



COMMODORE, Linda Howard

“Change of Watch”! What does it actually mean?

I looked up the Coast Guard Auxiliary’s site and found this information for us to apply to our club:

The purpose of the Change of Watch is to install the newly elected officers and to recognize the accomplishments and service of the outgoing officers. The annual Change of Watch is often the only formal gathering of members during the year.

The ceremony itself is patterned after the Coast Guard’s formal, time-honored Change of Command ceremony. When done successfully, the COW can have an energizing effect on the incoming officers, give the outgoing officers a sense of accomplishment and appreciation, and give everyone else a positive impression of our club.

They say to allow approximately four hours for the event. Normally, the formal activities are preceded by a cocktail hour. This informal time is important for members to mingle. At the conclusion

of the cocktail hour, the Commodore welcomes everyone to the COW, announces the Flag Salute, then the Invocation. When the pledge of allegiance is given, everyone should stand and place their right hand over their heart.

The dinner would then be served. After about an hour, an announcement should be made that the ceremonies will begin in fifteen minutes in order to give people time to visit the facilities.

The outgoing Board is then called up front one at a time and given their appreciation gifts. They will remain at the front and applauded before returning to their seats.

The incoming Board is then announced one at a time and given their flags. They will remain at the front and be applauded before returning to their seats.

Then the dancing begins.

Also, in thinking about the officers of our Board, we can apply the follow-

ing to our club:

“Overall, the Officer of the Watch has a critical role on any vessel, responsible for ensuring that the vessel navigates safely and efficiently through a wide range of challenging and sometimes unpredictable conditions.”

That pretty well sums up the Board.

Over the years, the COW had been a formal affair. I looked around for pictures of formal Changes of Watch and am attaching some. Personally, I’m glad that we are getting back to the uniqueness of this once-a-year gala.

Bottom line...come to the Change of Watch. The details are in Mary Ellen’s article.

SEE page 2 for photos of former COWs. Sorry about the quality.



MEETINGS:
Every second Monday of the month at Carey Hilliard’s,
3316 Skidaway Rd.
Order dinner at 6:00;
meeting at 7:00.

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GEECHEE SAILING CLUB’S
UPCOMING PARTIES
& CRUISES

Socials:

Change of Watch, Savannah Country Club, Wilmington Island; Saturday, November 11, 5:30 p.m.

Christmas Party, Marsh Harbor Clubhouse; Monday, December 11, 6:00 p.m.

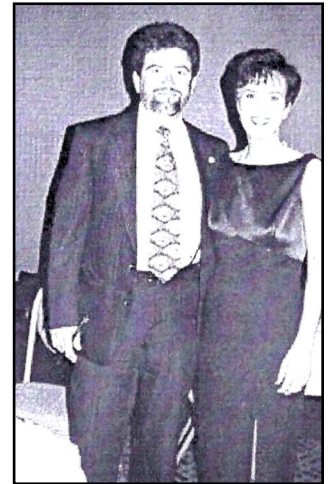
Cruises:

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THERE IS NO REGULAR MEETING THIS MONTH OR NEXT!

THE CHANGE OF WATCH IS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

THE CHRISTMAS PARTY IS MONDAY, DECEMBER 11



GUESS WHO THESE OL' MEMBERS ARE!



VICE COMMODORE, Tom Howard

OCTOBER SPEAKERS

If you missed last month, it was another good meeting with three speakers from the Tybee Light Power & Sail Squadron. We learned a little history and found out all the things they are involved in - for instance, boat safety inspections and boating safety education. We might even see some of them on our cruises, although most of their members have power boats or runabouts.

NOVEMBER, DECEMBER, & JANUARY PROGRAMS

We look forward to seeing you at the Change of Watch in November. The speaker for December will be Santa Claus if he can arrange transportation.

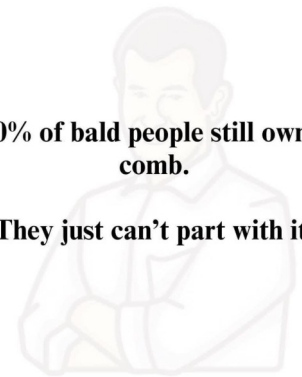
In January we are looking forward to Neal and Cindy Tutor sharing their June trip to the Bahamas.

