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## *Skidaway Soundings*

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January 2018

*RSVP today!*

**Feb. 15 6 p.m.  
Potluck Dinner  
Skidaway Island State Park**

Enjoy friendship around the fireplace and some “Tall Tales” of the sea at our annual potluck dinner. This year’s guest speaker is Laurie Sattler, manager of the Savannah port deepening project, who is also well-known on Skidaway for her fishing and boating expertise.

This popular event is held inside the *heated* Group Shelter Building. There is no charge but please BYOB and **RSVP** to [siboatingclub@gmail.com](mailto:siboatingclub@gmail.com) with your name(s) and what dish you’re bringing (appetizer, entree, veggie/salad/side or dessert.) There is a \$5 parking fee, so carpooling is suggested. Sign up today for this delicious and delightful evening!



### ***...Roger THAT!***

*Comments from Commodore Roger Herrick*

Silly me. I thought a “name this column” contest might elicit titles worthy of the role of Commodore. We received a bunch of responses, all good - or good-natured - and probably apropos for my personality. Thanks and congratulations to Gary Schopfer whose creativity rose above the rest! This year, we say thanks and fond farewells to a number of folks. Lee Carroll, Commodore for the past two years, has stepped into an “of counsel” role. Lee was one of the founding fathers of SIBC, and served this Club well. Cam Harvey steps down as Director. Cam and Mandy remain on the island and we’ll see them about – and seek Cam’s counsel also. Jake and Jane Master and beautiful *Masterpeace* are leaving the island for inland waters. Jake, also a founding father, was both Secretary and Treasury during his time on the board. He brought financial discipline, integrity and an extraordinary boating skillset to the Board and Club. Jane, as most know, was our tremendously dedicated Secretary and author, production manager, editor, and photo-journalist for this *Soundings* newsletter. We thank them, and will miss them terribly. But, this Club has grown, yielding new volunteers. Dave Angell has accepted the position of Director, and with the assistance of Sailing Fleet Capt. Mark Winters, will take on management

duties for our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Low Country Hook Race. Murray Stern joins us as Treasurer, and Susie Fusco will juggle our social engagements. Bob Munson is our new communications/webmaster, and Amy Collings is newsletter editor until a permanent editor is found. Sincere thanks to all! Our theme this year is Members First. While some would argue that Club growth is the metric, we'd like to hear from you about what you like about activities we do, and what you'd like to do more of. We will be looking to you, members, for feedback and ideas. Check the website for our calendar of events. We will update it as we get rolling. Pick an activity, volunteer, make it yours or simply lend a helping hand.

For me, it's a privilege to be part of this group. Thanks to all those who work so hard behind the scenes to make this Club what it is, and thanks for the confidence shown in electing me as Commodore. I am really looking forward to a great 2018.

### ***Hold these Dates!***

***March 15: SIBC's Annual Burning of the Socks! Take part in this traditional ceremony that marks the start of the boating season – with a twist! In addition to burning our worn-out winter socks in the Landings marina fireplace, we will collect new, white athletic socks for Savannah's homeless.***

***April 7-8: There will be an overnight cruise to Hilton Head on the weekend of April 7-8. We had a great time at Shelter Cove Harbour and Marina last year and will return for another fun outing. We need volunteers to help organize the transportation of members on our boats, and help organize the social events at Hilton Head. Please contact Lee Carroll at [icar794082@aol.com](mailto:icar794082@aol.com) or 598-5294 if you can assist.***



### ***Landing Harbor Tiki Bar***

SIBC and Carefree Boat Club, in conjunction with The Landings Association, have been working on plans to expand the Tiki Bar at Landings Harbor to enhance that beautiful, waterside location. While this amenity would benefit the entire island, it was our hope that the marinas and the boating clubs on Skidaway might spearhead an effort and provide voluntary funding to advance the project.

