



February, 2016

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FROM THE FLY BRIDGE

BY LEE CARROLL

Our Club started the new year with our first event at the Plantation Clubhouse and had 87 attendees. I want to thank everyone for their support.

I presented our Club's plan for the year, the same plan that was in last month's newsletter and it was well received.

Over the past several weeks, we have reviewed and revised our social and 'on the water' events and have made some changes.

After researching the opportunity to have an overnight stay at Daufuskie Island, we found that it was impractical due to the requirement of a 3-night stay at the facilities on Daufuskie. Now, we are planning a day trip to Daufuskie in June.



development, including the beach, tennis facilities, golf facilities and a beach restaurant. They will be giving our members a significant discount on dockage. This event is targeted for **May 12th**.



A Daufuskie day trip will be **June 10th** to Freeport Marina

Sometime in July or August, we are planning to sponsor a race from Hilton Head to Landings Harbor. Our Sailing Committee is working with Hilton Head Yacht Club to organize this event and trophy presentation after the race. All members will be invited to the trophy party.

As you can see, we have a busy schedule ahead of us for the first half of the year. In all 'on the water' events, we will try to provide transportation to all our members as needed. Let's hope the weather cooperates this year.

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FINANCIAL

BY JAKE MASTER

We have about \$4,200 on hand. We will be applying for insurance coverage by the end of this month which will cost about \$1,000. Our website, newsletter and corporate regulatory filings will cost another \$500 combined.

Please send your 2016 dues of \$75 to me by mail or tube to 6 Moonglade Ln (off Westcross near Oakridge Club). We still have about 20 members from 2015 that have not yet renewed their membership for 2016.

Thanks and see you at Skidaway Island State Park

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Communication

by ROGER HERRICK

Congratulations to all for an incredibly successful January "kick-off" event. It was so good to see and greet so many folks.



We've been busy behind the scenes establishing 3 overall committees: EVENTS, led by Lee Carroll, EDUCATION, Lee Carroll; and COMMUNICATIONS, led by Roger Herrick. More about teams next month.

Please plan on attending our February event Seafaring (Tall) Tales Around the Fire! Two members are sharing interesting experiences: **Lee Carroll** will regale us with Tales from the Orient and **Sam Durham** will engage us



Our social and 'on the water' event schedule for the next 4 months is as follows:

Our "Tall Tales" event at the State Park pavilion is this coming Thursday the **Feb 25th**.



Our March event will be a Delegal Dock Party **March 24th**.



In April, we will partner with Carefree Boat Club going to Wassaw Island for a tour of the island and relaxing on the beach. Let's hope the weather cooperates this year. We have this scheduled for a Sunday afternoon, **April 10**, due to a more attractive tide for our sailboat skippers going in and out of the channel to Delegal.



We are planning an overnight to Hilton Head Island, staying at Shelter Cove Marina. Shelter Cove is close to the middle of the island and offers more options for staying overnight. The marina is located in Palmetto Dunes and provides a free shuttle bus throughout their



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with Best Kept Secrets of Skidaway Island Waters. Looking forward to seeing you all in February!

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Education

BY JAN WRIGHT

EARN YOUR GEORGIA BOATER'S CARD. SIBC members have these convenient opportunities to earn their Georgia Boater's Card:



- Carefree Boating Club will be offering a one-day **Boat Safety Class** (8:00 AM – 4:00 PM), Saturday, February 27th, at Delegal Marina for no charge. (complementary coffee at 7:45 AM and lunch included) Participants will receive their GA State Safe Boaters Certificate upon completion. To confirm your seat, contact Leo Smith at 661-0720.
- **America's Boating Course** in a short and long format (6:30 – 9:30 PM at White Bluff Presbyterian Church).
 - The short course will run March 15, 22, 29 and April 5 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 April 12, 19 and 26 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.

Marine Communications Systems is designed to help you become a better boater mastering your radio in the digital age. Learn voice communications and the use of digital selective calling (DSC), and get the skills you need for a day sail or offshore adventure. Tybee Light Sail & Power Squadron is offering this 5- to 6-session course starting February 22 (6:30–9:30 PM at White Bluff Presbyterian Church).

To sign up for offered by Tybee Light, courses see www.savannahsboatingclub.org or call Jan Wright at 659-9359.

SIBC members are invited to stop by the Tybee Light booth at Savannah's Boat Show to try our Boating Skills

Virtual Trainer, and Tybee Light members will be sure to stop by The Landings' booth to visit with SIBC members!

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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. And, for those newly interested in boating, sessions can provide a springboard to formal boating instruction. Cam meets with interested

persons one-on-one or in small groups while walking the docks for an hour or so. If you are interested, email Cam.



Blue Lagoon at Delegal Creek Marina

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Membership

BY PAULETTE HAMILTON

The SIBC 2016 has weighed anchor and we are under way towards another great year. In just the first two months, we have 13 new families to welcome aboard!



NEW FOR 2016

Gary and Leigh Alphin
Jerry and Lynne Boortz
Tom and Carol Cornwell
Gordon and Kye Daniels
David and Ellen Evans
Sue Gotch and Kim Little
Randy Hill and Kim Story
Parker and Peggy Pearson
Gary and Connie Schopfer
Larry and Ilene Schnabel
Bill and Gail Stallings
Mike and Linda Stephens
Ted Yachik and Lynne Gilfillan





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Tell your friends to join us by downloading the application from our website: click [Application](#), or go to SkidawayIslandBoatingClub.org/ABOUT.

