



The Tides of Datawa

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The Commodore's Corner . . . ANDY JACOBS

The Dataaw Island Yacht Club has grown with new residents moving to the Island. I began to think of all the different spots there are to explore. Boating around Dataaw can be very exciting and beautiful. Some of the following suggestions may be familiar to some of you or not. If you are new to area waters, it is always a good idea to ask someone who is familiar with your route to accompany you on your first trip out. There are many experienced boaters in the DIYC who would be eager to help out.

First, let me state that a good chart and GPS are a must. Dataaw Island is on the Morgan River and is about 20 minutes off the ICW. Depending on your craft you have a couple options as you leave the Marina. Going west you can take a scenic ride through Lucy Creek and go under the Samms Point Bridge into the Coosaw River. It is important to note the bridge clearance is about 14 feet. Once in the Coosaw, you can follow the ICW South and head into Beaufort for lunch or an early dinner. You might stop at Dockside Restaurant in Factory Creek before you go under the Woods Bridge. If you are just out for a cruise, you can head north on the ICW and turn into Parrot Creek which would take you back to the Morgan River just east of Dataaw Island. Some of you may want to get a group together that does a monthly early morning trip into Beaufort for breakfast.

There are many creeks near Dataaw that are fun to explore. You can get pretty far up these creeks on a rising tide and view different communities from the water. Just east of Dataaw Island Marina is Jenkins Creek which circles Dataaw, and beyond that is Eddings Creek which goes up to the community of Dulamo.

Along the south side of Morgan Island is the Morgan River Sandbar which is a fun place to spend an afternoon during a low tide. Morgan Island is also referred to as Monkey Island. You can google Monkey Island and get some interesting information about how it received that name.

Directly across the Coosaw River as you exit Parrot Creek is the Bull River. The Bull River has plenty of water and is a popular anchorage for transiting sailboats which are cruising the ICW. The Bull River goes almost all the way to Route 17 near the Harriet Taubman Bridge and is incredibly scenic. There is a small creek that crosses over to the Combahee River which takes you back to the Coosaw. This is a day cruise DIYC will take this

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Mark Your Calendars

Pot Luck Dinner at the Cannery
Monday, June 17

KABOOM!

5th Annual Dock Party & Boat Hopping!
Friday, July 5

(See page 6 for more details.)

Chicken & Ribs Dinner
Monday, September 16

Commodore's Ball
Saturday, November 16

Next regularly scheduled Board Meeting is
July 2 at 4:00 PM in the Community Center.

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The winner of the Jean Ribaut Cup — **TRUE LOVE**

Vice Commodore's Report . . . JOHN CARTER

One of the responsibilities of the Vice Commodore is to be the Club's Safety Officer. In that capacity, I have some important notifications for this edition.

"Notice to Datha Mariners":

Effective immediately, there will be a new marine patrol boat from the Beaufort County Sheriff's office covering the local waterways north of the Broad. Staff Sgt. Tom Hodgins has previously been patrolling the waters around Hilton Head. His new territory will include the Coosaw and Morgan rivers, Lucy, Parrott and other local creeks. He will patrol our local area three to four times a week, and is most adamant about boating safety, including inspections for safety equipment, and negligent operations. *Causing wake in a 'no wake zone':* automatic ticket. *Insufficient PFD's for the number of persons on the boat:* automatic ticket. *Evidence of alcohol impairing boating operation:* BUI same as DUI — you will not make it home in your own boat. And don't forget to always carry your salt-water fishing license with you.

May I suggest two easy steps to ensure the safety of you, your crew and passengers, and your boat?

- (1) Attend the Boating Safety Course given frequently under the auspices of the Beaufort Sail and Power Squadron.
- (2) Request a Vessel Safety Check from either Tom Hurley (838-7432) or Doug Nelson (838-3649). It is free, and can be performed on the water or in dry stack. The sticker you apply to your boat after a successful inspection will go a long way to a positive interaction with Staff Sgt. Tom Hodgins. (A quick survey of the boats that are not covered in the dry stack, shows that only **three** vessels have a 2013 safety inspection sticker).

And now for something completely different.

