



March, 2017

## **From the Fly Bridge** by Lee Carroll

Last week we had another great social event signifying the opening of our boating season and the end of winter. It turns out the "Sock Burning" was probably 2 days early in terms of the 'end of winter', but that didn't deter many members attending!



We also used that event to present a new "sportsmanship award" sponsored by SIBC and the Rhodes 19 Fleet: The Marty Vernick Sportsmanship Award. The first winner is Marty Vernick, in recognition of his 13 years of outstanding service and dedication to making The Landings Rhodes 19, Fleet 49 what it is today!

Our next event will be a cruise to **Hilton Head's Shelter Cove Marina on the weekend of March 31 to April 1 or 2**. So far, we have 9 boats and 44 total members signed up for the event which will include "cocktails on the dock" both nights. We still have room on boats for non-boat owners to sign up and ride along. Email or call George LaPenta if you are interested and you may still be able to go! [glapentajr@gmail.com](mailto:glapentajr@gmail.com). 610.297.6496 or write to [siboatingclub@gmail.com](mailto:siboatingclub@gmail.com)

Our "**Low Country Hook Race Ocean Race**" Committee is meeting on a regular basis to ensure we have another fun event in late July. So far, we have 15 boats signed up for the race and plans are already being made for another great social event dinner.

We are still working on finding a "Watering Hole" on the water where SIBC members can get together more frequently between calendared social events.

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## **Cruise to Hilton Head. Mar 31-Apr 1 or 2**



You still might be able to go! Check with George LaPenta. (610.297.6496, [glapentajr@gmail.com](mailto:glapentajr@gmail.com)) or send your questions to the SIBC email: [siboatingclub@gmail.com](mailto:siboatingclub@gmail.com).

## **April's SIBC Sponsored Events**

**Carefree takes us to Dine at AJ's!**

**Tuesday, April 4th, 11AM**



Ride to lunch in style aboard one of Carefree's 22 foot boats! A fleet of 3 will be leaving from Landings Harbor at 11AM for lunch at AJ's Dockside Restaurant. Cost for the Carefree boat ride: \$10 per passenger. You can also take your own boat and invite some friends aboard with you!

The first 18 to make their reservations will make it aboard the "Carefree at the Landings" boats. Reserve early! Email Paulette at [sushi1103@me.com](mailto:sushi1103@me.com) to reserve your ride!



**Let the Dock Parties Begin!**

**April 20, 6PM, Delegal Marina**

**Dock Party** Flock to the docks! Join all your SIBC friends, enjoy the sunset, and partake of SIBC-provided appetizers and your favorite BYOB drink.

You can Look forward to fancier appetizers in 2017! Our planners have researched the matter, and here's the kind of fare you can expect on April 20: chicken tenders with dip, an assortment of finger appetizers including Roll-Up sandwiches, and a variety of Gourmet cookies.

Guests can come too: \$10 per person (applied to your membership if you also join up on April 20<sup>th</sup>!)



**Reserve every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday for your regularly scheduled SIBC Social Events. And that's not all! Additional**

**events are on the calendar too! Go to:** <http://skidawayislandboatingclub.org/calendar>

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## May's SIBC Sponsored Event

### SIBC Game Day at Landings Harbor!

Thursday, May 18th, 6:00-8:30



#### It's a Play Date with SIBC!

SIBC will provide energy from upscale appetizers so you can play till the sun goes down!

Choose from: bocce, croquet, "cornhole", and/or bring along your favorite picnic-top game: Scrabble? Rummycub? There's no doubt you'll find a playmate. Guests: \$10 each.

## Treasurer

by Jake Master

We have 79 paid family members and about \$6,700. Most of our cash is committed to club operations and events for the rest of the year.

For the few 2016 members that have not renewed for 2017, we won't be cluttering up your inbox anymore as this will be your last newsletter. Thanks for giving us a try last year.

I'll see you in April. For those cruising to Hilton Head, have a great time!

