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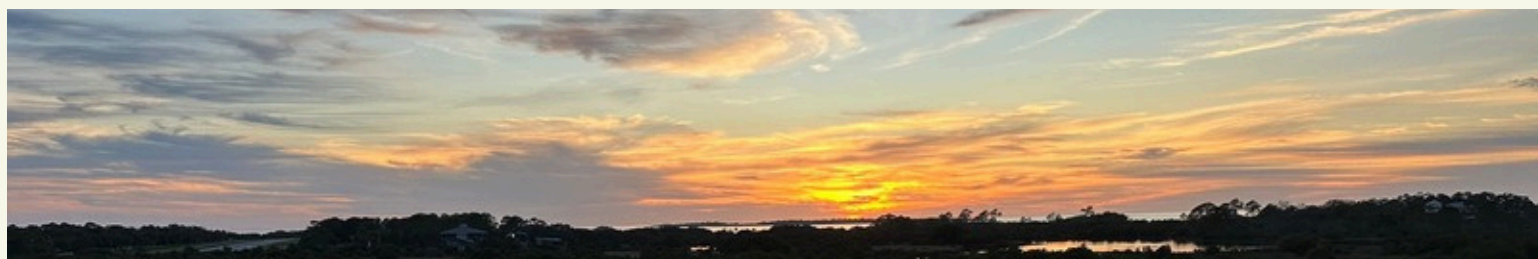
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LOOK!

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!!!*



Photo by: Wendy VKM

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

Commander's Message

CDR Jean-François Roulet

Dear Members,

As we begin the month of July, we can proudly look back to the first half of the year 2026. We had a very busy time with 6 events and 5 business meetings. The last event was a cruise on the Homosassa River, with a solidly booked boat (19 passengers). We learned a lot about this interesting area and even had a drink at the Manatee Bar, a place you would not find without a knowledgeable cruise boat captain. Jerry Steinberg was kind enough to transport our food to the meeting place at Diane and Gary Bouleware's home, where we had a great time. A big thank you to the Boulwares--you were a great host! Some of us even delved into the past by attending an "Absolute Def Leppard" concert in Inverness on Saturday night.

We will begin the second half of 2026 with a boat trip (Saturday, July 18th) on the St. Johns River from Palatka up to canal marker 23, where we will find a Sandbar to enjoy a swim and have appetizers, followed by early dinner at Corky Bell's Restaurant. There are still 8 passenger places left on the participating boats, so if someone is interested, please send me an e-mail (jroutlet@dental.ufl.edu) ASAP.

Since now all members have paid their membership dues, the Club is in good financial health, so we can look forward to the second half of the year. Finally, I want to let you all know that at the Business Meeting on June 13th we decided on the following:

"We had a general discussion about how to deal with cancellations in the future. After a long discussion, we came to the conclusion that cancellations are unfair, because they affect the cost of an event to the disadvantage of

Commander's Message

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either the participating members or the club. It was therefore unanimously decided that in the future, the fee for an event will be due the moment a member signs up for the event and will NOT BE REFUNDABLE. We will ask members to send a check if they sign up for an event.

As usual, stay informed by looking at our website:

<https://gainesvilleboatingclub.org/> or find us on Facebook:

<https://facebook.com/gspdsD23> .

Sincerely yours,

Jean-François Roulet

Commander

USPS Gainesville Boating Club



BOATING KNOWLEDGE

Jib and Teresa's Adventures

From the Helm of "To Boldly Go"

By Jib Davidson

From Tangier Island to Chestertown, Md. Chestertown? So where in the heck is Chestertown? And more importantly, why?

Located in the north end of the Chesapeake Bay, on the Eastern shore, is Chestertown. Founded in 1706 as one of six Royal Ports of Entry, it was home to many wealthy shipping merchants. Today, its population is about 5,532 (Wikipedia) and is home to Washington College. Yep, that Washington. George was friends with the Church of England's Pastor, who asked George to fund a school. So, George founded the college with a \$50,000 endowment. In 1776, the same Pastor organized changing their name from The Church of England to The Protestant Episcopal Church. This makes the Chestertown church the first Episcopal church in the newly formed county.

