

COMMANDER LETTER

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Greetings!

I am sure that you share my sentiments - Enough of this cold weather! I am so looking forward to better weather and warmer temperatures so that we can get out on the water once again!

Planning for our cruises is in high gear, and I expect the schedules for both our Adventure and Magellan Cruises to be published in February. Please note that Bob Newbert has set the date for the Scavenger Hunt II on June 17! Please save the date for this fun and unique on-the-water experience!

We launched our 2024 Dinner Meetings on January 14, 2023, with another great dinner at The Club at Indigo Run. Our guest speakers were Kathy Caliendo and Chris Kehrer from the Port Royal Sound Maritime Foundation. We learned about the services provided by the Foundation, the new facilities at the Maritime Museum on Lemon Island, and the uniqueness of the Port Royal Sound and its many natural treasures. Our next dinner meeting will be held on February 27 and our speaker will be Jason Ryan, the author of ***Jackpot: High Seas & The Sting That Launched the War On Drugs.***

The first session of America's Boating Course in 2024 is scheduled for February 17 at the USC Beaufort campus. This course is open to the public as well as ABCHH members. Spread the word to your boating friends and to enroll, one can contact Rick Sturges at edofficer@abchh.org.

Our Vessel Safety Check Program is an important part of our Community Service efforts here in The Lowcountry. We are recruiting members to become Certified VSC examiners. Becoming certified as an examiner is relatively easy and is a great way to become more involved in ABCHH and in the local boating community. If you are interested in becoming a VSC examiner, please contact me or Linda Larson at larson419@gmail.com or 252-599-1953. It is also a good time to contact Linda to schedule your 2024 Vessel Safety Check.

In 2024 we are revising our publication schedule for the Ocean Breeze to be every other month. Look for the next Ocean Breeze to be published in late March.

I hope to see you on the water soon! Safe boating!

Craig