

NOTICE BOARD

March 11:	Regular Meeting at Carey Hilliard's on Skidaway (6:30 gathering; 7:00 meeting)
March 23, 24:	St. Patrick's Regatta
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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David and Kim Breland did a stellar job of putting together the February Social "Chili Cook Off." Look for David's article with all the winners. Thanks to Linda Howard for taking great pictures of the event.

I have been in contact with the Chatham Sailing Club and they expressed a desire to go on some of our cruises. This is a great idea and will foster a closer relationship between the two clubs.

If you look on the back of your milk carton you will see a picture of the missing Big Geechee Burgee. We are trying to find it. The burgee is four years old and was last seen on a bike ride on Hilton Head Island. She was wearing white with blue trim and a big "G." If anyone has seen her, please let me know.

The Geechee Facebook page is coming along slowly. The photo contest is still running, anyone posting a picture to the Facebook page is eligible to win. The winner for March is the award-winning photographer Mark Willman. His beautiful picture of the *Reel Blues* will show that the Geechee Sailing Club welcomes power boats. The page is up from 24 followers last year to 51 this year. The Chatham Sailing Club has 535 followers.

Social

The first marina cookout as a social and membership drive will be at Sail Harbor on April 13, 2019 at 12:00PM 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 post as to a date

Alton Aimar, Cruise Chair

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Well it is March and I think there is a move afoot to have Puxatawny Phil arrested for fraud....seems he might have misled the Spring thing in a betting scam...but here in Savannah we know Spring is almost here and that means we Geechees cruise!

I have tied down most of our dates for your planning pleasure.....

April 5 - 7	Shake Down Cruise	Daufauskie Island (more details below)
May 25 - 27	Memorial Day Weekend	Brunswick, Georgia
June 21 - 23	Summer Solstice 2019	Fripp Island, SC
July 3 - 7	Fourth of July 2019	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

Shake Down Cruise to Daufauskie / Freeport Marina: We will spend the day at the Melrose Beach Club on Saturday. Saturday evening we will be at a home in Melrose for happy hour and a pot luck supper. There will be cart rides from County dock (Marshside Mamas) for those anchored out as well as cart rides from Freeport Marina for those docked at Freeport. Reservations for Freeport (843) 342-8687.

I will need a head count by March 22 in order to make enough cart reservations. The Beach Club day is designed to allow the day trippers/small boaters who want to come and spend the day with the cruisers, please spread the word, but remember head count is needed for those requiring transportation.

See you Monday at the meeting.....its March, so remember to bring a friend who can be our next new member!

Robert Benton, Race Chair

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The race is almost here! Get your boat signed up and get out and get in the race. Skipper's meeting will be Friday the 22nd at Young's Marina - 6PM - until. Two days of racing the 23rd-24th with the awards banquet to be held at Tubby's in Thunderbolt. Lots of great raffle items and several sponsors have stepped up.

The focus is on sponsors right now to secure at least verbal commitments in order to be able to complete the T-shirt design to insure shirts are ready for the event. If you would like to sponsor or provide a raffle item please let me know ASAP. There will be opportunities to help at the skippers meeting and banquet selling raffle tickets, T-shirts, helping registrants 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, something you did or remember from last year that went over well, please let me know.

Things are starting to come together... Thanks to all the sponsors and volunteers so far!

CHILI COOKOFF RECAP

We had a great turnout for the chili cook-off with 35 members attending the event. Thanks to Tommy and Linda Howard for providing the venue. The weather was perfect with many enjoying the cool evening on the porch at the Marsh Harbor club house. The chili competition was fierce with eight tastebud tickling entries in the contest. There was a wide variety to sample -- from chicken to wild boar, white and traditional options, and mild to needing a fire extinguisher chaser! Then came the voting. We had a three way tie for second: Pat and Joy Howard's "Pot-o-Gold," Tommy and Linda Howard's "Turkey Under Pressure," and Elke Quinn's "Tijuana Frau" white chili. First place went solely to Tim and Judy Grissette's "Chili Willy." Congratulations, Tim and Judy! In addition to the chili there was a table loaded with side dishes and desserts. No one left hungry.

Joy Howard and Dawson Long entertained the crowd by crooning classic tunes. John Willis led us all in an acapella chorus of "Will the Circle Go Unbroken. Sid Czinkota enthralled the group with a dramatic recital of Robert W. Service's poem, "The Cremation of Sam McGee."

A good time was had by all. Thank you all that brought dishes and especially to those that entered the chili contest.

David and Kim Breland

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