

Mystery Cruise

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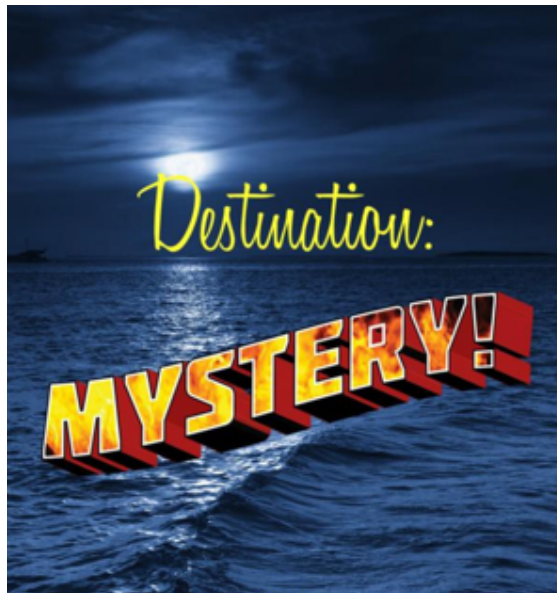
USCG Master Captain, AP-IN

Life's mysteries:

- Stonehenge
- The Sphinx
- Crop Circles
- "Nessie"

And now we can add another enigma – ABCHH's May 30, 2024 "Mystery Cruise."

Departing from well-traveled coordinates on Calibogue Sound, we cruised past a densely inhabited but little-known island before turning up a seldom traveled, creek named after a quarantine station for enslaved Africans of the Middle Passage. We eventually made our way to a large river and navigated a less mysterious passage to a less cryptic destination: Home.



In between, we stopped for lunch at the heir apparent to the departed and much-loved Marshside Mama's. Surely nothing can replace our beloved Marshside Mama's (with its resident pot-bellied pig, "pat & dab" admonition in the restroom, and the romance of trash burning beside your table), but our new hole-in-the wall comes close for shabby-chic decadence in a waterfront setting.



It also came with excellent seafood, friendly staff and an authentic shrimper vibe that lured us in following a beautiful, but perilous shallow water journey through “Smuggler’s Cut” for lunch with our fellow adventurers.



In the pantheon of Life’s Mysteries, our Mystery Cruise may not measure up to Rapa Nui or the Roswell aliens, but it will linger in our hearts as a memorable Adventure Cruise to “explore new worlds, seek out new life & civilizations, and boldly go where no man has gone before.” It was an ABCHH “first,” but it will certainly not be our last.

Next Up: Mysteries of the Bermuda Triangle.





MYSTERY MAKERS or Roswell Aliens?



MERRY MAKERS (L to R): John & Linda Brink with Dan & Sarah Allen



THERE'S NO MYSTERY ABOUT THESE MARINERS (L to R): Kevin & Stefanie Thieneman, Judi & Alex George, and Tom & Stephanie Cunningham.



***RELAXING AFTER THE PERILOUS JOURNEY THROUGH "SMUGGLERS CUT" are (L to R): Rick Ford, David & Kate Winnett and Nancy Ford.
Happy to report they were not caught with contraband.***



TOO MANY SMILES HERE. DID THEY GET CONTRABAND THROUGH? We'll never know unless Mary Healy, Jerry D'Anneo, Art LaPoint, or Molly & Fred Parker fess up.



JIM IANNACHINO (center) definitely eluded the Feds by going through Smuggler's Cut with his co-conspirators Vito Iannachino (left) and Mark Stone.



LUCIA ROSENBLATT (center) and her son, Lucas, take time with Irene LaVigne to ponder Life's Mysteries and their mysterious location.