

# AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB

## Golden Isles



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### Upcoming Events

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### Commander's Message



Cdr Jerry Lamb

What a week! The last week of February was unseasonably warm, with temperatures near 80 degrees. Cynthia and I took advantage of the weather to go boating several times. A quick lunch trip to Mudcat Charlies turned into a voyage through the cuts to Darien and up the Darien River to the ICW and home. Five hours was a little too much for Virginia, Cynthia's mom escaping the Connecticut cold, but she enjoyed it anyway.

The warmth was a harbinger of days to come in March and April. We are looking forward to our first club cruise on March 26. We'll picnic at Blythe Island Park and cruise up the Turtle River (see the Cruise information on page 5 for details).

To get ready for the boating season, we had our first Vessel Safety Check (VSC) this week, if you don't count the day that we were stopped by the USCG in St Simons Sound. Ed Reynolds, with Cynthia learning under instruction, inspected Lamboat2. We passed; although our flares are out of date, I had purchased the new flashing LED light recently approved by the Coast Guard. I urge you to get a VSC, you'll feel much better knowing that you are equipped to handle the unexpected.

Things are also heating up on land, at least in our Club activities. Eileen Berta has put together a string of social events that are both entertaining and informative. Allison Dupuis from Jekyll Island's Mosaic Museum gave a great talk on the *Wanderer* and its connection with Jekyll. I'm going to look for the marker next time I'm on Jekyll. Next up is our Saint Patty celebration and the FOAR From Home men will visit us in April. See the AO page for details on all events.

Our February ABC class was a rousing success; the 16 students all did very well on the exam -- a shoutout to the great instructors. We have 11 already registered for the April 9 class. The February class was bigger than usual thanks to George Carellas, who suggested that we announce the class on social media. Of the February students, 6 had learned of the class from [NextDoor](#) (the very local social media site) and 4 others said, "the web", which could mean either the Club website or NextDoor. We'll keep looking for other creative ways to reach our local boating population.

Mike Moyer and Charles Wilsdorf are planning on having the Boat Handling Course in April and May. They plan to have an on-water demonstration of boat handling in our local currents. Stay tuned for more information.

The warmth of the weather combined with the warmth of friends (yes, felt even through the Zoom screen at the social) are making the winter chill melt away like the proverbial snowball in hell. I'm looking forward to getting together in person, on land and on the water. Happy and Safe boating in March!

Jerry

## A Celebrity Couple in our Club



XO Cynthia Lamb

How exciting to open one of our local magazines (in this case, *Paisley*) and find a story featuring two of our nicest and most active members: **Rick and Sharon Hindery**. The article, written by Kelly Hunter, provides an interesting “back story” of the couple including how they met, where they worked, how they ended up retiring to Brunswick, and all of their civic involvement since moving here. To say that Rick and Sharon are community-minded would be doing them a disservice.

When I think of Rick and Sharon, the word that comes to mind for me is “**intrepid**.” While intrepid tends to get used with explorers and reporters, I think it fits them perfectly; especially if you’ve had the honor of doing litter pickup with them. They are fearless, tireless, plucky and spunky – all synonyms for intrepid.

So be sure to check out their story in the February 2022 edition of *Paisley magazine*. Congratulations, Rick and Sharon! We are so glad that you chose the Golden Isles as your home and that you are part of our wonderful club.



Click here to see the *Paisley Magazine* article. <https://www.paisleymagazine.com/index.php/featured-women/item/rick-sharon-hindery>

Cynthia

## Administrative Officer's Report - March



AO Eileen Berta

Did the eighty degree weather this week get you thinking about getting out on the water? Our cruise season will start up again with the Blythe Island cruise in March and we hope to see you all there!

What an informative Zoom presentation we enjoyed in February! Allison Dupuis, Museum Educator from Jekyll Mosaic Museum gave us incredible insight into the "Voyage of the Wanderer", one of the last ships to illegally bring enslaved persons from Africa, arriving at Jekyll Island in 1858. Allison crafted a unique presentation for us, sharing her research into the local backers of the expedition and the history of the vessel. We encourage everyone to visit the Wanderer Memorial Trail starting at the St. Andrews picnic area on the southern end of Jekyll Island.

We're excited to be able to get together in person again in March - and what better way than a St. Patrick's Day celebration. We're looking forward to a fun social evening at the Wee Pub in Brunswick (Altama Connector) on Tuesday, March 15. We'll have a separate space for our group at the Pub and we will be pre-ordering in order to expedite service. Be

on the lookout for an email with the Wee Pub menu requesting your menu choices by Friday March 11.

