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The Commodore's Corner . . . JOHN CARTER

November is a month of transitions for Dataaw. Fall turns abruptly to winter; our bronzed bodies from a summer of outdoor activities turn to . . . well, they turn back again next summer; and the DIYC Board of Governors transitions from one team to another. This formality occurs at the beginning of our annual Commodores' Ball, held this year on November 16th. And, what an elegant black-tie and gown event it was, organized and decorated by Chris Dedel, Peg Dale and their social committee members. Forty percent of our nearly 500 DIYC members enjoyed champagne, dinner, and dancing to live band music until very late in the evening.

Andy Jacobs now transitions to the elite list of past-Commodores. I wish to thank Andy for his leadership throughout 2013, and for his skill and charisma in keeping law-and-order over a raucous Board. A lot of hard work and a lot of laughs along the way. You really are a (Flag) Officer and a Gentleman, Andy.

I am both honored and delighted to be elected Commodore of your DIYC for 2014. With great pleasure, I welcome and introduce to you, the following members of my Bridge; Al Dedel as Vice Commodore, and Gerry Chesser as Rear Commodore. Our new Cruise Captain will be Mike Buckingham and again, Roy Crocker will be our esteemed Sailing Captain. The chart on page 2 serves to present the remaining Club Officers and Committee Chairpersons, most of whom have elected to remain on the Board from 2013. That is a testament to the camaraderie we share, and their dedication to the success of our Yacht Club.

The calendar for 2014 is already being developed, with over 30 scheduled events, including cruising, sailing (17 races), kayaking, and social gatherings.

Shortly, we begin our membership drive for both renewal and for welcoming newcomers. You do not have to be a boat owner to join the DIYC, but you must be a DIC member. I look forward to welcoming you and to listening to your comments and suggestions. Most of all, I hope that we succeed in making your membership in the DIYC a valued part of living on Dataaw.



Mark Your Calendars

Final Friday Get Togethers

6-8 PM at the Rec Center Flag Room; BYOB

Appetizers provided by the DIYC

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

Friday, January 31

Friday, February 28

Friday, March 28

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Sailing on the Morgan River!



Photo by Roy Crocker

Thanks to ALL! . . . ANDY JACOBS, Past Commodore

As 2013 comes to a close, I wish to thank you all for your participation that made this a fantastic year. It was a full year with 31 events including cruises, dinners, raft ups and our very successful Final Fridays. Though the weather did not cooperate at the beginning of the season, our annual and well attended July 4th Dock Party got the ball rolling. With over 500 individual members made up of power boaters, sailors, kayakers, and non boaters, we are one of the largest Clubs on the Island. Our membership continues to grow as residents realize our events are a great way to make new friends, renew old friendships, and have fun. We are fortunate to have such a beautiful backdrop with the marina, river and marshes that surround Dataw. Thank you to committee chairs on our Board of Governors who volunteer their time and work so hard throughout the year to make the Dataw Island Yacht Club so successful.

We ended the year with a sellout crowd for our formal Commodore's Ball, and what a finale it was. We partied, danced to a fantastic band, celebrated the year, and welcomed our new incoming Flag Officers for 2014. The Club did a yeoman's job serving a wonderful dinner. Members are already signing up for next year's Ball.

In closing, I ask you all to show John, Al, Gerry, and Mike the incredible support you showed me. I truly enjoyed and was honored to be your Commodore this past year. Meeting so many new members and sharing many good times with friends will make for cherished memories. Cathy and I will definitely be hanging around on board *Island Girl* and look forward to seeing you out on the water.



2013 DIYC Commodore Andy Jacobs and his wife, Cathy, at the 2013 Commodore's Ball.

See pages 6–8 for more pictures of the Ball.

2014 DIYC BOARD OF GOVERNORS

FLAG OFFICERS

Commodore	John Carter	838-9444
Vice Commodore	Al Dedel	838-6771
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Check out the DIYC Website at www.DatawYachtClub.com

There 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 Dataw Island Yacht Club? Contact Carol Luzzi, our Membership Chair, for a membership form. (See contact information for Carol in Membership article to the right.) If you would like more information about our organization, contact any of the members of our Board of Governors, listed on page 3.

