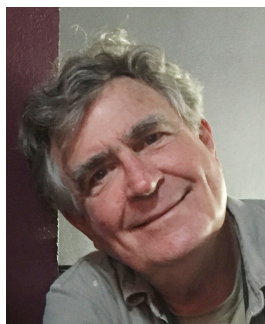


The News Packet

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THE BARNACLE SOCIETY



My View from the Porch

By John Palenchar, President

As winter approaches and the threat of hurricanes fades, I look out at our Barnacle waterfront, awash in King Tides I am reminded of how resilient and, at the same time, how vulnerable our Barnacle is. My view from the porch includes three storm-damaged structures—the Micco Pavilion, The Barnacle Boathouse roof and the Barnacle dock. As you read this, the Pavilion and Dock replacement projects are in the final stages of permitting—with construction to begin later this coming Spring (fingers crossed!)—while we continue to raise funds for the Boathouse roof replacement.

And speaking of fundraising, I want to stress how important you, our Barnacle Society members are. It is you, our members, who are the heart of our organization. I would encourage each of you to:

1. Invite a friend or friends to one of our Barnacle events—especially our **Moonlight Concerts** as the days get shorter and the evenings cooler. (Concerts are the second Friday of the month, with tickets available online at thebarnacle.org or at the door!)
2. Ask that friend to **become a member** of The Barnacle Society (joining is easy—again, at thebarnacle.org)
3. Consider **increasing your own level of membership**. Your membership dollars go to support so many important Barnacle improvements.

Why so much about fundraising? Because your Barnacle Society is committed to supporting The Barnacle and filling in the Park funding gaps where needed! Our recent Give Miami Day effort is a great example of our Barnacle Society efforts as we raised over \$10,000 toward the Boathouse roof replacement. A big THANK YOU to all of you who contributed!

Last, but not least, please come and enjoy our Barnacle! You can't beat the view from the porch!



My view from the porch



Roof in need of repair

Maritime Matters

By Bill Tenney

Following completion of the major work he did on *Egret* in late May, thank you letters were written to those who helped Juan Suarez with the repairs of the *Egret*. After consulting with The Barnacle Society Board President, John Palenchar, I provided the letters. At the TBS Board meeting on June 16th, the Board voted to award Juan a free TBS membership for one year.

Board member Amy Exum and her husband, Cedric, along with my wife, Nora, and I did not have a smooth takeoff from the outer piling of our ruined dock. We ended up sideswiping a sunken boat on the southern fringe of the Coconut Grove Sailing Club's mooring field. This left a scratch on *Egret's* starboard side. Otherwise, we had a good day on the water. Juan will attend to the scratch.



Amy Exum and Cedric Guiland enjoying a sail on Egret

approval from Park Manager Jessica Cabral and President John Palenchar, I asked Juan Suarez about getting a mooring at CGSC. He obtained approval for a stay of two weeks, and on August 7th *Egret* was moved to Buoy #3, this buoy being the one most near The Barnacle. Our dock was destroyed by Hurricane Irma in September of 2017.



Egret at CGSC



Egret and the Dinghy at Low Tide



Meet our New Park Manager

Jessica Cabral is a South Florida native who grew up camping, fishing and boating in her state's beautiful parks and waters. She first wanted to be a Park Ranger during an elementary school field trip to Shark Valley, where she spotted her first eastern indigo snake and learned about the highly specialized diet of the Everglades snail kite.

Jessica's long career in parks began just a few years after that memorable field trip while she was still a sophomore in high school. She worked as a counselor in Miami-Dade County Parks' Camp on the Sea and other nature-based summer camps and also led educational tours at Bear Cut Preserve on Key Biscayne throughout high school and her first year of college.

A competitive swimmer and water polo player, she met her spouse at the Miami-Dade College South Campus pool, where she practiced and he was a lifeguard. When he joined the U.S. Navy, she followed him, first to Philadelphia then to San Diego, where their first child was born.

Jessica and her infant daughter returned to Miami weeks after Hurricane Andrew in 1992, and her husband joined her at the end of his enlistment. She then worked a variety of jobs including bank teller, retail sales associate and airline reservations sales representative. She had a second daughter and earned an associate degree before returning to her park roots as a Naturalist at the Deering Estate in 2004. There, she had many excellent mentors who inspired her to learn more about South Florida's natural and cultural history.

