

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB

Golden Isles



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Upcoming Events

November

- 5 - COW at The River House at Sanctuary Cove
- 13 - Club Cruise to Zachry's Riverhouse Restaurant on Jekyll Island

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Commander's Message



Cdr Charles Wilsdorf, SN

Well folks, the District 26 Fall Conference is behind us. If you participated in Saturday's officer training, I hope you garnered some helpful information. Changes were approved at the conference to change the District 26 Bylaws to move the Fall Conference to a Spring (early spring) Conference including a Change of Watch and Award presentations. Later in the Spring there will be a District Cruise and Rendezvous. These spring events will constitute the only face-to-face district events. Our 2022 ExCom will have to contemplate if our club should follow similar changes.

Gang, this is my last article in the *Porthole* as Commander, so this space in the next *Porthole* will be from your new Commander Jerry Lamb.

My goal in contributions over the last three years was to let you know what activities were planned in our club, district, and the national America's Boating Club. I have also tried to use my platform to recognize members who have worked hard and accomplished specific tasks for our club. I have also shared boating stories and opinions which I thought you would find interesting. I encourage all club members to contribute to the *Porthole*. I bet all of you have some interesting and helpful boating stories that the rest of us would enjoy.

I would like to give a special thanks to the club members who have stepped up to the plate to serve on the 2022 bridge. Their fresh visions and ideas will lead our club to further success. We are in good hands.

Let's all hope 2022 will be a post-Covid year and we can resume face to face activities again. We all look forward to conversing with our club member friends and especially with new members. Please volunteer to help and support the new bridge, remember it takes all club members to help make club activities a success. And, just one more reminder, you all are on the club's membership committee, so encourage your boating friends and acquaintances to give us a try.

I thank you all for your support and friendship. It has been an honor to serve as your club commander.

Chas

Last Cruise This Year and a Request



**Executive Officer
Ed Reynolds, S**

Greetings fellow boating club members!

By the time you receive this newsletter, our last cruise of 2021 will almost be upon us! Weather permitting, we plan on cruising to Zachry's Riverhouse Restaurant on Jekyll Island for lunch on Saturday, November 13. Details are as follows:

WHEN: Saturday, November 13

WHERE: Meet near Markers R22 and G21 in Saint Simons Sound (about one mile from the entrance to Jekyll Creek) at NOON.

ROUTE: Proceed south on Jekyll Creek to Jekyll Island Marina. Dock near the gas dock. After lunch, return the same route.

WHAT TO BRING: Lunch money, warm clothing

BOAT RULES: Maintain contact via VHF channel 72. Max boat speed of 25 mph. May have to raft up at marina dock.

HOW TO SIGN UP: Reply to Ed Reynolds by text (423-341-2531) or email (ejreynolds3@icloud.com) by Thursday evening November 11. Let me know if you are coming by boat or need a ride. All are welcome!

Commander Jerry and I will review the weather forecast on Friday afternoon. If we determine the forecast to be unfavorable, you will be notified.

Finally, I am seeking 2 volunteers to become Vessel Safety Examiners. Offering to do complimentary Vessel Safety Checks (VSCs) is a great way to meet other boaters. It also provides a valuable service of helping ensure that boats are safe to operate. Certification requires studying the VSC manual and taking an online open book test. It can be a little tricky, but you can take it as many times as needed. Once certified, you need to inspect a minimum of 5 boats per year to remain in good standing. Currently, Mike Moye and I are our only examiners and we would like to add 2 more for our club. Please contact me if you are interested in learning more about this.

See you on the water!

Ed

Administrative Officer Report



AO Terry Osman, P

UPCOMING CLUB SOCIALS

For these two holiday months of November and December, our monthly Club Socials on third Tuesdays are replaced by these special "traditional" events -

Hello! As the holidays approach, calendars are filling up. By the time the New Year arrives, we will be ready to offer our standard America's Boating Course once again, but until then let's finish 2021 out well.

November's event 11/5:

The Change of Watch Banquet, at which we celebrate our year and install next year's Bridge Officers, is November 5th. If you didn't make it this year, pencil it in now for next year - you won't want to miss it!

December's event 12/11:

The Simpson / Reynolds household will host this year's holiday party - a supremely casual affair on December 11th in the evening. Wear your Christmas attire and be prepared for a jolly good time, and even a surprise or two! Details to follow by email.



