

The Pilot

Monthly Newsletter of America's Boating Club of the Upstate



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

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From the Bridge - Billy Owens

We had the July 4th raft out at our house. Thanks to those who came and hung out for the day. It was hot as all get out but we made it thru by hanging out in the lake, sipping cold beverages, and having a little homemade peach ice cream. We also had several guests show up and hang out with us and we were even able to get a few new members from it!! (still working on the others)

Next I would like to thank the Lake Murray Squadron for inviting us to their "Docktails" here on Lake Hartwell. Several of us were able to go down and meet with them. I must say after a very long time of being somewhat "inactive" we had a blast getting together with another Squadron.

On September 28th we will be gathering at our house for the Annual Meeting. This will be a potluck. Don't fret on the football games, as we have several TV's that will be tuned to the local games!! Let's meet around 2:00 hang out, eat, watch some football, do some planning for next year, and take care of the required meeting. We will vote on our November incoming Bridge, (usually takes about 5 minutes or less) Just a couple of new changes, Bert Baxter will take over as SEO and Craig McQueen will become the new Treasurer. More on that will be in next month's *Pilot*.

Sometime this month we may try a Saturday get together on the lake for a "Float and Sip" raft out. It will be a last-minute thing so keep an eye out for the e-mail and Facebook notice.

If you haven't "liked" the Squadron on Facebook, please do so. There is a lot of last minute stuff we put on there.

Calendar of Events

LHS&PS Calendar of Events

August

13 Executive Committee Meeting
17 Saluda River Paddle

September

10 Executive Committee Meeting
14 ABC Class at Cabela's
19 French Broad River Paddle
28 Potluck Annual Meeting to Elect New Bridge

October

4 - 6 Fall Color cruise on the Tennessee
8 Executive Committee Meeting
18 - 20 D/26 Fall Conference

Our Bridge

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Assistant SEO: Vacant

Members At Large:

Al Engelmann, SN

Don Woodard, N

Nathan Reynolds, AP

Nominating Committee

Charles Guderian, S 1 Yr

Chris Rose, SN 2 Yrs

Lynn Solesbee, AP 3 Yrs

August Happy Hour!

Thursday the 22nd at 6:pm

Liability Brewing Company
109 W. Stone Avenue, Greenville
(<https://liabilitybrewing.com>)

Parking is available onsite and the best part is that Moe's Original Bar-B-Q is next door. (<https://www.moesoriginalbbq.com/greenville/>).

Liability has a great selection of beers for all tastes and with Moe's next door, it is one of the premier Taproom and Food combinations in the Upstate.

Please email (lynn@bluewatercivil.com) or call me (864-735-5453) if you have any questions. I look forward to seeing you on the 22nd for a great time together! For your safety, please use the crosswalk at the intersection of West Stone Avenue and Townes Street to cross. Traffic on Stone Avenue moves! Limited street parking is also available on Townes, Neal and Wilton streets.

Please be respectful of our neighbors should you choose to take advantage of street parking!

Mark Your Calendars for a Tennessee River Cruise on October 4th - 6th!

Plan to mark your calendars to attend a cruise on the Tennessee River. We will trailer to Chattanooga on Friday and cruise over the weekend up or down the river. The detailed itinerary will follow. Let me know if you are interested so I can get a feel for slips needed and other accommodations. Chattanooga is a fun place with plenty of things to do so plan to join us especially if you have never experienced traversing a lock.

P/C Ray Fedele, SN

Rayfedele1969@att.net or 864-918-9111



Docktails

Many thanks to Lake Murray Squadron for inviting us to a fun get together!



Wine and Cheese

The weather was perfect for the Wine and Cheese event. Boats and cars started coming in around 12 that afternoon and trickled in until 5 or 6. The McQueens anchored out their big floating mat, which worked perfect for a bar top for up to 10 – 12 folks at a time. Needless to say, there was a lot of floating and sipping out in the lake that day.

Later we wandered up to the house, started the low country boil and got out the corn hole games. Snacks and wine were bought out share. I must say everyone went way out on preparing their appetizers and desserts. They were enjoyed by all! We had a large selection of wines and there was even fresh made Sangria to sample. As the sun started to set the boil was ready to enjoy and everyone seemed to eat to their fill.

