

## IOH Sharks: “UN-UN-UNDEFEATED!!!”



BY DAN WILLOUGHBY

When temperatures begin to rise at Isle of Hope each year, there is undeniable evidence that Shark Season is again upon us. Shark signs appear on the causeway and in front yards across the island. Just before 8 a.m. each morning, young Shark pups begin to converge on Paxton Park from all directions – some on foot, others on bikes, a few in golf carts, more in minivans, with some Segway riders sprinkled in between. By summertime standards, these Sharklings are up early, not only because Sharks never sleep, but also because morning practice for the defending city champion Isle of Hope Sharks Swim Team is about

to begin at the Isle of Hope Gnatatorium.

Sadly, all that awaits these hungry Sharks is a high chain-link fence and a locked front gate, the early morning equivalent of a steel Shark cage keeping predators from their prey. Younger Sharks circle, repeatedly pressing their snouts against the gate, testing its strength, and making annoying clanking sounds. Older, wiser Sharks, some still wearing pajama pants, chill nearby, sleeping with their eyes wide open. At 8 a.m. straight up, Coach Dan appears with the TOP SECRET front gate pass codes. With a beep and a click, he opens the pool to a single-file invasion of Sharks of all sizes.

There is an ongoing dispute in academic circles, not yet resolved by the Worldwide Ichthyologists

Network (WIN), concerning the proper term for a gathering of Sharks. According to several respected sources, a group of Sharks is a “school.” However, all agree that the group of Sharks at the Isle of Hope Gnatatorium had nothing to do with academics and could not be characterized as a “school” in any way. A few sources generically describe a group of Sharks as a “herd.” That cannot possibly be correct because Sharks make no sounds and are never heard or a “herd.” A few obscure sources refer to a gathering of Sharks as a “shiver.” When it is 100 degrees Fahrenheit at 8 a.m., you cannot have a “shiver” of Sharks. You could

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# Front Porch

BY CHRIS BRANTLEY, EDITOR



September marks the end of a sweltering summer in Savannah. In June, I welcome the hot and long days, but as August turns to September, I yearn for the crisp fall Saturday mornings before the big game. Go Dawgs!

I look forward to some of my favorite things – college football, the yearly releases of the best bourbons, the “r” months and oyster roasts, walking the trails of Wormsloe, and sitting on my front porch sipping bourbon and listening to jazz as the day ends. Of course, some challenges, such as potential hurricanes, lurk off the coast a time or two during the season, and the gnats still like to say hello on the warmer days.

In fall, the pace of life picks up again, as pools close, schools open, and “Friday Night Lights” beam brightly all over the city. Slow, lazy days turn

to overly active days with too much to do, especially if you have kids.

I’m glad I live somewhere I can experience all the seasons (and winter comes and goes quickly).

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have a “flopsweat” of Sharks, but you cannot have a “shiver.” Perhaps the best name WIN standards for a group of Sharks is a “frenzy” of Sharks – an extreme aquatic agitation, a temporary watery delirium characterized by splashing, thrashing, and furor. Swap “fun” for “furor” and you have the perfect definition for a group of Isle of Hope Sharks.

For almost three months, a “frenzy” of Isle of Hope Sharks practiced early in the morning and late in the afternoon to attempt a repeat of last year’s city championship. It takes a lot of Sharks to accomplish such a lofty goal. No doubt, this year’s team had a lot of Sharks – 158 in all. These were not dead-eye, cold-blooded, snaggle-tooth fish. These were living, breathing, smiling Shark swimmers, each with a name. (See page 5 for all the names.)

The Sharks headed into their dual meet season with the longest roster of names and the highest of hopes of any team in the Savannah Coastal Swim League. We would need every single name on the roster. Our first dual meet was our toughest, against the speedy Savannah Golf Club Stingrays. We swam “LIGHTS OUT!” against the Stingrays. We actually had to swim “LIGHTS OUT” because the meet went until 9:30 pm and the lights at the Gnatatorium did not work that night. There was no such drama in the meets with the Savannah Yacht Club Commodores, Landings Lightning, Savannah Quarters Sailfish, Mayfair Marlins, and Wilmington Park Barracudas. The Sharks won them all and ended the dual meet season undefeat-



*Wilkes Sabogal, Rhett McCarthy, Ethan Zimmerman, and Foster McGarity-City Championship 11-12 boys medley relay*

ed. CHOMP, CHOMP, CHOMP, CHOMP, CHOMP, and CHOMP!