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Skidaway Soundings

BY (MARY) JANE MASTER

You can read and download this newsletter (and past ones) from our website. Share them with your friends, they'll want to join you at our next event!



As always, I'm open for all your water-related news. Send it along for inclusion in the newsletter and on the website too! mjmcurlycats@gmail.com

SkidawayIslandBoatingClub.org

BY (MARY) JANE MASTER

Check out all our social events, education opportunities and other water events on our SIBC Calendar on the website.

Content changes day by day as more pages are added. Next up, photos! Check it out and check back with suggestions! mjmcurlycats@gmail.com

On (and about) the Water



Please share your adventures and pictures on and about our shoreline and waterways! Send articles to Editor and Webmaster:

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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/>

Gray's Reef Ocean Film Festival

BY MARY JANE MASTER



The 13th annual film festival featuring Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary took Place January 29th & 30th. Its success depended on the enthusiasm, dedication and passion of the 40 stewards who answered the call to support Gray's Reef.

Five of those stewards were SIBC members!

The Trustees and Lucas Theaters featured 1,692 movies including 3D, children's, emerging filmmakers, and National Geographic. In addition to the movies, there were children's activities, talkbacks and a military appreciation screening and party.



Find out more about the Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary at graysreef.noaa.gov/.

SIBC members Sue Gotch and Kim Little attended.



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Chatham Sailing Club



BY AMAR PATEL AND PAUL REDDICK

In addition to running the annual Oktoberfest Regatta, Chatham Sailing Club, our neighbors up the Wilmington River, also sponsor a series of "Fun Races" each year. These are open to any sailboat 19' and up. Numerous SIBC members have participated both as skippers and crew members.

These are "PRHF Races". Similar to a golf handicap, PRHF handicaps aim to cancel out inherent advantages and disadvantages based on dissimilar size, sails and/or make of boat. Thus race wins reflect crew skill rather than equipment superiority. Each boat records its elapsed time and the race winner is computed (based on the handicap).

To add to the fun, there are two classes of boats: spinnaker and non-spinnaker, which effect PRHF handicapping and, of course, speed.

Races are held on Saturdays and the starting gun is 1:00 pm. The starting line is Government Marker 25 on the Wilmington River, upriver from Landings Harbor.

FEBRUARY 27

MARCH 12

MARCH 26

APRIL 16

MAY 7

APRIL 23

MAY 21

JUNE 4

Enter your boat: if you are interested, contact Amar Patel at (912) 308-1319 or email amar584@gmail.com.

Volunteer to crew: there are also opportunities to crew on someone's boat! Contact Paul Reddick at

(978) 771-9219 or (912) 598-9570 or email

PReddick0@gmail.com to volunteer or for information.

Paul is also setting up a Volunteer List to support skippers looking for crew members for *all* local races. "Experience required" ranges from "none" to "experienced racer", depending on crew position. Contact Paul to learn more.

Power boaters: there are opportunities for power boaters to assist in setting up and managing the race. Call or email Amar to learn more.

Please contact us to enter your boat in the Fun Race Series or for more information or go to <http://chathamsailing.org/racing/>.

Reserve Your spot by the fire!

Seafaring TallTales by the Fire

2/25 Skidaway Island State Park (group shelter)



Bring: Appetiser/Entree/Veggie/Dessert

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How many coming? Dish to pass?

Mark your calendar!

Social Events.

Thu Feb 25	6:00pm – 10:00pm	⊕ FIRESIDE TALES
Thu Mar 24	5:30pm – 10:30pm	⊕ Delegal Dock Party
Sun Apr 10	All day	⊕ Wassaw Beach Party
Fri May 6	All day	⊕ Hilton Head Overnight Trip
Thu Jun 9	All day	⊕ Daufuskie Day Trip

Education Courses

Visit the complete SIBC Calendar at our website:
SkidawayIslandBoatingClub.org/CALENDAR

Marine Communication -6 weeks. *Ask about catch-up options!
vjanwright@comcast.net

* Mon Feb 22 6:30pm – 9:30pm ⊕ MARINE COMMUNICATION 1 OF 6

America's Boating Courses begins Mar 15 for 7 weeks.

Tue Mar 15 6:30pm – 9:30pm ⊕ AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE 1ST OF 7

Tue Mar 22 6:30pm – 9:30pm ⊕ AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE 2ND OF 7

Tue Mar 29 6:30pm – 9:30pm ⊕ AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE 3RD OF 7

Tue Apr 5 6:30pm – 9:30pm ⊕ AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE 4TH OF 7

Tue Apr 12 6:30pm – 9:30pm ⊕ AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE 5TH OF 7

Tue Apr 19 6:30pm – 9:30pm ⊕ AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE 6TH OF 7

Tue Apr 26 6:30pm – 9:30pm ⊕ AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE 7TH OF 7

Seamanship Courses begins Apr 14 for 7 weeks.

Thu Apr 14 6:30pm – 9:30pm ⊕ SEAMANSHIP COURSE 1ST OF 5

Piloting Courses begins May 10 for 10 weeks.

Tue May 10 6:30pm – 9:30pm ⊕ PILOTING COURSE 1ST OF 10 CLASSES