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The Commodore's Corner . . . AL DEDEL



Another year and your Club continues to age like a fine wine: gracefully and the quality remains! During the last half of 2014, DIYC has held 14 boating and social events! The sailing fleet has held seven races including co-sponsoring the Ribaut Cup with Beaufort Yacht & Sailing Club and our own Dataw Cup where close to 20 boats participated. There were four cruises, including a gigantic picnic with Fripp Island Yacht Club on the Morgan River sandbar. The Social Committee brought us three wonderful events: Chicken & Ribs, Boat Hop with burgers and brats and of course the stylish and elegant Commodore's Ball! All events were, as always, very successful and a whole lot of fun. Thank you to all the Board members and volunteers who made these events possible. Many thanks to our passed Commodore, John Carter for his leadership and guidance during 2014. Kudos to our departing Social Co-Chairs, Chris Dedel and Peg Dale, for their heroic efforts in making our social events memorable, and additional thanks to our departing Store Keepers, Josie Paddock and Laura Sherman, for their years of dedication and creativity in managing the Ship's Store.

As in the past years, our Commodore's Ball served as the yearly membership meeting for DIYC. The new Bridge was elected and installed: Commodore, Al Dedel; Vice Commodore, Gerry Chesser; and Rear Commodore, Mike Buckingham. Many, many thanks to our Board Members who continue their service year after year to make sure that your Club is the best that it can be: Secretary, Peggy Lantelme; Treasurer, Ron Jacobs; Membership Chair, Carol Luzzi; Sailing Captain, Roy Crocker; Social Co-Chairs, Alison Barton and Jean Dietz, and Editor, Cindy Schafer. Our yacht club wouldn't be the enjoyable and viable organization without their dedication and enthusiasm.

In addition, our new Cruise Captain is Wayne Vance; our new Assistant Social Committee Co-Chairs are Ann MacFarland and Valerie Hatcher; and our new Ship Store Keepers are Ruthie Pierce and JoAnn Aspray.

This year we will again be presenting all the events that you so enjoyed over the past years and are diligently investigating the possibility of new things to try. You may see boating safety programs, new ideas for cruises, joint ventures with other yacht clubs and new items available in the Ship's Store.

When you receive your membership renewal form, don't hesitate to send it in. If you are not a member, you should be. The DIYC is one of the best deals in town! Over two hundred and fifty memberships (representing approximately 460 individuals) can't be wrong. Your 2015 will be less than stellar without your DIYC membership.

See you at a restaurant, in the gazebo, on the water. Safe boating and fair winds . . .



Mark Your Calendars

FINAL FRIDAY GET TOGETHERS!

6:00–8:00 PM at the Rec Center Flag Room in the Community Center on the last Friday of the month, from January through March.

Join us as we enjoy the winter months on Dataw! No RSVP required.

BYOB — Appetizers provided by the DIYC

Friday, January 30

Friday, February 27

Friday, March 27

Not a DIYC member?

Join us and see what you are missing!

LOOKING AHEAD!

Save the date!

Commodore's Ball 2015

Saturday, November 14

Check out the DIYC Website at www.DatawYachtClub.com

You will find an event calendar, photo gallery, membership information, newsletters, resources, and more. Use the "Contact Us" tool to send in your suggestions to make our site even better!

Not a member of the DIYC? Contact Membership Chair Carol Luzzi for a membership form. (See contact information for Carol in Membership article on page 5.) If you would like more information about our organization, contact any of the members of our Board of Governors, listed on page 2.

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Thanks to ALL! . . . JOHN CARTER, Past Commodore

Only “yesterday” I was thanking the Dataw Island Yacht Club membership for nominating me to the Board of Governors, and for the privilege of being Commodore this past year. Then, suddenly, I am keeping to the ‘script’ at the Commodores’ Ball, and after five minutes, I read “John is done . . . Al takes over.” How time flies! It being so close to the holidays, I thought I would express my thanks and gratitude in a simple and traditional way.

I am grateful for:

Having a wonderfully enthusiastic, talented and hard-working Board to ensure that every DIYC member has opportunities to enjoy the social, cruising, sailing, and kayaking activities.

The more than 450 individual members who joined the DIYC this year, and expressed so many compliments to our Board for a successful year.

Having so many new Island and off-Island residents eager to join the DIYC for the first time . . . many in the later months of the year.

