

## *Nautiladies*

Our November meeting was a lively one with twenty members present and lots of discussion. The club was decorated for Christmas on Monday November 30<sup>th</sup> and looks its holiday best as usual.

The Christmas luncheon will be on Friday December 11<sup>th</sup> at St. Tropez, an event coordinated by our newly minted co-president Marilyn Owen. She has some exciting ideas for outings/ events for us during the coming months. If you are not already a member we encourage you to join our club. Our Christmas Party will take place on Sunday December 13<sup>th</sup> and our annual Twelve Days of Christmas Extravaganza is sure to entertain everyone.

We will be featuring our new members on Friday January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010 welcoming them to the fold. Please mark your calendar to attend and show them Yacht Club hospitality.

"Judy! Judy! Judith! While not exactly the way it was attributed to Cary Grant (who, for you trivia buffs, never said it) is my "shout out" for this month. Judy Fennell arrives and hits the ground running, volunteering and being helpful in any way she can. Judy Safay is always enthusiastic and has a vision when it comes to decorating our club for any occasion, and Judith Lawrenson is a mover and shaker. Three assets to any club, to be sure.

Our birthdays for November included Marilyn Owen on the 4<sup>th</sup>, Betty C. Bush, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>, and our anniversary salute went to Emory and Ralph Logan who celebrated fifty-two years on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

Greeters for December: Ede Thiele and Connie Walsh, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>, Marilyn Owen and Mary Ann Compher on the 11<sup>th</sup>, and Carol Kedrowsky and Edith Wastler on the 18<sup>th</sup>. The Club will be closed on Christmas Day.

On behalf of all the Nautiladies, a Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. If you are traveling during the season, please be safe.

See you at the Club.

