

# THE LEARNED LAMP

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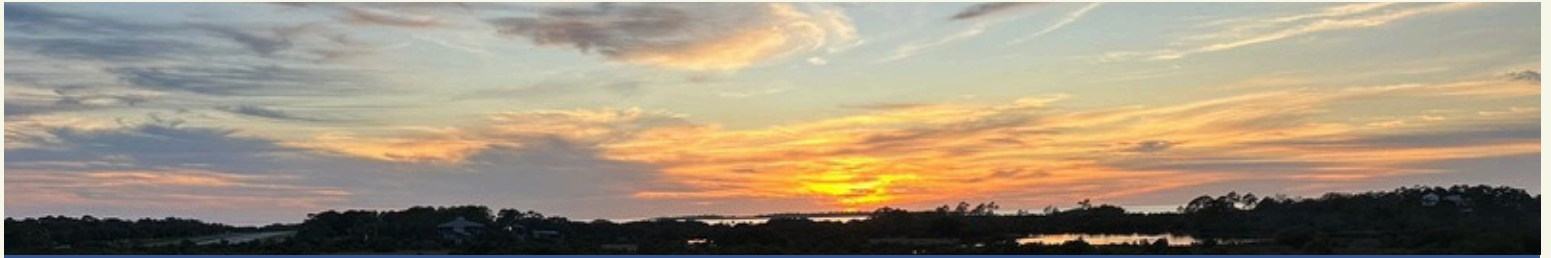
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**LOOK!**

**America's Boating Channel videos are available to USPS members to view and download for free at [bit.ly/USPSABC](https://www.youtube.com/@AmericasBoatingChannel/videos). Plus, *check out the very coool drone videos!!!***



Or use this link to watch on YouTube:  
<https://www.youtube.com/@AmericasBoatingChannel/videos>

# Commander's Message

## CDR Jean-François Roulet

Dear Members,

Looking back at the first three months of 2026, it is clear that we have had a very busy and productive start to the year.

We began with a Bridge Meeting, during which all Bridge positions were reviewed, with particular emphasis on continuity. A proposal was developed for presentation at the Club's January 17 meeting, focusing primarily on the future direction of the Club. This discussion resulted in four key points for consideration:

- While boating education remains important, there is currently no demonstrated demand. Members will be referred to online education offerings available through the America's Boating Club website.
- Should interest arise, a seminar led by Jib Davidson will be organized, either before the end of March or later in the year.
- The Club's primary focus will remain unchanged: monthly social gatherings and on-the-water events with food and refreshments.
- Additionally, three to five lectures or presentations will be incorporated into monthly meetings, featuring members or invited guest speakers.
  - Potential speakers may be identified through IFAS, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and other sources.
  - Brice Miller will be contacted regarding a potential presentation on saltwater fly fishing.

We also developed a tentative calendar for 2026, ensuring at least one meeting or event per month. The decision was made to maintain our website

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while monitoring its usage to determine whether it justifies its cost. A formal evaluation will take place at the end of 2026. Teresa Davidson will continue to maintain and regularly update the site.

The January 17 Club meeting, a business-focused gathering complemented by excellent Mexican cuisine, was held at Peppers with 31 attendees. The Bridge recommendations were presented and approved unanimously. The Club also endorsed the proposed focus for 2026, with the addition that Jib Davidson will offer a boating safety seminar either before the end of March or after mid-October, should interest arise. The tentative calendar was also approved, with the understanding that several events will require volunteer organizers.

We are especially proud to share that Jib Davidson was awarded Life Membership in recognition of earning 25 merits. It was also noted that our Club continues to demonstrate significantly higher attendance compared to other District 23 clubs. Additionally, the District Executive Officer is seeking members to serve on a new Awards Committee (one per squadron), and there remain openings for Administrative Officer and Secretary positions.

The Club celebrated St. Patrick's Day with 29 participants. Many thanks to Diane Howard and Jerry Steinberg for hosting a wonderful event, complete with excellent food and a welcoming atmosphere. The business portion of the meeting was longer than anticipated due to extensive discussion of the District 23 COW.

In keeping with my commitment to transparency, I have continued to share regular Commander's Updates to keep members informed and encourage RSVPs. Knowing attendance in advance greatly assists event planning. As a

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reminder, RSVPs for our next event—“Virginia’s Ichtucknee River Boaters Meet Eaters Adventure” on Saturday, April 25—are due by April 15.

To improve accessibility, Commander’s Updates are now distributed in two formats:

1. A full-content email designed for mobile and tablet users; and
2. A shorter email with a single PDF attachment containing all relevant information, intended for desktop users.

