

CRUISE NEWS

The monthly newsletter of the Cruising Club of Charleston



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NEXT MEETING

June 2, 6:30 pm, Point Grill

Speaker: Tripp Fellabom,

UK Halsey Sailmakers

Topic: Sail Care, Repair & Design.

THIS MONTH'S CRUISE

Sandy Point--June 4-5

Joint event with Mariner's Cay
Yacht Club

Sail ho!

It seems we really cannot rely on the weatherman for up-to-date cruising weather. On Saturday morning, it called for "Fog" until 8am. Hence, it was about 10:30 that the fog started to lift. Yet we had one boat that braved the uncertain and go offshore.

Moonshadow confronted the fog and found calm waters, with a very slight wind. Arriving just in time for happy hour, which made the remaining cruisers delighted because *Moonshadow* had the liquor locker!

Kudos goes out to Laurie Kramer for the exemplary photography shoot at Steamboat Creek cruise. Those pictures have been forwarded to our webmaster for publication. Great shots! See if you can identify the new "Happy Hour" flag. A great time was had by all 14 boats in attendance with Mike Fauss playing dinghy taxi. Wonder how many tipped him? Yet, another beautiful cruise weekend.

A blast email was sent out; along with information is this month's cruise news about a "4th of July" raft-up. It will actually be held on the 2nd of July and you can arrive via land or water. Look for detailed information further in this newsletter.

Received an email from *Blue Horizon*, Sharon & Charlie Barnett. They are currently in a marina in Rodney Bay, St. Lucia. In addition, an email from Dick & Sue Wing's *Picasa* traveling from Ocracoke, NC to Coinjock, VA to Solomons Island, MD.

One more host boat is needed for the October cruise to Flagg Creek. Contact Carl, the Navigator, if your boat is available.

Again, without sounding like a broken record, the club is still searching for a "Fun Committee" Chair and Members for this year. During the last meeting, a volunteer sheet was passed around, and a few individuals stepped up to volunteer. However, we still seek that one unique individual to say "Pick Me!" to act as Committee Chair. The responsibilities include coordinating the Luau, Christmas Party, Oyster Roast, and Change of Helm, with the help of various subcommittees for each event. The sign-up sheets will be passed around again during the June meeting. If you need a pen... just let us know.

Members who wanted to share the enjoyment of cruising originally founded this club and without those endearing souls; this club would not have seen its 40th year. However if this club is going to see another 40 years, it takes every member of the club to participate in some way. I encourage all members to join in and volunteer in some capacity.

Let's set sail!
Elizabeth Beckmann
Commodore

**TREASURER'S REPORT FOR APRIL 2011
SUBMITTED BY JOANN LAPE**

Opening Balance – 4/1/2011	\$3,902.45
Income	\$835.50
Expenses	<u>\$50.30</u>
Ending Balance – 4/30/11	<u>\$4,687.65</u>

CCC Meeting Minutes from May 5, 2011



Commodore Elizabeth Beckmann brought the meeting to order at 7:29 with 45 members and guests present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, guest introductions were made. Wentz Chesson, the guest of Ron Heinze, is the owner of *s/v Ibis*, a Bermuda 40' located here in Charleston. He hoped to participate in the May cruise to Steamboat Creek. Gretchen Marquardt and David LaRiviere, attending with Richard and Jan Massey, intend to join the club. They live aboard *s/v Moxey*, a G41 Gozzard, at the Charleston Harbor Marina.

Vice Commodore Paul Hensarling introduced the guest speakers, Tracy and Michael Harler. Tracy and Michael, along with their twin teenagers, Josie and Justin, are long-range cruisers who have been living aboard their boat, *s/v Rio Luna*, in the Caribbean. They are currently in Charleston to plan and prep their boat for a second long-range cruise to the Mediterranean. Tracy and Michael spoke in turn about planning, preparation and the various resources available. They highly recommend www.Noonsite.com as an online source of information for private sailors, including

procedures for clearing immigration, and information on ports and marinas. The Harler's also recommend the Local Boaters Option, a program launched by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection that allows pleasure vessels to pre-register and clear in via a phone when they return to the US from foreign waters. The Harlers utilize a wind generator and solar panels as well as a water maker. The family also divides their chores up according to person's strengths and are somewhat flexible in the underway watch schedule to accommodate exhaustion. Michael highly recommended learning to heave to in heavy weather. Their presentation concluded with their suggestions for handling health concerns, exercise, and both pests and pets aboard. Vice Commodore Hensarling presented the Harler's with a plaque in appreciation of their presentation.

Commodore Beckmann began the main meeting with a call to approve the minutes of the April meeting. Minutes were approved. An invitation was extended to all club members to attend the Steering Committee meeting along with a reminder that the meeting schedule is posted on the club's webpage. A sign-up sheet for the Fun Committee was circulated.

Officer reports:

Vice Commodore: no additional material to present.

Secretary: no additional material to present.

Webmaster: no additional material to present

Treasurer: reminder that club dues must be paid for names to be included on the new club roster.