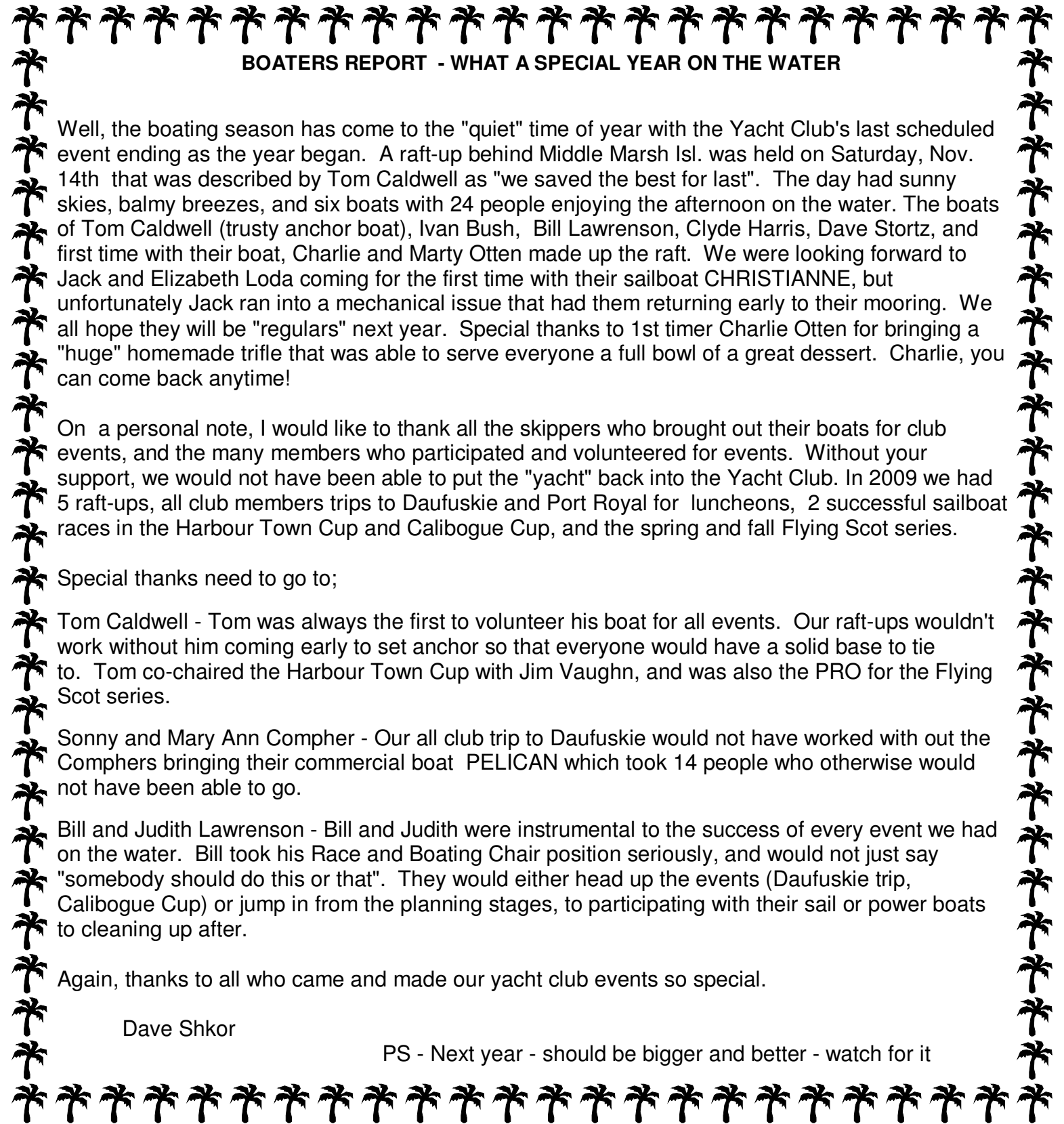
*Pat Foley & Marilyn Owen*

As we come to the end of the year we typically look back and look forward. We have been well pleased with what we have reported on this year, an active club that has actually made the grade as a yacht club - about 13 boating events in all, including sailing, raft-ups and two all club outings (one of which was by boat only). A particular thanks to David Shkor for the five raft-ups and the Port Royal outing. He has made a great deal of difference in the quality and quantity of our outings and has put in hours of work on coordinating the events..

If the club is to grow and prosper it needs to attract boaters as new members. We need to provide interesting, fun activities for boaters and their friends. The raft-ups have been great with groups of about 25 per outing, both members and owners friends (who are potential new members). We encourage all boat owners to join together and help to share the boating activities. We have always been the fun club with the friendliest members and a good sailing program. Let's make sure that we have best club outings for boaters and members as well.

May you and yours have a happy holiday season and peace on earth for all.

*Judith & Bill-Editors*



## BOATERS REPORT - WHAT A SPECIAL YEAR ON THE WATER

Well, the boating season has come to the "quiet" time of year with the Yacht Club's last scheduled event ending as the year began. A raft-up behind Middle Marsh Isl. was held on Saturday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> that was described by Tom Caldwell as "we saved the best for last". The day had sunny skies, balmy breezes, and six boats with 24 people enjoying the afternoon on the water. The boats of Tom Caldwell (trusty anchor boat), Ivan Bush, Bill Lawrenson, Clyde Harris, Dave Stortz, and first time with their boat, Charlie and Marty Otten made up the raft. We were looking forward to Jack and Elizabeth Loda coming for the first time with their sailboat CHRISTIANNE, but unfortunately Jack ran into a mechanical issue that had them returning early to their mooring. We all hope they will be "regulars" next year. Special thanks to 1st timer Charlie Otten for bringing a "huge" homemade trifle that was able to serve everyone a full bowl of a great dessert. Charlie, you can come back anytime!

On a personal note, I would like to thank all the skippers who brought out their boats for club events, and the many members who participated and volunteered for events. Without your support, we would not have been able to put the "yacht" back into the Yacht Club. In 2009 we had 5 raft-ups, all club members trips to Daufuskie and Port Royal for luncheons, 2 successful sailboat races in the Harbour Town Cup and Calibogue Cup, and the spring and fall Flying Scot series.

Special thanks need to go to;

Tom Caldwell - Tom was always the first to volunteer his boat for all events. Our raft-ups wouldn't work without him coming early to set anchor so that everyone would have a solid base to tie to. Tom co-chaired the Harbour Town Cup with Jim Vaughn, and was also the PRO for the Flying Scot series.

