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FROM THE FLY BRIDGE

We had a very successful Dock Party at Delegal Creek Marina where members had a chance to visit other members' boats. Thanks to Amy and Paulette and the Social Committee for organizing this great party!

It's hard to believe that we tried to have another trip to Wassaw last weekend and again had to cancel the event due to weather! It's disappointing to the volunteers organizing the event and I know it's disappointing to our members. We'll try again this summer.

Meanwhile, we've decided to change our schedule a bit to accommodate a new social event, a "**Burning of the Socks**" party on Thursday, May 5th at the Landings Harbor picnic area. Many yacht clubs hold these events to signify the end of winter and the beginning of the new "Boating Season". So bring those old socks to burn and let's celebrate the start of a long season of boating. Since most of the new docks will be finished at Landings Harbor, it will be a good opportunity to see the new marina.

We are combining this sock burning ceremony with a sock *gathering* for Savannah's homeless. Socks are one of the most needed articles of clothing, so admission to the event is a package of new socks for donation to Savannah area homeless. This event will be another pot luck. Considering how much extra food we had after our last pot luck event, we're changing the directions to "bring an appetizer for about 6 people".

Since this event goes into May, we have decided to delay our **Hilton Head trip** till May 13th. A **Daufuskie day trip** will still occur in June.

THE HILTON HEAD TO SAVANNAH REGATTA, NAMED "**THE LOW COUNTRY HOOK RACE**", WILL NOW TAKE PLACE THE WEEKEND OF AUGUST 6TH AND 7TH. Awards for the Aug 6 races will take place that evening at Landings Harbor picnic area. This will be quite a big catered event including our crews, visiting crews and friends, and all our members. I am sure you won't want to miss it!

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BY LEE CARROLL



EVENTS

by (MARY) JANE MASTER

See skidawayislandboatingclub.org

All SIBC events are listed on our website [HOME](#) page as well as individually at [CALENDAR](#), [On the Water](#) and [Education](#) pages. Late news is posted to the [HOME](#) page.

Watch your inbox for Email Bursts as events approach!



SIBC is joining marinas, clubs and boaters all over the country (and maybe even the world), to celebrate the onset of the new boating season by the **Burning of the Socks** celebration. Northerners tend to time their bonfires to match the spring equinox. Here in the Coastal Empire, we enjoy boating year round! However, that won't stop us from setting a ceremonial fire to celebrate *Releasing our Toes from their Winter Clothes!*

The start of the tradition is credited to Bob Turner - in an Annapolis, Md boat yard. According to boating lore, Mr. Turner spent winters "OPB", or working on "other peoples' boats". By the end of the winter, Captain Turner had a collection of boatyard debris, including old socks, dried up varnish, fiberglass repair leftovers and ... other stuff.

The legend goes on that one spring day Bob headed out the pier with an armful of assorted paint-trays, rollers, and other supplies. The lovely spring day inspired him to shed his socks on his way out the dock, (we all know that boat shoes wear better bare-footed!). He was moved to douse his socks with lighter fluid and set them on fire in celebration of his toes release! This was the first sock flambé, and the celebration of releasing your toes from their winter clothes!



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Over time his tradition was remembered and taken up by other boaters. Today, the tradition extends far beyond the east coast, into the Midwest and perhaps even overseas! (I thought I saw a Russian story!).

Join us on Thursday, May 5th to ceremonially burn our old winter socks. At the same time, we will gather **new, white, athletic socks** for distribution to Savannah area homeless persons.

The director of the [Chatham Savannah Authority for the Homeless](#), Cindy Murphy Kelley, has asked that we bring the socks directly to her. She will oversee their distribution directly to homeless individuals in Savannah shelters.

She told me that *white, cotton, athletic* socks are the best choice as they wear well and stay drier. Wet feet and resulting disease/infections are a special and prevalent problem among homeless people. White socks also help by allowing foot problems to "show". More information about the Chatham Savannah Authority can be found at <http://homelessauthority.org/>.

I hope we collect a mountain of new socks! Bring a package of new socks or \$10 and an old sock to burn – along with an appetizer to share and BYOB. See you then!

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

We have added an "On the Water/Other" category to our calendar specifically for civic or volunteer water-related activities such as Gray's Reef volunteer activities and the Georgia Conservancy Interactive Discussion (Details – see website).

