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The Commodore's Corner . . . WAYNE VANCE

The second 25 years of the Dataw Island Yacht Club was launched on a pleasant autumn evening at the Dataw Island Club's Carolina Ballroom. The ballroom was beautifully decorated, the food delicious, the band played on, and everyone had a long and lively evening in their tuxes and gowns. The Ball was the celebration and farewell of John Huntley as Commodore, and my introduction as the new Commodore.

It is an honor and humbling to be asked to follow such an impressive and well-loved group as the past 25 Commodores. My wife, Beth, and I have made so many friends at Dataw and especially in the Yacht Club. We are looking forward to making many more friends and memories as we enjoy the sailing, boating, kayaking and social events of 2018.

The top priority of the DIYC remains the Dataw Marina. As of this writing, Creekstone appears to have lost its most recent potential purchaser of the marina. For months, nothing has been certain - we have been encouraged, hopeful, excited, disappointed, and now frustrated but determined. I will continue to work closely with the DIOA and it's new president, Ron Jacobs, and with DIC management led by Ted, and of course with the Dataw Marina Advisory Committee to find a resolution. Dataw must have a marina and an active boating life around it.

We are planning another wonderful year for the DIYC on and off of the water. Our new Cruise Captain, Bryan Tuttle has some compelling new ideas. Roy Crocker is heroic in continuing our sailing program. Our kayak Chairs, Nancy Schulte and Herb Stackhouse, have already announced half a dozen new outings beginning immediately - DIYC members have first dibs on reservations! Tomilee Harding and Mary Kay Noren, our new social chairs, are lining up many events, including our successful kick-off of the New Year with our cold-weather Final Friday gatherings in January and February. Our Christmas Ship Store sale in December was an enormous success thanks to preparations and new merchandise additions by Commodorables Beth Vance and Chris Dedel. Be sure to look over the merchandise at DIYC events.

Finally, we all find ourselves from time to time lulled into complacency about the paradise in which we live. We need to remember every day how wonderful it is. Just as in the ACE Basin motto, it is indeed "One of the last great places." My goal as DIYC Commodore will be to lead our members in exploring and enjoying this paradise.

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Thank you to Roy Crocker for this beautiful photo taken during The Dataw Cup, held in the Beaufort River on October 21, 2017. For more Dataw Cup photos as well as kayaking photos, see page 5.



Be Informed!

The 2018 DIYC Directories will be delivered to your message boxes soon. Want to know NOW what the DIYC has planned for you? Check out the Events Page on the DIYC website for a detailed listing!
www.datawyachtclub.com

Not a DIYC member? Join the DIYC and don't miss out!
See membership information on page 4!

2018 DIYC BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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Vice Commodore’s Report . . . KEITH ASPRAY

The Spirit of Dataw Island

It certainly has been a challenging 17 months for members of the Dataw Island Yacht Club. “Our” marina essentially disappeared during Hurricane Matthew and then Hurricane Storm Irma added more salt water to the wound. Sailors have moved their boats to other locations nearby, while some of us stayed in the dry stack braving the leftovers. Clearly disheartening. Progress on marina cleanup and reconstruction has been slow. OK, essentially non-existent. So by now you are saying to yourself “Keith, what a downer you are!!”.

Let’s look at the proverbial brighter side. First, we have a beautiful island where the owners are engaged in volunteer activities in the broader community that surrounds us. We have a desirable marina location that provides access to the waterways and creeks north of the broad. From here it is very easy to access the Ace Basin, Monkey Island, the Bull River, the Intracoastal Waterway, Fripp and Harbor Islands and many more. The key now is to find the “right” financial arrangement and partners that make sense to everyone involved. I believe that will come and it is only a matter of time.

Then there is the Miss Christie. Members of the yacht club gathered and shared beverages while brightly decorating the boat structure, christened the Miss Christie, at the gazebo playground in preparation for Luminary Night. Ellen and Stan Hudson concocted their grog as part of the luminary celebration and served it up in front of the Miss Christie. The lines grew and grew as residents waited for their chance to sample the grog. The cameras flashed and record crowds, yes record, mingled, admired and chatted. Thank you to the Hudsons and yacht club members that came out to help decorate the boat.

