



## COMMODORE, Angela Margolit

We have updated business cards! If you would like a few to pass along, please let Scott know. Scott also has stickers for your vehicle window. Display the Geechee logo proudly!

It's very heart-warming to see so many people at our last two General Meetings. Thanks to all of you who have been coming out to support us and hearing from very informative – and entertaining – speakers. The summer meetings may be a little lean as so many people are traveling. I myself will be missing July and September.

So many activities these days! We've had:

- an Oyster Roast at Marsh Harbor, thanks to Tommy Howard and his helpers
- a Pool Party, thanks to hosts Pam & Steve Allen
- summer racing on Thursday evening on the Wilmington River, organized by Chris Gerards
- Geechee cruises, organized by Dawson Long

Speaking of Dawson: On May 8<sup>th</sup>, I happened to be at the Savannah Marina docks (sailing with a former student and my neighbor) and who pulls up but our very own Dawson! He changed up the cruise scheduled for Brunswick (due to blustery winds) to go to Daufuskie Island instead, jumping on Kris Hunter's *Inchmore*:



## SPEAKER FOR MONDAY, JULY 13

**STUART GOUGH**  
**2020 PAST GEECHEE SAILING CLUB**  
**COMMODORE**

Stuart will be sharing about his  
single-handed voyage  
to the Dominican Republic



### 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.geecheesailingclub.org](http://www.geecheesailingclub.org)

### EMAIL ADDRESS:

[geecheesailingclub@hotmail.com](mailto:geecheesailingclub@hotmail.com)

### FACEBOOK:

Geechee Sailing Club

### GEECHEE SAILING CLUB'S UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

#### Socials:

*Rescheduled for Saturday,  
October 10 (was Saturday,  
July 4) - BBQ at Art Chapple's*

#### Cruises & Events

*July 11-12—Elba Island  
Cruise*

*Thursday, July 23-26—Visit  
Elissa Schooner at river front.  
Free tours 10:00-5:00.*

*July 24-26—2nd Daufuskie  
Cruise*

*Thursday, August 13—Visit  
Gray's Reef Discovery Center.  
Lunch at Rancho Alegria.*

*August 14-16—Palmetto Bay  
Marina*

*Sept. 11-14—Safe Harbor,  
Beaufort, Cruise*

*Oct. 16-18—Bluffton Seafood  
& Art Festival, Cruise*

*Thursday, Nov. 19, 1:00 p.m. -  
sailing on The Lynx schooner  
out of St. Simon's Island*

## COMMODORE, Angela Margolit (Continued)

Grey's Reef Discovery Center has been scheduled for Thursday, August 13 at 10:30am. I visited them on May 5<sup>th</sup> and met with Mary Quinn. We will start with a 30-minute tour, then activities. Lunch at Rancho Alegria, one block south!



*R/V Sea Dawg* in the Fall – mark your calendars for Thursday, Oct. 15! If ever you wanted to know what it's like to go shrimping, this is your chance! I'm hoping to obtain a Trawl to Trash grant, funded by the National Sea Grant College Program (to reduce the cost for each of you). This was designed to engage the public in stewardship activities focused on the impacts of marine debris and encourages the use of recycled trawl bags to collect/remove debris from our waterways. Therefore, it also includes a bag-making session.

*Lynx Schooner* in St. Simon's has been postponed to Thursday, Nov. 19.

Updated Social Calendar:

Since so many of our members are traveling over July 4<sup>th</sup>, we are postponing the cook-out at Art Chappel's water-front home to October 24<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.



## VICE COMMODORE/SECRETARY, Larry Sprague

As mentioned in the June *Mini Rhumb Line*, Mary Ellen and I will be out of the country beginning April 30<sup>th</sup>, returning July 1<sup>st</sup>. In my absence, Dawson has kindly agreed to take over the secretarial duties.