Dear Members, enough of my comments—please enjoy this edition of the Learned Lamp. As always, we welcome your feedback on what you enjoy and how we can continue to improve.

Sincerely yours,  
JFR

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Jean-François Roulet  
Commander



USPS Gainesville Boating Club

# BOATING KNOWLEDGE

## *Learning from Jib and Teresa's Adventures*

### **AGLCA Looper Palooza 2026**

At the end of January, Jib and Teresa Davidson attended ***Looper Palooza*** at the Convention Center in Punta Gorda, FL. This three-day event, sponsored by **AGLCA (America's Great Loop Cruising Association)**, is *designed to introduce prospective boaters to the cruising lifestyle and to provide insight into planning and completing the Great Loop voyage.*

The Great Loop is a continuous water route of more than 6,000 miles that allows boaters to circumnavigate the eastern United States and portions of Canada – essentially turning the eastern US into an island. Who knew the country wasn't continuous?

Many Loopers begin in Florida, traveling north along the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway across the Chesapeake Bay, and on to New York City. From there, they travel up the Hudson River to the Erie Canal and into the Great Lakes. Cruisers often follow the Canadian coast west to Mackinac Island, then turn south down Lake Michigan to Chicago.

The route continues through America's inland river system—including the Illinois, Mississippi, Ohio, Tennessee, and Tennessee-Tombigbee waterways— before reaching Mobile, Alabama and ultimately returning to Florida via the Gulf of Mexico. Depending on cruising pace and the number of side trips, the Great Loop typically takes anywhere from six or eight months to a year or more to complete.

More than just an extended cruise, the Great Loop is a shared adventure supported by the AGLCA which provides education, route guidance, and a strong sense of community for both prospective and active Loopers. Events like Looper Palooza gives boaters practical insight into preparation, safety, seasonal timing, and vessel requirements. Those who complete the journey earn the proud designation of "Looper" and join a growing community bonded by one of North America's most distinctive and unique cruising experiences. Not to mention the privilege of flying the coveted gold AGLCA burgee!

At this year's Palooza, Jib and Teresa reconnected with longtime Looper friends and presented a session for newcomers titled *Anchoring vs. Marinas – A Decision Guide for Loopers*. They outlined the advantages and disadvantages of each approach and fielded thoughtful questions from attendees. When several participants asked how to build additional boating skills and confidence, Jib and Teresa highlighted the benefits of joining America's Boating Club, where beginning boaters can take advantage of seminars

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and coursework to better understand seamanship, navigation, and what to expect on the water.

***Jib and Teresa completed the Great Loop in March of 2023 on their 42' Grand Banks Europa "Make It So". This year, they are setting out on another adventure in their new boat "To Boldly Go," cruising "The Down East Loop" – a six-month journey back to the Hudson River and the Erie Canal, east across the St. Lawrence River and into the Canadian Maritimes.***



## **2026 SSCA SPRING GAM (GATHERING OF AREA MEMBERS)**

Jib and Teresa Davidson recently attended the ***March 2026 Ladybug Event/SSCA Spring GAM (Gathering of Area Members)*** at Comanche Cove Marina in St. Augustine. The ***Seven Seas Cruising Association (SSCA)*** and ***St. Augustine Sailing*** presented a collaborative weekend that blended classroom-based cruising seminars with hands-on workshops. The practical cruising education focused on decision-making, skills, and real-world application. World-Class America's Cup Veteran, Lisa McDonald, was on hand to share her knowledge of weather forecasting, routing, and position tracking solutions. Lisa

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was a really great person to speak with, and wow, she was full of sailing and boating knowledge. Oh yeah, she also sailed around the world. Twice!

**Gainesville Boating Club member, Jib Davidson,** presented two seminars during this event. One was “Cruising the ICW & Understanding ATONs.” Cruising the ICW can be a wonderful experience. Jib explained how tides, currents, bridge openings, and shoaling will impact your journey. Adding the knowledge around how the Aids to Navigation work will improve your boating

experience. Jib's second presentation was on “Rules of the Road”. He covered the navigation rules that keep boaters safe and predictable on the water. He broke down the “Rules of the Road” in a way that was easy to understand and practical to apply.



All in all, the weather was great, and Jib and Teresa acquired some new boating friends to “collaborate” with as they continue their boating travels.

*May you keep your sails full of wind, fun, and adventure!*

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## *Learning from Jib and Teresa's Adventures*

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### **Want to follow Jib and Teresa aboard "To Boldly Go" as they cruise *The Down East Loop*?**

You can track Teresa and Jib --and communicate with them, too-- on a free App called NEBO, downloadable from the Apple or Google App stores. In the App, you'll need to create an account. To see where their boat is, you will click on the "Standby" link and type in the boat name. You can also explore the app by going to the page "PREPARE FOR VOYAGE," for example, and click on various details, as shown below..



