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FROM THE FLY BRIDGE AT DELEGAL

LEE CARROLL

Now that Landings Harbor is almost empty for dredging, and most of us have relocated elsewhere, we can focus on what our plans are for this year. We started with our first event at the Plantation on Wednesday the 20th of this month. Our next social event is on February 25 at the Skidaway Island State Park house. Now I will list our plans for 2016.



SIBC GOALS FOR 2016

SOCIAL – Expand on the type of Social Events – keeping events like Dock Party, Tiki Bar Parties, Low Country Boil, Year End Bash

ADDING – Beach Parties and Family Events

HAVE ON THE WATER EVENTS – Island Trips – Like Daufuskie and Wassaw and destination cruises

EXPAND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES – Not only classroom, but also on the water training focusing on seamanship and safety

OBTAIN LIABILITY INSURANCE – To ensure we are covered for club sponsored events – Like regattas, fish tournaments, charity poker runs, etc.

ENCOURAGE EVENTS THAT GET BOAT OWNERS TOGETHER WITH NON-BOAT OWNERS – LIKE THE DAUFUSKIE AND WASSAW TRIPS

GET MORE INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY ISSUES - relating to boating and the maritime world.

EXPAND BOATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR MEMBERS - As an Example: Sailing – We have a Fleet Captain of Sailing, Paul Reddick. His job is to keep members advised of the upcoming race schedules. If members want to participate as crew, he will try to find a berth on one of the boats racing. This will not be a booze cruise and the crew will be expected to work during the race for those interested.

IMPROVE COMMUNICATIONS ABOUT OUR CLUB – Both internally and externally through Facebook, our newsletter and our new website.

TRY TO FIND A SUITABLE PLACE FOR BOATERS TO GATHER – A place to gather after a day of boating during the boating season in addition to Landings Harbor or Delegal.

DEVELOP AN ORGANIZATION AND COMMUNICATIONS PLAN - a plan that can support all the things we want to accomplish this year. That's going to require volunteers! Lots of volunteers!!

Thanks to all the members who signed up to volunteer during our event Wednesday night! Someone will be contacting you in the next several weeks to determine where you can fit into our organization. We look forward to working together with all of you!

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FINANCIAL

JAKE MASTER

We're too early in the year to have a report. Reports will resume in February when we have a month of activity.

Thanks to all who paid their 2016 dues! If you haven't paid yet, your dues are \$75 per family. I'm back in town now so you can tube checks or other material to 6 MOONGLADE LN (off Westcross near Oakridge club).

See you at the February social.

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Membership

PAULETTE HAMILTON

Next month we will begin welcoming on board our new members. Don't miss the boat!

The new Member Application 2016 is attached to the newsletter email. It is also available to download from our website. Go to this link: Member Application.

Email me more information or assistance!

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Education

JAN WRIGHT

Plans are underway to meet the interests and needs of our membership.

GUEST SPEAKERS. We are planning to have 2-4 guest speakers in 2016 on educational topics. *Please let us know if you have speakers to recommend or topics to requests?*



Classroom instruction will continue to be offered through the United States Power Squadrons® by our partner, Tybee Light Sail & Power Squadron. February and March offerings are listed on the Calendar here.

See the box on **Page 4** for the schedule of classes Tybee Light is planning for the January-July semester. Courses with asterisks will include optional on-the-water instruction. Most courses will be offered at White Bluff Presbyterian Church, and occasionally courses will be offered on Skidaway Island. Preregistration is required so that course materials can be ordered before the class. To pre-register see www.usps.org/findacourse, or contact Jan Wright.

PORT CAPTAINS. Talking to experienced boaters with local knowledge is worth its weight in gold. Our goal is to be able to connect members who have questions with other members who have expertise. If you need help or have an area of expertise to share, let us know!

ON-THE-WATER EXPLORATION. Working with Carefree Boating Club, we will organize a series of educational outings to help you explore our local waters and be able to plan outings of your own with more confidence.

Questions, comments, suggestions? Please contact Jan Wright by phone, 912-659-9358, or email.

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Skidaway Soundings

(MARY) JANE MASTER

Your current and all past newsletters are available to read and download from our website. Click this link: [Skidaway Soundings](http://SkidawaySoundings.org). Remember to send me your personal news about your On the Water activities!



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february

2016

sun	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 5:00-7:00 Drinks at Delegal / Village Pub	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 6:30-9:30 Marine Communications, White Bluff Presbyterian Church (Education Building)	23	24	25 Skidaway Island State Park house	26	27
28	29 6:30-9:30 Marine Communications, White Bluff Presbyterian Church (Education Building)	1	2	3	4	5

march

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sun	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat
28	29	1	2	3	4	5
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Our Website

(MARY) JANE MASTER

SkidawayIslandBoatingClub.org

is open for business! Is it complete? No. I am still creating content and learning how to publish to the web. But, there are pages for you to explore and review – and maybe you will have suggestions?! That would be wonderful!



