





**April 2017** 

# From the Vice-Commodore, By Roger Herrick

Our Commodore, Lee, is traveling on the West coast so this month's report comes from our Vice-Commodore.

What a month we have had! The water event to Hilton Head included a small armada of power and sail boats. It was a weekend of sun, camaraderie, good dining and of course, being on the water. Thanks to all who opened their boats to bring along non-boat owners, as well as to those who drove up for the day. See Lee's report and pictures <u>below</u>. Todd Williams is already working on another overnight event!

SIBC made the front page of the Wall Street Journal! See the article, Does This Mean We're Famous?.

SIBC members attended another fabulous dock party last Thursday at Delegal Marina. Over 80 members enjoyed good food and drink, and even a mini accordion concert by our own Ron Dew. A special thanks to Linda Dew for giving so much of her day to ensure we had space at the docks and for putting together a great menu. Also, Jean Kovaleski, Ship's Store, Paulette Hamilton, Amy Collings and Jane Master for all they do behind the scenes. And a call out to Merri Blum who managed the welcome table. It's volunteers who give so freely that make these events successful. (See Social Events).

In June, make your plans for a **Sunset Cruise** aboard Captain Mike Neal's pontoon boat. Join your friends, travel in comfort, enjoy appetizers and a beautiful sunset. There's room for the first 32 people who sign up, so you'll want to RSVP and pay early to save your seat. Go to <u>Calendar</u> and watch for Bursts about lune's event

July brings the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Low Country Hook Ocean Race from Hilton Head to Skidaway Island. We expect increased participation both shore-side, from sponsors, and on the water, with more boats racing. It's looking like it will be an even bigger success than last year! Watch for notices about opportunities to crew on the race boats!

Our July Social Event is the Hook Banquet, Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>. Last year we had fabulous food from Barnes and about 165 attendees! Watch for upcoming news and consider volunteering. There is a place for you to help!

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#### **May's Sponsored Event**

## Games Day at Landings Harbor! Thursday, May 18th, 4:00 to 8:30



## ► Snacks at 4:00 pm









## ► Sandwich - Salad - Supper at 6:00





# June's Sponsored Event, Thursday, June 22 Sunset Cruise with Capt. Mike Neal



Don't be left behind! You'll want to RSVP and pay early to save your seat on Capt. Neal's pontoon boat!

There's room for

the first 32 people who sign up. Join your friends, travel in comfort, and enjoy appetizers and a beautiful sunset. Cruise and Appetizers: \$20 per person.

You will want to RSVP and pay early so watch for the Burst!

Go to: <u>CALENDAR</u> for all additional events and details. (<a href="http://skidawayislandboatingclub.org/calendar">http://skidawayislandboatingclub.org/calendar</a>)

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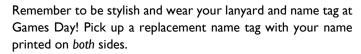




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#### Membership by Paulette Hamilton

- Lue and Gary Daughenbaugh
- Bob and Angela Dickensheets
- Erik Moeller & Babs Szyche
- ♠ Juren & Ximena Dinger
- Jay and Sally Gleeson
- Tom and Marian Mackle
- Carl and Linda Senska



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In order to keep the Roster up to date, I need to chase down a few members and collect some more info. Watch for me!



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#### Cruise to Hilton Head, March 31 to April 2

We have several reports this month: Commodore's <u>Report</u> (follows), an unsolicited <u>Thank You</u>, (posted at our website), and <u>Pictures</u>, (also on the website).

They all tell the same story, "What a Success!"

<u>Thanks</u>! The trip was possible because of efforts of volunteers on both the water-side and land-side of the event. <u>Water</u>: special thanks to Lee Carroll, (The Dark Side), Todd Williams, (Grand Cru), and George La Penta (It's Time). <u>Land side</u>: Roger Herrick and Paulette Hamilton

Todd contributed great pictures! Take a minute and look at the website: Cruise to Hilton Head <a href="http://skidawayislandboatingclub.org/cruise-to-hilton-head-2017/">http://skidawayislandboatingclub.org/cruise-to-hilton-head-2017/</a>

# Commodore's Report on a Successful Cruise to Hilton Head

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### March 31 to April 2

SIBC held its first overnight cruise to Hilton Head on April Fool's day weekend at Shelter Cove Marina.

We had 8 boats and around 35 people. Those that didn't stay on their boats stayed at the Days Inn and the Marriott adjacent to the Marina and Arts center.



The Dark Side

Friday and Saturday evenings, we had cocktails and snacks on the pier in front of the Marina Office, then several groups visited the restaurants in the Marina.

Many of our members had never been to Hilton Head or the Marina, so it was a real opportunity to see the island without having to get tied up in car traffic.



There was a Dunes Buggy available to take us to the ocean and a restaurant overlooking the beach. I hear they served great Bloody Mary's. The weather was fabulous - if there was a ranking higher than a 10, Saturday was it!



