



# The Pilot



## Monthly Newsletter of the Lake Hartwell Boating Club

**Innovation, Education, Community**

### From the Bridge - Pete Stevenson



Boy oh boy, this busy, busy boating season leaves me with no time to communicate and the newsletter deadline seems to roll around with alarming frequency. Really, I am always caught with my proverbial pants down and have to scramble to find something to say. Note, I don't claim something important, just something to say. To prove the point, I have my garden about half set and am fighting with the seed and plant vendors. I am ready but they have not shipped.

Rosie and I are going on an Alaska cruise in May. A small ship, only 85 passengers. Check out [www.uncruise.com](http://www.uncruise.com). Got plane and boat reservations all set and counting down.

In an astonishing turn of events our club gathered quite a few honors last year. For example: our club placed 14th nationally in co op charting (also known as Nautical Discrepancy) and two of our members tied for 30th in the nation. Nioka Rose received the Distinctive Communicator Award for the Pilot. The club placed 1st nationally for membership growth and retention and we also placed 1st in the district for boating activities (division 3 which relates to group size). Finally, Billy Owens and Chris Rose passed the 25 merit mark hurdle and became life members. Speaking of Billy, I am sure you all recognize that Billy is the spark behind the membership and boating activity recognition. Congratulations to all and thank you very much, Billy.

And he isn't finished. At Billy's suggestion we are putting together a summer excursion which will combine a great river trip and some nautical discrepancy investigation. The dates are still being set but the plan is to travel down the Cooper from the diversion canal arriving in Charleston harbor Friday evening. On the way we will inspect and record discrepancies on the navigation aids. After a night in a marina and a dinner in town we will survey other aids in the harbor on Saturday and once again ending the day in the marina. And on Sunday, we will reverse our course and travel up river.

You will have to watch this space for details on marinas, restaurants, hotels and entertainments and the like but it will all be forthcoming in time for you to make your plans.

Imagine that. Out of nothing I got five paragraphs and a couple of them contained information. Whew.

## Calendar of Events

### ***LHS&PS Calendar of Events***

#### **April**

13 Executive Committee Meeting  
17 Shakedown Cruise  
21-25 District 26 Cruise & Rendezvous

#### **May**

11 Executive Committee Meeting

#### **June**

13 Executive Committee Meeting



Rosemary Stevenson	04/05
Al Engelmann	04/14
Libby Cross	04/21

### **Our Bridge**

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Chris Rose, SN  
Don Woodard, N

#### **Nominating Committee**

Chris Rose, SN 1 Yr  
Lynn Solesbee, AP 2 Yrs  
Billy Owens, AP 3 Yrs



## Shakedown Cruise April 17

Well, the Antique Boat Show has been cancelled again this year, but that won't deter us from having fun. Matter of fact we are going to have triple the fun...Free Vessel Safety Checks, Boating, and Food!

This year we will be offering Vessel Safety Checks at both Portman's Courtesy dock and Big Water Marina on B dock, slip 10. We are going to shoot to have our VSC inspectors ready to go by 10 AM.



After everyone has completed a successful inspection, (I am sure this is happening) we are all going to cruise to the Boathouse Grill at Hartwell Marina and meet up around 1ish for some lunch and fellowship. I have been to the Boathouse several times this year and I can tell you it is on point.

The Shakedown is always an exciting day (for most), you never know who is going to get their tow vehicle stuck in a ditch or run out of fuel 100 feet after passing a gas dock.

So don't miss out, get your batteries charged up, tanks topped off, and the boat cleaned up.

Fun times as always!

Billy Owens

America's Boating Club of Beaufort & America's Boating Club Hilton Head

invite you to save the dates

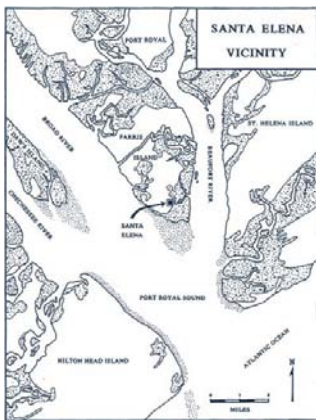


District 26 Cruise & Rendezvous

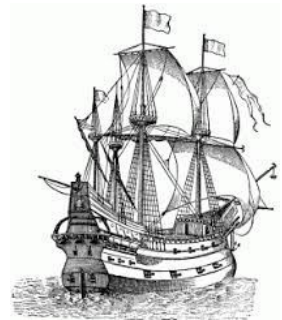
April 21-25, 2021

Finally, we have an opportunity to do what we are meant to do...be on the water. Let's take this opportunity to reconnect while enjoying a social distancing Cruise & Rendezvous.

