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NEXT MEETING

Thursday March 3, 2011
Point Grill 6:30 PM
Change of Watch Dinner

**This Months Cruise –Church Creek
Host Boat to be determined
Happy Hour 5:00 P.M.**

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

By Mike Fauss

Ahoy Cruisers,

This Cruise News marks the end of another exciting cruising year and this will be my last Commodore's Comments. What I have enjoyed most about being Commodore is all the new friends that Judy and I have made in the club! I have always heard that the way to meet people and make friends is to get involved and we have certainly made a lot of wonderful friends these last two years that I have served as Vice and Commodore!

As a soon to be Past Commodore I can appreciate the amount of work and commitment it has taken to keep the tradition of the Charleston Cruising Club alive for 39 years. That has only been possible because of the hard work of all the officers, committees and volunteers. Our members keep the club going by volunteering time, homes, food, office supplies, docks & boats. This year I was especially lucky to have a committed group of officers, committees and volunteers to work with!

A great example of that commitment was this years Luau, Nowell Creek Cruise and Oyster Roast. Tom and Florance Anderson, Bert and Loy Ballam and Lloyd and Shirley Davis generously shared their homes, property and docks. The committees involved spent hours planning, setting up, tearing down and doing every thing necessary to make these events a huge success. The Christmas Party is another example with Carl Beckmann and Sharon Barrett spending hours cooking the ham & turkey while the committee planned for the rest of the food and entertainment. The amount of work involved with being a Host Boat is another example of that commitment.

The cruises are the most important purpose of the club; it's what we are all about! Our parties promote cruising and the joy of cruising and we had some great cruises this year! We tried a new destination to Toogoodoo Creek and a 10 to 13 day cruise to Fernandina Beach and back. Many in the club have said they would like to see more Long Distance Cruises so you should bring you suggestions to your new officers as well as all of your support! We are lucky to have a great bunch of new officers and committee chairs!

See you all at the Change of Watch & Installation Banquet and **Let's Go Cruising!**

January 2011

By Steve Zwicky

Balance on Hand 01/01/2011: \$3,232.77

Income: 210.50

Expenses: 218.21

Balance on Hand 12/31/2010: \$3,218.76

CCC Main Meeting Minutes

2/3/2011

Commodore Mike Fauss brought the main meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Mike gave the Commodore's Quiz: "What is the name of oldest sailor's saloon on the east coast." Lloyd Davis guessed the Palace Saloon and he got to draw from the Commodore's treasure chest. The saloon was established in 1903 and was visited by the club's long-range cruisers in the fall of 2010. Bob Kelley joked it was not a fair quiz because "Lloyd went to the grand opening of it."

Vice Commodore Elizabeth Beckmann introduced the guest speakers, Bob Kelley and Mike Fauss. Mike covered the offshore leg of last year's long range cruise. 13 boats went to Toogoodoo. Then, Condor and Odyssey went offshore while Time For Play, The Porch, and Young At Heart went via the ICW. The boats met Docker's Inn at Jekyll Island, GA. They presented details of the travel and gave tips including expected costs, good anchorages, and fun pictures and stories.

A motion to approve last month's minutes was passed.

Keith Gannett gave an update on the Oyster Roast. 80 people are expected. He thanked Lloyd and Shirley Davis for letting the club use their dock. Brian Hill picked three judges from the attendees to judge the chill contest.

Mike recognized the nominating committee. Mike thanked those club members who accepted the nominations. Mike presented the list of nominees:

Commodore - Elizabeth Beckmann

Vice Commodore - Paul Hensarling

Treasurer - Joann Lape

Secretary - Lynn Menches

No other nominations were forthcoming. The slate of nominees was accepted by acclamation.

Historian Bill Prewitt read from the December 1984 newsletter: The oyster roast will be on New Years Eve from 17:00 to ?, Charge of \$5, Limited dock space, Beer, hotdogs, chili, and oysters. Bill concluded that things haven't changed much over the last 27 years besides the prices.

Steve Zwicky gave the Treasurer's report.

Dick and Sue Wing, who own a 38 Bavaria, were introduced as new members by membership chairperson Sharon Barnett.

Carl Beckmann gave the Navigator's report. The longest cruise this year was to Key West by Charlie and Sharon Barnett. Sharon said the Reeves went to Nantucket and didn't feel they deserved all the recognition. Carl said three boats are tied for first place and four boats are tied with 6 cruises each this years "most cruises" competition. Lastly, Carl presented Lynn and Bob Menches of Syzygy with their club burgee.

Mike Fauss won the drawing. Approximately 54 members were present. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Reporting Secretary,

Eddie Whittington

Oyster Roast - February 5th

The annual Oyster Roast was held under threatening skies at Lloyd and Shirley Davis' home on Clouter Creek. What a wonderful venue the Davis' have - a beautiful home on the Creek with docking facilities for anybody who cares to brave the elements and come by boat (Paul Hensarling on Porta Bella).

There were a total of 79 people attending this year's roast - including 62 hungry Oyster eaters. The Oysters were provided by caterer David Galloway and served under a large canopy provided by Lloyd Davis - thank you Lloyd!

In addition to the Oyster fest we also had a chili competition where at 7 members brought their favorite chilis to be judged and then eaten (devoured!) by the rest of the membership. To be honest they ALL tasted good and it was no wonder that the judges - led by Carl Beckman - had so much difficulty in deciding which one deserved First Place. After much cogitation and impatient stamping of hungry feet it was unanimously decided that #2 was the winner and when the card was turned over it was none other than Shirley Davis. At the end of the party there was very little left so it must have been good!

Your entertainment - Host Boat Committee (Brian/Bridget Hill and Keith/Lynne Gannett) also provided hot dogs with a delicious "topping" of a special chili provided by Prescilla Parker all presented and cooked with great aplomb by Keith Gannett.

As if this was not enough we had to have a dessert table graced with an impressive and tasty birthday cake in honor of Lynne Gannett's birthday, there weren't any candles since Keith had decided there would be too many to blow out!

Of course to round out any party there had to be a drink table - in this case Carl Beckman had graciously volunteered to be the our 'sommelier' and everybody was kept well supplied and in "good spirits". Thank you Carl for doing such a superb job.

So there we have it - there were 4 eating "stations" and one drink station and to round out the occasion Lloyd built a HUGE bonfire which helped ward off the afternoon chill and provided a place for people to chat and dream about the upcoming boating season and all of the on-water cruises to our favorite spots.

A good time was had by all!!

Brian Hill and Keith Gannett (and wives) - Committee.

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