



The Pilot



Monthly Newsletter of the

Lake Hartwell Boating Club

From the Bridge - Billy Owens

We are pulling back on our organized raft outs, opting for more of a “meet-up” type of event.

This will give us better choices on distancing while still having fun socializing, enjoying our boats, and our Boat Club. We are shooting to have these types of Raft-Outs every couple of weeks.

If you have an idea or want to go to a specific cove or area let me know.

I think the best way to grow our Club is through our on-the-water activities. If we are having fun and enjoying our boats more people will want to become involved.

So come on out and enjoy some sun and fresh air.

I hope to see everyone on the water soon!!



Calendar of Events

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August

11 Executive Committee Meeting

September

8 Executive Committee Meeting

October

1 - 4 Tennessee River Cruise

13 Executive Committee Meeting

30 - 31 Fall District Teleconference



Our Bridge

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Nominating Committee

Charles Guderian, S 1 Yr

Chris Rose, SN 2 Yrs

Lynn Solesbee, AP 3 Yrs

Travis Creasy	08/01
Bert Baxter	08/06
Jef Lockman	08/07
Rick Cunningham	08/09
Dee Wilkins	08/10
Ken Ramsey	08/14
Amelia Nelson	08/16
Michael Austin	08/21
Andrew Goodman	08/31

Good Friends, Good Food, Good Times



Our first (and probably last) organized raft out went off with a bang! We gathered at our dock Saturday afternoon, for some floating, eating, and just general fun.

Considering everything that is going on, I think we had a decent turnout. Seven member boats were in attendance along with three or four guest boats.

We grilled some dogs and hung out floating in the lake most of the day. After sunset several of us rafted out in the Seneca River for the 4th of July fireworks show. The fireworks were not really organized, just a lot of people shooting off some awesome fireworks all around us.

Perfect ending to a fun day!

Sign of the times But we're still have fun in the South Carolina Sun Float, Bob and Sip with Some Distance



Our first Float, Bob, and Sip went off without a hitch Saturday (unless you count a pair of Costa's going to the bottom in 35 feet).

Everyone was able to keep their distance while still having fun and staying cool in the water.

We had 15 or 16 boats show up for the afternoon event. I think we just all needed some safe social fun!

If you missed it, we will be having more. Make it a point to get out and join us!!

Not All Boating Accidents Happen On The Water

Provided by U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary



When it comes to trailered boats nine out of ten trailering malfunctions and accidents can be directly traced back to a failure to dedicate some time to the most basic preventative maintenance. Wheel bearings, suspension parts, lights, and a host of other components require constant attention to help insure any trailering trip smooth and hassle free. Special attention to the tow vehicle's hitch is a good idea, as that is the only link between the tow vehicle and trailer.

Also consider the fact that one needs a special license and classification to drive things like motorcycles, school buses and vehicles with air brakes like semi-trailer trucks, gravel trucks, etc. But just about anyone can go out and buy a \$30,000 boat and trailer, attach it to his/her car and simply drive away. No special training is required beforehand and no special license classification is needed.

Anyone who has ever hauled a boat around for a number of years knows that it may not be too difficult to drive in a straight line at low speeds. But when it comes to things like driving at highway speeds, passing other vehicles, high winds, backing up, etc... the task becomes much more difficult than one might think.

For more potentially life-saving information along with how to take a boating safety course or get a free vessel safety check from the Coast Guard Auxiliary visit <http://www.uscgboating.org/>. The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is the uniformed civilian component of the United States Coast Guard. Created by an Act of Congress in 1939, the Auxiliary directly supports the Coast Guard in all missions, except military and direct law enforcement actions. The Coast Guard Auxiliary is an integral part of the United States Coast Guard. For more information visit <http://www.cgaux.org/> if you are ready to join visit <http://join.cgaux.org/>. (photo credit: U.S. Navy)

Pete's amazing adventure

The following story is pretty amazing if not quite an adventure. On Sunday afternoon, November 21 I was at my desk checking email when the phone rang. The caller was in Australia and inquired if I would survey a boat in Lexington County and assist him in the purchase assuming the boat checked out. Skeptical? You bet, but curious too so I decided to keep the conversation open. The boat is a Moomba and is a wake setter type, the seller a Clemson student taking exams and the buyer is a plumber in Queensland, Australia.

A lot of email and phone communication followed: buyer and seller, myself with both the buyer and the seller and including correspondence with a surveyor I know in Australia whose home is only three miles from the plumber. The plan at 3 PM on Tuesday, November 23 was; The seller would transfer funds to an account of mine (I had evacuated and isolated the account to receive deposits only), If the survey, scheduled for 11 30 AM on Wednesday the 24th was ok I was to buy the boat, bring it to the upstate and hold it until shipping arrangements were made by the buyer.



