



# The Pilot



## Monthly Newsletter of the Lake Hartwell Boating Club

**Innovation, Education, Community**

### From the Bridge - Pete Stevenson



February and March are not boating times. Well at least not for most of us. Safely home, snug and warm we wait for more clement weather to make adventures on the water. Not so for everybody though, on Wednesday, Chris Rose and I went co op charting on Hartwell. What a surprise, 70 degrees, we were in shirt sleeves. Not a very eventful day in zone 2, we found nine missing navigation aids and two that were ashore. We hope the Corps of Engineers can replace them soon.

It was surprising to find the fishing world out in force. In 23 Mile creek there were a dozen vessels trolling for stripers plus several bass boats doing their thing. Enough traffic in places to make it seem like a summer weekend, 70 degrees and boats everywhere. It was a great day.

A few of us have been exploring ideas on how to develop an activity that will entertain the members of the club. One thought is to do some environmental activity which would be an active boating event, perform a public service and get the club some recognition in the community. Ideally we would partner with another organization and work with them to accomplish a task. Unfortunately none of the three obvious candidates have much going on. The Corps pleads budget restrictions, they would do would they not? DNR is silent, almost invisible. Mostly because their manning levels are so low they cannot muster energy for local programs. The Lake Hartwell Association is pretty much silent also. Winter doldrums or something has them safe and secure by their fireplaces and not much is happening.

All this means we are pretty much on our own. If we initiate an activity we will have to plan it as well as perform it. So, what could we do to have fun on the water as well as accomplish something for our community. One idea is to mirror the road clean up program where different groups like Boy Scouts or the Elks take responsibility to maintain a stretch of road typically cleaning up the area once a month. We might start a monthly program where 5 or 6 boats could visit a beach and a particular shoreline and clean up before getting a bob and sip into high gear. Perhaps we could spice it up with a prize for the most unusual find. We could draft a small promotional piece for the local media trumpeting our achievement thereby getting a little public recognition for the club.

If any of you, the readers, have ideas on boating activities, public service and recognition for our club please let me know.

Pete Stevenson

## Calendar of Events

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

#### **March**

9 Executive Committee Meeting  
12 -13 Online District Awards Ceremony &  
Training Day

#### **April**

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

#### **May**

11 Executive Committee Meeting



Sykes DeHart	03/05
Ted Sauvain	03/19
Bob Caylor	03/26
Brandt McQueen	03/27

### **Our Bridge**

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



# *Lake Hartwell Boating Club Welcomes New Members*

## *Martin and Elizabeth Boswell*



This is Martin and Elizabeth Boswell. They have boated since childhood. Elizabeth's parents bought a house on the lake when she was 8.

Martin and Elizabeth started coming to the lake together in high school. The two bought an A frame next to Elizabeth's parents and have great memories of spending weekends and summers with them.

They decided to live on the lake full time and began the search. Luckily a house became available in their cove that they had admired since it was built.

They say, "Living on the lake has been wonderful". They take their Tritoon out daily which is affectionately known as "The Bubble". They are thrilled to have joined the boating club and look forward to many adventures together

## *Lake Hartwell Boating Club Welcomes New Members*

### *Sarah Le Blanc and Paul Gettys*



Sarah LeBlanc and Paul Gettys joined the boating club in the summer of 2020 after attending a few raft up events. Sarah grew up in Michigan and move to Greenville in 2002 and then to the lake in 2014.

Paul grew up in Due West where he still resides and is looking to move to the lake soon. Sarah is an Architectural Development Manager for large commercial projects in the building material sector.

Paul owns Tactical Sonar and is a Lowrance distributor. The couple met the summer of 2020 and both have a love for the water. Paul is a professional fisherman and does what he loves, providing his services guiding and training others on sonar equipment as well as classes on the water

Between the two of them, they have 4 boats, with the most recent purchased together, their Sea Hunt Triton 240. They enjoy spending time with their friends and boating as much as possible.

They are looking forward to more events with the boating club.

## *Lake Hartwell Boating Club Welcomes New Members*

*Drew and Kristie Boswell*



Drew and Kristie were raised in Greenville, SC and have spent most of their lives in the upstate area. They married in May 2017 and two weeks later Kristie started graduate school. Graduating in 2019, she started her career as a nurse practitioner at Clemson University. Soon afterwards, they found their ideal home in Townville, SC on Lake Hartwell.