More importantly, this small town has some of the nicest and most congenial people ever. It is a wonderful town with amazing restaurants, a great Saturday morning Farmer's market, a very specialized wine and cheese store, and a super collection of historic homes.

Now, some really fun facts about Chestertown...Why? Because of what I have learned about our history as we celebrate our 250th anniversary. Or, more precisely, what I didn't know about our history. On Memorial Day, Chestertown celebrated their town tea party. Really? I thought Boston was the only site of our famous tea party. It so happens that "There were 17 recorded colonial tea party protests that took place across the American colonies between December 1773 and December 1774" (*Google, the American Battlefield Trust*). Boston wasn't the only colony to protest the tea tax. Charleston SC, Lexington, MA, Philadelphia PA, Annapolis MD, and Chestertown were among the other not-so-famous tea parties. I guess Boston had a better PR agent.



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We don't have patriots marching in the Gator parade.



The view from out boat was spectacular



Local townspeople whooping it up.

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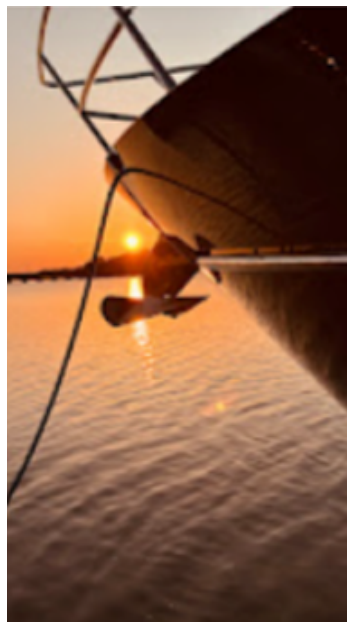
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In May 1774, several of Chestertown's finest citizens met to set forth "Resolves" forbidding importing, selling or consuming tea in Chestertown. To enforce this, residents marched to the waterfront, boarded the brigantine Geddes, and tossed her cargo of tea overboard. That act of defiance is reenacted every year. Starting with Friday night fireworks and a 5k run/walk, followed by Saturday's farmer's market, strolling musicians, demonstrations of handcrafted colonial goods, historical walking tours, a really cool parade, and a march down to the waterfront, this place rocks. Sunday hosted an amazing annual raft race. You can make your raft out of anything that is not nautical. Monday kicks off their Memorial Day parade and festivities. We did visit the Rotary food table. I always try to make all the Rotary meetings that I can. Rotary is an amazing source of local information.



Having a discussion about those pesky British.



Good morning! Time for another rough day.



A lesson on how to load and shoot a long musket.

All good things must come to an end, so we sailed on to Cape May, NJ, by way of the C&D Canal (Chesapeake Bay and Delaware). We are sad to leave the Chesapeake Bay, but we must move northward. Winter is coming.

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Cape May is known for its Victorian houses, which are truly incredible, along with its walkable streets, amazing restaurants, and beautiful beaches. The historical district has the second largest collection of Victorian houses in the country (San Francisco has the largest collection). One interesting note about their beaches - you must buy a \$10 day pass to walk on the beach. \$20 for three days. They have beach "police" posted at each entrance to ensure compliance. The city needs their revenue



Martinis, lobster, and great company at Cape May. What could be better?

NOTE: Jib and Teresa enjoy new adventures every day as they continue cruising "The Down East Loop" aboard their boat "To Boldly Go." (The Down East Loop is a six-month journey back to the Hudson River and the Erie Canal, east across the St. Lawrence River and into the Canadian Maritimes.)

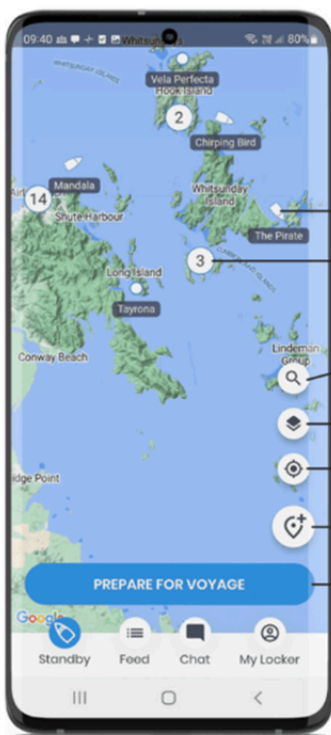
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Want to follow Jib and Teresa aboard “To Boldly Go” as they cruise *The Down East Loop** ?