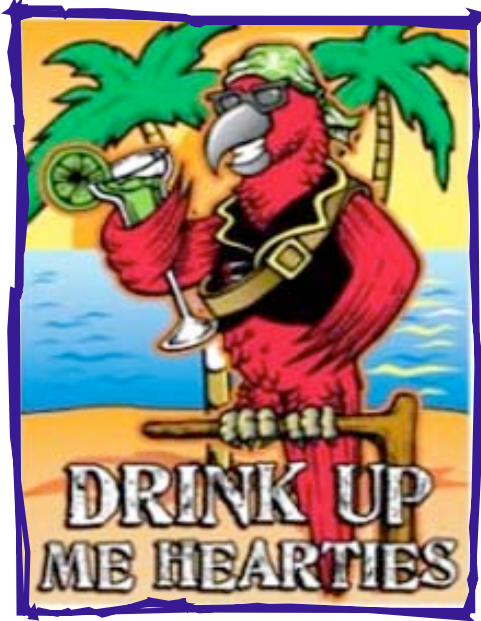
Historian: read an excerpt from the October '84 Luau.

Membership: extended a welcome to the guests.

Navigator: displayed the club's new "Happy Hour" signal flag to be used at the monthly cruises. Predicted weather and anchoring conditions for Steamboat Creek were given. The Host Boat for Steamboat is Rob and Laurie Kramer on *s/v Moonshadow*. A Host Boat for the October cruise to Flagg Creek is needed.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded at 9:52.

Host Boat Report



Steamboat Creek, May, 2011

The Steamboat Landing cruise brought beautiful weather and a perfect sunset for all who attended. From all reports, all boats but *Moonshadow* took the inside passage enjoying following tides and a beautiful 10. Boats began arriving early afternoon with all able to relax and enjoy the surrounding.

With eleven boats attending, we had a great turnout for happy hour . . . despite the fact that the host boat, *Moonshadow*, doggedly fought the incoming AND outgoing tide and no wind as we took the outside passage to arrive at the anchorage with about 10 minutes to spare! No sooner than the anchor set did the new ParrotHead flag rise and the party began.

The bugs were gracious, the sunset beautiful and the food offerings plentiful and delicious. Having arrived late and departed early due to a Mother's Day commitment, I barely was able to count the boats or record the names of those we met. We were some of the first to leave on Sunday morn with *Palmetto Moon* beating us to the punch. I believe all returned via the intercoastal and it was a great day with favorable tides and a quick passage home.

I've created a share site for pictures from our cruises if anyone would like to share their photos. Here is the link . . .

<http://cruisingclubofcharleston.shutterfly.com/pictures/8>

Rob and I so enjoyed our first ever club cruise and can't wait for those to come!

Rob and Laurie Kramer
s/v *Moonshadow*

Boats attending:

Moonshadow, Rob & Laurie Kramer
Palmetto Moon, Carl & Elizabeth Beckmann
Runaway, Jim Condon & Dale Poulnot
Calypso, Paul Hensarling & Pam Hicks
Odyssey, Mike & Judy Fauss
Barney's Girl, Mike & Joann Lape
R Boat, Richard & Jan Massey
Syzygy, Bob & Lynn Menches
Moxy, David LaRiviere & Gretchen Marquardt (visiting guests)
Ibis, Wentz Chesson
Sea Otter, Phil Tifton & Anita

4th of July Raft-Up



The Cruising Club of Charleston is looking into have a 4th of July Raft-up/Party at the Cooper River Marina.

July Sat July 2, 2011

Starting at 5:00pm

Boats will be able to dock for \$10.00-\$15.00 (based on participation) on Saturday night.

Reservations are required (3 weeks out).

This would be a great chance for members with and without boats to celebrate.

All would be required to bring

- 1) Meat to grill
- 2) Side-dish/Appetizer to share
- 3) own libations



Guests are also welcome.

For all those that are interested please contact

Paul Hensarling, Vice-Commodore at
captmeriwether@comcast.net

Editor's Note: The following article appeared in the June, 2009 *Cruise News*. With the number of new members, the article gives a nice introduction to Sandy Point.

Sandy Point--Features and History

The cruise to Sandy Point has always been one of my favorites. Whether you put in at Sol Leguare boat landing on James Island and paddle over to Sandy Point or sail or motor through the harbor, Wappoo Cut and onward up the Stono, it is one of the most scenic and beautiful trips one can make in Charleston.

This pristine beach is unique to our cruise destinations, as it is possible to pull right up to the beach if your boat doesn't draw much water. Happy Hour is held right there on the beach with the sight and sound of the ocean breakers to keep us company. And the anchorage at night is one of the



most beautiful, especially if there is a full moon. Seeing the phosphorescence of the waves breaking is a sight to behold amid the quiet and serenity of the night, as you sit at anchor in your cockpit.

Historically, Kiawah Island's English history begins with its purchase from the Kiawah Indians in 1675. It was bought for blankets, hatchets, beads and trinkets. The land was used over the centuries to raise cattle, grow cotton and at one time was thought of as a rather desolate place, not worth much to anyone. Kiawah Island (where Sandy Point lies) was home to the Kiawah Indians as well as many slaves. The Vanderhorst family figures prominently in its development in times past.