There were two season-ending championship meets for the summer swim league: A Rising Star Meet for beginner swimmers and a separate City Meet for more experienced swimmers. All 8 league teams participate in both meets.

When all the splashing was over, the Sharks had won both meets. The City Meet win, a repeat win, was particularly sweet. There were super swims all season long, but the most special swim was by the City Championship 11-12 boys medley relay team of Ethan Zimmerman, Rhett McCarthy, Wilkes Sabogal, and Foster McGarity, who broke a city swimming record that had stood for almost 40 years. Owen Deloach and

Cade Tysinger won multiple individual events at the City Meet and high point awards for their age groups. Charlotte Futrell, Collins Sewell, Elliott Grill, and Alex Mackowiak also won events at City Meet. Fin-tastic!

For the first time ever, the Sharks won the TRIPLE CROWN of Savannah swimming in the same year: a Dual Meet Championship, a Rising Star Championship, and a City Meet Championship. Some might call that trifecta “JAWS 3,” but we all know that the JAWS movies do not end well for sharks. Eight-year-old Shark Connor Martin came up with a better name for the Sharks’ triple crown: UN-UN-UNDEFEATED!!! Connor has trademarked the word, “UN-UN-UNDEFEATED!!!” When you talk about the

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Get ready to discover over 140 artisans showcasing painting, jewelry, food items, photography, 16 Food Trucks and much more. The Artist exhibition hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with Festival Music continuing, under the moonlight, until 8 p.m.

Festival merchandise will be available to purchase at the information booth near the marina. New this year, we have designed a custom patch for the festival and Mess Hall Trucker Hats will be at the marina to help you design your own hat to commemorate the day. Be sure to visit our Children's area where fun new surprises await and where creativity for little ones will abound. Don't miss the puppet show with Mr. Puppet at 11a.m. and 2 p.m. in the kids area near Paxton Park along with face painting by Gilterboxx Studio and arts and crafts with the Art Bus.

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	SOLD	41 Cardinal Rd	\$1,990,000	\$1,650,000
	SOLD	7633 Peridot Ln	\$574,900	\$530,000
	SOLD	11 Wylly Av	\$689,900	\$689,000
	SOLD	105 Herb River	\$2,675,000	\$2,500,000
	SOLD	107 Hopecrest	\$640,000	\$640,000
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the word "UN-UN-UNDEFEATED," please be sure to send Connor a dollar.

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Prior to the outbreak of World War II, he was in Northern Ireland building docks for the Navy. During World War II, he served as an aid to Admiral Spruance. He saw action in Hawaii and Italy. He was a graduate of the Navy War College. In June of 1960, Captain Daily retired from the Navy as a Captain of the Civil Engi-

neer Corps and moved to Savannah, Georgia. He worked for a number of years for the City of Savannah as Director of the Department of Public Improvement. Captain Daily was a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers, the Retired Officers Association, the Military Order of World Wars, and the Society of Military Engineers. He was a long-time member of the St. James Catholic Church.

Under Captain Daily's will, a Charitable Trust was created to promote causes which were important to him. A portion of the income generated by this Trust will help support St. Joseph's Candler Hospital, the St. James Catholic Church, and the Charles S. Daily Scholarship Fund. During Captain Daily's long career, he was

often involved in training and teaching young people. As an engineer, he wanted to help steer young people toward this avocation. Since his wife had been a physical education major and then taught elementary school and coached high school basketball, he selected physical education as another area of emphasis.

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Autumn reminds me that life constantly changes. Some things decay, while others ripen. And sometimes that which is dying, like the falling leaves making way for the fresh and new, captivates me the most.

