant making their work schedule out a week in advance. We can make minor adjustments to the numbers a few days before the cruise. Also let me know if you need a ride or will use your own boat. All are welcome (members as well as guests).

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

As a reminder, we request that all boats participating in our events have a 2021 Vessel Safety decal. Please contact me or Mike Moyer to schedule the 30 minute courtesy review.

See you on the water!

Ed Reynolds



At the Darien Dock: How do six boats dock in a space large enough for two boats? Raft-up three deep! On the inside is *Lamboat2*, *Caroline Em* is in middle and *Sea Scotty* is coming in on the outside. (Sounds like calling a horse race.)

Club Education Officer Report



CEO Mike Moye, SN

Education Officer's Report

We reported last month on the results of our survey and are looking forward to scheduling some interesting classes and seminars for the fall. More on that during early summer. For now, we have an ABC class scheduled for October 9th, however we seem to have some demand for a summer class. Three folks have already registered (who were not able to come to the last class) and a fourth is ready to register when a date is announced. As soon as we get a location and times that our instructors are available, we'll announce that date.

Even though hurricane season is officially here, we are certainly seeing some mighty nice weather. It's so nice that our family was eager to get out on the water—which we did. Memorial Day weekend always signals the start of lots of water sports for us all even though many folks in our club hit the water in all four seasons. As you enjoy the water this summer, remember all the many things you've learned in our classes. Those are the things that will ensure that you not only enjoy but also have a safe summer.

Some of you may recall me describing in the January *Porthole* a "blue" feeling I had from having sold **MY SHARONA**. The cure for the blues, I was told, is to simply buy another boat. I'm extremely close to bringing a six-month boat buying adventure to a close. In fact, it will probably happen within the next couple of days. (FLASH! HOLD THE PRESSES! IT JUST HAPPENED!) I'm not making this up! My phone just dinged, and the message was from the broker's office—the closing is completed. In the next *Porthole* I hope to share the story of how **SHARONA, TOO** came into our lives. I'll include pictures too. She's a Carver 530 Voyager Pilothouse and I think she will serve us nicely.

Stay safe,

Mike Moye, SN

Education Officer

Club Achievements



Teresa Wilsdorf

Club members present at the May club social received their completion certificates for the Operations Training.



Teresa Wilsdorf

Cdr. Charles Wilsdorf, SN-ON presents P/C Sharon Hindery, AP with a 2020 Distinctive Communicator Award for our club website.

Club Yard Sale Rescheduled for June 5th!



Sharon Hindery, AP

As you all know ...if you read my email... our Club yard sale has been moved to Saturday June 5th 8 AM to 1 PM... you can thank "Cancel Karma" for the lovely Saturday you (hopefully) enjoyed on May first. Our new date will, hopefully, bring extra traffic due to the Belle Point Neighborhood Community Yard sale is the same date. We would LOVE some company during the event. And also on Friday afternoon to setup/price... send me an email or call to join the fun.

BTW some good STUFF has already found its way here for sale!

Sharon Hindery
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Coast Guard: Using Vessel Kill Switches Now Required

On April 1, 2021 a new federal law went into effect that requires the operator of a boat under 26 feet long with an installed Engine Cut-Off Switch (ECOS) to use the ECOS link. However, if the boats' primary helm is inside an enclosed cabin it is not required to have an Engine Cut-Off Switch.

Engine kill switches prevent runaway boat incidents and the deadly threats they pose. An engine cut-off switch is usually a lanyard-style cord that attaches to the person operating the vessel. If a person were to accidentally fall out of the boat, the tension of the lanyard would immediately shut off the motor.

Wireless cutoff switches have been developed and are also approved for use. These use an electronic fob that is carried by the driver and senses when it is submerged in water, and automatically shuts off the engine.

Each year the Coast Guard receives reports of recreational boaters who fell out of or thrown from their boat. These incidents have led to injuries and deaths.

Most of these incidents end with the boat in gear with no one in control, leaving the operator stranded in the water as the boat continues straight or it circles the person in the water — eventually hitting them, often with the propeller.

Runaway boat situations put the ejected operator, other people on the water, marine law enforcement and first responders in serious danger.

USCG officials say an overwhelming majority of boats have a kill switch system set up. So, this new requirement simply obligates recreational boaters to use the safety features already present on their boat.



Select this link for more information: <https://uscgboating.org/recreational-boaters/engine-cut-off-devices.php>

Administrative Officer Report



AO Terry Osman, P

Thank you to all for the wonderful day on the water at our May cruise. I can't tell you how much it brightened my month to go exploring together - especially Governor's Cut on the return from Darien. That was a gutsy move with great tide timing we will all remember NOT to do at low tide! And May's Club Social was the brainchild of Vicky Jefferis and Eileen Berta, such a beautiful setting in their development, in addition to all the fun facts about cocktails. If you missed it, we missed you too! My take-away: buy Basil Hayden next time I need whiskey, hahaha.



Cindy Simpson

Coming this month, for our Club Social, we return to Ember's banquet room on St Simons. Check out Club Social article by Eileen Berta in this newsletter for all the details of this and other Club fun coming up. We are hosting some very interesting guests in June who were suggested to us by Kathy Druckenmiller - thanks Kathy!!

Some of our most interesting events are brought to us by members' suggestions! Don't hesitate to refer us to someone you'd like to hear from - just let us know and we will set it up for the Club!

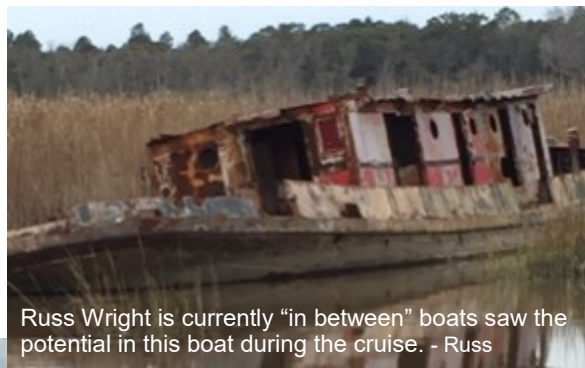
Look forward to seeing you third Tuesday . . . Remember your name tag and bring a guest! :)

Terry Osman

May Cruise Pictures



Shrimp boats in Darien. - Vicky Jefferies



Russ Wright is currently "in between" boats saw the potential in this boat during the cruise. - Russ



Lamboat2 leads us through Generals Cut. - Cathy Stott

More cruise pictures on the next two pages.



Cindy Simpson



Cindy Simpson



Sharon Hindery



Cindy Simpson

Lunch at Spartina Grill in Darien, GA



Cathy Stortz



Jerry Lamb



Cindy Simpson



Jerry Lamb



Jerry Lamb



Sharon Hindery



The low tide "skinny water" area of the cruise. - Cathy Stortz



Cathy Stortz



Cathy Stortz



Vicky Jefferies

Docking/Rafting Up at Darien Dock - Clockwise from top left: Lamb's and Druckenmiller's boats are the first layer; next up is Ed as the crews work to secure the boats; Ed, Russ and Cathy help secure the last boat *Parlay*; and one last picture of all six boats secured. It is time for lunch.



Jerry Lamb



Cindy Simpson

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2021 Club Cruise Dates
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29-Sept 5 - Fall Governing Board Meeting in Raleigh, NC

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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.