



CRUISE NEWS

The monthly newsletter of the Cruising Club of Charleston



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NEXT MEETING

Nov. 3, 6:30 pm, Point Grill

Speaker: Tony Ward

Topic: Christmas Parade of Boats--tips, past experiences, and information on participation in the 2011 parade

THIS MONTH'S CRUISE

Moise Island--Nov. 5-6

Sail Ho!

October's cruise to Flagg creek was attended by only a few, yet the host boat *Ibis* rendered awesome hospitality along with beautiful flowers to accentuate such a gathering. As new members join the club and attend the cruises, it really lends itself to a great time to know each other. Speaking of which, the November's cruise to "Moise Island" is my personal favorite. All will raft up to a dock, which leads to a covered dining area and open-air fire pit. A great time to get to know fellow cruisers. This event is a bit different from others. All attending bring "meat" that they will cook and consume for themselves, along with a side/appetizer/desert to share with fellow cruisers. The club will furnish charcoal. In addition, please bring a few pieces of firewood for the fire pit. The liquor locker will be on hand Saturday evening.

Over the past few weeks, the club has been informed about a few unexpected changes in venues for the future. First, November will be the last month that we will be meeting at the Point Grill for our regular meetings. The steering committee is surveying a few possible meeting locations, yet no decision has been made as of yet. Secondly, we have been informed by the WLI that in order to utilize their facility for our Christmas Party, the club will need to purchase liability insurance, thereby increasing the cost of the event significantly. Therefore, the Christmas party this year will be held at the Charleston Yacht Club. Detailed information on the Christmas party is in this newsletter. Finally, through scheduling difficulties, the Steering Committee meeting location has changed to the Smokey Oak Taproom on James Island. The next steering meeting will be Monday, November 14th. As always, all members are welcome to attend.

With all that has happened so far this year, I vote to put "Murphy" (and his Law!) in a rowboat without a paddle!

Let's set sail!

Elizabeth Beckmann
Commodore



CCC Meeting Minutes October 6, 2011

Commodore Elizabeth Beckmann brought the meeting to order at 7:30 with the Pledge of Allegiance. Returning guests of Mike Fauss, Natalia Davila and José Gavidia were introduced and stated that they intend to join the club.

Vice Commodore Paul Hensarling introduced the guest speaker, Mike Able from Haddrell's Point. Mike's presentation was a fall season overview of fishing in the Charleston area. His tips included using a float and fishing when the tide is moving. The entrances to tidal creeks and grassy areas were noted as good areas for trout and redfish. Also, don't be afraid to move if nothing is biting where you are. Mike displayed a variety of lures and line that he likes to use. All of this was helpful in answering a club member's request for specific tips for fishing Flagg Creek during the upcoming cruise. Club members also asked for advice on trawling a line from a boat, which, unfortunately has no clear-cut answer due to all of the variables involved such as season, boat speed and water depth. The Vice Commodore presented Mike with a framed certificate in appreciation of his presentation.

Commodore Beckmann continued the meeting with an introduction of new club members Victoria and Walter Kueck. A call to approve the minutes of the September meeting was made and the minutes

were approved. Commodore Beckmann announced that the Point Grill would be closing and that November would be the club's last meeting there. The club needs a new site for meetings as well as a new site for the December Christmas party. Club members were asked for their thoughts and encouraged to attend the Steering Committee meeting where this would be discussed.

Officer reports:

Vice Commodore: Reported that SeaTow provides radio checks on Channel 27. Your voice is recorded and played back to you so you can hear the amount of static, etc...

(Club Member Ron Heinze added that he owns a meter for testing VHF signal strength that he is happy to loan to club members.)

Secretary: Nothing to report.

Treasurer: Nothing to report.

Newsletter: Deadline for the next newsletter is October 24.

Historian: Read an excerpt from the Club's December 1984 newsletter.

Membership: Not in attendance.

Navigator: Asked for a boat count for the Flagg Creek cruise which must be given in advance to the Naval Weapons Station for security reasons. Club members were told to keep their boats to the east of the marked area on the chart as they approach Flagg Creek.

Rob and Laurie Kramer (*Moonshadow*) were presented with a club burgee. A postcard from Bob and Lynn Menches (*Syzygy*) reporting their NC cruise was read.

Club members were reminded to bring something to grill, a side dish and firewood to the November cruise to Moise Island.

Four boats are currently in the running for 'most cruises': Calypso, Palmetto Moon, Branch Office and Syzygy.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded at 8:31.

