

Hello Everyone,

I am new to this forum and excited to read every post.

In January 2013, we purchased a 38-foot, 1973 Hatteras, FB, double cabin. She is our pride and joy and has provided a common, family interest for my husband, young adult sons, and me. We live in Richmond, VA but have chosen to dock the boat in Charleston, SC. Hopefully, our retirement destination.

We have never owned a boat of any size, therefore, we are anxious to learn about every aspect specific to our Hatteras from Hatteras owners and enthusiasts. We have also learned much from other boaters regardless of brand/size in our phenomenal marina.

I learned of the Hatteras Classic Club, formerly, 1510 Club, through Sam's Marine when I began my search for Hatteras replacement screens. I immediately submitted an application for membership with the \$125 annual dues.

The entire family attended the Hatteras Classic Club Rendezvous held on Sept 5-8, 2013, in Baltimore at Harbor East Marina. We were delighted to learn that we could drive to Baltimore and stay at a hotel since we cannot not drive the boat ourselves due to insurance restrictions. That also made it easier for work and college schedules which accommodated our sons.

The agenda of the Hatteras Classic Club Rendezvous exceeded all expectations. The entire gathering was well organized, informative, welcoming, fun, and we departed have names and numbers of numerous Hatteras folks to contact. Boaters came from Michigan to Florida. Wow! What dedication.

The full-day seminar held on day 1 was informative and beneficial. The presentations were descriptive of problems, solutions, and an interactive Q&A. High on my list were Detroit Diesel engines, painting, and window replacement. I learned new information as well current knowledge was reinforced. The knot tying exercise on the docks was a skill builder along with lots of laughs. Lunch, dinner, and receptions provided the one-on-one time to meet new people and have meaning conversations. The business meeting was comprehensive and welcomed participation from all members, even us, the new guys, in fact there were several new members. This rendezvous was definitely a great value when you consider all of the combined years of knowledge and experience in this group.

I highly recommend the Hatteras Classic Club. I understand that the club requirements have changed and membership is open to all boat owners and enthusiasts regardless of boat brand, age, or size. If you are looking for active, friendly, accommodating, and knowledgeable people to enhance your boating experience, join the club. We are definitely pleased and I am sure you would be too.

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