What about the Ships Store? The new Ship Store Co-Chairs, Chris Dedel and Beth Vance, held the yacht club’s annual Christmas sale at the Community Center. The tradition continued as residents and yacht club members purchased a whopping \$4,200+ of DIYC embroidered gifts for friends, family and neighbors far and wide. We are clearly still proud of our yacht club and island.

Final Fridays were back in January and February. Another opportunity to demonstrate our island and yacht club spirit during the cold/hot and dreary/sunny winter season (*the weather cannot make up its mind this year*). What better time to look ahead at the promise of what could be and where we have been. We are still here and we are still as positive as ever. Datawites and members of the yacht club continue to demonstrate the spirit and resilience that is Dataw Island. Let’s all keep that positive sense of community rolling along and, as always, safe boating.

YCA Courtesy Card



As part of your DIYC membership, you are once again a member of the *Yachting Club of America*. YCA membership gives all DIYC members reciprocal benefits at over 800 yacht clubs in our country. Yacht clubs throughout the U.S. (including Alaska, Hawaii and the Virgin Islands) are members. Your YCA membership allows you to visit any YCA member yacht club and make use of their facilities. Have you used your YCA membership in the past year? If you took advantage of this great benefit, please tell any of the members of the Board of Governors about it! Check out the YCA website at www.ycaol.com.

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www.DatawYachtClub.com.

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

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The Miss Christie, decorated and beautiful for Luminary Night!



Rear Commodore's Report . . . SCOTT JOHNSON

Wow, what a difference one year makes. Fifteen months ago, virtually all of us were still in the middle of trying to find contractors, cleaning up debris, making debris piles, cutting up tress, repairing roofs, rebuilding docks, repairing boats, and in far too many cases, dealing with destroyed boats. Now the debris piles are gone, the roofs are rebuilt, the private docks are back and boats are repaired. Sadly the other boats have completed their final voyage. The resiliency and efforts of the people of Dataw has been inspiring. Today we drive around, whether by car or boat, and once again we see the beautiful island we came here for.

The one exception to the above being the Dataw marina. I, too, am optimistic and hopeful to see a new and better marina in place before the next twelve months go by. I hope that all of Dataw now realizes how critical the marina is to the whole Dataw experience and all of us will do whatever we can to support and facilitate the rebuilding of this essential amenity.

While not trying to dwell too much on the past, I will say, I am so impressed with the spirit, determination and guidance John Huntley, his Bridge and Board of Governors provided over the last year. Despite the adversity and the personnel hardships suffered, the DIYC continued virtually all its activities, cruises and events. We had a great year — and remained one of the premier clubs on Dataw. We thank you all!

Looking ahead, we are again working towards a great year. Bryan has produced an awesome cruise schedule. Cheryl and I have sailed many places around the world, and I can say the Lowcountry is a special and unique place in a boat. The boating area is EXTENSIVE and each spot has its own unique qualities. If you have a boat, go on as many cruises as you can, see as much as you can. If you don't have a boat, please sign up and we will find you a spot on a boat so you can experience this wonderful resource. You will only regret it if you don't experience it!

Also looking ahead; we are working on and planning more updates to the DIYC website. Louise Moses has done much work and updates and will continue with some great improvements. Please visit at www.datawyachtclub.com. There you will find a listing of our events with details for the year, plus news events. You will also find photos — lots of photos. Not sure why they all seem to have beer or wine in them! We also have links to things like the local tides and weather radar to see if you need your rain gear or not. Check it out and come back frequently to see how we are progressing. ***Don't forget to send more pictures to Louise!***

Immediate Past Commodore John Huntley and his wife, Betty, at the 2017 Commodore's Ball.



Thanks to ALL! . . . JOHN HUNTLEY, Immediate Past Commodore

A friend recently told me that the best job in the DIYC is that of Immediate Past Commodore. You are still recognized for what you did do and your successors have responsibility for what you may not have done! You are not unlike the Shakespeare player...“that struts and frets his hour upon the stage and then is heard no more...”