Thanks for all the prayers and thoughtful gestures for Linda during and after her surgery.



90% of bald people still own a comb.

They just can't part with it.



SOCIAL CHAIR, Mary Ellen Sprague

UPCOMING EVENTS:

CHANGE OF WATCH:

Date: Saturday, Nov. 11
 Place: Savannah Country Club, 501 Wilmington Island Rd.
 Time: 5:30 - 9:30 p.m.
 Dinner & Dancing in the Heron Room
 Music: Jeff "T-Bone" Taylor of Hilton Head
 Dress: Black tie, suits, or coats & ties for men; formals, dresses, or dressy pants & tops for women.

Put on the Ritz!

Cost: \$50 per person
RSVP: to mary-ellen31406@gmail.com

PLEASE COME! We had to guarantee at least 25 people!

CHRISTMAS PARTY (One of our most enjoyable parties of the year!):

Date: Monday, Dec. 11
 Place: Marsh Harbor Club-house (follow arrows after entering Marsh Harbor for Marsh

Harbor Cove) (right, left, left, left)

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Dress: Casual Christmas

Food: Ham, beer, wine, and soft drinks provided. Please bring covered dish.

Cost: Please bring one wrapped present per person (\$15-\$25). Nautical is nice, but not mandatory.



SECRETARY/AUDITOR, Audrey Debien

Golden Globe Race

The challenge of sailing alone all the way around the world is fascinating!

Last month Angela recommended a book at the Geechee Board meeting. I listened to the audio version of the book, A Voyage for Madmen.

It is a dramatic true story about nine men who entered a contest to sail solo non-stop around the world! The author does a great job of describing the men, their sailing yachts, and their adventures!

The race was called the Golden Globe Race. It was sponsored by the Sunday Times newspaper in England in 1968, before modern means of navigation and communication! The paper offered prizes and fame for the first sailor to complete the challenge in the fastest time. Of the nine entrants, there was only one finisher. The others either retired, sank, or committed suicide! You've got to read the book (or go to Google!) to find out who won, but it took 312 days! All alone, AND non-stop!

In 2018, fifty years after the original, the Golden Globe Race (GGR) was resurrected. The rules of the race specified that sailors were limited to the same technology used in the first GGR! This means no GPS, satellite phones, weather routing, chart plotters, or autopilot! Skippers navigated their pre-1988, long-keeled, 32- to 36-foot vessels using Sextant, HAM radio for weather, and a barometer. Eighteen skippers started the race and 5 finished. All survived but some needed to be rescued. It was a wild race! The winner was Jean-Luc Van Den Heede who finished in 211 days, 101 days faster than the first winner!

The race was continued in 2022, starting on 09/04/2022 and finishing on 06/15/2023. Another is planned for 2026. The race rules have been changing with each race. Read up on it! www.goldenglobe.com. Here is a great quote from the website – “200 - *The number of individuals to sail solo around Cape Horn and other Great Capes in the Southern Ocean. This compares to almost 700 astronauts who have been shot into space!*”.

More about GGR and solo-sailing -

Movies:

The Mercy – Amazon Prime / Apple+

Deep Water – Amazon Prime / Tubi

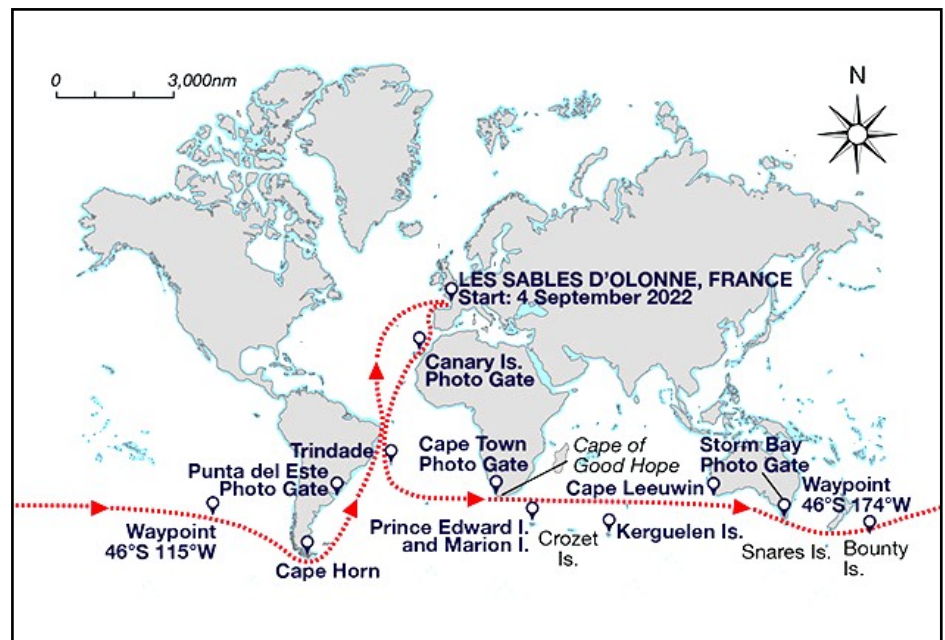
Books (all available on Amazon):

