



Ahoy There!

THE INLAND RIVERS, TIDAL CREEKS, AND OPEN OCEAN SURROUNDING THE LOWCOUNTRY offer power boaters and sailors plenty of opportunities to explore and experience adventure on local waters with like-minded enthusiasts who share a passion for the boating lifestyle.

Hilton Head hosts several competitive regattas that draw sailors from all over the Southeast. The longest running local regatta, the Harbour Town Cup, sponsored by the Yacht Club of Hilton Head, is held each spring. This exciting event attracts commercial sponsors as well as amateur sailors seeking one of the trophies awarded to winners during the two-week event. The Yacht Club of Hilton Head also sponsors the annual Calibogue Cup each October. October is a



Clubs and competitions for seagoers in the Lowcountry

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busy month for island sailors, as it's also when the largest "big boat" regatta in the area is held. The Carolina Ocean Challenge, sponsored by the South Carolina Yacht Club, is open to sailors of all skill levels and attracts boats from all over the country. For the smaller boats, the South Carolina Yacht Club hosts the "Spar Wars" regatta each August. It's open to sailors of all ages and is a local favorite. Each spring, the island's sailing season kicks off with The Regatta, part of spring's Sailfest, a fun race held each March.

For those who prefer relaxing and socializing to competition, membership in a local yacht or boating club may be the best way to take advantage of living and boating on the island. Hilton Head is home to the South Carolina Yacht Club, located in Windmill Harbor. It's a prestigious, local