Being blessed for incredibly good weather that permitted us to complete over 30 events rain-free and sometimes wind-free (albeit, not no-see-um-free).

The best party we ever had at the Commodore’s Ball. Sold-out early with the maximum guests we could accommodate, the decorations were spectacular, dinner and the band were outstanding, and our 200 guests looked stunning in their tuxedos and gowns.

Finally, please welcome and support your new Bridge, Al, Gerry and Michael, as they lead the 2015 Board in what will be another wonderful year. I truly enjoyed being your Commodore this year. Now, Diana and I will be like most of you; just enjoying all the fun and activities, while others do the hard work.



2014 DIYC Commodore John Carter and his wife, Diana, at the 2014 Commodore’s Ball.

See pages 6-7 for more Commodore’s Ball photos.

Yachting Club of America Courtesy Card

DIYC is again a member of **Yachting Clubs of America**. This membership entitles DIYC members reciprocal benefits at over 800 yacht clubs in the USA and Virgin Islands. You can visit the YCA website at www.ycaol.com to identify other member clubs that would be in the area of your travel plans. Your Reciprocal Courtesy Card will be attached to your 2015 DIYC Membership Book. Take advantage of this great benefit and dine in some of the best restaurants in the country.

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We welcome member submission to this newsletter. Contact Cindy Schafer at 843-838-7517 or e-mail submissions to Cindy at cindyschafer21@gmail.com.

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Vice Commodore's Report

... GERALD CHESSER

As the Dataw Island Yacht Club begins a new year I would first like to thank our newest Past Commodore, John Carter, for his outstanding helmsman ship during 2014. The Club enjoyed a great year, both on the water and on land. I hope John will stay active in the Club as have so many of our other Past Commodores.

As Vice Commodore I look forward to working with Commodore Al Dedel, Rear Commodore Mike Buckingham, and our Board of Governors in 2015.

This year one of my responsibilities will be as the Club's Safety Officer. For this year we are planning to promote some boating safety programs. This will be provided in a classroom setting, hopefully some hands-on training, and periodic issue of some helpful hints. The Club has a wealth of talented Captains that are well versed in boating safety and the local waters and we will try to access some of this knowledge for some of our newer members. One topic may be on boating etiquette. Traveling the Inter-Coastal through Georgia and Florida last year demonstrated to me that, even after 40 years of boating, there are still things to learn. We would like to include other topics like the knowledge and use of fire extinguishers and flares. We are also trying to set up some docking exercises at the marina with some experienced Captains since practice is the best, if not the only way, if you don't have thrusters on your boat, to become proficient at docking.

Our intent is to provide a benefit to all our boating members (Power, Kayak, and Sail). We would appreciate any suggestions for topics or comments you might have for ways to make the program beneficial. Please send them to me at geraldtchesser@gmail.com.

In the end the purpose of this initiative is to promote safety for our boating members. It is not meant as a replacement for a comprehensive boating course such as the BSPS boating course, which I have taken, and highly recommend.

Rear Commodore's Report . . . MICHAEL BUCKINGHAM

2015, WOW, another year has passed. Every time a new year comes I am amazed to be able to look back at the past year. Some of my look-backs have not been great, but the look-back at 2014 is a good one. As a newbie to Dataw and to the DIYC, everything was a first-time experience in this new world. What fun we had!

I was lucky enough to have been on the inside of the DIYC and seen the tremendous energy that the Board members have. So many exciting and fun activities that are available to Club members. Social activities abound. The Social Committee is amazing, as are the events they put together. Many great sailing races all year long. What a beautiful thing to watch, and I am sure it is exciting to be on one of those boats.

The 2014 Cruise Team had tremendous success this past year, with some new exciting cruise events, and many more annual events going without a hitch. New relationships with other Yacht Clubs were embraced and great joint events initiated. I want to thank all of the Cruise Captains for 2014. You did a great job, and opened doors for the future.

In the DIYC world, 2015 promises to be another great year. The leadership of the Club is in great hands. There are opportunities for the Club to do some new things this year and I am looking forward to being a part of it. So get ready the fun begins soon with the January "**Final Friday.**" We are hoping to get every boat off the rack this year. It is going to be a great year.

See y'all when it starts.



Cruise News

... WAYNE VANCE, Cruise Captain

The New Year means another great cruise season for the members of Dataw Island Yacht Club and their brave crews, and I am pleased to have been asked to serve as the 2015 DIYC Cruise Captain. Beth and I thoroughly enjoyed the cruises that we joined in 2014, and we will make up for those that we missed.