- Tap a boat for details
- Zoom in on boat groups
- Search for boats or skippers
- Select map display
- Center on your location
- Add community marker
- Get ready to go!

**Jib Davidson**

Aboard M/V *To Boldly Go*

Home Port: Jacksonville, FL.

Gold Loopers 2022-23

352-538-2266 (feel free to text)



# Boating Stories and More...

## Bad Judgement

By Rick Gordon

SMAY, my sailboat, headed north for the summer. We had traversed the C&D canal and emerged into the top of the Delaware Bay. The Delaware Bay is an interesting linguistic divide between the southern drawl evident in Delaware, then the Yankee twang in New Jersey. It was too late in the afternoon to make it down the Bay to Cape May and the weather forecast was deteriorating. So I turned off the bay into the mouth of the Cohansey River on the NJ side of the upper bay. Protected by a bluff on the northern shore I spent a comfortable night, the river calm, undisturbed by minor wind ripples.

When I got up the following morning the weather forecast had deteriorated further but the north-west wind angle, wind speed registering at 12 knots, and a favorable tide, all were perfect for a fast run down the bay. I pulled the anchor and headed out. Conditions were good in the lee of the NJ shore. I put the sails up and started down the bay.

My “weather eye” judgement might have been distracted by thoughts of a pleasurable provisioning stop in Cape May: good grocery store, ice cream shop, a seafood restaurant meal, streets lined with lovely antique homes painted in intricate traditional schemes. And the first upper third of the trip went well. I was protected in the lee of the shore which calmed the bay’s chop, and the strong wind at a favorable 120 degree sail angle powered SMAY along.

Then we sailed into the center of the bay. Delaware Bay has a reputation for enhancing bad weather and unique “square” waves. Something about its geologic outline magnifies stormy weather. The waves weren’t an issue since I was traveling downwind. But increasing wind forced me to reef the sails. Even reefed SMAY was up and running: the knotmeter showing 8+ knots. When a gust powered her up to surf a wave, the speed increased to 12+ with rooster tails forming in the sterns’ wakes. By the bottom third of the bay, the infamous square waves were whitetopping and the wind sensor on top of the mast registering gusts over 40 knots. The spray from the breaking wave tops was flying horizontally. Dressed in complete foul-weather gear, I huddled in the captain's chair, its solid back providing some protection against the wind and spray. On one of my brief tours around the cockpit, I noticed the dinghy had water in it: the spray was blowing on board hard enough to fill the boat faster than the open drain in its bottom could let it out. This had never happened before (or since). If one of the davits failed, dropping one side of the dinghy into the wake, this could turn into a big and expensive problem. I tried to think of the best solution and decided to monitor the dinghy and hope I could make it to what was really my only viable port in the storm: my morning’s goal, the Cape May Canal. This crosses the base of NJ. As fast as I was sailing I could soon see the entrance buoy. Fortunately I had arrived at the

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location I had planned: a little north of the entrance. This allowed me the time and space to run off and wind up the already reduced jib. I didn't feel like climbing up to lower the main in the bouncy sea conditions of the lower bay so I used the reefed main to sail between the foaming stone jetties into the canal and up to the ferry turning basin. The weather was bad enough that the ferries were tied up in their slips. In the calm water of the basin, I took down the main. The effort took multiple trips: I would motor up to the windward shore of the basin, jump up to the boom and reduce the main sail, while the boat drifted down to the leeward shore, then repeat the process until I finally got the sail lashed down.

From the turning basin, I motored through the Canal to Cape May Harbor. This harbor is a well-regarded storm refuge. It was full of commercial fishing boats and yachts sheltering from the storm. I utilized my shallow draft to motor through the fleet to drop anchor at the windward head of the crowd. I put down my biggest anchor and took a wrap of the line around the anchor cleat. The much more moderate harbor wind blew the boat back, and the anchor grabbed with a satisfactory jerk. I rigged an anchor bridle and turned on the anchor light, then escaped the wind and spitting rain by going below. That evening, the rain pitter-pattered on the hatch above my bunk. The wind gusts pushed SMAY back and the anchor line pulled her forward, setting up a gentle rocking motion which lulled me to sleep, just like a baby.

The weather in the bay had deteriorated much worse than I anticipated: in hindsight, I should have waited in the Cohansey River. I didn't notice any other boats out on the water while sailing down the bay. It took a further two days for the gale to subside. Once the wind dropped to less than 20 knots, the crowd of boats emptied out, and I could move into the Canyon Club Marina. From there, I walked past the lovely historic homes into town and resupplied. Cape May is a wonderful place to visit.

