



# GEECHEE SAILING CLUB

## RHUMB LINE

Great Circle 3150 NM



### COMMODORE, Linda Howard

Thank you for allowing me to be your Commodore this year. The Board has been busy since the get-go!

You will see another slate of great speakers each month along with new community functions like our participation in the Savannah Boat Show, St. Patrick's Regatta, and Christmas parades on the Savannah River and at Thunderbolt.

Tommy already has a great list of speakers who have committed to speak throughout the year.

Mary Ellen has lined up oyster roasts, themed covered dishes, and our annual Change of Watch and Christmas party.

Larry has planned cruises for us and is inviting other clubs to join us.

Angela has everything under control with the many facets

of the St. Patrick's Regatta as well as keeping our club involved with our sailing memberships. She has even given us a schedule of all upcoming races for 2023 (see her article, page 10). She also continues to keep our website up-to-date.

Dawson and Audrey have gotten everything "down to a science" as far as financials, and Dawson is keeping close tabs on our spending.

We welcome aboard Nick Robertson as our Membership Chair. He already has ideas for growing our membership.

We also welcome Audrey Debien as Secretary (who, by the way, takes great notes of both our membership and Board meetings.)

And we got two-for-one with Audrey's husband, David, as Member-at-Large who has stepped in to work with the

Boat Show while Nick is in Hungary.

I have created a binder with all our corporation's legal papers so that we make sure to keep up with annual tax returns, corporation registrations, etc. It includes our Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and Officers' Duties as well. I have also completed and run off a new Geechee brochure for us to hand out. My Rhumb Line, Facebook, and club update responsibilities continue.

Needless to say, please "raise your hand" when any of these Board members asks for volunteers. As they say, "It takes a village to run a club." Well...that's pretty close anyway.

Feel free to contact me if you have any concerns or suggestions. This is YOUR club.



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

**WEBSITE:**  
[www.geechesailingclub.org](http://www.geechesailingclub.org)  
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[geechesailingclub@hotmail.com](mailto:geechesailingclub@hotmail.com)  
**FACEBOOK:**  
 Geechee Sailing Club

### GEECHEE SAILING CLUB'S UPCOMING PARTIES & CRUISES

**Socials:**

*February 18 - Oyster Roast at Marsh Harbor Clubhouse*

*April 1 - Chili Cook-off at Marsh Harbor Clubhouse*

*(Emails will follow later)*

**Cruises:**

*April 15-16 - Daufuskie*

*May 27-28 - Wassaw Island (south end)*

*June 17-18 - Hilton Head*

*July 14-16 - St. Catherine's*

*August 12-13 - Elba Island-shark tooth hunting (12:46 pm - low tide)*

*Sept. 2-4 - Labor Day - Beaufort*

*Oct. 20-22 - Bluffton Seafood & Art Festival*

**THE SPEAKER FOR THIS MONTH**  
**(FEBRUARY 13)**  
**IS CATHERINE EDWARDS,**  
**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AT**  
**THE SKIDAWAY INSTITUTE OF**  
**OCEANOGRAPHY**

**(Read about her on Page 2)**



## VICE COMMODORE, Tom Howard

The annual Christmas and Gift Exchange Party was a lot of fun. It was held at the Marsh Harbor Club-house which was complete with holiday decorations and a beautiful fire in the fireplace. No stockings had been hung, but it appeared that Santa had already been there with the gifts that kept piling up.



## SPEAKER FOR FEBRUARY

The speaker for our February 13 meeting is Dr. Catherine Edwards, Associate Professor at the Skidaway Institute of Oceanography. She is a physical oceanographer both here and in the Department of Oceanography at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Catherine will be sharing with us about her program focused on autonomous underwater vehicles (AUVs), also called gliders or underwater robots.

Be sure that you don't miss this program! I have heard her, and I can't say enough about how fascinating this subject and her presentation are.