We arrived here from Virginia in May of 2013, and became members of the DIYC and put a boat at the Dataw Marina as soon as we could find out where to sign. Not only for the boating opportunities in this grand setting, but also the great social events and chances to meet other members and new friends. It is a wonderful way to enjoy Dataw Island.

The 2015 cruise schedule will be released shortly. Some of the past DIYC cruises are must-do repeats . . . the season-opening run to Dockside, Capers Island, Bohicket Marina, and downtown Beaufort trips. We especially cannot do without the great Morgan River sandbar outing and beach party with the Fripp Island Yacht Club. New destinations are being considered, and your recommendations will be welcomed. Volunteer captains for each cruise will be announced — they are the leaders who make our cruises such successful events.

Join in what will be a terrific year to enjoy the wonderful river and sea paradise with which we are blessed. Remember that you do not have to own a boat to join the cruises. Boat captains always enjoy sharing the adventure!

Laissez les bons temps rouler!



Sailing Fleet Report . . . ROY CROCKER, Sailing Captain

The Sailing Fleet is approaching the end of an active year. The fleet has had a schedule that includes monthly local races and two major regattas — The *Jean Ribaut Cup* in the spring and the *Dataw Cup* in the fall. We have been getting six to eight boats for our local

races, and Ribaut and Dataw Cups have had about twenty boats sailing with at least eight of those representing DIYC. After our last race in December the results from all the races in 2014 will be combined to determine the 2014 DIYC Sailing Fleet Champion which will be presented at an awards presentation in January. We still have to wait and see if someone else will replace last year's DIYC Sailing Fleet Champion, Mark Schuster.

The Sailing Fleet has been fortunate to have a dedicated Race Committee to run our races. *Paul Pope, Ken Lantelme, Jerry Hubbard* and *Noel Chrisman* can be counted on to be there to start our races and time the boats as they cross the finish line. This group does an excellent job in managing our races, and we would not have the successful sailing program that we have without their participation.

Dataw has the advantage of having a full service marina right on our island. The marina personnel have been very supportive of our racing program, and the sailors appreciate the help we get in handling our boats as we leave and return to the marina. It is also very easy to sail at Dataw because as soon as a boat leaves the marina the sails can be hoisted and the fun begins. In many locations a sailboat will have to spent time motoring to and from the sailing area which takes valuable time from sailing.

The sailing program is alive and very active at Dataw. We have had a very good year in 2014, and are looking forward to a great 2015.

The Sailing Fleet had a fun race on Monday, December 8, on the Morgan River. The temperatures were cool, but the wind was perfect for the 8-mile race. On the right is John Mahoney in ADAGIO and on the left is Art Morrow in BLACK SHOE, neck and neck as they approach the finish line after almost 2 hours of sailing. This was the final race of the 2014 Sailing Series; after a short holiday break, the 2015 series will start on January 12.

2015 DIYC SAILING FLEET RACE SCHEDULE

Monday, Jan. 12	Race in Morgan River. High tide about 1:30 PM at marina
Monday, Feb. 16	Race in Morgan River. Low tide about 1:00 PM at marina
Monday, March 2	Race in Morgan River. Low tide about 1:00 PM at marina
Friday, March 20	Race to Beaufort. Low tide at the Brickyards at 4:40 PM
Saturday, March 21	Ribaut Cup. Low tide about 4:00 PM in Port Royal Sound
Sunday, March 22	Race in Beaufort River. Low tide at Paris Island 5:30 PM
Monday, March 23	Race to Dataw. High tide at Brickyard Point about 12:45 PM
Monday, April 20	Race in Morgan River. Low tide about 5:15 AM at marina
Monday, MAY 4	Race to St Helena Sound. Low tide 3:14 PM at the sound
Monday, June 15	Race in Morgan River. Low tide about 2:45 PM at marina
Monday, July 13	Race in Morgan River. Low tide about 1:30 PM at marina
Monday, August 17	Race in Morgan River. Low tide about 5:30 PM at marina
Monday, Sept. 28	Race to G "11" and back. Low tide 3:09 PM in the sound
Saturday, Oct. 10	Dataw Island Cup. Low tide at 1:20 PM in the sound
Monday, Oct. 26	Race to G "11" and back. Low tide 2:00 PM at the sound
Monday, Nov. 9	Race in Morgan River. Low tide about 1:15 PM at marina
Monday, Dec. 7	Race in Morgan River. Low tide about 12:00 NOON at marina