As I reflect upon my tenure as your Commodore, I realize it may never be quite over. This year marked our 25th Anniversary — and what a year it was. The DIYC was challenged as it had never been challenged before. In the after-shock of Matthew, we were actively engaged in the effort to rebuild our marina, while at the same time maintaining a full schedule of cruising, kayaking, sailing, social and other special events.

A special thanks to our membership, Bridge, Officers, and Committee Chairs. It could not have been done without you. Ron kept our finances under control, Roy did not give up on the sailing program, and Betty kept me under control.

Thanks to the efforts of Patty and Perry, our membership stayed solid. Linda and Holly maintained and enhanced our social calendar. The 25th Anniversary Party and the Commodore's Ball were the hugely successful flagship events of the year. Jo Ann and Ruthie kept the Ship's Store running, ensuring needed additional revenue. Cindy, later joined by Louise, did a fantastic job with communications. I was given a book of Cindy's events flyers to remind me of our many events as depicted in Cindy's artistic style. A new website was launched, thanks to Louise and past Commodore Al Dedel. Our kayaking program, under the leadership of Herb and Nancy grew and was enhanced with a full schedule of adventures on the waters of the Lowcountry! DIYC continues to support the new kayak storage, docks, and launches undertaken by DIOA.

Not enough time and space to name and thank everyone, so let me just end by writing that “It has been an honor and a privilege to have served as your Commodore!”

A strong line of succession has been assured with Wayne stepping forward as Commodore, Keith as Vice Commodore, Scott as Rear Commodore and Bryan as Cruise Captain. We are in good hands with Wayne at the helm!

Good Sailing!



Cruise Captain . . . BRYAN TUTTLE

With all the news and perspectives that our new DIYC Commodore, and Flag Officers have shared with you, I, too, want to join them in providing our club members with my assurance that we will not only continue our 25 year tradition of great cruising and fellowship experiences, but we hope to provide an even more varied and inclusive cruising agenda for our 2018 Cruise Year.

We will continue our focus on those trips and destinations that many have come to look forward to and enjoyed in the past — the Ace Basin Excursion, the Whale Branch and Cotton Island Experience, Morgan Island Sand Bar, the Bull River Raft up, Edisto Island Yacht Club Lunch. But, we also have several new destinations and high quality boating experiences as well. You will find our 2018 Cruise Schedule in 2018 DIYC Directory, which will be distributed next week. You can also find the Schedule as well as additional details on the DIYC website, www.datawyachtclub.com.

In addition, we will be working hard to get everyone more involved in simply having some fun and “Getting on the Water” more often. By that I mean, we want to have our DIYC membership (particularly those that do not actually have a boat) to be able to have more “outings” and to become more active in our collective love of the water and this wonderful place where we all live. We will be working towards having several mini-cruises and sunset cruises that will be planned for just an hour or so. You can come aboard with a seasoned captain, to just take you out for a “Boat Ride” with friends and family, or just go out to see the sunset and the natural beauty of the Morgan River and St. Helena Sound area.

Our mission of course is to build upon our long history of fun and fellowship, making new friends, and just plain getting out on the water. Join us this year as we enjoy each other, our love for boating and sharing our unity and commitment to making this club the BEST it’s ever been.



Sailing Fleet Report . . . ROY CROCKER

The lack of a marina at Dataw has hit the Sailing Fleet very hard. All the boats of our fleet were kept in the water at the marina, and our monthly races were started and finished from the marina docks. Without the marina we basically have no fleet and no place to have our races. We are very much looking forward to the day when there is an active marina at Dataw.

In spite of lack of a marina we are working hard to keep the sailing program alive. Last fall the Dataw Cup was held in the Beaufort River with five of the eight boats participating coming from Dataw. We are also scheduling monthly PHRF races in the Beaufort River that are open to all local sailors. Since several Dataw sailboats are now based in Port Royal and Ladys Island we expect to see a number of them participating.

On March 17 and 18 the Santa Elena Regatta is being sponsored by the Beaufort Yacht and Sailing Club. This is a popular event and there will be several Dataw boats in the racing fleet.