In talking to the participants, it was obvious that everyone had a wonderful time and they want to do it again. So, maybe we will do it in the fall....

#### Rules of the Road - Intracoastal

On our trip to Hilton Head, most of us went via the ICW. When traveling the ICW, there are certain rules of etiquette boaters who regularly use the ICW are careful to follow.



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**Rules:** When passing another boat from behind, if you intend to pass on the port, sound 1 horn; to pass on the starboard side, sound 2 horns.

The boat to be passed should then sound the same number of horns to confirm. If you don't have a horn, contact the boat

to be passed on channel 16 to tell him your intentions.



It's always important to be courteous while boating and that means making sure your wake clears other boats by at least 50 feet.

We also want to thank the many folks who pitch in and help during an event even though they are not on a volunteer list for that event. Our committee greatly appreciates the efforts of all our members.

This schedule of events would not be possible without your help! Please take a minute, look at our calendar and see if we can count on your help for any of our upcoming events. There's more coming and more to do!

We hope you are enjoying SIBC!

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<u>Calendar</u> at <a href="http://skidawayislandboatingclub.org/calendar/">http://skidawayislandboatingclub.org/calendar/</a>

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#### **Social Events**

by Linda Dw

SIBC is sponsoring major events every month in 2017. That's more activities than any other island group!



What started as a few simple treats on the docks has turned into a series of Land Events: Dock Parties, Sock Burning, Games Day, the Low Country Hook Race banquet and much more! This year, water events have been added too, starting with the successful cruise to Hilton Head on March 31. (Water Events have their own set of volunteers.)

While this growth is powered by member interest and enthusiasm, these events only happen because of the continued dedication and effort of member volunteers.

The Social Committee would like to recognize the efforts of our Social Events volunteers who have served during 2017 for the January Kickoff, Tall Tales, Burning of the Socks and the April Dock Party:

Merri Blum, Steve Blum, Brian Burtnik, Hannah Burtnik, Georgie Carroll, Judy Faraklas, Nick Faraklas, Reenie Herrick, Roger Herrick, Liz Munro, Mike Munro, Linda Reeves, Ilene Schnabel, Larry Schnabel, Bill Stallings, Gail Stallings, Murray Stern, Al Stiles, Carol Stiles, Linda Tierney

#### **Social Committee**

**Editor** 

Every event starts with Linda Dew, Social Event Director, leading the charge on all Land Events. She works closely with Paulette Hamilton, Amy Collings and Jane Master. Paulette Hamilton takes the leadership role in several events. Amy handles all written publications and also leads some events. Jane Master (that's me, Editor) makes sure all these great events are on our website and keeps you up to date on breaking news with our Bursts.

Don't forget the spouses: Ron Dew, Jake Master and Murray Stern (Amy) are "givens" to help on the day of the event.

Take a minute and volunteer. It's fun!

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#### **Burning of the Socks**

March 16th

We collected and contributed over 300 pairs of socks from our burning ceremony, March 16<sup>th</sup>. Jake Master delivered the socks to the Chatham Savannah Authority for the Homeless. In response, we received a



hand written Thank You note from Cindy Murphy Kelley, Executive Director.

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"4/13/2017

Dear Members of the Skidaway Island Boating Club,

Thank you very much for your gift of 2 bags of socks for our homeless residents. The gift is greatly appreciated by these residents as laundry options are limited. Clean socks help prevent ongoing issues with feet that <u>do not</u> dry!

So appreciated!! Cindy"

#### Does this mean we're famous?

### THE WALL STREET JOURNAL. and

SCUTTLEBUTT SAILING > NEWS

#### We made the front page of the WSJ!

And not only that, our name was bandied about worldwide in **Scuttlebutt**, a daily sailing newsletter with a worldwide distribution.

Roger Herrick, Vice-commodore of SIBC, responded to an email from writer, John Clark. Lo and behold, the email was not a spoof! John Clark found reference to our celebration on the internet and included Roger's quote in his front page article.

"...over the years, the ritual spread along the Coast and the Gulf and to the Great Lakes and the West Coast. 'It's a celebration", said Roger Herrick, Vice-Commodore of Skidaway Island Boating Club in Savannah, Ga. "We take off our socks and get ready for summer'. ...."

Roger had two conversation with the author and SIBC made an additional impression because the WSJ writer knows someone in The Landings!

### Delegal Dock Party, April 20

Our first Dock Party of 2017, at Delegal Marina, drew a stunning +80 people!



There was a phenomenal breeze upstairs at the Captain's Lounge and no bugs bothered us. The view was gorgeous, as always.





The fancier food was a treat and everyone got to enjoy it.



Ron Dew gave a serenade on Erik Moeller's accordion, but no one took a picture! Drat! I left too early!

Every event seems to be better than the last!

Check out the pictures on-line at Delegal Dock Party.