"Disposal of flares":

If you are like me, you have a number of unused, outdated pyrotechnic Visual Distress Signals, (VSD's), on your boat, stored there because you don't know how to otherwise dispose of them. (*Of course, you have a minimum of three in-date devices required by most vessels*). Here's the solution! I have arranged with the Lady's Island-St. Helena Fire Chief to take the flares I collect from our boaters, and deliver them to him for appropriate disposal. I will shortly e-mail a date, time, and drop-off point to collect any outdated pyrotechnics. Additionally, if you have never ignited and used a smoke or flare VSD, but feel the experience worthwhile, please let me know. Fire Chief Bruce Kline, is willing to notify the appropriate authorities, and come to Datha for hand's-on demonstrations. Just e-mail me at johncarter5@earthlink.net.

A request from David at our Marina:

When participating in a DIYC boating event, it would be beneficial to you to put your boat into the water the day before, and keep it in a slip overnight. Delays can, and do, occur when addressing so many boat launching requests at the same time. Also, when you have requested a boat launch, please move out of the bull-pen in a timely manner; even if it is to a slip. If you (wish to) leave a set of keys with Rett, the staff can move the boat if things pile up.

There — that's my duty done! Now . . . if the weather will only allow us to get out onto the water to enjoy our boats!

Rear Commodore's Report

. . . AL DEDEL

Weather has not been very favorable for boating. DIYC cruises have been cancelled or rescheduled and plans for general boating on the river have been put off. We still have a lot of great weather this year so hang in there and keep making those sandwiches. However, it seems that no matter how long you have been boating and no matter how much you practice docking your pride and joy, it doesn't get a whole lot easier, especially when you have an audience on the dock watching you! Here are some simple rules for better docking:

1. **Never approach the dock faster than you are willing to hit it!**
2. There is room for only one captain on your boat.
3. See rules 1 and 2!
4. Come up with a plan:
 - a. Remember how your boat handles.
 - b. **Rule #1:** Make small and slow adjustments. Remember, your boat doesn't have brakes!
 - c. Be alert to your surroundings.
 - d. Will you be docking to port or starboard?
 - e. Fenders and lines in position well before getting close to the dock
 - f. What is the current doing? Coming in or going out?
 - g. What is the wind doing and what will it do to your boat?
 - h. Choose your approach so that the current and wind can help you. Remember, a boat turns from the stern, not the bow as in a car.
 - i. Are there other boats coming and going that may be in your way?
 - j. Make sure all passengers know what you are going to do and what you want them to do.
 - k. Safety first!! No hands or feet between boat and pilings, bulkheads or docks. Mooring lines properly secured and positioned so they don't get wrapped around legs or feet. Pets and children under control.
 - l. Not going the way you planned, wanted, expected or prayed for? Abort and try again. "Anyone who tells you he's never had to go around is lying"
 - m. Rules 1 and 2!
 - n. Practice and have fun!



Cruise News

... GERRY CHESSER, Cruise Captain

The Cruising Season “Shoved off” with our traditional Dockside Luncheon Cruise on March 4. It was a sunny day but with very cold temperatures, that reduced a planned twelve boat cruise to three boats with courageous Captains and their hearty crews. *Bounder*, the *Saltine Warrior*, and *Bye George* all deserve a DIYC round of applause, as does Tom Hurley for a great job as our Cruise Captain. We had an excellent turnout of 102 members. Tom Oliva’s Dockside Restaurant food and service was outstanding, and a great time was had by all.

Also in March we had a *Bass Creek Raft Up*. Bass Creek runs off Parrot Creek and is a great spot to anchor out for lunch, or just to enjoy a scenic view of our Low Country surroundings, and it is only a short cruise from Dataw. Although the day of the raft up was in the mid 60’s and we had little sun, five boats and about twenty people participated in a day of good food and good fun.

On April 15, we got our taxes done, but not our *Bull River Cruise*. Cold rain and fog left us at the Marina. Because the Bull River is such a scenic cruise, our Cruise Captain Al Dedel plans to reschedule. Look for a save the date from Al for this must do Cruise. I am sure because of the need to reschedule, Captain Al will have a surprise for us when we do the Cruise.

Speaking of taxes, our other event in April, the MAS Air Show, was cancelled because of military budget cuts. Likewise, we have been notified the Parris Island 4th of July fireworks has been cancelled for the same reason.