Rick Gordon

*Lived 5/9/1992; Remembered 10/29/2025*

**P.S.** There is a famous bird refuge in Cape May. It draws migrating birds (and birders) from all over, especially ducks traveling the Atlantic Flyway.

**P.P.S.** I sure miss this invigorating life. I struggle to express its vitality in words.

# Using Our Club's Website & Facebook Pages

*Remember, you don't have to wait for our quarterly newsletter to see photos. They are always available on both our website and Facebook pages.*

## Website

<https://gainesvilleboatingclub.org/>

Check our website anytime to see our club's calendar, upcoming event details, the latest photos, past newsletters, boating resources, and more.

You can click on "Social/Learn," then scroll down to see a section called "Helpful Tools". It includes the "10 Steps to Online Education" that Francois created as a resource for our members. On this page, across the top, you will also see images for social media. These are usable images that you can click on to take you to that site. For example, if you click on the YouTube image (far right), it will take you to "America's Boating Channel" which members can subscribe to for boating information. If you click on the Facebook image, it will take you to our Facebook page.

## Facebook



Welcome to Facebook – above is what our club's page "header" looks like. There are 143 Facebook users that follow our page. If you are a Facebook user and haven't "liked" or "followed" this page, just search for "Gainesville Sail and Power Squadron", while in Facebook, and you can keep up to date with events that are scheduled and recent posts that have been made.

# Members in the News

## CONGRATULATIONS

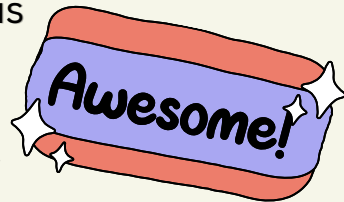


### Jib Davidson Achieves Life Member Status

**Gainesville Boating Club member Jib Davidson** recently received a distinguished award from the United States Power Squadrons (USPS), earning his *25th Merit Mark* and achieving *Life Member* status.

The Merit Mark is a prestigious honor recognizing substantial personal effort in furthering USPS's interests, programs, and objectives. This award reflects Jib's long-standing dedication through his service as an officer, committee member, and instructor, as well as his work in advancing boating education, conducting numerous educational seminars, organizing cruises, and supporting club events.

This recognition highlights Jib's significant volunteer contributions to the organization's mission beyond normal duties and is awarded annually by the Chief Commander.



Since members may earn only one Merit Mark per year, achieving 25 Merit Marks underscores Jib's exceptional commitment to improving boating safety, education, and the enjoyment of boating.

**Congratulations, Jib, from the Gainesville Boating Club!**  
**You are our inspiration!!!!**



# 2025 Photo Contest Results

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On December 6, 2025, during our holiday party, we announced the winner --and an honorable mention, too-- of our first annual photo competition.

Remember?

*“Honorable Mention” was announced first: Virginia Seacrist’s beautiful egret photo! Everyone cheered. Congrats to Virginia!*

And thennnn...the next announcement...*The winner of the “2025 Gainesville Boating Club Photo Contest” is... Jib Davidson! For his gorgeous “Morning Sun at the Dock!”* And the crowd went wild.

Woohoo!!!! CDR Francois presented a gift to Jib Davidson. The gift is a beautiful, framed quilt piece created by Robin Maundell, a boating club member. It represents the State of Florida, with the state bird, state flower, and several significant cities and historical places in our great state. (See photos on next page.)



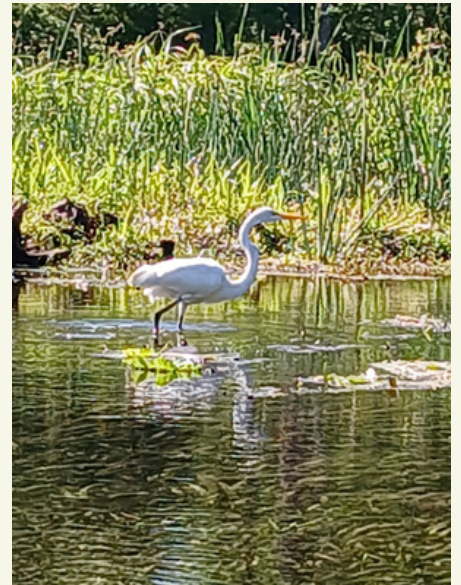
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***Jib Davidson***

