

Underway



Newsletter of the Barbour River Yacht Club

Underway is published sort of quarterly or when the spirit moves us. Its considered purpose is to issue resounding calls to arms, trumpet ringing praises, declaim bitter denunciations, project pregnant persiflage, and generally entertain the writer. This may require bizarre combination of all the above, as the occasion demands.

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Greetings from the banks of the mighty Barbour River:



**2nd Annual Barbour River Yacht Club
Nautical Flea Market**



We had several people from the supply side of the market – dealers and repair shops. I know from my days at Lockwood that they accumulate just like the rest of us. Those commenting said that they would be back. [Mark April 8, 2017 on your calendar.](#)

Sign outside a second-hand shop:

**WE EXCHANGE ANYTHING --- BICYCLES,
WASHING MACHINES, ETC. WHY NOT BRING
YOUR WIFE ALONG AND GET A WONDERFUL
BARGAIN?**



Our lending library seems to be prospering, too. Though we will miss former club manager **Bill Smith and his wife Anne**, we are most grateful for their departing contribution to the library. Bill and Anne have good taste in literature. I am still reading some of what they left, and I had to build more shelves to accommodate the growth. Visit and see what you can enjoy reading.

Members **Abbott De Rham** and **Charlie Moore** also made major recent contributions of highly readable novels. I know that many others have dropped off some good stuff, too.



You may notice some additional **yacht club burgees** decorating the clubhouse walls near the ceiling.

These literally came from all over the world. The Atlanta Athletic Club closed down its yacht club several years ago, and the manager offered them to me as a recent former commodore. I've

As you can see from the pictures (covering only part of the event), the **2nd Annual Barbour River Yacht Club Flea Market** was a rousing success. We actually experienced several times the attendance of last year's inaugural effort, and we thought that was pretty good at the time. *Never underestimate a boater's ability to accumulate junk dear to his on-the-water life.* Dealers and repairmen have the same problem.

had them boxed up for years, but I think they give us an additional touch of class. (Not that we really need it - I think we are “eat up” with class already).

A few of you have suggested that we need one of our own, perhaps involving our logo. The value would be:

(1) We could fly it from our flag mount’s topmost position (where I now have a solid red pennant which I think signifies that the crew’s meal is ready).

(2) An old custom dictates that you take some on your travels (even if not by boat) and present them to the local yacht clubs at your stops for them to exhibit on their visitors’ wall. When I have done this, I have received an assortment of free meals and numerous adult beverages. One of those on the wall came from the Ayr Yacht Club in Scotland where the Underwood family hung out as far back as the 1300’s.

(3) You can fly one from your boat(s) – a bow flagstaff is the most common way. We would also fly one from the upper center of our club flag mount.

There are a few problems between us and that glorious burgee.

1. We need a good design. Bunny and I like the four flags spelling out BRYC, but it’s hard to fit on a Burgee and requires many colors.
2. We need a good source where we can buy a modest number and reorder reasonably.
3. We don’t know how many of you want one or more for your own boats, homes or travels, but I’m sure it would be cheaper if we got them all in the first order. Costs probably run from under \$10 to over \$25 each, depending on the quality and quantity.

We are open to your suggestions and designs. Actually, our minds are wide open – thoughts continuously leaking out, due to the age of the containers.



News Bits:

- Jim has a brand new Ford F150 truck with trailer hitches fore and aft. Karen got tired of his verbal acrimony towards the old one.
- Ken Doran purchased the old one (which was mine first). He hopes to make it “do right and be nice”. We are an inbred bunch around here where machinery is concerned.
- Still looking for cost effective covered storage solutions.
- We donated a one month trial membership to the Ida Hilton Library fund raiser. Unfortunately, member Jordy Evans won it. Maybe he can find some worthy potential member to give it to.
- On our hoists, we have replaced the plastic cable trolleys on the traveling cables with new heavy duty ones. We apologize for the significant down time recently when the cables hung up and pulled wiring apart. Hopefully these improvements will keep it from happening again.
- The trim around the clubhouse was getting pretty bedraggled. It now has a nice new paint job.
- The 110 volt receptacles outside the clubhouse had quit functioning. All good now, thanks to new ground fault interrupters.
- Notice the new local nautical charts under the glass on the main table in the clubhouse. You can now point out to your friends exactly where the fish are biting.

It’s always something.

As Lilly Tomlin used to say,

“If it wasn’t one damned thing after another, it would be every damned thing at once.”

Son Jack’s house has a new military family as tenant, **Nick and Jenna Maney**. They have also

joined the club. Grandson Daniel is now managing the house with the help of the Maneys, thank goodness.

Other members joining this year include

- **Jody Pittman of Riceboro**
- **Jonathan Morgan of Barbour Island and Savannah**
- **Kindon and Marisa Stephens of Guyton**
- **Steve Ellis of Shellman Bluff**
- **Duane and Leanne Baker of Ludowici**

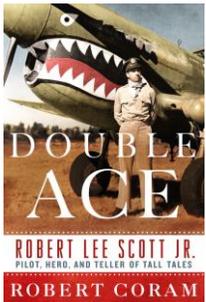


the water.

Don't forget that your club has a lending rack for life jackets and throw cushions (honor system). It's located right next to the Coke machine in the clubhouse. We don't want you getting a ticket or being inadequately prepared for a crisis on



We have managed to get the first of the free firewood stacked in the usual place near the gazebo. Help yourself. There will soon be more. It has been just too hot to play with chainsaws and tractors.



Author, member, and good friend **Robert Coram** of Harris Neck is launching a new book --- *Double Ace*. It covers the life of Robert Scott, one of my childhood heroes from World War II and author of *God is My Co-Pilot*. He probably downed far more enemy planes than the 10 required to earn the

Double Ace title.

Coram's research reveals that like that of many other heroes, Scott's life exhibits conflicting traits. Scott was, above all else, the consummate combat pilot, and he grew up in Macon, GA. He is still revered by many in middle Georgia. He was immensely likeable, prone to attacks of raging ego, a fascinating writer, a frequently poor husband, and a seriously flawed father.

Coram has written a string of very successful military biographies. Some are on the required reading list at the US War College.

Sapelo Hammock Golf Club in Shellman Bluff will host a book signing on **September 14th at 4:30 PM**. Robert will have some interesting comments on the path to putting *Double Ace* together. Books will be available for purchase from a G. J. Ford Bookshop of St. Simons representative. Robert will be happy to sign them whether you purchased at the event or brought one with you. There will be a cash bar and complimentary light refreshments.

Before you know it, this brain boggling heat will diminish, followed by the end of what has been a mild hurricane season so far. Then we will have cooling breezes and golden marshes with the invigorating fall weather. It probably makes the fish bite better, too.

Life doesn't get much better than fall on the Sapelo waters. Bunny and I are glad you are around to help us enjoy it.

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