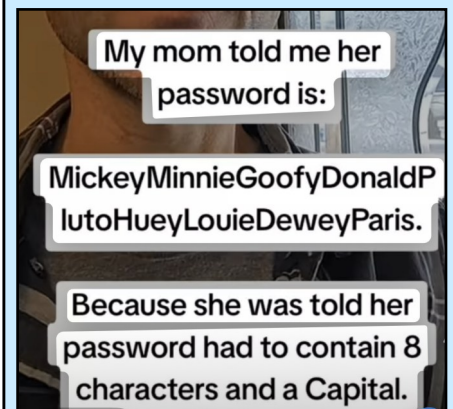
We fly up to Boston and then embark on the *Stad Amsterdam*, a fully rigged ship, for a seventeen-day voyage to the Azores. From the Azores we go to Lisbon and Porto, Portugal; fly to Provence, France; then hike in Switzerland with a final river trip from Bazel, Switzerland, to Amsterdam. The only mode of transportation we are not taking is motorcycle.

(See my article concerning the June speakers.

—Linda.)



Van and Adrienne tracked Larry and Mary Ellen down in Wengen, Switzerland!



# VICE COMMODORE/SECRETARY, Larry Sprague

MAY 11, 2026

Dr. William Belford, Professor at Georgia Southern University, spoke about grog - along with a taste for attendees. He was a hoot.



JUNE 8, 2026

Anna Roach and Remy Havens spoke about the Tybee Oyster Co.



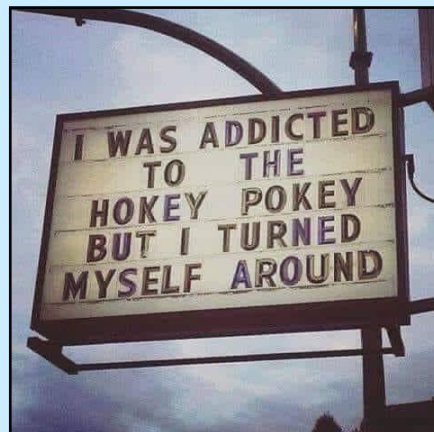
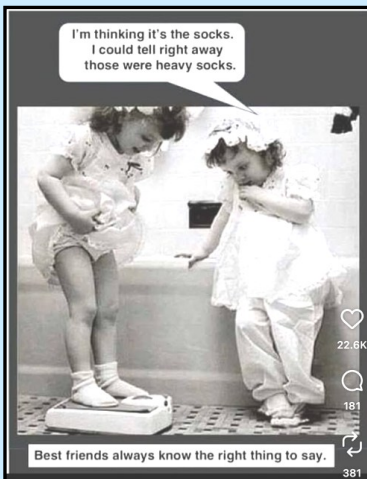
JULY 13, 2026

Our own Stuart Gough to speak on his single-handed voyage to the Dominican Republic



AUGUST 10, 2026

To Be Announced



## CRUISE CHAIR, Dawson Long

I want to include a recap of the latest and a description of the upcoming cruises:

### May 23-25 - Memorial Day Cruise:

A total of nine people came to the government dock on Wassaw Creek for the cruise. Scott Lawson and the Willmans joined us on Sunday on their center-console powerboat. Three boats enjoyed the three-day cruise including a 1986 Hunter 28' American sailboat with a crew of 2, a 1975 Douglas 32' Canadian brand sailboat with a crew of 2, and my 1970 Contest 30' Dutch boat, *Andiamo*, with 3 of us.

We walked around the southern quarter of the island on the trail, and then we made our way to the beach. We looped back onto the Pavillion trail to climb the mystical fifty-foot mound to get back to the anchorage. The grassy knoll with pines atop the mound makes you feel as though you are in North Carolina.

We enjoyed great community meals Saturday evening, and brunch early on Sunday and on Sunday evening at the dock. It is always good to get in and out of the creek at mid-tide at least. All three of us ran aground, but

I was the only one who had to be towed off - as a former award-winning sailor for the High-on-the-Sandbar Award. As a disclaimer, this does not reference the use of drugs. I have the uncanny ability to find the high ground underwater.

### June 19-21, Friday Evening to Sunday afternoon Cruise to Daufuskie Island.

This is a rinse-and-repeat cruise for me. I jumped on a friend's boat as we motored up to stay at the Freeport Marina on Daufuskie in lieu of sailing down to Brunswick in blustery conditions. We had a grand time.

### July 11-12, Saturday-Sunday - Elba Island/Savannah Back River. (High Tide at 11:16 AM)

We will watch some ships and search for teeth. I mean that we will search for sharks' teeth. We keep our dentures close-at-hand.

### July 24-26: Cruise to Daufuskie Island

In case you missed the first Daufuskie cruise of the season, you really want to make this one.