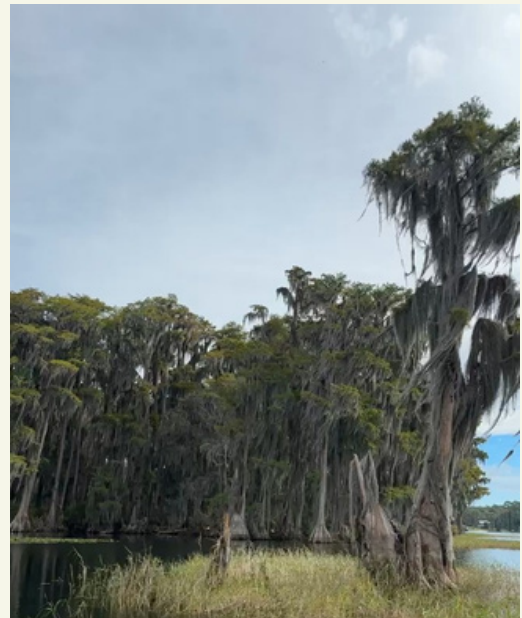
## Honorable Mention



***Virginia Seacrist***

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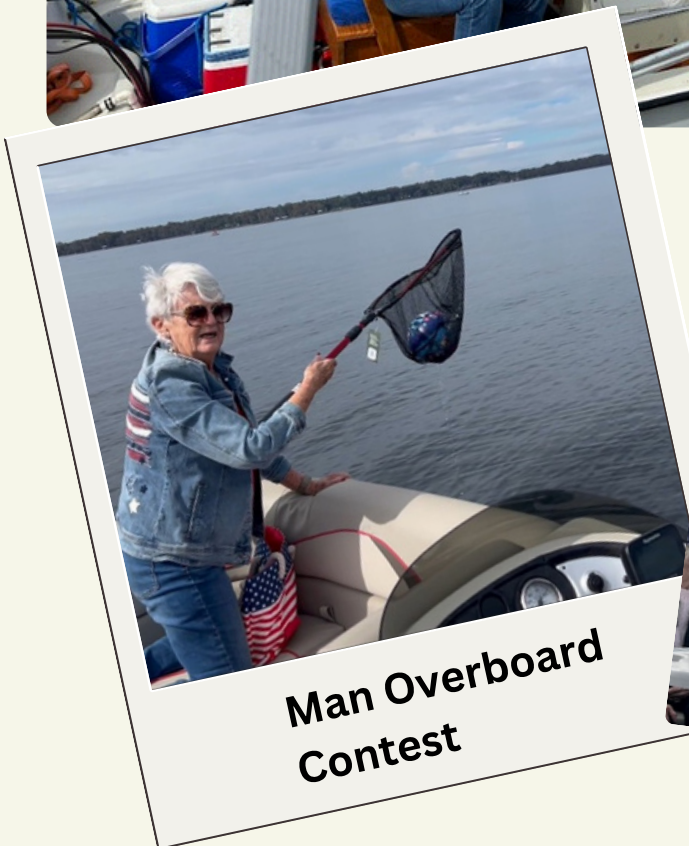
## November 8, 2025 - **Veterans Day Raftup, Melrose Bay & Santa Fe Lake**



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**Soooo much fun!**



**Man Overboard Contest**



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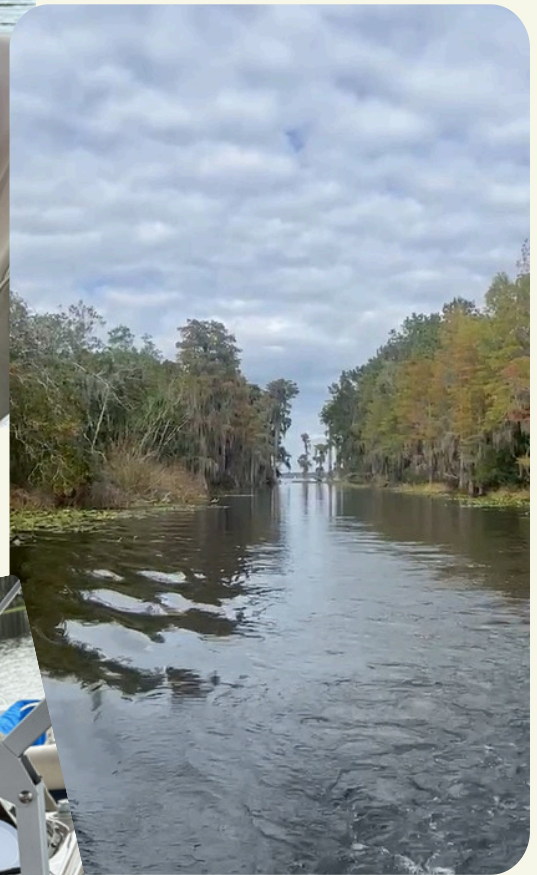
Plenty of good food & great conversation.



