

ABCHH MAGELLAN CRUISES
now known as
ABCHH LOW COUNTRY CRUISES
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What is in a name you say? Ferdinand Magellan, born around 1480 in Portugal, was a skilled sailor and naval officer. He planned and led the 1519–22 Spanish expedition to the East Indies, which achieved the first circumnavigation of Earth in history. During this voyage, Magellan discovered the Strait of Magellan, allowing his fleet to pass from the Atlantic into the Pacific Ocean.

In the spirit of Magellan, and to support the original activities of our boating club, Mike Gilroy, an early member of our club, initiated the exploratory cruises that would provide navigational and historical tips during the cruises around the waters of our area.

Several of you who have been on our cruises will remember that the navigational aspect of our cruises highlights the information that we share along the route. Our waters are tidal in nature; therefore, we need to be very aware of the differing depths as we traverse our planned routes to prevent the very real possibility of running aground. There is a saying down here that I heard very early in my boating experience – “...it’s not IF you’re going to get stuck, but WHEN!!...’

Several members have asked about the name and experienced a little confusion about the name Magellan. To make it easier to describe the types of cruises, we have decided to change the name from Magellan to Low Country Cruises.



The captains and narrators of these cruises will continue to provide both historical and navigational information as we introduce new cruise

routes and destinations. The fun and excitement will continue, and hopefully we will continue to explore our local and “far-flung” waterways.