August 14-16, Saturday-Sunday - Palmetto Bay Marina, Hilton Head  
You could contrast this as the GM brand without the Cadillac upcharge at Harbour Town.

### September 11-15, Friday-Sunday, "After Labor Day Cruise" to Safe Harbor, Beaufort

I have enjoyed their rails-to-trails scenic bike ride and the great restaurants and shopping. Bring your bike or rent one. The restaurants are all within walking distance of the marina.

### October 16-18, Friday-Sunday, Bluffton Seafood & Art Festival

The arts festival is very entertaining. We saw a parade of women on paddleboards dressed up as butterflies, mermaids, and other creatures. I am not sure that the public dock is expanded or not. We have always anchored in the river.



## MEMBERSHIP CHAIR, Scott Lawson

I had the pleasure of riding out to Wassaw Island with Mark and Becky Willman on their new and very comfortable Grady White for the Sunday afternoon of Memorial Day weekend. We tied up at the designated visitor side of the DNR dock and hiked over the island to the spectacular deserted beach where we ran into Dawson and friends. A great holiday picnic outing! Thank you Mark and Becky.

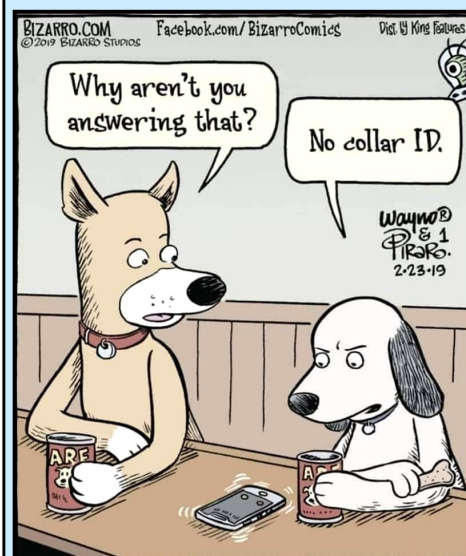
### RIP

Don Rondeau was a longtime member of the Geechee Sailing Club. He and his late wife Theresa sailed a Watkins 23, a Chris Craft Capri 30 called *Peli-*

*can*, and a Morgan 36 called *Pelican Too!*

Very handy and always ready for a new adventure, the Rondeaus could be counted on at almost every club event.

If you hear of an old friend of the club passing, please contact Linda so that she can get word out to the membership regarding arrangements.



## COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR/EDITOR, Linda Howard

Dawson is covering for Larry as Secretary while Larry is out of the country. I am covering for Larry as Vice Commodore to report on the speakers for June. Actually, I had planned to continue my report on the Tybee Oyster Company (the speakers for June) anyway.

The main characters:

**Laura Solomons:** Owner and co-founder of ECO, or “Education, Community, Oysters,” a nonprofit that draws on her background as an educational consultant as well as her ongoing entrepreneurial effort as the CEO of Tybee Oyster Company to train teachers, facilitate field trips, and bring scientific inquiry into classrooms.

**Perry Solomon:** Co-Owner and husband of Laura. You can read more about them in my May/June article.



The two speakers (who did a fantastic job of team teaching at our meeting) were:

**Anna Roach:**



Assistant Farm Manager and ECO Program Coordinator. It is a nonprofit under the Tybee Oyster Company dedicated to empowering classrooms and communities through education rooted in the local and natural history of Georgia’s coast.

From the internet: “Anna brings a deep passion for conservation and community to her work with ECO. With a

degree in Bioenvironmental Science from Texas A&M University and experience as a Marine Science Educator in the Florida Keys and at the Burton 4-H Center on Tybee Island, she’s no stranger to connecting people with the power of place.

As ECO’s only paid staff member, Anna supports our education, outreach, and communication efforts developing oyster-focused classroom materials, assisting with sustainability initiatives, and helping us tell our story beautifully. She brings genuine enthusiasm every time we find a new creature out on the farm, reminding us why this work matters.”

**Remy Havens:**



Remy is ECO’s Outreach and Community Engagement Coordinator. You’ll find her out on the farm, in the classroom, and at our ECO events, helping connect our community to the natural world.