A Voyage for Madmen by Peter Nichols

Swimming away from the Boat by Je' Wilson

Desperate Voyage by Edward Renehan

On a Belt of Foaming Seas by Tapio Lehtinen



COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR/EDITOR, Linda Howard



There's been a lot of talk and questions lately about the Freedom Boat Club. I was curious, too, so I did a little research.

They say that while some believe boat club membership costs are high, the average cost of a boat is \$60,000 to \$70,000, and that doesn't include the yearly cost of upkeep, accessories, fuel, storage, insurance, and licensing. Many people go out and buy a boat just to find out after a year that they don't enjoy it as much as they thought they would. It either sits at the dock gathering barnacles, or sits in the backyard "gathering moss."

So, what is your alternative if you still want to get out on the water now and then?" It seems that the answer is a boat club. A boat club is a private business that owns a fleet of boats and gets boaters to join their club for a fee in order to use their boats.

Some boaters assume a boat club is similar to renting or sharing a boat. However, this isn't correct since the boat club owns and maintains each boat. They're fully responsible for the boat and only allow members to use them.

Depending on the number of boat club members, it's important to know how to schedule. A boat club can't guarantee boat access at the last minute and they usually require advanced booking. At Freedom Boat Club, they offer an online member dashboard through their website. When you're ready to make your reservation, you can simply log in to the system and select your preferred date, boat, and time slot.

While boat clubs work hard to keep an accurate schedule, the dates and available vessels can fill up quickly. Once you know when you want to go boating, you should make your reservation immediately. You can do this for up to six months in advance and your booking is guaranteed.

They allow you to bring any guests you want such as family, friends, or business associates - even your pets. Remember, though, that there are limits on how many participants you can have on board according to the size of the boat.

They say that when it comes down to the final numbers, the decision to join a boat club can result in significant savings, especially when compared to boat ownership. When you buy a boat, you immediately have additional expenses to consider such as licensing, registration, equipment, insurance, and storage. Since the boat club owns the boat, they take care of these finances as part of the boat club cost.

You also aren't financially responsible for any repairs or maintenance, which, as you know, are inevitable. They also keeps the boat's mechanical and electrical components in top shape. If something starts to wear down or becomes damaged, they're responsible for having it repaired. Plus, the repair won't hinder your boating experience. If you owned the boat, you may not be able to use it until the repair is made. With a boat club, you can simply select another boat.

While you can learn a lot about boats from research, being able to see, operate, and fully experience a boat is the best way to know if you like it. Once you've decided that you'd like to own a boat, this can allow you to try different boats before deciding which boat to get. You

get more freedom from a boat club (hence the name "Freedom Boat Club) because you can book different models. You're not limited to the benefits and detriments of one type of boat. A small fishing boat may be great for a quick solo trip, but not for a large family outing.

If you travel, it may not always be convenient to take your boat with you. The Freedom Boat Club has franchises around the country. (Just ask Larry and Mary Ellen.) This can make it easy to use a boat while you travel without having to worry about boat transport.

With a boat club, the boat is often ready for use in the marina. You don't need to inspect the boat or perform last-minute repairs before it's ready to go. The entire experience is much easier than if you owned the boat.

Boat Club Membership Detriments

-- Even though there are many boat club membership benefits, there are also some detriments worth considering. While many believe the benefits far outweigh these detriments, it's still important to be aware of them to decide for yourself.