Frank and I were honored to represent ABC-GI at a Foar from Home Sponsor appreciation reception in Fernandina this week. So great to see (and hug) the guys, safely home on dry land, and to share the enthusiasm of all the supporters and volunteers they hosted that night! In April, we will welcome our friends from Foar from Home back to the Golden Isles and have an opportunity to celebrate their success and hear firsthand about their adventurous journey. We'll be meeting at a new venue, 1800 Mexican Restaurant in Brunswick, in their spacious private room. Watch for details to follow.

Mark your calendars, in June we will enjoy a group tour of the Home Front Museum on St. Simons and hear about the vital role our area played in World War II and meet afterward for dinner. The last group tour time each day at the Museum is 3:00pm, so this will be an afternoon outing. We hope those unable to participate in the afternoon tour due to work or other commitments will still be able to join us for dinner that evening.

By the time you read this, our order will have been placed for new ABC-GI logo wear. How good will we look, all decked out in our new gear as we embark on a great 2022 boating season!



Eileen and Frank Berta at the reception.



FOAR from Home Crew

### **March Social**

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 15, 6:00pm

Location: Wee Pub, 267 Village at Glynn Place, Brunswick

RSVP with menu choices: Friday, March 11

Questions: Eileen at [eileenberta@gmail.com](mailto:eileenberta@gmail.com)

Looking forward to seeing everyone there! Wear your green!



Eileen

## Club Education Officer Report



CEO Mike Moye, SN

America's Boating Club—Golden Isles has two courses coming up this spring. First is our ABC class which will occur April 9. Thus far we have 11 students enrolled including a few from our membership. As we all know the ABC course is a great place for newer boaters to learn those basic skills and obtain knowledge needed to be safe and really enjoy the water. When I counted, it looks like 26 of our members have either taken the course or have signed up for the upcoming April 9 class. Many, many of our students (like me) take the class after having spent years boating and “learning the hard way” about what to do and what not to do. The next step for those 26 boaters who now have the basics is the Boat Handling Course. Boat Handling is the new name for the Seamanship course and when completed those members earn the Seaman grade.

Our Boat Handling course will begin April 30 and will end May 25. The classes will be held at the University of Georgia Marine Extension building with an on the water demonstration held at one of the local marinas. We're still tweaking the schedule, but it will most likely look like the following:

April 30 (Saturday) 8:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m. (we can go a little longer if folks need extra time), Knots and Line Handling: The Knots You Need to Know. This will be a hands-on session with students tying multiple knots using the training stations we're building.

May 2 (Monday) 6:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m. Confidence in Docking and Undocking: Slow Speed Maneuvering and Boating with Confidence: Handling Your Boat Underway

May 3 (Tuesday) 8:30 a.m.—until we finish. Demonstrations on Docking and Undocking with special emphasis on tidal conditions we experience in the Golden Isles. **This session is optional and does not impact the student's final grade.**

May 9 (Monday) 6:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m. Emergencies on Board: Preparation to Handle Common Problems

May 16 (Monday) 6:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m. Rules of the Road: A Practical Approach

May 24 (Monday) 6:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m. Anchoring with Assurance: Don't Get Carried Away. Also, that evening will be a course review in preparation for the exam.

May 25 (Tuesday) 6:30 p.m.—until you finish--exam.

In a week or so we will send an email to all members announcing when the registration portal will be open. The class is limited to 18 students. Two books are required. One is [Boat Handling Student Manual](#) and will come from the Ships Store at America's Boating Club National Website. We'll get a group order for that one. The second is the U.S. Coast Guard Navigation Rules and Regulations it also can be ordered from America's Boating Club's website or may be purchased at many bookstores including Amazon. Perhaps the most convenient method, however, is the free download from the Coast Guard's website. They also have an “Amalgamated” version which may be used on-line and contains many full color illustrations, hyperlinks, and a glossary.

It is our intention to have a defined registration period so that our members can have “first shot” at the course. After that registration period, if there are spaces left, we will open up the class to the last two classes of ABC students. One of the things we talked about in ABC is the “next step” which of course is Boat Handling, and several expressed an interest.

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## Club Education Officer Report Continues

The Seamanship text used when I took the course 30 years ago is on a shelf just six inches from my desk. It must have been quite a while since I pulled it down to thumb through and so I was amazed at the difference in the quality and expanded content students will have in the current version (now called Boat Handling). The United States Power Squadron—America's Boating Club--has done a good job over the years in keeping up with technology and better ways to teach boating skills. I think our 2022 Boat Handling class will get a lot out of this course and will soon be calling for Marine Navigation and Advanced Marine Navigation. From an instructor's viewpoint it would be a delight to see a strong cohort of students move through the advanced coursework. In addition to becoming more knowledgeable mariners, they become even more supportive of each other and of our organization. That would be a very good thing.

Mike Moyer, SN  
Education Officer

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## Club Cruise - Time for Some On-The-Water-Fun!