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)



* The Down East Loop Route



Boating Stories and More...

The Fog God

By Rick Gordon

We were warned. Several boats who were headed south told us they had been to Maine “but never saw it”. I checked with my Reed’s Almanac and late August and September were the best time to avoid fog in Maine. So off we went.

Our first experience of being fogged in was at the east end of Long Island Sound. We woke up to the sound of fog horns and ate breakfast while listening to Channel 16 as the various boats lined up in the heavy fog to transit the Race. Then one of the Captains announced: “I have you in a dangerous aspect”. Lots of talking erupted as the other captain sheepishly admitted a radar navigational error. My sailing catamaran, SMAY, stayed safely anchored until the visibility improved later in the morning. Then we went to Block Island, visited Newport, Nantucket, and through the Cape Cod Canal to Plymouth and the Mayflower Rock. There were hazy mornings and we made sure we were anchored before the nighttime fog arrived. And we had experienced a key fact about the lovely light houses which dot the coast: they have fog horns. If you are far away the sound is picturesque. But if you are anchored right next to an active fog horn, good luck getting a good night’s sleep.

It's a lot cooler on the north side of Cape Cod, and the water is much colder. The construction of the boats also changed: everything commercial, even the smaller skiffs, had sheltered pilot houses. We visited Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and were able to tie up to the public dock at Prescott Park. There we learned another hazard of venturing “Down East”. There was a significant power boat tied up at the end of the pier. They had hit a rock and had been waiting weeks for their props to be repaired. If you screw up your navigation you hit hard Maine rock, not soft Florida sand. This park would be a great place to spend several summer weeks: you can walk down the pier and turn right to visit the downtown, or turn left to walk through the formal gardens. The weekend was special. The local boating club had scheduled their Christmas bash on the pier, even though it was early September. Since they would have to take all their boats out of the water when winter began they had a “now or never” attitude. The highlight of the well lubricated party occurred when one of the captains climbed out of his cabin wearing a pair of pink panties over his jeans. He wanted all his fellow drunks to know he could “still get into his wife’s panties”. I've never seen the like, before or since.

Across the river Maine beckoned. And we started up into a bad North Easter: 17’ seas reported at the weather station on the Isle of Shoals as we motor sailed past. Another

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learning experience: if we had waited 24 hours the wind would have eased and swung and we would have sailed a comfortable broad reach. But we made it to Kennebunkport. President Bush was in residence and we watched the Secret Service, whom the dock hands despised, motor past while delivering his Donzi boat. When we left a couple of days later SMAY sailed "down" east, and there was the Donzi, with Bush standing on the bow casting a rod. As soon as I recognized the Donzi, and realized what the nearby Cigarette type power boat and the frigate on the horizon implied, I tacked away. I believe it was the day Bush accidentally hooked Prime Minister Mulroney in the ear.

Boothbay Harbor is a great place to visit. The local fish co-op had assembled a floating pier where you could walk up to a tank full of lobsters, select the one you liked, then walk further for a piece of corn, then eat it all at a picnic table at the end of the gently undulating pier. I decided since I was in Maine I ought to go for a swim. The water was so cold I was afraid I wouldn't be able to get back out. But once I made it back to shore I felt so good I thought about going back in: it was a very brief impulse. The experience created a sense of profound respect for the lobstermen who fish these waters all year round. We left to go further "Down East", aiming for Bar Harbor. And the Fog God caught us.