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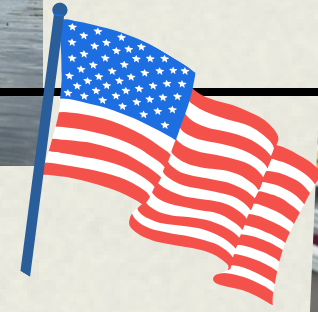


Sharing good times...



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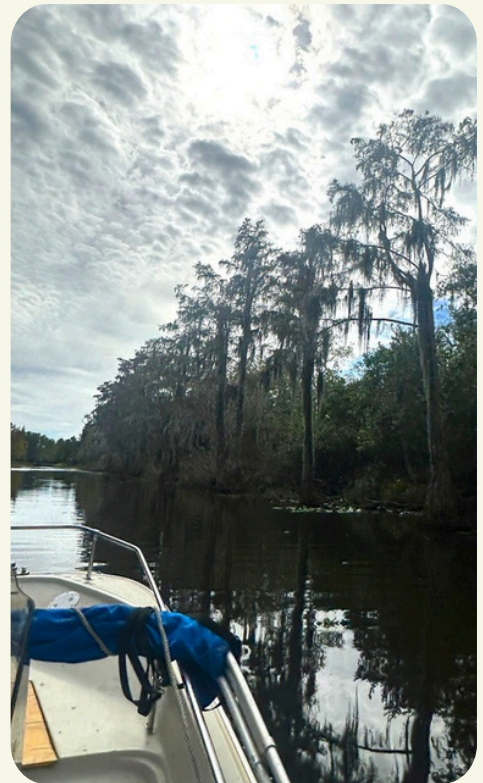
More photos from all the November 8<sup>th</sup> fun on the Lake!!



**Veterans Day  
Raftup**



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**What a great  
time on the  
water!**

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## November 16, 2025 - "Simple Italian Meal" at Helen & Francois' House (Celebrating Francois' Birthday)



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The fun  
continues...



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## December 6, 2025 - Potluck Holiday Party at David & Laraine Teiss' Gville home.



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## More Holiday Fun...



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## Good Times...



**Yummy!**



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## More Holiday Fun...



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Sharing Plenty  
of laughs ...



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*More photos from all the holiday parties fun!!*



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**January 17, 2026 - Meeting/Social  
at Pepper's Mexican Grill &  
Cantina (Desserts by our own Diane Howard)**



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Good times at Pepper's...





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*The fun continues...*



# Photo Gallery *(continued, page 24 of 27)*



**Yippeeeee!**  
**Quiche for everyone!**

**How  
precious  
our  
friendships  
are...**



# Photo Gallery *(continued, page 25 of 27)*

**March 15, 2026 -  
St. Patrick's Day Meeting  
& Potluck at Diane and  
Jerry's House.**



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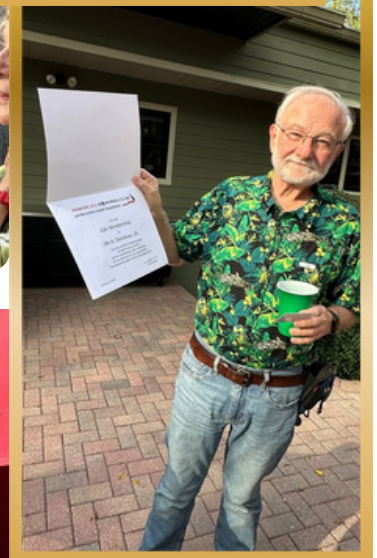
**ABSOLUTELY  
BEAUTIFUL!**



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The fun continues...



# FROM THE GALLEY

In February, we feasted on Francois' delicious homemade quiches following our Change of Watch (COW) meeting. Due to the many requests for his recipe, Francois has graciously provided the details below. Thank you, Francois!!!



## “Francois’ Homemade Quiche Recipes”

### Dough:

**Ingredients:** 500 g flour, 250 g butter, 1 pinch of salt, 1 egg, approx. 0.5 dl milk

**Preparation:** Cut cold butter into small cubes (approx. 0.5 inches edge length) and place in a large bowl with flour. Dough: Pour flour into a bowl, add butter in small pieces and rub into dough with your fingers until a uniform, gritty mixture is formed. Add egg, salt, milk and knead into a homogeneous dough. Knead the dough as little as possible. Form into a ball, wrap in saran wrap and refrigerate for 1 hour. The quantity given is enough for 2 trays with a diameter of 10 inches.

