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**NOTICE BOARD** 

Change of Watch: November 9, 6:00 pm: Savannah Yacht Club

Races: See Robert's article remaining races through November

**Christmas Boat Parade:** December 7 - Thunderbolt Marine

December 9 Meeting: 5:30 PM at the Marsh Harbor Club House

REMEMBER: THERE IS NO REGULAR MEETING ON MONDAY THIS MONTH

## Kevin Quinn, Commodore

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It is the curse of the cruisers. What is the curse, you ask? The curse is that every time the Geechees wanted to go on a cruise this year the weather interfered. The weather report for the Hilton Head cruise was so bad two of the four boats drop out. The curse was weak that time and the weather turned out not to be so bad. Now comes the Bluffton Seafood and Arts Festival. The force of the curse was strong. The weather gurus forecast the first cyclone I ever heard of in Georgia / South Carolina. Sure enough the cyclone came right over the top of us.

Who or what caused the curse? Some say it is a Geechee curse. Some say the Bluffton Festival is cursed, it has been blown away three of the last five years. Some say it is the black heart of the Sailing Vessel *Tintagel*. There are two vessels named *Tintagel*. The spirit of each boat is battling the other. The first *Tintagel* put the curse on the second *Tintagel*. Now, the second *Tintagel* cannot sail in fair weather, she can only sail in hurricanes and cyclones. When people see the second *Tintagel* set sail they run to the closest shelter. If anyone knows any witches who might be able to "reverse a curse" please have them contact Stuart.

The Change of Watch is on Saturday November 9th 2019 at the Savannah Yacht Club. If you haven't made a reservation, call Elke ASAP at 912-355-0737 to see if she can add you to the list.

The annual Geechee Christmas party and gift exchange will be at the December 9th meeting. The format will be the circle passing the gifts left and right with the Christmas rhyme. Gifts should be wrapped and not over a \$20.00 in value. The club will provide ham, turkey, beer, wine, soft drinks. We ask members to bring sides, appetizers and desserts. Please respond directly to Elke via email at elkesquinn@gmail.com or phone 912-355-0737 if you haven't already done so.

## A note to the membership from Mike and Martha Coffield (previously emailed)

Dear Geechee Sailing Club,

"Blessings to you." The resilient, determined, and grateful hurricane victims on Grand Bahama Island send their blessings for your prayers, generosity, and support as they work to recover from Hurricane Dorian. Mike and I also want to thank you for the hurricane relief supplies and financial support that we were able to personally deliver to those in need. The stories we heard as went door to door were heartbreaking and scary. Yet, the faith of the people sustained them through their ordeal.

Your generous support enabled us to make 140 relief food packages that included: canned goods (meat, vegetables, pasta), noodles, granola bars, a can opener, toilet tissue, paper towels, Clorox wipes, and trash bags. We made 160 relief packages for children that included: diapers, wipes, formula, baby food, juice boxes, baby bottles, toddler cups, plates, and spoons, toothpaste/toothbrush, and a stuffed toy. We made 50 adult hygiene relief packages that included: soap, shampoo, toothpaste/toothbrush, comb/hairbrush, alcohol/hydrogen peroxide, bandaids, and cotton swabs. We also gave out a pallet of water, lanterns, batteries, work gloves, tarps, first aid kits, bleach, towels, and clothing, especially underwear and socks

for children. In addition to going door to door in hurricane ravaged neighborhoods, we worked with the Salvation Army and local churches to provide relief supplies. We are also making a financial donation of \$1600.00 to help rebuild the children's home. You may go to www.gbchildrenshome.com to view your generous donation and learn more about the rebuilding efforts.

Please continue to keep the Bahamian people in your prayers. Their recovery will be years in the making, but know that your contributions are helping them to rebuild their homes and their lives.

"A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed." Proverbs 11:25

Heartfelt thanks, Mike and Martha Coffield

## **Robert Benton, Race Chair**

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Leukemia Cup November 16th

Please let me know if you have any questions or want more information on how to register. The following is the link to the regatta:

www.leukemiacup.org/events/savannah-phrf-leukemia-cup-regatta

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