



The Tides of Datha

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The Commodore's Corner . . . STAN HUDSON



The 2012 season is well under way, and we have had great participation from all our members. The upcoming events will be exciting and hopefully appeal to all. The Dataaw Island Yacht Club is fast approaching a record number of members and an expanding future. From the recent co-sponsorship of the Ribaut Cup to our recent sold-out Pig Pickin, we are actively heading for a record year of attendance. On Monday, May 7, at the Pig Pickin, we had a very elusive guest who helped us raise the newly made DIYC pennant on the flag pole at the head of the dock. This flag raising signifies the start of a newly, expanding yacht club offering more events and amenities for our growing membership.

In the future your leadership hopes to expand the membership toward becoming an active Yacht Club force in the region. DIYC offers other yacht clubs and travelling boaters a warm welcome. We are now able to offer other Yacht Club of America members all the amenities of the Dataaw Island Club through our Guest Member Program. The guest program will hopefully expose our yacht club and our Dataaw Island Club to many potential members and visitors.

We encourage all of our members to share our DIYC with friends and acquaintances from throughout the region and the country. If you have questions regarding invitations and literature for your visiting friends, please do not hesitate to contact any member of your board.

Enjoy the upcoming weather and your Yacht Club will try to provide the venues for your enjoyment.

Fair Winds and Smooth Seas.

The Ancient God of the Seas came back to help raise the new DIYC pennant!

(left to right): Vice Commodore Andy Jacobs; King Neptune (A.K.A. Mike Koetters) and Commodore Stan Hudson after the ceremony on the dock.

For more pictures of the flag raising ceremony, as well as pictures from the Annual Pig Pickin, see page 6.



Sea Turtles with Amanda Wood
Community Center, May 10, 6:30 PM
(See page 5 for details)

Pot Luck Dinner
Monday, June 4 — 6:00 PM at the Gazebo
BYOB and a contribution — details to come!

Fillet or Not with Kevin Ragsdale
Community Center, June 13, 6:30 PM
(See page 5 for details)

Dee Smith Memorial Fishing Outing
June 18 — 9 AM
(See Page 5 for details)

4th Annual DIYC Dock Party & Boat Happening!
Sunday, July 1, 5:00–9:00 PM
Details to come!

Camp Dataaw DIYC Fishing Day
Monday, July 9, 8–10 AM

LOOKING AHEAD – SAVE THE DATES!
Chicken & Ribs BBQ
Monday, Sept. 10

Harvesting Low Country Shellfish
Community Center, September 12, 6:30 PM
(See page 5 for details)

Commodore's Ball
Saturday, November 17

Next regularly scheduled Board Meeting is June 5 at 4:30 PM in the Community Center.

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Vice Commodore's Report . . . ANDY JACOBS

On Thursday morning, April 26, members of the Dataw Island Yacht Club newly formed Kayak Fleet went on their inaugural cruise. Twenty-five of us met at the lagoon on Hunting Island and were greeted by Kim and David of Beaufort Kayak Tours. Kim and David began the morning with a lesson on safety and basic instruction on kayaking. We then grabbed our lunches, launched our kayaks and headed down the lagoon towards the Fripp Inlet. The day was warm and sunny but we had a pretty stiff wind in our faces. Seeing 25 kayakers spread across the lagoon was an awesome sight.

After about a mile or so, a small group of us headed to the sandy shore with David. Kim continued on with the adventurous ones out to the inlet. The wind was blowing pretty strong and those hearty souls rowed out and back to where the first group had stopped. Everyone then gathered for lunch and a little rest before heading back up the lagoon. The wind and tide was now at our backs which made for a quicker and easier ride.

Upon our return we all helped one another load up our kayakers and gathered to talk about our experience. Everyone was excited and we are already planning our next trip.

Look for our announcement of the next kayak outing, which will be around Dataw in Jenkins Creek.



Top photo: In the single kayak is Don Farris. Maureen and Tom Brady are in the double kayak.

Bottom, Chris Dedel on the left and Mark Bura on the right.



Members of the DIYC Kayak Fleet take their inaugural cruise!