Sonny and Mary Ann Compher - Our all club trip to Daufuskie would not have worked with out the Comphers bringing their commercial boat PELICAN which took 14 people who otherwise would not have been able to go.

Bill and Judith Lawrenson - Bill and Judith were instrumental to the success of every event we had on the water. Bill took his Race and Boating Chair position seriously, and would not just say "somebody should do this or that". They would either head up the events (Daufuskie trip, Calibogue Cup) or jump in from the planning stages, to participating with their sail or power boats to cleaning up after.

Again, thanks to all who came and made our yacht club events so special.

Dave Shkor

PS - Next year - should be bigger and better - watch for it

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## YCHHI December 2009 Events and Activities

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 <b>Hackers Golf</b>	3 <b>Mah Jongg</b>	4 <b>Lunch Dinner, Meatloaf</b>	5
6	7	8	9 <b>Hackers Golf</b>	10 <b>Mah Jongg</b>	11 <b>Lunch, Nautiladies, Dinner, Beef Stew</b>	12
13 <b>Christmas Party Dinner</b>	14	15	16 <b>Hackers Golf</b>	17 <b>Mah Jongg</b>	18 <b>Lunch Dinner, End of Year Extra- vaganza</b>	19
20	21 <b>Board of Stewards Meeting 4:00PM</b>	22	23 <b>Hackers Golf</b>	24 <b>Thanks- giving</b>	25 <b>No Dinner,  Club Closed</b>	26
27	28	29	30 <b>Hackers Golf</b>	31 <b>Mah Jongg</b>	<b>Jan 1 No Dinner,  New Years Brunch at 11 AM</b>	<b>Jan 2</b>

The annual New Year's Day Brunch will begin at 11 AM and will conclude at 2:00 PM. Darren will prepare all our usual favorites and some surprises. Hope to see you there.  
John & Judy Safay





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### MESSAGE FROM THE NEW COMMODORE

This is my first newsletter as your Commodore. I feel that the coming year will be much better for all us as we come out of the slump our country has been in for the last eighteen months. As a club we have been able to stay ahead by the smallest of margins. This has been possible because of the members we have in the club and their support of our club. Thank you for your support, involvement with keeping the grounds beautiful, keeping the pool clean and safe to use, keeping the building in good condition, bar tending, and helping in many areas of the club.

Some of our members have put many hours into the club and I would like to thank them for a job well done. Dennis Foley, Jim Carnevale, Rich Wastler, Bob Thomas for the work on the grounds, Pat Foley for her musical talents and her heading of the Nauti Ladies, Dee Dee Bethke, Carol Kedrowsky for ships store, Bill Lawrenson, Tom Caldwell, Jim Vaughn for the sailing programs, Dave Shkor for his boating programs, John and Judy Safay for the great job in Food & Beverage, Emory Logan, Mary Anne MacAlarney, Eric Burns for the pool, Robbie Nichols for the legal help, Dick Lewis for the web-site, Anita Peal for membership, Hugh O'Connor for help on insurance, Melba Hildenbrandt, Diane Stortz, Linda Harris for the accounting, Bill and Judith Lawrenson for taking over the Mainsheet, and all the members of the bridge and the board of stewards.

It is hard to list names for fear I missed someone, if I have it was not intentional. The club had to make some hard choices last year and it paid off in the club not losing a lot of money. This year as in the past we need members to stay involved and be part of the committees that make the club great. I would ask that you e-mail or call the bridge officers and sign up on one of the committees.

The holiday season is in full swing and we all find ourselves with full schedules and a lot to do in a short time. This is the time of year that we say thanks to Darren for a great job as our steward. Please include in your December payment a Christmas gift for Darren and his crew. Carol and I will be in Texas with our two daughters and their families from the 17<sup>th</sup> until the 6<sup>th</sup> of January. I can be reached on my cell phone or by e-mail if anyone needs to contact me.

Carol and I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Ray Carlton, Commodore