

BOW WATCH

BEAUFORT YACHT & SAILING CLUB

SEPTEMBER 2022

COMMODORE RANDY ATKINS



Good Almost-end-of-Summer BYSC!

In reflecting on how fast time continues to fly by, a friend said this week “I appreciate how August has just evaporated before me!” Considering all the rain and thunderstorms we’ve endured, the statement seems inconsistent with reality, but the month has definitely flown by. Autumn Equinox occurs on September 22 so I am going to do all I can to enjoy the remaining few weeks of summer, starting with the upcoming Labor Day picnic at The Club!

Labor Day Monday has always been the symbolic end of summer, so I hope you join your fellow Club members and make the best of the Day. ‘Q on Bay’ will cater dinner from 4:00 to 6:00 on the back deck, but I’m sure there will be a good crowd at the bar starting a bit earlier. Tickets are required, so go online and make your reservation to allow for a good headcount and enough food for all. The pool will be open (no lifeguards though) and there will be games set up on the lawn for all to enjoy. Come and help kickoff the new season in proper form!

Fall Racing Series also begins on Labor Day starting at 11:00 AM and will continue on subsequent Saturdays. Unfilled volunteer slots remain for the Series (timer, flags and recorder) as well as the Pluff Mud Regatta on September 17 and 18; this is a big deal, as Frank Pontious will explain, because it is the 6th of 9 Grand Prix regattas in 2022 that make up the South Atlantic Yacht Racing Association (SAYRA) Junior Grand Prix Championship Series. It is incumbent on BYSC (and our sailing bona fides) to ensure that the weekend is a success, and we do our expected best in support of SAYRA. Sign up under Volunteering on the website if you have time and interest.

The Social Committee’s monthly meeting will be held in the Clubhouse at 5:30 Tuesday the 6th and there will be a lot on the agenda. In addition to final planning for the 2nd Wednesday Steak Night and Trivia on September 9 (with Sunset Friday), I have heard discussion about an Oktoberfest theme for Final Friday and other exciting events for the coming months. The committee is always in search of fresh ideas and eager participants so come take your seat at the table and help make a difference.

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Music Jam also continues on 3rd Wednesdays and is open to all who wish to participate. Good sounds emanate and abound!

The pinging sounds of pickleball have also been bountiful at the Club as more members join regular play and Fall league activities commence. The Beaufort Pickleball Club hosted a round robin tournament on our courts this past Saturday (BYSC is a founding member) and regular BPC league play begins on the 19th. Club regular open play is listed on the Events Calendar with Tuesday and Saturday mornings remaining the most active. The Pickleball Committee is set to meet on Friday at 4:00 to discuss and refine the upcoming schedule. All are welcome to attend.

As mentioned in last month's Letter, boat safety classes are planned at the Club in October. Weekend courses will be offered for two age groups – 12-to-16-year old's and another for ages 16+, so keep an eye out for specifics. Flexible scheduling will hopefully attract strong support and attendance for that very important subject matter.

As always, there is a lot going on around the Club and as members return from vacations or exile in cooler climates, the pace of activity will increase. Notwithstanding the heat and humidity, we have had consistently good attendance at Sunset Fridays, but I look forward to seeing some faces that have been absent this summer, maybe starting this coming First Friday, but if not, see you Labor Day Monday afternoon. There is no better place to gather and spread good cheer than The Club.

See you there!

Randy

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TEAM MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Chuck Stauffer



Chuck Stauffer is head of maintenance at the Beaufort Yacht and Sailing Club. He is also one of our licensed pool operators. Chuck has been a team member since 2013, and his extensive knowledge of the facility and grounds are invaluable. He is a man of many talents. If you're in need, Chuck is always willing to help and to share a story or two with you while he's at it.



Chuck has been married to his lovely wife Brenda since 1979. They moved to Beaufort from Texas with their two boys in the 1980's. Chuck can be found most days on the tractor at BYSC making sure our driveway is in tip top shape. Before his time at BYSC you would find him under the hood of a car or building transmissions. His spare time was spent camping, fishing and teaching survival skills to his children and other Boy Scouts.

We are so grateful for the generosity, knowledge and experience that Chuck brings to the Beaufort Yacht & Sailing Club.

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REMINDER:
BEAUFORT COUNTY TO HOST COMMUNITY MEETINGS:
INVITES PUBLIC FEEDBACK ON BOAT LANDINGS

Beaufort County will host community meetings around the County to get general feedback on the 26 boat landings and what improvements they would like to see over the next ten years.

“Our County is 38% water, and boat landings are a critical economic and recreational resource,” said Neil Desai, Director of Public Works. “Public feedback is critical to ensuring the County uses taxpayer money responsibly and where most taxpayers would like it spent.”

The community meeting schedule is:
8/24 Burton Wells Rec Center @ 5:00 – 7:00 PM
8/25 St. Helena Library @ 5:00 – 7:00 PM
8/30 Council Chambers @ 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Sessions will include an introduction from the County about the study and the goals for its boat landings, stations with evaluations and ideas for the community to consider, and short question and answer sessions. Feedback cards will be available.

