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a From the Fly Bridge

by Lee Carroll

The Burning of the Socks was successful on many levels: a boat load of socks was collected for the homeless, old socks were burned, and it was so much fun, another couple joined the club! I'm proud of how many socks SIBC delivered to the Chatham Savannah Agency for the Homeless Authority!



Next up is the Daufuskie Island trip, planned for June 9th: leave in the morning, return in the afternoon. If boats want to stay the night, there will be free dockage at the marina.

The plan is to meet at the Freeport Marina at 12 noon, have lunch at the Daufuskie Crab Company adjacent to the Marina, then rent golf carts and tour the island for 3-4 hours before heading back to Skidaway Island.

The island is kind of a mixed bag - there are some nice developments, some historical areas, a Rum Company, other restaurants, a beach, golf courses and lots of untouched forests that are kind of like Skidaway used to be.

We will match up boat owners with non-boat owners who need a ride. The only other way to get to the island is by ferry. (Check options at [Visitor Info](#)).

We've added a Landings Harbor Dock Party for June 23rd. This will be our first event in the new harbor. The Low Country Hook Regatta is scheduled for the weekend of Aug 5-7. We will hear more about that next month. By then it will be time to start signing up volunteers!

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Events

by Jane Master

Go to the website for **details** and "bursting" news. The [CALENDAR](#) is color coded.



Click the date to go to the respective calendar for details

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June 9 Thursday Day Trip to Daufuskie Is	June 23 Thursday Landings Harbor Dock Party	Aug 5-7 Hook Regatta	Sept 17 Saturday Biscayne Bay Regatta	Oct 15 Saturday Older Yacht Members Regatta	Nov 12 Saturday Savannah Yacht Club Regatta
May 20 Sunday NOAA	May 22 Saturday NOAA	to Mid June NOAA	July 12, 18, 24 Sundays NOAA	July 17 Sunday NOAA	Anytime NOAA

A Day on Daufuskie

by Jane Master

[Daufuskie Island](#) is perfect for an afternoon of site seeing! It is only 8 sq mi and has food, drink, and shopping within an easy golf cart ride. If you want to exercise your mind, that is covered too! The trip from Landings Harbor is about 1½ hours by power boat and about 3½ by sail boat.



[Tour Daufuskie](#) has self-guided or 'with guide' tours available. The historical district includes excellent examples of [Gullah](#) homes dating from the Civil War era. Arrange your tour ahead of time by calling 843-842-9449. (Golf carts: \$75/4 people, 4 hours.) [Daufuskie Museum](#) is open 1:00-4:00 and also has tours. Get a head start by looking at [Island History](#). [Outside Daufuskie](#) is another tour option offering interpretive tours!

Yes, we can shop! Bring home a metal sculpture from [The Iron Fish](#)! If the local artist, Chase Allen, is not on site, no worries - pay for your treasure using the "honor box" outside his beach cottage gallery. Also check out [Silver Dew Pottery](#) and the [Community Farm and Artisan Village](#).

SIBC members love to eat. If you are thirsty after your fresh seafood lunch at [Old Daufuskie Crab Co](#), try touring [Daufuskie Island Rum Co](#)!

Sign up now! How many non-boater owners can you take with you? Contact siboatingclub@gmail.com



A separate email will be sent out with trip specifics.

June 23 - Landings Harbor Dock Party!

Landings Harbor Dock Party

June 23rd - 5:30 - 7:30

Celebrate the 1st Party on the New Docks!
BYOB and an Appetizer

June 23rd marks our return to the beautiful new marina at Landings Harbor! Plan to attend and toast our new marina. Bring an appetizer to share and, as usual, byob.

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Events

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The Low Country Hook Regatta

August 5-7. This is a new and exciting race opportunity for Savannah and Hilton Head sailors!

Watch for more details next month. If you can't wait that long, just click on this picture or navigate to: [Low Country Hook Regatta](#) for more news!



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Education

by Jan Wright

Go to the webpage [Upcoming Classes](#) for details about all the SIBC education opportunities.



Upcoming Boat Safety Classes:



Georgia's Safe Boaters Class is offered again next Saturday, May 21st by Carefree Boat Club. This one-day class earns you a "Georgia's Safe Boaters Certificate".

Georgia DNR is implementing new protocol and in order to

receive your certificate, you need to register in advance. Call ahead to reserve your seat: Leo Smith, 661-0720. (Limited space, Sunset Room, Delegal).

America's Boating Course is offered by [Tybee Light Sail & Power Squadron](#) in both a short and long format (6:30 - 9:30 PM at White Bluff Presbyterian Church. Starts July 12th.

The short format is 4 weekly classes, and the long course extends for 3 more classes (weeks). The short course version is sufficient to earn your Georgia Boaters Card. The long course also covers charting, piloting, and navigation.

