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NOTICE BOARD

April 8: Regular Meeting at Carey Hilliard's on Skidaway (6:30 gathering; 7:00 meeting)

April 5-7: Shakedown Cruise to Freeport / Daufauskie Island April 13: Meet and Greet / Sail Harbor Marina / 12:00 noon

Kevin Quinn, Commodore

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Congratulations to Robert Benton and all of the GSC race team for a great St. Patrick's Regatta.

This is one of those months where the first Monday falls on the first day of the month and the first meeting is only eight days later. So that means we have to write our Rhumb Line articles on things that have not happened yet but will be over by the time we are at the meeting.

So with that said, Alton did a great job on the Shakedown Cruise to Daufuskie Island. Alton and Angela got together and promoted the cruise event on our Facebook page. This boost was seen by 900 people outside of the GSC and 200 people engaged with the page and interacted with the event.

Because of the cruise boost, 6 more people joined the GSC Facebook page. There are, give or take, 80 plus members in the GSC. Only about twenty members of the GSC follow the Facebook page. We now have 81 followers on the page. That means that about 60 of the followers are not in the GSC and are prime candidates to become members in the future. This is the reason the Facebook page is so valuable.

Social

The first marina cookout is a social and membership drive. The event will be held at Sail Harbor on April 13, 2019 at 12:00 noon. Please attend. Anyone can bring a cook out dish (baked beans/potato salad). We don't need many, one or two will do. I will ask for volunteers at the March meeting.

I have been in contact with the Chatham Sailing Club in order to have a joint summer social and cook out. They are highly receptive of the idea. I will keep everyone posted as to a date

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Jennifer and I were recently at the home remodeling show in Savannah. We met Amy Schuler after her speaking engagement there. She has agreed to be the speaker at the Monday meeting. Amy is with Coastal Wildscapes and is going to be speaking about preserving and restoring the biodiversity of Southeastern coastal ecosystems.

Alton Aimar, Cruise Chair

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Ahoy fellow boaters! As I write this I am looking forward to our trip to Daufuskie Island! Please share with your friends who might want to day trip over to call or email me. We will be at Melrose Beach Club 11:00 to 4:00 Saturday and pot luck dinner at 33 Masters Drive in Melrose Saturday night 5:30 Until..... We will be grilling chicken to go with your sides for the pot luck meal.

My son, John Brooks, will have his 26' Mako to assist ferrying folks from anchorage to the island. Any questions, call me at (843) 441-8247.

Remaining Cruises

May 25 - 27 Memorial Weekend Brunswick, Georgia June 21 - 23 Summer Solstice Fripp Island, SC

July 3 - 7 Fourth of July Cruise Savannah Yacht Club/Harbour Town

August 30 - 9/2 Labor Day Cruise Harbour Town
October 18 - 20 Arts, Wine and Seafood Festival Bluffton, SC
December 7 Thunderbolt Christmas Parade Thunderbolt

Robert Benton, Race Chair

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The 40th annual St. Patrick's Regatta was a success, due to all the volunteers, sponsors, and others who pitched in to help. Nineteen boats registered and showed up to race. The race results and all sponsors can be found on the website. Special thanks to Tim and Judy for providing the committee boat and hosting the race committee and Judy for serving as photographer, Tayloe Highsmith for providing and running the mark boat, and to Alton for hosting the PRO in his home. Many of our members also pitched in at the skippers meeting, banquet, and in many other ways along the way. Also, I could not have done this without Mark Willman, who helped and coached me along the way.

There are several races coming up this year, all of which will be posted on the website soon. Let me know if you are interested in racing your boat and how I can help you.

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