Explore the Lowcountry like the Conquistadors of the 16th Century



Discover Santa Elena



More than 40 years before the English settled at Jamestown in Virginia, the Spanish established a town and fort on the shores of Port Royal Sound in Beaufort County, S.C. ... Santa Elena.

Cruise to mysterious islands through rivers, channels and creeks



District 26 Raft-Up



Discover the history and mystery of these crucial waterways. Take the opportunity to circumnavigate an island under the leadership of captains who understand the changing tides.

Raft -Up in the Beaufort River to enjoy the Marine Corps Air Station's Air Show featuring The BLUE ANGELS

Click [here](#) for C & R registration form and [here](#) for Description of Events



Figure 1: Photo courtesy of Osculati S.r.l

## Wear That Kill Switch Lanyard!

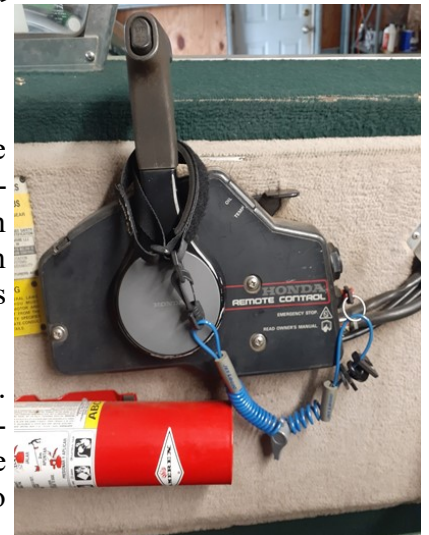
### It's now the law

Operators of recreational vessels less than 26 feet in length are now required to use an engine cut-off switch (ECOS) and associated ECOS link (ECOSL).

### What Is An Engine Cut-Off Switch Link?

The ECOSL attaches the vessel operator to a switch that shuts off the engine if the operator is displaced from the helm. The ECOSL is usually a lanyard-style cord that attaches to an ECOS either in close proximity to the helm or on the outboard motor itself if the vessel is operated by a tiller. When enough tension is applied, the ECOSL disengages from the ECOS and the motor is automatically shut down.

Wireless ECOS have recently been developed and are also approved for use. These devices use an electronic “fob” that is carried by the operator and senses when it is submerged in water, activating the ECOS and turning the engine off. Wireless devices are available on the aftermarket and are beginning to become available as manufacturer-installed options.



Control box with wrist strap lanyard attached to cut-off key. Note the whistle on the lanyard and also the spare cut-off key mounted on the housing (left, top).

## Why Is This Law Necessary?

There have been many instances of boat operators ejected from their boats, resulting in injuries and deaths. During these incidents the boat continues to operate out of control, leaving the operator stranded in the water as the boat continues on course. Alternatively, the boat begins to circle the person in the water eventually striking them, often with the propeller. These dangerous runaway vessel situations put the ejected operator, other users of the waterway, and marine law enforcement officers and other first responders in serious danger. We covered one of these incidents in a previous post, “Deputy Death Puts Spotlight On Boat Ejections While Underway.”

Since December 2019, boat manufacturers of boats less than 26 feet in length, with an engine capable of 115 lbs. of static thrust (3 hp or more), have been required to equip the vessel with an ECOS. Owners of recreational vessels produced after December 2019 are required to maintain the ECOS on their vessel in a serviceable condition.

## Link Use Now Required

For decades, most recreational vessels covered by the statute have been delivered with an ECOS installed. This month, boat operators are required to use ECOS “links” when:

- ÉThe primary helm is not within an enclosed cabin
- ÉThe boat is operating on plane or above displacement speed

The links are not required during docking/trailering, trolling and operating in no-wake zones.

## Now, Some Practical Considerations

Considering that an activated kill clip disables the boat, how would a crew member be able to rescue the skipper if he were to fall off, especially in a current or heavy sea? Obviously, you would need:

- ÉA spare switch key aboard
- ÉUnderstanding by the crew where the key is kept
- ÉUnderstanding by the crew how to install the spare key on the cut-off switch
- ÉUnderstanding by the crew how to restart the engine and maneuvering the boat to recover the skipper (without running him over or chopping him up with the propeller).

