



December, 2015

REPORTING FOR LEE FROM THE FLY BRIDGE

While Lee was recovering from successful surgery, John reported from the Helm. mjm

Now that we are approaching the new year it's time to review what The Skidaway Island Boating Club has accomplished in less than a year of operations, and it is time to look forward to next year.

In May of 2015, the Club began to accept members. As we end the year, 66 families have joined the club. This growth can be attributed to a vibrant membership that spreads the word and welcomes new members. It also signals the importance of our purpose of promoting boating and use of the waterfront at Skidaway Island and our value of being an inclusive club open to all interested families.

In terms of promoting boating and use of the waterfront, Club members have had the opportunity to participate in eight monthly social events including dock and Tiki bar parties, a low country boil on the bluff at Landings Harbor and a phenomenal year-end bash at the Sunset Room at Delegal. On average, 62 people have attended each of these events where we have had great conversations, beautiful views, and the opportunity to meet neighbors at extraordinary venues. We also had planned a beach party at Wassaw Island in concert with Carefree Boat Club, but weather forced us to reschedule for this spring.

In addition to the member activities, 2015 has been a year of planning and organizing. SIBC is now established as a nonprofit organization with the IRS and registered under Georgia law. Our first elections, held in November, drew votes from 62% of our members to elect five officers. In addition, we have developed a Facebook page and established our newsletter, Skidaway Soundings, as our primary communication. A firm foundation has been established for membership growth.

These accomplishments have been possible because of the support and enthusiasm of our members and the hard work of our committees. Thank you to everyone who has made this first year such a success.

JOHN PUFAHL



Through November and December, the leadership team, including leaders from the initial founding group and newly elected members, came together to plan for 2016 and future years.

In, 2016 we will continue waterfront social events such as the monthly dock parties, low country boil and year end bash. We also anticipate creation of new categories of social events with greater member input including things such as wine/beer tastings, an excursion to a nearby island for a BBQ, and trips to on-the-water restaurants.

Informal education opportunities such as guest lectures are in the planning. Of course, the club will continue providing formal courses through our relationship with Tybee Light Sail and Power Squadron.

Members will also have the opportunity to participate in trips by land and water to explore islands (such as Daufuskie) that are within a day's journey,

Over the next few weeks, the leadership team will share with you more details of our planning for 2016 and beyond. We also seek member input and member involvement in refining plans and fostering a vibrant club focused on improving boating and usage of the waterfront at Skidaway Island.

Our first year exceeded expectations in terms of both membership and activities. As you will see from Jake's treasury report, we anticipate continued growth in membership and a modest dues increase to reflect a full budget year and expanding member opportunities.

Fair winds and calm seas.

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FINANCIAL

2015 Financial Report and 2016 Budget

Presented below are our club financial results for 2015 and the budget for 2016.

JAKE MASTER





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A few explanations...

"Social events" revenue is the money members and guests paid to attend the Low Country Boil and Year End Bash.

"Social events" expenses are the costs of those two events plus the costs of the many social get togethers the club hosted.

"Merchandise sold" consists of shirts, hats and flags - and we still have some available for purchase. We also purchased 2 large burgees, one for permanent display at Delegal and one for our events.

Although our goal for 2016 is 90 members, the budget is based on 75 memberships at \$75 per family. At the last leadership meeting, the newly elected board and officers approved annual dues of \$75. A large new cost for 2016 is insurance which we expect to have in place by April. We'll work to keep the cost down and still have adequate coverage. As you have read, Jane Master is building a club website. There will be some costs for software and hosting that we didn't have in 2015.

Dues

As mentioned, 2016 dues are \$75 per family membership and are due January 1st. Please make checks payable to SIBC. Checks can be mailed to me at 6 Moonglade Ln or tubed to Roger Herrick at 3 Cuthbert Ln. I'm out of town until January 23, but after that date, checks and other information can be tubed directly to me.

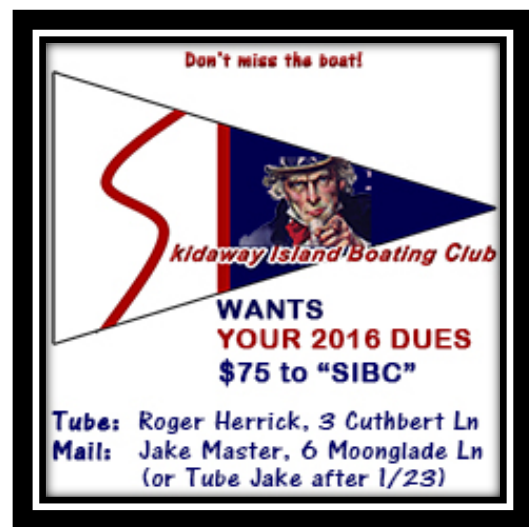
With new liability insurance, we will all need to sign a new liability waiver. That form will be prepared in the first quarter prior to applying for insurance. Additionally, we would like to prepare a Membership Directory that would include boating and other information for all members. We will be asking each member to confirm the information we have and provide any missing data.

Enjoy the Holidays and thank you for renewing your membership!

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Revenue and Expense		
	2015 Actual	2016 Budget
Revenue:		
Dues	\$ 3,020	\$ 5,625
Social events	3,720	5,450
Merchandise sold	800	500
Total Revenue	7,540	11,575
Expenses:		
Social events	5,302	7,765
Merchandise purchased	1,479	500
Organization	669	100
Insurance		1,400
Web hosting and software		400
Contingency		500
Total Expenses	7,450	10,665
Revenue over Expenses	\$ 90	\$ 910





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Newsletter and Website (MARY) JANE MASTER

A few minutes from you could save me hours!



Send me news about your On the Water adventures! mjm

On the Water

AMAR PATEL, PAUL REDDICK

Paul Reddick and Amar Patel raced their J22 to a 2nd place finish in the Calibogue Cup in Hilton Head on October 18. They were joined by crewmate Todd Gacek. The event was sponsored by Hilton Head Yacht Club.



It was a very challenging race with winds at 30 knots gusting to 35 and a brutal chop. They shortened sail to compensate for the conditions and completed the race a little wet, but proud to have kept the boat under control despite the weather. The other highlight of their weekend was being back to the Yacht Club after Saturday's racing in time to see the Michigan State - Michigan football game and the miracle finish for a 27 - 23 MSU win as time expired.

SKIDAWAY ISLAND BOATING CLUB BOARD MEETING

The January Board Meeting will be held at Marshwood Club, January 15th at 8:00 am in the dining room. Any member is welcome to attend but I need to know in advance to be certain of sufficient seating. If you wish to attend, email me by January 12th.

JAKE MASTER, SECRETARY

