

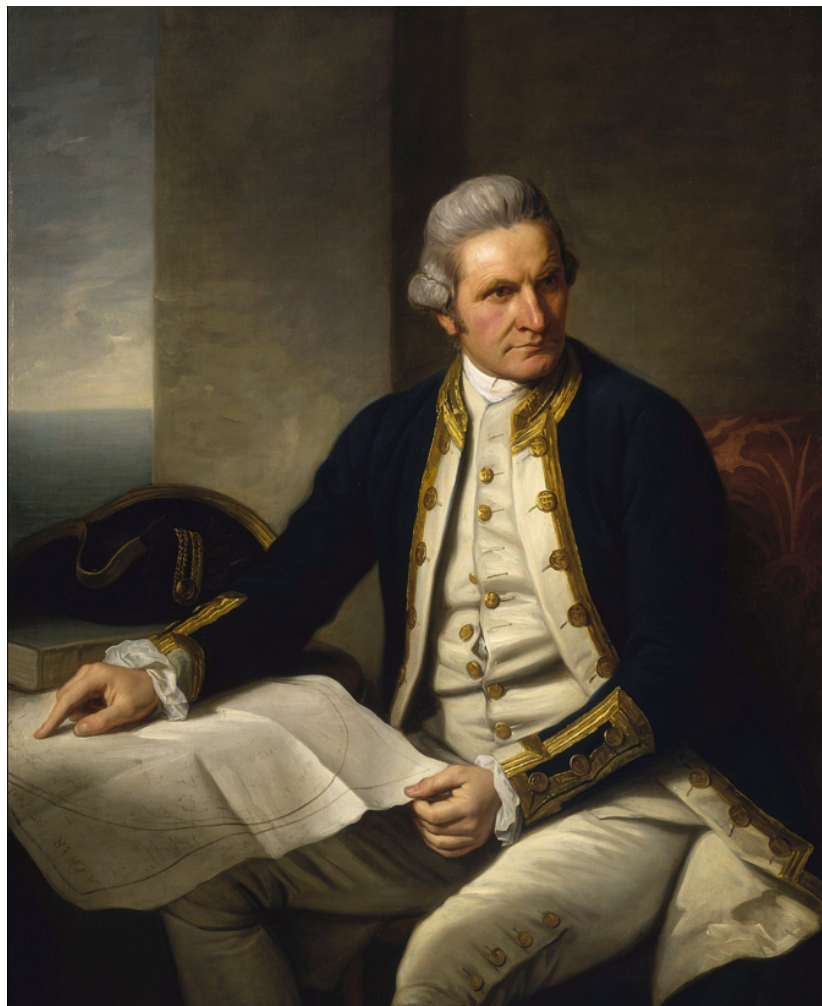
Cook's Cadre "At Work"

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Ferdinand Magellan. Christopher Columbus. Vasco DeGama. Sir Francis Drake.
Capt. James Cook.

Historic mariners and cartographers all.

Capt. James Cook is arguably the greatest naval explorer & cartographer of the group for without modern instruments, he created accurate charts of unexplored seas and the lands they embraced.



Following in Cook's footsteps, and those of Magellan, Columbus, DeGama and Drake, are ABCHH mariners **James Dickie, Stefan Gantenbein, Jim Iannacchino** and **Dave Medvedeff**. They are members of "Cook's Cadre," an elite group of ABCHH boaters who survey ATONS, Bridges and Marinas for the Cooperative Charting arm of the United States Power Squadrons.



We confirm an ATON's Longitude & Latitude, photograph it, report on its condition and recommend remedial action via a password protected portal that is shared with NOAA and the Coast Guard. We also monitor the condition of bridges and update information on marinas for Cruiser's Net.

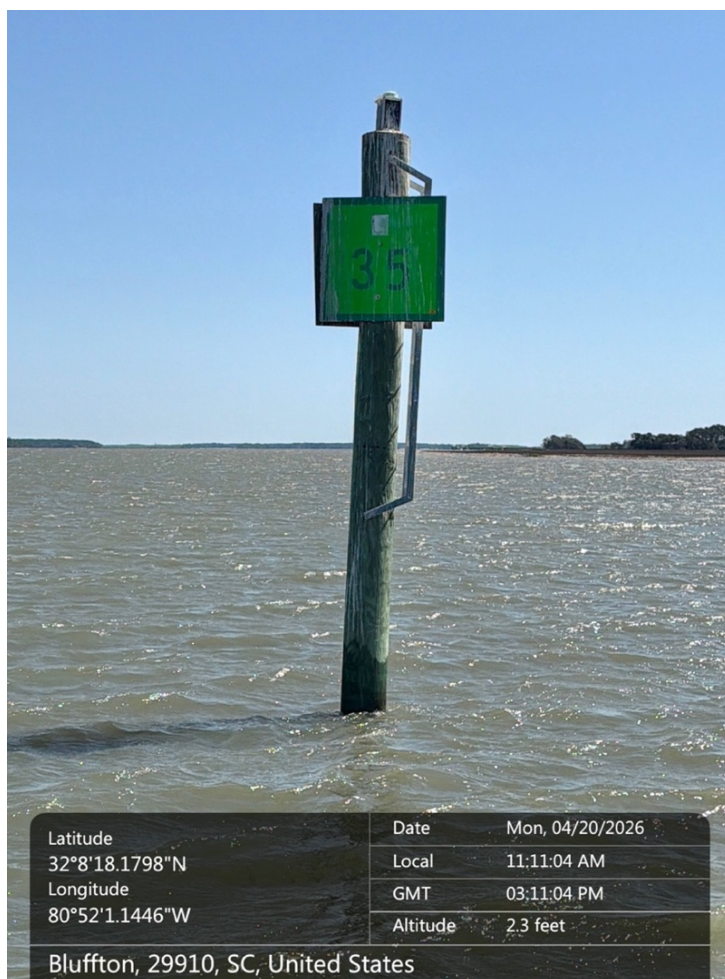


On our 1st Cook's Cadre Expedition of the year, a blustery day in April, we surveyed 40 ATONS from Skull Creek to the Savannah River. Many of them have issues which need to be addressed to keep charts accurate and our waterways safe.

Surely examining 40 ATONS –followed by a celebratory lunch– made for a highly successful launch of our 2026 Cook's Cadre Expeditions, scheduled charting excursions for Cadre members-only.

Like famed mariners of old, we advanced our understanding of navigation and the waters that surround us. So, step aside Ferdinand, Christopher, Vasco and Sir Francis.

Cook's Cadre is on the job!



***AID NO. 35810 FI G 4s SG-SY on a pile has a missing ICW yellow reflective square.
Action Step: Cook's Cadre filed a Discrepancy Report with the Coast Guard.***



CADRE MEMBERS Dave Medvedeff and Jim Iannacchino documenting ATON position.



STEFAN GANTENBEIN photographs G "43" SG-SY on a pile as part of ABCHH's Cooperative Charting effort.



***ABCHH "Special Ops" Team aka Cook's Cadre (L to R):
Dave Medvedeff, Jim Iannacchino, James Dickie, Bob Newbert and Stefan Gantenbein.***

NOTE: Cook's Cadre logo designed by ABCHH member, Marilyn Sobwick.