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Website Cont'd

Education pages are up, the Membership Application is available for download, all the newsletters can be viewed there or downloaded, and there is more....

Activity pages come next including photo slideshows from all our past events. Our calendar will itemize all our upcoming activities. The upcoming Tybee Light Sail & Power classes are listed on Page 4. Our member database will be available behind a member logon feature which will keep our info available only to current members.

Please check it out. Every comment is helpful. No comment can be considered negative because each one can lead to improvement in appearance and usability. Help me out. Take a look. I've been busy creating all the photo artwork and I am not alone in contributing to the verbal content. This is a member undertaking!

Write to me with suggestions for improvement! I would be so happy to hear from you.

Social

ROGER HERRICK

Our main February event will be held on the 25th at Skidaway Island State Park in the recreation center. This is a large hall with fireplace. This event will be BYOB and bring a (mariner's) dish to share. I am looking for two volunteers who, during the evening, would each give a 5 - 10 minute presentation on some maritime moment of interest. It might be navigation, might be reading the stars, or it might be a personal experience like crossing the Gulf stream that would be of interest to members



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On the Water

In this section we welcome local boaters to contribute articles about our local waterways and destinations and/or their voyages. Please submit your articles to the Skidaway Soundings editor: Mary Jane Master, mjmcurlcats@gmail.com



One Design Racing in The Landings

BY MARTY VERNICK, CAPTAIN OF THE RHODES 19 FLEET, THE LANDINGS

"One Design Racing" refers to a sailing competition when all competitors in the event are using the same basic boat...it's similar to NASCAR, but less noisy and a bit slower. The Landings Association owns nine Rhodes 19 sailboats and each weekend, weather permitting, the Sailing Club hosts an afternoon of racing. Generally, we have 3 or 4 short events covering about a 2 1/2 hour period of time. We have a great time, and the beer call afterwards is the time to review strategy, complain about violations, and praise good seamanship.

You must be a Rhodes 19 Club member to participate, although guests are always welcome. Members pay dues ranging from \$20/month for Students to \$55/month for a Family. Prospective members are invited to "test drive" the program a few times, at no charge, to determine if they would like to join. Members may also take a boat out for a recreational sail when they are not racing. This has become a popular diversion, particularly when family and friends are visiting. It is important to note that the boats have a paddle, but no motor. When we race, we have a power boat on the water for emergencies. A mid-week recreational sailor must exercise good judgement so that a drop in wind speed or a grounding does not strand them.



We occasionally have a "Sharks and Minnows" outing for Members and Non-Members alike which pairs beginners with veterans to develop their sailing skills, also at no charge. If you are interested, contact Marty Vernick at martinvernick@gmail.com.

Read more about the Rhodes 19 Sailing Program at [Landings Marina Rhodes 19 Program](#)

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SIBC Rocks!

January 20th The 2016 Kickoff

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Harbor Procedures

Murray Hamilton has extensively explored our waterways and kindly offered to share his knowledge! Watch for more articles here in the newsletter. You will be able to find all his articles on the website. shortly.

I will let you know where to look! mjm Docking in Downtown Savannah

BY MURRAY HAMILTON The dock is located at Rousakis Plaza opposite the Westin Hotel parallel to River Street. Boaters can use the docks for free for up to 3 hours. Upon arrival and after you have tied up at the dock, phone the dock master at 912 651 3634 Mon-Fri before 5 pm. After 5 pm or weekends / holidays, call 912 651 6477. Advise the dock master the name of your vessel and your time of arrival. Call the dock master upon leaving, so that they can record the time you left. There are no dock hands at the harbor.



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Upcoming Classes

Course (*includes optional on-the-water training)	When	How long
Marine Communications Systems: inshore and offshore radio tools, FCC rules and regulations, Global Marine Distress & Safety System & more.	Monday evenings, starting February 22	5 – 6 weeks
America's Boating Course* (8-hour): A complete NASBLA-approved course that meets national and state requirements	Tuesday evenings, starting March 15	4 weeks
America's Boating Course* (16-hour): Includes 8-hour course plus introduction to charting, GPS, cruise planning and navigation	Tuesday evenings, starting March 15	7 weeks
Seamanship*: Boat handling, rules of the road, marlinespike & more.	Thursday evenings, starting April 14	5 weeks
Piloting*: Introduction to daytime cruise planning and navigation under non-adverse conditions.	Tuesday evenings, starting May 10	10 weeks
Seminars: Partner in Command (for crew)*, Boat Handling under Power*, Tides & Currents, Marine Radar, Trailing		
Prefer Online Learning? See www.usps.org/edonline		

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