

April 18th, 2022



Commodore Log

N Lat: 31° 54' 1.1716" W Long: 81° 2' 50.143'



Ahoy from the Desk of your Commodore.

Well spring has sprung on Skidaway Island and in Coastal Georgia. The flowers are in bloom, the grass is green, the trees have new leaves and the song birds are back. This is a beautiful time of year to be in Coastal Georgia and to spend some time on the water.

SIBC took advantage of the good weather and adventured to Fort McAllister across the Vernon river, thru Hell's Gate and up the Ogeechee River. The wind was up and the seas were a bit rough going out and the tides were against us but 11 hardy souls braved the wind and waves to unload at the Fort McAllister Public Dock, tour the fort and the museum and picnic at the Fort McAllister picnic area. On land, the weather was sunny and warm and the tour of the fort was excellent. Those of us who wished to have an early happy

hour at Fish Tales where ferried on Miami Vice to the restaurant and those who wished to return to Delegal Marina were transported on Miami Vice back to the marina. SIBC members who stayed for happy hour were transported back to Delegal Marina on Lil Big Town. Everyone got back safe and sound and NO ONE WAS LOST AT SEA! A successful trip and a lot of fun. Pictures of the event can be seen in the Appendix to this newsletter.

In this newsletter, I wanted to take this opportunity to highlight to our SIBC members the boating classes available locally to become a more confident boater on the water, at the helm and in the company of other boaters. The Georgia Coastal Low Country is a very unique area for boating and unfamiliar boaters often get in trouble reading the currents and tides in this area.

The Tybee Light Sail & Power Squadron offers courses at a nominal fee (\$45) on various boating subjects and most classes are held at the White Bluff Presbyterian Church in Savannah. The Power Squadron offers a wide range of courses, seminars, and webinars to help you be the best boater you can be. The courses include:

- Basic Boating Skills
- Boat Handling
- Rules of the Road
- Inland, coastal, and offshore navigation using marine electronics and traditional methods
- Electronics, including marine radios, GPS and chartplotters, AIS, radar and more
- Boat Systems, including engines, electrical systems, and fuel systems
- Trailering your boat
- Cruise and trip planning
- Weather and marine environment
- Much, Much More

For course descriptions and to pre-register go to:

<https://www.abclubsavannah.org> then go to Education. Spring session started April 2; Summer Session starts July 16th and Fall Session starts October 1.

SIBC Upcoming Events

Dockside Bar – Every Friday 5:00pm to 7:00pm

May 14th – Bar-B-Q/Sock Donation @ Dockside Bar

June 11th – Pontoon Boat to Ossabaw Island

August TBD – Tall Tales

September 17th – Hook Race – Finish Line LHM and Celebration
at Dockside Bar

Email hughandcharlene@gmail.com with questions or for reservations.

Off Watch



Photo Appendix

April 13th – Carefree Flotilla to Fort McAllister



SIBC Flotilla Course to Fort McAllister

Fort McAllister from the Water



**Captain Herman and 1st Mate
Shanti on Miami Vice**



**Captain Hugh and 1st Mate
Charlene unloading at Public
Docks**



**One Stop on the Guided Tour...SIBC Members
Surveying the forts BIG Guns**



**Small But Mighty – Mortar being viewed by the few
SIBC members who ventured far afield.**



Beautiful Spot For a Picnic



Shanti & Herman enjoying Lunch

**Lee ... just chilling out
enjoying a few beers**

**Ray and Maureen enjoying their
lunch.**

