

# AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB

## Golden Isles



The porthole

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### A monthly publication of America's Boating Club Golden Isles

#### Upcoming Events

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#### Commander's Message



Cdr Charles Wilsdorf, SN-ON

Our Administrative staff again provided us a great venue and speakers for our club's July social/dinner. I think we all learned facts we didn't know from the St Simons Response Team presenters Lt. Commander Pat Frain and Lt. Don Raby.

I was awarded a St Simons Response team memorial coin for guessing the years served in the USCG by Lt/Cdr Frain. Neat!



I would also like to recognize the tireless work of our Nomination Committee, P/C Vicky Jefferis and P/C Sharon Hindery. They are close to having the makings of a 2022 bridge with some new faces and fresh ideas.

The club's cruise committee continues to give us the opportunity to get on the water with interesting cruises to different locales with club members and their friends. Even with the high heat, this month's cruise was a success. Many thanks to Ed Reynolds, S, and the cruise committee of David Jones and Jerry Lamb for their work and participation to make our club cruises a success.

Our membership is recovering from a loss of seven members this year consisting of five non-renewals and two deceased. Our membership committee has done a fantastic job keeping our net loss to three members. As a reminder, all club members are part of the membership committee so let's all encourage our boating friends to join in the rewards of membership in the ABClub Golden Isles.

America's Boating Club National membership retention rate has been on the decrease this year compared to 2019 and 2020 and the recruiting efforts have surpassed 2020. So, great news on that front. Also, the Governing Board is considering a cost increase in membership dues due to higher operating cost. There has not been a change in national dues (\$2 and \$3) for the last four years. National is also considering a flat/single rate for all 325 clubs which would allow for easier billing, automatic dues renewal, and full reciprocity with other ABClubs.

If you attended the Operations Training Seminar you learned that the United States Power Squadron has always put emphasis on boating education and training. I encourage you to check the ABClub's website to see what courses and seminars are available and let our education officer, Michael Moye, SN know where your interest lies.

Now, for the elephant in the room, the Covid virus case numbers continue to increase in our locale. Your club's ExCom will continue to monitor the situation and communicate changes that we will be making based on the current Covid cases at the time of the event. We intend on following all CDC recommendations.

Stay Safe,  
Chas

## August Club Social

### August Club Social – ZOOM!

**When:** Tuesday, August 17, 6:00pm

**Time:** 6:00 pm

**Where:** Online Zoom Meeting

**Questions:** Call or email Terry, 414-510-9338, [t.osman@att.net](mailto:t.osman@att.net)

It has been many months since our Club Social allowed time to actually be ... well ... “social” because of the great presentations we have had each month. This month let’s revert to our position of abundance of caution with COVID and meet online once again. No presentation is planned. This will give us a chance to check in with people we haven’t spoken with in a while, and we won’t even have to leave our homes!

Consider it your cocktail hour, your dinner hour or your evening entertainment, just don’t miss it! And bring a friend!

### Zoom Instructions

\*\*\* Please log in on time \*\*\*

**Go Online:** [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us) or launch the Zoom app

**Login:** Meeting ID 2388268407 / Password h R A Z r 5  
-OR-

**Click:** [Click Here to Join](#)

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## Get Your Club Burgee Here



We will soon be receiving a new stock of Club burgees.

Send a request to Terry Osman and a check payable to GISPS for \$35 (collected by Treasurer Teresa Wilsdorf). See us at the next meeting, or email/phone/text Terry at [t.osman@att.net](mailto:t.osman@att.net) (414) 510-9338. They are sturdy little buggers, not soon to wear out! Especially if you add UV protectant spray.

Order yours now!

## Let's Keep Cruising!



Executive Officer  
Ed Reynolds, S

Hello again fellow America's Boating Club members and friends!

We had another successful lunch cruise on Saturday, July 31! Nine members in 2 boats overcame the High Temperature Advisory for a leisurely lunch cruise on Fancy Bluff Creek to the Satilla Riverside Cafe located at Hickory Bluff Marina. Many thanks to captains Jerry Lamb and David Jones for their leadership of this event.

