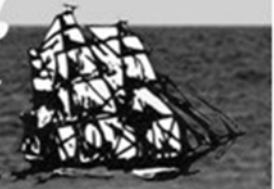


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A Toga party was held at Jim's house.  
THANKS Jim!!



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**Our poker run was held at the Sands Hotel and Resort and ICW. It was a great success. Many thanks to Debi and her many helpers for putting on this event. We had many boats traverse the course, two dealer boats, and three land stations. I believe a great time was had by all who attended, and of course, there was FOOD!**

## Sailing Trivia

### Argghhh shiver me timbers!

I bet you didn't know that without the great sailing ships of yesteryear, the English language would have hardly any words or interesting expressions in it. So study this 'ere little list and learn how to converse "proper like" with our shipshape sailors.

### TURNING A BLIND EYE

It's said that in 1801, during the Battle of Copenhagen, the great British naval hero Horatio Nelson deliberately held his telescope to his blind eye, in order not to see the flag signal from the commander to stop bombarding the enemy. So if we choose to ignore something we shouldn't, we turn a blind eye. In Nelson's case he won!

### CREW CUT

The United States navy in particular were keen on uniformity of hair styles for their crew. Those in authority cited health and moral reasons for keeping sailors hair short and therefore justified a compulsory weekly shearing on board ship. A US navy direction from long ago states "No eccentricities in the manner of wearing the hair, beard or mustache are allowed".

### CROSSING THE LINE – (the equator)

When sailing to the Caribbean ships would often cross the imagined line that divides the earth into north and south. Maybe this would be further than they wanted to go being a long way south of the European trading routes across the Atlantic. To this day elaborate ceremonies are carried out on board ships that cross the line, with mythical King Neptune the ruler of the deep conducting a mock trial of new recruits and his assistants anointing them, usually with nasty leftovers from the galley.

### FIGUREHEAD

An often very elaborate carving at the front of the ship, sometimes of a scantily clad maiden, supposedly leading the way and important but in fact purely decorative. Often today an ineffective boss or politician is described as being a mere Figurehead.

### A LONG SHOT

Don't believe what you've seen in the films, canons on old pirate ships were rubbish. It was almost impossible to hit another ship with a canon ball unless you were right alongside it. If you hit from more than about 400 metres it was known as a long shot and rather lucky. So a long shot today is something that is rather unlikely.

### A LOOSE CANON

After firing a heavy canon would rebound and if not properly secured to the gun ports could clatter around the gun deck causing mayhem and injury. So your work colleague who is regarded as a loose cannon is one who causes unscheduled chaos everywhere.

### STERN - A STERN LECTURE

The Quarterdeck at the back of the ship was officer country where serious discussions about the conduct of the ship took place. Ordinary sailors didn't go there unless bidden and often only to be reprimanded.

### THE WHOLE NINE YARDS

The big sticks on which the sails of a square rigger hang are called yards. There are of course many variations but an old pirate ship might have three masts each with three yards on it. So if all the sails are set the ship is using the whole nine yards. So today without even thinking of the origins of this and all these other lovely nautical expressions, we merrily reel off "The whole nine yards" to mean everything.

**General Meeting: October 5, 2012**

The meeting was called to order by Charles at 7:45 PM

**Commodores Report:** Charles discussed the auction which will be held at the end of the meeting. He explained that part of the reason why our finances are low is the the club has 33 fewer members than last year at this time. He also discussed offering a Pub Crawl to interested members. 20 indicated an interest in this activity. He told the club the holiday party tickets are are available.

**Secretarys Report:** The reading of the minutes was waived.

**Treasurer's Report:** Max told the members how much money is in the treasury. He will be sending out an e-mail with financial information.

**Marketer's (Webmaster) report:** Deborah stated the web site has been updated and contains information from our last two events.

**Sailing Director's report:** Debi stated that 8-10 boats are scheduled to go to the Columbus day Regatta. The poker run has been rescheduled for October 13th. She needs another dealer boat. So far more than 14 captains qualify for free membership and 6 for the COC dinner. She encouraged all captains to get all information in to her.

**Social Director's Report:** Nancy reminded the members of the jazz brunch next weekend. She stated the next party will be the toga party on 10/20/12 at Jim B's home. She encouraged members to sign up with Patricia for the Fantasy fest Bus trip. She stated that holiday Party tickets are available and encouraged members to sign up ASAP.

**Membership Director's Report:** Dot stated we have 192 members.

**Newsletter Director's Report:** Rich stated he is working on the August and September newsletters.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

James served as auctioneer and \$217.00 was raised.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jane Haughian, Secretary

# *Sailing Singles Holiday Party*

**Saturday, December 8, 2012**

**Time: 7PM – 11:00 PM**

**Place: Galuppi's  
1103 N Federal Hwy  
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**Nancy Widener**

Hurricane Sandy has caused some shoaling in the Inlet. The attached chart shows soundings taken on 10-31-12.

Sand moves south along the coast whenever we have NE waves. Most of the sand goes into the sand trap in front of the lighthouse. With a major storm some sand will make it into the inlet filling from the north. This results in shoaling between the north jetty and #4 red marker. My normal recommendation is to stay to the south when you are not certain of the inlet status.

Sandy had strong winds along with record high tides. With the high tides the sand became very fluidized allowing it to move around with waves breaking in the inlet.

As you can see on the chart, there is shoaling on the north side but it is also shallow in the middle 6 and 7 feet.

