



# CRUISE NEWS

The monthly newsletter of the Cruising Club of Charleston



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**NEXT MEETING**

July 7, 6:30 pm, Point Grill

Speaker: Steve Marable  
Island Outboard

Topic: Maintaining dinghy outboards and keeping them running

**THIS MONTH'S CRUISE**

Nowell Creek--July 9-10  
Happy Hour--5:00 pm  
Bert & Loy Ballam's dock

Sail ho!

The last cruise destination to Sandy Point was a great success. A well attended function with 9 boats from the cruising club and 17 members from Mariners Cay Yacht Club, MCYC--even with the absence of both Commodores.

A reminder for a "4<sup>th</sup> of July" raft-up is included in this cruise news. It will actually be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July, and you can arrive via land or water. If you have a grill for use for this function, please contact Vice Commodore, Paul.

Dick & Sue Wing have completed their trip, at least for the summer, to their home in Branford, CT. They have done a great "photo album" of their adventure on Picasa. Recent email exchanges from "Blue Horizon", Sharon & Charlie Barnett depict that they are currently *sweltering* in Bequia in the Grenadines.

One more host boat is needed for the October cruise to Flagg Creek. Contact Carl, the Navigator, if your boat is available. That being, the liquor locker may be MIA.

The cruise this month is to Nowell Creek, the home of Loy and Bert Ballam. The fun will be held under their lovely home. You can arrive via land or water. Loy says that based on the weather their refreshing pool will be available. With the weather being hot and humid, a cool dip would be welcoming so plan accordingly.

The weatherman is forecasting another *HOT* summer. So take necessary care while cruising, get plenty of fluids, and don't exert yourself with too many strenuous activities. After all cruising is too be fun!

The club is still looking for volunteers to assist with the Club's social functions. The sheet will be passed around at the next meeting or you can contact me at 588-9230. We currently have a few individuals for the Christmas Party and Oyster Roast. Anyone want to *dance* up for the Luau?



## CCC Meeting Minutes

**June 2, 2011**

Vice Commodore Paul Hensarling called the meeting to order at 7:28. Thirty-four members and guests were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a call for guests was made. Mark Smith introduced his father Al Smith, a Great Lakes sailor visiting for his grandson's graduation. Thomas Jones and Karmen Chow introduced themselves. They learned about the club from Dick Brannon at the Cooper River Marina (where they keep their Hallberg Rassy, 'Ellida').

The Vice Commodore introduced the guest speaker, Tripp Fellabom of UK-Halsey Sailmakers of Charleston ([www.ukhalsey.com](http://www.ukhalsey.com)). Tripp began his presentation with the announcement of a new website, [www.sailcharleston.org](http://www.sailcharleston.org), which is dedicated to increasing participation and promoting sailing awareness in and around Charleston.

The presentation continued with an overview of sail care with preventive maintenance being most important. Main points included: inspect standing and running rigging; reduce chafe wherever possible; minimize flogging; protect from sunlight; and take down and store when not in use for long periods of time. Traditional and new sail materials were briefly discussed.

The Vice Commodore began the main meeting with a call to approve the minutes of the May meeting. Minutes were approved.

Officer reports:

Vice Commodore: no additional material to present.

Secretary: no additional material to present.

Treasurer: final opportunity to pay club dues in time to be included in the club roster

Newsletter: deadline for July newsletter items – June 27

Webmaster: no additional material to present

Historian: read an excerpt detailing the aroma of 'Skin So Soft' from the Host Boat report of April '86

Membership: not in attendance

Navigator: not in attendance. Richard Massey gave anchoring conditions for Bass Creek and a reminder that the social hour on the beach at Sandy Point is a joint event with the Mariner's Cay Yacht Club. Coming in offshore through the Stono River Inlet was ***strongly*** discouraged.

An "unofficial" 4<sup>th</sup> of July get-together at the Cooper River Marina was discussed. There will be no liquor locker; so, BYOB. Bring something to grill and a side dish to share. Free parking will be available for those not wanting to bring their boats. The Cooper River Marina will give us special slip rates for this event. Email Paul Hensarling if you are interested in participating.  
([captmeriwether@comcast.net](mailto:captmeriwether@comcast.net))

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded at 8:40.



Cruise Report--June 4-5  
Sandy Point

Our joint "beach party" with Mariner's Cay Yacht Club was quite a success! Although many of us were in a bit of a quandary as to where on the beach we were supposed to gather, at the 5 o'clock hour we all managed to find each other! Mariner's Cay Yacht Club provided two portable tables for the food and set up the liquor locker nearby. The food brought by both groups was plentiful and delicious. And, with temperatures hovering in the mid-90s, cool drinks were more than welcome!

Mariner's Cay Yacht Club had seventeen members present. CCC members that came for the day were: Ed & Sharon Geiger (a very special thanks to Ed for getting the liquor locker to the beach), Annie Simpson & Eddie Whittington, Mike & Judy Fauss, and Mike & Joann Lape.

Six boats anchored overnight in Bass Creek:

The Branch Office	Bill Prewitt	Charon II	Ron Heinze
Syzygy	Bob & Lynn Menches	R Boat	Richard & Jan Massey
Ibis	Wentz Chesson & Leslie Pelzer	Moxy (guest)	Gretchen & David LaRiviere

**DON'T FORGET!!**



**July 2 Raft-Up Party**

Where: Cooper River Marina  
 When: 5:00 pm, Saturday, July 2  
 What: A great chance for members with and without boats to celebrate July 4th a little early. Bring your own meat to grill, side dish/appetizer to share, and beverage. Guests are welcome!  
 For more information, contact Paul Hensarling, Vice-Commodore, at [captmeriwether@comcast.net](mailto:captmeriwether@comcast.net)

### SAIL PLAN - Nowell Creek

If coming by car, , take the Mark Clark Expressway (I-526) to Clements Ferry Road (at Daniel Island). Turn off the expressway and head north on Clements Ferry Road. Go approximately two miles (just past Beresford Creek Executive Complex) and turn right into Beresford Hall. The gate will be open. Once through the gate, take the first right on Royal Assembly Drive. Then take the next right on Barbados Drive, cross the bridge, and the Ballam house is the only one there. If you have any problems, please call Bert at 697-6286.

If coming by boat, Nowell Creek lies up the Wando River just above the Mark Clark Expressway (I-526) Bridge. Follow the Wando past the ship terminal and under the bridge to the second green Day Mark (G 17). Enter Nowell Creek with G 17 on the starboard side. Follow the creek up the middle past the old dry dock, (starboard side). Anchor almost anywhere but not past the first dock on the left side (see chart).

### Tide Table-Nowell Creek

Date	Sun	High	Low	High	Low
Saturday-July 9	Sunset – 2031	0328 +5.1	0933 -0.4	1624 +5.9	2207 +0.3
Sunday-July 10	Sunrise – 0620	0425 +5.0	1033 +0.4	1726 +6.0	2330 _0.2

