

NOTICE BOARD

February 11:	Regular Meeting at Carey Hilliard's on Skidaway (6:30 gathering; 7:00 meeting)
February 23:	Chili Cookoff Marsh Harbor Club House, Whitmarsh Island (5:30)
March 23, 24:	St. Paarick's Regatta

Kevin Quinn, Commodore

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"Baby it's cold outside." That was the theme for the month of January. Now it is February and 80 degrees. The cold is good for my peach trees but not for my citrus trees. The citrus trees are all right down to 32 degrees, maybe into the upper 20's. What they can't do is go two or three days in the 20's. Peach trees on the other hand need the cold. Peach trees must have 1000 chill hours below 40 degrees to reach optimum blossom set and a maximum crop. That is your brief report from the farm front.

On the boating front, once it is cold and then warms up to 80 degrees it make you think of boating. I am looking forward to warmer weather and a great Geechee cruising season. Alton's shake down cruise is to Daufuskie Island. It should be easy to break last years Daufuskie cruise attendance record.

Our new member Angela Margolit has volunteered to help me out with the Geechee Facebook page. It is odd how people find a page on Facebook but some how they do. People from outside the Geechee membership find, like, and follow the page. To me, this is the best thing for the Geechee club - people outside the club being interested.

The Geechee Sailing Club Facebook page started with a cover photo of the SeaQuinns motoring on the ICW. In January the cover photo was changed to the Southern Breeze sailing under spinnaker in all its glory. This was a tribute to Chic Meyer. In February the cover photo is the picture taken by Mark Willman. His photo was also the cover photo for the Catalina 36 Owners Facebook page and then the cover of the Catalina Mainsheet magazine.

Now it could be your time for fame on the cover. The Geechee Facebook page will be have an ongoing photo contest. The best new photo posted to the page each month will be selected for the Geechee cover.

And now, Kevin Quinn, Social Chair

CHILI COOKOFF SOCIAL - FEBRUARY 23, 5:30 P.M.

Location: Marsh Harbor Club House, hosted by Tommy and Linda Howard (thanks again)
Whitmarsh Island

Bring your best chili dish to be judge for the really, really big grand prize.

It is rumored that karaoke entertainment will be afoot. Tune up.

This event is chaired by David and Kim Breland. You can contact them at 912-417-1200 (cell) or breland@att.net

MEET AND GREET MEMBERSHIP EVENT

The Geechee's first hot dog and hamburger meet and greet membership event will be at Sail Harbor on April 13, 2019 at 12 noon. There will be hotdogs, hamburgers, soft drinks, and beer. It would be helpful if anyone would like to bring a side dish - potato salad, baked beans or similar. It is important for Geechee members to come and promote the club with the boaters from Sail Harbor.

Clay Disrud, Vice Commodore

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What a beautiful start to February! Days like this make us think we should be out on the boats all the time. We will be having Joy Joyner speak for us at our February meeting. Joy worked for DNR in the parks division for 28 years. She retired from that position seven years ago and has been working at the Tybee Island Marine Science Center since then. Joy is going to speak to us about sea turtle protection along with her experiences up and down the Georgia coast.

Kathy Willis, Membership Chair

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Please join me in welcoming our first member of 2019, Angela and Michael Margolit. They live in Pooler, but Angela learned to sail in San Diego and previously owned a 22 Catalina. Greg Vach is their sponsor.



Robert Benton, Race Chair

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IF YOU OWN A SAILBOAT YOU CAN RACE IT

(yes I'm saying it again)

I'd like to try and help those of you who want to race your boats to get out there and do it. I will be soliciting for crew to either get you on a boat or get you the crew you need to get your boat away from the dock and in the regatta. Contact me to let me know you are interested, or if you have any contacts of those who may want to crew for others, or who need help.

40TH ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S REGATTA - MARCH 23rd - 24th

If you've been thinking about it and want some help getting ready or finding crew please let me know. Even if racing is not your thing, you can at least sign up, come out and make your way around the course and support the club. No pressure, make it fun!

Big thanks to Tim and Judy for stepping up to serve as mark boat this year, Kathy Willis for doing photography again, and to Tayloe Highsmith for agreeing to serve as mark boat again.

The focus is on sponsors right now to secure at least verbal commitments in order to be able to complete t-shirt design to insure shirts are ready for the event. There will be opportunities to help at the skippers meeting and banquet selling raffle tickets, t-shirts, helping participants get registered, etc. Sponsor forms and all other forms are now on the website, so please direct anyone interested to the site that's looking to sponsor or race.

If you are able to help support this event, remember something you did, or remember from last year that went over well, please let me know. Things are starting to come together.

Shakedown Cruise April 5, 6, 7 - Daufauskie Island

I will poll those who are coming as to anchoring or staying at Freeport Marina. Saturday we will have activities on the beach at Beach Club in Melrose for our day trippers. For those who are coming, please let me know what your preference is regarding anchoring in the New River or staying at Freeport Marina.

Happy cruising until then.



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