Our first cruise of the season will be on Saturday, March 26. We will convene in the vicinity of the Blythe Island boat dock at 11:00 a.m. and journey up the Turtle River. After exploring that waterway up to Oak Grove Island, we will return to the Blythe Island boat dock for a picnic lunch. Our itinerary is as follows:

WHEN: Saturday, March 26, 11:00am

WHERE: Blythe Island Boat Dock (GPX file\* will be provided)

ROUTE: Turtle River and return (GPX file\* will be provided)

WHAT TO BRING: Lunch, drinks

HOW TO SIGN UP: Reply to Cynthia Lamb by text (860-908-5148) or email ([cynthia.l.lamb48@gmail.com](mailto:cynthia.l.lamb48@gmail.com)) by Friday, March 25. Let me know how many will be attending and if you will be providing a boat (and how many extra passengers you can carry). You will be notified which boat you will be on and when/where to board. All are welcome!

Jerry and I will review the weather forecast on Friday, March 25. If we determine that it is NOT safe to proceed, you will be notified ASAP. Otherwise, it's a go. Maximum boat speed is 20 knots (narrow waterway).

Hope to see you on the water!

\* A .GPX file is a computer file that can be loaded on your chartplotter (see manual for your model) or opened in OpenCPN software. The file contains a route with waypoints that you can follow.

## Sprucing up Liberty Ship Park



Sharon Hindery, AP

It was a BEAUTIFUL Sunday afternoon, and a mighty group of dedicated de-litterers did a great job of sprucing up Liberty Ship Park.

Although the casual eye might not have noticed the trash, it took just 1-1/2 hours to fill 9 trash bags with cans, bottles, and bits of Styrofoam, grocery bags, straws, carryout containers, candy wrappers, chip bags, masks, cigarette butts... and so much more! Thank you, Vicky Jefferis, Cynthia and Jerry Lamb, who joined Rick and I in this endeavor!

If you are devastated that you missed out on the fun... Rick and I are leading a Marsh Madness pickup on Wednesday, March 16 at 5pm under the MacKay River Bridge (West side)... or any one of the other Marsh Madness events during the month of Marsh... oops March. See [www.KGIB.org](http://www.KGIB.org) for details or contact me!

Sharon



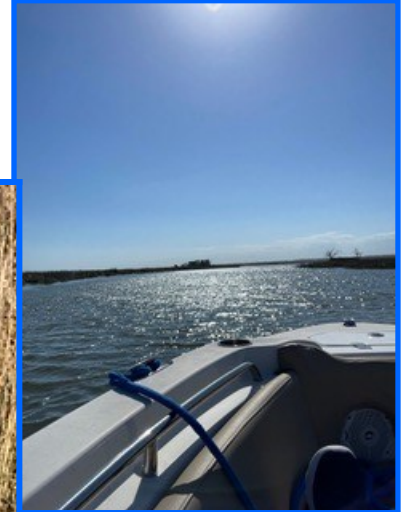
Group shot of our February Litter Pick up Crew, from left, Sharon Hindery, Jerry Lamb, Rick Hindery, Cynthia Lamb, Vicky Jefferies.

## Cruising with The Lambs on a Warm February Day

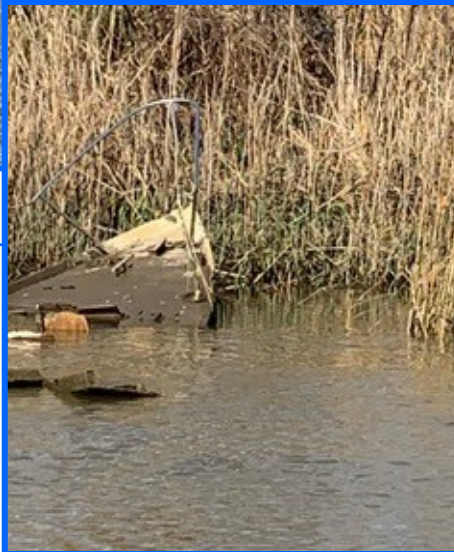
Jerry and Cynthia Lamb enjoyed the recent weather out on their boat and snapped some nice pictures. They've been in the Hampton River, up some side creeks (including Mosquito Creek), the South Altamaha, some cuts off of the South Altamaha, the Darien River, Little Mud River, and the Mackay River. Here are a few of the pictures they took.



*Dolphins in the Hampton*



*Winter boating*



*Russ Wright's next boat? (Found in General's Cut on the way to Darien)*



*This is for the birds  
(Mosquito Creek)*



*Can you spot the gator?*

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### 2022 Club Cruise Dates

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### ABC CLASS DATE

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### BOAT HANDLING COURSE

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## Happy Birthday to:

Istvan Balog

Terry Osman

Lynda Sterrett

Whit Wright

### 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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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.