Send activity and/or opportunity notices to siboatingclub@gmail.com. As always, Carefree Boating and Tybee Light Sail & Power Squadron classes are at our **EDUCATION** webpage. An inclusion calendar is at the **HOME** page (skidawayislandboatingclub.org) and at the **CALENDAR** page. **Go to website for details!**

SOCIAL EVENTS (red print on the calendar)

- May 5** 6:00-9:00 Burning of the Socks
- May 13** All Day Hilton Head Overnight Trip
- June 9** All Day Daufuskie Day Trip
- Aug 6-7** Low Country Hook Race Regatta

EDUCATION EVENTS (green print on calendar)

- Apr 30** 8:00-4:00 Boat Safety Class
- May 10** 6:30-9:30 Piloting – Weekly Times 10
- May 21 to 27** National Safe Boating Week Seminars to be announced
- July 12** 6:30-9:30 America's Boating Course (4 or 7 weeks)

OTHER / ON the WATER (blue print on the calendar)

- Now to Mid-June** Social Science Surveying, Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary
- Anytime** SkIO Tree Watering for Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary
- April 30** 8:00-4:00 Underwater Robotics Competition
- May 4** 5:00-7:00 Making the Most of Our Georgia Coast: Land Conservation Past, Present and Future
- May 22** 5:00-9:00 Kiwanis of Skidaway's Concert on the Green

FINANCIAL

BY JAKE MASTER

The club now has 63 paid family memberships and a cash balance of \$3,300. Our biggest expense to date was liability insurance of just over \$1,000, paid in March.



The date of our monthly board meetings has been standardized as the third Friday of each month, Marshwood Club, 8:00am in the dining room. Members are welcome to attend, just send me an email a few days before the scheduled meeting so you are sure to have a seat.

See you at the Burning of the Socks event!

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Membership

BY PAULETTE HAMILTON



Welcome Robert and Linda Reeves!



As always, remind your friends to download our [Membership Application](#) and to go to Skidawayislandboatingclub.org to read about our club.

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Education

BY JAN WRIGHT

Congratulations to Skidaway Island residents who completed Carefree Boating Club's Boat Safety Class and Tybee Light Sail & Power Squadron's America's Boating Course this spring.



Upcoming Boat Safety Classes:

- Carefree Boating Club will be offering a one-day **Boat Safety Class** (8:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Saturday, **APRIL 30**, at Delegal Marina, with 7:45 AM coffee and lunch), followed by on-the-water training on anchoring and docking.
- Tybee Light Sail & Power Squadron will be offering **America's Boating Course** in a short and long format (6:30 – 9:30 PM at White Bluff Presbyterian Church), followed by optional on-the-water training.
 - The short course will run **JULY 12, 19, 26** and **AUGUST 2** and is sufficient to earn your Georgia Boater's Card.
 - The long course will overlap with the short course for the first 4 sessions and then continue **AUGUST 9, 16 AND 23** to cover charting, piloting and OpenCPN planning and navigation. Students who have previously taken the shorter course can sign up to take just the last three sessions.
 - Scholarships are available for youth (ages 11-17) who complete the class.

Upcoming Classes:

Piloting — Tybee Light Sail & Power Squadron invites SIBC members to join its Piloting class to learn the essentials of safe coastal and inland navigation using basic GPS in conjunction with charts and other marine data. The course teaches you how to use the GPS along with traditional dead reckoning techniques for planning

and laying out safe routes, as well as ensuring that you are on-course while underway. Class starts Tuesday, **MAY 10** (6:30-9:30 PM at White Bluff Presbyterian Church) and runs weekly until **JULY 12**.

- National Safe Boating Week seminars** — National Safe Boating Week is **MAY 21-27**, and Tybee Light Sail & Power Squadron is planning to offer four evening seminars during that week: Using Marine GPS, Partner in Command (for crew), Onboard Weather Forecasting and Tides & Currents. A separate communication will be sent to SIBC members when final details are known.

How to Sign Up for Classes:



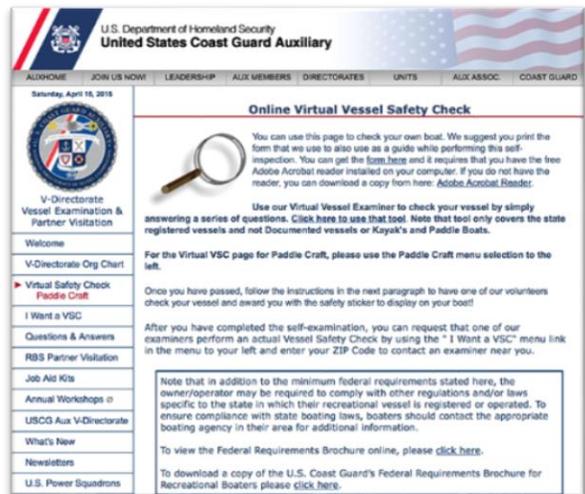
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For classes offered by Carefree Boating Club, contact Leo Smith at 661-0720.



For courses offered by Tybee Light Sail & Power Squadron, see www.savannahsboatingclub.org or call Jan Wright at 659-9359.