### Fillings: (for 1 quiche, ø 10 in)

#### Classic

**Ingredients:** 10 oz diced bacon (extra thick smoked), 10 oz shallots diced, 1 clove of garlic (or 1 teaspoon of diced garlic [from glass]), 2 oz butter, 6 oz g grated cheese (e.g.: Gruyère or Raclette cheese), 4 large eggs, 1 dl heavy cream, 1 dl white wine, nutmeg, chives, pepper, salt. Preparation: Filling: Finely chop the onion and shallot, fry in butter together with the bacon cubes until translucent. Spice with universal spice or pepper.

**Final assembly:** Apply the dough with your fingers into baking pan to a homogeneous thin layer. Poke a few holes into surface with a fork (to prevent bubbles from forming when baking) and adapt dough with the fork firmly to the rim, approximately for 1 inch height. Pour the fried diced bacon, onion, and garlic mixture onto the dough and spread it to uniform thickness. Once cooled down, spread grated cheese on top of the onion-garlic-bacon mix. In a beaker whisk the eggs, season with nutmeg, pepper egg spice mix (Smoked salt, onion, chives, paprika [sweet], parsley, garlic, jalapeno peppers, ginger), cheese spice mix (black pepper, salt, green pepper, white pepper, pink berries, sugar, onion, garlic, nutmeg, chili peppers), and salt. Stir in the chives (cut into fine pieces with scissors), add the cream and white wine\* and spread over the grated cheese on the cake. Make sure the whole surface is wet with the egg mix. Bake: approx. 40 minutes at moderate heat (approx. 350 °F). Serve immediately.

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## “Francois’ Homemade Quiches”

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**Variation:** add pistachios to the onion-garlic-bacon mix before frying

**\*Wine:** dry, slightly sour white wine, e.g., Féchy from Switzerland or Chardonnay.

### Smoked Salmon

Same as Classic, but substitute bacon with 10 oz of chopped smoked salmon. Use seafood spice mix for onion-garlic-salmon mix and add same spice to egg mix, in addition to egg spice mix and cheese spice.

### Prosciutto and red onion

Same as Classic, but use Prosciutto instead of bacon and red onion instead of shallots.

### Vegetarian

Same as Classic, but skip bacon and substitute with green asparagus tips. As spice, use a Levante mix (celery, tomato, onion, roasted garlic, thyme, basil, salt, black pepper, fennel, oregano, marjoram, bay leaves) for the filling and the egg mix.

### Seafood

**Dough:** same as Classic, but prebake it for 10-15 minutes (350 °F) before putting in the filling (to prevent the dough from absorbing liquid).

**Filling:** same as Classic, but use white onion. Mediterranean seafood mix (shrimp, clams, mussels, scallops): chop shrimp and scallops, spice with seafood mix and salt. Drain liquid after frying.

