

Holy Rollers
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ABCHH Holy Rollers rolled into the Holy City for a rollicking good time. We're talking about Charleston, of course. For those unfamiliar with Charleston's sobriquet, Charleston is known as the "Holy City" because of its abundant places of worship. The city skyline is defined by over 400 church steeples and other houses of prayer.



Charleston City Marina

We didn't exactly "roll" into the city, however. We arrived by boat. And what a beautiful boat trip it was with amazing scenery and unexpected sights like "Point Counterpoint II," the floating art center & stage of the American Waterways Wind Orchestra – possibly the most unique boat in the world.

(<https://americanwindsymphonyorchestra.org>)



“Point Counterpoint II”

“Point Counterpoint II” was moored at Stevens Shipyard on Yonges Island (a heavy-duty commercial shipyard serving tugs, barges and cranes that is next door to a metal recycling & fabricating plant). She has clearly seen better days. Is she there to be scrapped? Let’s hope not.

Once ashore in the Holy City, we set off in different directions to shop, dine, sightsee, visit relatives, and take friends who live in Charleston out on the water for the 1st time to show them their amazing city by the sea.

Yet, each afternoon at – “it must be 5 o’clock somewhere”– we gathered like bees to honey for “docktails” beside our boats. Everyone was on good behavior so none of the ABCHH Holy Rollers had to be rolled home, and this includes the four unnamed mariners who spent one afternoon at High Wire Distillery getting to know Hat Trick and Jimmy Red.



Everyone agreed it was a delightful cruise to the Holy City where, for three glorious days, we were all “holier than thou.”



HOLY TOLEDO! We're in South Carolina, not Ohio.



HOLY GUACAMOLE! It's "docktails" with adult beverages & hors d'oeuvres enjoyed by (Top L to R): Anna Klee, Mindy Shea and Ricky Frazier. Bottom L to R: "Oz" Oswald, Craig Loomis and Kevin Klee.



HOLY MACKERAL! More food & beverage with Amy Loescher & Mary-Jane Newbert (top); Brad Loescher & Kevin Klee (bottom left); and Ricky Frazier



HOLY 007 BATMAN! James Bond is docked here, too!



HOLY COW! Look at this Bad Boy!



HOLY TERROR -- The fearsome US Navy destroyer USS LAFHEY, (not Amy Loescher, our Officer on Duty. She's a sweetheart).



HOLY SMOKES! The US Navy came by to make sure we behaved.



HOLY KAMOLEY. New ABCHH members Rosie & Mark “Oz” Oswald (top) with old salts Phil Burke and Craig Loomis (bottom).



HOLY MOLEY! Craig Loomis (rear) averts his eyes as Brad Loescher speeds through a No Wake Zone 😊



HOLY HELL flows from demon spirits fermenting in this distillery pot. Good thing Brad & Amy Loescher are there to monitor consumption!



HOLY MOSES. Charleston has over 400 places of worship.



HOLY HANNAH! No, it's Susan Burke with husband Phil touring Boone Hall Plantation on their visit to the Holy City.



HOLY GHOST. Mindy Shea, friend of Columbia University professors Egon Spengler, Raymond Stantz and Peter Venkman stands watch. No spook, specter or haunt will ever be safe again. "Who ya gonna call?"