Our next cruise will be on August 28. We will journey up the Mackay River for lunch at Mud Cat Charlie's. Our itinerary is as follows:

**WHEN:** Saturday, August 28

**WHERE:** Meet in Manhead Sound at the entrance to the Mackay River at noon.

**ROUTE:** Go north on the Mackay River to the Altamaha River to Mudcat Charlie's at Two Way Boat Yard. Follow same route to return or explore the Frederica River.

**WHAT TO BRING:** Lunch money, bug spray, drinks, suntan lotion.

**BOAT RULES:** Maintain contact via VHF channel 72, max speed 25 mph.

**HOW TO SIGN UP:** Reply to Ed Reynolds by text (423-341-2531) or email ([ejreynolds3@icloud.com](mailto:ejreynolds3@icloud.com)) by Wednesday, August 25. Let me know if you are bringing your boat or need a ride. All are welcome!

Commander Charles and I will review the COVID 19 pandemic situation as well as the weather forecast on Friday afternoon. If we determine that it is not safe to proceed, you will be notified.

See you on the water!

Ed Reynolds



July 31 lunch at the Satilla Riverside Café on Fancy Bluff Creek.

More cruise pictures on page 7.

## Quarterly Litter Pickup



Sharon Hindery, AP

Looking back over my last few entries in the *Porthole* I find that I was remiss in that I did not acknowledge and thank profusely our new members that assisted on our 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter litter pickup at Liberty Ship Park on June 29.

Cynthia and Jerry Lamb along with Mike and George Carellas joined Rick and me for a couple hours of early morning fun snagging bits of candy wrap, beer cans, cigarette butts and all the other nasty stuff that folks just can't seem to get into the ample number of trash bins lining the park. Actually it was somewhat cleaner than usual before we started, but you can be assured it was much cleaner after we were done. About 4 bags of trash were removed through the efforts of our crew of six. Thanks again to the Lambs and Carellas!



From left: Jerry and Cynthia Lamb, Mike and George Carellas pickup litter at Liberty Ship Park.

Are you thinking you might want to help with our 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter Pickup??? Mark your calendars for Tuesday Sept 7<sup>th</sup> at 9am at Liberty Ship Park. This is the day after Labor Day, so I expect there will be a fair amount of picnicking and thus increased litter after the holiday weekend. Our goal is to make sure what is left on the ground does not make it into the surrounding waterways... so why not join us.

Sharon Hindery  
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## Club Education Officer Report



CEO Mike Moye, SN

You never know what kind of off-hand comment from others will stick. I suppose that if it sticks with you long enough that it becomes a “truism.” Mr. Google says that a truism is something that is obviously true and says nothing new or interesting. Well, that may be so, but the truism that I’ve been carrying around for the last twenty years is that “boating is all about the weather.” It may have been a truism, but it sure caught my attention that I really needed to be more mindful of all things “weather.” So, I read books, look at web sites, watch tv weather channels, and once even took a USPS course on weather (taught by Coy Hodges and Charles Wilsdorf). After all that I realize that I can’t even begin to do anything more than a long-range forecast. I do know enough, however, to keep my eye on the weather and watch what the experts are saying in their forecasts. Also, because of our squadron’s course I can at least half-way understand what the meteorologists are saying.

In mid to late September our squadron will have a Weather Seminar. Our original hopes were to have it at the University of Georgia Extension Station but with the latest news about Covid, we’re looking at something different. Most likely it will turn out to be a Zoom based event.

The Weather Course that many of us took was a 16-hour elective course. The Weather Seminar we have planned will be three hours long and not nearly as intense as the longer course. The following is a quote from the USPS web site: “The safety and comfort of those who venture out on the water have always been weather dependent. This seminar serves as an introduction to the basics of weather and forecasting. It is a must for boaters who have never taken a weather course.” The formal name for our seminar is Basic Weather and Forecasting. Commander Charles will be our instructor.

We will keep you posted via email about when we will offer the seminar. I’m sure it will be enjoyable and you may even finish the course with your very own truism.

