



Commodore's Comments

Spring's here. Warm weather and nice breezes; it's time to get the boat cleaned up and ready for another season.

The Winter PHRF Series finished with a no-race day on March 23rd due to bad weather, but otherwise it was a good series that included the Mid-Winter Cup. The race day results can be found on the Club website. Thanks to Tim Buss, Kevin Kilchenstein, and Dewey Holland for organizing the events.

We had a good turnout for the Commodores & New Members Reception. We started with a gathering at the flag pole where Dale Demyan dedicated the Members Memorial, which is an impressive looking monument. We then returned to the clubhouse and the warmth of a roaring fire (thanks to Tim Moultrie), cold beverages & terrific bar service (thanks to Sheila and Stitch), good food (thanks to Dorothy, Brenda and Ed), and good fellowship with Past Commodores sharing memories of special times at the Club and introducing the past year's new members who all seemed ready to enjoy their time at ASC... Thanks to Bob Williams for coordinating the event.

Jim Claffey completed the task of updating and printing the ASC Handbook - he did an excellent job. Members who attended the Commodores & New Members Reception picked up their copy. A notice will be posted on the website with instructions on when and where to pick up a copy if you were not at the reception.

The Board approved the Youth Membership category that is 'intended to foster additional participation and development of youth and junior sailors'. The full text is posted on the website. Thanks to Dan West and others for their efforts in working through the details and providing us with a means to promote the sport of sailing to our Youth.

Darrell Bragg is our kayaking coordinator. He's planning several kayaking trips: Ogeechee on March 24 (washed out); April 14, a trip to Columbia (Congaree Swamp); and on April 28, with full moon cruise, there will also be some exploration by kayak during the full moon cruise raft up. Darrell has more details posted on the website.

Check out the website for additional info:

Work Party, April 6th.

Board Meeting, April 15th

PHRF Poker Series, April 20th

Full Moon Cruise, April 27th

Under Construction: John Lovin and Jim Claffey are working on an addition to the website for posting notices for 'crew needed, and crew position wanted'.

Steve Perun and the Long Range Planning Committee are busy working on various plans / recommendations that will be presented to the members and Board. Follow the progress as it's posted on the website.

Hope to see you at the Club soon,

Rob

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – April 2013

Saturday, April 6	Work Party at ASC
Sunday, April 14	ASC Kayaking Trip to Congaree Swamp
Monday, April 15	Board Meeting at Clubhouse, 6:30PM
Saturday, April 20	PHRF Poker Run #1 Wine Tasting Social
Saturday, April 27	Full Moon Cruise & Kayak Nature Paddle
Sunday, April 28	ASC Kayaking Trip at the Full Moon Cruiser Raft-Up Site
Saturday, May 4	PHRF Poker Run #2
Monday, May 13	Board Meeting at Advanced Services 6:30pm

Membership Announcements

New Members

Nate Mills has been approved as a non-resident Member.

Associate Transition to Active Membership

Dave Sweet, Earl Robinson, and Aubrey Rhode are new active members.

Please join me in welcoming them to the Club.

Daniel West, Past Commodore & Membership Chairman

Commodore's and New Member's Reception

The Club hosted the Annual Commodore's and New Member's Reception on the evening of March 23rd. The event was well attended despite early concerns over poor weather. About 75 members braved the drizzle and chill in the air to gather at the clubhouse to honor recent new members and past commodores. New members presented to the Club included (see photo) Harry Garcia, David and Paula Poss, Nathan Mills, Bobby and Robin Paugh and Eric Monaco.



Dorothy Williams and Brenda Durant did a magnificent job organizing and presenting the food for the evening, while Steve and Sheila Perun served with distinction behind the bar.