## SECRETARY/TREASURER, Dawson Long

To my Geechee friends who listen to my musings of a bigger boat, I will bend your ear a little more. The pros and cons of a catamaran have been weighing on me recently. I am a monohull owner considering the jump to a fast catamaran. From the perspective of sailing in the rivers locally, pointing high on a monohull has its advantages for the first two miles south down the Wilmington River. Along Wilmington Island, the river opens up toward Wassaw Sound. That allows for longer tacks. A fast catamaran can get out of troubling weather faster than a monohull; 18 knots of speed is possible under sail or motor on this particular catamaran.

On the catamaran, getting to the destination by motor-sailing is significantly faster. The cat does not fatigue you as a monohull would by heeling.

When I get to Wassaw, I can nearly beach the vessel to off-load crew. The draft is adjustable with a dagger board from 7' down to 2' up. Mobility and entertainment on a catamaran have significant advantages. Protection from weather or sun is better on a cat. This particular cat has a high bridge-to-deck clearance which reduces slapping by the waves. At higher speeds, the pontoons rise to detract the likelihood of pitch-poling. Judging comfort, safety, and speed, the catamaran is making strides in my comparison.

When considering maintenance, I count the number of through-hull fittings there are. On this cat there are two 9.9 horse power outboards that can be hoisted out of the water. Redundancy is an advantage on a cat

if one engine fails. Adaptability to electric motors is much easier on the catamaran. The boat I am looking at is a Kelsall 4' like this one.



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The balances for the month are \$18,209.50 for the Vanguard account and \$595.38 for the checking account.



## CRUISE CHAIR, Larry Sprague

We have put together the cruising schedule for 2023. While this is a tentative schedule, go ahead and put it into your calendars. If there is a destination that you would like us to go to that is not on the list, or if there is a conflict in your schedule, please let me know.

The point is to get out and enjoy our boats together. So even if you can't come for the whole time, just come for the day. Power

boats are welcomed!

- April 15th-16th – Daufuskie**
- May 27th-29th – Wassaw Island – South End**
- June 17th-18th – Hilton Head**
- July 14th-16th – St. Catherine's**
- August 12th-13th – Elba Island- shark tooth hunting (12:46 pm is low tide)**
- September 2nd-4th – Labor Day Cruise - Beaufort's Safe Harbor Marina**

**October- 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>- Bluffton Seafood Festival**



## SOCIAL CHAIR, Mary Ellen Sprague

Come One, Come All to Our Upcoming Social Events! Please mark your calendars for the following events.

**Oyster Roast:** Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, Marsh Harbor Clubhouse, 5:30 pm. Bring your oyster knives and gloves.

**Chili Cookoff:** Saturday, April 1, Marsh Harbor Clubhouse,

5:30 pm. Bring your best chili.

Please RSVP for both events to [maryellen31406@gmail.com](mailto:maryellen31406@gmail.com)

See you there!



**ONE MINUTE YOU'RE  
YOUNG AND FUN;  
NEXT, YOU'RE  
TURNING DOWN THE  
CAR STEREO TO SEE  
BETTER!**

## COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR, Linda Howard

How does the Geechee Sailing Club operate?

When I joined in 2004, I had no idea, so I jumped in as Secretary to replace Donna Payne who was ready to change jobs. At that time, she gave me 3 large 3-ring notebooks with all the notes from the "beginning of time." They were a great history of the club. However, they have been misplaced. Does anyone know where they might be? Someone said they might have been left at Tubby's, but I called them and they don't have them.

I served as Secretary until 2010 when Pat Fraker asked to take over. Then in 2020, our Past Commodore, Stuart Gough, used our January meeting to challenge all of us to serve - or dissolve. We were dying!

So...in 2020, when Susie Lott retired, I took over as Communications Chair and *Rhumb Line* Editor. Last year I added to those responsibilities Vice Commodore, and this coming year, Commodore. With Tommy as Vice Commodore this year (although he has been both Vice Commodore and Commodore in the past), we will be working together on getting good speakers as we had last year.

Because of Stuart and his leadership through 2020, we virtually became a new club. Everybody was plugged in - and not just getting by, but doing our best!

I don't want to see us fall back! All this is to say that even now you need to be thinking about how you can serve in a Board capacity in 2024 - AND how to assist the new Board members coming in now so we

can do our jobs to the fullest.