The Tides of Datha November 2013

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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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Vice Commodore's Report

... AL DEDEL

As I look forward to next year, the one thing that has come to my attention is that we need to have a weatherman on the DIYC Board in order to insure that "fair winds and gentle seas" and "no rain and no fog" are the order of the day when a cruise is scheduled. Our cruises are wonderful events . . . fun and relaxing . . . and if you don't have a boat but want to cruise, call. There are plenty of seats available! However, for those who have a boat, it is critical that your boat is ready for the cruise season; no working boat, not much fun! So, with that in mind, plus the fact that we don't use our boats in the winter as much as we do when the weather is warmer, here are just a few tips for making sure that your boat is in good shape when that warmer weather shows up:

Fill your fuel tank up (leave space for expansion etc.) and treat with fuel stabilizer. It's a good idea to use stabilizer throughout the year with each fill-up, but especially important this time of year.

You may think that your best friend is your dog, but from a boater's view point, your best friend is your battery!

If your boat is in dry storage, charge the battery, remove the negative cable and let it rest for a few hours. If using a voltmeter to check the charge, a fully charged battery should read 12.5 volts. Use a trickle charger or check the voltage monthly.

If your boat is in the water, switch off all breakers except for the bilge pump. Check the boat weekly and more frequently in rough weather and power outages. Plug into shore power and keep the battery charged with an installed charger or a regulated battery maintainer. Make sure the electrolyte level is just above the plates.

It's always a good idea to check your stored boat frequently, regardless of weather conditions. It will save you a lot of grief in the spring!

It's been a great year for the Club and next year will also be one to remember. Make sure you participate. It's just a lot of fun!

Rear Commodore's Report . . . GERRY CHESSER

I look forward to assuming the duties of your Rear Commodore for 2014. But before I look forward, I would like to look back to the 2013 Cruise season. As the Yacht Club Cruise Captain I felt both frustrated and rewarded. Frustrated in the sense that we had to cancel half of the scheduled cruises because of bad weather or severe weather forecasts. Let's hope for better weather in 2014. Conversely, a very rewarding experience was working with the individual Cruise Captains, most of who are past commodores. These captains have stayed active in the yacht club and their knowledge, experience, and enthusiasm are a great asset to the Cruise Program. Thank you Cruise Captains. Great job. Additionally, the cruises that did go off on schedule were well attended and all seemed to enjoy the experience.

Lastly, but certainly not the least, was serving on the Board of Governance. As a board member I had a first hand look at how the board works. We have an outstanding board. Our Officers and Committee Chairpersons are knowledgeable, experienced people who are dedicated to making our yacht club the best it can be. And, they like to have fun doing it! The good news is just about all of them are returning for 2014.

This year I will be working with Mike Buckingham, our 2014 Cruise Captain. Mike is somewhat new to Dataw and the yacht club, but he brings a lot of boating experience to his new position. I will also be carrying on the work John and Al have done ensuring our communication systems properly serve our members.

Happy Boating, fair winds, high tides and low fuel prices!

2014 Dataw Island Yacht Club Membership Drive

The DIYC is one of the largest organizations on Dataw. There are approximately 480 individuals who belong to the DIYC. Boat owners comprise 57% of the membership. These are the owners of power boats (29%), sailboats (9%) and kayaks (19%). The remaining members are always welcome to crew on the various cruises throughout the year.

All DIYC members should be on the lookout for their 2014 Renewal Forms which will be delivered to your message boxes by the end of December. Please remember to return the form, even if you decide not to renew your membership, as it greatly helps with the record keeping.

If you do not receive a Renewal Form, please contact Carol Luzzi, 2014 Membership Chair, at 838-5040 or e-mail at cluzzi@islc.net.

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, contact Membership Chair Carol Luzzi at 838-5040.

Sailing Fleet Report

... ROY CROCKER, Sailing Captain

In the second half of the year the Sailing Fleet has had races in July, October and November. The September race was cancelled due to lack of wind, and there is one more race scheduled for December 2nd. The competition has been excellent with all boats crossing the starting line in close proximity to each other, and the sailing being very competitive on the race course. At the end of the year the results of four races in the second half of the year will be combined with the five races we held in the first half of 2013 to determine the 2013 DIYC Sailing Fleet Racing Champion. We look forward to crowning this year's winner at an awards ceremony in January.