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## Ship Store

Jean Kovalski

Our purser is ever on the lookout for excellent new products. Check out these two, then go online for details of all our products!

Look for Jean and *all the merchandise* at the next Dock Party - or email your order: [siboatingclub@gmail.com](mailto:siboatingclub@gmail.com).



Large tote: \$25  
Small drawstring bag  
and/or backpack \$6



## Membership

by Paulette Hamilton



★ Doug & Anne McCulloch



Marty & Mary Vernick



We will have new nametags at the next event. That will help us find and mingle with our new members of 2017!

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## Newsletter

Jane Master

For those of you who did not renew your membership, this is the last Skidaway Soundings you will be receive by email. You can still go on-line to read it at [newsletter, http://skidawayislandboatingclub.org/skidaway-soundings-newsletter/](http://skidawayislandboatingclub.org/skidaway-soundings-newsletter/).



I hope over the months I've trained your memory so you know you can find a PayPal button on our website to renew your dues: <http://skidawayislandboatingclub.org/application/>

Our membership is still the best deal on the island: SIBC sponsors at least one social event a month, provides (upgraded ☺) appetizers, underwrites meals and brings to you social events unlike any other on the island. Of course, our members are the finest and friendliest too! I hope you come back, I miss you!

=^..^= [mjmcurlycats@gmail.com](mailto:mjmcurlycats@gmail.com)



## Burning of the Socks

Our 2nd annual "Burn" was a resounding success! At least 60 hearty

Mar 16, Landings Harbor

members and guests

braved 50-degree temperatures (in Savannah, that's cold!) to maintain the tradition.



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Between the fire in the fireplace and the fire-on-a-post, we all stayed warm - and well fed on "appetizers-to-share".

The tradition began when one boater made a snap decision to burn his grubby winter socks as he cleaned up debris left over from the winter. Today the "sock burn" is a celebration of the equinox and/or the beginning of the boating season.



Our fire roared when Roger tossed in the socks! Not only were our toes ceremonially "released from their winter clothes", but those old socks served once again to keep us warm!

SIBC has improved on the tradition! That's a lot of socks!

Besides 'a sock to burn', our members brought packages of new socks to be donated. **300 pairs of new socks were collected and will be donated to Chatham Savannah Authority for the Homeless.** (See "[The Story of the Burning of the Socks](#)" at our website).



**A New Annual Award** - After the sock burning, our Commodore, Lee Carroll, and the new Rhodes 19 Fleet Captain, Mark Winters, presented for the first time the **Marty Vernick Sportsmanship Award**. This annual trophy will be "**Presented to the sailor who displays exceptional values of sportsmanship and contributes to the sport of sailing on Skidaway Island**". The recipients' names will be permanently affixed to the base and the trophy will be on display at Landings locations throughout the year.



This year the trophy was presented to its namesake, Marty Vernick, to honor his 13 years of dedication and service to The Landings Rhodes 19 Fleet.

Marty has spent untold hours and effort in the creation and maintenance of this wonderful Landings Club amenity. He is responsible for bringing the club along to where it is today!

Marty passed the captain baton to the able and enthusiastic hands of Mark Winters, SIBC member and now Captain of the Rhodes 19, Fleet 49.

The fleet races each weekend. Go to [Rhodes19](#) to learn about your opportunity to sail with friends.



[R19 sailors & SIBC members at the Burning.](#) (<http://skidawayislandboatingclub.org/rhodes-19/>).

### We are very photogenic!

I'm posting tiny snippets from our website hoping I'll tempt you to go look. While you are there, check out the other pages too!

Click on this link: [SockBurn](#) or cut/paste: <http://skidawayislandboatingclub.org/burning-of-the-socks-2017/>.

### A Blaze of Socks



### Award Presentation



### What we do best! Play – Eat - Socialize

There's a new page at the Rhodes 19 tab! Piper Hawes took wonderful photos of the last race. Go look!

Go to: [RhodesPics](#) or copy/paste: <http://skidawayislandboatingclub.org/rhodes-19-fleet-race/>



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