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FROM THE FLY BRIDGE

Since our last "Soundings", a lot has taken place in our Club.

1. We completed our By Laws

2. We held our first elections and over 60% of our members voted! There were no write in's and the only comments were very positive regarding the candidates.

3. We attempted to have our first "water" event with a beach party at Wassaw Island. We had the transportation with our members' boats and Carefree boats. We had tour guides on Wassaw, but the weather did not cooperate, over 2 weekends! So, we will do it next year.

4. We held our first "Year End Bash" in the Sunset Room at Delegal. This was the highlight of the year, the decorations were great, the food was great, the venue is always great and the company was great, a truly wonderful night out at the Landings! Congratulations to Roger and the entire group that worked on this event.

Now to next year and what to expect –

More Social events, including our Dock Parties, Low Country Boil again, trying to find a place to have monthly get togethers, rendezvous at locations all can get to, the Beach Party at Wassaw with Carefree.

Cruises, events for families, more community involvement, maybe a junior boating group.

We now have 64 family memberships, we hope to get to 90 in 2016.

More Education programs, but before we design our course plan, we need input from our members as to what type of courses they need. Jan Wright will be contacting members in the near future. icar794082@aol.com

FINANCIAL

First, let me add my thanks to the social committee for such an outstanding year end party.

LEE CARROLL



Volunteer!

Join the Crew for 2016

We need volunteers for every category including Social, Communications, Education, Membership and On the Water activities.

Find your perfect crew position & step aboard. Commit to as little or as much as you have time for. Whatever you do, it is guaranteed to be fun and rewarding!

We will end the year with about \$100. The December newsletter will have an accounting of all our revenue and costs for 2015 and a budget for 2016. The IRS has approved our tax exempt status so all our legal organization requirements are completed. We are an official Georgia nonprofit corporation. Next we will work on club insurance.

More next month.

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SECRETARY

JAKE MASTER

I previously announced the election results for the 2016 officers and directors. For anyone who missed that, the following were elected to serve:



2016 OFFICERS

COMMODORE	LEE CARROLL
VICE-COMMODORE	ROGER HERRICK
DIRECTORS AT LARGE:	CAM HARVEY
	JOHN PUFAHL
	PAUL REDDICK

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Membership HAMILTON

PAULETTE

We have 3 more members



who joined in time for the Year End Bash. We are happy to welcome them and excited to watch our membership continue to grow in 2016!



OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Johnathon Brown
Ted Yachik & Lynne Gilfillan
Gary & Connie Schopfer

Sushi1103@mac.com

Newsletter and Website

(MARY) JANE MASTER

Our club "look" is formalizing throughout our publications. The Skidaway Soundings and the club website will reflect those changes. I expect the website to be up at least by the new year, I'm hoping for Dec. (Fingers crossed, the learning curve is steep).

JAKE MASTER





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Be sure to send me anything you have to share with other members. I would love to include a section called MEMBERS TO MEMBERS in both the newsletter and the website: questions, requests for help, or items to trade or sell among club members. I hope the website will have the facility for members to contact other members to arrange outings, confirm reservations and answer questions! Remember to send me input, suggestions and pictures.

Social

ROGER HERRICK



November 14th brought the Skidaway Island Boating Club its (first) annual gala, yearend event. The reviews and comments I have heard, and certainly the enthusiasm shown during the festivities, suggest this was a very successful event... another in our Spring, Summer and Fall series of activities for members.

I wanted to share with you some of what made this event special. First, the concept of the activity; in the planning stages, we debated the whether to have an activity, when to have it, and the degree of formality. Ultimately, we wanted something that would be memorable, but within the confines of a limited budget at the end of our first year as a now, non-profit entity. By the time the ideas meshed, we were faced with events still in play (the Wausau picnic), continued interest in enrollment, and with a check to the calendar, an extraordinarily limited amount of time to pull off whatever it was we were now committed to do!

Overall, we canvassed and interviewed 13 caterers. We even considered tapping into some of our own talented people to prepare meals of the type we wanted to showcase. We had to source tablecloths, decorations, make a video, secure banners and burgees, create and build table gifts, create a music stream, secure supplies, build our "Enter" sign, work around the film crew that was movie-making on the day of our event, and manage this all to the requirements of the TLA. It took 4 1/2 hours on the day of the event to create the ambiance our members seemed to enjoy so much.

Several people stepped up to the plate to make this event possible - let me call them out with thanks. First, Paulette Hamilton (who served double duty as Membership chair) was incalculably valuable. It would be an understatement to try and list all the things she took on, including picture taking and those memory boards. Ruth Mack also, was indispensable. From securing props to challenging our

ideas when faced with our Treasurer telling us 'no more money', she was part of the team that simply said, let's put our heads together and come up with something else. Jane Master, the creative guru behind our logo and newsletter, was effusive in idea generation for decorations. Linda Dew and Merri Blum volunteered to "do anything", and became regulars in our weekly meetings, taking on roles of securing product and using their contacts to open doors for us. Their husbands, Ron and Steve, were pulled, not quite kicking, into the labor of setup on Saturday. Ladders, tacks, paint, light bulbs and heavy-lifting fell to them. Jake Master did everything and anything in our setup. As I looked around, he was hauling kayaks, running flags, and moving tables. Todd Williams, fresh after a late-night return from a business trip, successfully got the sound system set up, and created the video feed running for all to enjoy.

To all these folks, thank you. If you pass them at one of the Clubs, on the water or at the Post Office, be sure to shake their hands. They worked tirelessly to make this a wonderful event.

I and others on the team, have heard good things about how pleased people were with the caterer we employed. As so many have inquired, here is their contact information:

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www.CapeCreationsCatering.com

Here are some closing thoughts: your leadership team is meeting weekly to ensure we have goals, objectives, events, processes, and financials in place for 2016. What stands out as missing is your input; what types of events and activities would you like to see, experience and participate in?

Shortly, you'll hear more from us about structure, and about the committees we think will be needed to ensure a successful year. We'd like your involvement. We'd like to know what areas or interests you have, and would be willing to provide for the Club. We invite you to contact any of us now, and certainly in response to ideas you hear in the near future. The vision of the SIBC is to bring people of like interests in boating and the water together for social and educational engagement. To do that





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successfully means that a lot of listening needs to happen, and we need participants who can drive events that excite the group.

Last, a big thank you from me. I had a lot of help, and I am honored to assume the role of Vice Commodore.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

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Burgees & Banners were hung with great care -



A job well done deserves a toast. Get That bottle open!



Roger Led -



We mingled, we talked, and we ate. All the things we do so well - and have so much fun doing.





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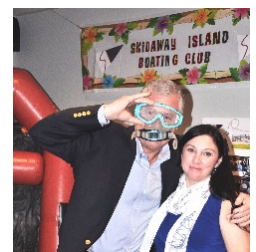
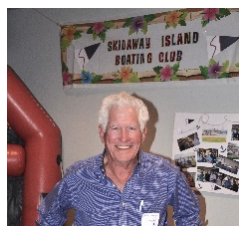




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Rogues Gallery
We tried to catch everyone!



Happy Thanksgiving