

# AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB

## Golden Isles



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### Commander's Message

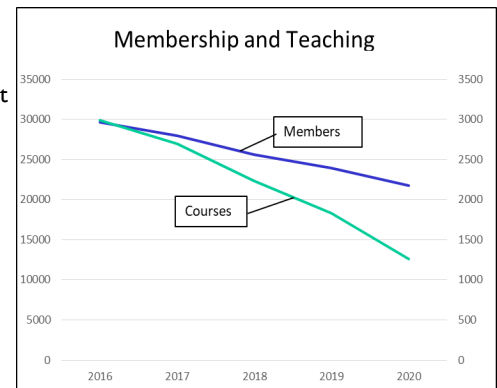


Cdr Jerry Lamb

This is my first Commander's message and I am still awed by the responsibility and trust that you have given me. Along with the XO, the real driving force, we will do our best to ensure the future viability of the Golden Isles Sail and Power Squadron (GISPS).

A preliminary report of a national reorganization committee presented a range of issues and possible actions. To quote from the report:

- "Over 90% of our members have no relationship with, or interest in, district or national activities. They are served by their Squadrons/Clubs and want localized education, boating activities, and social interaction.
- It is from this 90%+ that we continue to lose most members. In fact, over half of all new Squadron/Club members leave within two years of joining.
- Every District has seen significant declines in both membership and courses taught.
- Over 25% of squadrons/clubs have less than 25 members and do not have robust programs.



A contributing factor is that our *modus operandi* has not kept pace with how today's boater learns, interacts with others, and depends on technology."

National is proposing several options, including possibly eliminating or consolidating districts or taking other actions, including direct support to clubs. These may help in the longer run but GISPS will not wait for a rescue package. What the report recognizes is that the boating world has changed while the overall power squadron organization and approach has not.

GISPS has remained viable despite the national trend. We have more than 25 members, offer multiple courses, and have added new members lately. To do this, we focused on local needs, such as cruises and socials, but we must find new approaches to recruiting and retaining members and increasing class enrollment. Several good ideas were proposed at our last EXCOM meeting to serve as input to a planning meeting scheduled in early January. We will set specific goals and actions to achieve them at that meeting. Any plan must be feasible given our resources, every member must help implement it, and we must achieve measurable results. I am looking forward to continuing that journey with all of you.

Jerry

### Change of Watch Celebration on November 5, 2021



Cdr Charles Wilsdorf, SN-ON and incoming Cdr Jerry Lamb.



Rick Hindery, P delivered the invocation.



MEMBER OF THE YEAR - Eileen Berta receives the award from Cdr. Charles.



CATCH THE SPIRIT - Vicky Jefferis, JN receives the award from Cdr Charles.



MAGELLAN - Jerry and Cynthia Lamb receive the award from Cdr Charles.



MAGELLAN - Jack Sterrett, SN receives the award from Cdr Charles.



RECRUITER OF THE YEAR - Jerry and Cynthia Lamb receive the award from Cdr Charles.



Cdr Charles releases the 2020-2021 Bridge. From left: Ed Reynolds, S; Terry Osman, P; Mike Moye, SN; Sharon Hindery, AP; Teresa Wilsdorf, S.



Cdr. Charles Wilsdorf, SN-ON receives his past commander flag from District 26 Representative Dennis Cusanelli, AP.

Installation of 2021 - 2022 Bridge on Next Page.

All COW pictures provided by Sharon Hindery, Cynthia Lamb, Vicky Jefferis and Cathy Stortz.



## COW Celebration Continues with Installation of New Bridge



Jerry Lamb takes the commander's oath from D26/1st/L Dennis Cusanelli, AP.



Cdr Jerry Lamb receives his commander flag from D26/1st/L Dennis Cusanelli, AP.



Cdr Jerry Lamb swears in the 2021-2022 bridge officers (from left) Treasurer Teresa Wilsdorf, S; Secretary Whit Wright; Education Officer Mike Moye, SN; Administrative Officer Eileen Berta; Executive Officer Cynthia Lamb.



Cdr Jerry gives the Member Pledge to (from left) Russ Wright, Whit Wright, Mike Carellas, George Carellas.



D26/1st/L Dennis Cusanelli, AP presented District 26 Certificates of Appreciation to Cathy Stortz, AP (on left) for her work as District 26 newsletter editor and to our entire club (on right) For Exemplary Community Service. For our involvement in Keep Golden Isles Beautiful by providing litter control for Liberty Ship Park in Brunswick and for our support of FOAR.