Rear Commodore's Report . . . JOHN CARTER

*"It was the best of tides,
it was the worst of tides..."*

I have just returned from a five-week vacation on the Gulf of Mexico, south of Sarasota, Florida. Five weeks of lapping waves and wading and fishing in Intra-coastal waters. Boating there is always a breeze. With a full moon, and Venus and Jupiter pulling their weight, a high tide was all of 1.8 feet. Low was just . . . well, lower. Contrast this with our boating experiences in the Low Country. The week before I left, high tide was 7.6 feet and low was -0.4 feet. That's eight vertical feet of water being pumped through our waterways every six hours. Don't we just love the challenges of navigating the slips and the bull-pen? Oh, the tranquil waters of the Gulf. I have often wondered how many people actually read the *Tides*. Please . . . if you have read this far, would you just click on this link, johncarter5@earthlink.net and click

send. I don't need a subject, message, or even to know who sent it. Just send as is.

Thinking of Buying a Boat — Part 1:

I thought I would write about something a little different, yet something that has a lot in common with family, the four seasons and finances . . . boating. Boating is one of those hobbies in life that doesn't make much financial sense. But the benefits of boating are that it is a great vehicle for family fun and memories, and for enjoying some of the most picturesque and tranquil scenery in one of the nicest places in America. Also, the costs can be halved, or even thirded (I'm adding that to Webster's), by having a partnership. I have owned four aircraft and now a boat with partners, and all have been satisfying experiences which made the hobby affordable; it

would not have been possible going it alone. This is a great time to buy a boat. The key point is to start with a smaller/simpler boat with an outboard engine, that will accommodate four or five passengers. A common mistake is to start out with way too much boat. You can always work your way up. Costs to consider are the purchase price, storage, maintenance, fuel, insurance, and beer and wine for the end-of-a-wonderful-day relax. Boat owner members of your DI Yacht Club give you a huge resource to draw from. In Part 2, I will discuss more about the specifics of good boats for our area, costs, and purchasing options. And, I know I always bring this up, but if you take the Beaufort Sail and Power Squadron course, you will have so much confidence with your boating. Remember . . . *"The winds and the waves are always on the side of the ablest navigators."*



Sailing Fleet Report . . . ROY CROCKER, Sailing Captain

April was a busy month for the sailing fleet!

There was a race scheduled for April 9 in which seven boats hit the starting line. The race was to start at the marina, go down the Morgan River about four miles to a mark and then return to finish at the marina. *Black Shoe* (Art Morrow), *Sweet Thing* (John Payne), *True Love* (Roy Crocker), *Yankee Girl* (Marc Viguera), *Spindrift* (John Huntley), *Second Wind* (Gerry Chesser) and *Shorebird* (a visiting Marshall 18 skippered by Bill Cheney) started off in very nice winds of 10–12 knots on a beat with a favorable current. The fleet all made it to the turning mark in good shape. Shortly after the boats made the turn to head back to the finish the wind went light — then died altogether. After waiting more than an hour for the wind to return (as the fleet was going backwards due to the current) the race was called off, and the disappointed sailors motored back to port.

The weekend of April 20–23 was Beaufort Race Weekend. The weekend started off on Friday with a race to get the boats from Dataw to Beaufort for the Jean Ribaut Cup. Six boats headed out for the Friday event. The winds were light and the current negative as the boats headed up the Coosaw River. *True Love*, *Spindrift*, *Sweet Thing*, *Black Shoe*, *Bleu Jackit* (Dick Nalwasky) and *Dave's Folley* (a Catalina 27 with Dave Tindall skipper) were in the race. Again the light and variable wind, the negative current and the need to make the 4:00 PM swing bridge opening forced the abandonment of the race.

Dataw boats did very well in the Ribaut Cup on Saturday, April 21. In the Racing Class *True Love* took second place, and in the Cruising Class *Bleu Jackit* came in first, *Black Shoe* was second, and *Sweet Thing* placed fifth. Thirteen boats competed in the regatta which was held in Port Royal

Sound. There were social events on Friday and Saturday with a number of DIYC members attending.