-- Because boat clubs such as the Freedom Boat Club are so popular, there may be a waitlist to join. Boat clubs do this to balance booking availability. When there are too many members, there are fewer available reservation slots per person. In order to ensure everyone gets the most out of the boat club membership cost, boat clubs sometimes have to limit the number of members they accept at one time. If there is a waitlist, we recommend getting on it early to reserve your spot.

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-- You don't own the boat or have any rights to the boat when you pay the boat club membership cost. While this means you don't have the responsibilities of boat ownership, it also means that you don't have the same freedoms as a boat owner. You can't make any permanent changes to the boat such as cosmetic changes or upgrades to existing equipment. This can be frustrating for some people as they feel restricted in their boating experience.

-- Some last-minute trips might be difficult for a boat club to accommodate. You are unlikely to receive a guarantee that a boat will be available. In many cases, a boat won't be available, especially during peak season. Booking well in advance is the best way to avoid this from happening, but sometimes last-minute boating opportunities pop up that you can't take advantage of. If you tend to be a last-minute sort of person, we recommend booking several slots ahead of time.

-- Each boating club is different as far as terms and conditions are concerned. For example, there are limits as far as how long you can take a boat out. This can impact how far away from the marina you can travel. This also means that you have to book a specific time-frame, so you may be limited to how early you start or how late you can stay out.

If you've decided that you want to join the Freedom Boat Club, all you have to do is sign up. Anyone over 21 years old with any level of boating experience is welcome. Once you join, you'll need to obtain a boater's license and complete a boater's safety course. At Freedom Boat Club, they offer one-on-one training included in your boat membership cost.

Some boat clubs offer the option for weekday-only memberships or any-day memberships. Any-day memberships allow boaters to reserve vessels 7 days per week. These tend to be available at

a higher cost.

Needless to say, whatever the choice of membership, it is expensive. Do you really like boating enough to make that payout? You'll be required to pay a one-time membership fee that is valid for as long as you want to be a part of the boat club. Then, you'll need to pay monthly dues, which are used to maintain the club and the boats among other expenses.

A 7-Day, year-round membership in Savannah has a one-time Initiation Fee of \$6,999. After that, dues are \$249/mo. A free month is included if you take a United States Power Squadron course. You need to check out these figures for updates.

Joining a boat club is easy and often only requires you to provide basic information and complete the necessary safety courses. After you join, you'll receive your on-the-water training to help build your confidence with the boat club's system. This is great for new boaters to build their skills as well as for experienced boaters to get a brief refresher course. It helps make everyone safer.

Savannah's Freedom Boat Club is stationed at the Boathouse Marina on Bull River. They advertise:

"Ability to boat 7 Days a week. **A fleet of 38 boats in the area (22 in Savannah, 16 in Hilton Head) with unlimited access (Over \$1 million dollars of rotating inventory). **Full day reservations. Pick up in the morning...bring back in the evening (Or overnight usage if you like). **We rotate our fleet every 3 years. Always on new or like-new boats! **Ability to make up to 4 consecutive reservations (allowing you the opportunity to keep boats overnight at a dock or marina), and you can make reservations as far

out as 6 months in advance. **You can take a Savannah or Hilton Head boat anywhere in GA and SC waters. **You can boat in the ocean (up to 25 miles offshore as the crow flies from the shoreline). **You can boat 4 times, per location, per year at all other (87 current) locations. **We provide you with comprehensive training conducted by a trained Captain. **Sea Tow is included on every boat. **All boats come fully equipped with full color GPS, depth finder, chart plotter, ship-to-shore radio, and everything that is required by law. **You are named 3rd party insured for up to \$2 Million dollars in personal liability on our insurance, and have a \$2,500 deductible with any damage occurrence. **You can exit our club at any time with a 60-day notice in writing and you are no longer obligated to pay dues. **You receive a 2-month dues credit for any member you refer who joins our club."

Another site (just to be fair) says:

What are the drawbacks of a boat club membership?

1) Limited selection of boats

When we join a boat club, there is this idea that one weekend we can take out a family-sized pontoon and the next, a luxury catamaran. The problem is that most clubs really only offer a pretty narrow selection of boats. And, with most people having the same free time as in being off—weekends, holidays, and summertime—then you may find yourself standing empty-handed.