An update from your Social Committee

... CHRIS DEDEL and PEG DALE

Adventures in Paradise . . . what an appropriate description of this past year! Your Social Committee was once again busy with the usual events — the fabulous Pig Pickin' in May . . . the delicious Pot Luck in June . . . the incredibly rainy yet superb Chicken & Ribs Dinner in September. In July we had the Bricks on Boundary 'food truck' come and serve up burgers and brats — what fun and what a great addition to the Boat Hop. The Commodore's Ball was our year's grand finale. What a superb evening that was!

Thank you all for supporting the social events this year. We had fun planning them but the key to them being successful is the support we receive from all of you. THANK YOU! To the volunteers throughout the year that helped us plan, organize and execute everything . . . we say thank you as well. We couldn't have done it without you.

As Peg and I turn the reins over to next year's Social Co-Chairs, we say goodbye to our Commodore, John Carter, and thank him for all his support and enthusiasm. We have enjoyed working with him. Peg and I wish the new social Co-Chairs, Alison Barton and Jean Dietz, who will be assisted by two other incredible women, Ann MacFarland and Valerie Hatcher, the best going forward. We can only imagine what a great year it will be with their commitment and creativity. We also wish our new Commodore, Al Dedel, the best of success.



2015 Dataw Island Yacht Club Membership Drive

... CAROL LUZZI, Membership Chair

The DIYC is one of the largest organizations on Dataw. There are approximately 460 individuals who belong to the DIYC. Boat owners comprise 56% of the membership. These are the owners of power boats (29%), sailboats (10%) and kayaks (18%). The remaining members are always welcome to crew on cruises throughout the year.

All DIYC members should be on the lookout for their 2014 Renewal Forms which have been delivered to your message boxes. Please remember to return the COMPLETED form ASAP, even if you decide not to renew your membership, as it greatly helps with the record keeping. Of course, you can join the DIYC any time. But if you wish to be included in our 2015 Membership Directory, we will need your form back by January 31, 2015.

If you wish to join the Dataw Island Yacht Club as a new member, forms are available at the Community Center, and can also be downloaded from our website — www.Datawyachtclub.com. (Click on "membership information" and then on "membership application.")

If you did not receive a Renewal Form, or for more information on DIYC membership, please contact Carol Luzzi, 2014 Membership Chair, at 838-5040 or e-mail at cluzzi@islc.net.



DIYC Ships Store

... JOANN ASPRAY AND RUTHIE PIERCE

Thanks to everyone for such a great Ships Store sale on Monday, December 8th! Remember, if there is anything you would like us to carry, just let us know. We will be happy to try to accommodate your requests.

Congratulations to the winners of the raffle during the December Ships Store sale. Pat Mitchell won the beautiful Spartina beach towel with the DIYC logo and Terri Jodoin won the fabulous large tote, also with the DIYC logo. We had lots of requests to carry that tote, so we will be ordering some of those for the coming year.

Thanks again for your support of the DIYC and don't forget to get in touch with us if there is anything you would like. JoAnn Aspray (838-4965, Folsomom@aol.com) and Ruthie Pierce (838-2950, ruthiepierce@embarqmail.com).



Welcome Aboard!

... CAROL LUZZI,
Membership Chair

The Dataw Island Yacht Club would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new 2014 members:

BOAT OWNERS

POWER

Todd & Joni Bradley
Tom & Debra Dabney
John & Dena Dardzinski
Marvin & Nancy Day
Jim & Joyce Dufresne
Bob & Tomilee Harding
Jim & Catherine Kinsella
Jim & Janis Mathis
Jeff & Len Rugg
Bryan & Kathy Tuttle

SAIL

Geoffrey & Elizabeth Grout
Kevin & Judy Mack
John & Kathy McShane

KAYAK

Randy & Mary Ann Bell
George & Sandy Cartledge
Joe & Terri Jodoin
Herb & Cathy Stackhouse

READY TO CREW

John & Christine Curley
Erica Fournier
John & Sue Franklin
Scott & Shayne Gelbard
Roger & Valerie Hatcher
Gene & Kathy Kelenski
John & Ann MacFarland
Rob & Gratia McLane, Jr.
Carl Moulton
Nancy O'Neil
Dan & Ruth Pierce
Bob & Micki Pogachnick
Rich & Revonda Rand
Bob & Nan Sadler
Lee & Jane Scher
Greg & Marij Shymske
Sherry Storms
George & Patty Troendle
Jo Walters

(See Membership article on the left.)