One of my goals this year as Commodore is for the Board to re-write the ByLaws, including the duties of each Board office. We are a corporation and need to be legally following these rules.

Here is a summarized list of duties as they stand now. They will be tweaked in 2023:

### COMMODORE

- Ranking officer.
- Appoints any other special or standing committees as deemed necessary.
- Ex-officio member of all committees except auditing and nominating.
- May sign checks in absence of the Treasurer.
- Chairs monthly Board meetings (either in person or by Zoom).
- December Joint Board Meeting: Insures incoming members understand their responsibilities.
- At Change of Watch, presents incoming Commodore with Commodore flag, and presents annual awards.
- At Change of Watch, presents each outgoing Chair with a gift and each incoming Chair a flag of the office.
- Writes a monthly article for the *Rhumb Line*.

### VICE COMMODORE

- Assists the Commodore and acts in his/her stead.
- Arranges for speakers each month.
- Change of Watch - presents outgoing Commodore with Past Commodore flag and gift on behalf of club.

- Writes a monthly article for the *Rhumb Line*.

### SECRETARY

- Keeps records of minutes of the Club meetings in books belonging to the Club, which shall be at all reasonable times open to inspection by any member.
- Keeps minutes of proceedings at Board Meetings, and mails them out each month to the Board members.
- Keeps minutes of proceedings at the monthly members' meeting and emails them out each month to the Board members.
- Keeps all documents, records, reports, and communications connected with the business of the club.
- Writes a monthly article for the *Rhumb Line*.
- Hands flash drive at end of tenure to incoming Secretary.

### TREASURER

- Collects and holds all monies payable to the Club.
- Pays all bills approved by the Board or by the Chair of any committee, including insurance.
- Keeps true and complete records of all monies and all dispositions that are easily read.
- Emails and hands out a detailed accounting of the Club's income and expenses at each monthly Board meeting.
- Emails and hands out an annual report to the Club members at the Annual Meeting of all receipts and disbursement during the year - and the amount

**I will be bringing some of each to our meetings. If you want to give me an idea in advance of how many, you can call or text me (Linda Howard, 912/658-7398). Everyone loves them, so you won't be disappointed. The bottles are \$10/each and the mugs are \$12.**



## COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR, Linda Howard (continued)

in possession at the end of the year.

- Makes reports at such times as directed by the Commodore or the Board.
- Upon request of the Commodore or the Board, prepares operating or estimated budgets.
- At the request of any current Board member, the Treasurer will make available a detailed accounting, including backup receipts and check requests, of the Club's income and expenses to-date.
- Coordinates with the Communications Chair the annual dues renewal notices.
- Fills out 990 Tax form each year.
- Hands flash drive at end of tenure to incoming Treasurer.
- Gives the Auditor what he/she needs in January.
- Writes a monthly article for the *Rhumb Line*.

### SOCIAL CHAIR

- Plans and budgets social events, collects receipts for expenditures, and collects social-related income for transfer to the Treasurer.
- If requested, coordinates social events in conjunction with racing and cruising events.
- Plans and organizes the Change of Watch.
- Stores and keeps updated inventory lists of all Club-owned social materials.
- Writes a monthly article for the *Rhumb Line*.

### CRUISING CHAIR

- Budgets cruising events, collects receipts for expenditures, and collects cruising-related income for transfer to the Treasurer.
- Plans cruising events, themes, locations, activities, food, and beverages.
- When applicable, coordinates joint events with the Racing and/or Social Chairs.
- Plans and organizes the Christmas Boat Parade, including permits, location, and social following the parade.
- Writes a monthly article for the *Rhumb Line*.

### MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

- Investigates and recommends proposed new members to the Board for approval.
- Notifies acceptance of new members to

the Club.

- Welcomes potential new members/visitors to the monthly meetings.
- Distributes membership applications.
- Distributes new member packets.
- Creates name tags for the members and keeps them up-to-date.
- Stocks, stores, and inventories new member packets and ID badges.
- Distributes Geechee brochures.
- Writes a monthly article for the *Rhumb Line*.

### COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR

- Edits and publishes the monthly *Rhumb Line*.
- Maintains the Club Facebook site.
- May request someone else to handle the Website.
- Creates the annual Dues Notice and emails it to members in January.
- Maintains and publishes, once a year, the membership list after all Dues Notices have been received.
- Creates the annual ballot for proposed officers.
- Maintains membership application forms.
- Edits and forwards emails from Board members and other Club members to membership and outside organizations.
- Writes a monthly article for the *Rhumb Line*.
- Hands over flash drive to new Communications Chair at end of tenure.

### RACE CHAIR

- Schedules all race dates.
- Coordinates with all other racing organization events.
- Coordinates all announcements.
- Obtains all race permits and approvals.
- Coordinates all volunteers and other race resources.
- Secures the race venues.
- Stores and keeps updated inventory lists of all Club-owned racing materials.
- Organizes race-related social events.
- Obtains all racing awards.
- Writes a monthly article for the *Rhumb Line*.

### MEMBER-AT-LARGE

- Serves on the Nominating Committee.
- Temporarily fills in for any Board Chair position except the Commodore or Past

Commodore, if needed.

- Attends monthly Board Meetings.

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- The immediate Past Commodore, the next Past Commodore, and the Member-at-Large make up the committee.
- The Chair shall be the immediate Past Commodore. The present Commodore shall appoint a replacement in the event either Past Commodore cannot serve.

### AUDITING

- Elected each year with the Board members.
- Examines all records of the Treasurer, audits the books, and reports the findings at the February Board meeting.

**\*\***All the above officers are to turn over their records at the end of the year to the Secretary who is the keeper of all records.



## MEMBERSHIP CHAIR, Nick Robertson

Knuckles whitening as I grasped the wooden tiller considerably tighter than necessary, we stared down the southern entryway to Hell Gate, the infamously slender cut-through connecting the Ogeechee River to all of Chatham County's winding inland waterways to the north. It was my first time at the helm of a trimaran — also my first time aboard a sailing vessel with no boom — and while Captain Jim was a highly experienced lake sailor who'd built this sleek craft by hand, he was unfamiliar with the volatile tidal waters that conceal innumerable hazards below Georgia's serene coastal scenery.

Despite its shallow draft, I'd already run Jim's beloved trimaran aground within a few minutes of leaving Bryan County's Fort McAllister Boat Ramp. If it's not obvious to the reader by now, my sailing skills are probably best described as 'barely intermediate'...yet the captain graciously let me stay at the helm as the two of us pattered down the Ogeechee, before cutting the outboard motor and raising the sails to get a little practice ahead of racing in the weekend's Oktoberfest Regatta.

It was thrilling to course back and forth along the Atlantic's lip aboard this speedy vessel beside the picturesque wilds of Ossabaw Island — but now it was late afternoon, and we had less than three hours to reach the distant Isle of Hope Marina by sunset.

So we faced the initial bend of Hell Gate with no small amount of trepidation. Neither of us had traversed this aptly named channel before, and I recalled hearing horror stories about its submerged obstacles from sailors who'd traveled these waters for decades. Jim expressed comfort with me continuing to clench the tiller and for us to remain under sail, and while I was most assuredly nervous, I relished the challenge ahead.

Along with an (occasionally foolhardy) adventurous spirit, I had a crucial asset that made all the difference: I was a Geechee.

I became a Geechee Sailing Club member in early 2022, and in just a few months I'd been warmly welcomed to crew in multiple races and joined several multi-day cruises, providing invaluable experience for the devilish sprint before us. It was my fellow Geechees who'd shared their Hell Gate horror stories — but they also explained ways to avoid striking the underwater perils that so often plagued sailors who dared pass this way.

I wasn't exactly a greenhorn before joining the Geechees; being blessed to attend college at the beachfront University of California Santa Barbara. I'd first learned to sail dinghies as a particularly enjoyable way to fulfill my physical-education requirements. I'd subsequently taken a weekend-long sailing class in St. Augustine, Florida, where I proudly passed the American Sailing Association's Basic Keelboat Sailing test (mercifully, and perhaps illicitly, administered in an open-book format). But some 15 years of landlocked living had passed before I settled down in Savannah in 2019, where I thankfully could refresh my skills aboard teeny Sunfish and Harpoon sailboats on tranquil Lake Mayer during the summer of 2021... just before the Savannah Sailing Center's untimely demise.

