

April 2023

THE MAIN SHEET



New members, James & Beth Ann Dickie, brought a fun tradition to the club with our *First Annual Sock Burning*. This is a maritime tradition begun in 1978, celebrating the Spring Equinox and the return of boat shoes worn sockless. Everyone had a great time peeling off their socks and tossing them into the fire. Be sure and read James' *Sock Burning Ode* printed inside.



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Commodore's Comments

Dear Fellow Members,

I hope this news letter finds all of you well. I have recently discovered that the county finance department checks our boatyard for boats that are not registered in South Carolina. They keep track of these vessels and will tow them if registration is not completed in a reasonable amount of time. I believe this is to make sure they can collect every penny of tax money. Please register your boat as soon as possible to prevent having problems.

If any of you—male or female—has an idea for an event you would like to head up for the club, please mention it to me or any of the other members of the Board of Stewards. It is not necessary for you to be a member of a committee to do so.

If you have a friend that is genuinely interested in joining the club we will compensate you for their dinner. This cannot be just an ordinary guest you might bring but has to be someone very interested in joining. Please let Leslie Gilroy know before the meal so she make arrangements.

I want to thank James Dickie (and I am sure Beth Ann was part of this) for leading us in our first ever Sock Burning. There was fun for all! I also want to thank everyone for the great food! We think this was our first annual sock burning.

Kathe Golden

The Burning of the Sock 🔥



Burning of the Sock Ode

It started long ago up Annapolis way,
Now sailors all over the world gather on this day.

Tis time to wash off the pollen and head to the
docks, but not until we burn our old dirty socks.

Burn your socks my friends, for winter is done,

Tis time for boating, fishing, and fun. We're off
to Calibogue and Port Royal Sounds and the
smell of pluff mud will surely abound.

So pull up those pantlegs, and take off your
shoes, Pull off those socks and break out the
brews.

For now we shed our winter's shackles and light
them on fire, yes let them burn, watch the flame
grows higher.

Goodbye to winter, only deck shoes and flip-
flops we wear! While the socks we are burning
leave a stink in the air!

And so the tale ends, our toes we will not hide...
Long live our tradition, with Hilton Head pride!



Food & Beverage Committee

Leslie Gilroy, Chair
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Reservations required for
dinners. Signups will be emailed
to members. Meals are \$25.00.
Special dinners are \$30.00
Take-out is an option. You will
have your dinner served to you
in takeout containers. Takeout
dinners will be served first.

BARTENDERS

Sunday 4/9
Easter Brunch
Mike and Leslie Gilroy

4/14
Steve and Linda
Strelcheck

4/21
Steve and Judy Wilbert

4/28
Kathe Golden and Jack
Turner

Friday Night Dinners with Chef Wendell Osborne 6:00PM Cocktails 7:00PM Dinner

Easter Brunch

April 9

Fruit

Belgian waffles w/ assorted toppings

Scrambled eggs

Skillet potatoes

Mini Quiche Lorraine

Bacon

Maple sausage

Assorted Danish

April 14

Panzanella salad

Lasagna

Garlic shrimp Alfredo

Garlic butter asparagus

Tiramisu

April 21

Garden salad

Pot roast

Lemon baked trigger fish

Wild rice pilaf

Roasted brussel sprouts

Brownie

April 28

Cobb Salad

Meatloaf

Buttermilk fried chicken

Mashed potatoes

Succotash

Birthday Cake

St. Patrick's Day Parade & Dinner





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Update

March, again, was a very busy month with lots of fun activities. Before our meeting on the 9th, a group of us had a delicious lunch in the Carolina Crab's dining room. When Wendell is booked, we now have 3 close-by restaurants where we can meet our friends and enjoy good meals.

Good news: We welcomed 2 new members—Beth Ann Dickie & Pat Muma. Pat & Julie Traylor volunteered to run the Ship's Store with Betty Bush advising. Do check out the varied items for sale.

If you haven't paid your dues, please send your check for \$15 to Julie (made out to NautiLadies) & mail to 11 Stonegate Ct, HHI, SC 29926.

Babs Erny read a thoughtful letter from Cheri Sires voicing concern about two erroneous budget items. Jean was tasked with pointing them out to Jim Manning at the next BOS. We also discussed having more "money-making" events.

The weekend of the 12th was St. Patrick's Day. A mix of weather didn't dampen the enthusiasm for the parade & festive meal afterwards. Thanks to all who joined in this traditional event, especially Sonny Compher & Leslie & Mike Gilroy.

On Monday March 20th, thanks to James & Beth Ann Dickie, we celebrated our "First Annual Sock Burning." This is a maritime tradition begun in 1978, celebrating the Spring Equinox and the return of boat shoes worn sockless. What fun it was to peel off our socks & toss them into a perfect fire created by Dave Shkor. After James recited the Sock Burning Ode (read from his magnificent scroll), we can now be confident that warm weather will shortly be here permanently, and "socklessness" can be the norm. Thanks to all who participated.

