

The Pilot

Monthly newsletter of the Upstate Boating Club



Come for the Boating Education...Stay for the FriendsSM

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From the Bridge - Charles Guderian

Boat or No Boat????

Come join us at Hickory Knob State Park near McCormick, SC on Thursday, October 18 for a cruise on the upper reaches of Lake Thurmond.

This event will occur the day before the start of the District 26 Fall Conference. Pam and I are bringing our pontoon, Big Easy, and we have room for more passengers so give me a call if you want to join us on our boat or if you plan to bring your boat to join in.

We plan to journey to Hickory Knob in the morning, launch and depart the Hickory Knob dock around midday and return to the park that evening. Most likely we will eat dinner in the park restaurant

For the afternoon cruise bring snacks and drinks of your choice. Here is a link about the park location etc.

<https://southcarolinaparks.com/hickory-knob>

Calendar of Events

LHS&PS Calendar of Events

October

6 Upstate Boating Club's Annual Meeting
9 Executive Committee Meeting
11 Anchoring Seminar at Cabela's
19 - 21 D/26 Fall Conference at Hickory Knob

November

8 Boat Handling Seminar at Cabela's
13 Executive Committee Meeting
18 Change of Watch Brunch

December

11 Executive Committee Meeting
13 VHF &SSB Seminar at Cabela's



Annual Meeting Saturday, October 6

The nominating Committee has given us a slate of nominees for next year. Now all we have to do is get together and vote on them at our Annual Meeting.

This year's Upstate Boating Club meeting will be held on October 6th at our house in Anderson.

The formal part of this meeting is usually concluded in ten minutes or so. The plan for the rest of the evening will be spent hanging around the fire pit, just socializing and having some fun.

We will have the fire going around 6:30, just bring a heavy hor d'oeuvres or dessert to share and whatever you will be drinking that evening.

Do not worry football fans, we will have the games playing on the TV!!

Come by boat (S-40, back in the cove) or by land, 909 Snug Harbor, Anderson SC.

Hope to see you all then!!

Give us a call by October 3rd if you are coming.

Billy cell 864-419-3069

Julie cell 864-419-3076

Billy Owens

The Squadron Change of Watch will be held Sunday morning at 11:30 am, on Sunday, November 18 at the City Range Grill. The food service will be a Brunch.

Our Bridge

President: Jim Carroll, AP

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Vice President: Pete Stevenson, AP

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Administrative Officer: Nioka Rose, S

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Education Officer: Chris Rose, SN

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Secretary: Billy Owens, AP

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Treasurer: Lynn Solesbee, AP

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Assistant SEO: Vacant

Members At Large:

Al Engelmann, SN

Ted Sauvain, JN

David Cross, SN

Nathan Reynolds

Nominating Committee

Al Engelmann, SN (1 Yr)

Jim Carroll, AP (2 Yrs)

Charles Guderian, S (3 Yrs)

Have you ever attended a District meeting?

You should as it can be quite interesting. On the agenda there are typically three types of assemblies. First, at the end of the day on Saturday there is a business meeting in which various district business details are dealt with like by laws, budgets, and future meetings. This demonstration of the democratic process can be lively and informative. Everyone should attend at least one.

Earlier, the other two types of gatherings occur. One type is the gathering of the several squadron officers to discuss and share issues. So the Commanders talk together for an hour or so while the admin officers meet separately to discuss how they handle their assignments. Similar sessions are held by SEO's (squadron education officers), squadron executive officers, squadron treasurers and, etc. Usually the district officer in the same positions attend the squadron sessions and often there are visitors from national who kibitz. A lot gets done and contacts made among peers creates opportunity for co operation. The third type of meeting is seminars on how to do stuff like organize and conduct a survey of navigation aids, or introduction to the latest electronic gear. The menu changes from meeting to meeting and is always interesting.

In the evening there's always a sumptuous meal and a celebration of the change of command, out with the old, in with the new and toasts to you and yours and to your health.