Feeling cast adrift amid Savannah's sailing scene, the Geechees came to the rescue, encouraging me to join their club despite my not owning a vessel. Under the patient tutelage of these local longtime mariners, I first became comfortable aboard real-deal keelboats of significant size, learning how to read and navigate the Coastal Empire's capricious currents and truly make the most of whatever winds might be blowing. Additionally, I enjoyed the shore-side camaraderie

of the Geechees' monthly meetings and lively parties, where tales of tribulations and triumphs at sea were shared with intoxicating gusto.

And thus I steered Captain Jim's trimaran into Hell Gate with vigor and a few priceless nuggets of Geechee knowledge in mind. I was reassured by a steady southeasterly wind that would consistently propel the sailboat on a manageably brisk beam reach through most of the channel. I knew the incoming tide would boost our progress once we were past the cut-through's northern end and veered to port for the downwind stretch up the Vernon River. And I remembered precisely where to turn starboard onto the Moon River to continue northward on the Intracoastal Waterway en route to Isle of Hope — I'd been lucky enough to join Geechee all-star Dawson Long aboard his storied sailboat *Andiamo* along this very route on a weekend cruise to Wassaw Island just a few months before.

Jim and I ended up journeying toward Isle of Hope for about two hours under sail power alone, as dolphins frequently swam alongside our trio of hulls. We zipped by palatial waterfront homes lining the zig-zagging marshy curves, continuing past the Moon River Landing and up the Skidaway River all thanks to that southeasterly breeze, before finally restarting the engine only after passing under the Diamond Causeway bridge beside Butterbean Beach. Now racing the encroaching darkness, we reached the marina just before the Skidaway reflected dark purple from the vesper-draped sky.

This was just one of many amazing experiences I've reveled in since joining the Geechee Sailing Club — and in late 2022, another was the honor of the Geechee Membership Chair position being conferred on me for 2023. So, while taking the oppor-

## MEMBERSHIP CHAIR - Nick Robertson (continued)

tunity of my first *Rhumb Line* column to introduce myself, I would like to express my deep gratitude to the many kind Geechees who have wholeheartedly received me among their own to share wonderful times on the beautiful waters surrounding Savannah.

And of course, I now encourage any non-Geechee readers who may be considering membership to feel free to contact me and learn more about how they can take part in the club's many boating, civic, and social activities — drop me a line anytime at [n.h.robertson@gmail.com](mailto:n.h.robertson@gmail.com), or please come join us at one of our regular meetings held on the second Monday of every month at Carey Hilliard's Restaurant at 3316 Skidaway Road; check out [geecheesailing-club.org](http://geecheesailing-club.org) for more information. We welcome you with a hearty 'ahoy'!



## MEMBER-AT-LARGE - David Debien

### THE BOAT SHOW IS COMING!

This year the Geechee Sailing Club is going to have a "booth" at the Boat Show across the river at the International Convention Center, and we need volunteers to man the table.

The days are **February 24, 25, and 26**, and there are two shifts per day. I will be keeping up with the schedule, so please contact me after you pick your slot from the list. We need a minimum of

two volunteers per shift, but can certainly have more. Admission will be free for the volunteers; I will let all volunteers know how to get badges for free entry and about parking.

Just for your information, general admission is \$12, or \$10 on-line. A 2-day pass is \$15, Seniors (65+) and military is \$10, and ages 4-12 is \$6.

Please email me at [daveandaudreydeb@gmail.com](mailto:daveandaudreydeb@gmail.com), or text or call me at 561/251-9244.

Check out the website:

[Savannah Boat Show – Savannah, GA](http://Savannah Boat Show – Savannah, GA)



# SECRETARY - Audrey Debien

When Dave and I attended the Geechee change of watch dinner, we learned a new term – burgee! We had no idea what a burgee was! They were little flags with differing designs that were given to the new officers.

