

The 2024 Magellan Cruise Season Kicks into High Gear

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It certainly seems like a long time since we had our last Magellan cruise but it's that time of the year when all the planning is done and we are now ready to kick-off the season.

For those of you who might not be familiar with the origin of the name Magellan, these cruises were first started based on the 3 principles for which Ferdinand Magellan, a well-known ocean explorer, was best known:

- Discovery and Exploration of new destinations
- Navigation of the oceans and other waterways
- The start of the Circumnavigation of the earth.

These 3 items are what we try to embody and feature in our Magellan cruises. Discovering and navigating new routes around our waterways are certainly exciting for those of you who have not boated around our many islands or been on new rivers that are plentiful in our area. In addition, we certainly spend time on our cruises providing several navigation tips to alert our captains and boating members to the challenges that may be faced when boating on their own.

Our new and upcoming season will feature the exploration of St. Phillips Island along Trenchards Inlet and the Southern tip of Bay Point. In addition, we will be offering our standard cruises that circumnavigate

both Hilton Head and Daufuskie Islands. Several of our cruises will also provide an opportunity to explore the smaller islands in our area.

The 2024 season will also feature a few new captains that will be leading these cruises for the first time, allowing us to expand our cruise offerings this year and into the future. You will also see some pop-up cruises depending on the favorability of the weather.

If you are a new boater, or new to the area, there is much to learn, especially about our tides, which need to be taken into consideration when planning and executing the cruise. We encourage you and your family and friends to join us as we explore the area together. Here is our 2024 schedule which can also be found on our website,

www.abchh.org:



AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB - HILTON HEAD 2024 MAGELLAN CRUISE SCHEDULE

MONTH	DATE	CRUISE TITLE/Description	TIME	Cruise Captain
April	Friday, April 12, 2024	Bull Island		Loomis
		<i>A favorite trip exploring the fascinating history of Bull Island. This is a favorite quiet water</i>		

		<i>shortcut from the May River to Daufuskie Island, that is challenging at low tide. Join us and learn important navigational tips and low country history ending with lunch at Daufuskie Crab Company.</i>		
April	TBD	Lunch in Beaufort		Hanni
	<i>Has to be rescheduled due to ongoing boat maintenance</i>	<i>Join us for a special cruise on a catamaran as we cruise across Port royal Sound and dock at Beaufort for lunch at one of the downtown restaurants.</i>		
May	Wednesday, May 15, 2024	The Chechessee River, Daws Island and Victoria Bluff		Loescher
		<i>Join us as we leave from Skull Creek and venture into the Chechessee River. We'll cruise by Daws Island and learn the history of archeological sites ranging from 10,000BC to AD500. We turn and then head up the Colleton River and pause at Victoria Bluff. Here we will learn about the fascinating history on how the Low Country could have been very different than the beauty we have today! Finally we will head for a picnic lunch at the Colleton Plantation dock before heading home</i>		
June	Thursday, June 27, 2024	Circumnavigate Hilton Head Island	10:30 AM	Hoyte
		<i>This cruise offers one of the most picturesque views of the island, seeing its entire stretch of beaches from a different perspective --- the Atlantic. On our clockwise route, we'll: • Use our "seaman's eye" to establish Bay Point Island as a heading and later to aim for Palmetto Dunes. • Practice shallow water tactics when we round Joiner Bank and when we pass by Barrett Shoals. • See the pristine shoreline of beautiful South Beach, said to provide the island's best dolphin-watching.</i>		
July	Sat July 13,2024	Lunch at AJ's Tybee Island	10:00 AM	Robinson/Hoyte
		<i>Enjoy a fun cruise to AJ's for Lunch on the Back River of Tybee</i>		
July	Thursday, July 25, 2024	Explore St. Phillips Island and Bay Point	10:30 AM	Hoyte
		<i>Truly one of the untouched islands in our area. A private island coexisting with Bay Pointe, it is currently only accessible by boat and managed by Hunting Island State Park.</i>		

		<i>We will cruise along calm waters and pristine coastlines enjoying the natural scenery and exit into Trenchards Inlet crossing a small piece of the Atlantic before coming back across Port Royal Sound.</i>		
August	Thursday, August 8, 2024	The Wild Side of Bull Island		Loomis
		See the unexplored backside of Bull Island by entering through narrow Bryant Creek. We'll learn about oyster farming on our way. This is quiet rarely explored water that will take you back in time before the low country was discovered. Option for a picnic lunch or Harbor Town stop is available after two pivot turns leading out of this beautiful back creek.		
August	Fri, August 23,2024	Savannah and Lunch at Joes Crab Shack	9:30	Crews/Robinson
		<i>Take a ride to the city of Savannah for lunch at one of the local hangouts. Much seafood to enjoy.</i>		
September	Monday, September 9, 2024	Circumnavigate Daufuskie Island	10:45 AM	Hoyte
		<i>Cruising around our state's southern-most sea island never grows old. This time, our cruise provides an opportunity to: • See Turtle Island, an important area for migrating birds and one of the last remaining undisturbed barrier island beaches in South Carolina. • Use our "seaman's eye" to locate the Calibogue channel markers to reenter the Atlantic. • Learn more about the area's colorful history, culture, and Gullah heritage.</i>		
October	Monday, October 7, 2024	Visit Port Royal and Fishcamp		Loomis
		<i>This cruise will take us to "Fish Camp" in Port Royal for a delightful lunch. Leaving Skull Creek we will cross Port Royal Sound and enter the Beaufort River. We will pass Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island and enter Battery Creek heading for the Port Royal harbor area. We will dock at Fish Camp, and enjoy a leisurely lunch before returning to Hilton Head Island.</i>		
October	Sunday, October 20, 2024	Headwaters of the May River		Loomis

		<i>Rarely explored trip to the headwaters of the May River. We'll cruise past Old Town Bluffton, hear about the history of the Bluffton Oyster Factory and navigate to the tricky waters leading to the May's headwaters. On the return trip you can stop at the Bluffton Town Dock and walk into town for lunch, head to Palmetto Bluff & Buffalo's or have a picnic lunch.</i>		
November	Tuesday, November 19, 2024	Hilton Head Island & Daufuskie via the Savannah River	10:00 AM	Hoyte/Loescher
		<i>This combined season ending cruise allows us to see the Hilton Beaches from 100 yds offshore before heading down to Tybee Island along the eastern side of Daufuskie before taking the Savannah River up to Fields Cut and then back along the western side of Daufuskie. Several historical facts will be shared as we cruise up to the Daufuskie Crab Company for an enjoyable lunch. This will be a 2-part cruise allowing boaters to join us at the entrance to Harbor Town for the 1st half around Daufuskie.</i>		
TBD		Cawley's Creek & Page and Pine Island		OPEN
		<i>Shallow water, S-Turn's on plane, wild beauty! We'll take advantage of a high tide and navigate Cawley's Creek to the New River where we'll circumnavigate Page and Pine Islands. On our return we'll anchor off Savage Island and have a picnic lunch or you can lunch on your own at Palmetto Bluff or Downtown Bluffton.</i>		

Look for the announcements for each cruise as they will be arriving in your email shortly.

Let's get out on the water and have some fun together.