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Commander's Message



Cdr Jerry Lamb, S

How To Not Buy a Boat

Unlike you might think, the title isn't supposed to be "How Not to Buy a Boat," although I've been there also. In 1985, I owned my fourth sailboat, a Tartan 27 keel/centerboard, perfect for a couple cruising the New England coast. It was an updated version of a friend of mine's boat with more headroom and amenities. We liked the way it sailed, and the centerboard allowed us to enter some of the coves which abound along the rocky shores. My problem was that it was ugly as sin; the upgrade had changed the cabin profile to a straight hump backed structure, whale or coffin-like.

One evening, I'm at a yacht club meeting at a broker's office about thirty miles down the coast from New London, CT. On the wall is a color profile of a sailboat whose beautiful sheer distracted me from concentrating on the meeting. I asked the broker about the picture, and he said that it was a new model, none of which had been built yet by a company I had never heard of. Of course, I ordered one on the spot (he agreed to take my current three-year-old boat in trade). My wife was not overjoyed to say the least. That's how **not** to buy a boat. P.S. It turned out to be the best boat we ever owned.

On the other hand, how to not buy a boat is very different. I had been out of the boating community for over 20 years and Cynthia had never boated. We moved to St Simons and went with Captain Brooks Good on an excursion with my eldest and his two middle schoolers. A trip through Mosquito Creek was an eye opener, being able to see the beauty of the Golden Isles up close and personal. We were hooked and have had two boats in five years on SSI, putting about 5,000 miles on each.

Finally, to the subject at hand, how to not buy a boat. Deciding that we would like to cruise overnight, we started looking for a new boat, about the same size as our current boat but able to shelter, feed, and sleep us. The first step in not buying a boat is to try to find one that meets your needs. There are thousands of models from cuddy cabins to cabin cruisers. Should be easy, right? To parody a very old song, they're either too short or too long, they're either too small or too big. We finally identified three possible boats, all about 27 LOA that seemed to fit the bill. A Jeanneau 795, a Cutwater 242, and a Ranger Tug 23 Outboard.

Comes the next non-step, trying to see and/or drive one. Cutwaters and Rangers are made in Washington state, so factory trips are out. While there are a bunch, particularly Jeanneaus, for sale on Boat Trader, they are all new and will "be in soon." Finally, we found a used Jeanneau in St Augustine, a quick trip and an actual drive. Sold out from under us before we could get positioned to offer. Like fish, this is the proverbial one that got away. A drive to Hilton Head to see a Cutwater that turned out to not be what we needed. Ranger still elusive.

Finally a boat appeared locally, an almost new 795 gussied up with every option, including Lithium Ion (LI) batteries to have a/c at anchorage. A little research^{*} showed me that we do not want LI batteries at sea. They are temperamental, expensive, and, if mistreated, have a tendency to burn uncontrollably. The technology is advancing rapidly, and it will be a really viable option when they standardize charging, settle on what metal goes with the Lithium, etc.

Order a new boat? A quick glance the 2022 price list versus the 2021 shows about a 20% increase in list price. And about 18-month delivery time. A major step in not buying.

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Commander's Message Continued

Our Federal government threw the next impediment. It is fighting inflation by raising interest rates to keep people from buying things. That works, I can tell you. About a 20% larger payment for the same boat than a couple of months ago would give almost anyone, certainly anyone I know, pause.

That's how to not buy a boat. Can't find the "right" one, don't have one to buy, might be too old to use it if you could get a new one, and coughing up a small fortune in interest to the bank. The combination of factors might not stop us, but it has certainly slowed us down. However, hope springs . . .

Jerry

* (<https://www.boatus.com/expert-advice/expert-advice-archive/2013/january/lithium-ion-batteries-handle-with-care>)

Meet Two of our New Members: Pieter van Steen and Cathy Brewer-Moore



Pieter van Steen and Cathy Brewer-Moore joined America's Boating Club Golden Isles earlier this year. Since joining, they completed the ABC Class, partied with us on St. Patrick's Day, heard all about the adventures of the FOAR from Home team, and participated in some local cruises – including a cruise to Jekyll Island on a 99-degree day. Pieter and Cathy live on Saint Simons Island in the Hampton Plantation community and became friends with Jerry and Cynthia Lamb after sharing last Thanksgiving dinner together at a mutual friend's house. Pieter and Cathy both love being on, in, or near the water and are very social – a perfect match for the club.