On October 19 the fourth annual Dataw Island Cup open sailing regatta was sponsored by DIYC. Twenty boats from the Beaufort area competed in the popular event which is a 22 mile race that goes from the Coosaw River to St Helena Sound, and then up the Morgan River to finish at the marina. Unfortunately, this year the winds were very light which forced the event to be shortened to about 10 miles so it finished in St Helena Sound. In spite of this all the contestants had a great time and plan to sail again next year. A fun Skippers Meeting/Cocktail Party was held at the Gazebo the evening before the race, and a terrific Awards Dinner, catered by Sweetgrass, was held after the race at the Gazebo. Thanks to my wife Carol and her decorating crew for handling the social events at the regatta.

Special thanks should be given to the Race Committee consisting of Jerry Hubbard, Ken Lantelme and Paul Pope. These three individuals have faithfully run all of our races this year and they have done an excellent job in managing the fleet in varying conditions. Without their dedicated work the Sailing Fleet would not be able to have the active season that we have had. **THANKS**, Jerry, ken and Paul.

The racing schedule for 2014 has been developed (see box on the right) and we will have an active year with seventeen races planned. In addition to our regular monthly races at Dataw there are two major regattas scheduled — the Ribaut Cup sponsored by the Beaufort Yacht and Sailing Club will be held in Port Royal Sound on March 29, and the Dataw Island Cup is scheduled for October 25. If you are a new sailor at Dataw you should consider joining the fun.

In November, the Board of the Beaufort Yacht and Sail Club (BYSC) presented their prestigious "Race Management Award" to our DIYC sailing captain, Roy Crocker, for "Excellence in managing the Ribault Cup and Dataw Cup".

Well earned, and congratulations to you, Roy!



Cruise News

... MIKE BUCKINGHAM, Cruise Captain

I am looking forward to a great 2014 cruising year. Great, for many reasons, first of all because it will be my first at Dataw. Julie and I moved here from Ohio, having spent 30 years cruising the Great Lakes. I have heard many great things about the DIYC cruises and hope to bring some new exciting ideas and possibly new cruising destinations for 2014. In my short time here I have visited many local destinations in my new 28' Regulator, and plan to go many more. I am looking forward to working with all the experienced boaters in the Club and hope to hear ideas from all of you, to make our cruising time more enjoyable for 2014. I am excited to meet everyone and here's to a **Happy New Year!**



2014 DIYC SAILING FLEET RACE SCHEDULE

JAN 13, Monday	Race in Morgan River. Low tide at 1:18 pm at marina
FEB 17, Monday	Race in Morgan River. Low tide at 3:30 pm at marina
MAR 3, Monday	Race in Morgan River. Low tide at 4:40 pm at marina
MAR 28, Friday	Race to Beaufort. Low tide at the Brickyards at 2:40 pm
MAR 29, Saturday	Ribaut Cup. Low tide at 2:04 pm in Port Royal Sound
MAR 30, Sunday	Race in Beaufort River. Low tide at Paris Island 3:30 pm
MAR 31, Monday	Race to Dataw. High tide at Brickyard Point 10:47 am
APR 14, Monday	Race in Morgan River. Low tide at 3:40 at marina
MAY 12, Monday	Race around Morgan Island. Low tide 1:06 am at the sound
JUN 23, Monday	Race in Morgan River. Low tide at 12: 55 at marina
JUL 28, Monday	Race in Morgan River. Low tide at 4:52 at marina
AUG 25, Monday	Race in Morgan River. Low tide at 3:50 at marina
SEP 22, Monday	Race to G "11" and back. Low tide 1:45 in the sound
OCT 6, Monday	Race around Morgan Island. Low tide 1:05 in sound

An update from your Social Committee

... CHRIS DEDEL and PEG DALE

It has been another fantastic fun-filled year for the DIYC beginning with the Pig Pickin' in May — Jimmy Fitts did it once again! In June, we held the Pot Luck dinner and it showcased some of the best homemade food on the island. We took a short break over the summer and then started right back up again in September with the Chicken & Ribs Dinner. Even a rainy evening couldn't stop the DIYC and Palm Key Catering from surpassing last year's food! And finally, we saved the best for last — the Commodore's Ball. And what a ball it was! The food was superb and the band played until we all just about dropped! What a treat to see everyone all 'spiffed up' and looking good!

Peg and I want to thank everyone who has helped us make this job look easy. It takes a lot of volunteers to make our social events come off without a hitch and we couldn't have done it without all our enthusiastic volunteers. We have felt very fortunate to have worked with some amazing women this year — Mary Hanby, Nancy Hazelrigg, Alison Barton, Jean Dietz and Janet Bura — just to mention a few. Thank you all for everything!