For our get together with the Edisto Yacht Club this year we chose a picnic at the Morgan River sandbar on June 3. Faced with a dire weather forecast, we were forced to call off the sandbar event, but fortunately Cruise Captain Bill Paddock had a “Plan B.” Forty of the fifty people scheduled for the sandbar showed up at the Gazebo for hot dogs, hamburgers, and some delicious sides. We all had a great time. Thanks to Bill and Josie Paddock for their efforts in making the day enjoyable.

Next up, our Charleston Cruise, June 7–10, was cancelled due to Tropical Storm Andrea. The Bohicket Luncheon Cruise, already rescheduled from May 6, was also cancelled on June 10. Both of these are important events and both will be rescheduled so look for a save the date notice.

At this point it may be worth a comment on the factor weather has played on our Cruise Schedule. My editor, Alice Chesser, has pointed out that although the weather (or forecast) has significantly affected our schedule, the whole country has experienced bad weather. Many areas have had devastating tornados, severe thunder storms, and flooding. We have so far been spared severe weather and should be grateful. All in all, it is still great to be here on Dataw Island.

So, let us hope the weather cooperates so the second half of the cruising season is an enjoyable one. We think we have events for all classes of our yacht club, including power, sail, kayaks, and those who just like to crew, and Land Yachters.

Please see the remaining Cruise Calendar of events on the right.

Happy cruising!



Sailing Fleet Report

... ROY CROCKER,
Sailing Captain
Dataw Boats
Score Well in
Ribaut Cup

The *Jean Ribaut Cup*, sponsored by the Beaufort Yacht and Sailing Club, was held on April 6. Nineteen boats sailed this event including seven from Dataw. The event consisted two races — the first race, which was 15 miles long, was sailed in Port Royal Sound between Hilton Head and St. Helena Island in nice winds at 12 to 15 knots. The second race started near Hilton Head Island and then proceeded up the Beaufort River to finish at the Beaufort Yacht Club. This race was 10 miles long and the wind picked up to 15 to 18 knots to make for some fast sailing. There were two classes of boats sailing: the Racing Class which is for boats that usually race, and the Cruising Class for boats that are normally used for cruising. There were 12 boats in the Racing Class and seven in the Cruising Class.

The seven boats from Dataw all sailed very well. Two Dataw boats sailed in the Racing Class and ended up taking 1st and 3rd places. *True Love* sailed by Captain Roy Crocker took top honors for the class; the Jean Ribaut Cup also was awarded to *True Love* as the winner of that class. Mark Schuster’s *Dress White* took third place in the Racing Class.

Five Dataw Boats raced in the seven boat Cruising Class and they took the first five places. *Adagio* with Captain John Mahoney was first, followed in second by Dick Nalwasky’s *Blue Jacket*. John Payne in *Sweet Thing* was third. *Second Wind* with Captain Gerry Chesser was forth, and Art Morrow in *Black Shoe* came in fifth. Overall it was a great day for the Dataw Sailing Fleet. (See page 1 for picture of the winner of the Ribaut Cup.)

Remaining Cruise Calendar for 2013

July

22 Morgan Sandbar

August

12 Caper’s Island

September

6–10 Windmill Harbor & Calibogue Sound
23 Beaufort Luncheon Cruise (Panini’s)

October

21–22 Overnight on the Bull River

PLUS

TBD Charleston Cruise
TBD Bohicket Luncheon Cruise
TBD Bull River Cruise



DIYC Ships Store

... JOSIE PADDOCK and LAURA SHERMAN

Our Ships Store has some new items that are listed below in addition to our stock items — Caps, Burgees, License Plates, Frosted Plastic Tumblers, Stemless Wine Glasses and Koozies.

Lightweight *nylon windbreakers* in Mediterranean blue and lime green for \$30 in both men's and women's sizes.

Lightweight *unisex sweatshirts* in denim blue, white, and stone washed green for \$24.

Lighter weight men's polo shirts for the hot summer days for \$29.

All *women's polo shirts* are marked down from \$29 to \$20 in a variety of colors.

Canvas totes in natural with contrasting handles in navy and red for \$20.

All our merchandise has our wonderful DIYC logo. If you are interested in making a purchase, contact Josie Paddock at 838-4343 or Laura Sherman at 838-3388.

Just a reminder: The Outpost at the Dataw Island Marina carries a nice selection of our DIYC merchandise so stop by and take a look.