We had become accustomed to misty conditions. But this fog bank blew in on a breeze, a real Maine pea souper, catching SMAY travelling off shore. I quickly calculated a fix and looked at the chart for a safe place to anchor. I'd taken the Power Squadron boating classes and was familiar with their teaching to rely on your compass. The ever shifting clouds of billowing fog were disorienting and the compass and the Loran were the only way to locate anything. Using the coordinates from the Reed's Almanac I was able to find a fixed green channel marker looming out of the fog just ahead of the port bow. The Loran calculated the distance to the hazy structure at 0.17 nautical miles. Reed's only published marker coordinates for the main channel entrance. I didn't want to risk sitting at an entrance marker which every boat would try to locate then pass by. From my Power Squadron class I knew the stiff breeze would tend to blow me out of the channel as the boat travelled between channel markers. And I had learned that hard Maine rocks waited outside the channel. I devised a plan: first locate a buoy. Use the local chart to plot a

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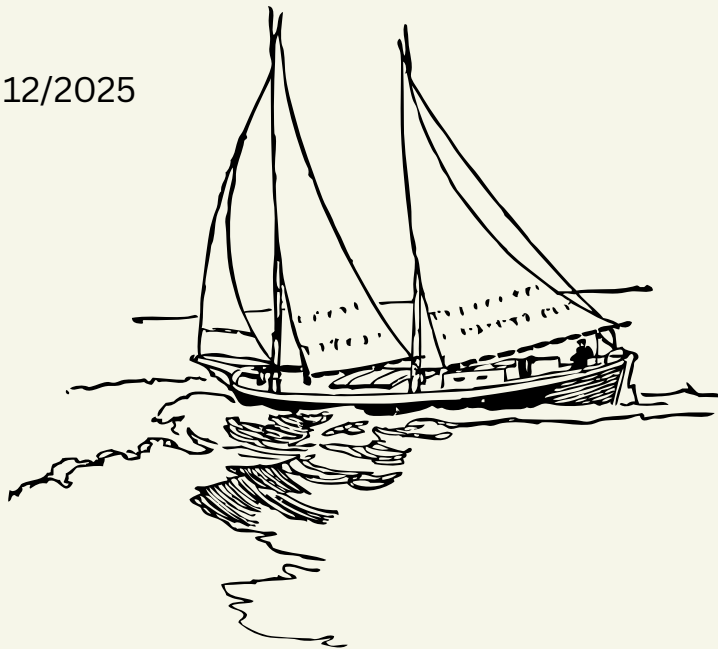
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lcompass course towards the next buoy. Set the autopilot to steer this new course, slowly moving forward on this new heading. Then look backwards at the old buoy, using it to provide a visual reference to help minimize the wind driven leeway. By using my handheld compass I tried to maintain my relative bearing while looking back at the last marker. When the fog obscured it from sight we would switch to focusing on the heading for the next buoy, using the autopilot and main compass, and creep forward. I figured the autopilot would probably steer a more accurate compass course to where I hoped this next buoy would appear out of the wind driven mist. Buoy by buoy, we made it into a pocket and anchored until the fog lifted the following day.

The fog was a challenge. But we made it to Bar Harbor, past the Hinkley yacht factory, sacred to sailors, and anchored comfortably at the head of the Somes Sound fjord in Acadia National Park. There the next meteorological event caught us. The first major cold front of the year blew in and the temperature dropped by 40 degrees. No wonder all the commercial boats have pilot houses. We had been warned about the fog, but I was completely surprised to be facing frost in early September. I could see only one way to plot a course out of a cold front. We fled Maine the next morning, harnessing the chilly but fog free north wind to blast us south towards warmer weather.

Rick Gordon

Lived 8&9/1990; Remembered 12/2025



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.

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**April 25, 2026 - Potluck
at Virginia Seacrist's
home on the Santa Fe
River (no kayak
adventure this time)**



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Sharing good times...



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May 16, 2026 - “Raingutter Regatta” at Seth & Connie’s



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Plenty of
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& great
conversation.

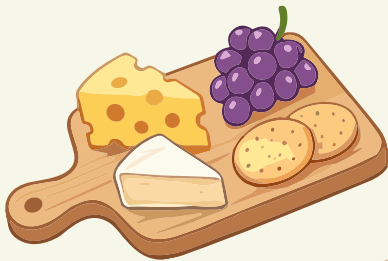


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Good times...