Last, but not least, it is bittersweet for both of us to say goodbye to this year's Commodore, Andy Jacobs. We have truly enjoyed working with him and the 2013 Bridge and Board members. We look forward to working with Alison and Jean next year under the marvelous leadership of our new Commodore, John Carter, and his 2014 Bridge and Board. One can only imagine how much fun next year's social events will be!



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 in additional colors for \$29.

All *women's polo shirts* in a variety of sizes and colors are marked down from \$29 to \$15.

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

Tee shirts are always available in short and long sleeves for adults and youth.

All our merchandise has our wonderful DIYC logo. *The Ship's Store is always open for business!* If you are interested in making a purchase, contact Josie Paddock at 838-4343 or Gigip9@islc.net or Laura Sherman at 838-3388 or laurasherman14@gmail.com.

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.



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

Wayne & Gretchen Bretsch
Mike & Julie Buckingham
Mark & Anne Kennedy
William & Debi Lamb
Wayne & Beth Vance

SAIL

Hugh & Anne Jenings
Malcolm Keeyes
Jim & Karen McCue
Keyes & Kristy Walworth

KAYAK

William & Kim Ripa

READY TO CREW

Dan & Alison Barton
Deak & Holly FitzGerald
Herb & Joyce Fleming
Greg & Becky Sprecher
Steve & Norma Young

See membership renewal information on page 2.

Dataw Island Yacht Club Ships Store

The Dataw Island Yacht Club's Ship Store has items you may want to purchase for last-minute holiday gifts.

Call Josie Paddock 838-4343 or LAURA SHERMAN 838-3388 and we will be happy to shorten your list!

After our Thanksgiving Sale we are low on some sizes but still have adult and youth items available for your shopping pleasure. We will be putting in our new orders after the New Year so if you have requests for special orders please let Josie know as Laura will be in New Jersey for the winter.

Cash or checks are gladly accepted.



Commodore's Ball 2013

... 2013 CHRIS DEDEL & PEG DALE Social Chairs

On Saturday, November 16, 2013, the Commodore's Ball wrapped up the 2013 DIYC social events calendar. The event in the Carolina Ballroom is the highlight of the DIYC season. Current and past commodores and their spouses were honored by a grateful membership and the 2014 Flag Officers were introduced as well. The Carolina Ballroom looked beautiful. The dance floor was filled for every song with members dancing the night away to fabulous music provided by Threshold. Guests were offered complimentary bubbly and white wine as they entered the Carolina Room Foyer and then were able to enjoy some fabulous hors d'ouerves. After an evening of dinner and dancing they each went home with a set of note cards engraved with the DIYC burgee. This burgee was hand painted by Carol Luzzi just for the Commodore's Ball! It was a perfect ending to a wonderful year.

(Thank you to Diana Carter and Jean Dietz for their wonderful pictures of the evening!)



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

(Center: Peg Dale and Chris Dedel, 2013 Social Chairs, flanked by Alison Barton (left) and Jean Dietz (right), Assistant Social Co-Chairs.



(Above and below) Sailing into the Carolina Room for the Ball!



Above - the beautifully decorated Carolina Room ready for the party to start!