An update from your Social Committee

... CHRIS DEDEL and PEG DALE

The DIYC's annual Pig Pickin' was held in May and, once again, it was a sell out! Over 195 members and their guests enjoyed another fine meal by Jimmy Fitts. The next event will be the Pot Luck Dinner on Monday, June 17. Then look for the Chicken & Ribs Dinner on September 16. Our grand finale will be the Commodore's Ball on November 16. Mark your calendars so you don't miss any of the fun!



(left to right) Social Chairs Chris Dedel and Peg Dale, along with Assistant Social Chairs Nancy Hazelrigg and Mary Hanby relax at the Pig Pickin' after a job well done!



Welcome Aboard!

... CAROL LUZZI,
Membership Chair

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

BOAT OWNERS

POWER

Ted & Joanie Barber
Lucile & Stephen Hanscomb
Hoyt & Joyce Peckham

KAYAK

Rob & Mary Lou Dalziel,
Bill & Beth Samuels
Charles & Kay Turner

READY TO CREW

Keith & JoAnn Aspray
Rollie & Ainslie Stemland
Diane Valkenburg

Commodore's Corner

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summer. It will give you a wonderful look at the Ace Basin. The Bull River is also a great place to have lunch on board and observe dolphins.

For you sailors, the Morgan River east to Saint Helena Sound can be fun. Once past Marker 11, you can round the mark and head up the Coosaw River to Parrot Creek. Overnight trips to Beaufort, Hilton Head Island, Bohicket Marina on Seabrook Island, and Charleston are great sailing. If conditions are right, going on the outside is lots of fun. If you wish to take the ICW, there are many great anchorages identified on the chart on the way to any of these destinations.

In addition to these suggestions, I don't want you to forget our kayak outings, raft ups, and day cruises. You can see Dataw offers a lot for the boating community.

Please feel free to call or e-mail me if you have a new idea for boating or if you need help in planning a day on the water.

Safe Boating and I look forward to seeing you on the water.

The winds and the waves are always on the side of the ablest navigators . . . thank you to Tom Brady for providing us with these wonderful photos of one of the DIYC races!



Near miss . . . or optical illusion!



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We welcome member submission to this newsletter. Please contact Cindy Schafer at 843-838-7517 or e-mail submissions to Cindy at cindyschafer3@yahoo.com.

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Not a member of the Dataw Island Yacht Club? Contact Carol Luzzi, our Membership Chair, for a membership form. (See contact information for Carol below.) If you would like more information about us, contact any of the members of our Board of Governors (see list below).

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KABOOM!

5th Annual Dock Party & Boat Hopping!

Friday, July 5, 2013, 5:00 PM

Sponsored by the Dataw Island Yacht Club

All Dataw Island residents, house guests and boat owners are welcome!

Tour DIYC Member Boats: 5:00 PM

Refreshments available by owners choice.

Open boats will be designated by a colored balloon.

Cash bar on the dock by Sweetgrass

Buffet Dinner catered by Bella Luna Restaurant: 6:30 PM

Pulled Pork Sliders; Grilled Brats; 50/50 Shrimp; Coleslaw; Roasted Corn Salad; Marinated Tomatoes & Mushrooms; Cucumber & Onion Salad; Cookies & Mini Fruit Tarts; Sweet/Unsweet Tea, Lemonade and water

While everyone is invited to attend the Boat Hopping and to enjoy a drink on the dock at Sweetgrass, you must have a reservation for dinner.

\$16/person (taxes & gratuities included)

For dinner reservations, RSVP by Monday July 1

Seating is limited — make your reservations today!

Fill out the form below to make your reservation.

Not a member of the DIYC and wish to become one?

Call Membership Chair Carol Luzzi at 838-5040.

Questions?

Call Stan/Ellen Hudson at 838-7295 or Andy/Cathy Jacobs at 838-4594.

I wish to attend the DIYC sponsored Buffet Dinner on July 5! Enclosed is my check for \$16/person made out to "Dataw Island Yacht Club"

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Total reservations needed: _____ Amount enclosed: _____

Names of people attending (name tags will be your ticket to the buffet line):

All dinner reservations must be in by Monday, July 1!

Leave your checks in basket on porch at the home of:

Stan & Ellen Hudson (154 Dataw Drive) OR

Andy & Cathy Jacobs (702 Island Circle East)

(Dataw Marina Boat owners can leave checks at the Marina Office)