Beaufort County launched its comprehensive review of the boat landings earlier this year. Creech & Associates from Charleston, SC, was awarded the contract to lead the review, study, and develop a Master Plan for the County to use.

The public feedback portion of the study began in July with an online survey of boat ramp users. The information participants will be most helpful in determining boat ramp needs, the value of boat ramps to the economy and jobs market, and insight into developing boating access needs and individual boat ramp site needs.

The survey takes less than five minutes and can be found at
<https://www.beaufortcountysc.gov/public-works/boat-landings.html>

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From the Crow's Nest



September 17&18
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CLEAN UP NEEDED
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September 5, 2022
Labor Day Party
Tickets available Here



Boater Safety Course
October 1st and 2nd, 2022
9:00AM-1:00PM
[Click here to Sign up](#)



Family fun
more information to come

PICKLEBALL

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| Monday: | 9:00am-10:00am Beginner series |
| Monday: | 10:30am-11:30am Intermediate series |
| Tuesday: | 9:30am Open play, co-ed, all levels |
| Wednesday: | 5:30pm Open play |
| Thursday: | 9:30am Women, all levels |
| Thursday: | 9:30am Players new to the game |
| Friday: | 5:30pm Men, skilled |
| Saturday: | 9:30am Open play, co-ed, all levels |

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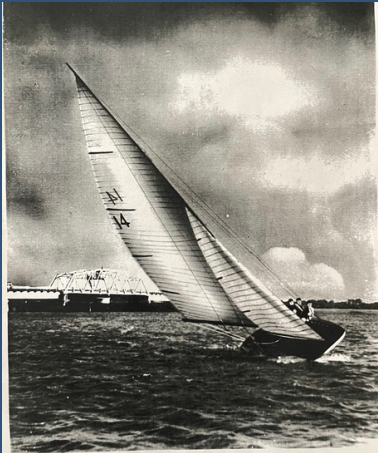
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Guy McSweeney



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The Syndicate
C.1940



Guy McSweeney has been sailing the waters in and around Beaufort most of his life. As a little boy, he and his father were frequent spectators at the annual Beaufort Yacht Club regattas, many of which were dominated by the local E Scow favorite “Syndicate” owned by F. W. Scheper II and several other local gentlemen and skippered by Bert Rodgers. Another strong competitor was an E Sow, “Viking”, from Savannah. One of Guy’s earliest memories was a particular race in the late 1930’s or early 1940’s: with a terrific thunderstorm whipping up, neither the pilot of the “Syndicate” or the “Viking” would cede the race, and both pressed on to the finish despite the danger. Guy does not recall the victor of the regatta, but at the finish, Rodgers lost control of the “Syndicate” and crashed into the bridge between the downtown waterfront and Lady’s Island; a spectacle he remembers to this day. Many hours as a child spent on the Beaufort River sparked his lifelong passion for the sport of sailing.

A Beaufort native, Guy attended the Citadel, graduating with the Class of 1950, and then served as a pilot in the Korean War, completing 100 missions in fighter bombers. Guy and his wife Mary Jane raised their three children in Atlanta but moved back to his hometown of Beaufort in the early 1980s. They have been members of the Beaufort Yacht and Sailing Club since 1984. Among other recognitions for his service to the club, Guy was honored by the BYSC with the Anderson Mills Kinghorn Sailing Award and membership in the exclusive Topsail Society. He served as Commodore in 1988, a unique honor that he shares with daughter Brooks Thomas, who served as Commodore in 2021. In recounting the many highlights of his 94 years, the majority of which were spent in Beaufort, Guy fondly recalls celebrating his 94th birthday by doing what he loves most, sailing the local waters with daughter Brooks.



FROM THE ARCHIVES



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Then



Now

In 1967, the "Beaufort Sailing Club" was selected to host the SAYRA Championship Regatta that August. Needing a clubhouse, BSC officers purchased 13+ acres on Lady's Island, two miles below Beaufort for \$32,000. The property included the 1940's former home of Irving Kinghorn and his wife Jennie, which became the clubhouse. As a part of the remodel from a private home to a clubhouse, racks were brought from the downtown parking lot, a dock built and a flagpole raised in preparation for the regatta. The flagpole on the front lawn once stood at the entrance of the USO Building on Harrington Street (near today's Beaufort County Health Department). The massive anchor and chain were recovered from a point about 300 yards off the front beach at Fripp Island in 1953 when it became entangled in the nets of a shrimp boat being operated by Shipman Seafood Company. It is believed that the anchor was lost from a 4-masted schooner which burned and washed up on the beach near the point of recovery, c.1895. The anchor was donated to BYSC by the Shipman family.

**IN MARCH 1967 AN APPLICATION FOR
INCORPORATION WAS MADE, AND THE 'NEW'
BEAUFORT YACHT AND SAILING CLUB WAS
FORMED.**