So come, learn, observe and enjoy. Use the link below to register.

D/26 Fall Conference October 19 - 21

[Registration Form](#)

Boating Safety - It Could Mean Your Life

In the most recent year with complete data, the US Coast Guard reports that there were 4062 recreational boating accidents in the U.S. and its territories in which 626 lives were lost and 2,620 were injured. Almost 76% of the fatal accident victims drowned, and of these, 85% were reported as not wearing a life jacket. Eight out of every ten boaters who drowned were using boats less than 21 feet in length.

BWI (Boating While Intoxicated) is the leading contributing factor in fatal boating accidents; it was listed as the leading factor in 17% of the deaths. Operators with a blood alcohol level of 0.10 percent (for most of us, that means just one to three beers) are 10 times as likely to be killed in a boating accident as a sober boater.

Additional contributing factors for deaths were hazardous waters, operator inattention, weather, operator inexperience, excessive speed, improper lookout, drug use, navigation rules violation, sharp turn, restricted vision, failure to ventilate the bilge, and inadequate onboard navigation lights.

ABA encourages every boater to be serious about boating safety, starting with the proper kind and amount of boater training. Remember, a boating mishap or fatality often involves innocent people who share in none of the blame, but all of the consequence. As a responsible boater, the life you save may very well be someone else's.

Remember, **B E S A F E*** - **KNOW YOUR...**

Boat

Equipment

Safety devices and PFDs

Alcohol limits

First aid and emergency procedures

Environment (area and weather)

...BEFORE YOU GO!

** Source: National Safe Boating Council*

D26 Conference Schedule Alternatives

The District is trying to improve the District Meetings, making them more interesting and less expensive. The table below presents the several choices that will be discussed and one perhaps adopted at the meeting.

Current Schedule

- Spring Awards Conference
- Cruise & Rendezvous
- Fall Conference & COW

Alternative 1

- Spring Awards Conference
 - Emphasize Lower Cost Venue
- Cruise & Rendezvous
 - Could be Restricted to Coastal Waterways
- Fall Conference & COW
 - Emphasize Lower Cost Venue

Alternative 2

- Spring Awards Conference
 - No Conference - Council Teleconference
- Cruise & Rendezvous
 - Awards Ceremony @ Saturday Luncheon
 - Could be Restricted to Coastal Waterways
- Fall Conference & COW
 - Limited Rotation
 - Emphasize Lower Cost Venues

Alternative 3

- Spring Awards Conference
 - No Conference - Council Teleconference
- Cruise & Rendezvous
 - District Cruise (up to 7 days)
 - Awards Ceremony @ Saturday Luncheon
 - Could be Restricted to Coastal Waterways
- Fall Conference & COW
 - Limited Rotation
 - Emphasize Lower Cost Venues

Alternative 4

- District Cruise (up to 7 days)
- Saturday Awards Ceremony @ Luncheon
 - Could be Restricted to Coastal Waterways
- Fall Conference & COW
 - Limited Rotation
 - Emphasize Lower Cost Venues

D/26 October Boating Activities

Day	Date(s)	Activity	Host Squadron	Contact	Email/Phone#
Sat.	6th	Lake Wateree Small Boat Cruise	Dreher Shoals	Bob Ameson	-
Sun.	7th	Bohicket	Beaufort	Lt Vicki (JN) & Erl (S) Swierkowski	vlswierk@gmail.com / 843-441-1301
Sat.	13th	Sunbury Crab Company, Midway	Tybee Light	Hal Evans	hevans-mail@comcast.net / 703-629-2436
Sun.	14th	Lake Hartwell Raftout	Lake Hartwell	Charles Guderian	ecgthree@aol.com
Thurs.	18th	Wacca Wache Marina, Murrells Inlet, NC	North Strand		-
Fri.-Sun.	19th-21st	Dry Stack Marina, Georgetown, SC (Wooden Boat Show)	North Strand		-
Extended	19th-28th	Long Distance Cruise TBD	Long Bay	Rhonda Hardee	hard-ee@sccoast.net / 843-902-8653

Education

Cabela's on Woodruff Road in Greenville **Schedule of Upcoming Classes and Seminars**

Seminar Cost is \$25.00 per person.