Host Boat Report-Flagg Creek



The September cruise was to Flagg Creek. We left our homeport of Hobcaw Dock around noon with a fresh 10-25 mph northeast breeze. The 15-mile trip up the Cooper River took about three hours of motoring. We were fighting the outgoing current and a headwind. Flagg Creek provided excellent holding for our 45-lb. CQR anchor in ten feet of water with around 100' of chain rode.

Ibis was the first boat to arrive at the rendezvous. *Charon II*, who we overtook on the way, followed us. The other boats that attended were *Palmetto Moon*, *The Branch Office*, *Sally B*, and *2 Gales*. The guest of *Palmetto Moon*, Glenn Nastepniak, (Commodore's brother) arrived with a very roomy 22' Carolina Skiff that ferried everyone to join us for the cocktail hour.

The spacious cockpit of *Ibis* provided ample room for a couple hours of libation and conversation. The next day provided an even fresher breeze than the day before. After a long breakfast, each boat prepared for the downwind sail back to the harbor. We flew jib and jigger and had a great sail all the way back.

Wentz Chesson

Ibis

Boats Attending:

<i>Charon II</i>	Ron Heinze
<i>Ibis</i>	Wentz Chesson and Leslie Pelzer
<i>Palmetto Moon</i>	Carl and Elizabeth Beckmann, Glenn Nastepniak (Elizabeth's brother)
<i>Sally B</i>	Bill Ydel (It was great to see Bill making a long overdue cruise.)
<i>The Branch Office</i>	Bill Prewitt
<i>2 Gales</i>	Jose Gavida and Natalia Davila (prospective members)

Carl Beckmann, Jr.
Navigator

The Cruising Club of Charleston is proud to participate in the **BoatUS** Cooperating Group program. One of the benefits of this program is half-price **BoatUS** membership for CCC members!

For more information about **BoatUS**, visit their website: <http://www.boatus.com/>



Christmas Party

Date: 12/01/2011
Time: 6:30pm Cocktails, Dinner 7:30pm
Charleston Yacht Club
17 Lockwood Dr, The City Marina

Save the Date!

This is a preliminary invitation for the Annual Christmas Party for the Cruising Club of Charleston. More detailed information will be sent via email to all members.

Cruising Club of Charleston

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You Can't Ask for "Mo" than Moise Island!

It is fitting that our club's last cruise of 2011 takes us to a unique getaway known as Moise Island. Part of the magic of this place lies in its history. During the early part of the 20th century the island was formed as a result of a dredging project by the Army Corps of Engineers. The Drew family acquired it, and for years it sat uninhabited. Enter Ben Moise. He had spent some time camping on the island while serving as a game warden for the Department of Natural resources. In 1985 he was able to purchase the land from the Drew family.

As time went by, Ben's friends and family came to the island and helped him create this natural paradise. Whenever something needed to be done on the island, Ben organized a "work party," and everyone came ready to pitch in. Some folks came with trees to plant. Others arrived with lumber, tools, and muscle-power to build the dock, shelter, and benches. To discourage rodents, a few people even brought some cats. The cats became a "live-in" rat patrol, and through the years visitors brought cat food to provide nourishment as the rat population died off. The tradition of doing whatever is needed to help with the upkeep still goes on. In the October 2009 "Cruise News," Pauline Cooper wrote about Richard Wehle, armed with deck brush and cleaner, scrubbing down the dock to remove the "calling cards" of the thousands of birds that visit the island. His elbow grease gave club members a much cleaner route from the boats to the oyster-shell path that leads up to the shelter.

The open air shelter provides a setting for our Saturday evening meal which takes the place of the usual "host boat happy hour." There you will find picnic-style tables and benches, a large grill, and a sink which uses water collected in a rain barrel/water tank. There are lights in the shelter, but the power source comes from the generators of visiting boats. Outside of the shelter is an area that we use to build a fire (BYOL--Bring Your Own Logs!). There are wooden benches around the area, but you might want to bring a chair or cushion in case the fireside chats last into the wee hours!

Ben is kind enough to let us use his bit of paradise as a cruising destination. We honor his generosity by making sure that we always leave it in as good or better condition than it was when we arrived. The sights, the sunset, the salty air, and the sounds of the birds blend together to make the Moise Island cruise a memorable experience. When you add sharing that experience with fellow cruisers as we sit around the bonfire (with or without cigars!) telling tales and swapping jokes, or huddling up in the cockpit of someone's boat after Sunday morning's breakfast to reflect on.....whatever, you come to understand why club members get a wistful look when we talk about the cruise to Moise Island. See you there!

Jan Massey
Newsletter Editor

Things to bring:

- firewood (the "grocery store" wood works fine)
- something to grill
- covered side dish to share
- an extra trash bag or two
- bug spray