Pieter is a native of The Netherlands. He grew up in The Hague, a city on the North Sea coast of the Netherlands. Cathy is a native of Brunswick, GA. So how does a gentleman from The Netherlands meet a lovely lady from Brunswick, GA? Spoiler alert - they met on a boat. How they both ended up on this boat though is an interesting story: so pay attention.

Once upon a time, a little girl (let's call her Cathy) was in the auditorium of Glynn Academy to watch a production. She may have been little, but she knew then that she wanted to be on a stage just like those people. To make that happen, she made a beeline for New York City after graduating from Glynn Academy and enrolled in the American Academy of Dramatic Arts. This school boasts such famous alumni as Kirk Douglas, Lauren Bacall, and Robert Redford. She took just about "every job imaginable" to pursue her dreams of becoming an actress in NYC. Within a few years she was landing commercials, then soap opera roles, then jobs off-Broadway, then Broadway.

After high school, Pieter was required to complete mandatory military service. He said that a friend of his told him about a kayak scouting group that did cool things like demolition and anti-submarine warfare. Pieter's sport in high school was kayaking, so he decided to sign up for that. Unbeknownst to him though, this kayak scouting group was part of the Army Commandos (sort of like our Army Rangers and Navy Seals). Pieter also attended the Army's boating school and received training on Zodiacs (rigid hull inflatable boats) and various landing craft.

After his military service, Pieter attended horticulture and design schools in The Hague. In The Netherlands, flowers are big business. Roughly 60% of the country is devoted to agriculture and horticulture with the flower industry accounting for 10% of the country's GDP. Holland accounts for well over 50% of the world flower export market. As an award-winning master designer and stylist, Pieter has gotten to travel around the world and has even done multiple projects for Her Royal Highness Princess Beatrix who was Queen of the Netherlands for 33 years, from 1980 to 2013. Pieter also served as the Master Designer of the Netherlands Bulb Flower Parade (this is like the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena but better). Pieter owned his own store in The Hague for a while, before selling his share to his business partner in 1984. Right after that, a friend of his called and asked if he was free because a Holland America cruise ship in Le Havre, France needed flowers. He did such a wonderful job, Holland America hired him and sent him all over the

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Meet our New Members Continued

world. In 1986, he embarked on his 3rd and final around the world cruise with Holland America aboard the SS Rotterdam.

In 1986, Cathy was teaching, directing, and writing, when she got a call from a director friend asking her if she would "like to go to China" for an acting gig as part of the entertainment crew for the 25th anniversary of the SS Rotterdam's first around the world cruise. On January 9, 1986, Cathy set sail from New York City for China on the SS Rotterdam. It was her birthday. It was also the day she met Pieter. Is that special or what?

Pieter and Cathy ended up getting married in New York City, then opened up two successful businesses in Connecticut. Upon selling their business in Connecticut, they moved to Saint Simons Island where they are living happily ever after, members of our wonderful community and our club.

The End.

XO Cynthia Lamb

Silver Bluff Brewery July Social



We had our July social at the Silver Bluff Brewery in Brunswick. Pictures provided by Cdr Jerry Lamb.

It's Really Hot Outside, But You Don't Have to Stay Inside...Go Boating Instead!



XO Cynthia Lamb, S

Summer boating season is here and in full swing. Boating in warm weather under the sun can be relaxing and rejuvenating — but it can also be sweltering hot, as was evident here the last couple weeks. That's why taking the proper summer heat safety precautions is a must. My favorite way to stay cool while boating in the summer is to tell Jerry to go faster! But seriously, here are some things you can do to stay cool and comfortable while boating so you don't have to miss out on any summer boating adventures.

Stay Hydrated

Hydrate, hydrate, hydrate. We all know to do this. Even if you don't feel thirsty, you need to drink plenty of water in order to keep your body cool. If you don't drink enough fluids, you may run the risk of getting sick with sun or heatstroke.

Make sure to bring extra water if it's a particularly hot day. You should be drinking at least one quart of water every hour. We know a cold beer sounds nice, but alcoholic and caffeinated drinks should be avoided. They can ultimately worsen effects from the heat.

Avoid The Hottest Times of The Day

If you can, avoid going out during the hottest points of the day (11 a.m. to 4 p.m.), but if this can't be avoided, make sure to drink plenty of water.

Protect Your Eyes

With intense UV rays from the sun while out on the water, it's important to protect your eyes. Polarized lenses are best at cutting down on the sun's glare on the water.