- Terry



Happy Birthday to:

in November

Coy Hodges
Mary Gray
Cynthia Lamb
Cathy Stortz

in December

Sharon Hindery
David Campbell
Kay Miles

Club Education Officer Report



CEO Mike Moye, SN

As the year winds down, our educational activities also slow a bit. However, we do have plans to crank up our in-person classes in early 2022. The ABC class dates have not been set but we're anticipating something similar to previous years. We traditionally have classes in the first week or two of February, April, and October. We'll post firm dates very soon.

Also, the instructional group is looking for a few more instructors. We have openings in the ABC course and in upcoming Boat Handling courses. Another need we have is volunteers to teach and/or host on-the-water activities related to the Boat Handling course. If you are interested in volunteering or if you just want to talk about it to see if your skills are a fit for the courses, please give me or Charles Wilsdorf a call or email.

Sometimes it's a little difficult getting into a "boating mood" when cool weather sets in. By early November, most folks have retired their flip flops and have dug out long pants. But boating can still be a lot of fun if you dress appropriately and watch the weather.

The cool fall weather can also bring some fishing surprises too. At the Jekyll marina, I see the charter boats go and come during hot weather without any stops at the cleaning table. These last few weeks it seems like every fishing boat brings back something to brag about—and to eat.

Cool weather also brings the excitement of football and in baseball as the "Boys of October" make their big trip to the championship games. It's especially exciting for me because yesterday my alma mater was named number one in the first CFP rankings (the only ranking that really counts) AND the Braves brought a very pretty trophy back to Atlanta. I've never done it, but I've always wanted to watch a game on tv while anchored in a secluded cove somewhere.

Also, cool weather can mean that we don't have to worry much about hurricanes hitting our coast—but wait, you say, hurricane season isn't over until November 30—and right you are! Furthermore, we should not forget it. We've had some horrific hurricanes in past Novembers. Most recently, hurricane Eta created a mess in 2020, Otto wreaked havoc in some of the Central America countries in 2016, and Ida was a severe tropical storm when it hit the panhandle of Florida in 2009. Paloma was strong in 2008, Lenny in 1999, and Mitch was so bad in 1998 that the name has been retired from the potential hurricane lists. Kate made a big mess in both the panhandle and in southwest Georgia in 1985 and the list goes on and on.

We boaters must not let our guard down in being prepared for weather events even in the later part of the hurricane season. For now, though, the fall days are beautiful, and it would be a wonderful time to take advantage of the many gifts our waterways provide the Golden Isles. Go boating—but be safe.

Mike Moye, SN

Education Officer

Making a Difference in our Community

As many of you know, our club held a yard sale this past June which turned out to be a tremendous success! We raised over \$900! Our EXCOM asked the participants to determine how to best use the proceeds. They decided to direct the money in two ways: back into the community and to our members. Two deserving community projects were selected:

- \$250 to the Golden Isles Community Sailing Center (Youth Programs)
- \$250 to the International Seafarers Center (Christmas at Sea Project)



Cindy Simpson

America's Boating Club members Rick Hindery, Sharon Hindery and Ed Reynolds presenting the donation to Vicki West, Executive Director of the International Seafarers Center.



Cindy Simpson

America's Boating Club members Jack Sterrett and Ed Reynolds presenting the donation to High School Sailing Coach Jeff Betts, Golden Isles Community Sailing Center BOD member Pam Heine and the youth sailing team.

Finally, our own ABC members will be treated to \$200 worth of food at a social event to be held in the spring.

Ed Reynolds

The Dangers of Carbon Monoxide Information from U.S. Coast Guard

What is Carbon Monoxide?

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless, and tasteless gas. It is produced when a carbon-based fuel—such as gasoline, propane, charcoal, or oil—burns. Sources on your boat may include engines, gas generators, cooking ranges, and space and water heaters.

Why is it so dangerous?

Carbon monoxide (CO) enters your bloodstream through the lungs, blocking the oxygen your body needs. Prolonged exposure to low concentrations or very quick exposure to high concentrations can kill you. Early symptoms of CO poisoning include irritated eyes, headache, nausea, weakness, and dizziness. They are often confused with seasickness or intoxication, so those affected may not receive the medical attention they need.

Altitude, certain health-related problems, and age will increase the effects of CO. Persons who smoke or are exposed to high concentrations of cigarette smoke, consume alcohol, or have lung disorders or heart problems are particularly susceptible to an increase in the effects from CO. However, anyone can be affected. Another factor to consider is that physical exertion accelerates the rate at which the blood absorbs CO.

