



For Boaters, By Boaters™

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Upcoming Events

August

- 17-Club Cruise to Cumberland Island
- 20-Club Dinner at Moon-doggy's in Brunswick

September

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

October

- 5-CoastFest
- 12-ABC Class
- 15-Club Dinner

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Commander's Message



Cdr Charles Wilsdorf,
SN-ON

Gang, I must be having fun because this year is flying by, in fact, so fast I almost forgot to submit to the *Porthole*. Sure hope your summer is going well and your travels are or have been rewarding.

My travels seem to be from my office to our boat in the driveway before noon each day. Not finding anyone to rubout and wax our boat for a reasonable price which would have been done in less than a half day, I'm doing it myself a small section at a time, and finally finished the topsides today. It's only taken me a little over a week! Hope I can get it completed before our next club cruise coming up August 17. Ed has emailed out cruise details.

My next boat project is changing the oil. If you remember from a previous *Porthole* article I wrote, I explained even after using my most careful procedures, I still ended up with several quarts of oil in the driveway. Shady tree I reckon.

I also have a marine electronics project as well. A close benefactor gave me an AIS receiver that uses NMEA 0183. I really needed one on my 17.5' Center Console, don't you know. Now I will know what ro-ro is leaving it's berth so I might give them a little room in the channel, sure don't want to cause them any damage. Well wiring this AIS into my complex integrated navigation system has become quite the conundrum. My new Garmin 742xs has NMEA 2000 which serves as many devices as you have, with both input and output signals but only has one NMEA 0183 input and output. The output will serve 3 other devices, but the single input will serve only

one device which will receive either 4800 baud rate or a Hi speed 38,400 baud rate (which the AIS must have to function). So, after much research I have found that I do have choices. 1) The least expensive route is to omit my VHF's NMEA output functions including navigation to a DSC and the polling function or 2) Obtain a NMEA 0183 to NMEA 2000 converter which is just a little more expensive (in case Teresa is reading this) and have the versatility of plug and play. Oh well, hope this little narrative hasn't been too boring.

If you have not responded already to comments on the USPS Strategic Plan, please do no later than August 31. Remember, this is your organization and your opinions are important to shaping changes for the future to make America's Boating Club a more relevant organization. Just enter your thoughts at: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfDHzHglomEm2hr47RhILRdh30ThiVit-YUxX6DchyhhtGwww/viewform>. Please give me a call should you have any questions.

You know, one good turn deserves another and America's Boating Club Tybee Light has been very supportive at our events. So, I am asking you to consider attending the District 26 Fall Conference and Change of Watch. Spend the weekend, day, or at least travel up the Saturday's activities. You may obtain a registration form on the District 26 website at: <http://www.usps.org/localusps/d26/>.

I should also mention that our COW is right around the corner, Friday, Nov 15 at Bonefish Grill, so please mark your calendar. I sure would like you to contact our Nominating Committee, P/C Vicky Jefferis, JN or P/C Sharon Hindery, AP and offer your services for next year's bridge or other committee positions.

We would like to welcome previous members John "Jack" Sterrett, SN and Lynda Sterrett, S back into our club. They are both retired educators and long-time boaters. Their boating experience ranges from pontoon boating on inland lakes to many ocean and Caribbean sailing miles.

It's now shady outside, so best get to rubbing. Hope to see you all at the cruise and/or our next club dinner and always feel welcome to attend the ExCom meeting.

Chas

SUMMER FUN CONTINUES WITH MORE ON THE WATER ACTIVITIES!



**Executive Officer
Ed Reynolds, S**

Greetings fellow club members!

The weather was perfect for our Second Annual Fancy Bluff Creek Lunch Cruise on July 20. Commander Wilsdorf led us safely through the scenic winding waterway where we saw beautiful birds. Lunch at Zachry's was delicious as usual. We concluded the event by navigating through the recently dredged Jekyll Creek.