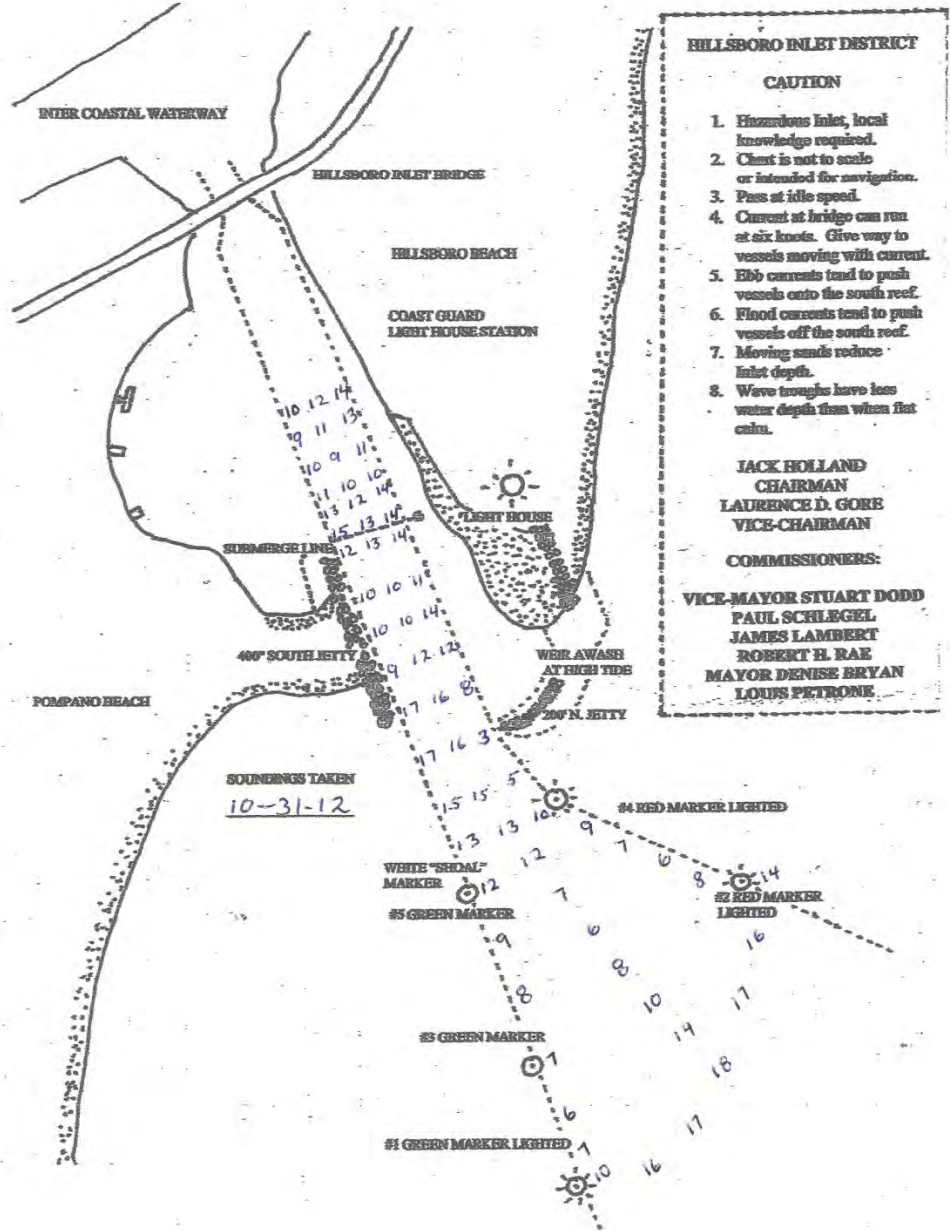
We will not be removing these shoals for about a month and that is dependent on calm seas.

As always with shoaling conditions, the best time to navigate the inlet is just before high tide so that you have the additional depth and the current and wind are in the same direction flattening the seas.

When we take additional sounding, I will do another distribution.

Jack Holland  
 Chairman  
 Hillsboro Inlet District

Just FYI to the club. I touched bottom just to the North of the centerline of the channel as marked.



**Future Events:**

Columbus Day Regatta October 6-8

Sunday Jazz Brunch, Riverwalk October 7

Poker Run – Sands Hotel October 13

Toga Party at Jim Buckmaster's Home October 20

Bus trip to Fantasy Fest October 27

Halloween Party at Bob Mifsud's home (Pirates & Wenches) November 3

Sunday Jazz Brunch, Riverwalk November 4

Thanksgiving at Dot's November 22

Sunday Jazz Brunch, Riverwalk December 2

**December 8 - Holiday Party at Galuppi's - cost to members \$30; non members \$45.00 -  
PLEASE GET YOUR CHECK TO Nancy Widener ASAP, SEATING IS LIMITED.**

Winterfest Boat Parade December 15<sup>th</sup>

COC Dinner Jan 19th

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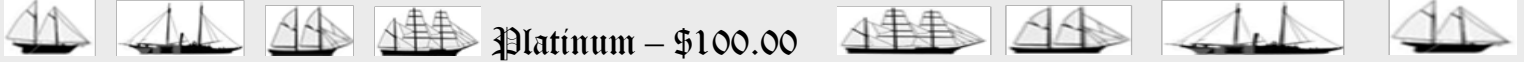
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