Remy earned her degree in Fish, Wildlife, and Conservation Biology from Colorado State University and has previously worked as an environmental educator at the Burton 4-H Center on Tybee Island. She loves spending time outdoors and on the water, and is passionate about bridging the gap between science and everyday life, helping people of all ages admire, understand, and advocate for the world around them.”



By the way, I asked about their icon. They said the head of a bull is for Bull River.

Tommy and I were so impressed that we decided to visit their workplace. They said it was near Kroger on Wilmington Island, but it was a little hard to find (6705 Johnny Mercer Blvd.) If you go NE on Johnny Mercer, past Kroger, you need to cross over Penn Waller Rd. It is there on the right in a small parking lot, and is the small white building on the extreme right. You

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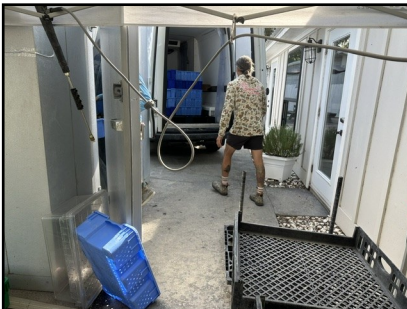
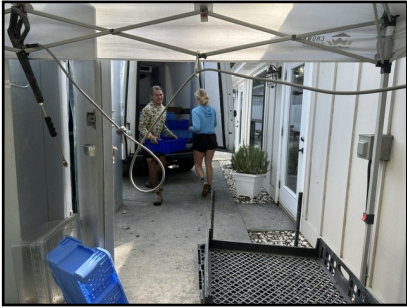
can also find their website at [tybeeoyster.com](http://tybeeoyster.com).

Anyway, Tommy and I drove over to their building and got there just in time for the oysters to arrive from farming that morning (it was almost 10:00). As you read in my article of May/June, they are now given until 10:00 a.m. to get their oysters into refrigeration. Needless to say, Anna drove up and she and their Farm Manager, Chris Hathcock, immediately started unloading into the outside refrigeration.

If you go over there, you will find merchandise you can buy (t-shirts, etc.) besides oysters. I think they said the oysters were \$1.25 each, but they have bags that are priced on their website that seem affordable.



This is a baby oyster (seed) sifter to sort them by size. I asked if they ordered it from Amazon, but they said it came from China.



I received an email from Remy today that said they would like to educate us more on the ECO side of the Tybee Oyster Company. She said that they work alongside local farmers, scientists, maritime professionals, and educators to connect learners with Georgia's oyster industry highlighting oysters as both a vital coastal resource and a growing force in the state's economy.

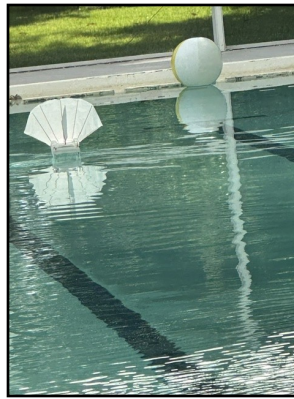
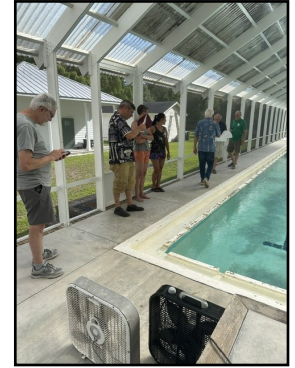
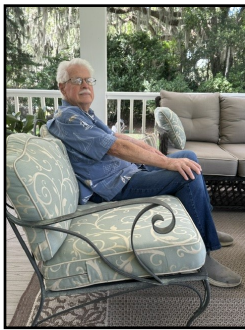
Remy is inviting us to join them on Sunday, November 8, for their 3rd annual Georgia Oyster Revival at Starland Yard "for an afternoon of fresh Georgia oysters, chef-crafted bites, live music, cold drinks, and community all in support of ECO Georgia's mission to educate, restore, and advocate for the future of Georgia's coast."

All funds raised directly support ECO Georgia's hands-on education and conservation programs, expanding access to coastal learning opportunities and helping inspire the next generation of environmental stewards across our state. Through immersive experiences that turn marshes into classrooms and oysters into teachers, we're building lasting connections between students, communities, and the coastal ecosystems that sustain Georgia."