Eleven Commodores were in attendance (see photo):



Back row: Russell Cathey 2007, our current commodore Rob Sherman 2013, Don Putnam 1998, Bob Williams 2001, Dennis Primrose 1991

Front row: Al Britton 2004, Gil Samuelson 1986, Ed Joy 1990 and 2002, Jim Claffey 1985, Dick Mayne 2010, Dan West 2012

Monument Dedication



Dale Demyan headed up a monument dedication ceremony for deceased members who have had their ashes spread at the lake and comments were made in remembrance of those who are now memorialized with bronze plaques on the monument. If you weren't with us that evening at the unveiling, take a look at the monument near the flagpole the next time you're at the club. Great job, Dale!

Jim Claffey presented the 2013 Augusta Sailing Club Members Handbook to the group gathered for the reception and brought enough copies for all those in attendance. This updated edition of the handbook has been in the works for a while now and Jim and Dan West get a big thanks for making this project happen. Additional copies will soon be available for the rest of the membership.

All in all, it was a great evening at the club! Good food, libations, and great camaraderie. If you missed it this year, make sure to get your reservations in early for next year!

Bob Williams, Event Chairman, and Past Commodore

Wine Tasting Social

Wine Tasting
Saturday, April 20th
7:00 pm



Please come and bring your favorite wine and an appetizer to share at this annual event.

Prizes in each category.

No RSVP needed.

Contact Dale Suggs at dfsuggs@yahoo.com for more info or to volunteer.

Treasurer Report

February Profit & Loss Statement

Financials were presented to Board members during the March 11th meeting and are summarized below. The February year to date P&L is \$2.5k favorable to budget goals with Income \$0.1k below budget and Expenses \$2.6k favorable to budget.

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	INCOME	EXPENSE
Budget Year to Date	76.0	45.5
Actual Year to Date	75.9	42.9
Favorable / () Unfavorable	(0.1)	2.6

Reasons for Variance

YEAR TO DATE INCOME is \$0.1k Unfavorable to Budget: With lower membership than budget, quarterly dues, fees, leases, and rentals were \$1.9k unfavorable; Annual Service Time fees were \$0.9k unfavorable; Oyster Roast was \$1.1k favorable; Sale of 2 abandon boats was \$1.2k favorable; Initiation Fees are \$0.1k favorable; and Bad Debts are \$0.3k favorable.

YEAR TO DATE EXPENSE is \$2.6k Favorable to Budget: Low Maintenance spending created \$2.5k favorable and all other accounts are near budget creating \$0.1k favorable.

Dock Authority Accounting

February Dock Authority Net Assets are \$6.8k which is \$15.0k better than 2012 Year End. This account reflects the cumulative rental income reduced for the actual dock rebuild cost and all actual operating expenses for the 123 leased slips and amortization of existing docks as follows:

- \$ (8.2k) – Opening Balance 1/1/2013
- +\$ 19.3k – First quarter 2013 rental Income
- - \$ 2.6k – Amortization of B, D, E, and F dock assets. (A - charged in 2010)
- - \$ 0.2k – Maintenance
- - \$ 0.9k – Electric
- - \$ 0.6k – Insurance
- \$ 8.9k – Closing Balance 02/28/2013

January Dock Rebuild Reserve is \$80.0k. This account was established at the July, 2009 ASC Board meeting to grow at \$2.0k per month to assist leveling the cost impact during the early years (2010 thru 2016) of the dock rebuild program. The December 2012 Board meeting agreed to lower the reserve \$2.0k per month with a goal to be at \$60.0k at 12/31/2013.

February Dock Rental Status: At February 28th, we had 119 long term rentals of the 123 docks available; this is 97% occupancy. There are 3 open mooring balls available for members wanting wet berthing; and, there are 4 mooring balls occupied with slip renters that have low water on their slip.

Application for Conservation Assessment Evaluation

At our March 11 Board meeting, Mike Walsh was granted authority to make application for “Conservation Use Assessment” with the Columbia County Assessor’s office, with the stipulation that final ASC acceptance is reserved until the application is accepted by the Columbia County Board of Assessors.

This favorable tax treatment is designed to protect property owners from being pressured by the property tax burden to convert their land from agricultural use to residential or commercial use, hence the name "conservation use" assessment. In return for the favorable tax treatment, the property owner must keep the land undeveloped in a qualifying use for a period of ten years or incur stiff penalties. That means the land can have only one permanent resident - the Resident Manager home.