## A Tale of Two Boats...



XO Cynthia Lamb

On the evening of May 1, 2021, seven people were enjoying themselves aboard a 25-foot boat on the Savannah River. Unfortunately, the boat ran aground sometime after dark at the South Jetty. The boat owner called the Coast Guard for help and a crew from Station Tybee was dispatched. The Coast Guard arrived on scene at 10:27 p.m. and transferred five people onto their vessel. A Coast Guard crew member also went aboard the boat to assist the other two passengers. Not only was the owner/operator of the boat intoxicated, there were only three life jackets onboard and the boat's navigation lights were inoperable. The boat's owner was cited for boating under the influence.

According to Georgia law, those arrested for boating under the influence will be charged with a misdemeanor punishable by fines up to \$1,000 and/or prison time up to one year and may lose their privilege to operate a boat until they successfully complete a DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program approved by the Department of Driver Services. By operating a boat on Georgia waters, you have consented to be tested for alcohol or drugs if requested by a law enforcement official. If you refuse to be tested, you will lose your privilege to operate a boat for up to one year and your refusal may be offered into evidence against you at a trial.

This second tale was reported in the Brunswick News: On November 20, 2021, the Coast Guard rescued two men from the water in Sapelo Sound after their sailboat capsized. At approximately 3:50 p.m., Coast Guard Sector Charleston watchstanders received a Mayday call from a man aboard a 38-foot sailboat. He told them their boat was going down fast and they needed help. According to the U.S. Coast Guard, the aircrew arrived on scene at around 4:12 p.m. and spotted red smoke flares. "The survivors had red smoke flares, which is how we ultimately spotted the two men," said Lt. Christina Batchelder, the co-pilot on the case. "When mariners are prepared by having a registered emergency position indicating radio beacon (EPIRB), flares and life jackets, the Coast Guard can respond quickly and the outcome in this case was two lives saved." According to the Coast Guard, the two men did everything right after the boat capsized by wearing life jackets, igniting their flares, and waiting by the boat until help arrived.

These two Coast Guard rescues really emphasize the importance of our club's mission which is to ***promote recreational boating safety through education and civic activities while providing fellowship for our members***. All of the equipment (life jackets, flares, navigation lights, EPIRBs) that played a role in these stories are covered in our basic boating safety class and during our Vessel Safety Checks. While we definitely enjoy the social aspects of the club, we can't forget that promoting safe boating is our true mission.

Please note that we are always looking for more members to serve as vessel safety examiners. If you're interested, please contact Ed Reynolds at [ejreynolds3@icloud.com](mailto:ejreynolds3@icloud.com).

**Boating is only fun if it's safe.**

Cynthia

## Administrative Officer Report



AO Eileen Berta

A threatening nor'easter could not keep GISPS from celebrating our Change of Watch! If you ever question the weather forecast, call Past Commander Charles Wilsdorf and he'll get it right! (Maybe more of us need to take the weather class next time it's offered....) Charles made the call early in the week that severe weather might prevent us from holding our celebration at the planned outdoor venue. Although disappointed, the committee rallied and scurried about investigating alternative sites and the decision was made to hold our event at the Riverhouse at Sanctuary Cove. The spacious event room and nautical decor worked perfectly with the attractive burgee banners and centerpieces created by Executive Officer Cynthia Lamb. We all enjoyed the delicious plated dinner served by Kelly Wagner and the staff of Creative Catering and bar service by our friend Rebecca Burns, Event Libations, featuring both the outgoing and incoming Commanders' signature cocktails. Congratulations to the incoming Officers and Bridge!

We enjoyed each other's company again the next weekend with our final cruise of the season, a short run over to Zachry's at the Jekyll Marina. After lunch, four boats set out to find the elusive manatees who frequent the area just south of the marina. The big guys must have found the water too chilly that brisk day, as none were to be found. Looking forward to next season with lots of great suggestions for cruises and outings!

A big thank you to Ed Reynolds and Cindy Simpson for hosting our annual Christmas gathering at their beautiful home! Good food, good fellowship and a spirited gift exchange were enjoyed by all.

Due to a spike in Covid cases, we will commence our 2022 social season by meeting on ZOOM in January. Brooks Good, owner of Coastal Outdoor Adventures, LLC, will share his knowledge of local fishing and coastal adventures. Growing up on East Beach on Saint Simons Island, he has spent most of his life fishing, hunting, exploring and working on the Coast of Georgia. Brooks graduated from the University of Georgia School of Natural Resources in 1997 and worked as a Biologist for the Georgia Department of Natural Resources for 11 years. Since 2008, Brooks has been the owner of Coastal Outdoor Adventures and specializes in running guided fishing trips, nature tours, kids outdoor adventure camps, and provides seafood catering services for large group functions.