That is exactly what happened. On Wednesday at 8 AM a wire transfer for \$2x,xxx appeared in my account. By 9 AM the bank had prepared a cashier's check in the amount of the purchase price and I started my drive to Gilbert, SC. At 11 30 the survey went well and by 1 PM I was on my way home with title and boat. Can you imagine?

I mean imagine the power of the internet. The Australian found the boat on the internet, and then he found me, a member of the surveyor's society who was able to assist him. Next, the criteria for the inspection and purchase were set up. Funds

were wire transferred, the boat was inspected, bought and is in storage awaiting transport, all in the space of 72 hours. Such intercontinental communication and commerce is common to my grandchildren, comfortable for my children and pretty much impossible magic for my parent's generation. And for me, it is amazing.

Boating Accident Death Statistics Show Slight Improvement Accident and Injury Rate Up Slightly



Collisions accompanied by drowning are chief causes of boating fatalities.

In June, the Coast Guard published *Recreational Boating Statistics 2019*, the 61st annual report, with statistics on recreational boating accidents and state vessel registration. This publication is a result of the coordinated effort of the Coast Guard and those states and territories that have Federally-approved boat numbering and casualty reporting systems. These include all states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Here are some highlights from the report.

National Incident Numbers

In 2019, the Coast Guard counted 4,168 accidents that involved 613 deaths, 2,559 injuries and approximately \$55 million dollars of damage to property as a result of recreational boating accidents. Compared to 2018:

The number of accidents increased 0.6%.

The number of deaths decreased 3.2%

The number of injuries increased 1.9%.

The number of boat registrations nationally remained essentially unchanged.

National Incident Rates

The fatality rate was 5.2 deaths per 100,000 registered recreational vessels. This rate represents a 1.9% decrease from the 2018 fatality rate of 5.3 deaths per 100,000 registered recreational vessels.

Drowning Without PFDs A Leading Cause of Fatalities

Where cause of death was known, 79% of fatal boating accident victims drowned. Of those drowning victims with reported life jacket usage, 86% were not wearing a life jacket.

Alcohol Use Remains The Leading Contributing Factor In Boating Deaths

Where the primary cause of fatalities was known, alcohol use was listed as the leading factor in 23% of deaths.

Other factors in the top five:

Operator inattention

Improper lookout

Operator inexperience

Excessive speed

The Critical Role of Boating Safety Instruction

Where instruction was known among victims, 70% of deaths occurred on boats where the operator did not receive boating safety instruction. Only 20% percent of deaths occurred on vessels where the operator had received a nationally-approved boating safety education certificate.

Types of Boats Involved In Incidents



Cabin motorboats are surprisingly almost as often involved in accidents as are personal watercraft.

The most common vessel types involved in reported accidents were:

Open motorboats (45%)

Personal watercraft (19%)

Cabin motorboats (16%)

The vessel types with the highest percentage of deaths were:

Open motorboats (48%)

Kayaks (14%)

Personal watercraft (8%)

South Carolina



Groundings are the third most common category of boating accidents in South Carolina.

In South Carolina last year, there were 141 reported accidents resulting in 15 deaths; 11 by drowning.

The leading cause of accidents was collisions between boats (41). Other leading causes were:

Collisions with objects (26)

Grounding (14)

Flooding/Swamping (12)

Falls overboard (9)

What Can We Do To Promote Safe Boating?

In our education and civic service efforts, can LHBC have an effect in our corner of the state? Assuming we follow national trends, we can make an impact with our ABC *IF* we can get the students to sign up. In the ABC course, we address some of the leading causes of accidents and deaths by:

Promoting PFD use

Warning about skippering a boat while impaired

Training in following COLREGS (rules of the road)

Keeping lookouts

Teaching about the skipper's legal responsibilities

Additionally, our Vessel Safety Check services can promote safety education and engage skippers in addressing shortcomings in many areas of boat operation.

Your comments on the statistics and on what we as a group can do are welcome.

Source: uscgboating.org/statistics/accident_statistics.php.

Photo Credits: BoatUS Foundation

The year 2020 has become a challenge for all.

Plans for our Fall Conference and Change of Watch have changed.

Please read [information sheet](#) from Commander Jim Wilkins.