A very big thank you to the McQueen's for opening up their beautiful home and dock for us to use,. We all had a blast! Your hospitality is always appreciated.

I would like to also thank all our members who brought guests. If we are going to rebuild the Squadron back up to its glory years, this is essential. The more of our friends we can get out to our events, the better we will be able to grow. So if you have some buddies, that like to play on the water or just like to socialize, please come to the next event and bring them with you!!

Billy Owens



Wine and Cheese



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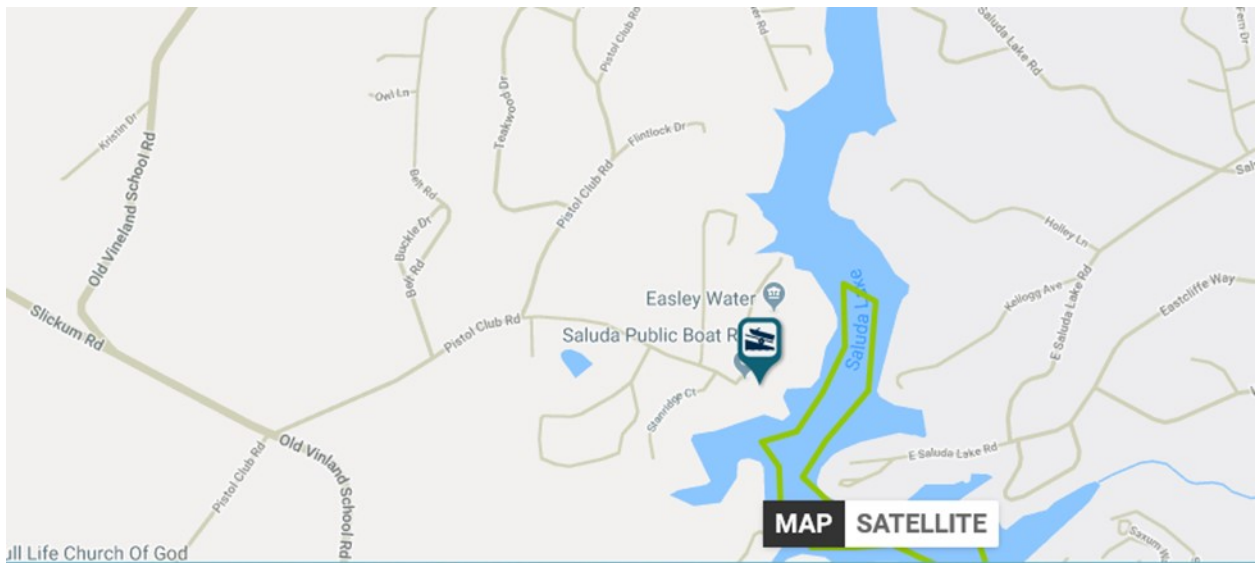


Saluda Lake Paddle

Week of August 11 - 17

Date will be decided based on what works best for those interested in going

Come with us to paddle on Saluda Lake. Bring your canoe or kayak (rented or owned) to the public landing on the Pickens County side of the lake. We can meet at the launch for a relaxing paddle to explore this small lake. If you are interested please contact me at 864-477-9479 by Tuesday 08/13/2019 for more details. Plan to bring snacks and drinks with you. Rentals are available at Sunrift Adventures in Travelers Rest : <https://yelp.to/qTKq/2MF4FVpVwY>.



Saluda Lake: Saluda Lake Access

- Skill Level: Easy ⓘ
- ☑ Flow Level: Runnable ⓘ
- Rapids: None

- Length: 0.0 miles
- Duration: .5 - 5 hours
- Portaging: No

WHAT TO EXPECT

Paddlers and boaters alike can expect clear open waters, with the opportunity to travel around Saluda Lake at their own leisure.

ACCESS

Put in: Saluda Lake Access and Parking Area
📍 322 Buckskin Road, Easley, SC 29640



Please [Sign In](#) or [Create A](#)

America's Boating Course

Members, if you know of boaters that could use some training in safe boating let them know about the September 14th class. See the press release here or use the link below to find more information on the course.

America's Boating Course - September 14

For boaters in the area, Americas Boating Club of the Upstate will offer the America's Boating Course. The course will be held at Cabela's on Woodruff Rd, on Saturday, September 14 from 9:30 AM to 5:00PM.