Other classes include Hurricane Preparedness for Boaters, June 2, Adult CPR/AED & First Aid, and Seamanship. The classes keep coming - go to these website for details: our site, [Upcoming Classes](#) and theirs: www.savannahsboatingclub.org.

It is also Hurricane Preparedness week - Here is an article you may be interested in from our friends at NOAA: [Preparedness](#).

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Membership

by Paulette Hamilton



Welcome!

Tracie and Joe Macke!

As always, remind your friends to go to Skidawayislandboatingclub.org to read all about our club and then download our

[Membership Application!](#)

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Financial

by Jake Master

We sold a bunch of SIBC logo merchandise at the sock burning event, but there are still several items left.



Go to the [Ship's Store](#) to shop.

See you on Daufuskie Island!

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Jane Master

Besides information about "other" (Gray's Reef, NOAA) education, volunteer opportunities and helpful travel tips, the "On the Water" pages include contributions from members. Click on the links below:



Pictures/stories of members out and about on and near the water



...and the fish they caught!



Be an arm-chair traveler - read about members' adventures. Who knows? You might be inspired to follow in their wake!



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Blue Lagoon

Cam and Mandy Harvey were a photo-opportunity out sailing on the Wilmington River on April 30th. Blue Lagoon looked beautiful coming and going. (See more pictures at [Members Afloat](#) online.)



The boat that really caught our eye was a boat called Star Eyed Stella, Hull Number 5005 [5,005th built], conveniently located in Portland Oregon.... (see [Star Eyed Stella](#) for missing story line)

After some negotiation, we entered into a contract on the 4th of April. All that remained was to check out the boat, sail it, and get a surveyor to provide an expert examination. That required a trip to Portland Oregon. Now Portland just happens to be one of the coolest places on the planet, and neither of us had ever been there. So despite the derision of our friends who thought it amusing that we would stray so far from home to buy a boat (you know who you are!) we were eager to go check out the town as well as the boat. And on April 15, we flew out and our travelogue begins.

April 15: After a quick 8-hour hop on Middle Seat Airways, we landed in Portland. We picked up our rental, a little Mercedes SUV with the gear shift in the wrong place so that when you try to back up, the windshield wipers engage. We got a funky VRBO house in the heart of the "Pearl District," which is where all the action is. First stop is Rogue, a craft beer palace with 25 taps including a great draft called Good Chit. Good tacos too. It's now after midnight body time so we crashed in order to be up and see the boat first thing tomorrow.

April 16: We went out to find breakfast and instead found a parking ticket (\$44!!). They don't like cars in Portland. Made it to the marina, on a cove off the Columbia River with snow-covered Mount Hood majestically overlooking everything; fresh water, about 80 miles inland from the Pacific. We had agreed that we would likely know in the first 5 minutes if this was the right boat. It was. Immaculate, lots of little rigging and fitting details the owner had invented and implemented. And a sail inventory of 9 sails in great condition.

We also met the owner, Craig Garrison, who is a real character. One of these free spirits who has been all over the world, done all kinds of jobs, and invents and engineers things in his garage. He's selling the boat prior to going to China for his next gig.

Back to Portland to meet Sapna, Amar's doctor-cousin who came down from Seattle to visit. We had a great dinner with some of Sapna's doctor-friends at a very good Thai place. Good to know if you choke or have an allergic reaction, medical help is instantly available. Tomorrow we go to sail the boat. It will be Sapna's first time on a sailboat.

April 17: We went out in the boat today. First obstacle was the current. They open the dams upriver to release the snow melt and it comes honking down at 5 knots!! We went crabbing [sliding sideways] down the cove toward the river



Star-Eyed Stella by Amar Patel & Paul Reddick

Star Eyed Stella's Sailer brochure photo (Mandy Harvot in background)



...If there are 5 boats, we will have a "Fleet" and we can hold sanctioned "one design" races without needing a handicapping system...

[Go to [Star Eyed Stella](#) to read the entire "Rationale" for purchasing their 2nd jointly owned boat and Paul's 3rd boat! – editor, mjm]

Thus it came to pass that we decided to purchase a J24. We searched the online boat sale sites and found lots of J24's – it is, after all, the most popular one-design sailboat in history with over 5,300 boats out there! [First boat was built in 1975, see [History](#)].

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Star-Eyed Stella cont'd



with the sails full in the 15 mph breeze, the little 2 hp Honda groaning, and barely made it into the river. Paul asked if there was any risk of running aground. Answer is "no, but what you do have to look out for are these

logs...*there's one!*" They break loose upriver and come flying down at 5 knots, looking like a surfaced enemy submarine, and capable of knocking an 18" hole in your boat.

Sapna is a really good sport. She enjoyed sailing despite the vicious heel [tilting at an appalling angle]. We have a long lunch in the warm sun at the picnic table outside the marina, giving Craig a chance to regale us with half a century's worth of stories.

Tonight is our last evening with Sapna. We have a fabulous dinner at the Mediterranean Exploration Company. Do not visit Portland without going there.