Use Sunscreen

Wear sunscreen with an SPF of at least 15 to protect your skin from harmful UV rays while boating. Apply sunscreen before your trip and reapply every two hours while you are out in the sun. If you take a dip in the water, are sweating or towel off, that's also a good time to reapply your sunscreen. To protect your lips from sunburn, you can purchase lip balm with SPF as well.

Wear a Hat

A wide-brimmed hat will protect your nose, face, ears, neck and shoulders from getting sunburned. The shade will also cool you down and shield your eyes from the sun's glare. Choose a hat made of a tightly woven fabric for the most sun protection. If your hat is made of fabric, you can also dampen it with cold water before putting it on to enjoy even more relief from the heat.

Take Cover

When out on the water, try to stay under shade coverage as much as possible, especially when UV rays are the strongest between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. If your boat has a cabin or shaded area, take breaks whenever you can. If your boat doesn't have any shade, consider dividing up your outing with a mid-day break and going back to shore for lunch.

If your boat does not have shade coverage, you can install a shade structure for extra sun protection. Boat tents are available for additional shade during anchorage or side panels can be used to extend the coverage of a Bimini. You can also use sheets or tarps clipped to a Bimini or arch for extra protection on sunny days. On YouTube, I saw a DIY video where a fisherman created a bracket out of PVC then attached a patio umbrella to it. It's genius! Check it out at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GZ5K2Jft2Ug>.

Take A Dip

On a sweltering day, there is nothing better than taking a dip. If you plan to spend your whole day on the water, pencil in a few breaks to anchor your boat for a quick swim. The somewhat cooler water will lower your body temperature and leave you feeling refreshed. I wrote about this in the last newsletter. Please review my safety tips if you decide to try it. And don't forget to reapply your sunscreen when you're back on board.

Chill Your Lotion

If there is any extra space in your refrigerator or cooler, store your sunscreen in there. Keeping your sunscreen in the refrigerator provides a soothing cooling effect when you reapply. Although the chill is temporary, applying cold lotion or cold aloe just before bed can provide welcome relief for sunburned skin.

Keep Moving

The weather always feels the hottest when you are sitting still or going slowly with the sun glaring down on your boat. Keep cruising to beat the heat on your boat and enjoy a cooling breeze. Like I said before, "Jerry, go faster!"

Sources: "How to Keep Cool While Boating" by Formula Boats, June 10, 2019 and "Summer Boating Heat Safety Precautions" by Jet Dock

Cynthia

Administrative Officer's Report - August



AO Eileen Berta

I've heard that a great time was enjoyed at Silver Bluff Brewery without us, sorry we had to miss such a fun time. Sounds like we'll have to head back there again for a future social. A few pictures are on page 3.

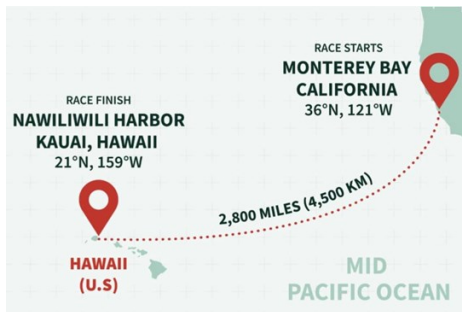


Hupp on left.

Have you been wondering what our friends from FOAR from HOME are up to these days? Frank and I spent his birthday weekend in Fernandina and were able to see Hupp Huppmann perform at The Beach House and to enjoy cocktails at the Mermaid Bar, where Paul Lore was doing bartender duty with Cam Hansen there. Cam is back to work in his position as Director of Road Maintenance for Nassau County, Hupp is running for Nassau County Commissioner (votehupp.com), and Paul is just crazy - and committed - enough to do it again!



Cam (left) and Paul.



Paul will be a team member of FOARTUNE COOKIES, an international Ocean Row Team with members from the United States, The Netherlands and Switzerland. The two men and two women will be rowing 2800 miles in the Talisker Whisky 2023 Pacific Challenge, departing Monterey, California on June 12, 2023 and rowing to Kauai, Hawaii to raise resources to help build Warrior Housing for K9s For Warriors Arizona Training Center. They will be rowing *Courageous*, the boat that FOAR from HOME rowed across the Atlantic! Wishing Paul and his team a safe and successful row!