Regardless of local development, it is still possible to enjoy Sandy Point as the most secluded of the beaches on Kiawah. Artifact hunters, sun bathers, boaters and hikers alike can find peace and beauty in this accessible paradise. Birds abound in this natural habitat and are thriving there along with other creatures not found in many parts of South Carolina. Bobcats are known inhabitants as are White Pelicans, Avocets and Red Knots along with all of our native South Carolina birds.

Pauline Cooper

SAIL PLAN – SANDY POINT

This month the cruise is to Sandy Point which is on the Kiawah Island side of the Stono Inlet. The anchorage is located in Bass Creek. This is a joint cruise with Mariner's Cay Yacht Club. *Happy hour will be at 5 PM on the beach.*

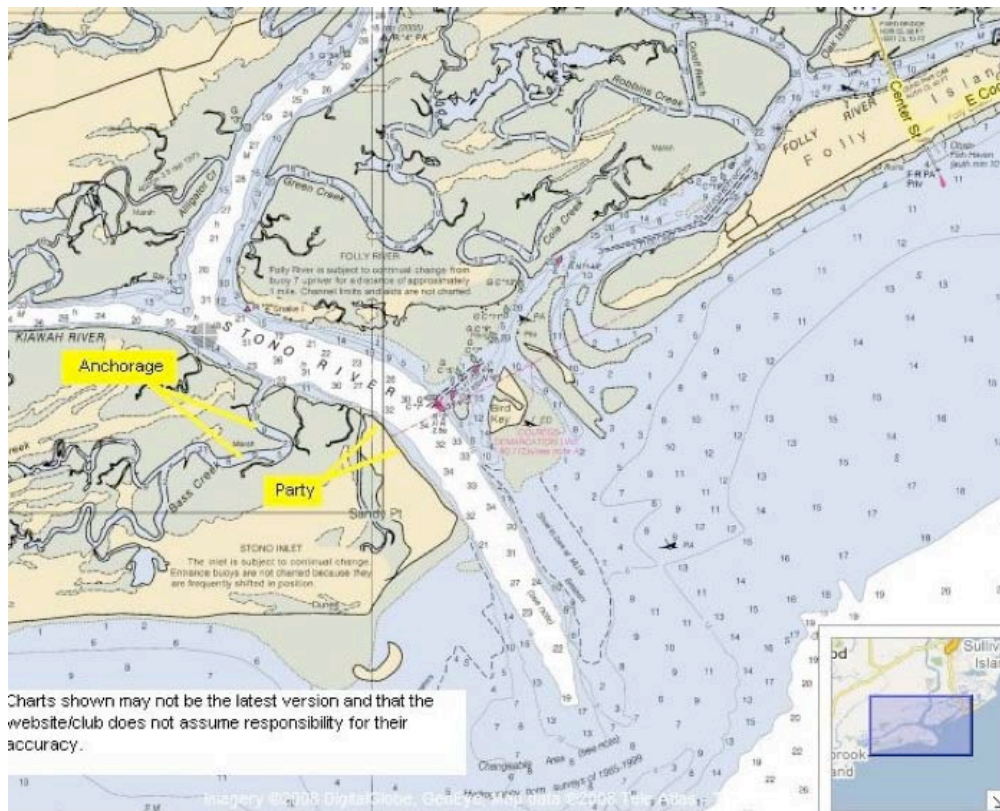
Proceeding from Charleston Harbor, take the ICW south through Wappoo Creek and Elliot Cut. Turn left upon exiting Elliot Cut, making sure to take the red day marker on the Stono River to your port side (Do not confuse this marker with the channel junction marker – red and green – which will also be on your port side as you exit Elliot Cut). Proceed down the Stono River about eight miles to Sandy Point. The river is well marked. Be careful to make the turn to your port at the congruence of the Stono and Kiawah rivers. Sandy Point will be on your starboard side as you approach the ocean and is directly across from the entrance buoys to the Folly River.

Happy hour will be on the beach at Sandy Point. The anchorage is in Bass Creek which is located to your starboard before getting to Sandy Point. There is a sand bar protruding from the river side of the creek. Deep draft boats might want to proceed past the entrance to Bass Creek and then approach from seaward favoring the port side of the entrance. Proceed slowly and watch your depth sounder and you should clear the entrance without difficulty.

The cruise can also be done using an off-shore route (**NOT RECOMMENDED**) by exiting Charleston Harbor through the jetties or dynamite hole (shallow draft vessels only). From here proceed south to the Stono Inlet and follow the channel markers into the inlet. The Stono Inlet is notorious for shoaling. The channel markers are relocated frequently. If choosing this route, watch the weather forecast and plan carefully. At low tide, you can encounter depths of only a few feet well offshore.

Tide Table - Sandy Point

Date	Sun	High	Low	High	Low
Saturday - June 4	Sunset – 2024	1014 +4.7	1610 -0.1	2028 +6.0	0458 +0.1
Sunday - June 5	Sunrise – 0612	1100 +4.7	1659 +0.0	2313 +5.9	0443 +0.0



For illustration only. Not for navigation.