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Ahoy from the Desk of your Commodore.

The SIBC Year End Bash, which was held on October 25th, was a great success and was a fitting end to a very successful year for SIBC. We have been able to rebuild the club from the effects of the COVID years and we were able to schedule multiple monthly activities on and off the water. All events were well received and enjoyed by all who attended. We finished the year with over

100 SIBC members which is a significant increase in membership from 2020 and 2021. We have updated and refreshed the SIBC website, produced a new, updated SIBC Information Brochure to hand out and we're able to donate \$2,000 to our selected charity, The Tiny Homes Project for veterans. The club finished the year fiscally sound and will enter 2023 with a cash surplus. This is all made possible by the strength of our membership and the Year End Bash was a fitting way for the SIBC Board to say "Thank You" for your membership and support over the year. Let's make 2023 even more successful!

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The Year End Bash proved to be a highlight event of the year for the 60 SIBC members who participated. Members were treated to a host bar with a bartender serving a variety of red and white wines and Mojitos. The Mojitos proved to be very popular, so much so that halfway thru the event we had to purchase additional lime juice. The food and service provided by “B Catering” received many, many complements by our members. Everyone seemed very happy with the amount, quality and choices of food provided. The spotted sea bass was exceptionally fresh having been caught fresh the day before the event and cooked just before the event that evening. Members had a choice of three salads and four entrees: pulled pork, BBQ chicken, crab cakes and blackened fish. For vegetables, we had sauteed vegetables and roasted potatoes which were excellent. Three types of loaf cake deserts gave the final touch to the meal. These loaf cakes included Tiramisu, Triple Chocolate and Tres Leches and they proved to be very popular. The weather was balmy and members were able to dine on the porch and were treated to an colorful sunset over Delegal Marina, which was a fabulous finish to a very fine meal.

Background music was provided by Ricky Standard during dinner. After dinner, there was dancing to the Golden Oldies!

A Great Time was had by all!!

Here is a link to the photo album of the evening:

<https://skidawayislandboatingclub.org/sibc-year-end-bash/>

I want to thank all the members who helped decorate the Sunset Pavillion room for the event and help clean up after the event: Many “Thanks” go to the SIBC Social Committee: Lee Carroll, Georgie Carroll, June Hernandez and Charlene Upton for all the work to prepare for the Year End Bash and to pull off a successful event. In addition, I want to thank those who stepped up to help decorate the Sunset Pavillion room: Steve Hernandez, Daniel and Samantha Liang, Ed and Patti Richards, Laurie Etherington, John and Anne Tripp, and Eric and Gerry Ann Flicker, and Stephanie Elliman. A special thanks to those who stayed after the event to clean up and put the room back in order: June and Steve Hernandez, Ed and Patti Richards, Lee and Georgie Carroll, and Charlene Upton.

SIBC Savannah Excursions

Gray's Reef Ocean Discovery Center



On October 19th, a small group of SIBC members ventured out to the opening of the Gray's Reef Ocean Discovery Center and had a fascinating afternoon.

Seven SIBC members had lunch at the Crystal Beer Parlor, the oldest restaurant in Savannah. The Crystal Beer Parlor is filled with old historic photos and paraphernalia of Savannah and the area. We were treated to the history of the Crystal Beer Parlor by the Manager. It turns out that in the early 1900's, what became known as the Crystal Beer Parlor, started as the Gerken Family Grocery Store. It was sold in early 1930 to William "Blocko" and Connie Manning. The "Crystal" was one of the first American eating establishments to serve alcohol after the repeal of Prohibition. Prior to the end of Prohibition, Blocko ran illegal hooch and operated a speakeasy at the Crystal Beer Parlor. The name was borrowed from the Crystal Ice Plant next door. The Crystal Ice Plant is no longer in operation but the Crystal Beer Parlor is going strong.

Following lunch, our group walked to the opening of Gary's Reef Ocean Discovery Center. This was a fascinating time exploring the exhibits, video's and pictures that were on display of Gray's Reef and the surrounding Marine Sanctuary. Probably the highlight for me was the 360 degree virtual reality goggles that allowed you to spend time actually exploring the reef and surroundings as videoed by research

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scuba divers. With the goggles on, you could see a loggerhead sea turtle glide toward you, a nurse shark snuggling into the sand and a school of black sea bass swimming by as if their movements were choreographed. Truly a unique experience. I recommend that you explore Gray's Reef Ocean Discovery Center. You will not be disappointed!



On The Water

I wanted to share with you an exceptional experience my wife and I had on the water near Burnside Island the other day with Shanti and Herman Stone and some friends of theirs from Chicago. We came across a school of Dolphins who were in an extremely playful mood. They were jumping out of the water, doing flips, doing tale flaps and were just very curious about us as we drifted along with our engines at idle speed. Several times they came right next to the boat and rolled over to look at us. Herman Stone created a video of this unique event and we wanted to share it with SIBC Members since it was such an unusual experience. Here is the link....Enjoy!:

<https://skidawayislandboatingclub.org/a-beautiful-day-playing-with-dolphins/>

Help Wanted

SIBC is seeking volunteer help from our members due to a recent loss of several of our key officers for various reasons. We currently are seeking members who can help us with the following positions:

Dockside Bar Stool Refinishing

We are currently looking for a volunteer to strip and refinish a new Dockside Bar Stool. If you are handy and would like to help out with this refinishing effort contact me at the eMail below. Once you complete the refinish job you will have your name plate permanently installed on the back of the chair.

Interim Vice Commodore

- Assist the Commodore in the discharge of his duties
- In the absence or disability of the Commodore, serve as acting Commodore

2023 Events – Looking Forward

SIBC Social Committee will be considering the following Events for 2023. The final list of events will be published in January of 2023. Drop me an email if there are other activities you would like us to consider in 2023.

January – SIBC Members Meet and Greet, Pot Luck Dinner/Bingo Bash

February – Excursion into Savannah to:

- Ships of the Sea Museum,
- Gray's Reef Discovery Center,
- UGA Marine Extension
- Other destinations of interest

March – Sock Burning and BBQ, Dockside Bar Happy Hours

Resume every other Friday

April – Carefree Boat Flotilla to a Restaurant on the Water for Lunch

May – Carefree Boat Flotilla to Fish Tales/Fort McAllister

June – Sunset Dinner/Dolphin Cruise

July – Pontoon Boat to Fort Jackson & Lunch in Savannah

August – Tall Tales BBQ Dinner/Drinks

September – Hook Race Finish Line at LHM and Hosted Dockside Bar

October – Year End Bash

Upcoming Events of Interest

UGA Marine Extension Events

Coastal Stewards: Georgia Oysters - November 18, 4 – 5 pm

Oyster Roast for a Reason – November 19th 1 – 4 pm

Go to this link for more info: gacoast.uga.edu/events

Off Watch