Due to the threat of the coronavirus, the D26 Fall Conference & Change of Watch will not be conducted at a central location. Instead, it will remotely be conducted by a series of teleconferences to include some or all of the following topics:

- Seminars/Workshops as recommended by the Conference Planning Committee...perhaps topics like SARS, Merit Marks, etc
- An awards teleconference to recognize member and Squadron recipients of 2019 awards. Where possible, pictures of the recipients will be displayed with each announcement
- Subsequently, the awards and recipients will be identified in the next O26 True
- Council/Conference teleconference to complete necessary business, such as approval of 2021 Budget, election of officers, etc
- Change of Watch teleconference, officiated by C/C Mary Paige, to accomplish the installation of the 2021 Bridge officers
- Other teleconference(s) as deemed appropriate

A registration form will be developed to allow members to indicate the teleconferences he or she intends to participate in...this will allow teleconference moderators to know the number of people participating. The teleconferences would be staggered over a two day period of October 30 & 31.

The D26 Conference Planning Committee will assist in defining the teleconferences to be conducted and in defining the media (FreeConferenceCall, Zoom, etc.) best suited for supporting the event.

The D26 Bridge, with assistance from District members, will have responsibility for the accomplishment of this teleconference • Embassy Suites has agreed to a physical postponement of the use of their facilities from October of this year to October of 2021 without penalty. To accommodate this change, the Lake Hartwell Sail & Power Squadron and the Golden Corner Lakes Sail & Power Squadron have agreed to postpone their hosting of the Fall Conference/COW from 2021 to 2022. Hosting of the October, 2021 Conference/COW has yet to be defined between Dreher Shoals Sail & Power Squadron and Lake Murray Power Squadron. The D26 Conference Planning Committee will revisit the C&R and Conference Rotations to determine if some modifications will be in order.

D/C Jim Wilkins, AP

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Tennessee River Color Cruise

October 2, 3, and 4.

Those are the dates of this year's Color Cruise. For those of you who could not make it last year, you missed a great time, so I hope you will plan to join us for this trip!

We are going back to Hales Bar Marina and Resort in Guild TN. <https://halesbarmarina.com/>



This place was awesome last year. You have several options here. There is a RV park, slips at the marina if you plan to stay on your boat, one and three-bedroom land cabins, and my favorite the floating cabins. If you chose a floating cabin you can tie your boat up right in front of your cabin.

They have made improvements from last year. The Floating Cabins have all been remodeled and painted. They have also added a restaurant, The Dam Grill. <https://www.facebook.com/TheDamGrillatHalesBarMarina/>

They are again planning the haunted house at the old dam. Here is a link to last year's event. <https://6fearsdam.com/>

This Haunted House is listed as one of the most "must see" haunted houses in North America by Scary overload. I am already trying to talk Julie into trying it this year.

On Saturday we will cruise up river to Chattanooga, about an hour and half cruise. The City has plenty of free slips and sea walls to tie up to, right in downtown. There is plenty to do there. They have a first-rate Aquarium, <https://www.tnaqua.org/> and a ton of restaurants and bars, all within walking distance of the river.

For those that want to come down a day early, Julie and I will be there. We are planning on locking through up to Chickamauga Lake on Friday for some lunch and then cruise back down. Maybe try MF Jones restaurant this year.

<https://harborlightsmarina.net/mf-jones-restaurant>

The cabins are limited, and they usually sell out every weekend in October, so if you are wanting to go, please don't hesitate on making your reservations.



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Lake Hartwell Boating Club

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2020

MD 360 Powdersville, SC

1. Call to Order

A quorum was established with six members attending virtually as follows: Billy Owens, Charles Guderian, Bert Baxter, Chris & Nioka Rose, and Pete Stevenson.

2. Commander's comments

Billy brought the meeting to order and began the discussion by mentioning a request he had gotten from D26 to put forward a person to serve on the district safety committee, no one was immediately chosen. A new system is being put into place for rewarding merit marks. The June happy hour was attended by the Owens and the Solesbees. The July 4th raft out was attended by seven or eight boats. The Wine & Cheese which was scheduled for August 1st has been cancelled due to the Covid virus. The 2020 Fall Color Cruise is on for October at Hale's Bar Marina and cabins are available to rent. Billy intends to invite the Chattanooga squadron to join in for "docktails".

3. Financial issues

No financial report was given however Nioka mentioned that Rosemary is polling the Ladies Auxiliary members to determine if their funds could be used to reimburse squadron members who attend conferences. The auxiliary has roughly \$5,700 in a dedicated account.

4. Administration

Nioka mentioned that new member name tags will be ordered at a later date when multiple items can be group ordered.

5. Education

Bert said that no in person courses are scheduled at this time.

6. Upcoming Events

July 25th Poker Run at Big Water Marina to include Vessel Safety Checks

August ATON inspections

7. Pilot Articles Requested

Billy= July 4th Raft out and From the Bridge article

Charles= Safety article

Pete= A previous boating adventure article

Nioka= D26 Change of Watch article

8. Next meeting will also be held online via Free Conference Call at 6:45 on Tuesday August 11th

Submitted By: Charles Guderian, Secretary

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

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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.

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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



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