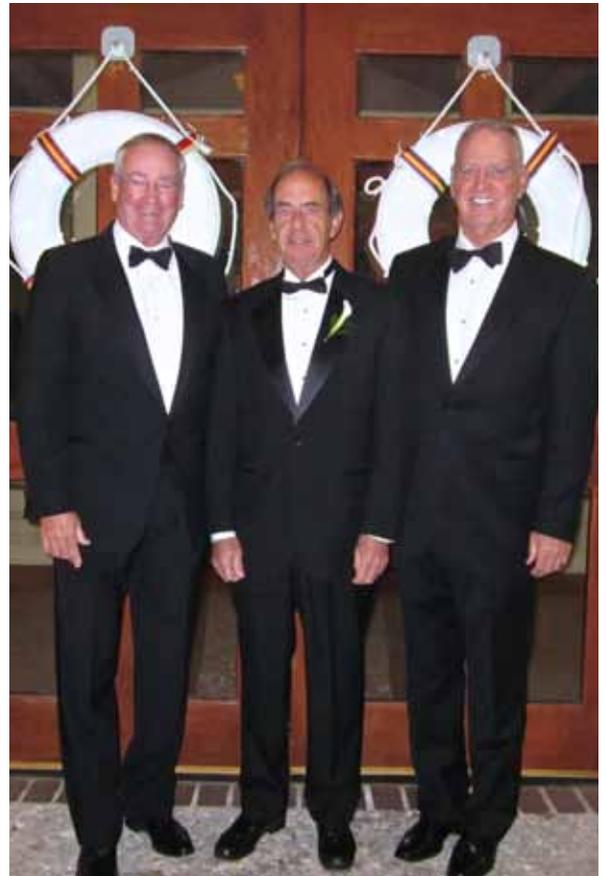
Commodore's Ball 2014

... 2014 SOCIAL CHAIRS CHRIS DEDEL & PEG DALE

Yet again another **adventure in paradise**, the Commodore's Ball was a big success with over 200 people in attendance. What a perfect 'wrap up' for the 2014 DIYC social calendar! Current and past commodores and their spouses were honored and the 2015 Flag Officers were also introduced. The Carolina Ballroom looked very tropical with Bird of Paradise centerpieces and other arrangements consisting of many 'home grown' palms. After some lovely dinner music, the band (Threshold) stepped it up a notch and kept everyone on the dance floor until midnight. Complimentary champagne and white wine were once again served as guests arrived and then all were treated to some fabulous hors d'oeuvres. In keeping with the "Adventures in Paradise" theme, the favors were a group of six post cards depicting our own natural beauty here on Datha by our local photographer, Melanie Gentile. It was a perfect ending to a wonderful year!