August Social - Wine/Nature Tour to Sapelo Light with Georgia Tidewater Outfitters and Waterfront Wine and Gourmet

Date: Tuesday, August 16

Time: 6-8pm (hopefully we'll enjoy a sunset)

Meet: On the deck behind Skipper's Fish Camp by 5:45pm

If you haven't already, don't forget you have to use the link provided <https://georgiatidewater.starboardsuite.com/e/wine-tour-2hr-3295/blt/28dff2> to register for this wine tour to Sapelo. Just let me know when you do, so I can keep track of our numbers, as the boat has a capacity of 20 guests plus crew. Captain Paul of Georgia Tidewater Outfitters says we have 14 booked as I write this - so capacity for 6 more.

Coming up -

September 20 - Homefront (WWII) Museum tour and dinner, 3pm. The museum requires a minimum of 10 attendees for a group tour, so we will be asking for RSVPs.

October 25 (**note date change**) - Allison Dupuis from Jekyll Mosaic presents on the Millionaires' yachts, location TBD.

Eileen

Club Education Officer Report



CEO Mike Moye,

The articles we boaters read this time of the year caution us to be prepared for hurricanes in the summer and fall months. Fortunately, the talking heads on TV usually let us know when they're coming. This time of the year we hear well in advance information that meteorologists refer to as events on a synoptic scale. Those are events they can see days or even weeks in advance and can reach out 250 to 2500 miles. While we can see those storms on the far, far horizon, what we can barely see coming are events on a much smaller scale—mesoscale (minutes to days and 2 to 250 miles) and microscale (seconds to minutes and zero to two miles).

The weather services also will let us know about local bad weather like a front coming through—if we're paying attention. However, the excitement of being on the water with activities like fishing, snorkeling, kayaking, sailing, or just getting from point A to point B sometimes distracts us from what's happening with the weather and whether those clouds you noticed are just big cotton balls or something much more sinister.

If you're the typical boater, to find out what's going on you look at a smartphone app like the Weather Channel, NOAA Weather Radar, Storm Radar, or any of a dozen others to get the upcoming weather. So very often, the prediction this time of the year is "a chance of afternoon thundershowers." We see that statement so much that we sometimes begin to ignore it—especially when the "chance" turns out to be just a sprinkle. "Well, they missed it again," we say, "we should have taken the boat out." So, next time that's exactly what we do—thunderstorm prediction or not. It's not that we have a "devil may care" attitude about the weather and especially not about boating but hey, we're boaters and the water is calling. Plus, we think that we can spot in time the conditions that would send us back to the marina or boat ramp—but can we?

Right about now an article about weather dangers should list some sure-fire ways to let us know what to do and when to do it. Unfortunately, I have nothing "sure fire." I can suggest a few things though, such as—What are the clouds doing—are they changing? What does the wind feel like? What things are developing on the radar (both on your phone app and, if you have one, the boat's fixed radar system)? What is the VHF NOAA weather station forecasting? And, as difficult as it is with everything else that's happening with your vessel, are you keeping your boater's eye glued to the sky?

The big thing to watch for are the thunderstorms. Unless a tropical system is churning in our direction or a frontal system is predicted, the system we're most afraid of can pop up in just a few minutes. To see just how quickly, go to your weather app, punch the radar feature, and watch the development of rain and thunder cells using the "past" radar settings. Those things just pop up out of nowhere. In a hurry.

When looking at a "thunderstorm frequency chart" from NOAA, you'll see that the Golden Isles are very close to the most active thunderstorm area in the entire country—the Florida gulf coast and panhandle. While they may have more than a hundred thunderstorms each year, we "only" have 60 to 80. What the weather folks call a "single cell thunderstorm" is what we worry about. It has three stages: Growing, Mature, and Dissipation. If you're watching the skies, "Growing" is when you need to pull anchor and head for home. That's when you see cumulus clouds that keep growing from the pretty cotton ball shapes you were watching to the cumulonimbus giants that tend to get darker and darker. If you see one with the tell-tale flat "anvil" on top, it has reached the mature state. At that point you need to be at planing speed and just a few minutes from tying up at the dock. What's amazing is that the development time from a growing stage to a mature stage can be as short as 15 minutes.

When you see the cumulus clouds growing, you may also feel warm air flowing toward the cloud system. It joins the cloud in a sharp updraft of warm, moist air. As it turns into a cumulonimbus cloud, the updraft with warm moist air will be joined side-by-side with an equally sharp downdraft of cool air. This cool air will move outward at the surface area. When you can feel the cool air, the system is almost upon you. When riding in an airplane, the plane can just "hang a right" and go around it (maybe). A boat pretty much can't outrun it unless it has a good head start and is in open water that doesn't restrict the course. In shallow water, like the intracoastal, or even our bays and sounds, the prudent boater had best prepare—everyone in PFDs, loose items stored, and ready to set an anchor with LOTS of scope. This mature stage is clearly the most dangerous in that the rain will absolutely blind you and winds can be very severe—remember, with wind comes steep waves. Also, watch for lightning and possible hail. This is the really "bad-ass" storm that can and will blow you out into the very shallow marsh water and oyster beds where you'll break your prop and run aground. (Been there—done that. Twice.)