Our next on the water activity is planned for Saturday, August 17. We will journey to Plum Orchard Dock on Cumberland Island for a picnic lunch. The club will provide lunch consisting of a sub sandwich and a bottle of water. Due to the potential for moderate waves/wind/current we will only be using club member boats greater than 22 feet in length. This will reduce our capacity to 18 so reservations will be taken on a first come first served basis. Details are as follows:

When: Saturday, August 17, 9:00am-3:00pm

Where: Depart Morningstar Marina or Blythe Island Park at 9:15am

- Boats will rendezvous at Jekyll Island Harbor at 10:00am
- Follow the ICW across St. Andrews Sound to Cumberland River
- Brickhill River to Plum Orchard Dock picnic tables/restrooms
- Return via Brickhill River to Cumberland River

What to bring: additional food and drink as desired and money for dock entry fee (\$10 per person)

Please reply to ejreynolds3@icloud.com or 423-341-2531 by August 14 if interested in participating. You will be notified on August 15 of what boat you have been assigned.

See you on the water!

Ed Reynolds, S



Above: During our July cruise, Charles Wilsdorf, SN-ON in *Topwater* leads the cruise in Fancy Bluff Creek and Little Satilla River.

Right: The spoonbills are watching us as we cruise by.



Squadron Administrative Officer Report



AO Terry Osman, P

I've been pulled to the Midwest for family visits this summer, so I can only hope that everyone has been beating the heat in southeast Georgia, and getting out there on the water – for whatever purpose! That's one thing I like a lot about our club, that we have members of all types of boating interests: power boating, trawlers, cruisers, racers, fishing enthusiasts, even a kayaker or 3! Our diversity, and common interest in boating safety and education keep us inspired to connect and contribute. Thank you, everyone, for what YOU add to our club membership!

This month's Club Dinner:

Tuesday, August 20th

Moondoggy's in Brunswick

36 Canal Road

Brunswick, GA 31525

6:00pm Social

6:30pm Dinner

We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Terry Osman



Assistant AO Rick Hindery, P

There are many ingredients that combine to make a great meeting of America's Boating Club, Golden Isles Chapter but in the end success is determined by two things...did you learn anything and did you have fun.

Listening to the happy sounds that surrounded me last month I think I can say that it was a great meeting. It was wonderful to greet new guests and see old friends again.

Our new members have shared their knowledge and enthusiasm and I know that we would not be enjoying time together on the water without their presence in our lives.

Sharon and I have talked about boating to Cumberland Island since we arrived in the Golden Isles but only through the efforts of our friends in the club are we going to turn a hope into a reality.

The return of The Sterretts promises more good times. Jack was a great teacher when we took charting and he was instrumental in putting us on the water. Our educational team will be stronger and teaching is a great way to gain new members and make new friends.

We'll be back at Moondoggys on Tuesday August the 20th at 6 PM where we have enjoyed so many good meetings. Hear about upcoming plans and enjoy your friends. See you there.

Squadron Education Officer Report



SEO Mike Moye, N

August 2019 SEO Report

The next ABC boating class is scheduled for October 19 and will be held at the University of Georgia Marine Extension building on Bay Street in Brunswick. I'm pleased to report that we already have seven individuals signed up—three from a member contact (thanks Sharon) and four from the National USPS/America's Boating Club web site. Please continue to spread the word. In addition, have you ever thought about teaching a portion of one of our courses? If you have an interest, contact me or Commander Charles.

Have you ever wondered where all our national dues go? Well, I can't speak for much of it, but having once been in the curriculum development business, I can attest that developing courses can get rather costly. Most of our courses are prepared by dedicated and experienced members of our organization who volunteer their time and expertise. It still isn't free though. As an example, our ABC course is approved in 37 states by NASBLA (the organization of state boating law administrators). This makes the ABC course one of the prime resources for individuals who desire to attend a certified course for state law purposes, insurance reductions (with some companies), and general boating knowledge. It costs America's Boating Club/USPS \$15,000 per year to have our course reviewed for conformity and approved to teach in the states and territories comprising the USA.

Summertime is clearly one of the most popular times of the year for boating. It's also one of the most popular times for severe thunderstorms, waterspouts, and worst of all—hurricanes. I'm not going to get into a long discussion about storm preparation because there is so much written about the subject that I couldn't even begin to cover everything you need to know. My suggestion to you is that you read and heed the information provided. And, it's not just about boats in the water and stored on the land—it's about houses and businesses too. If you need more personal information, we have multiple members who can tell you story after story of what a nightmare storms can be and they might have some suggestions about surviving too.

Happy and safe boating—hope to see you on the water.

Mike Moye, N
Squadron Education Officer

Treasurer's Report



Treasurer Teresa
Wilsdorf, S

The current bank balance is \$7,715.53. I have reserved Bonefish on St. Simons for our November 15th Change of Watch. So far, the plan is to order off the menu, same as last year. They agreed to give us happy hour prices thru our cocktail time. If anyone has any ideas for this year please let me know.