Register at www.UpstateBoatingCourse.org or phone us at 864 567-1394 for more information.

Thursday, October 11 , No-Drag Anchoring

Anchors and ground tackle represent a significant investment for boat owners. This seminar covers selection of anchor, rode and components; anchor selection for sea conditions and bottom characteristics; deployment and recovery of anchors.

Thursday, November 8, Learn Skillful Boat Handling

Prevent "dock rash," grounding damage, bent props, strain on your engine, wasted fuel and similar money-wasting adventures. Improve your boat handling skills by learning docking and anchoring techniques, close quarter maneuvering, the use of drive trim, trim tabs and steering in reverse.

Thursday, December 13, Upgrade Your Communications with VHF & SSB Radio

Is your on-the-water communication limited to a cell phone? If so, it's time you considered an upgrade to VHF & SSB radio for both safety and confidence. VHF Radio is the mainstay of coastal communications and is essential for emergency communications. DSC (Digital Selective Calling) simplifies and improves rescue.



Upstate Boating Club

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes September 11, 2018

MD 360 Powdersville, SC

I. Call to Order 18:30 by Pete Stevenson (Executive Officer)

- A. A quorum was established
- B. Invocation
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Minutes of August meeting were approved

II AD-Hoc Committees

- 1. The 7 Touch program was concluded

III. Department Reports

A. Commander – Pete Stevenson (Executive Officer)

- 1. Commander Carroll is recuperating from surgery
- 2. Please submit notes for the Merit Marks
- 3. Chief Commander Gary Cheney has sent us a letter on our new Logo being used for the Upstate Boating Club, asking us to discontinue use of it.
- 4. A motion was made that we comply with the letter and was passed

B. Past Commander – Charles Guderian

No report

C. Treasurer – Lynn Solesbee

- 1. The treasurer's report was handed out.

D. Administration – Nioka Rose

- 1. COW is November 18 at City Range Grill
- 2. Annual meeting is October 6 at the Owens
- 3. Nioka sat in on a D/26 Admin meeting
- 4. A Raft out to coincide with the D/26 COW is being put together

E. Education – Chris Rose

- 1. ABC had 6 students
- 2. The old Seamanship manuals have been returned
- 3. Anchoring seminar is set for 10/11/2018.

F. Executive – Pete Stevenson

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

1. 8 Co-op reports by LHS&PS have been submitted bringing the National total to 308 at the time of drafting these minutes.
2. We still have a few VSC stickers left.

G. Secretary – Billy Owens

1. October 2018 Poinsett Pilot article assignments– (Articles are due by Sept. 20)
 - From the Bridge - Jim
 - Education- Chris
 - D/26 Planning Committee Charles Guderian
 - Annual Meeting – Billy
 - Fall Conference Link - Nioka
 - Raft out for fall conference – Pete and Charles
2. The logo on the Pilot has been changed to the Burgee.

H. Members at Large _ no report

IV. **Old Business** – none

New Business –

- A. A Slate of Officers for 2019 has been submitted by the Nominating Committee
 - Billy Owens Commander
 - Pete Stevenson Executive
 - Nioka Rose Administration
 - Chris Rose SEO
 - Lynn Solesbee Treasurer
 - Charles Guderian Secretary
- Members at Large
- Nate Reynolds,
Don Woodard
Al Engelmann

VI. The next ExCom meeting is at MD 360 Powdersville Tuesday October 9 @ 18:30

VII. Adjourn 19:30

Submitted by Billy Owens



*By Boaters, For Boaters*SM



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