Some outboard and inboard/outboard control boxes have a spare key snapped into the box. A good idea is to carry on board an aftermarket lanyard that has an assortment of keys for common control boxes, and to make sure that there is one that fits your own situation. Keep it near the helm.



Aftermarket lanyard with assorted keys, which makes a good spare for use in case the skipper goes overboard with his lanyard attached, immobilizing the boat. (photo courtesy West

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## Vessel Safety Check Plans for 2021

The Vessel Safety Check plan to defeat that miserable Covid virus is to conduct responsible, safe, socially distanced Vessel Safety Checks just as we have in the past.

The general planning schedule for vessel safety checks is presented below. Of course, it is a little premature to set out specific dates so you can look at the following as a warning order. As the club calendar firms up and we get a little closer, Chairman Rick Cunningham will publish specific dates and look for volunteers to assist in the inspections.

We will start with the Annual Shakedown cruise which is typically a one day in April event: inspections in the morning and a leisurely cruise in the afternoon. Hopefully, we can return to Hartwell Marina and the Boathouse Grill.

Please be aware that the Big Water date, the Jocassee dates and the Poker Run date will be set when we hear from the Ranger at Lake Jocassee, the Corps, the people at Meals on Wheels in Anderson and others.

Shakedown cruise	Portman Marina and Hartwell Marina April 17
Safe Boating Week	Possibly Big Water Marina: May 22
Lake Jocassee	Typically early May and June
Poker Run	Late June most likely at Big Water
Other events and times	We are seeking opportunities like the Fourth of July

Please be aware that we are a little short handed in numbers of inspectors. For the moment we have four qualified VSC inspectors: Bert Baxter, Charles Guderian, myself (Pete Stevenson) and our leader Rick Cunningham. Any one or all of us would be pleased to assist any member who would like to become a Vessel Safety Check inspector.

Contact Rick at [p\\_cunningham@bellsouth.net](mailto:p_cunningham@bellsouth.net) or myself.

Pete Stevenson

## Learn about DAN Boater Safety and Travel Benefits

America's Boating Club has partnered with DAN Boater to offer safety and travel benefits to our members. Your new benefits include an emergency hotline, a nonemergency medical information line, worldwide medical evacuation, medical repatriation, search and rescue expenses, and much more.

Visit [www.danboater.org/abc](http://www.danboater.org/abc) to get complete details on this valuable benefit program and print your DAN Boater benefits card.



Have your certificate number and PIN handy when logging in.

You can find details about all DAN Boater benefits, including coverage amounts, in the DAN Boater Benefits Handbook. If you have questions not answered in the handbook, call the DAN Boater Member Support Team at 919-490-2011.

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# Lake Hartwell Boating Club

## Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2021

### Call to Order

A quorum was established

Charles Guderian lead the invocation

Billy Owens lead the Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes of the February Ex Com meeting were approved

**Ad-Hoc Committees** No Report

### Department Reports

Commander – Pete Stevenson Environmental initiative is dead in the water. Need any ideas, Big water only mildly interested, Hartwell not interested.

Past Commander – Billy Owens No Report

Treasurer – Jim Bolding \$3894 in bank. Jim will investigate combining 2 cds maturing in May.

Administration-Nioka Rose

Membership

No report

Meetings & Programs

Exploring possible VSC at Portman and Big Water

Boating activities

Shakedown cruise will be held on April 17th with lunch at the Boathouse Grill.

Canoe and kayak trips are being researched for warmer weather.

D/26 Cruise and Rendezvous will be April 21-25 in the Beaufort and Hilton Head area. The Blue Angel appearance has been cancelled.

Education – Bert Baxter - Due to Covid, programs hopefully will resume in the fall. The first priority is getting instructors recertified.

Executive – Charles Guderian

Co-op Charting

Co-op - Zones 1&2 A&B, 4A are completed. Charles will verify with Jef what has been completed and submitted.

VSC - 2 locations planned for shakedown- Big Water and Portman . Decals are still needed, Pete to follow up on decals.

Secretary – Craig McQueen

Sunshine Committee No Report

Poinsett Pilot – Monthly Pilot articles due by the 20<sup>th</sup>

FTB Pete, Boating Activity Billy, Safety Don, reprint the D/26 C&R

Members at Large –Chris Rose, Don Woodard No report

Old Business No report

New Business No Report

**The next meeting** - will be at 6:45 pm on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 by Free Conference Call.

Adjourn at 7:40pm

Submitted by Craig McQueen

# 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.**

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



*For Boaters, By Boaters<sup>SM</sup>*



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