



For Boaters, By Boaters™

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Upcoming Events

July

- 16 - Indigo Coastal Shanty in Brunswick
 - EXCOM Meeting at 1700
 - Club Dinner at 1800

- 20 - Club Cruise with lunch on Jekyll Island

August

- 17-Club Cruise to Cumberland Island
- 20-Club Dinner

September

- 8-15 USPS Governing Board Louisville, KY
- 17-Club Dinner
- 21-Club Cruise with lunch at Mudcat Charlies

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Commander's Message



Cdr Charles Wilsdorf,
SN-ON

My friends, the "Dog Days of Summer" are upon us. If you like warm weather with your boating, from July 3 to August 11 is the time to do it. Why is this time period named the "Dog Days of Summer"? I know that my dogs, when outside, sure do pant a lot during this time period, but does that where the name comes from, or could it have some ancient perception of the star Sirius's relationship to the Sun? Check it out. Bottom line, it's going to be hot.

I know Mike Moye, N, our club's Education Officer, in the past has mentioned the boating publications he reads. Well, so do I and have been since a young kid. One of my most favorite sections of the boating magazine was and is still the classifieds in the back of the magazines. As a young boy I could study the designs and pick out which vessel I might want to own and enjoy some day. It was my "Walter Mitty" moment. Dreaming was not expensive and it always gave me something to look forward to. Luckily, I have been fortunate enough in life to own a few boats, well maybe more than a few, and fulfill my early dreams. Now, I find myself still "Walter Mitty" with the boating magazines' classified. I still enjoy dreaming about owning a big yacht,

but after owning a boats, I now dream of having a full crew to keep it maintained, and hey, maybe a cook and steward as well. Dreaming is a pretty cheap activity.

Now, that I have established myself as a dreamer, when studying the boating classifieds, I personally think that about 90% of the new designs are hideous. I like to let light in, but give me a break. I like a boat to look like a boat and having large ports on the topsides that have odd angles are curves just don't belong on a boat. This Euro look for my taste goes way too far. If I wanted Euro, I would be dreaming of a Ferrari, Maserati, or an Aston Martin. What do you think?

Gang, as most clubs go, club member's interest change and when this happens there is generally a loss in club membership. We have just last month, lost several members who have changed their interest. I do not think we have the influence to change this club trait, but we can make sure we continually reach out to our members and make sure we are fulfilling their needs. We can also put more emphasis on using our person skills and club resources to recruit new members. Remember, all club members are on the Membership Committee. Gang, we are just going to have to work a little bit harder in this area. Terry Osman, P, our club's Administrative Officer, is presently working on several initiatives to get our name out to the local public. I ask that you please help her if she asks for you for assistances.

Hope you all are enjoying your summer and remember there is a club cruise coming up Saturday, July 20 and our club dinner Tuesday, July 16.

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LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP FOR THE JULY 20 LUNCH CRUISE!



Please join us for the second annual Fancy Bluff Creek Lunch Cruise. We had a great time last year!

- When: Saturday, July 20, 10:00am-3:00pm
 - Where: Boats meet in front of Blythe Island Dock at 10:00am
- Cruise Fancy Bluff Creek to Little Satilla River to Jekyll Sound
Dock at Jekyll Marina
Lunch at Zachry's Riverhouse
Return to Brunswick/SSI via Jekyll Creek
- What to bring: Lunch money

How to sign up: email ejreynolds3@icloud.com or call 423-341-2531 by **7-12-19**.

Need to know number attending and if you can provide a boat.

If you attended our Cruise and Rendezvous, you know how much fun we had. If you missed it, please join us this time!

See you on the water!

Ed Reynolds, S
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From our 2018 cruise, the picture at the top of page and on the left are in Fancy Bluff Creek. Picture above right is in the Little Satilla River.

Squadron Administrative Officer Report



AO Terry Osman, P

Hot Fun in the Summertime!

We're in the season! If its too hot for you to be out on the water, spend that time consorting with fellow water-lovers at our monthly Club Dinner. Especially if you haven't attended in a while, we miss you! This month we'll gather at Indigo Coastal Shanty, Brunswick, GA (details below).

As you know, the approach we are taking this year is for some dinners to have stimulating presentations, others to be open for social and story-telling. Last month, Kim Campbell of the World War II Home Front Museum brought to life an important chapter in Glynn County history in which extraordinary contributions to the war effort transformed our quiet coastal, waterfront region. Very enlightening!