Drew is an outside salesman at Dixie Rubber and Plastic. They have a fur baby, named Lieu, who also enjoys lake life and can be spotted riding on the bow of their blue Sportsman 241.

After meeting other lake residents, Drew and Kristie attended a few Lake Hartwell Boating Club raft ups and then decided to officially join the club

They look forward to meeting other members and joining in on future Lake Hartwell Boating club trips

Their other hobbies include cheering for the Clemson Tigers and spending time with friends.

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

invite you to save the dates

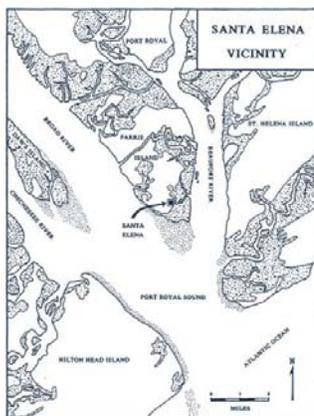


## District 26 Cruise & Rendezvous

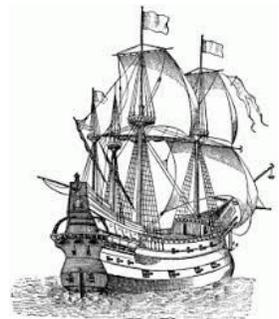
April 21-25, 2021

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



Hybrid life jackets have some non-inflatable flotation along with an automatically inflatable bladder.

## The Value Of Inflatable Life Vests

Is it time for you to equip your boat with inflatable PFDs, especially for those who are reluctant to wear non-inflatable vests? Inflatable life vests offer several advantages.

1. They are significantly less cumbersome, more comfortable to wear and a great choice for fishing, sailing and similar activities.
2. Inflatable life vests are believed to be more efficient in turning and holding the victim face up and above the water once inflated than traditional life vests.
3. Studies have shown that boaters are more likely to wear inflatable life vests than non-inflatable types for the duration of their time on the water. Non-inflatable life vests are generally stored in the boat, most times, unworn.

A word of warning, however; inflatables must be more regularly inspected than traditional vests. An inflatable life vest that doesn't inflate won't be of much assistance in the event of an emergency. The CO<sub>2</sub> cartridges and trigger mechanism must be in working order. The user should make regular tests of the bladder using the mouth tube to make sure there is no leak.



## The Range Of Inflatables

You should ensure that any vest you are considering is USCG approved for your desired activity. If you are going to spend most of your time boating in open waters, you need to be looking at a Type I, II, or V PFD. If you spend your time on lakes or inland waters, a Type III will suffice. Note that inflatable life vests are typically rated as a specialty PFD (Type V), so be sure to know your product, its approvals and its purpose prior to purchasing.

Inflatable PFDs are much more apt to be worn effectively than non-inflatable vests during boating activities

There are two basic types of inflatable life vests, both of which are furnished with a backup oral inflation tube in the event that the main inflation should fail:

- Self-inflating (or auto-inflatable)
- Manually inflating

The self-inflating vest auto-inflates when submerged in water. A CO<sub>2</sub> cartridge is activated when a pin, sometimes referred to as the pill, dissolves when immersed in water, causing the bladder to fill. If you were to lose consciousness before going into the water, having the auto-inflatable life vest would save your life. The manually inflating life vest fills only when a rip cord is pulled, causing the CO<sub>2</sub> cartridge to inflate the jacket.

### What's At Stake?

While inflatables cost significantly more than non-inflatables, even the less expensive inshore types are surely worth the cost for many boating activities. The proof in point: a boating accident last August near Indian River Inlet (Delaware) claimed the life of a 68-year-old West Virginia man. The man, his wife and a child were fishing when the man discovered that fishing line was caught in the boat's propeller. He jumped into the water to try to untangle the line, but fell back into the water as he tried to climb back in using the boarding ladder. The wife was unsuccessful in her attempts to assist him ascend the ladder.

Multiple boats radioed the Coast Guard for help, reporting a man who was unconscious in the water near his boat. One observer transmitted, "We watched him and he was really struggling and the boat continued to drift. He never made it out of the water!"

One of the nearby boats observed the situation and rendered assistance, retrieving the struggling man. Realizing the fisherman was experiencing a medical crisis, the rescuing boat skipper initiated life-saving measures. A Coast Guard vessel arriving on the scene took him to shore. EMS crews responded there and took the man — still in cardiac arrest — to the hospital, where he later died.