Look forward to seeing you on our cruise next week.

Golden Isles Sail and Power Squadron's 2019 Bridge Contact Information

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Secretary's Report

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

Tuesday, 7/16/2019 5:00 PM at Indigo Shanty, Brunswick

Board members:

Cdr. Charles Wilsdorf- present
EXO: LtC Ed Reynolds- absent
SEO: LtC Mike Moyer- present
AO: LtC Terry Osman- Absent
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- absent
Other Club members present: none



Secretary Sharon
Hindery, AP

1. Make sure we welcome new/reinstated members (Jack and Lynda Sterrett) and guest.
2. Hand deliver Porthole's - Sea Tow, Brunswick Landing, Shoreline Marine, Ellis Marine, West Marine, Dunbar/Freedom, Morningstar Marina. Who can help? Terry had presented these folks with information. The goal is to print and provide porthole copies to these locations on a trial basis to see if this generates interest.
3. Donations made to Seafarers and UGA Brunswick station. Sharon submitted 7/15 via BW NEWS WEBSITE, THE PRESENTATION pic with description to for Seafarers donation. . Charles will Submit to UGA presentation and several weeks later ?????? Will submit UGA presentation pic to Brunswick News (will ask Stephanie).
4. Those who are participating in Saturday's cruise and lunch with a boat and needing a ride, are asked to email Ed so he can make reservations at the Z. Riverhouse for lunch.
5. Discussion pertaining to National's Strategic Transition Plan. Members were asked to review and comment to Charles and to the website.
6. It's Nominating Committee time again. Committee needs to meet soon.
7. Members of the Excom unanimously agreed to once again have the COW at Bonefish Grill. Teresa is to arrange once date is confirmed. Date tentative as November 15th at 6pm cocktails and 7pm dinner. Date & location subsequently confirmed.
8. Next meeting will be back at Moondoggy's Pizza on August 20, 2019.
9. Rick offered to check if we can have our October meeting on the *PeaceMaker*.

The Excom meeting adjourned at 5:48 pm.

The Club Dinner followed.

Minutes of the June meeting were approved as published in the Porthole. Charles recognized & welcomed back returning members Jack and Lynda Sterrett. Chas also welcomed guests Diane and John Carroll, brought to meeting by Sharree and Tim. Tim again shared a bit of Member boating trivia.

Additional members at dinner: Total : 17

Lynda and Jack Sterrett, David Jones & Stephanie Krause-Jones, Sharree Lott, Tim Lahrs, Chri Gray, Joe and Cathy Stortz. Guests Diane and John Carroll.

Submitted:

LtC. Sharon Hindery, AP

ABC Golden Isles Makes Contributions to Two Organizations



America's Boating Club Golden Isles XO Ed Reynolds, S presenting a contribution to UGA Marine Extension Director Brian Fluech



Rick Hindery, P (on left) and Club Secretary Sharon Hindery, AP (on right) presenting a contribution to the International Seafarer's Center Brunswick Executive Director Vicki West.

July Club Cruise

On July 20, we had a wonderful cruise circumnavigating Colonels' Island and lunch on Jekyll Island. After lunch we headed north on Jekyll Creek to return home. The weather was perfect and I have never noticed the water in St. Andrews sound as calm. The picture below and the pictures on page 8 are from the cruise.



Lunch at Zachry's Riverhouse on Jekyll Island in July. Clockwise from bottom left Charles Wilsdorf, SN-ON, Teresa Wilsdorf, S, Joe Stortz, AP, Vicky Jefferis, JN, Cindy Simpson, and Ed Reynolds, S.



Clockwise from top left: Ed Reynolds' boat *3 Dogs* crosses through a narrow bridge in Fancy Bluff Creek. A view from *3 Dogs* towards the bow. *Topwater* with Teresa and Charles Wilsdorf. Vicky Jefferis relaxing. Captain Ed Reynolds at helm navigating Jekyll Creek with Cathy and Joe Stortz.

USPS® National News

Membership

Membership opportunities pop up all around us. Many times we don't recognize them, especially when they are hidden in a problem. Become attuned to your situation and what others are saying as it pertains to gaining a new member.