**When: Tuesday, January 18, 6:00pm**

**Where:** Online ZOOM social

**Questions/RSVP** Call or email Eileen, 912-602-9500, [eileenberta@gmail.com](mailto:eileenberta@gmail.com)

### ZOOM Instructions

\*\*\*Please log in on time\*\*\*

Go Online: [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us) or launch the Zoom app

Login: Meeting ID 2388268407, Password: hRAZr5

Or click here to join: [Click Here to Join](#)

Join us virtually with your cocktails or dinner, or just get comfortable, log in, and enjoy the informative presentation!

We have an exciting and entertaining array of programs available to us in 2022. We will be surveying you soon to determine which are of most interest to the membership, so we can start scheduling for another great boating year.

*Eileen*



## Club Education Officer Report



CEO Mike Moye, SN

Happy New Year and happy new boating season. I've been mostly just tied to the dock during the last couple of months, but what a gloriously beautiful time it has been. January may be a little different, but that just gives us time to get some of those boat projects completed before it warms up again.

On the education front, our ABC classes begin again next month, and we look forward to being able to share boating safety information with folks in the Golden Isles. The classes will be held at the University of Georgia Extension Building in Brunswick—February 5 and again April 9. In addition to those classes, we are looking at May for our Boat Handling Course. It is a sixteen-hour course, and we'll shoot for two Saturdays in May plus another session for On-the-water demonstrations.

During the ABC class we often speak of the restricted area off the Golden Isles regarding the North Atlantic right whale. If you have a Georgia fishing license or if you have a boat registered in Georgia, you have probably seen these pictures. The top picture is an adult female North Atlantic right whale with her calf. This picture was taken off Saint

Simons by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources under a NOAA research permit. The second (sad) picture was taken down near St. Augustine and is of a right whale calf killed in a collision with a boat. It is being measured by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission employees.

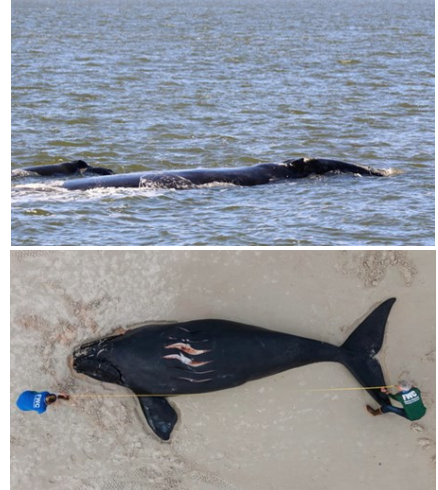
As of 2020 there were only 366 North Atlantic right whales left in the world. As boaters in the general area that the whales annually use for calving, we should be very careful. Federal and State regulations require us to stay 500 yards away from them. The problem I think we all have is difficulty seeing them in the water at that distance. The right whale is black and does not have a dorsal fin. Occasionally they feed near the surface but can easily feed anywhere in the water column. In addition to the skipper, an additional look out when in these waters would be a prudent move. The adults are around 50 feet long but are still hard to see.

There was a time when the right whale was a favorite target of whalers. We don't have whalers anymore, but still the primary cause of their decline is encounters with humans—boat collisions and entanglements with fishing gear. Regarding those encounters, a couple of other pictures that I've seen recently were very interesting. One was an adult whale and her calf. The adult had a long rope trailing from her body where she was entangled with fishing gear. The second picture was that of a partially sunken Sport Fisher that had collided with an adult and her calf. It killed the calf and injured the mother. The boat was a \$1.2 million total loss.

If you spot a whale and especially if you see or are involved in a collision with one, you are asked to contact the Coast Guard on channel 16. In addition, there is a free app for your phone called Whale Alert (I have it). That app will show you the location of the latest sightings and gives you a means to report the sightings that you have so that they may be shared with others.

Happy boating and be safe.

Mike Moye, SN  
Education Officer



**Club Cruise to Zachry's on Jekyll Island** - Pictures clockwise from top left: club members enjoy lunch at Zachry's; Bruce and Kay Miles; Tall Ship *Lynx*; club members docking at Jekyll Marina, Mike Moyer on *Sharona, Too* at the marina; making way.



Cynthia Lamb



Cynthia Lamb



Cynthia Lamb



Vicky Jefferis



Vicky Jefferis



Vicky Jefferis



Christmas Party Pictures Provided by Cynthia Lamb



Judy Merrick & Vicky Jefferis



Eileen & Frank Berta



Russ Wright



Chri Gray & Whit Wright



The Sock Monkey



Cindy Simpson & Jack Sterrett



Cynthia Lamb & Cathy Stortz



Rick Hindery & Joe Stortz



Sharon Hindery, Teresa & Charles Wilsdorf



## New Member Benefit and National News and 2022 District 26 Theme



America's Boating Club Members can **save up to 50%** on UPS shipping. Lower your shipping costs, not your expectations.