Fall also brings some of the island's best-loved events, like the Isle of Hope Art and Music Festival (see page 7), the Isle of Hope Tour of Gardens (see page 3), and the IOH Christmas Tour of Homes (see page 6) to name a few. You can also enjoy a couple more nights of live music at the IOH Marina (see page 13) before it gets too cold and of course, Trick-or-Treating on the Bluff.

Although I grew up on the island, I have lived on Wilmington Island, Tybee Island, and Kensington Park (Midtown). Those were all great places to live, but I have never found a place like the Isle of Hope.

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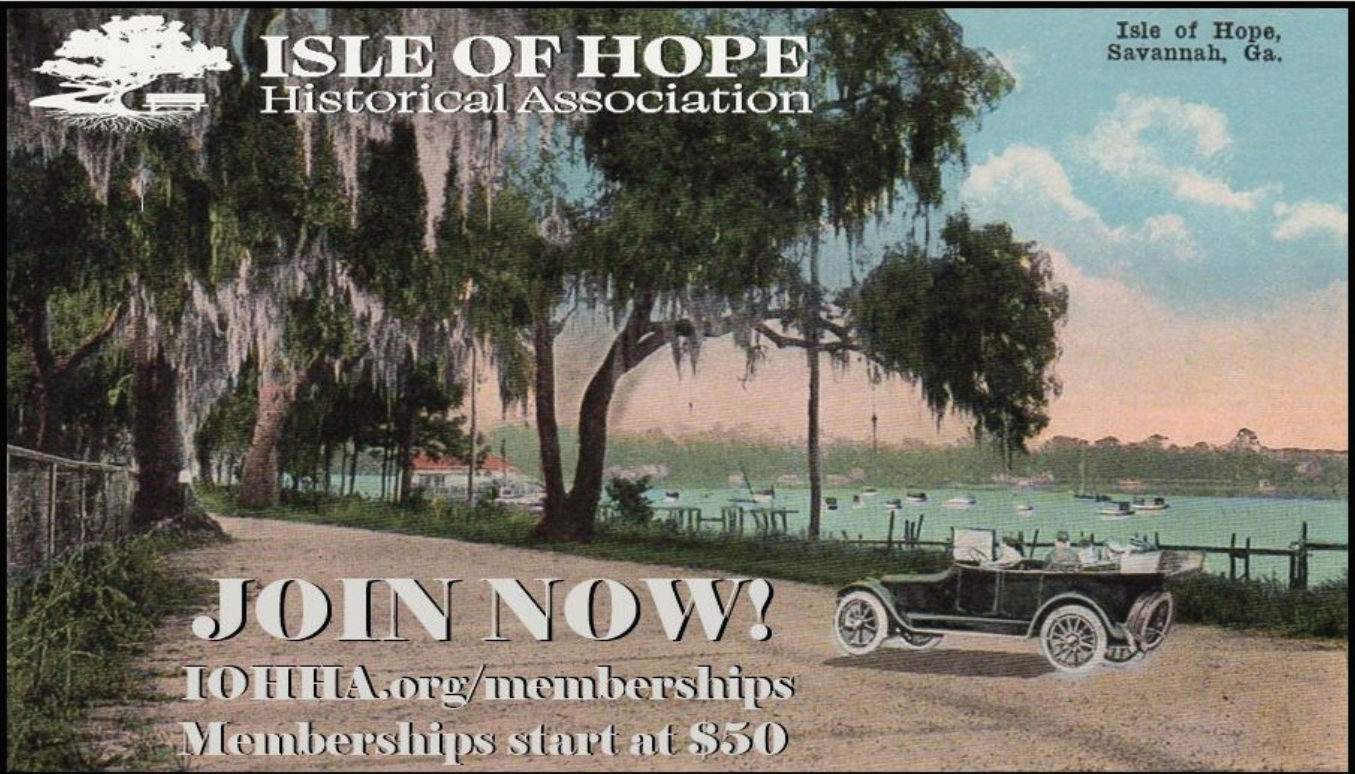
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