# SOCIAL COMMITTEE, Pam Allen, by Linda Howard

This year's pool party was fantastic. No storms, no unbearable heat, lots of food and fellowship, a beautiful place, great swimming, and a fun indoor boat race! (Tommy won, by the way.) Here are some photos. There are some on our Facebook site as well.



## RACE CHAIR/WEBSITE MGR, Angela Margolit



Over the weekend of August 22-23, SAYRA is holding their annual Club Championship. The event can be in any state which belongs in SAYRA: Georgia, South Carolina, or North Carolina. Since 2020, there has yet to be one held in Georgia. I've been participating in this since 2019 in the Women's Division, traveling as far as Lake Norman.



This was my team at the first SAYRA event in May of 2019 in Charleston: Jacki Spiegel, Hilary Jones, and Barbara Bart. And yes, I see that I'm holding our burgee upside down!

This year, the event will be at the South Carolina Yacht Club on Windmill Harbor, Hilton Head. Lucia Marquez and I will be representing the Geechees for the Women's Championship that Saturday. (We sure can use a third if any Geechee lady would like to join us!)

Since it is so close, I'm hoping I can persuade one or two men to participate in the Club Coed Championship. We can have up to three people on the Harbor 20. This has a jib boom and no spinnaker. We swap boats after every one or two races, so being spry and agile is a must.

So, if you are interested and available on Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, please contact me directly!

### THURSDAY EVENING RACE SERIES

The annual summer series began a little earlier this year! There are only four races scheduled:

June 11  
June 18  
June 25  
July 2

Can you join us on one of these Thursday evenings for a race down the Wilmington River? We start promptly at 6:15pm near ATON G27, and head to a mark near G23, then back up the river again. Let me know if you are interested and I'll send you the NOR and race course map. Here are the results of the first race:

## RACE CHAIR/WEBSITE MGR, Angela Margolit (continued)

### Summer Series 2026 — Race 1

6.3 nm course · Started 6:15 PM · Corrected = Elapsed - (PHRF × 6.3) · Points = boats beaten (max 6)

Pos	Skipper	Boat	PHRF	Elapsed	Corrected	Status	Pts
1	Franz Nuernberger	Long Bow	129	57:25	43:52	—	6
2	Chris Gerards	Nomad	96	54:19	44:14	—	5
3	Angela Margolit	Gone with the Wind	171	65:10	47:13	—	4
—	Leo Pelequin	Merlin	229	—	—	Time pending	TBD
5	Sonja Wallen	Summer Wind	210	—	—	DNS	0
5	Sarah King	Por La Mar	215	—	—	DNS	0
5	Doug Powelson	Bonnie Blue	171	65:02	—	DSQ	0

Merlin's position and points depend on its finishing time. Standings will reorder once submitted, and again as Races 2-4 are completed.

### UPCOMING REGATTAS

#### JULY

18-19: SYC - Firecracker Regatta (Sunfish, Laser, Opti, and M15)

18-19: ChYC – Open Regatta (Including J/24s)

#### AUGUST

14-16: SYC – Sunfish Youth North America

22-23: SAYRA/SCYC – Club Open and Women's Championship (where Lucia Marquez and I will be representing the Geechees).

#### SEPTEMBER

26-27: CSC - Oktoberfest Regatta, Wilmington River

See the complete schedule (and contact information) on our website's Racing page!

We still have a few Regatta shirts for sale, sizes Small or Medium, for \$25 each. Let me know if you are interested and I will get it to you. I'll also bring them to the general meetings.



# FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

Unscramble each word, then take the letters that are underlined and unscramble them to come up with  
**A NAUTICAL TERM.**

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Answer to MAY/JUNE Scramble:    N A V I G A T I O N

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## SUPPORT FOR OUR MEMBERS

This column is for club members to support other members “in need” health-wise (phone calls, visits, prayers, meals, etc.). Let me know of anyone you want to add. I will also get approval before entering any names into this column. Please text me at 912/658-7398.

Also, if you have (or know someone who has) a need to sell something, let me know that as well.

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**Janet and Joe Lane are selling their boat. It is at the Savannah Yacht Club and is a Morgan Nelson Merrick 45, 1983. Its name is *Memories* and has 2 berths, 2 heads, and heat and a/c. Please call Janet at 912/657-5270 for more information. “Seller is motivated”**

## 2026 OFFICERS

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