The last two events of the weekend were a race in the Beaufort River on Sunday, and a race from Beaufort to Dataw on Monday. Due to rain, only three boats raced on Sunday. The most exciting event of the Sunday race was a line squall coming through. It rained so hard we could not see more than 200 feet and the wind gusted up to 30 knots. With my wife, Carol, as crew in the trying conditions (she was fine) *True Love* was second. The race from Beaufort to Dataw on Monday, April 23, had four boats sailing in very windy (gusts up to 33 knots) conditions. The wind was overpowering one boat (*Shorebird*) so she withdrew. On the final leg heading up the Morgan River a stay broke on *Myrdie III* (a Cape Dory Typhoon Senior 22' skippered by Woody Norwood) and the boat was dismasted. No one was hurt and the crew managed to get things

under control, but the boat did not have enough power to move the boat against the current and wind. *True Love*, who was leading in the race at the time, dropped her sails and went back to take the distressed boat under tow. *Black Shoe* sailed on to be the only boat to finish the race under sail; however, *True Love* was awarded first place because she had a lead at the time she gave aid to a boat in peril, and *Black Shoe* was second. An Awards Dinner was held after the race at Sweetgrass.

Thanks to the Race Committee for their running the races in a very professional manner. Jerry Hubbard, Ken Lantelme, Paul Pope and Ad Dedel did a great job in making sure the races they managed went off without a hitch.

The next race is scheduled for Monday, May 21st, on the Morgan River. It will be an 18 mile race to Green "11" in St. Helena Sound and back.



On the Beaufort to Dataw race on April 23 with winds in the mid 20's and gusts over 30, a split ring that holds a pin where a shroud is secured came out. The pin came out and without the shroud for support the mast buckled and came down. Fortunately no one was hurt, but there was a mess with the mast, rigging and sails in the water. The crew got things under control and organized as well as possible, but when they started their motor there was not enough power to move the boat against the current and wind with the mast and sail being dragged along the side of the boat. By this time *TRUE LOVE* had dropped her sails and was on the way back to offer assistance. A line was thrown to *MYRDIE* and she was ignominiously towed to Dataw Marina. It is interesting that it was the failure of a 30 cent split ring that caused the replacement of the mast and rigging that will cost several thousand dollars.



Cruise News . . .

**MICHAEL MC KEOWN,
Cruise Captain**

The weather seems to be cooperating thus far for a great boating season. Our "Ice Breaker" lunch at Dockside proved to be

a large success. Special thanks to *Rick Brown* for putting this together for us. Rick has been doing this for a few years now.

The Bull River ACE Basin Cruise was well attended with 13 boats rafting up for lunch. Perfect weather, sun, breeze, good food and friends made it a great day. Thanks to *John Cashen* for captaining.

Friday, May 18, marks the start of the Moss Creek, Shelter Cove, Harbor Town weekend. Tom and Charlotte Hurley have a great weekend planned. There are theatre tickets reserved for Shelter Cove for Friday evening. Saturday morning it's a short cruise to Harbor Town in the Sea Pines resort, with a breakfast planned at the Harbor Town Yacht Club Sunday morning. Hotel rooms are available for those who wish to travel by land yacht or crew and spend the weekend on Hilton Head.

The weekend of June 15 we are working on a cruise up the Intercoastal Waterway, with an overnight stop at the Charleston City Marina, then two nights at the Charleston Harbor Resort and Marina across the Cooper River in Patriot's Point. The marina/resort is filled with things to keep you busy, from golf and tennis to the pool and beach. There is also the possibility of taking a cruise up Shem Creek for lunch or dinner, or taking a boat tour around the Charleston peninsula. Check out the marinas at www.charlestoncitymarina.com/ and www.charlestonharborresort.com/. More details to follow.

Remember, if you are a non-boater or a small day boat owner, there are several ways for you to participate in these weekend cruise events. Land Yachters can either drive or crew on a boat, then stay in a hotel on or next to the marina. If you are a day boater, cruise along with the fleet, then take a room at a hotel. If you have another creative way to participate, share it with the members.

We are still in need of a captain for a July boating activity to take place in the local waters around Dataw. Think "Scavenger Hunt" or any other idea you might have. Partner with a non-boater to co-captain the event. Get in touch with me and let's talk about it.

Until next month . . . good sailing and safe boating!



Photo below: the Browns, Schraders and Hudsons enjoy Easter on the water.



Photos above right and left and photo below right: the Bull River ACE Basin Cruise, Monday April 30.