Future events to look forward to are:

April 4—Symphony Under Stars. Linda Bange coordinating a group to sit together.

April 9—Easter Brunch

April 13—NautiLadies' meeting at 1:00. Lunch to be announced.

April 28—Mitchelville. Deb Pepe in charge of very interesting lecture followed by dinner at club.

Mitchelville Tour April 28, 2023

Ever wondered about Mitchelville Freedom Park located toward the end of Beach City Road? We have planned a private tour on



Friday, April 28 at 4:30, before our Friday Night dinner. The tour will be lead by Mitchelville Docernt, Tammie Nix, who grew up here on the island.

Quoted from the New York Times, by Shayla Martin, Feb. 5, 2023.

“...founded in 1862, Mitchelville was the first self-governed town of free Black people in the United States. At its height, 3,000 formally enslaved residents lived on 200 acres. The residents

elected their own officials and had compulsory education and their own system of laws - rights that had previously been denied to them. Their West African heritage is the foundation for the region’s Gullah Geechee culture, a distinct blend of West African art, crafts, cuisine, music and language influenced by life on the Sea Islands and the coastal plains of the Southeast.”

More information and registration to come via Constant Contact. Participants limited to 15. If there are more people interested, we can always set up another time.

<https://exploremitchelville.org/>

Questions? Contact Deb Pepe 843-338-2522.

Outside Workday Rescheduled **Please join the outside work crew on** **Saturday, April 29 from 10:00-1:00**

Get some sunshine Vitamin C while sprucing up the outside club and grounds. Snacks and beverages will be provided. Bring your loppers, clippers, pruners, rakes, hats & gloves. If anyone has a pressure washer, the new deck area needs a good spraying along with general grounds maintenance rounds out our list.

BTW, any master gardeners in our membership or green thumbs interested in reviving a garden club to colorize and glamorize our landscape? If so, please contact Jean Hillenbrand at cjhillen46@gmail.com or [317.997.9746](tel:317.997.9746).

Sailing News

Jim Vaughn

Report from the bilge

Our off the water activities in March were a bit of a bust.

Bar Stool Regatta

Only two hearty sailors showed up to compete in the regatta. It was still a lot of fun and I hope Jean and Babs both had fun and learned something.

First Place was taken by Jean Hillenbrand and Babs Erny came in a close second. Both said they had a good time and learned some new sailing terms!



- The boat and boat locker cleanup is still to be scheduled (My Bad!!!)
- The introduction to *Sailing Terms and Skills* offered by James Dickie and Deb Plonski had to be rescheduled due to a conflict.

Flying Scots

Fleet 134 is updated and registration paid for the 2023 season. We are still waiting for a dock where we can set up one of the fleet boats for orientation and training.

Fun sailing TBD

The skippers who have agreed to take other members out on their boats for some fun day sailing are still working on getting their boats ready. The club will send out emails when we know they are ready to participate and we can get the activity started for 2023.

Upcoming area racing

April

1-2 BYSC (Beaufort) Santa Elena Regatta (for Catboats)

20-23 CORA - Charleston Race Week (this is the largest regatta on the east coast)

May

6 SCYC Windmill Harbor- DDS&A Cup (DeSole Cup)

13 BYSC Spring Invitational

Fair Winds and Calm Seas Jim Vaughn FS 3428

Contact at: phone or text 843-384-7322

Email jim@vaughnsystems.com

Power Boats

Mike Gilroy

2023 Power Boating Lunch Cruise Schedule

Click on restaurant name to see menus.

Monday, April 10: The Cottage (Bluffton)

Monday, April 24: Huey's (Savannah)

Tuesday, May 9: Old Towne Dispensary (Bluffton)

Tuesday, May 23: Flying Fish (Tybee Island)

Wednesday, June 7: Tubby's Tankhouse (Thunderbolt, GA)

Wednesday, June 21: Hearth (Beaufort)

Wednesday, July 5: Marker 244 (Port Royal)

Thursday, July 20: Plum's (Beaufort)

Wednesday, August 2: Tortuga's (Thunderbolt)

Tuesday, August 15: Buffalo's (Palmetto Bluff)

Wednesday, September 6: 11th Street Fish Camp (Port Royal)

Tuesday, September 19: Daufuskie Crab Company (Daufuskie Island)

Tuesday, October 3: Q on Bay (Beaufort)

Thursday, October 19: The Crab Shack (Tybee Island)

As he has always done through the years, Dave Shkor has several concepts that are under consideration. First, a raft up, with attendees bringing hors d'oeuvres and BYOB, using one or more of our new members' sailboats as anchor boats, perhaps behind Middle Marsh Island. Second, a boat/lunch outing to the Port Royal Maritime Museum; and finally third, a revival of Dave's classic Marker Run with intriguing clues to local landmarks and special gifts for the winners.