2) Too much pressure

One big problem with joining a club is you feel pressure to get the most out of it. If you don't boat that often or have a hectic month, it feels like

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your money is just being thrown down the drain and it's just another wasted expense.

3) Limited locations and blackout days for boating

4) Overcrowded club and a falsely-promised waitlist.

This is what they really don't want to tell you: the club is full! Instead, they'll put you on a waiting list and have you pay an upfront fee without having enjoyed anything yet. If you do get into a club that is overcrowded, getting on the water might be really difficult because there are too many other people trying to do the same thing as you.

5) Unreasonable costs

It all comes back to cost. At the end of the day, the price of joining and maintaining a boat club membership is simply unreasonable. Typically you pay a several thousand dollar initiation fee and several hundred dollar monthly fees, so often it's cheaper to own your boat or just rent one!



TREASURER, Dawson Long

2023 Financial Results

The financial results for the Geechee Sailing Club are favorable to plan year-to-date. The balances are as follows: the checking account is \$1,233.48; the Vanguard account is 18,096.21.

Please let me know if you have any questions.



CHRISTMAS IS COMING! HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT GIFTING ONE OF OUR ONE-OF-A-KIND MUGS OR WATER BOTTLES?

I will be bringing some to the Christmas Party on December 11. The mugs are \$12 and the bottles are \$10.



CRUISE CHAIR, Larry Sprague

The **Savannah Parade of Lights** will be the Saturday after Thanksgiving (**November 25th**). I will send out the sign-up information as soon as it comes out. In the past, those who signed up early were given a complimentary hotel room. Last year we stayed at the Thompson. It is a fun event and we have enjoyed docking downtown and taking advantage of the restaurants and sights along the waterfront.

While in Boston this month of October, my brother and I went to visit the *Mayflower II*, the replica of the *Mayflower* built in England in 1955. We talked with the docents while on-board. Three of them had sailed on her in the past. In summary, we learned that the voyage the Pilgrims took on the *Mayflower* in 1620 was a long, cold, stinking voyage.

The *Mayflower* was 90 feet along the hull and 25.5 feet in the beam. When beating to weather she was slow, very slow, and so averaged only about 2 knots made good on the voyage over. On the return voyage the following April, she averaged over 10 knots. The voyage from England to the New World took 66 days. Land was sighted on November 19, 1620, but they did not go ashore at the new colony of Plymouth until December 21, 1620 (known as Founders Day with the Plymouth Rock landing tradition).

The 102 passengers were all kept on the 'tween deck and not allowed to go topside the entire voyage, except in rare circumstances. Before setting sail, all of the hatches were closed and covered with oil cloth to prevent leaking. The four gunports were also closed for the voyage's duration. The only ventilation was a small window

opened in the stern. The only heat to ward off the North Atlantic cold was body heat. The only stove was topside, and the cook provided warm water at his discretion. In the tight confines of the 'tween deck were not only the passengers, but also the goats, pigs, and sheep kept in the foc'sle.

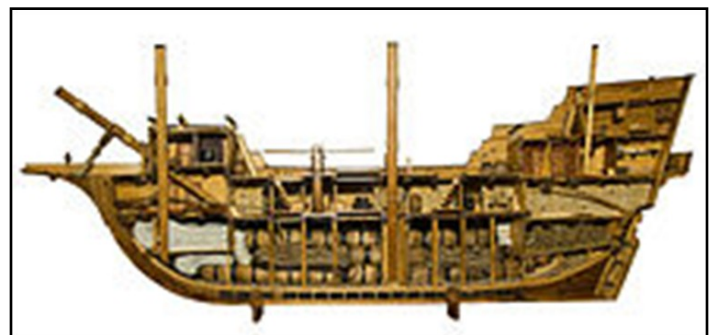
And, Oh God, the smell! For at least the first two weeks most of the passengers got very seasick. Going to the bathroom was done in chamber pots, which were passed topside, when possible. The animal waste also had to be taken care of. Bathing was very limited. Before returning to England the following April the crew not only washed down the 'tween deck but also burned juniper branches in an attempt to mask the odor.

We learned that the crew did not go aloft to set the main-course (lowest sail on the mainmast). Instead, the yard would be lowered to the deck,

the reefs let go, and then the yard raised to the desired height. In harbor, the yard would be held just above the deck with the sail reefed below it. Since going aloft was dangerous, the more experienced one became, the closer to the deck one was allowed to work.