The definition of a burgee, according to MS Word, is “a flag bearing the colors or emblem of a sailing club, typically triangular. Origin was in the mid 18<sup>th</sup> century; perhaps from French bourgeois (see Burgess) in the sense ‘owner, master’.”

Flags have been used for communicating for ages. They tell stories. Before modern means of communications, sailors relied on flags to share messages.

Burgees are popular and can be displayed on boats, in marinas, or for nautical-themed activities. They can be used to identify a brand or as unique gifts or awards. While the triangular or pennant shape is noted as the most popular, they are also available in rectangular or guidon shapes. Of course, they come in various sizes, too. I saw them offered from 8 x 10 inches to 6 x 10 feet.



While learning about burgees, I came across interesting information about other types of nautical flags. The following information is extracted primarily from Wikipedia.

International Maritime Signal flags are used to communicate with ships. The International Code of Signals is the principal system for flags and their codes. Under this system, different combinations of flags are raised above the ship to send different messages. The flags can have different meanings depending on whether they are raised independently or in combination with other flags.

There are various methods by which the flags can be used as signals:

- Some flags represent individual letters. These can be used to spell out a message.
- Individual flags have specific meanings. An example would be flags used by vessels to indicate that divers are present. The "A" flag indicates that the vessel is not able to move from their current location because they have a diver underwater. It warns other vessels to keep clear to avoid endangering the divers.
- One or more flags form a code word whose meaning can be looked up in a code book held by both parties. An example is the Popham numeric code used at the Battle of Trafalgar.
- In yacht racing and dinghy racing, flags have other meanings; for example, the P flag is used as the "preparatory" flag to indicate an imminent start, and the S flag means "shortened course".

Other common uses for nautical flags:

- Identification of the vessel's country of origin.
- Identification of ownership of the vessel.
- U.S. Yacht Ensign – is a variation of the American flag displayed in lieu of a standard American flag on yachts sailing only in U.S. waters. At one time this was mandatory, but now these flags are displayed as an homage to the old tradition.
- U.S. Jack flags are flown on the bow of U.S. Coast Guard and Navy ships. These are only raised when the vessels are anchored or moored. Under sail, the ships display only the American flag on the stern.
- Finally, the Jolly Roger Flag was a private signal used by pirates to identify their ships!



## RACE CHAIR - Angela Margolit

First, an update on our 44<sup>th</sup> **ST. PATRICK'S REGATTA** which will be held March 25-26. I have two requests of all of our members:

Can you please donate an item for the Tricky Tray Raffle to be held Saturday evening? Something nautical would be great, but it doesn't have to be. Please bring it to the February or March general meetings. If you cannot make it to either one of those meetings, just call me and I'll come to you.

Can you please give me a name of a potential new sponsor? To see who our sponsors were last year, please visit: <https://www.geecheesailingclub.org/racing>. For only \$175, their logo will be on the regatta shirts (of which they will receive two) as well as our website.

Speaking of shirts, this is what they'll look like this year - in **FOREST GREEN**:



Skippers receive one shirt with their registration, but additional shirts can be purchased for \$25 each.

Similar to last year, we are again having a social gathering on the Oyster Deck of Molly McGuire's on Wilmington Island. Admission for skippers and their crew is included with their registration fee. All other guests (including Geechee members) only have to pay \$10. There will be a light buffet and free beer! **If you can volunteer to help me sell raffle and dinner tickets, let me know. I'll also be asking at our February and March general meetings.**

The competitors' meeting will be held Friday night at 7pm via Zoom. The Fleet races will take place on Saturday for five classes: Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, Cruisers, J/24s, and Rhodes 19s.

Then on Sunday, we'll have the Pursuit Race, where start times are based on PHRF ratings. This has turned out to be a very popular event!

If you have someone who would like to participate in our 44<sup>th</sup> regatta, please have them register on the Regatta Network: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/25518>

Remaining Dates for the Frostbite Series this winter are:

- Saturday, Feb. 4: Frostbite #4
- Saturday, Feb. 18: Frostbite #5
- Saturday, March 4: Frostbite #6

They will start at noon each day. Since there is no charge, a Google form is sent out a week before each

race to anyone who has raced in the past. Please let me know if you want to sign up!