[To start saving, use the link here to access UPS.](#)

### Program details:

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Members now save up to 50% every time you ship.

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Members now have access to new flat discounts that include savings of

50% on Domestic Next Day/Deferred,

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*Added November 2021*

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**Annual Meeting**  
**February 19-27, 2022**  
*Ponte Vedra, Florida*

**2022 District 26 Theme**

**BUILT ON TRADITION**

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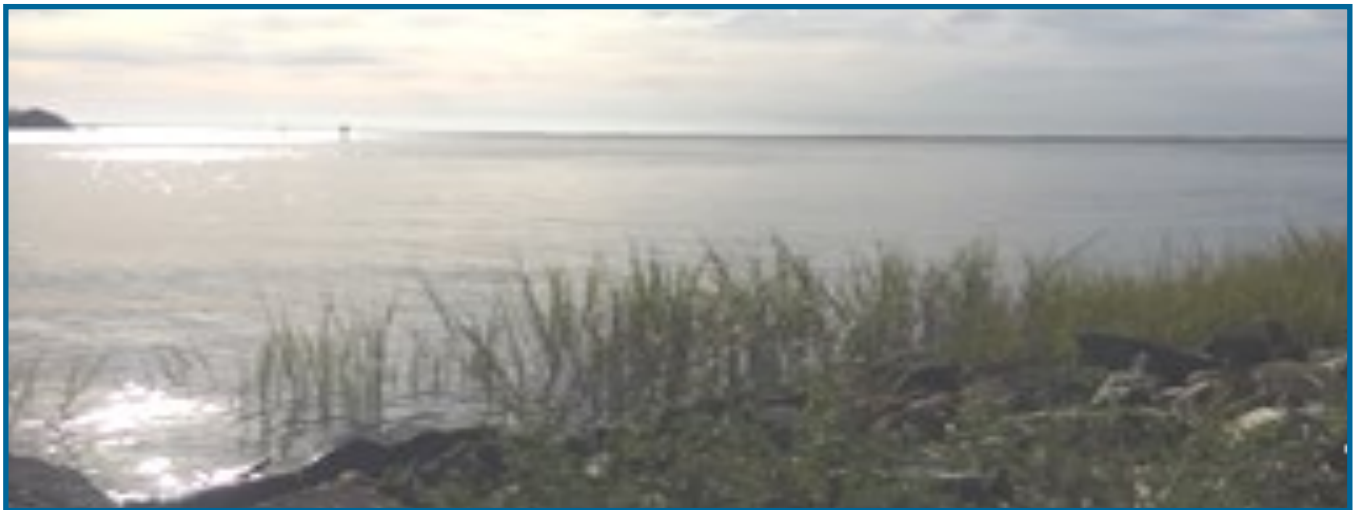
**CONSTRUCTING THE FUTURE**

## December 2021 Litter Pickup at Liberty Ship Park



Club members collected a lot of garbage and we had a nice turnout. Pictures clockwise from top left: Rick and Sharon Hindery; Rick Hindery standing behind the collected garbage and holding a prized find; Members present from left: Chri Gray, Vicky Jefferis, Jerry Lamb, Cynthia Lamb, Mike Carellas, George Carellas, Whit Wright, Russ Wright and Jack the dog; Standing on the shoreline of the park looking out at St. Simons Sound. Our club helps make this a beautiful picture. The next pickup is scheduled for February 20 at 2pm.

All pictures provided by Sharon Hindery.





## America's Boating Club of Golden Isles Calendar Jan - April 2022



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15 - Club Social - St. Patrick's Day

### April

5 - Content for *The Porthole* due

9 - ABC Class at UGA

12 - *The Porthole* distribution

19 - Club Social - Kim Campbell from Coastal Georgia Historical Society



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# We're Celebrating All Month Long

## Happy Birthday to:

Bob Butler

Kurt Glass

Dorothy Jones

Mike Carellas

## CONTRIBUTE TO OUR NEWSLETTER!

Please submit an article, picture, or even a link to a boating video that you feel other club members may enjoy. All newsletter content is due to Cathy Stortz [cstortz777@yahoo.com](mailto:cstortz777@yahoo.com) by the first Tuesday of each month.



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Our Club is part of the world's largest recreational boating organization with more than 30,000 members. We learn together, boat together, and help each other and other boaters on the water and on land.

Consider joining our Club to:

LEARN boating skills

ENGAGE with boating friends

CONNECT with the boating community

The only requirements for membership are a keen interest in boating-related activities and an eagerness to meet like-minded people whether power, or sail, or paddle boaters; however, **you don't need a boat to join**. Contact us through our website or Facebook page if you would like more information.