The 8-hour course covers boat handling, anchoring, finding directions, adverse condition and using the marine radio. The course has been approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators and Recognized by SCDNR, many major insurance carriers and the United States Coast Guard.

The cost of the course is \$35.00 and \$10.00 for each additional family member.

For more information and to register go to Lake-Hartwell.org/ABC.
For questions call Chris Rose, 864 567-1394.

Strategic Transition Plan

Please take a few minutes to read the Strategic Transition Plan and give them your opinion by using the link below to fill out a survey.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfDHZHgIomEm2hr47RhILRdh30ThiVit-VUxX6DchyhhtGwww/viewform>

Proposed Outline of 2019 Strategic Transition Plan for: United States Power Squadrons, dba; America's Boating Club

Mission:

Promote watercraft skills on and off the water through member social interaction, education, and civic service.

Vision:

America's Boating Club is local groups of members who enjoy sharing their passion for boating skills within their membership and with the boating public. They partner with other organizations dedicated to improving the on-water experience, while respecting the environment and laws governing our waterways. ABClub projects a pleasurable social atmosphere, combined with educational efforts.

Strategy One: Establish an operational structure that ensures survivability of USPS/ABClub through the transition period and beyond

- Initiative One – Initiate squadron, district, and national simplification to ensure success (see appendix "A")
 - o Create a contemporary organizational structure
 - o Operational changes
 - o Meeting reductions
 - o Attire & Protocol changes
- Initiative Two – Establish organizational structure of USPS
 - o Corporate entity for 501c3 status
 - o Grant Management
 - o USPS Education Dept. (USPS University) & HQ support
 - Provide a highly visible, broad-based on water training initiative that attracts a wide audience
 - Develop and maintain educational material that is relevant to the recreational watercraft market place
 - Develop and provide educational offerings in the technology that is desired by the market place
 - o HQ positions & Executive Director
 - Succession Plan
 - o Marketing & Publications
 - Promote and Market America's Boating Club opportunities
 - Develop comprehensive 'best practice' civic outreach guidelines that project values of our organization, and encourages member involvement.
 - o Member Benefits
- Initiative Three – Establish business plan for America's Boating Club
 - o Improve Culture and Products to Attract New Members
 - Boating—recreation, fun, family and relaxation are of primary importance
 - Culture—emphasize flexibility with minimal structure and formality
 - Appearance—look and dress like contemporary boaters

Strategic Transition Plan

- Education—must be highly accessible and emphasize on-water training, seminars, and online course access
- Programming—facilitate recreational watercraft community and waterway betterment and advocacy
- o Ultimately America’s Boating Club Business Plan will be
 - Focused on recreation and on-water fun
 - Simple to participate in, flexible and easy to do business with
 - Highly visible among active watercraft enthusiasts and within the marine community
 - Delivering valuable, exclusive member benefits
 - Adding value to the recreational on-the-water experience of all members
 - Ahead of trends and up to date with developments in recreational on water communities

Strategy Two: Assess Fiscal Management

- Initiative One – Review expense reimbursement policy based on the strict needs of the new reduced organizational structure
- Initiative Two – Assessment of assets
 - o Ensure return on investment
 - o Establish support level for less popular offerings
- Initiative Three – Develop operational budget for new organizational structure
- Initiative Four – Assess possible ‘one single dues regime’ throughout the organization
- Initiative Five - Fund new offerings based upon the needs of the current and forecasted recreational watercraft community
- Initiative Six – Evaluate the role of Education and Endowment Funds in any future reorganization
- Initiative Seven - Fund technology improvements to support the growth of the organization

Strategy Three: Reflect age, gender, cultural, and demographic changes in the watercraft community while honoring our heritage

- Initiative One – Develop comprehensive recruitment outreach program
 - o Depict variety of ethnicity in advertisements
- Initiative Two – Relax uniform protocol as desired
- Initiative Three – Improve technology and social media infrastructure
- Initiative Four – Establish partnerships and working relationships with other organizations to reach a larger and diverse audience in the watercraft community
- Initiative Five – Encourage family friendly and youth activities for future market development

Appendix “A” - Simplification

- Immediately reduce any orientation to OT in 1 ½ focusing on our core mission not protocol.
- Reduce Squadron burden by dropping formal GB meeting. Hold only an Annual meeting.
- Significantly relax requirements for squadrons to fill so many positions. Completely eliminate many positions (Radio Technical, Chair of local boards etc.).
- Review entire structure and eliminate programs. Validate everything as a cost benefit (true value to membership).
- Immediately eliminate ranks, grades as descriptors. Create an “almost no-titles allowed” policy. Determine how younger people refer to positions.
- Immediately eliminate uniforms. Encourage adoption of proper attire and set a proposed standard for casual attire at gatherings.

