

# CRUISE NEWS

*The monthly newsletter of the Cruising Club of Charleston*



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**NEXT MEETING**

**January 5, 6:30 pm**

**Liberty Tavern** (See map on p. 3.)

**Speaker:** John Peeples of Peeples Marine Inc.

**Topic:** Having your boat surveyed and what inspections you can do to keep your boat safe

**THIS MONTH'S CRUISE**

Mariner's Cay, Folly River  
January 7-8

Sail ho,

December's meeting/Christmas Party was a huge success thanks to a great group of people. Sharon Barnett and Carl Beckmann did an excellent job on the turkeys and ham, Priscilla Parker on the setup and decorations, Bob Kelley on the Pirate Swap and a group of very helpful elves: Bob Menches, Lauther Parker, JoAnn & Mike Lape, Yvonne Jordan, Beth Kelley. Thank you bunches. I hope all enjoyed yourselves.

The Holidays have now come and gone and hope they were well spent with family and friends. As we move into the New Year, we find the club has met with new challenges as well.

January's meeting will be held at the Liberty Taproom in Mount Pleasant. A map can be found further in this newsletter. The agenda will be the same with the dinner before the meeting. The Liberty Taproom has also created a special menu for our group. The cruise for January will be a joint venture with the Mariner's Cay Yacht Club. By boat or by car, heavy appetizers, and 2 liquor lockers to share, a good time should be had by all.

February's Cruise will include our Annual Oyster Roast. Get your name on the attendee list. Richard Massey is working diligently on this event.

The steering committee is still working on a venue for our Change of Helm dinner, along with creating a "Slate" of new officers for next year. If you are so inclined or just inquisitive about any positions available feel free to contact me.

The next steering meeting will be Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at location to be determined. As always, all members are welcome to attend.

Happy New Year to all!

Let's set sail!

Elizabeth Beckmann

Commodore



**2012-2013**

**CCC MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

**\$40**

**DUE MARCH 1, 2012**

**CHECKS PAYABLE TO:**

**CRUISING CLUB OF CHARLESTON**

**MAIL CHECKS TO:**

**JOANN LAPE**

**128 SILVER CYPRESS CIRCLE**

**SUMMERVILLE SC 29485**



## Boat Tax Information for Charleston County

Every year the personal property tax for our boat comes in with the ASSESSMENT RATIO at 10.5%. It seems they want a correction form every year.

To save the 4.5 %, go to the website [charlestoncounty.org](http://charlestoncounty.org):

- Left column - TAX INFO
- Box- TAX RELATED FORMS
- Forms - select 6% ASSESSMENT RATIO FORM FOR WATERCRAFT

You can simply print the form and mail it back to the Auditor with the original tax form. You should get a corrected tax form within a few days.

Richard Wehle



CCC Meeting Minutes  
12/1/2011

Commodore Elizabeth Beckmann brought the main meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Elizabeth welcomed everyone to the Christmas party, which was held at the Charleston Yacht Club.

The minutes of November's meeting were approved.

A motion was made to approve \$200.00 for the use of Moise Island for the November 2011 cruise. The motion was approved with no dissenting votes.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM, and the Christmas Party continued.

Lynn Menches  
Secretary

### 2011 Christmas Party

The club held the annual Christmas party on Thursday, December 1 at the Charleston Yacht Club. Lauther and Priscilla Parker made everything extra festive with help from JoAnn & Mike Lape, Yvonne Jordan, and Beth Kelley. Bob LeBoeuf entertained us by playing his accordion. And, Bob Menches insured that the evening would go smoothly when he applied his expert wizardry to the Charleston Yacht Club's sound system!