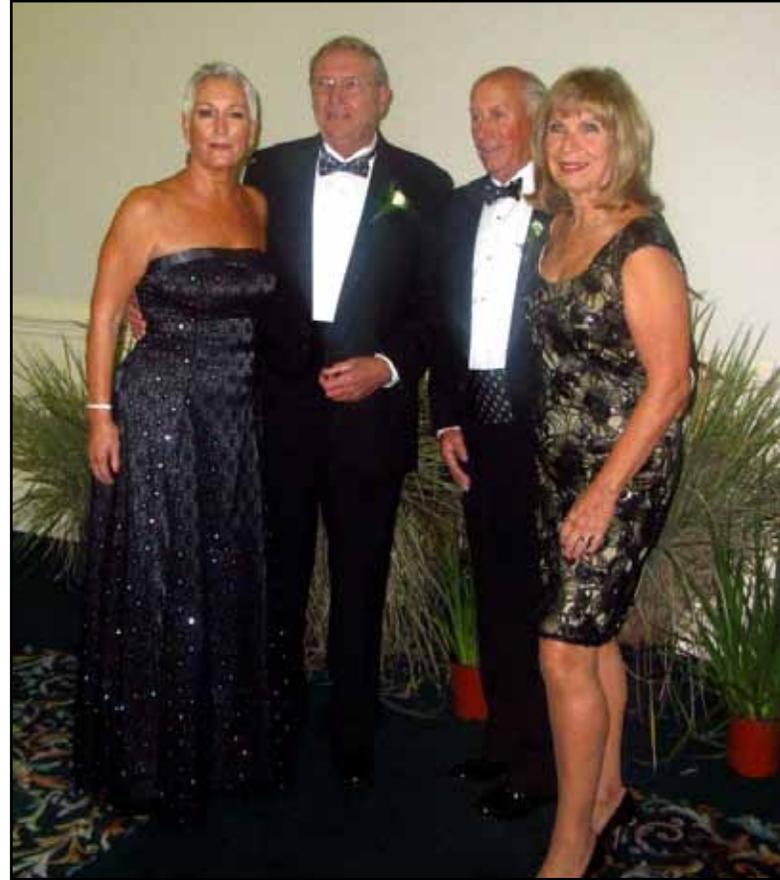


Below: Wonderful passed and stationary appetizers greeted the guests... a wonderful introduction to the perfect dinner that was soon to follow!





2013 Commodore, Andy Jacobs, says goodbye and thank you!



2014 Commodore John Carter and his wife Diana (left) and 2013 Commodore Andy Jacobs and his wife Cathy (right).



2014 Commodore John Carter and his wife Diana enter the Carolina Ballroom to a standing ovation.



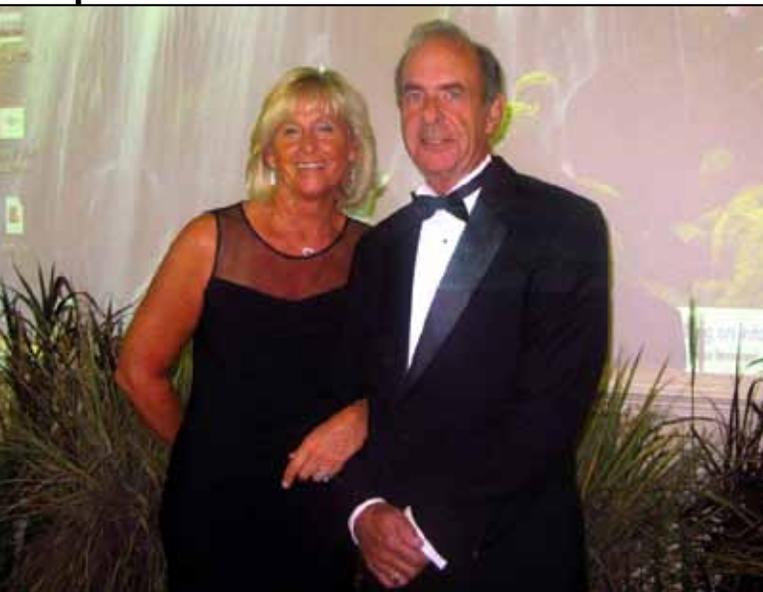
The 2014 Bridge: (left to right) Vice Commodore, Al Dedel, and his wife, Chris; Commodore John Carter, and his wife Diana; Rear Commodore, Gerry Chesser, and his wife Alice.



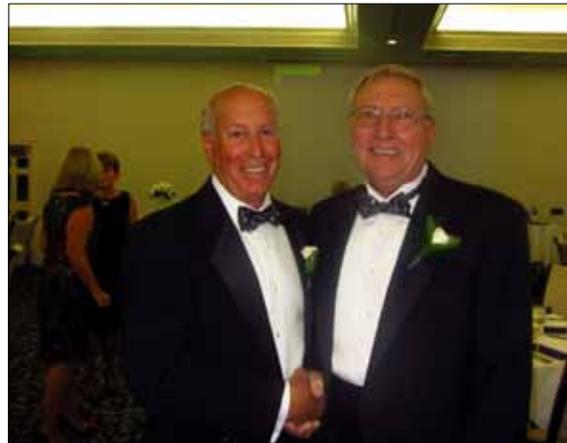
Dancing the night away!



John and Diana Carter



Chris and Al Dedel .



Andy Jacobs and John Carter

Our own Datha Pirates . . . John Berra, Frank Hager, Ken Hirsch, Tim Maher and John Megru show off their matching sox!

Our notecard artist Carol Luzzi and her husband David.