Strategic Transition Plan

- Allow all squadrons and districts to operate in a reduced, simplified, newly defined capacity. Be willing to “look the other way” a bit for a while.
- Have a National live help line and/or chat line to help members of squadrons who have questions. Have authority to react immediately.
- Create an easy and intuitive National Information system available on all electronic platforms.
- Restructure Districts (replaced by three facilitators who mirror National help/chat line) and keep in regular contact with squadrons. No mandatory Council or Conference meetings.
- Reduce the number of bridge positions to, maybe four. President, Vice president, Sec/Tres and Education Coordinator. Outline structure for squadrons to have more positions if desired.
- Squadrons should adopt a softer name - “America's Boating Club of Skagit Bay” for example.
- Encourage squadrons to concentrate their manpower on activities that best fit their member’s desires.
- Encourage “outreach” by thinking “young” even though few members may show interest.
- Eliminate the monthly GMM business meeting. One annual meeting is sufficient. Make any regular gatherings fun and informative – no drudgery.
- Explore new approaches to filling positions.
- Encourage Squadrons to adopt mostly electronic means of communication with members.
- Leaders need to focus on creating fun activity oriented jobs not administrative, reporting jobs. Eliminate most formal reporting.

Submitted by: Planning Committee, February 15, 2019

The ins and outs of Battery Selector Switches



Typical battery selector switch. Notice the warning at the top of the label—read and remember it. Your switch may be in the dark and not visible to warn you in the heat of the moment!

If you have multiple batteries that you charge with your boat engine, you surely have a battery selector switch. It may be useful to review a few installation, operational and maintenance factors connected with the use of these switches.

- Make sure the amperage rating is correct for your electrical system.
- Make sure you provide adequate strain relief for your heavy gauge battery cables.
- Take into account length of run and load in selecting battery cables if you are installing a remote second battery.
- Apply a liquid electrical coating to the terminal connections.
- Do not exceed the switch's torque specification for the terminal connections, or over-tighten the mounting screws.
- Consider the lifetime of the switch to be three to five years, especially in a salt water environment.
- Never switch to OFF while the engine is running (alternator is charging).
- Never switch to BOTH (two battery system) when the boat fails to start with the starting battery.
- As a maintenance item, measure the voltage to the switch from each battery and also the voltage at the positive bus bar to make sure they are equal.
- Periodically operate the switch rapidly with all loads disconnected to remove oxidation from the contacts.
- Do not open the switch body in an attempt to service the contacts if the switch is installed in an enclosed area you might compromise the ignition-protected design of the switch and introduce an explosion hazard.

Features to look for in a switch:

- Alternator field disconnect; protects circuits from catastrophic voltage surges when the switch is moved from 1 to 2 or OFF while the alternator is charging.
- Make-before-break switch operation to protect alternator diodes.

The ins and outs of Battery Selector Switches

- Fiber-reinforced polymer body construction to withstand stresses from mounting screws and battery cable strain.
- One battery completely draining the other, with inability to start the engine.

What can happen

The above factors are important in avoiding a failure that can leave you with partial or no electrical power while under way, or the inability to start your engines. See if you can match the following avoidable situations with the recommendations above:

- Melting of the switch body, with loss of all circuits.
- Mechanical disintegration of the switch, with loss of all circuits.
- Voltage spike to all circuits with loss of one or more of them, including GPS and communications.
- One battery completely draining the other, with inability to start the engine.

As you can see, neglecting to understand and maintain this vital component can leave you in a serious situation. Be sure that you have the necessary wrenches, screwdrivers, electrical tape, nuts and bolts aboard to enable you to safely bypass a failed switch so that you can start your engine safely and power critical circuits. Also, have aboard a current wiring diagram and an emergency diagram to help you safely bypass the switch in an emergency.