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*Soooo much fun
at the
Shrum Shipyard!*

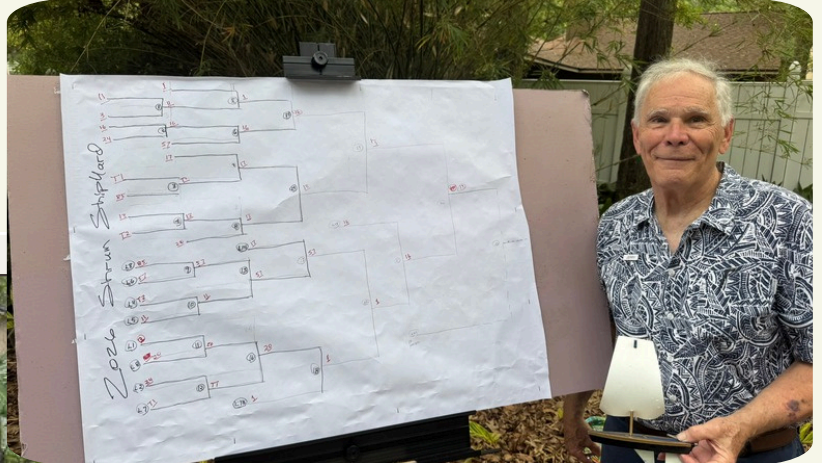


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What a competition!

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Our 2026 Raingutter Regatta Winners!



1st place: John Maxwell



2nd place: Patti deBear

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**June 13, 2026 - Homosassa River Cruise,
followed by Potluck Lunch at Diane
and Gary Boulware's Home
in Hernando**

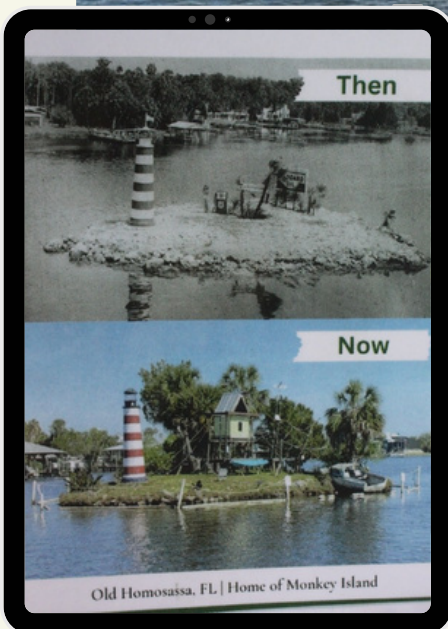
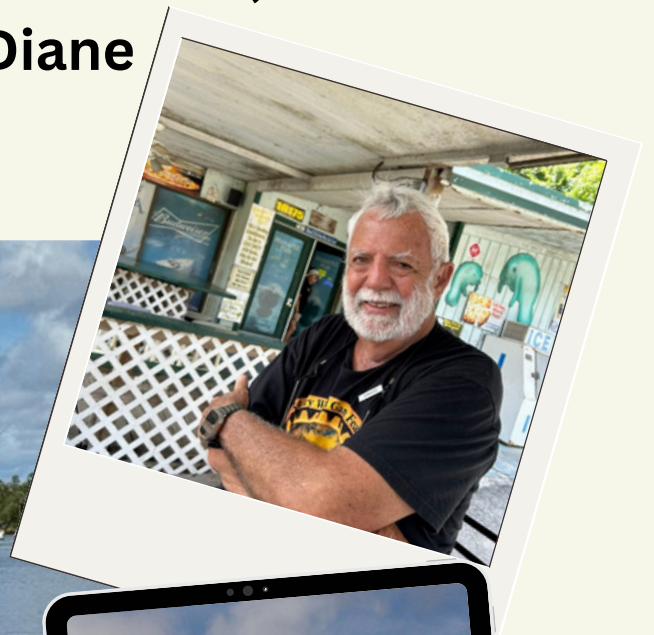
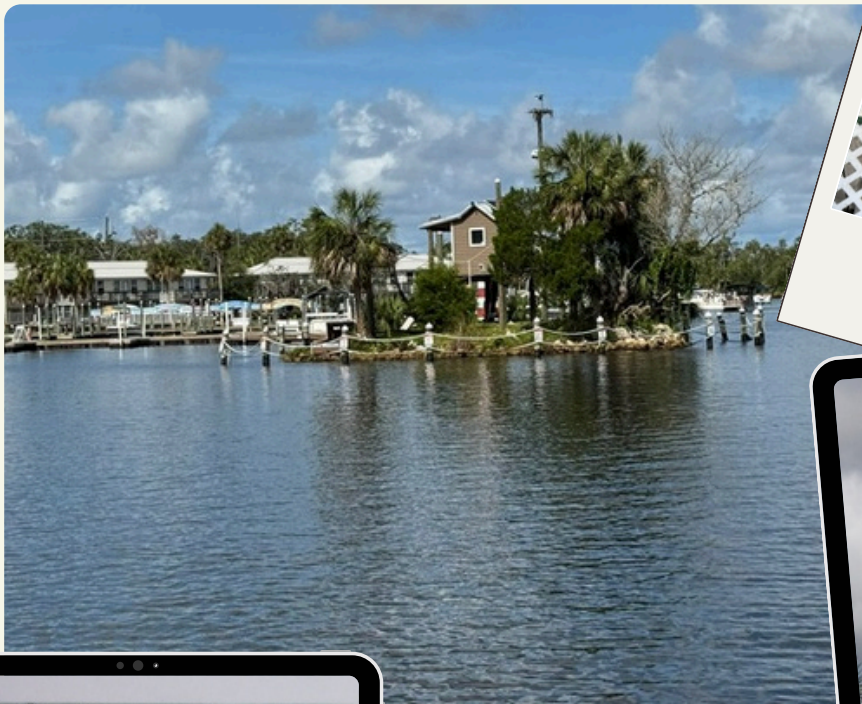