Mike Moye, SN

Education Officer

## Administrative Officer Report



AO Terry Osman, P

Hello friends! The heat has now DUG IN! Let's try not to overdo it, take care of our sun exposure and watch out for heatstroke. Whatever the boat project is, or that feverish pursuit of one more big fish, remember to let it go if you're feeling flushed or heat-stressed. It's surprising how much moisture is excreted in sweat, we must remember that the body works very hard to make that happen and may have a hard time keeping up, in addition to the fact that our good judgment naturally wanes with the energy extended in the process. Just a reminder to keep your wits about you and set realistic expectations for how much you can really tolerate. Thank you for taking care of yourselves and your guests during this hot HOT time outdoors.

Even in the heat, I was so very excited to go with a few other members to visit the FOAR FROM HOME guys in Fernandina to officially present our America's Boating Club Golden Isles donation to their cause of preventing Veteran PTSD and suicide. Our official donation amounted to a whopping \$1500 and I am proud as you should be also of our Club's outpouring of support. This amount is the combination of individual member and Club fund moneys and helps augment the FOAR campaign to raise awareness of the problem, and fund proven successful treatment programs like "K-9 for Warriors". It is a very concrete and practical way to communicate "thank you for your service".

So, our Club is now an official sponsor of FOAR FROM HOME's awareness campaign and participation in the rowing event "ATLANTIC CHALLENGE" from the Canary Islands to Antigua with 30-40 boats from around the world in early December 2021.

Explore their Facebook page and [website here](#) for updates. *Thank you to all of you in our Club who are making this initiative possible!*

I look forward to seeing you at the August Club Social!

Terry Osman



Top Left: ABClub Golden Isles presents a check for \$1500 to Paul Lore with FOAR. Terry Osman (from left), Frank Berta, Paul Lore, Cynthia Lamb and Eileen Berta.

Bottom Left: Eileen and Terry learn how to row from Paul.

Bottom Right: Cynthia, Eileen and Terry explore the rowing vessel.



Frank Berta

## July Cruise to the Satilla Riverside Café

Top left: The iconic Sydney Lanier Bridge. Top right: No more room at the port for car carriers. Three is the maximum. Bottom: The Satilla Riverside Café.



George Carellas



George Carellas



Cynthia Lamb

Frank and Eileen Berta (in top left picture) invited Vicky Jefferis and her guests, Jason and Jodi Jefferis (bottom picture), to view the Golden Ray from the Berta's boat *Caroline Em*. They also cruised by the separated section located in the East River (right picture). They toured the ship the weekend after our July social.



Frank and Eileen Berta



Eileen Berta



Jodi, Vicky and Jason Jefferis

## July's Club Social

### Last Month's Club Social

At July's Club Social, members enjoyed a cozy evening at Nazzaro's Italian Restaurant. We enjoyed a robust turnout and enjoyed the company of several new guests! We received a Golden Ray update from two leaders of the St. Simons Response Team - Lt. Commander Pat Frain and Lt. Don Raby, who shared fascinating insight into the capsizing and removal - including live audio from the Golden Ray bridge and details of the environmental response.

Programs still to come in 2021 -

- Cruising Adventures with Jack Sterrett, SN
- Oyster Farming and the Shrimp Industry in GA – UGA Marine Extension
- Nuclear Powered Submarines in the U.S. Navy – Retired Captain Ray Woolrich
- Annual Change of Watch Celebration - Mark your calendars for Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>!

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



Coast Guard Lt. Cmdr. Frain, Sharon Hindery, guest Jason Jefferis and Lt. Raby

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**2021 Club Cruise Dates  
August 28**

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9 - ABC Class

12 - *The Porthole* distribution

**19 - Club Annual Meeting/2022 Election of Officers**

22-23 - District 26 Fall Conference and Change of Watch



### November

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**5 - Club Change of Watch**

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## Who Said You Can't Have Fun at ABClub National Meeting?

"Why should I attend a National Meeting?" "What's in it for me?" ABClub/USPS National Meetings attendees often hear this from other members. The reason anyone should attend any "meeting" is to have fun! What is fun? With lots of committees and a range of times and dates for meetings, members find time before, in between, and after to meet other members, participate in the group events and even attend the offsite events. Never been to a national meeting? Be sure and sign up as a First Timer! You will be invited to meet national leadership and other First Timer attendees. Traveling with a friend or spouse who is active and attending meetings? Join others for offsite events such as boating and/or kayaking followed by lunch. Don't want to get wet or be outside? Why not join the group for High Tea, or touring the Natural Science Museum? Did you know the Natural Science Museum is the largest in the south-east US? You will not want to miss this!