Don Woodard, N

Ship's Store



Port Authority Rapid Dry Polo.

Port Authority Rapid Dry Polo. Soft and breathable, this baby pique polo has our exclusive Rapid Dry moisture-wicking technology. This unique knit has a soft inner layer which wicks moisture away from your skin to the shirt's surface where it quickly disperses and evaporates. 5.6-ounce, 60/40 cotton/poly Double-needle stitching throughout 3-button placket Pearlized buttons Open hem sleeves Side vents

Price \$26.00

Colors: White; Classic Navy; Dark Green; Royal; Jet Black; Red; Charcoal; Seafoam; Stone; Riviera Blue; Boysenberry Pink;

Moroccan Blue; Dusty Purple

Sizes: XS; S; M; L; XL; 2XL; 3XL; 4XL; 5XL; 6XL



Port Authority Outdoor Wide-Brim Hat.

Port Authority Outdoor Wide-Brim Hat. Trail-ready, this high-performance essential features No Fly Zone insect repellent technology, UPF 30+ sun protection, a concealable sun flap and a moisture wicking sweatband. The foam brim keeps it afloat in water. Fabric: 75/25 poly/nylon rip stop Structure: Unstructured Features: Adjustable cord at crown, clip-on and adjustable drawcord

Price \$20.00

Colors: Coffee Cream; Olive Leaf; Stone

Sizes: S/M; L/XL



Sport-Tek 1/4-Zip Sweatshirt.

Sport-Tek 1/4-Zip Sweatshirt. These durable, colorfast quarter-zips feature a better fit with minimal shrinkage, as well as 2x2 rib knit cuffs and waistband. 9-ounce, 65/35 ring spun combed cotton/poly fleece Twill-taped neck 2x2 rib knit cuffs and hem with spandex *Please note: This product is transitioning from woven labels to tag-free labels. Your order may contain a combination of both labels

Price \$31.00

Colors: Athletic Heather; Black; Forest Green; Graphite Heather; Maroon; True Navy; True Red; True Royal; Vintage Heather; White

Sizes: XS; S; M; L; XL; 2XL; 3XL; 4X

Ship's Store



Eddie Bauer - Long Sleeve Fishing Shirt.

Eddie Bauer - Long Sleeve Fishing Shirt. Designed with the needs of fishermen in mind--but equally comfortable anywhere--this shirt has all the bells and whistles: a built-in rod holder, two large fly box pockets, utility loop and more. 3.5-ounce, 100% cotton poplin 100% polyester mesh upper back lining Built-in rod holder Two large fly box pockets with hook and loop closures Zippered chest pocket Utility loop and tool holder Cape back with mesh ...

Price \$47.00



Eddie Bauer - Short Sleeve Fishing Shirt.

Eddie Bauer - Short Sleeve Fishing Shirt. Designed with the needs of fishermen in mind--but equally comfortable anywhere--this shirt has all the bells and whistles: a built-in rod holder, two large fly box pockets, utility loop and more. 3.5-ounce, 100% cotton poplin 100% polyester mesh upper back lining Built-in rod holder Two large fly box pockets with hook and loop closures Zippered chest pocket Utility loop and tool holder Cape back with mesh...

Price \$41.00

Colors: Blue Gill; Driftwood; Goldenrod Yellow; Seagrass Green; White
Sizes: XS; S; M; L; XL; 2XL; 3XL; 4XL



Sport-Tek Ladies Sport-Wick Textured Colorblock 1/4-Zip Pullover

Sport-Tek Ladies Sport-Wick Textured Colorblock 1/4-Zip Pullover. Contrast sleeve stripes and texture give this moisture-wicking pullover an unrivaled look. 100% polyester Gently contoured silhouette Cadet collar Tag-free label Taped neck Front and back princess seams Contrast Vislon zipper Angled chin guard for additional comfort Set-in sleeves Thumbholes to keep hands warm Open cuffs and hem Slight drop tail hem

Colors: Black/ Iron Grey; Iron Grey/ Black; Pink Raspberry/ Iron Grey; True Royal/ Black; White/ Iron Grey

Sizes: XS; S; M; L; XL; 3XL; 4XL; XXL

Price \$33.00

Ship's Store



12" by 18" Burgee
Price 26.00



4" Burgee Decal
1.00



America's Boating Club of the Upstate

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes July 2, 2019

MD 360 Powdersville, SC

1. Call to Order

A quorum was established with seven members present as follows: Billy Owens, Pete Stevenson, Lynn Solesbee, Chris and Nioka Rose, Charles Guderian and Don Woodard. The meeting was called to order.