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The fun continues at Manatee Pub...



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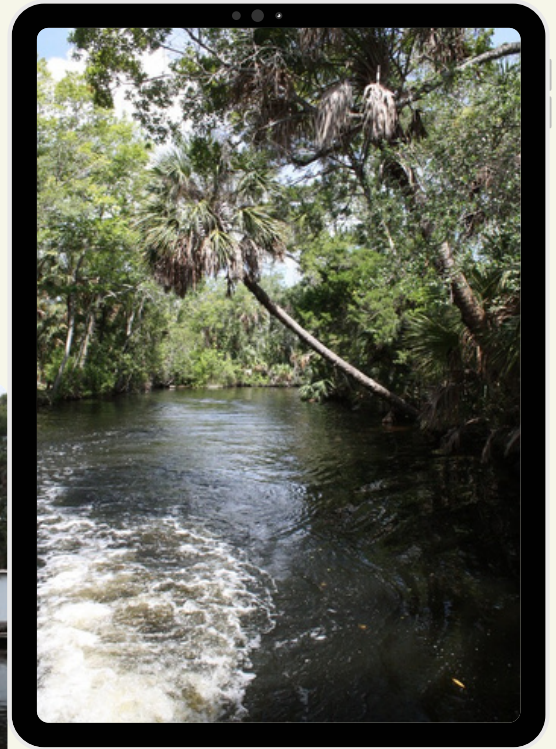


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More Fun...



**Sharing
Plenty
of laughs ...**



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Good Times at the Boulware Home



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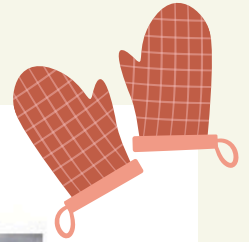


**Plenty of good food &
great conversation.**



FROM THE GALLEY

Well, it's your lucky day! Here's a recipe for an easy-to-prepare hors d'oeuvre/snack food. These cheese crisps are absolutely delicious! Plus, since they include spinach, you can make them any time, and just say you're eating your vegetables. HA!



Spinach Dip Cheese Crisps

Ingredients:

- 2 cups fresh spinach, chopped
- 1 cup cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
- ½ cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- ½ teaspoon onion powder
- ½ teaspoon salt



Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 375°F
2. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
3. In a large bowl, combine the fresh spinach, cream cheese, mozzarella cheese, Parmesan cheese, garlic powder, onion powder, and salt. Mix well until all ingredients are fully incorporated.
4. Scoop small spoonfuls of the mixture onto the prepared baking sheet, flattening each one slightly to form thin crisps.
5. Bake in preheated oven for 10-12 minutes, or until the cheese crisps are golden brown and the edges are crispy.
6. Allow to cool slightly before transferring to a wire rack to cool completely.