In the picture one can see a bowl-looking structure about halfway up the mast. That is not the crow's nest, as one's view would be blocked by the topsail. The true crow's nest is in the cross trees about two-thirds of the way up.

So the next time you are on the water and the weather closes in on a cold fall day, and your feeling a little seasick, the head is stopped up and the stove doesn't work, remember the Pilgrims!



RACE CHAIR/WEBSITE MGR, Angela Margolit

One of the reasons I moved south was to be able to play outside all year round! Since that, of course, includes sailing, I am very happy about the **Frostbite Series** over the winter. If I'm in town, I will be there!

Here are the dates:

FROSTBITE RACE SERIES SCHEDULE

Saturday, Nov. 11: Frostbite #1
 Saturday, Jan. 13: Frostbite #2
 Saturday, Jan: 27: Frostbite #3
 Saturday, Feb. 10: Frostbite #4
 Saturday, Feb. 24: Frostbite #5
 Saturday, March 9: Frostbite #6

Races will begin at noon on each Saturday. The start lines will be in the Wilmington River, in the vicinity of Government Marker G23. There will be multiple starts, if needed, for different classes, using a 5-minute start sequence.

A race committee boat will often be on station to run starts and keep scores. If a committee boat is not available for a race, then starts will be managed by other racers and each boat will record and report their own finish times via email.

Plans are underway for the 45th St. Patrick's Regatta which will be held March 23-24. I've already secured our

PRO (Joleen) and RC Boat (Judy & Tim), but am asking your help in securing more sponsors. If you have a vendor with whom you do business who may be interested, please call me to discuss.

The **McIntosh Cup Regatta** took place the weekend of October 14-15.

Results for the weekend are as follows:

2023 McIntosh Cup and Wassaw Cup Regatta Savannah Yacht Club | October 14-15, 2023

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A Division (Spinnakers) (3 boats) (top) Series Standing - 4 races scored

Information is final.

Regatta results last updated: Sunday, October 15, 2023 9:35:05 PM CDT

Click on race number to view detailed race information.

Pos	Sail	Boat	Rating	Skipper	Yacht Club	1	2	3	4	Total Pos	Total Corrected	
1	228	High Visibility	90	Gebel Seese	Savannah Yacht Club	1	2	1	1	5	1	02:23:09
2	103	S/V Yahoo	84	Michael Sullivan	Savannah Yacht Club	3	1	3	2	9	2	02:34:45
3	USA 366	Asteria	124	Arun Saini	Savannah Yacht Club	2	3	2	3	10	3	02:43:35

B Division (non-Spinnakers) (3 boats) (top) Series Standing - 4 races scored

Information is final.

Regatta results last updated: Sunday, October 15, 2023 9:35:05 PM CDT

Click on race number to view detailed race information.

Pos	Sail	Boat	Rating	Skipper	Yacht Club	1	2	3	4	Total Pos	Total Corrected	
1	150	Peregrine	186	Ed Owens	Chatham Sailing Club	1	1	1	1	4	1	02:07:34
2	312	Raven	176	Kirby Sisk	Chatham Sailing Club	2	3	3	2	10	2	02:52:17
3	85	Y Knot Tri	127	Jim Smith Jr	Chatham Sail Club	4/DNF	2	2	4/DNF	12	3	02:44:12

D Division (Rhodes 19) (6 boats) (top) Series Standing - 2 races scored

Information is final.

Regatta results last updated: Sunday, October 15, 2023 9:30:19 PM CDT

Click on race number to view detailed race information.