At our very well attended SIBC annual Kick Off January 18, we were thrilled that SIBC members provided cash and pledges of some \$2000, with Carefree Boat Club generously providing another \$2000. The Landings Association, continuing their partnership in this effort, will endeavor to expand the Tiki Bar, adding greater size and functionality. The plan calls for doubling roof size, expanding the platform and providing roll down sides to the bar to permit use during foul weather.

Funding any project can be difficult. As an island-wide amenity, Club funds could not be used, but we hoped members would financially contribute to bring this concept a step closer to reality. TLA, our partner in this effort, was willing to match our contributions with in-kind support.

Everyone, this is such a great response. Your generous offerings are wonderful. SIBC, along with partners TLA, the Marinas and Carefree, will continue to work towards implementation of this goal, and will plan on enjoying many “Tiki Tuesdays” with all of you at the harbor.

Donations may be tubed to SIBC at 3 Cuthbert Lane (MW), 20 Tarrow Ridge Road (OR) or to Carefree at Delegal marina.



### *Landings Sailing Fleet* *Captain Mark Winters*

The Landings Sailing Fleet has chosen the names of *Scarlett* and *Bonnie Blue* for the two recently purchased J24s. A naming ceremony will be held in the near future. Tito Perez assembled a crew and sailed *Scarlett* in the CSC Frostbite Series. She has proven to be a fast boat. Doug Powelson has been given the role of getting *Bonnie Blue* race ready. In the spring, look for these boats along with Paul Reddick's and Amar Patel's J24, *Rogue*, to hold some races. Hopefully, the J24s up river will join them. The fleet continues racing Rhodes 19s most weekends weather permitting. The beauty of our island is enhanced when you see it from a sailboat. Guests and potential members are always welcome.

### *Membership* *Paulette Hamilton*

Annual dues are just \$75 per household, due Jan. 1. Please tube your check, payable to Skidaway Island Boating Club, to 3 Cuthbert Lane (MW) or go to our website at [skidawayislandboatingclub.org](http://skidawayislandboatingclub.org) and click on PayPal.

After you pay your 2018 membership dues, pick up your 2018 nametag at our next event, and insert it in your lanyard. Your lanyard with your nametag is your proof of membership. Remember to wear it to all SIBC events!

### *Ship's Store* *Jean Kovalski*

SIBC hats, shirts, jackets, bags and more! Contact [jkov@ymail.com](mailto:jkov@ymail.com) for all of your SIBC swag! Pricing and sizes vary. Stop by the Ship's Store table at the next SIBC event and check it out! Cash and checks only.



### *Anchors Aweigh! A farewell note from Jake & Jane Master*

Sailboat racers say, "A race can be won or lost at the start." SIBC was clearly a win right from the start! Jake was a part of the first conversations about starting a boating club, and I hopped aboard shortly after. Between us, we have covered Secretary and Treasurer, created the club newsletter, created the website, (including content), and did event bursts and graphics! Both of us were a part of starting and growing the Low Country Hook Race to its current resounding success! In 2018, we are sailing away with *Masterpeace* to Lake Lanier, GA. It will be a new adventure for us, and SIBC will benefit from new people stepping in to continue growing and improving the club. Thanks for the memories! -- [jwmsails@gmail.com](mailto:jwmsails@gmail.com) and [mjmcurlcats@gmail.com](mailto:mjmcurlcats@gmail.com)



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**Feb. 9 – 11:** Dive in to the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Grey's Reef Film Festival! This year's feature films include the world premiere of "From Iron Clad to Artifact: The Journey of the CSS Georgia," detailing the salvage operation that reclaimed a Civil War shipwreck from the Savannah River in 2017. And be sure to check out "Shifting Baselines," documenting the changes in local fisheries over the decades as witnessed by coastal Georgia fishing families. For ticket info and details, visit [graysreefnmsf.org](http://graysreefnmsf.org).



### ★ *Memorable Moments*

*Lots of food, fun and friends at the January Kick-off!*





*Outgoing Commodore Lee Carroll welcomes Roger Herrick as incoming Commodore, while newly appointed Board Secretary Judy Faraklas (above, center) and Vice Commodore Paulette Hamilton (below, left) meet and greet members.*



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