

FROM THE FLY BRIDGE

Last month we had another successful social event at the Skidaway State Park Pavilion with 50 plus attendees. I want to thank all the volunteers for helping to set up and clean up. I also want to thank all the cooks that prepared their individual dishes for this event. The food was really great!





Next week we have our first Dock Party, this time at Delegal Marina on dock 'C'. The club will provide snacks/ appetizers, ice, cups, etc., please bring your own liquid refreshments. This party will allow for member boat owners to show off their boats. We will have 5-6 member boats on 'C' dock and the fuel dock.

Join SIBC on C Dock!

Our April event will be joint with "Carefree Boat Club" at Wassaw Island on April 10th. Detailed will follow next week. <u>Icar794082@aol.com</u>

EVENTS See skidawayislandboatingclub.org

NEXT EVENT DETAIL (email bursts, etc.)

CALENDAR

HOME

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

ALL SOCIAL/ EDUCATION INFO

(also on HOME page)

Thu Mar 24	5-7PM	DELEGAL DOCK PARTY
Sun Apr 10	All day	WASSAW BEACH PARTY with CAREFREE
Fri May 6	All day	
Fri May 27	5 - 7PM	LANDINGS HARBOR PARTY
Thu Jun 9	All day	DAUFUSKIE DAY TRIP - SIBC

FINANCIAL

BY JAKE MASTER

We now have club insurance in place. We contacted 5 different agencies and brokers and only two had programs for boating clubs like ours. We selected a broker that insures many clubs including one in Savannah. The cost of general liability and regatta coverage was \$1,005.

As of this writing we have \$3,300 on hand.

We have great events coming up this spring!. Hope you can participate in and enjoy them all. See you at Delegal on the 24th.

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by ROGER HERRICK

Communication

Since last month, the communication team has worked on standardizing the appearance of our internal and external communications in order to create a



consistent look and recognizable branding, complete with SIBC headers and footers. Along with bringing familiarity to readers, the creation of email, posters, brochures, etc., should be faster and easier.

We would love to hear from other writers who might enjoy authoring an occasional article. Talk to Roger or email <u>siboatingclub@gmail.com</u>. Some suggestions might be your take on the success of the upcoming Delegal Dock Party or an article about kayaking, fishing or other water exploits.

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Membership

BY **PAULETTE HAMILTON**

Remind your friends they can join us by downloading our Membership Application from

our website or go to <u>Skidawayislandboatingclub.org</u> and look under <u>ABOUT</u>



Welcome aboard this month, Richard and Linda Armstrong

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Education

BY JAN WRIGHT



The next three classes to be offered through the United States Power Squadrons® by our partner, Tybee Light Sail & Power Squadron will be:



• America's Boating Course (Part II) - if you have taken a basic boating course and would like to have an introduction to electronic charting, navigation and OpenCPN navigation software, plan to join us April 11, 18 and 25. (OpenCPN is a free open-source navigation software, downloadable from www.openCPN.org.)

- Seamanship (boat handling, rules of the road, marlinspike, and more) starts April 14th
- Piloting (inshore navigation) starts May 10th

For more information regarding these classes and others, go to www.savannahsboatingclub.org.

To pre-register see www.usps.org/findacourse or Contact Jan Wright at 659-9358.

Our website has an Education Calendar posted here: EDUCATION, as well as a combined Social and Education Calendar at CALENDAR and on the HOME page. skidawayislandboatingclub.org.

Introduction to Our Waters

BY CAM HARVEY

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

gcharvey@uci.edu



Cam's boat at Delegal Creek Marina

BY (MARY) JANE MASTER

Please check out our website!

Skidawayislandboatingclub.org.

Website

The most important function of the website is to announce events and spread the news about our Social and Education activities!

Detailed information about the next Event (Email blast information) is on the **HOME** page along with a complete, downloadable club calendar (also on a separate page: CALENDAR). Keep an eye on the HOME page for late breaking news!

An Education calendar is also listed separately, with detail, at the **EDUCATION** page. Choose your view and download.

I am adding pages weekly! Last week all the photos of the first two events for this year went up: EVENT PHOTOS 2016. Next week I'll add EVENT PHOTOS 2015.

An important part of the building the website is making sure Google Search and others match our name with our site! That is called Search Engine Optimization. I want to quickly figure this out, right after I post photos! For now, type our name in the browser search line, hit enter, or follow one of these links and bookmark the page.

I received photos, and added a page: LANDINGS HARBOR CONSTRUCTION. Check it out! (Thanks, Rick Wadsworth!)

Send me your photos and information: Fishing secrets, Exploring Waterways suggestions, Harbor Adventures and more. This is "our" website! There's lots more information we can add and share!

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Skidaway Soundings BY (MARY) JANE MASTER

Our newsletter is also benefiting from the work being done by the Communication Committee, including the footer at the bottom. New banner pictures will come later.

We want to expand our newsletter sections too to include more member interests. In particular, I need *fishing* people to step up and contribute timely information. What's biting? Where to fish? Well, *you* know what's needed, so write to me!

Fishing, kayaking, boat procedures, harbor information, waterway exploration ideas! Give me your feedback and send me information for the Soundings and for inclusion on our website. Thanks!

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On the Water

share

Please



adventures and pictures on our beaches and local waterways! Send articles to me at <u>siboatingclub@gmail.com</u> or <u>mjmcurlycats@gmail.com</u>.

<u>Tide Data</u> Delegal Creek Marina

BY CAM HARVEY



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/

Chatham Sailing Club BY AMAR PATEL AND PAUL REDDICK



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Patel Amar and Paul Reddick, were winners of this year's Chatham Sailing Club Winter Series. Amar and Paul's boat is a J22 and sails with a crew of 3. A number SIBC of members participated as crew

members for the series as well. Congratulations to all! It was a challenging series with a number of races run in windy, cold conditions. (We were nicely layered up during each outing.) Nevertheless, there were no problems with either equipment or crews, and the participants enjoyed the socializing at the SYC dock party after every race.

The Winter Series is run by Savannah Yacht Club, (SYC), each year and is open to entrants regardless of whether they are members of SYC. For more information about racing with Chatham Sailing Club, go to http://chathamsailing.org/racing/.

Landings Harbor is Under Construction!

Here are some photo highlights. Check out all the photos at our webiste, under **ABOUT** or click **L-H-C**.

There's no one home in Landings Harbor Marina! First came the annual dredging operation, but taken to a new extreme this year when all the docks were removed.

The marina was built 30 years ago and the docks turned out to be quite water-logged once they were separated from their mooring posts.



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This last week you could watch flatbed trucks rolling through Savannah delivering our new cement docks. What a vision. They look enormous and way too big to float!

Before: Newsletter banner, right.





... and then the cranes and dredgers

arrived!



...and really tall cranes!



L-o-n-g hoses from the dredger to the catch basisn!



McWhorter Rd -





And great scenery too!

Paulette Hamilton, thanks once again for the photos!



See you at the Delegal Dock Party!

And last one out! Thanks for the photos and decorations!

