

NEW MEMBERS

September 2024

MATT KOVALCIK



Matt is married to Kris and has three wonderful children – twins Jimmy and Ellie, who are 23 years of age, and their youngest daughter Mary, who recently graduated from Hilton Head Christian Academy and is headed off to Alabama for her freshman year of college.

The Kovalciks moved from Columbus, Ohio to Palmetto Bluff in 2011 because of their daughter Ellie's acceptance into a drug trial at MUSC in Charleston. Ellie lives with mitochondrial disease.

Matt's family enjoys boating! They own a 2024 pursuit DC 326 and hail from the Wilson Landing Marina in Palmetto Bluff. They very much look forward to getting involved with the boat club!

KEVIN AND SHARON BOHN

Kevin and Sharon moved from South Bend, IN to Hilton Head about 2.5 years ago. They live on Broad Creek next to the River Club subdivision. They are "newbies" to boating and have only been boating on waters near Hilton Head. So far, they absolutely love it!

The Bohns' boat is a 27 foot Sea Ray. Their pup, Ivy (mini goldendoodle) is a regular crew member. They look forward to new experiences on the water with friends.



MARK AND SUSAN MCDERMOTT



Mark and Susan live in Long Cove Club on Hilton Head, having moved “back East” from Colorado in 2023 to be closer to their three adult children, two in NYC and one in Nashville. Both Mark and Susan grew up in the NY/CT area on the Long Island Sound, with some boating experience. They are enjoying the waters in Hilton Head and are taking time to decide on the right boat. In the meantime, ABCHH is providing some excellent education, activities, and on-the-water experiences for them. Mark and Susan look forward to meeting more members.

SEAN AND KRISTA SCHULTE

Sean and Krista moved from Atlanta in April of 2023 and live in Palmetto Bluff. They’ve been members of the PB/Wilson Marina boat club since they arrived. Their boating experience over the years has been mostly as passengers on friends’ lake boats and they often rented pontoon boats.

Sean has had some extensive on-the-water training; he served in the US Navy from ‘81 to ‘87 and spent much time at sea. He reports, “Some of that experience and training is applicable and much is not.”



JAMES AND BETH ANN DICKIE



Beth Ann and James Dickie had been living in Norfolk, VA for over 20 years before moving to Hilton Head Island. Beth Ann was the Director of Student Accessibility at Old Dominion University and James worked for the Federal Government. They moved to Broad Creek Landing just over two years ago. Beth Ann is a Realtor for Keller Williams and James is enjoying retirement. They have a Catalina 320 that they keep at the Safe Harbor in Skull Creek Marina. They enjoy spending time on the water whether under sail or power.

DUSTIN WEHRUNG, HOLLY PINCKNEY, AND JONATHAN

Holly, Jonathan and Dustin live just off Broad Creek close to Fishcamp. Dustin is originally from Cincinnati and Detroit while Holly and Jonathan were both born on the island... “Obviously at completely different times. 😊” Dustin owns a residential painting business on the island. Holly is an elementary school teacher in Bluffton. Their son Jonathan just graduated from the NASCAR Technical Institute and is an auto technician on the island. Most of Dustin’s boating has taken place in Lake Cumberland, Kentucky and Lake St. Clair, MI. He started with a 25 foot Four Winns and very quickly upgraded to a 32 foot Four Winns (in 2001). When he moved to Hilton Head in 2003, he got out of boating for about 20 years mainly because he was discouraged with boating in salt water.

Fast forward 21 years and the couple joined the Freedom Boat Club at Palmetto Bay Marina. After getting reacquainted with the water and seeing that boating on salt water was not all that bad, they realized they needed a cabin cruiser again, so they purchased a 38 foot Sea Ray, which now sits in Palmetto Bay Marina. Although boating is a little more challenging in salt water, one nice thing Dustin is enjoying is having his very own personal mechanic who is as interested as he in keeping the boat running well. All three truly love being out on the water and are looking forward to the many cruises and events that are offered in the America's Boating Club.

MEGAN RISHEL

Megan lives in Hilton Head Plantation. She moved down 2.5 years ago from Atlanta. Megan is new to boating and trying to learn as much as she can. She looks forward to being able to meet other people involved with boating activities in the future.

OTHER NEW MEMBERS

Wynn and JoVonna Davis

Bruce and Carol Cernicky