### A Lesson Learned And Acted Upon

The rescuing skipper, holder of a USCG Unlimited Master ticket skippering a Custom 34 Walk Around, recounted his experience on *The Hull Truth* Forum. "I have thousands of days at sea, on small boats and ships, along with the biggest license that can be had, and this was the first mayday call I have ever made, and hopefully the last." The rescuing skipper offered some advice on safety measures that could help prevent this tragedy from repeating itself.

"Everyone on your boat needs to be familiar with how to operate the boat, radio, and where the life jackets are located.

"If you are a larger or older person you should have an inflatable jacket on. You will not be able to get back onto your boat if you fall in (even if the boat is equipped with a boarding ladder). Your spouse or friend will not be able to pull you back into the boat, conscious or not. There is absolutely no chance of getting such a person over the gunnel from the water. It took two men and my wife to drag this person through my tuna door, which is about 6 inches above water level.

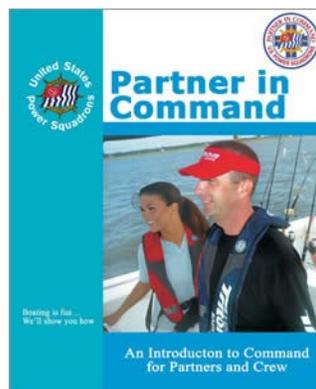
"Exhaustion can overtake you, even in shallow water. The spot where this gentleman died is waist deep--I was in it holding his head above water. A simple jacket worn properly would have kept his head out of the water and probably saved his life.

"As a result of what we experienced, I ordered auto-inflating jackets for my father and uncle this morning, both of whom crab from smaller boats, often alone. I recommend that you do the same for any older or larger members of your boating group."

## Partner in Command

Would you like your usual crew members to know more more about piloting your boat during emergencies? The USPS *Partner in Command* seminar provides an introduction to boating for crew members who need basic information and who may or may not have taken a boating course. It is designed to provide essential information one may require to assist a skipper in the safe operation of a recreational boat. Included in the seminar are actions in response to emergencies. This seminar includes a textbook. Topics include:

- Communications Before you go
- Safety & Safety Equipment
- VHF Marine Radio
- First Aid
- Tool Kits
- Signaling Equipment
- Starting and Running the Engines
- Calling for Help
- And More



*Partner in Command* can be completed in 2-4 hours and may be taken in a squadron-run session or as a fully interactive online learning experience. There is a [brochure](#) that covers details on the seminar. If you are interested in this seminar, contact one of the officers for more information.

#### SOURCES:

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## Save the Date

April 17, 2021

That is the date for the Hartwell Antique Boat Show,  
and we will once again coordinate it with our Shakedown Cruise.

There's plenty of time to make sure everything is working on your vessel,  
so plan to attend and get your 2021 VSC.



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.

## 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 Antique Boat Show.

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 February 9, 2021

### Call to Order

A quorum was established

Charles Guderian lead the invocation

Billy Owens lead the Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes of the January Ex Com meeting were approved

**Ad-Hoc Committees** No Report

### Department Reports

Commander – Pete Stevenson No Report

Past Commander – Billy Owens No Report

Treasurer – Jim Bolding No Report

Jim is recovering from Covid

Administration-Nioka Rose

Membership

No report

Meetings & Programs

March 12th -13th is Virtual District Awards and Training Day

Boating activities

D/26 Cruise and Rendezvous will be April 21-25 in the Beaufort and Hilton

Head area

The Shakedown will be April 17<sup>th</sup>

Education – Bert Baxter - No Report

Bert is recovering from back surgery

Executive – Charles Guderian

Co-op Charting

Will be looking into making the next Co-Op Charting an organized Boating Activity in February and invite new members to join in.

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

Jef is updating and distributing co-op charting list

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 Environmental beach cleanup - Pete Stevenson, Billy Owens, Charles Guderian and Don Woodard will form a planning committee to explore fun ways to make a successful program

**The next meeting** - will be at 6:45 pm on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 by Free Conference Call. Nioka will send Pete the meeting link and information to be included with the agenda.

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

## 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**

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12" by 18" Burgee  
Price 26.00



4" Burgee Decal  
1.00



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



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