



Skidaway Island Boating Club

Soundings



Thanks!

John Pufhal has been an active instigator, leader and all around mainstay in the birthing of SIBC. He has worked tirelessly, all hours of the day and night. As such, we have worn him out!



He will now be granted time off to enjoy his newfound retirement.



Leo Carrol, Paulette Hamilton, Cam Harvey, Pat Howard, Roger Herrick, Ruth Mack, Jake Master, Amar Patel, Paul Reddick, Todd Williams, Jan Wright and lots other little ducks in a row.

From the Fly Bridge

LEE CARROLL

First, I want to thank John Pufahl for taking the leadership role for the past 6 months and navigating our Club to where it is today. As the "leadership founding" group knows, John put in an extraordinary amount of effort and time in directing us to be an "inclusive" boating club, bringing together all types of boaters, whether they sail, fish, cruise or kayak, and those just interested in boating



Our leadership group has asked me to replace John until we have our election of officers in October.

We now have 44 family memberships, and have started to have some recognition on Skidaway Island as the venue for boaters to discuss boating issues as well as socialize with other boaters.

Where do we go from here?

With 3 successful social events behind us and next month's "Low Country Boil" event, that part of the club is moving in a good direction. We plan on monthly events, finishing up the year, with a year-end bash at the Sunset Room at Delegal.

The 'Low Country Boil' will be August 13th, 5:30 at Landings Harbor Picnic area, more details to follow.

Next is education. For newcomers to the area, one of our experienced boaters, Cam Harvey, gives orientations on the Georgia coastal area, familiarizing boaters to the

differences in boating here vs other parts of the U.S., like tides, currents, shifting sand bars, markers (intercostal vs

International), weather, anchoring and facilities in the area.

We have the Tybee Power Squadron teaching a course "Americas Boating Course" August 12, 19 and 26th on Skidaway at the Southside Fire dept. at 6:30 pm. This course is an excellent way to improve your boating knowledge and the U.S. Power Squadron is known for giving professional/quality courses.

We are planning some island beach events and cruises in the near future.

We have named a Nominating Committee to develop candidates for officers of the Club and intend to have an election in October for the candidates to be installed beginning next year.

The Club is now incorporated as a non-profit organization under the laws of Georgia. We will investigate securing liability insurance to protect the interest of the club and its officers when we sponsor events.

As you can see, a lot has been accomplished over the past 6 months and we have a lot more to do to be an integral part of the community on Skidaway and to fulfill the interests of our members.

If you are interested in volunteering for one of our committees, please contact me by phone or email.

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Caribbean Night at the Tiki Bar

...another beautiful evening on our coastline ... good food and good friends

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LOW COUNTRY BOIL THURS AUG 13TH

(RAIN DATE WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19TH)

Place: TIKI BAR-LANDINGS HARBOR

Time: 5:30 BYOB FOR COCKTAILS
DINNER AROUND 6:00

Cost: \$18/PERSON, AUG 10 (PAYABLE TO: "SIBC")

Payment: RESERVATION DEADLINE AUG 10
TUBE TO 6 MOONGLADE LN

AND... we will have Bocce Ball on the grounds

Education

JAN WRIGHT

Hello everyone. Richard and I are happy to be members of Skidaway Island Boating Club and it's a pleasure to serve as our club's education committee chair this year. I've been involved with boater education since 2008 and look forward to getting to know you and learning more about your education wants, needs, and priorities and also where you may be willing to volunteer to help. You may reach me by email at vjanwright1@comcast.net or by phone at 912-659-9358.



America's Boating Course

We will get started by inviting Tybee Light Sail & Power Squadron (Savannah's unit of the United States Power Squadrons®) to deliver America's Boating Course on Skidaway Island. America's Boating Course is USPS's flagship public course; it is NASBLA-approved and meets all federal and state requirements for boater education. The 8-hour course covers the basics of safe recreational boating: boat types, safety equipment, fueling, docking, anchoring, navigation rules & aids, marine communications, emergencies, personal watercraft, and marlinespike and will be taught by Tybee Light's certified instructors.

The course has three class sessions and a multiple-choice exam. Successful students will receive a certificate of completion and card.

Dates: 3 Wednesdays, August 12, 19 and 26

Time: 6:30-9:30 PM (Please arrive by 6:15 PM on the first night of class.)

Place: Southside Fire Department training room, McWhorter Boulevard

Price: \$45 (with new book & CD)
\$30 (with loaner book)
\$15 for each additional family member from the same household. Youth scholarships available

Registration: Pre-register online at www.usps.org/findacourse or by emailing me at vjanwright1@comcast.net. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Payment: Payment is due by the first class session in cash or by check payable to TLSPS.