Safety Tip. Be sure your boat has a complimentary vessel safety check every year. To learn what's covered and run your own pre-check, see the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary's online [Virtual Vessel Examiner](#) (pictured below). When you're ready to have your vessel checked, USCGAux Flotilla 10-2 volunteers will be ready to help you!



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Introduction to Our Waters

BY CAM HARVEY

SIBC offers a brief presentation, "Introduction to Our Waters" to share local knowledge about distinct features of our waters with boaters new to the area. For those newly interested in boating, these sessions can provide a springboard to formal boating instruction.



Cam meets with individuals or small groups right on the docks for an hour or so. If you are interested, email Cam.

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On the Water/Other

BY (MARY) JANE MASTER

Go to the new web pages:



<http://skidawayislandboatingclub.org/on-the-water/>

Civic and volunteer activities with an "On the Water" theme and sponsored by other organizations are listed on these pages. An example of water-related, are volunteer opportunities with the Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary. The discussion by Georgia Conservancy is an example of an "Other" category.

There are 3 new pages in the [On the Water](#) section. Follow the hyperlinked titles!

Check out the calendar at [ON THE WATER/OTHER CALENDAR](#). You'll find information about Social Surveying and "SkiO" Tree Watering for Gray's Reef, an Underwater Robotics Competition that needs volunteers, and a discussion hosted by Georgia Conservancy's Coastal Director, and *more!*

There are two more new pages in this section. One is for snap shots of our members taken while out and about adventuring – sail boating, power boating, kayaking, fishing, racing and any other adventures!

I opened the [Members Afloat](#) section with snap shots of Paulette Hamilton fishing off the pier at Delegal on [The Landings Delegal Day](#), Saturday, April 16.



I also caught Jake Master. He helped Lee

Carroll recruit new members and sell club shirts, caps and burgees by manning our table at Delegal, also Apr 16.



The Herrick's were photographed entertaining Reenie's sister aboard Masterpeace. Check out *all* the photos at [Members Afloat](#).



Grab your cell phone and start taking pictures! Send them to me at siboatingclub@gmail.com. It's fun to see pictures of our members "afloat", out and about in our Coastal Empire.

Rich and Linda Moore provided us our first travelogue input at [Sail La Vie-Voyage to Fl](#). Read the log and look at the pictures!



Whether you are interested in following in



their wake or following along from your sofa, you will enjoy hearing about our members' adventures!



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There is yet *one more page*: [Travel Tips](#). The first contribution is from Murray Hamilton: "Docking in Savannah". [Travel Tips](#) will include informative articles contributed by our members about power boating, sail boating, racing, kayaking, fishing and any other methods of water-related adventuring. By sharing your local knowledge, you assist other members to more easily and safely explore and adventure on their own!

I want and need more information and lore about our area waterways including fishing! "Who and what is biting – and where!?"

Send your contributions to siboatingclub@gmail.com or to me. mimcurlycats@gmail.com

Tide Data

BY CAM HARVEY

Delegal Creek Marina



Here's some useful information for those sequestered at Delegal and who enjoy the convenience of accessing tide data from an app on their smartphone.

Delegal Creek Marina has no official tide station close-by. The closest NOAA tide station is Vernon View, Burnside River (#8671642). The information at this site is the same Delegal tide data published by The Landings Marinas, WTOC.com's "Skidaway Island at Delegal Creek", and other sources. Accuracy range is +/- 30 minutes.

Find more information <http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/>

Landings Harbor - Reconstruction!

Landings Harbor was first constructed 30 years ago. It's no wonder that the some of the old docks were water logged and ready to sink!

Since last month, many new docks have been installed. There are lots of pictures at the website: [LH-Constr](#), or go to skidawayislandboatingclub.org and look under [ABOUT](#).

To picture the new docks, think of 'concrete candy bars with a Styrofoam interior'. I'm flabbergasted that they float! "The dock system is composed of individual concrete float modules connected with a through-rod /waler system developed by Bellingham Marine" Each module weighs 5,000 lbs! ([Bellingham Marine](#)).

Here are a few pictures of the new docks. There are more at the website



Delegal Dock Party, March 24th

Whenever and wherever SIBC gets together, you can count on good food and good fun!

Our first Dock Party of the year was a grand success. The wind, temperature and sunset were perfect!

Once again our flags flew!





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A picture-perfect evening

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All the boats were together at Delegal, and members opened their boats for tours!



Check them all the photos at [EVENTS 2016](#). Or to



skidawayislandboatingclub.org, [Delegal Dock Party](#).

Skidaway Soundings

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Send ideas and input to me for both this newsletter and the website. Don't forget to take out your cell phone and record your fun!



See you at the bonfire – The Burning of the Socks!, May 5! mjmcurlycats@gmail.com

There are so many beautiful pictures – be sure to go to the website to view, download and frame!

...Don't forget to check out the new web pages under the **ON THE WATER/OTHER** menu tab.