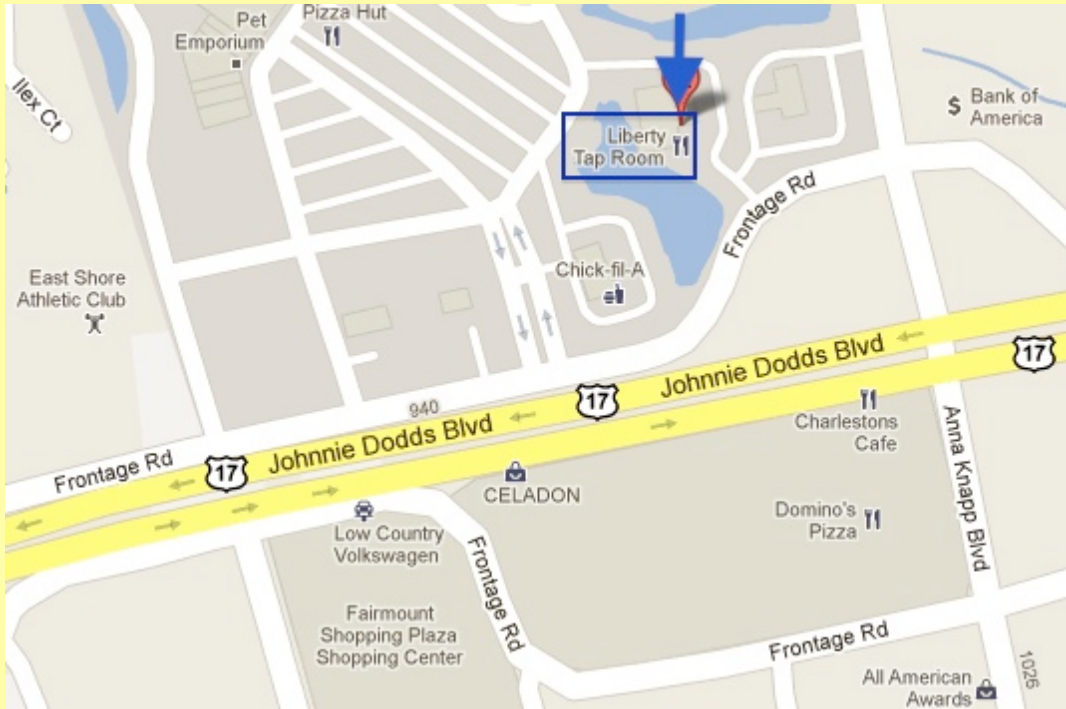
Carl Beckmann and Sharon Barnett prepared the ham and the turkey. The side dishes were catered by Smokey Oaks Taproom. Priscilla Parker coordinated the dessert contest. Joann Lape won 1st place, Denise Byrnes won 2nd place, and Karen Prewitt won 3rd place.

After dinner, Bob Kelley served as emcee for the infamous Pirate Gift Swap. Even with multiple "thefts," he kept everything running smoothly and helped us finish the process in a timely fashion.

What a great way to start the holiday season!



The Liberty Tap Room is located at 1028 Johnnie Dodds Blvd. in Mount Pleasant.  
 For driving directions, please visit [www.libertytaproom.com/locations/](http://www.libertytaproom.com/locations/)



### Oyster Roast--Saturday, February 4

- Time:** 3:30 pm - 6:00 pm (Oysters served starting at 4:00 PM)
- Location:** Clouter Creek, Lloyd & Shirley Davis' house
- Menu:** Bulls Bay Oysters, Shrimp Creole w/Rice, Chicken Stew w/Rice, Cookies & Brownies
- Refreshments:** Liquor Locker
- Price:** Members--\$15.00 for oyster eater and \$10.00 for non-oyster eater  
 Each Guest--\$20.00



For more information contact Richard Massey, 803-517-7051, [rjmassey@gmail.com](mailto:rjmassey@gmail.com)  
 Last Day to Buy a Ticket--January 31, 2012 (Please include the name of each person attending.)  
 Make checks payable to Cruising Club of Charleston and mail to:

**Joann Lape**  
**128 Silver Cypress Circle**  
**Summerville, SC 29485**

NOTE: If you make a reservation but do not attend, you will still owe the per person ticket price.

**SAIL PLAN – MARINER'S CAY – FOLLY RIVER**

If coming by car, follow Folly Beach Road (highway 171) to Folly Beach and turn right into the Mariner’s Cay marina/condo complex just before crossing the bridge over to Folly Beach. The gate will be open.

If coming by boat, proceed south on the ICW from Charleston Harbor through Elliott Cut and turn to the left down the Stono River. The mouth of the Folly River will be to your left about eight miles down the river as you approach the ocean. It lies just across from Sandy Point and has markers almost all the way up to the marina (which is just before the Folly Bridge on highway 171). Proceed with caution when entering the channel off the Stono River and follow the markers carefully for the first mile or so. After that, the rest of the trip is an easy passage up the river (about two miles) to the marina which will be on your left.

You can make reservations at the marina ahead of time or anchor off the marina and use your dinghy to get to the docks.

Carl Beckmann, Jr.  
Navigator

**Tide Table-Folly River**

Date	Sun	High	Low	High	Low
Saturday – 7 Jan. 2012	Sunset – 1729	0606 +5.4	1231 +0.2	1826 +4.6	0028 -0.3
Sunday – 8 Jan 2012	Sunrise – 0723	0648+5.5	1312 +0.0	1909 +4.7	0106 -0.5

**Note from Ed Geiger--Arrangements at Mariner’s Cay Marina**

We do have a few slips available and will offer a rate of \$1/ foot per day. Please contact me at [843 607-4254](tel:8436074254) for availability. For vessels anchoring out, please feel free to use the fuel dock to raft up during the party or the inside rail dock for dingy landing. If you are need transport from your vessel, I have my Whaler available and will pick you up.

If you are coming by car, the gate will be open. Please park in one of the visitors spaces and ***not*** in a numbered space.