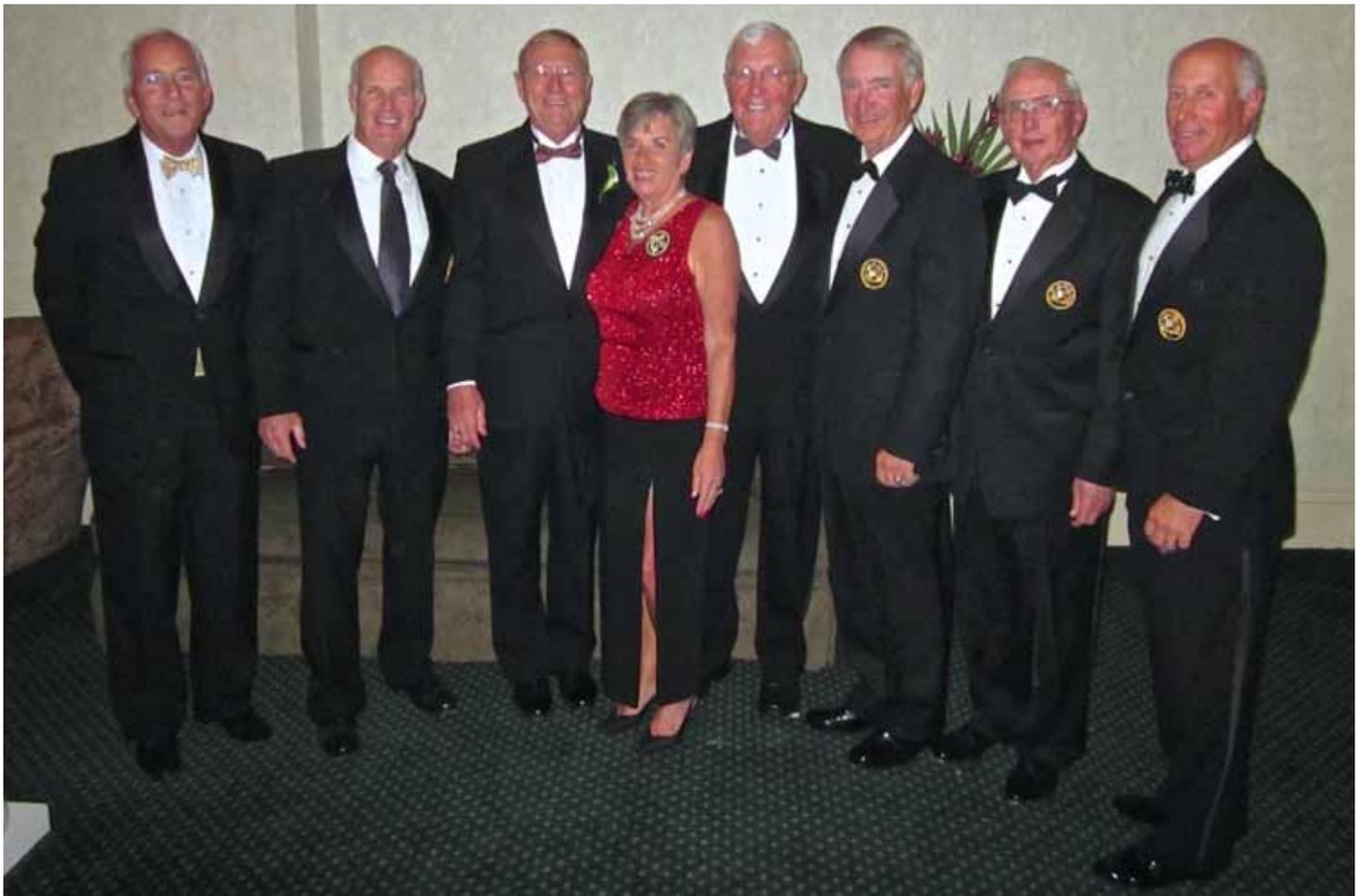
The 2015 Bridgel

(left to right) Vice Commodore Gerald Chesser;
Commodore Al Dedel and Rear Commodore Michael Buckingham



Our past commodores were honored at the ball!

(left to right) Stan Hudson (Commodore 2012); John Cashen (Commodore 2008); John Carter (Commodore 2014); Gretchen Blickel (Commodore 2007); Tom Molzow (Commodore 2000); George Cheatham (Commodore 2009); Tom Hurley (Commodore 2011); Andy Jacobs (Commodore 2013)





The 2015 Bridge and their wives!
(left to right) Michael and Julie Buckingham;
Chris and Al Dedel; Alice and Gerry Chesser.

There were lots of signs — but everyone knew where to go!



Dancing to music by Threshold. The dance floor was packed all evening long!

The Social Committee — before the Ball started. All details had been taken care of. . . it was time to have a party!

(Left to right) Alison Barton, Peg Dale, Jean Dietz and Chris Dedel.

The Carolina Room looked magical!



The winners of the October Datha Cup Photography Contest!

Photo taken by Dale Martin

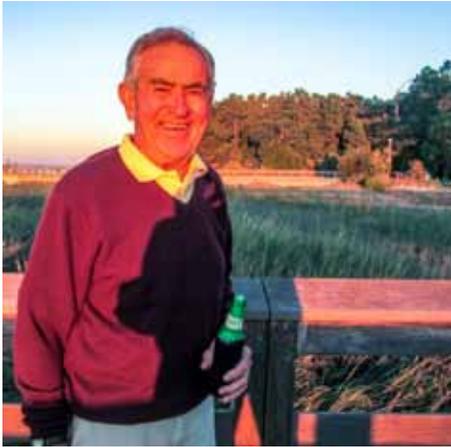


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