The Annual Meeting of **SAYRA** (South Atlantic Yacht Racing Association) was held January 27-29 at the Hilton Head Sonesta Resort. I attended and was able to rendezvous there with our PRO, Joleen Rasmussen. I learned more about being the Organizing Authority for our regatta and lots more about the Race Rules! I'll be bringing up several new safety procedures at the next Board Meeting.

The Geechee Sailing Club is a "Club Member", so any of our members can attend these meetings as a Geechee representative. (You can also join SAYRA as an individual for only \$15.)

See <https://sayra-sailing.membershiptoolkit.com/annualmeeting>.

**THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A GROUCHY OLD PERSON. THE TRUTH IS ONCE YOU GET OLD, YOU STOP BEING POLITE AND START BEING HONEST.**

## **RACE CHAIR, Angela Margolit (continued)**

### **2023 RACE SCHEDULE For the Greater Savannah Area**

#### **JANUARY**

07: CSC/TLSC – Frostbite Series Race #2

21: CSC/TLSC – Frostbite Series Race #3

#### **FEBRUARY**

04: CSC/TLSC – Frostbite Series Race #4

18: CSC/TLSC – Frostbite Series Race #5

#### **MARCH**

04: CSC/TLSC – Frostbite Series Race #6

23-25: SYC – Lightning Deep South Regatta, Wilmington River

25-26: GSC - St. Patrick's Regatta, Wilmington River/Wassaw Sound

#### **APRIL**

20-23: CORA - Charleston Race Week

#### **MAY**

06-07: SCYC - Windmill Harbour Regatta & DDS&A (Domenica De Sole & Associates) Cup

18-19: CORA/SYC – Savannah Cup (Charleston to Savannah overnight)\*

20-21: SYC - Wassaw Cup

#### **JUNE**

17: SYC - Grady Foster Long Distance Memorial Regatta\*

23-24: CORA – Summer Sailstice Offshore (100 miler overnight)\*

24: CSC - Summer Sailstice Raft-Up

24-25: SYC - Firecracker Regatta

TBD: SAYRA – Women's Club Championship

#### **JULY**

15-16: ChYC – Open Regatta (Including J/24s)

#### **AUGUST**

25-26: CORA – QuickSilver Cup (Charleston to Port Royal or Hilton Head overnight)\*

26: YCHHI/CSC - Hook Ocean Race, HHI to Savannah\*

#### **SEPTEMBER**

23-24: SYC - Wild Turkey Thistle Regatta

23-24: CSC - Oktoberfest Regatta

#### **OCTOBER**

07-08: SCYC - Ocean Challenge Regatta, Port Royal Sound

14-15: SYC - McIntosh Cup, Wilmington River

#### **NOVEMBER**

TBD: CSC/TLSC – Frostbite Series Race #1

\* - denotes an event that includes sections or is primarily offshore

## **RACE CHAIR, Angela Margolit (continued)**

### **SAILING CLUB CONTACTS**

Each club has some information posted online in either a calendar or some other format. They will also post the NOR & SIs prior to the event. Each group has a different method of payment collection for each event. If more information is needed, you can contact the event/race chair directly as listed below. Thank you for your interest in the low country area sailing!

**ChYC** – Charleston Yacht Club: Tyler Benjamin, [tjbenjamin51@gmail.com](mailto:tjbenjamin51@gmail.com),  
[www.charlestonyachtclub.com](http://www.charlestonyachtclub.com)

**CORA** - Charleston Ocean Racing Association: Rear Commodore,  
[Rearcommodore@charlestonoceanracing.com](mailto:Rearcommodore@charlestonoceanracing.com),  
[www.charlestonoceanracing.com](http://www.charlestonoceanracing.com)

**CSC** - Chatham Sailing Club: Rob Mechem, [rmechem@yahoo.com](mailto:rmechem@yahoo.com),  
[www.chathamsailing.org](http://www.chathamsailing.org)

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## 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:

D E N E

L R E A T L

D R A O B

E L I N A

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Answer to November's Scramble: **V R E E L A N D**

DANCE

HOVER

TABLE

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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.

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