ENJOY!

EVENTS CALENDAR

UPDATE

2026 Gainesville Boating Club Activities

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	NOTES
JANUARY			
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.
FEBRUARY			
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.
MARCH			
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. Be sure to wear green!
APRIL			
25 (Sat)	Kayak Adventure on the Ichetucknee River and Potluck at Virginia's River home	Boaters meet at 11 am at the Ichetucknee Springs State Park, 12087 SW US 27, Fort White, FL 32038 Eaters meet at 2 pm at 2766 SW Santa Fe Dr., Fort White, FL 32038.	"Kayakers/Canoers Meet-Up with Eaters" Potluck, at Virginia Seacrist's Ichetucknee River Home. Bring a dish to share and your beverage of choice. ~ SIGN UP by April 15th.~
MAY			
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. <i>RSVP by May 1st, but know that you are always welcome.</i>
JUNE			
20 (SAT)	Homosassa River Cruise and Potluck at Diane and Garry Boulware's Home	10:00 AM -- 10386 W Halls River Rd, Homosassa 12:30 PM -- 771 North Hunt Club Drive, Hernando. NO PETS.	\$25 / Person (CASH) for cruise (2-hr narrated cruise by Island Girl Cruises). Limited to first 19 persons who sign up. Bring a favorite dish to share and beverage of choice. Cold food transport provided to Diane and Gary's home.
UPCOMING EVENTS:			
JULY			
18 (SAT)	Boating on the St. John's River 10:00 AM	Meet at Palatka Boat ramp (100 Memorial Parkway) at 10:00 AM Boats: JFR and B Rella	Grilling at St. John's River shallow sandbar (Canal Marker 23) and dinner at Corky Bells. Check your email for the Commander's Monthly Update. JFR is coordinating.
AUGUST			
15 (SAT)	Monthly Meeting/Potluck 5:00 PM	Bob and Sherry Rella's house, 14232 SW 79th St, Archer, FL 32618 Phone: 352-278-4198	Bring a dish to share and your favorite beverage. Presentation?
SEPTEMBER			
17 (THURS)	Pool Party/Potluck Monthly Meeting 6:00 PM	David and Marylia Roque's Clubhouse (Cobblestone Apartments), 2801 NW 23rd Ave, Gainesville, FL 32605	Bring a dish to share and your favorite beverage. Presentation?
27 (SAT)	D23 Council Meeting	Daytona Beach Library	For more info, email Sharon: sneitzey@aol.com
OCTOBER			
24-25 (SAT-SUN)	D23 Fall conference	Hilton Garden Inn, Daytona Beach Oceanfront	For more info, email Sharon: sneitzey@aol.com
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.
NOVEMBER			
7 (SAT)	Veterans Day Raftup & Potluck with Man-Overboard Competition 10:00 AM	Meet at the Alachua County Boat Ramp (Lake Santa Fe Public Boat Ramp) for boating/activities on Lake Santa Fe and Melrose Bay.	Annual Veterans Day Luncheon Raftup in Melrose Bay. We celebrate our Veterans and share stories close to home, as well as our thanks to the many men & women who have served so faithfully preserving the Freedoms we enjoy and never want to take for granted. <i>Bring a dish to share and your preferred beverage. RSVP by Nov. 1st, and let us know how many persons may join you in your boat.</i>
21 (SUN)	JFR Birthday Party 5:00 PM	CDR Jean-Francois Roulet (JFR) & Helen Hussong's home: 9604 SW 35th Lane, Gainesville 32608 (Haile Plantation)	More info to follow.
DECEMBER			
5 (SAT)	Christmas/Holiday Party (Potluck) 5:00 PM	David and Laraine Teiss's G'ville home, 11619 NW 2nd Ave., Gainesville 32607	Bring a dish to share, your favorite beverage, and a white elephant gift.



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, and include in the subject line: "GBC Newsletter."

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

- **REMINDER:** Contact Francois jroulet@dentat.ufl.edu with ideas/plans for future Club activities, and share your boating activity ideas with Virginia 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 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.]