If you would like to receive your book early, please email me and we can make arrangements for that starting August 1. If you or a member of your family has special learning or scheduling needs, please let me know so I can work with you to make suitable arrangements.

I hope to see you on August 12. This course is open to SIBC members, prospective members, and the public. Bring a friend!

Financial

JAKE MASTER

We have 44 members resulting in \$2,200 of revenue this year. We spent about \$900 for SIBC logo merchandise and for events, leaving a blank balance of about \$1,300 at the end of June. We have plenty of hats, shirts and burgees available for purchase from Lee Carroll.



In the next month we will file the various documents with the state of Georgia and the IRS to be a legally organized non-profit social organization. The cost for this will be about \$300, a necessary step so SIBC is properly organized for the future.
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Facebook

AMAR_PATEL

For those members who are unaware, we have established a Facebook page for the Skidaway Island Boating Club. Simply search for Skidaway Island Boating Club



<https://www.facebook.com/>

once logged on to Facebook and "Like" your page. Check out pictures posted from recent events and calendar reminders for upcoming events.

Sailing

AMAR PATEL, TODD WILLIAMS

We'd like to take a moment and introduce everyone to our burgeoning sailing community on Skidaway Island. Currently, SIBC members actively race, cruise and socialize on our local waters, often in conjunction with several other clubs located further up river. As our Club continues to grow, we will begin to offer more sailing-related activities.



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If you want to get on the water, whether new to sailing or an old salt, we have several members who would be more than willing to *show you the ropes* on their boats.

Additionally, the Landings Sailing Club maintains a fleet of Rhodes 19's and is another option for racing and pleasure sailing on Skidaway Island. The Rhodes 19 Program actively races alternate Saturdays and Sundays year round and is sending one crew to the Rhodes 19 National Championship in Marblehead, MA next month. (Contact Marty Vernick for more information on the R-19 Program MartinVernick@gmail.com)

Mid-week, there is a summer Wednesday night racing Inter-Club Challenge hosted by the Savannah Yacht Club. SIBC has four entrants in this series including *Lady in Red* (J-22 - Paul Reddick & Amar Patel), *Chantal* (J-29 - Brian Considine), *Grand Cru* (C&C 33 – Todd Williams), and a Rhodes 19 sailed by multiple SIBC members over the series. Hopefully one of our boats will bring home the winning trophy, so we all can celebrate.

Please contact us at siboatingclub@gmail.com if you are interested in learning to sail or have experience and would like to crew in an upcoming event.

Membership

PAULETTE HAMILTON

As chairman of the Membership Committee, I welcome you to our newly formed club. It is exciting watching the club grow. It is the goal of SIBC to encourage and support whatever your interest. We are varied in interests but hold common our love for the waters surrounding us.



Whether at Delegal or Landings Harbor, our social events have been a great success, such as this July's Caribbean Night and the Dock Party which was this past June. You can find all this information on our Facebook page.

Our next scheduled event is Thursday, August 13 - Low Country Boil - at Landings Harbor's Tiki Bar. Bring a drink, enjoy the company, join in a game of bocce ball, and savor the delicious foods prepared by Russo's Seafood.

Again, welcome to SIBC. I know you will enjoy everything the club has to offer. I hope you have time to stop by for one of our upcoming socials. Looking forward to meeting you. Welcome Aboard!! Sushi1103@mac.com

Newsletter News

JANE MASTER

Send me newsletter contributions! We want to include articles about all areas of interest. Are you planning a **Kayak** trip? Can you write an article about **Fishing**? Are you putting together a **Motoring** trip on the water?



Let me know if you have club related items you want to *Sell or Purchase* or if you need *Information/Assistance* with a project. If we have enough interest, we can include an entire section of ads: **Sell/Purchase/Assist.**

Photos: I want more pictures for the Soundings Newsletter! Take pictures of yourself and your friends as you play along our waterfront and waterways. They can be included alongside photos of SIBC sponsored events.

Speaking of pictures, help out by taking your own pictures at our events and sending them to me.

This is the first SIBC Soundings newsletter in this format. I know it will grow and improve over time. Send along your ideas and contributions to me by email: mjmcurlycats@gmail.com or tube: 6 Moonglade Ln.

NOTE: THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE DURING THIS LEARNING PROCESS. FROM NOW ON, YOU CAN LOOK FORWARD TO ONLY ONE NEWSLETTER A MONTH!