We often don't recognize membership opportunities. You have to be quick and have an answer ready when opportunity knocks. I've had two opportunities knock when applications arrived with only one name. Next time ask, "Does your wife/husband want to be a member?" Unless a spouse or partner has specifically said he or she does not want to be a member, that person will probably say yes. Opportunities may often be disguised as problems. Don't let problems discourage you

Bob Howd

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Louisville Meeting

Don't forget the Louisville Meeting is coming soon. Deadlines for reservations are coming up soon. Start planning now. Galt House Louisville September 9-15. We will also have a Parade of Publications table during the meeting. If you have an award winning newsletter, bring 10-15 copies for sharing.

R/C Cheryl Jarrell, AP

SAFE BOATING TIPS **from the National Safe Boating Council**

Be Aware of Carbon Monoxide

All boat engines produce Carbon Monoxide (CO)—an odorless, colorless, poisonous gas that can kill you in a matter of minutes. Boaters are killed every year because of improper cabin ventilation, poorly maintained equipment, and careless behavior. You do not have to be inside the boat to be at risk. Boaters have died from exposure on the swim platforms of their boats and in other areas where CO exhaust may accumulate or be emitted. Be aware of the early symptoms (irritated eyes, headache, nausea, weakness, and dizziness). Use CO detectors on your boat and stay off the swim platform when the engines (or generators) are running.

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

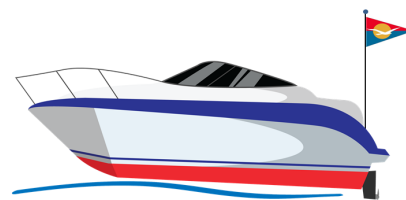


August

- 17 - Club Cruise Cumberland Island with picnic lunch
- 20 - Club Dinner at Moondoggy's in Brunswick

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
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
- 15 - Annual GISPS Change of Watch at Bonefish Grill on St. Simons Island

December

- TBD - Christmas Party

Recreational Boating NATIONAL

AN AMERICAN PASTIME & ECONOMIC ENGINE

The U.S. recreational boating industry has an annual economic impact of more than

\$121.5 BILLION

(INCLUDES DIRECT, INDIRECT AND INDUCED SPENDING)

SUPPORTING

650,000

DIRECT & INDIRECT
AMERICAN JOBS

34,833

BUSINESSES



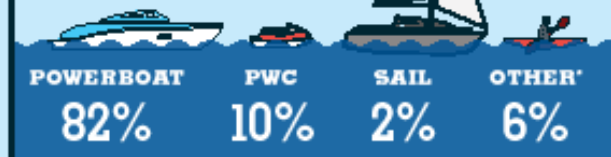
95% of boats in the U.S. are small, towable boats under 26 feet

62% of boat owners have an annual household income of \$100K or less

11,861,811

REGISTERED
BOATS IN THE U.S.

*INCLUDES
CANOES,
KAYAKS,
ROWBOATS &
OTHER NON-
POWERED
BOATS



TOP 3
Most Popular
Boating Activities

FISHING SWIMMING WATER SKIING



DATA SOURCES

Unless otherwise noted, data is from the NMMA 2016 Recreational Boating Statistical Abstract. Domestic Economic Impact, jobs and businesses is taken from the NMMA 2012 Boating Economic Impact Study. Boating activity and demographic data is taken from NMMA's 2014 Recreational Boating Participation Study.

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IN 2016

ANNUAL U.S. SALES OF
BOATS, MARINE PRODUCTS
AND SERVICES

\$36 BILLION

INCLUDING MAINTENANCE, STORAGE,
FUEL, INSURANCE, TAXES & INTEREST



ANNUAL RETAIL SALES OF NEW
BOATS, ENGINES & MARINE
ACCESSORIES IN THE U.S.

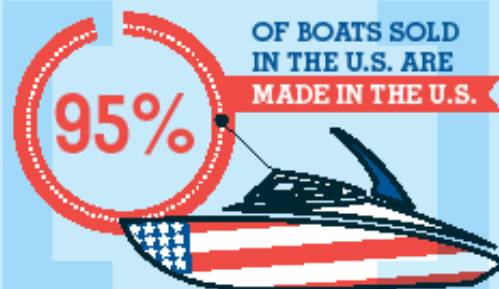
\$17.9 BILLION



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WENT BOATING

141.6 MILLION AMERICANS

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CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 18



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LEARN boating skills

ENGAGE with boating friends

CONNECT with the boating community

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