Ed Reynolds, myself and the entire leadership team have been tossing around more ideas for continuing to enrich our Club experience. One of those approaches is to dedicate a good number of Club Dinners solely for social purposes:

- welcome and get to know our visitors and
- enjoy the special company of folks who aren't able to attend often.

This is a desire I have heard expressed by our members, and I agree!

And did you know we have many dedicated Squadron members who are itinerant, or who live out of the area? When we see you, we LOVE IT!

So we'll see you at the next Club Dinner - where we want to help grow our networks of tight-knit associations with a like-minded circle of friends who are boaters, sailors and fishing enthusiasts ☺ !!!!!



July Club Dinner

6:00 pm Appetizers

6:30 pm Dinner & Announcements

Indigo Coastal Shanty

1420 Reynolds St, Brunswick, GA 31520

(912) 265-2007 www.indigocoastalshanty.com

Bring a friend to our next Dinner!

America's Boating Club Golden Isles is thriving with connections with boaters, boating activities, education, and opportunities to serve in our waterways – all of it bringing continuous learning experiences no matter what your level!

U.S. Coast Guard Cutter "Eagle" in Savannah

Recently, I had the rare opportunity to get up close and personal with the renowned Coast Guard barque "Eagle" while she was moored at the Savannah waterfront. In her presence, observing the precise and coordinated disciplines of its crew, awe and wonder overtake a person. What a thrill!

The only active duty sailing vessel in the United States' military, the Eagle is a 295-foot cutter and is a tall ship with three masts, or a "barque". Her home port is New London, CT, donated by the New London community. The Eagle makes goodwill ambassador visits to foreign and domestic ports of call, but her primary mission is to host a minimum six-week training experience for every U.S. Coast Guard Academy cadet.

We could see the tradition, seamanship and character happening in the routines being executed right front of us as we watched from the dock. At least a hundred people gathered in complete silence, stopping to observe with quiet reverence. "Who is this? What are they doing?" people whispered, as commands were being issued and carried out on the vessel.

Why are these sailing ship disciplines an important part of the Academy curriculum, I wondered, while most of the cadets' careers will be on state-of-the-art ships and aircraft? In the Academy's own words: "Because the ways of old still have much to teach. The conditions and situations that you face under sail can't be replicated either in a classroom or aboard today's modern ships." Of course!

The Eagle was originally built in 1936 by Germany then handed over to the U.S. as compensation for wartime damages and injury inflicted during WWII. It was recommissioned in 1942 as "Eagle" and it was my observation of her in Savannah that she has been immaculately maintained since then.

Imagine the rigors of caring for an 80-year old 295-foot vessel, with 22,000 square feet of sail, five miles of rigging and 200 lines to control the sails and yards. Over 1000 cadets call Eagle their training home at some point during each year. A permanent crew of 8 officers and 50 enlisted personnel manage the ship and the learning experience.

If you ever have the opportunity, I highly recommend a visit to the Eagle if you are ever near her location. You'll be amazed. www.uscga.edu/eagle-schedule/



The U.S. Coast Guard *Eagle* in Savannah. Additional pictures of the ship are on page 9.

Terry Osman, P provided the pictures.



Squadron Education Officer Report



SEO Mike Moyer, N

We're pleased to report that there are six folks signed up for the October 12, 2019 ABC class. Please note the October 12 date—our previous date was the 19th, but it had to be changed due to other scheduled events. Thanks to all for spreading the word.

If you have been on the water around Glynn County within the last 12 months you've seen a lot of dredging going on. That's a good thing. In fact, that's a VERY good thing. Shipping in and out of the Port of Brunswick is a significant economic factor. Another cog in the economic development machine is the traffic on the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway by vessels transiting Glynn and counties to the north and south. Boaters fishing and simply enjoying the water in this area also make economic contributions as they buy fuel and supplies, eat at restaurants, and stay at hotels. Without properly maintained harbors and waterways (dredging) travel becomes very difficult—even for the smallest of boats.

So, dredging may be a good thing, but as a boater you need to know how to safely pass a dredge operation. Pass on the wrong side and you'll get hung up in dredge pipelines, suction lines, or a cutter arm. If you manage to miss those items, you could also possibly run seriously aground. I have two suggestions. First study COLREG Rule 27 (Google it). That will give you all the technical information that you might want. It will also refer you to another rule or two (Three, Twenty-Four, and Thirty) that give related information. Our ABC course book has a section on lights and sound signals that also covers the information needed and it's condensed to about a paragraph. Basically, you are looking for three day shapes or three lights usually high on the vessel and often on the center line that indicate that the vessel is a RAM (restricted in ability to maneuver). The vertical lights will be red, white, red. The vertical day shapes will be ball, diamond, ball. On a separate hoist off the side of the vessel, you'll spot two red lights or two balls in a vertical line to indicate the side on which the obstruction exists. You'll also see two green lights or two diamonds to indicate the side on which you should pass. My second suggestion is to pick up the mic on your VHF and call the dredge operator on channel 16. The captain will be very happy to tell you where to go (which side on which to pass).