Emergency Treatment for CO Poisoning

CO poisoning or toxicity is a life-threatening emergency that requires immediate action. The following is a list of things that should be done if CO poisoning is suspected. Proceed with caution. The victim may be in an area of high CO concentration, which means you or others could be in danger from exposure to CO.

- Evaluate the situation and ventilate the area if possible.
- Evacuate the area and move affected person(s) to a fresh air environment.
- Observe the victim(s).
- Administer oxygen, if available.
- Contact medical help. If the victim is not breathing, perform rescue breathing or approved cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), as appropriate, until medical help arrives. Prompt action can mean the difference between life and death.
- Shut off potential sources of CO, if possible. Correct ventilation problems and/or repair exhaust problems as appropriate. Investigate the source of CO and take corrective action, such as evacuating and ventilating the area or shutting off the source of the CO, while at the same time evacuating and ventilating the area.

Where CO May Accumulate?

Carbon monoxide can accumulate **anywhere in or around your boat.**

CO article continues on next page.

The Dangers of Carbon Monoxide Continued

How Can CO Accumulate?



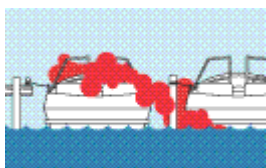
Inadequately ventilated canvas enclosures.



Exhaust gas trapped in enclosed places.



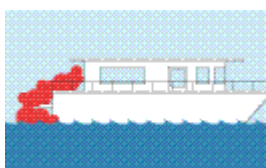
Blocked exhaust outlets.



Another vessel's exhaust.
CO from the boat docked next to you can be just as deadly.



"Station wagon effect" or back drafting.



At slow speeds, while idling, or stopped. Be aware that CO can remain in or around your boat at dangerous levels even if your engine or the other boat's engine is no longer running!

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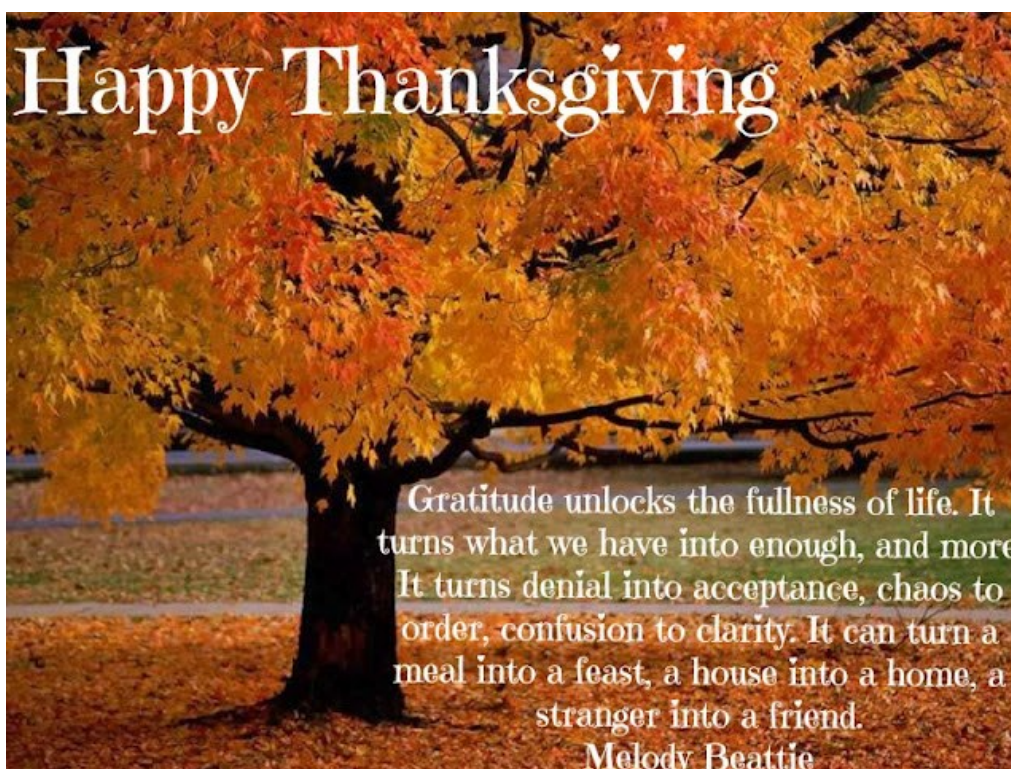
**2021 Club Cruise Dates
November 13**

NOTE! MONTHLY CLUB SOCIALS ...

... on 3rd Tuesdays in November and December are canceled in lieu of the Club's traditional holiday events. See you again in January - a great lineup is planned!

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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 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.