And I may try to throw in Dinner Cruises in May, June and/or July to take advantage of the late sunset times.

Given all this, it should be a memorable year on the water. **Be a part of it!**

All the best,

Mike Gilroy

New Member Profiles

Steve and Judy Wilbert



Steve and Judy Wilbert relocated from the Jersey Shore in 2021, where they lived together for 51 years. They raised their three sons; Steve, Jeff and Joe (twins) [and Star, their ShiTzu]. Steve was a co-owner of Colts Neck Sales & Service and sold the service station to Exxon in 1997. Their children were born less than 3 years apart, so Judy was a stay-home-mom. In addition to raising their children, she hosted family Italian Family Dinners. For many years, Judy worked as a bookkeeper and retired from the Arc of Monmouth. She is passionate about her family, cooking, baking and gardening. Both enjoy spending quality time with their four grandchildren and receiving morning phone calls from their boys. They both love living a relaxing life on the water, boat and dolphin

watching. They are so excited to be members and look forward to many great times

Welcome to all our new members!

Have you seen little blue dots on the name tags of new members? This is your clue to welcome them. We would like these dots to remain for a few months, but may be removed at the discretion of the wearer!

Shawn & Patricia Muma
David Wallace
Stephen & Jody Wilbert
James & Christie Hogan
Laurin Easthom
John & Susan McClave
Renee Bradley & Carl Merz
Mark & Ann Baker
John & Vicki Westerveldt
Steve Pittelli
Scott Hammet
Trent & Heidi Witthoef
Gina Patrick & Bill Mitchell
James Runser
Beth Ann & James Dickie
John Nelson

Wine Club Cellar Sale

Time to empty the entire collection of delicious wines. There'll be no restocking of new additions so buy now for best selection. Enjoy at the club or take home to your personal wine cellar at the bargain price of \$15.00 a bottle.

Purchase by writing *Other, \$15.00 Wine* at the bottom of your Bar Chit.

Thank you to those who supported the Wine Club sales. Unfortunately, there were not enough of you to sustain it.

Available wines

SWEET:

Moscato d'Asti '15 DOCG, Italy

SPARKLING:

La Marca Prosecco, Italy

Belletti Prosecco, Italy

WHITE:

Acrobat '21 Pinot Gris, Oregon

Chasing Venus '21 Sauvignon Blanc, New Zealand

Delicious Monster White Blend, South Africa

Friends White Blend, California

Leonard Kreusch '20 Piesporter, Germany

Nobilo '18 Sauvignon Blanc, New Zealand

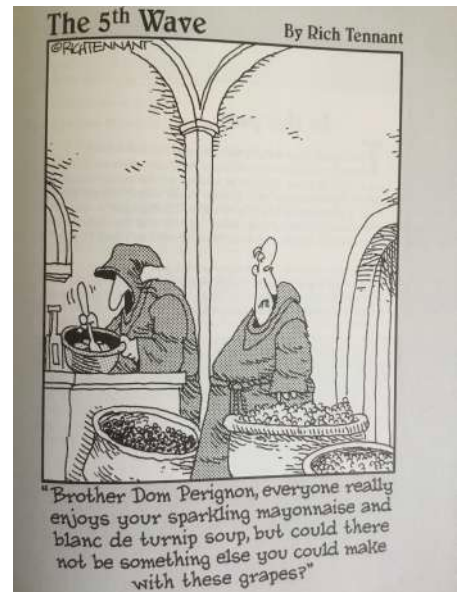
RED:

Carmel Road '19 Cabernet Sauvignon, California

Gouguenheim '17 Cabernet Sauvignon, Argentina

Les Cadrans '18 St. Emillion, France

Yellow Tail '20 Cabernet Sauvignon, Australia



The Ship's Store

**Now Open During Happy Hour on Fridays
and at Club Events**

**Get your Yacht Club polos, sweatshirts, jackets, hats, long
and short-sleeved t-shirts here!**



UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr

4	Symphony Under the Stars	7:30PM
9	Easter Brunch	11AM
10	Power Boat Cruise to Bluffton	TBD
13	NautiLadies Meeting	1 PM
14	Friday Night Dinner	6 PM
21	Friday Night Dinner	6 PM
24	Power Boat Cruise to Savannah	TBD
28	Friday Night Dinner	6 PM
28	Mitchelville Tour	TBD

May

9	Power Boat Cruise to Bluffton
23	Power Boat Cruise to Tybee Island