Do you remember seeing Marilyn Monroe singing "Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend"? Well, for boaters, diamonds are YOUR best friend, too!

To end this lesson on watching out for dredges, there is a story about three Golden Isles Sail and Power Boat Squadron (as we were known back then) members who encountered a dredge operation down at Nassau Sound. They all three looked at one another when they saw not only the dredge vessel but an array of floating pipes going every which way. Number one says to number three "hand me the mic, I'll just call the dredge captain and ask which side to pass." And so, the Dredge Captain replied, "just leave me on your port side". He was very polite, and it was a pleasure speaking with him. We did as he instructed and had a successful pass (whoops, I didn't mean to say "we", that will give away identification information for at least one of the three stooges on that trip). The next day the three intrepid seafarers were headed north and about to pass the same dredge operation with number two at the helm. He figured—no need to call, we just came by here yesterday. Neither number one or number three said a word until we were abreast with the dredge and our starboard prop started chewing into something solid. Number three relieved number two at the helm and they all did a little Keystone Cops routine as a boat from the dredge intercepted us and explained that we should follow him past their operation. After limping home on one engine, a little embarrassed and with a repair bill of \$800 or so, all was well.

The moral of this story is the infamous "do as I say—not as I do" quote. When you're boating and encounter a dredge operation remember the rule and keep a "cheat sheet" of lights, sounds, and day shapes handy. Above all remember that "diamonds are your friend."

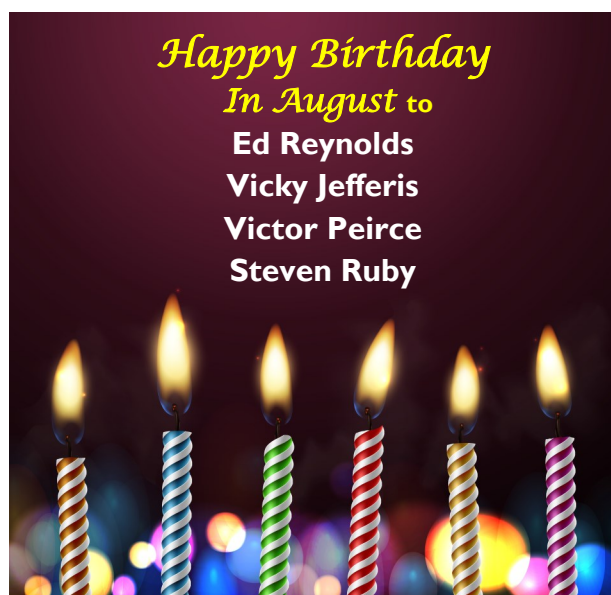
Mike Moyer, N
Squadron Education Officer

Treasurer's Report



Treasurer Teresa
Wilsdorf, S

The current bank balance is \$7,805.03. GISPS has written the check to the Univ. of GA, Marine Extension Brunswick Station and the presentation of the check will take place on Tuesday.



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Secretary's Report

America's Boating Club Golden Isles - **GISPS EXCOM Meeting**

Tuesday, 6/18/2019 5:00 PM at Ember, St Simon's Island

Board members:

Cdr. Charles Wilsdorf- present

EXO :LtC Ed Reynolds- present

SEO: LtC Mike Moye- absent

AO: LtC Terry Osman- present

Assistant AO: Lt Rick Hindery- present

Tres: LtC Teresa Wilsdorf - present

Sec: LtC Sharon Hindery present

Members At Large:

Richard Jones- absent

Vicky Jefferis- present

Bob Butler- present

Other Club members present: Margaret Butler, acting as Secretary

1. Charles mentioned that we need a volunteer SARS administrator. This person would be responsible for entering Club data into a program so it would be available to all.
2. Charles reported that six people are past due on dues. He will follow-up with them.
3. Charles asked about who is interested in doing co-op charting. We would need an on-the-water team as well as someone to assemble and record information. Cathy, Vicky, Terry, and Ed are interested. David Jones has agreed to be co-op charting chair.
4. The ABC class has been changed to Oct. 12. The earlier date was in conflict with Fall Conference.
5. District Fall Conference will be Oct 18-20 at Tybee Light. Commander and XO meetings will be combined. As of now, Charles, Teresa and Vicky plan to go.
6. The Club has made a \$41 donation to the USPS educational fund.
7. Earlier, we voted to donate \$250 to the UGA Extension. Tonight, Vicky made a motion, and Teresa seconded, to donate \$150 to the Seafarer's Center. Motion passed. Charles asked that we have pictures made of the check presentations so we can have them put in the Brunswick News for good publicity for our Club.
8. Terry will be away in July and August. Rick could help with speakers during that time. Charles feels we should hold off on speakers for a couple of months and try to build up attendance at the Club dinner.
9. Charles feels we should be more aggressive in follow-up with anyone who has expressed an interest in our club. Terry will follow-up with the USPS university folks. Terry will print out the most recent Porthole and take a copy to the businesses that advertise our ABC classes.



Secretary Sharon
Hindery, AP

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Members have been having difficulties saving/sharing pictures. Terry is working to get pictures of the C & R to Mary Starr for the Coastal Illustrated. Ed feels we need to share the C & R pictures with Morningstar Marina.

The Excom meeting adjourned at 6:08 pm.

The Club Dinner followed.

We were joined by Cindy, Chri, David, Stephanie, Cathy and Joe.

For a total of 15 club members plus our speaker guest.

Minutes of the April meeting were approved as published in the Porthole. No May meeting/minutes due to C&R.

Charles recognized past commanders Vicky Jefferis and Sharon Hindery.

Cathy inquired about what is considered a Boating Activity. A boating activity must be an organized, published activity (covered by USPS insurance). Ed is taking care of our Boating Activities record.

Terry complimented Cathy on her handling of the C & R pictures in the Porthole, and Sharon Hindery, for Facebook and the Website.

Terry introduced our speaker: Kim Campbell, Site Manager of the World War II Home Front Museum. Kim enlightened and entertained our members with local history concerning WWII and our Coast Guard, much of which she specifically researched for her presentation to us.

Additional members at dinner: Total: 15

Cindy, Chri, David and Stephanie, Cathy and Joe

Submitted:

LtC. Sharon Hindery, AP Secretary (from meeting notes by Lt Margaret Butler, Assistant Secretary)

Additional Pictures of the USCG *Eagle* in Savannah, GA



The U.S. Coast Guard *Eagle* in Savannah. Aren't you glad your boat's fenders are not this big?

Terry Osman, P provided the pictures.

America's Boating Club of Golden Isles Calendar July- December 2019



July

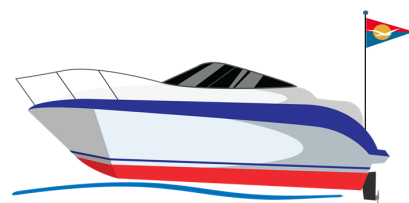
- 16 - Club Dinner at Indigo Coastal Shanty in Brunswick
- 20 - On-the-Water Club Cruise with lunch on Jekyll Island

August

- 6 - *Porthole* articles due for August edition
- 13 - *Porthole* distributed to members
- 17 - Club Cruise Cumberland Island with picnic lunch
- 20 - Club Dinner

September

- 3 - *Porthole* articles due for September edition
- 8-15 - USPS® Governing Board Louisville, KY
- 10 - *Porthole* distributed to members
- 17 - Club Dinner
- 21 - Club Cruise to Mudcat Charlie's Football Party Lunch
- TBD - Liberty Park litter pickup 9-11 am



Scheduled Club Cruise Dates
July 20
August 17
September 21

October

- 1 - *Porthole* articles due for October edition
- 5 - CoastFest at Mary Ross Park, Brunswick 9AM to 4PM
- 8 - *Porthole* distributed to members
- 12 - America's Boating Class at UGA Marine Extension in Brunswick 8AM to 4PM
- 15 - Club Dinner and voting for 2020 Bridge
- 18-20 - District 26 Fall Conference and Change of Watch - Hosted by Tybee Light Sail & Power Squadron

November

- 5 - *Porthole* articles due for November edition
- 9 - Liberty Park litter pickup 9-11 am (4th quarter)
- 12 - *Porthole* distributed to members
- TBD - Annual GISPS Change of Watch

December

- TBD - Christmas Party

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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.