**May 2018**

**FROM THE PRESIDENT’S HELM**

**I am pleased to report our winter accomplishments. The Hatteras Classic Club (HCC) domain names and website issues have been resolved, Drupal Security updates have been completed, and the 2018 Winter Rendezvous held in Charleston was very enjoyable.**

**We are very grateful to Royal Ace Hardware, West Marine – Mount Pleasant, and Kelly Grindle, CEO, Hatteras Yachts for their generous contributions to the Winter Rendezvous welcome bags.**

**Both domain names for the HCC have been renewed for 10 years, expiring on January 19, 2028. Our official URL is** [**www.HatterasClassicClub.com**](http://www.HatterasClassicClub.com)**;** [**www.Hatteras1510Club.com**](http://www.Hatteras1510Club.com) **remains “live” but searches will automatically be redirected to** [**www.HatterasClassicClub.com**](http://www.HatterasClassicClub.com)**.**

**The “*Members”* tab on the** [**www.HatterasClassicClub.com**](http://www.HatterasClassicClub.com) **website is reserved for paid members due to the confidential content in this tab The HCC website will be continually updated with fresh content for current and prospective members. This will be a “work in progress”.**

**Very soon, each HCC paid member will be issued a password to access the member tab content. No worries, for those members who prefer to receive information through email, we will continue to communicate in this manner.**

**To date, the HCC Facebook (FB) page has 169 members/friends, up from 68 in March 2017. These friends are located nationwide and internationally. Most HCC FB “friends” are not HCC members. Our FB presence continues to grow and be a wealth of information. Individuals who post on the HCC FB page are approved to join this “closed” group by Jackie Brandon. If you have not visited the HCC FB page, kindly go to Facebook.com, search for Hatteras Classic Club, and request to be a member of the group. You do not need a personal FB page or share any confidential information to join the group, view, or post on the HCC FB page.**

**The information posted on the HCC FB page are Hatteras related to include parts and boats for sale, projects on-going or completed, requests for assistance, cruising stories, and much more. The FB page is a terrific resource to obtain new members. Recently, a post regarding teak restoration inspired us invite an individual to be a speaker at the Charleston rendezvous. He attended and presented an interesting power point presentation.**

**The annual HCC rendezvous will be held at St. Michael’s Inn, Marina, and Spa, MD, September 5-9, 2018. Debbie Coco has graciously accepted the position of Fleet Captain.**

**Topics for discussion at our business meeting are: develop a reference list of Subject Matter Experts (SME) for repairs/renovation by a HCC, “Do It Yourself” member, contractor, or supplier, cruising itineraries noting exceptional boatyards/marinas en route, newsletter stories, membership, and future rendezvous cost/agenda/fleet captain. Preliminary surveys will be sent via email to stimulate your comments, interests, and ideas. Our members are our best resource.**

**I am confident that the *Hatteras* brand and the Hatteras Classic Club will continue to offer value, along with superb rendezvous events, and an exceptional membership roster.**

**Respectfully,**

**Bernadette “Bernie” Ervin, President**