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In addition to creating interpretive tours, programs and materials for the County, she led recreational programs such as canoe excursions, nature walks and bicycle tours for children and adults. She also served as the Deering Estate's Volunteer Coordinator and as a liaison for instructors leading art and fitness classes in the park. The Estate had no Museum Registrar or Curator when it received a donation of books and artwork, and so she took on responsibility for museum accessions, as well.

Her experience with interpretation and collections earned her an OPS position at The Barnacle Historic State Park in 2011, and she was promoted to Park Services Specialist in 2012. Over the last ten years at The Barnacle, she has served as Interpretive, Volunteer, and Exotic Removal Chairperson and has worked closely with the park's partners, including its Citizen Support Organization, The Barnacle Society. She has also continued her work with museum collections and has gained a wealth of knowledge planning and conducting special events.

Jessica is proud to work for the Florida Park Service, and looks forward to her new role as Park Manager of The Barnacle—a unique and outstanding historic site.



Mike Chapman, “Artist in Residence”

By Bill Tenney

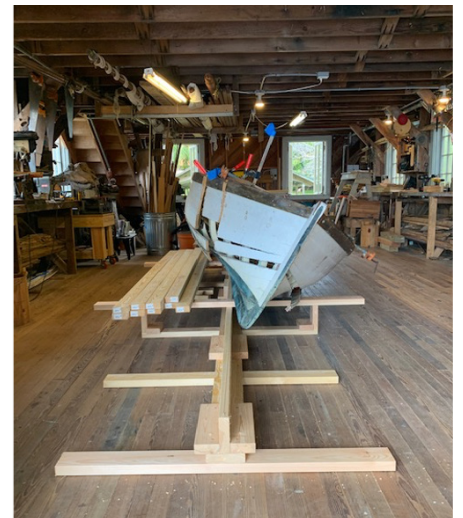
The Barnacle is the oldest house in South Florida still resting on its original foundation. Surrounding The Barnacle is a rich maritime tradition going back to the “Days of Sail” where there were few, if any, roads in South Florida. One of the volunteers at The Barnacle Historic State Park who is doing much to uphold this maritime tradition is Mike Chapman.

Mike's expertise is boatbuilding, and most of his work is done in The Barnacle's boathouse, which is also historic. It was in the original

Boathouse that Commodore Ralph Munroe lived while his house on the hill was being built. In the current Boathouse, Mike has completed several boatbuilding projects. His current project is the restoration of The Barnacle's Bahamian Sailing Dinghy, *Wyannie Malone*.

Wyannie is named after the wife of a famous Bahamian boat builder, and it has sailed in our Annual Washington's Birthday Regatta with Mike at the helm. Unfortunately, *Wyannie* suffered greatly during a period of neglect. Her wood hull dried out, her seams opened up, and many of her planks are cracked and broken. Mike's work includes replacing the broken planks, and to do this he has to first remove old and corroded bronze screws. All of this requires much effort and skill.

The Barnacle's new Park Manager, Jessica Cabral, has been helping Mike. The Barnacle Society Board President John Palenchar and Board Member Gabi Bello have also been working with Mike in the Boathouse. Mike is a meticulous worker, and he is very good about keeping numerous friends informed by email and pictures of his progress. These include the Commodore's oldest grandson, Bill Munroe, who was raised in The Barnacle before it became a State Park, and longtime The Barnacle Society maritime volunteer, Renny Young.



Mike has also consulted and done repairs on *Egret*, The Barnacle's historic design, two-masted sailboat moored in the water by the Boathouse. We are all truly proud and grateful to have Mike Chapman on our team at The Barnacle. If you would like to be included in future updates on the *Wyannie Malone* project, please email us at info@thebarnacle.org.



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About This Newsletter

The News Packet was created to inform members and public about The Barnacle Society, The Barnacle Historic State Park, and events and activities there. Published quarterly by The Barnacle Society, it is part of our continuing program to support and preserve the home of Commodore Ralph Middleton Munroe. **The News Packet** represents the method of mail and news delivery before the turn of the 20th century. A small boat sailed to Fowey Rocks Light and received a "packet" of newspapers and mail from passing coastal ships bound for Key West or Jacksonville.

Sheryl Weir-Thompson, Editor

Mission Statement

The Barnacle Society, Inc. is a volunteer non-profit, citizen-supported organization created to generate public awareness, education, and financial support for the preservation and maintenance of **The Barnacle Historic State Park**.

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