Sapna announces her choice for a name for the boat: Rogue. It has a Portland connection and is a little edgy. Perfect! Craig had said we could keep the name [Star Eyed Stella](#) but said we must google it first. Google it yourself and you'll probably agree with our decision to change the name: Stella is a drug-addled vamp-ish rock n roll singer in a countercultural comic book done by one of Craig's friends in San Francisco - not for a family marina.



April 18: Today is the survey. We meet Pat Devlin who is VERY thorough. No major issues came up, so we close the deal and enjoy a late lunch before making our way to the airport for the red-eye flight home. Uneventful except for an exasperating 40-mile roundtrip up into Washington state to find a gas station - none anywhere near the airport. Note to future Portland visitors: buy the gas option.

After getting home, the challenge is getting the boat back east under some arrangement that doesn't involve the Panama Canal. We discuss the job with what seem like a dozen different carriers. All we need is a heavy-duty pickup to pull our trailer to Savannah. We finally settle on one outfit that picks up the boat on May 8. We begin texting and calling to track our boat's passage east. There are a few minor excitements. Bearings require re-greasing in Wyoming,

tornadoes chase our boat in Nebraska, (It's hard to picture the J24 in Nebraska.) Finally, the boat arrives at Landings Main Gate about midnight on Thursday night/Friday morning.



Home in Savannah!!!
Midnight May 12

We're excited to have her here and looking forward to getting her rigged and racing! Stop by to see the boat at Landings Harbor Marina.

She's two down from our J22. *And the J22 is for sale!*

Overnight in Hilton Head by Lee Carroll

At one time, we had 4 boats signed up for the Hilton Head over-night trip. ...then friends showed up - one cancellation, then one boat had engine problems - 2nd cancellation, the 3rd boat was going along to meet other boaters but since only 1 boat was going, me - a 3rd cancellation. But, since Georgie and I love this trip, we left for Hilton Head Saturday morning, May 14th, by ourselves. [aboard The Dark Side. Lee moved from a sail boat to a power boat. Sailors have been known to call that "going to the dark side".]

The trip was uneventful except for the dolphins, a lot of boat traffic, lots of marsh scenery, the Kinder Morgan tank farm, and some great views of Daufuskie Island.



As we passed Freeport Marina (Daufuskie), the Marina was half full and the outdoor restaurant looked busy. The ferry had just arrived from Hilton Head.

We left Skidaway at 9:30 and arrived at Shelter Cove Marina at 1:00 pm after stopping at Thunderbolt Marina for fuel. We averaged 8 to 10 knots, depending whether the current was with us or against us.



The Dockmaster, Jason, had texted us our slip assignment before we arrived so that we knew where to put the bumpers and dock lines.

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The Dark Side in Hilton Head Cont'd

The Marina has 7 restaurants, including our favorite Italian one in this area, "Bucci's", steps away from our boat. It also has a bunch of tourist shops, condos, the art center (1 block away), Krogers (2 blocks away) and a Days Inn (4 blocks away). The marina has cable, power and a great WI FI network.

When we set the date, we were hoping for good weather so that the boats without a/c would be comfortable. Well this time the weather cooperated and was spectacular, we didn't use our a/c at all.

Their shuttle, Dune Buggy, takes you anywhere in Palmetto Dunes for free (Days Inn and to the beach and beach restaurant).

Sunday, we went to the beach on the Dune Buggy, enjoyed the scenery, had a great lunch and left for Savannah. It was too short a trip!

While at the Marina, we met a couple renting a boat instead of a hotel room for \$80 a night through [Airbnb](#).



I hope this travel recap will inspire many of you to sign up next year! In my opinion, going to Hilton Head by boat is the only way to go! You miss all the car traffic and enjoy the dolphins! (More pictures at Travelogue - [Hilton Head Overnight](#).)

Our Daufuskie trip is June 9th, don't miss it!

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News & Website (Mary) Jane Master

I need help! Please send me pictures of yourselves and others for [Members Afloat](#)!



I also need help getting the **Help Wanted** section going! Do you need assistance with anything nautical: equipment you need to acquire or dispose of, advice, or someone to lend a hand? Send me the information and we can have a complete web page!

Do you (also) have gear in your attic that needs to find a new home? Could we sponsor an "SIBC Nautical Flea Market"?

Newsletter - This month I've changed type styles, added menu icons and shortened the newsletter (at least tried). Please send along your suggestions for both the newsletters and website.

Website - I am continuing to create pages for our website. That means I need help proofing those pages! Help me out by reading our website and letting me know if (when) you find a dratted typo or other corrections! Suggestions welcome too!

Thanks so much!

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The 1st Annual Burning of the Socks

It was a beautiful night! Socks burned and a great big box of new socks was collected. If you don't know why we would do such a thing, go to our website, look at all the pictures, and read all about it!



[Burning of the Socks](#)



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