CRUISE CALENDAR 2012*

MAY

18-21 Moss Creek Luncheon, Shelter Cove and Harbortown Cruise
(Cruise Captains Tom and Charlotte Hurley)

JUNE

15-17 Charleston Yacht Club/Off-Shore Sailing Race
(John Huntley Sailing Captain; Stan Hudson and Andy Jacobs
Cruise Captains)

JULY

16 Morgan River Sandbar (Cruise Captain Bill Krebs)
30 Palmetto Bay Marina & Lunch (Captain Woodys or Black Marlin)

AUGUST

8 Caper's Island Lunch Cruise (Cruise Captain John Carter)

SEPTEMBER

7 Fun & Games around Dataw (poker run/scavenger hunt)
14-17 Windmill Harbor, Savannah Westin Resort & Marina and
Lunch at Savannah Yacht Club

OCTOBER

1 Lunch cruise to Panini's or Back Porch Grill
(Cruise Captain George Cheatham)
15 Bohicket Marina Luncheon

The May 14 Poker Fun has been postponed; future date to be announced.

Final Fridays Raft-up Schedule: * 6-29, 7-27, 8-31, 9-28

*Note that events may change. This is a "flexible" calendar.



Fishing Report . . . STAN SAGER Fishing Captain

As the Dataw Island Yacht Club continues to present programs which will enhance its member's fishing experiences in the ponds and waters surrounding our island, we need your help. Any suggestions or topics of interest to the membership would be greatly appreciated. Repeating the same topics over

and over may benefit a few new members each year but will eventually become tired and inconsequential to many. Let me know what you would like to learn!

Note that the following programs, except where noted, will be held in the Flag Room at the Community Center and are open to **all DIC members**. *All the programs will start at 6:30 PM, except where noted.*

- 1) **Sea Turtles with Amanda Wood — Thursday, May 10**
Amanda Hall from Hunting Island (DNR) will be speaking on Sea Turtles.
- 2) **Fillet or Not with Kevin Ragsdale – Wednesday, June 13**
Captain Kevin Ragsdale will repeat his demonstration with common low country species. The fillets will be given away by lot. (This program will be held at the Gazebo and is open to all Island residents and club members.)
6:30 PM at the Gazebo/Fish Dock
- 3) **Dee Smith Memorial Boys and Girls Fishing Outing — Monday, June 18, 9 AM**
Our annual outing for the Boys and Girls Club
- 4) **Fishing Day for Camp Dataw — Monday, July 9, 8–10 AM**
- 5) **Harvesting Low Country Shellfish — Wednesday, September 12**
Mitch Helms will talk about the life cycles of oysters, clams and crabs. Information on state regulations for each species, prime harvesting areas and maps of open and closed waters.

Please keep in mind that many volunteers will be needed to assist in the Camp Dataw Fishing Day and the Dee Smith Memorial Outing. More information will be sent out as we get it. *In addition, we will need volunteers to be host/hostess for the other events.*

Here's to good fishing to all!

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DIYC e-mail list updated!

- The DIYC e-mail list has been updated in the last week with the latest information that all of you have provided to us. If we have your correct e-mail list, you should receive **two** copies of the May *Tides*. (One sent to the DIYC list and one sent to the Dataw list). If you only receive one copy, we probably do not have your correct address on the DIYC list serve. Please send an e-mail with your preferred address to: **tom Hurley at tchurley@islc.net**.

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Welcome Aboard!

. . . **CAROL LUZZI**,
Membership Chair

KAYAK OWNERS
Don & Pam Farris

READY TO CREW
Paul & Barbara Kyne

Spelling correction (we apologize)
Kayak Owners Mike & Barb Carakostas

DIYC Ships Store

. . . **JOSIE PADDOCK**
and **LAURA SHERMAN**

We have a large selection of popular items for you. All of our inventory has our wonderful DIYC logo on it.

We hope you have seen our very own DIYC flag that was made for the flagpole at the marina. See pages 1 and 6 for pictures of the flag raising!

If you wish to shop at the Outpost, we have a selection of DIYC merchandise there, also. Be sure and check them out!

Of course, the two of us are always available if you wish to make a purchase. Contact Josie at 838-4343 or e-mail her at **gigip9@islc.net**. Or contact Laura at 838-3388 or e-mail her at **laurasherman14@gmail.com**.

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Pig Pickin — Monday, May 7, 2012



The weather was just beautiful . . . the food was fantastic . . . the company was superb. Does it get any better than that?!