2. Department Reports

Commander Billy Owens reminded the group of the D26 Fall Conference to be hosted this year by the Tybee Light Squadron. Several members have expressed an interest in attending. A link to the registration form can be found on the D26 website.

Executive Officer Pete Stevenson along with Rick Cunningham and Charles Guderian performed Vessel Safety Checks at Devil's Fork State Park on June 22 from 9AM to 1PM and were able to inspect ten vessels. That facility can accommodate 150 tow vehicles with trailers and the routinely fills up on summer weekends at which point they begin turning boats around at the entrance. If you plan to go to Jocassee Lake during the busy season they now have five parking spaces that can be reserved ahead of your arrival. The vessel examiners listed above will also attend the Poker Run to perform inspections. Pete will draft an article for the Pilot reviewing the 2019 Poker Run.

Treasurer Lynn Solesbee received checks to be deposited and has issued payments due for reimbursement. Lynn will not be serving as treasurer for the next term.

Administration Nioka Rose reminded the group that excom nominations should be published in the Pilot thirty days prior to the annual meeting. The list of candidates is being finalized.

Education Chris Rose reported on the June 1st ABC course which he and Billy Owens taught at Big Water Marina. The students participated well but since this was the first ABC taught at this venue there was some initial confusion around set up etc. The next ABC is scheduled on September 14 to be taught at Cabela's in Greenville and it will be advertised until then.

Secretary Charles Guderian mentioned that the Intracoastal Waterway is currently being dredged from Charleston harbor to Georgetown. Two events are planned for August. We (LHS&P) are scheduled to be responsible for Coop Charting in August. Please notify Jef Lockman know which zone of the eight available that you intend to inspect so that we can avoid duplication. Another August event scheduled is the Saluda River paddle on August 17th. We will launch at Easley Combined Utilities boat launch which is on the Pickens side of the river North of Easley.

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Poinsett Pilot – Articles are due by the 20th.

From the Bridge –	Billy Owens 4th of July Fireworks & Docktails
ABC classes –	Chris Rose
Coop charting –	Pete Stevenson
Wine and Cheese	Billy Owens
Color Cruise-	Fedele/Billy Owens
Safety	Don Woodard
Happy Hour	Lynn Solesbee
Poker Run	Pete Stevenson
Saluda River Paddle	Charles Guderian
Wine & Cheese Promo	Nioka Rose

Members at Large - Don Woodard will post a “blast” for both the Saluda River paddle event mentioned above and the French Broad River event to be held on September 19th. He is considering making the next safety article address battery selector switches.

3. - Old Business - Our first impromptu event of 2019 was a raft out at “Kudzu Cove” organized by Billy Owens. We had four boats rafted up on one anchor when a squall came up to disrupt the swimming. Quick action by the captains present kept the boats from going ashore. Due to the strength of the wind and the curious handling of four vessel tied up with one engine we took an interesting tour of the cove.

4. -.New Business - July will be busy with several events scheduled as follows:

July 4th 2 day raft out at Billy and Julie Owens dock with cruise to fireworks at the Sail Club

July 11th happy Hour at “Birds Fly South” in Greenville

July 12 “Docktails” at 5PM to join 11 vessels visiting from the Lake Murray squadron for socializing on dock 9 at Portman Marina (you may arrive by boat or by car)

July 12 and 13 Poker Run and vessel safety checks at Big Water Marina

July 27th “Wine & Cheese” party and low country boil with games at Craig McQueen’s home (bring wine and side dish to share)

August Coop Charting any time during the month and Saluda River paddle on the 17th

September 14th ABC at Cabella’s

September 19th French Broad River paddle

September 28th annual meeting at Owens’s home at 2PM (bring drinks and a side dish)

Next ExCom meeting is at MD 360 Powdersville Tuesday August 13, @ 6:30PM

Adjourned 7:45 PM

Submitted by Pete Stevenson



*By Boaters, For Boaters*SM



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