I guess the good news about this weather report is that the cell typically dissipates in a half hour or so. Both times that I experienced it, that was the case. However, during the first occurrence, the storm hit when I was directly in front of a 100 ft. lighthouse. When the thirty minutes passed, I was blown so far out into the marsh that I couldn't even see the lighthouse. We were in a little fishing boat with no electronics, compass, or anything else except a motor that only had two blades left. Not my best day on the water.

What I've described is just your run-of-the-mill life-threatening thunderstorm. It can get worse. I didn't even begin to describe the "king of thunderstorms" which is the Supercell. Think tornados... But that's a discussion for another day.

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Club Education Officer Report Continues

Since this is an educational column, allow me to finish up by encouraging you to do a formal study of weather. In 2013, a double handful of our members took the Weather elective course taught by Charles Wilsdorf and Coy Hodges. In 2021, Charles also taught the Basic Weather and Forecasting seminar. In case you missed these or are a newer member, America's Boating Club offers five different weather-related educational experiences. In addition to the two mentioned, there is also the seminar Weather for Boaters and two webinars Thunderstorms and Severe Weather and Weather Forecasting for Mariners: The 500 Millibar Chart. Most of these are available in an on-line version. You can get further information and even reviews of the on-line courses and seminars on our national website.

Also, please remember the ABC course scheduled for October 8. We already have two folks signed up but need 16 more to fill the class. Help us spread the word.

Go boating and enjoy the water but remember—watch the skies.

Mike Moyer, SN
Education Officer



In June, Joe and I were fishing near the rocks on the Eastern side of Sydney Lanier bridge when this Coast Guard vessel approached the bridge from St. Simons sound. The CG vessel quickly navigated to green buoy can G"29" and brought the can up against the ship for an inspection. You can see the green can inside the red circle in the picture. You can also see a red buoy sitting on top of the ship. After several minutes, the crew released the green can and left the area. This inspection only took a few minutes. I found this article online about the process of buoy inspection by USCG Jacksonville. Click the link to read, <https://www.news4jax.com/news/local/2022/05/20/a-look-at-the-less-than-glamorous-coast-guard-roles/>.

I could not watch most of this unfold as when the vessel approached G"29" I hooked a massive bull redfish. By the time I landed it and Joe released the fish, the vessel was headed out. 😊😞😊

Cathy Stortz

District 26 Fall 2022 Conference

Fall 2022
D26 Conference,
Awards Celebration,
Entertainment &
Workshops



Friday, October 21
Fall Conference Business Meeting
Member Recognition and Awards Celebration
Entertainment The “Shark Whisperer”

Saturday, October 22
Your Choice of Workshops
Round Table Discussion with D26 Leadership

Hosted by District 26
All sessions will be via video-conferencing

Save the Dates
Details to be posted in late August

Our new District 26 website is <https://www.abclubd26.org/>

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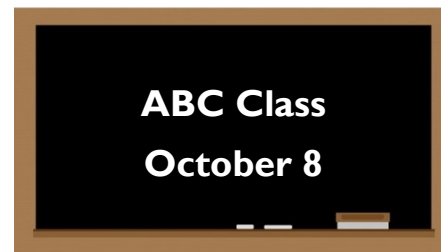


2022 Club Cruise Dates

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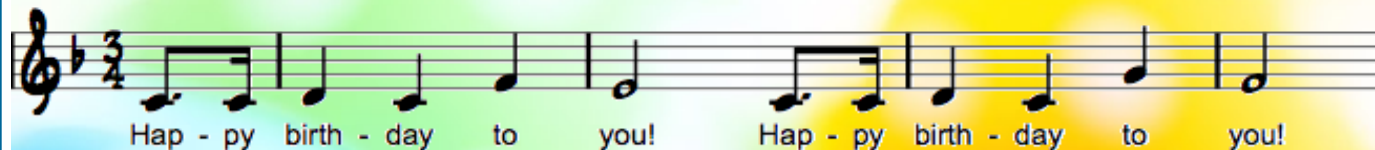
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Happy Birthday in August to

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LEARN boating skills

ENGAGE with boating friends

CONNECT with the boating community

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