Pos	Sail	Boat	Rating	Skipper	Yacht Club	1	Corrected Time	2	Corrected Time	Total Pos	Total Corrected	
1	1466	Scholar	267	Sandi Parshall	The Landings Sailing Club	1	00:17:48	2	00:39:12	3	1	00:57:00
2	unk	Peter Pan	267	Rob Miller	The Landings Sailing Club	2	00:20:00	3	00:40:26	5	2	01:00:26
3	5982	Randy	267	Rose Oughtred	TLSC	3	00:21:39	4	00:47:20	7	3	01:08:59
4	5981	Sinbad	267	Doug Powelson	TLSC	7/DNF	00:26:18	1	00:36:01	8	4	01:02:19
5	2858	Harvest Moon	267	Paul Evans	The Landings Sailing Club	4	00:25:18	5	00:54:36	9	5	01:19:54
6	R19	Susan B	267	G Rouzee	Shelter Island YC	7/DNF	00:26:18	7/DNC	00:55:36	14	6	01:21:54



MEMBERSHIP CHAIR, Nick Robertson

For this final column of mine as 2023 Geechee Membership Chair, I'd first of all like to wholeheartedly thank the Geechee board and club members for entrusting me with the honor of this position. As mentioned in last month's *Rhumb Line*, I regret that so much of this past year found me far away from Savannah and thus curtailed from carrying out my duties more effectively, but I remain proud of the work we've done to propel this club toward new horizons — while reintroducing a little Vegas-style entertainment at our monthly meetings, to boot.

Though it'll be a while before Petra and I can return to Savannah and resume our active Geechee lifestyle, we're certainly looking forward to that time — and not only for the enjoyment of joining the club's cruises, races, and social events. I believe that the fellowship of our club is strong enough that in the future, we could consider taking on new activities that boost the local community while drawing prospective new members with positive outreach, and I would be excited to work toward achieving that when I'm once again able to show up at Carey Hilliard's on the second Monday of every month without going through customs en route.

What form could these new activities take? That's totally up to us as a club...but this year's Geechee board struggled to determine which charity organizations we could sponsor that would be beneficial to the local boating scene (following the recent collapse of the Savannah Sailing Center, an organization that the Geechees funded for many

years). So, we're probably pretty much on our own if we want to come up with a way to use our club's resources to promote maritime enjoyment while simultaneously serving our community with goodwill that may inspire new members to join us.

One public activity that the Savannah Sailing Center regularly organized — which I very much enjoyed volunteering for, during what unfortunately ended up being its final occasion — was the Sailing Regatta for Children with Autism and Special Needs. This was a free event open to anyone from across the local community, and it generated positive news coverage and many great memories for kids who got a chance to enjoy a short voyage on the adventurous waters of Lake Mayer before dining on hot dogs and Capri Sun. (And no, there was no actual racing going on during this "regatta"; instead volunteers basically just took the kids for boat rides... which was absolutely wonderful enough.)

I'm not suggesting that the Geechees resume this specific event, especially since I have no idea what legalities and insurance needs would be involved in pulling it off. But perhaps in the not-too-distant future we could consider launching a similar initiative, or even just participate more actively in existing nautical-themed events that bring joy to the public, such as the Savannah Boat Parade of Lights that we were so actively involved in before.

Of course it's our choice as club members to decide what level of engagement with local society we want the Geechees to provide. However, at least a few of the club's newest members first learned about the Geechees because of our most public-facing event, the St. Patrick's Regatta (including myself, Kathleen, and Michael), so it is undeniable that greater community participation could play a big factor in attracting even more new club members.

I really do look forward to discussing this and so much more with the Geechees once I'm back Stateside...but meanwhile, I'll have to remain on the dock in Hungary looking out toward those future horizons with eager anticipation. Thankfully, it's pretty danged nice here with Petra; last month we enjoyed a long getaway to Lake Balaton, where we didn't manage to get out on the water, but spent plenty of time on the shore in a state of joyful fascination while watching fleets of sailboats glide by in the sunny early-autumn breeze. We'll be out there with you again someday soon. Meanwhile, we wish all of you a lovely holiday season, and a happy and peaceful 2024 ahead!

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

Unscramble each word, then take the letters that are underlined and unscramble them to come up with the last name of one of our members:

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W N R O B

E O R N S

N G R O T S

Answer to October's Scramble: W I L M A N

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FASTENER

FORWARD

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SUPPORT FOR OUR MEMBERS

This column is for club members to support other members "in need" (phone calls, visits, prayers, meals, etc.). Let me know of anyone you want to add. I won't go into a lot of detail on each here, but you can call them. I will also get approval before entering any names into this column. Please text me at 912/658-7398.

- Anna Highsmith dealing with lung cancer and chemo.
- Jan Vach - had back surgery October 18. In recovery.
- (Me) Linda Howard - Had back surgery October 18. In recovery.

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