**2021 Fall Governing Board**  
August 29 - September 5, 2021  
Raleigh, North Carolina

In addition to individual committee/departments meetings, you can check out some interesting seminars and topics. "Introduction to the New Information Center", "How Not to Recruit", "Your Squadron Activities Hit Parade", "21st Century Tools for Teaching in the Blended Learning Environment" and "Building and Delivering PowerPoint Presentations in Today's Online World" are just a few. The entire agenda is available online.

Opening the meeting is our Keynote Speaker, Kevin P. Duffus. We have all heard about WWII activity off the North Carolina coast, but I do not think we knew the extent. Come learn about the **War Zone: World War II off North Carolina's Outer Banks**. This speaker is sure to be interesting.

Wednesday evening come join us for Friends Night. We will be gathering for dinner then some fun entertainment with games and challenges. This event is for everyone, and it was a big hit at our last in-person national meeting in 2020 Annual Meeting.

Thursday, September 2, we will all gather for an entertaining **Murder Mystery Dinner Theater!** With a large cast, it is sure to be entertaining and lots of laughs with your friends participating! Can you guess the murderer? It may be someone you know and sitting next to you. Do not let your guard down!

On Thursday and Friday, stop in the Meet and Greet room. This room is for us to have a place to chat, have small group meetings, gather with friends to play cards or other games or just to relax.

If you have never been to the USPS headquarters building, multiple free tours are being offered. The library is a must see!

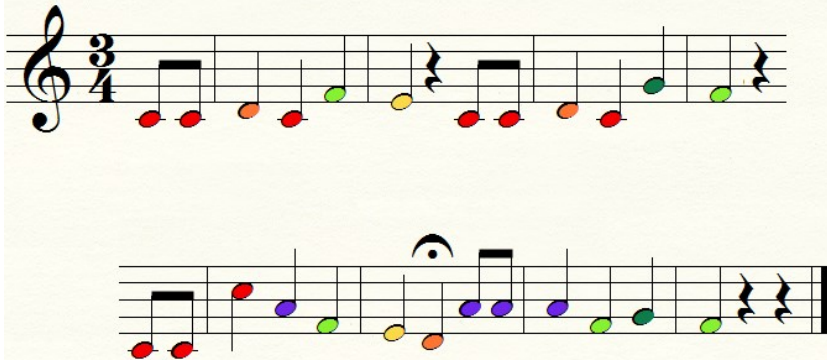
Saturday offers a busy day of the Governing Board meeting, the group luncheons and ending the conference with a 50's Sock Hop! Yes, go back in time with some of your favorite tunes, and a Blue Plate Special! Costume, sock, and dance contests will provide lots of fun for participants and people watchers.

Also, to help keep prices down, we are offering a fundraiser. **Buy a chance for two free nights** in Ponte Vedra, FL (2022 Annual Meeting) for \$10! Fundraiser is only available in Raleigh at the National Meeting 2022 Annual Meeting display table.

**National Meetings are designed to communicate and share ideas to members, boating community friends, squadrons and districts.** Along with the business, comes lots of opportunities to have fun with our boating friends. It is not all work, but also times to meet others, make new friends, and get to know those you know, more! Come join us and make your post-quarantine time a fun one!

(Check out the National Meeting Reservation site for a list of all meetings and events, meeting details, times / dates and reservations for meals and offsite. [https://www.usps.org/php/reservations\\_new/meetings.php?mtg\\_id=40](https://www.usps.org/php/reservations_new/meetings.php?mtg_id=40).)

**We are also looking for new team members!** Contact chair Arlene Anderson ([arlene.anderson47@yahoo.com](mailto:arlene.anderson47@yahoo.com)) for more information. Some work is done at the meeting and some is done before. Some jobs are for a few hours and some are for more. For example, we need volunteers who can use Word and/or Excel, send emails, make phone calls to hotel area businesses, chat with guests at the meeting and more! You won't be disappointed.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY****Happy Birthday  
To You:****Kathy Druckenmiller****Ed Reynolds****Stephen Ruby****Vicky Jefferis****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.