The application was prepared and submitted to the Assessor’s office at a meeting March 19th with ASC representatives Dick Mayne and Mike Walsh, and Columbia County Appraisers Roland Galloway and Mary Simpson. Both Columbia County representatives responded with assurances to our various questions concerning possible changes in future use of our land, including cutting timber for any purpose including more dry storage, enlarging the footprint for campers, adding more campers, thinning timber to improve forest health, adding a cell tower, replacing or adding to our clubhouse. They did acknowledge that the Board of Assessors approval should be requested before pursuing a change; however, from past experience, these requests have all been granted. Possible items that would not likely get Board of Assessors approval would be allowing more than 1 permanent residence on the land or operating another business (e.g. a restaurant for the general public) on the conservation property.

This application will be presented for approval to the Board of Assessors at their Tuesday April 9th meeting. We will be notified thereafter and must go to the Assessor’s office to pay our application fee to complete the transaction, assuming we continue to want this favorable tax treatment. This application will likely save \$6,500 annually from our current \$10,500 real estate property tax.

Please direct your questions or concerns to Mike Walsh, so these may be discussed at the next ASC Board meeting on Monday April 15th.

If you would like to study further, link to the following web site

<https://etax.dor.ga.gov/ptd/cas/cuse/assmt.aspx>

ASC FOR SALE

2009 SILVER SHADOW TEAR DROP CAMPER with SOLID BIRCH INTERIOR, GALLEY, QUEEN BED WITH COZY & COOL SIDE FEATURES, ALLOY MAG RIMS, MOUNTED FULL SPARE TIRE, RECEIVER HITCH FOR BIKE CARRIER & ACCESSORIES, ELECTRICAL SYS/BATTERY CONVERTER, DIAMOND PLATE STONE GUARD, CREATE-A-BREEZE FANTASTIC VENT COMFORT SYS, TINTED WINDOWS W/ CURTAINS, TONGUE STORAGE SHELF, ETC... EXCELLENT CONDITION \$7,500.00 Call: 706-860-5432 or E-mail: jrmashburn@juno.com for more information. [Expires 7/31/2013]

Dual axle boat trailer Capable of carrying a 30 ft sailboat the road or up on land for storage or cleaning. 6 jack stands mounted on trailer. Super strong. Excellent tires and overall condition is excellent. \$1400 Keith Parker [803 215 1529](tel:8032151529) [Expires 6/1/2013]

1988 Hunter 26.5 for sale. Entire boat completely overhauled summer 2011. Many upgrades, new depth gauge, new speed indicator (ST60 Plus, network capable, can be connected to autopilot,). New deck paint (Awl grip with non-skid traffic area), topside paint (Interlux- Perfection). Hull scraped and sanded (down to gel coat) all repairs made, faired, new barrier paint (4 gallon Inter Protect 2000E - 3 coats) Petit Bottom prep, VC 17 Offshore (3 gallon 6 coats) very fast ! (Won first place Mid-Winter Series 2012). New bilge pump. New LED cabin lights. 9.8 HP Tohatsu electric start with inboard controls. Two Self tailing winches, roller furler 145% jib, fully battened main. Bimini head room 6'. Cabin head room 5' 6". Marine band, stereo, portable cooler, porta-potty, Stove (NEVER USED) Sleeps 6, Lead Shoal keel (1800lb very stable and only 3' 6" draft). Cabin sole brand new. Original tiller and custom tiller with tiller tamer. Easy sailing boat (have raced single handed). Everything needed to sail (anchor, rhode, life preservers, bumpers, dock lines, fire extinguisher, horn....) Peter Vagovic peter@vagovic.com \$14,000 [Expires 6/1/2013]

1986 Hunter 28.5 Cruiser. Many features, all equipment operational, moored at slip 10 on B Dock. Reasonable offers accepted. Contact Elwyn Wingo at [803 279-2257](tel:8032792257) [Expires 4/30/2013]

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