Let’s keep doing everything we can to encourage the rebuilding of our marina. This is a very important asset to our community and we can’t wait until it is back in operation.



Thank you to Roy Crocker for the pictures taken during the Dataw Cup regatta, held in October 2017.





DIYC Ships Store

... CHRIS DEDEL AND BETH VANCE

Thanks to everyone who supported the Ship's Store sale in December. We had a great turn-out and a very successful sale.

If you could not make the sale, *the Ships Store is always open!* Just contact Beth Vance at bethkvance@aol.com or Chris Dedel at chdedel@gmail.com and we will be glad to show you what is available and help you with your purchase.

Big sellers this year included sailing totes and Turkish towels, embroidered with the DIYC logo. Of course, we have our great selection of shirts and tees for men, women, and children, along with visors and caps for everyone. We are getting new merchandise in regularly. If there is a particular item you are looking for, be sure and let us know.



DIYC Kayak Information

The kayak launch at Oak Island Drive and Dataw Drive is under construction and should be completed shortly. It includes limited parking for golf carts and cars, a kayak launch, and kayak storage. There will also be a kayak trailer to help you get your kayak to the launch, if you choose not to store your kayak there. More information will be coming out from the DIOA.

The DIYC, under the leadership of Herb Stackhouse and Nancy Schulte, have planned many great kayak trips. The complete list is in the DIYC Directory which will be distributed the second week of March. Look for your copy in your message box. For more details, check out the DIYC website at www.datawyachtclub.com.

The kayak trips will first be made available to members of the DIYC. After a week, the registration information will be sent out to the island. Registration is often limited, so be sure and sign up early if you want to participate.

For more information on DIYC kayaking, contact Herb or Nancy.



2018 DIYC Membership Drive

... PATTY AND PERRY GESELL Membership Chairs

The Dataw Island Yacht Club is one of the largest organizations on Dataw with approximately 400+ members. Boat owners comprise 57% of the membership. These are the owners of power boats, sailboats and kayaks. The remaining members are always welcome to crew on cruises throughout the year.

All DIYC members should have received their 2018 Renewal Forms which were delivered to message boxes in January. 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.”)

For more information on DIYC membership, please contact us at 843-838-2995 or e-mail at gesell.islandhome@gmail.com.

Photo on the right, taken by Nancy Sculte, is of a gate on Cuckold's Creek that was used to draw fresh water into rice fields.

Photo below, right, was taken by Herb Stackhouse during the Ebemezer Creek kayaking trip.



Commodore's Ball 2017 . . . A celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the DIYC!



Outgoing Commodore
JOHN HUNTLEY and his
wife **BETTY** !

Led by Social Chairs **LENDA JABLONSKI**
and **HOLLY O'SHEA**, the 2017
Commodore's Ball was a huge success! It
was meant to be a celebration of the 25th
anniversary of the Dataw Island Yacht Club
. . . and what a celebration it was. From
beginning to end, everyone had a great time!



*Thank you to Melanie Gentile
for taking all of the wonderful
Commodore's Ball pictures!*



Commodore **JOHN HUNTLEY** and his wife **BETTY**, and Master of Ceremonies **ANDY JACOBS**, started the evening off by leading the room in the pledge of allegiance.



Outgoing Commodore **JOHN HUNTLEY** and his wife **BETTY** pose with Incoming Commodore **WAYNE VANCE** and his wife **BETH**.



The 2018 Bridge!
From left to right:

KEITH ASPRAY
and his wife **JoAnn**,
Commodore **WAYNE**
VANCE and his
wife **BETH**, Rear
Commodore **SCOTT**
JOHNSON and his
wife **CHERYL**.



Former DIYC
Commodores and
their wives enjoyed
the party! (left to
right) Jerry and
Alice Chesser,
Andy and Cathy
Jacobs, Tom and
Gilda Molzow, Al
and Chris Dedel
and John and Betty
Huntley.

Name:	Commodore In:
Jerry Chesser	2016
Andy Jacobs	2013
Tom Molzow	2000
Al Dedel	2015
John Huntley	2017