**Egg mix:** use same spice as for filling.



# EVENTS CALENDAR



## 2026 Gainesville Boating Club Activities

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	NOTES
<b>JAN</b>			
17 (Sat)	Social Meeting 5:30 PM Cocktails 6:00 PM Dinner	Pepper's Mexican Grille & Cantina, 7750 W. Newberry Rd, Gainesville, FL 32606	January Dinner and Meeting to socialize, discuss the outcome of recent Bridge meeting, our group's focus, and the 2026 events calendar.
<b>FEB</b>			
21 (Sat)	Change of Watch (COW) and Potluck 6:00 PM	CDR Jean-Francois Roulet (JFR) & Helen Hussong's home: 9604 SW 35th Lane, Gainesville, FL 32608 (Haile Plantation)	Francois will bake plenty of quiche. Bring a dish to share and your beverage of choice.
23 (Mon)	D23 Council Meeting 7:00 PM	Conference Call	See Francois's email/Commander Monthly Update for news.
<b>MARCH</b>			
13-14 (Fri-Sat)	D23 COW	Hilton Garden Inn, Lake Mary	See Francois's email/Commander Monthly Update for news.
15 (Sun)	St. Patty's Day Potluck and Meeting 5:00 PM	Diane Howard & Jerry Steinberg's home, 8507 SW 5th Place, Gainesville FL 32607	Bring a dish for 4 and your beverage of choice. <b>Be sure to wear green!</b>
<b>APRIL</b>			
25 (Sat)	Kayak Adventure on the Ichetucknee River and Potluck at Virginia's River home	<u>Boaters meet at 11 am</u> at the Ichetucknee Springs State Park, 12087 SW US 27, Fort White, FL 32038 <u>Eaters meet at 2 pm</u> at 2766 SW Santa Fe Dr., Fort White, FL 32038. Special short boating: CALL 352-275-3833	"Kayakers/Canoers Meet-Up with Eaters" Potluck, at Virginia Seacrist's Ichetucknee River Home. Bring a dish to share and your beverage of choice. <b>SIGN UP by April 15th.</b>
<b>MAY</b>			
16 (Sat)	Raingutter Regatta & Potluck at the Schrum's Shipyard 4:30 PM	Seth and Connie Schrum's house, 8522 SW 5th Place, Gainesville 32607 (Buckingham South)	Be sure to get your sailboats in ship-shape condition (boats are available on Amazon for sale in the \$10 range). Bring your favorite dish to share, beverage of choice, and sailboat; come with lots of WIND to make your sail sing to win one of the fabulous prizes. <b>RSVP by May 1st</b> , but know that you are always welcome.
<b>JUNE</b>			
20 (SAT)	Plantation - Crystal River	Seth is organizing.	More info to follow.
<b>JULY</b>			
18 (SAT)	St. John's River	JFR is organizing. We will need boats.	Dinner at Corky Bell's. <b>More info to follow.</b>
<b>AUG</b>			
15 (SAT)	Monthly Meeting/Potluck 5:00 PM	Bob and Sherry Rella's house, 14232 SW 79th St, Archer, FL 32618	Bring a dish to share and your favorite beverage.
<b>SEPT</b>			
19 (SAT)	Monthly Meeting/Potluck PRESENTATION: Salt Water Fly Fishing. 5:00 PM	Brice and Suzanne Miller's house, 4499 SW SR 45, Newberry, FL 32669	Bring a dish to share and your favorite beverage.
<b>OCT</b>			
16-18 (FRI-SUN)	D23 Fall conference	Country Inn and Suites, 9009 Astronaut Blvd. (Off of Atlantic Ave), Cape Canaveral	Room \$171 +Tax <b>Registration Deadline: Sept. 16, 2026</b>
25 (SUN)	Annual Fish Fry at Cedar Key 1:00 PM	David and Laraine Teiss' home, 16320 SW 129th Lane, Cedar Key, FL	Starts at 1 PM. Dinner at 4:00 PM. Bring a dish to share and your favorite beverage.
<b>NOV</b>			
7 (SAT)	Veterans Day Raftup and Potluck with Man Overboard Competition 10:00 AM	Meet at the Alachua County Boat Ramp for boating/activities on Lake Santa Fe and Melrose Bay.	<b>Annual Veterans Day Luncheon Raftup in Melrose Bay.</b> We celebrate our Veterans and share stories close to home, as well as our thanks to the many men and women who have served so faithfully preserving the Freedoms that we enjoy and never want to take for granted. Meet at the Alachua County Boat Ramp. Bring something to share for lunch and your preferred beverage. <b>RSVP by Nov. 1st</b> , and let us know how many persons may join you in your boat.
21 (SUN)	JFR Birthday Party 6:00 PM	CDR Jean-Francois Roulet (JFR) & Helen Hussong's home: 9604 SW 35th Lane, Gainesville, FL 32608 (Haile Plantation)	Invitation to follow.
<b>DEC</b>			
5 (SAT)	Christmas/Holiday Party (Potluck) 5:00 PM	TBA	Bring a dish to share and your favorite beverage.



NOTE: For additional and up-to-date details, watch your in-box for the monthly "Commander's Update" and other event-associated emails from our CDR Jean-Francois Roulet (JFR).

# CLOSING NOTES



## Call to action

- If you have stories, articles, and/or photos (jpeg) to submit for future newsletters, please send them to [wendykinsermaxwell@gmail.com](mailto:wendykinsermaxwell@gmail.com), and include in the subject line: "GBC Newsletter."

<u>2026 Submittal Deadlines</u>	<u>Newsletter</u>	<u>Publish-by Date</u>
Wednesday, June 24	Q2	June 30
Wednesday, Sept. 23	Q3	Sept. 30
Wednesday, Dec. 16	Q4	Dec. 21

- **REMINDER:** Contact Francois [jroulet@dental.ufl.edu](mailto:jroulet@dental.ufl.edu) with ideas/plans for future Club activities, and share your boating activity ideas with Virginia [vseacrist@gmail.com](mailto:vseacrist@gmail.com)



**2026 PHOTO COMPETITION** (1.) Please email your photos of boating club events, other boating activities, Mother Nature, etc., to [wendykinsermaxwell@gmail.com](mailto:wendykinsermaxwell@gmail.com) either as attachments or by including a link for me to download the photos. (2.) In the email subject line, include "Boating Club Photos". (3.) Specify the photographer(s); ensure photos are in JPG or JPEG format, if possible. (4.) If you need assistance or have questions, please let me know.

[NOTE: Special photo categories will be shared in upcoming newsletters, and the 2026 photo competition winners will be announced at our January 2027 meeting. All club event photos submitted for the newsletter will automatically be entered into the contest, unless you indicate otherwise.]