



The Pilot



Monthly Newsletter of the Lake Hartwell Boating Club

Innovation, Education, Community

From the Bridge - Charles Guderian

Here's hoping that your summer is off to a great start now that many of us have been vaccinated against Covid and can get together safely again. Check out the articles and pictures below from some of our recent squadron events.

Please remember that the month of August is one of our two months which we were assigned by the Corps of Engineers to check all the navigation aids on Lake Hartwell. This includes eight different zones each of which contains roughly 125 ATONs. This is one of our primary public service projects and we typically find and report many buoys which need to be repaired, repositioned, or replaced. If you've never done this "COOP Charting" and you want to learn the process you can contact me or any other participating member and we'd be glad to bring you along.

Remember to reach out to our commander Pete Stevenson as he recovers from some serious health challenges.

Finally, our certified teaching staff needs to be replenished as several teachers have retired. Any of you who want to step up and fill in one of the vacancies can contact Nioka Rose for information on the instructor certification process.

Calendar of Events

LHS&PS Calendar of Events

August

10 Executive Committee Meeting

September

14 Executive Committee Meeting

October

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Our Bridge

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Nominating Committee

Chris Rose, SN 1 Yr

Lynn Solesbee, AP 2 Yrs

Billy Owens, AP 3 Yrs

Travis Creasy	08/01
Jef Lockman	08/07
Drew Boswell	08/09
Rick Cunningham	08/09
De Ann Wilkins	08/10
Ken Ramsey	08/14
Angela Nelson	08/16
Michael Austin	08/21
David Meek	08/24
Andrew Goodman	08/31

4th of July Raftoutt 2021



The 4th raft out turned out very well. Boats starting arriving at our dock Saturday afternoon starting around 1 o'clock. We pretty much had a constant stream of boats coming and going most of the day, about 16 or 17 boats in all! Folks were bobbing around in the water, mingling on the dock, and hanging out on the boats. Everyone was just relaxing and enjoying the beautiful day. The "Boat Club BBQ" came out later that day and I can tell you we took care of two whole butts in no time!

After more swimming and socializing several of us took our boats up to the I-85 bridge to watch the fireworks. These were put on by a couple of families on their private dock. The show was awesome this year! I am not sure how long it lasted, because every time we thought it was the finale, they would start back up.

If you missed this gathering try to catch up with us on the next "Float, Bob, and Sip", or an upcoming cruise.

Say maybe a "Culinary Cruise"??

Billy Owens

The Cooper River Run (or which way did they go?)

Everyone started pulling into Hill's Landing around lunchtime on Friday and before long we had all the boats in the water and were headed down the Diversion Canal. We tooted down Lake Moultrie and arrived at the lock with only a 5-minute wait! This was my first time in the Pinopolis Lock, and if you are up front you have a great view of the river down below.

Once the lock opened, we all headed downstream. 7th Heaven was on Channel 72 giving us our assignments. At our ATON (Aid To Navigation) we would pull up close and take several pictures. After we wrapped up our assignments we were running for



Charleston. It was all going well, until Sidewaze had to take a “pause for the cause”. When we went back up on plane Julie said, “I don’t think they turned here”, I scrolled out my GPS and said, “they had to, this is the way”. All 3 aboard Sidewaze had serious doubts about my Nav skills. I even got a phone call from the other boaters asking if we were alright and should they wait up. I ensured them to keep going, we will catch up soon.

Another 10 or 15 minutes passed when the second call came in stating they had taken a creek instead of the Cooper and they would see us later on in Charleston. At that time, I thought it would be a fine time to pull off the throttle and apply some more sunscreen and refresh some drinks, after all we were a good 30 minutes in front of the pack. So, we were floating and taking our time getting all lathered up and at that point, honestly, I was feeling pretty smug about my nav skills. although my crew was sure I was leading them off on a wild goose chase. All of a sudden, we heard 2 blasts from a siren. I look up to only see a nice ribby, with a couple of Law Enforcement agents onboard looking at me like I was a complete idiot. I mean did they not realize, that I was the only one in the group that seemed to know where we were all going??? The young fellow just shook his head and said sternly that this is a transient only section of the river, while pointing over my shoulder.

When I turned around, I figured it out, there were 2 USN submarines at dock just a couple hundred yards off my starboard bow. We apologized and off we went.

That was the moment that we realized we were on an adventure!

Coming into the Charleston Harbor it was a little choppy. So back at the hotel pool, I made the comment that the harbor was a little bumpy on the way in. The Crew of the 16’ WTF confirmed in so many words, that yes it was “bumpy”!

The next morning, we all met up for the Captains Party just outside the pool. Jef had everything planned and laid out so we could grab a section or two and head out for co-op charting. Later that day we all met up at the Crab House on the Wappoo Cut for some lunch and comradery as well as catch up on the US Open. We were thankful, Midnight Special had arrived at the dock first which made a great spot for all of us to raft off. After



George & Ivy Williamson,, Angela Lockman and friends, Jef Lockman and Charles & Pam Guderian

lunch we headed to our slip at Ripley Light Marina, it made a perfect vantage point for watching the weigh in of the Miracle's Fishing Tournament. As some of us were in different marinas, we all agreed to meet up under the Ravenel Bridge at 9:30 the next morning to head back.

Sunday morning found us all moving a little slow, but the Sidwaze crew was one of the "slower" ones. After handing off all of our luggage to Jim and Joanmarie to carry back to Anderson, we managed to pull out of the marina a little after 9:30, a little behind some of the others. We received a call asking if we wanted them to wait, but we assured them we were good, to go ahead up river.

It was a beautiful Sunday morning that made the ride back up the Cooper perfect. We all knew where we were going and def-

initely knew where not to stop. We were following WTF then Stone asked if we wanted to pull into Gillion's restaurant before entering the lock. As the continental breakfast had worn off, we all jumped at the idea of a good lunch before heading home. After lunch, we pushed off the dock and headed for the lock. We noticed some clouds growing and some rumble of thunder in the far distance while we waited for the lock to open. We entered the packed lock and tied off, the music was playing, we had our misters on, and just enjoying our last day on the water, no worries. When the lock doors opened you could clearly see the storm in the distance. We checked the weather radar and decided we could make the Diversion Cannel before it got to us...We did not.

Now I have been on the water most of my life and I promise you I have never been in a storm that size that lasted that long. Wind was gusting to probably 40 MPH, the waves were rolling, the rain was huge and blowing sideways. Frequent lightening all around and on top of us. This thing pelted us for close to 45 minutes. Visibility was zero and there was no way I was going to try and make it through a very narrow channel back in the canal. When it finally passed, we were soaked to the bone and cold, but safe.



Marybeth and Stone Moss

We arrived to the ramp to find WTF had made it back safely too! Stone and Marybeth had a lot more descriptive words other than "bumpy" to recount their boat ride back. You know it had to be bad for them when

Stone got on land and kissed the ground! Drizzling rain continued while loading the boats and to add insult to injury, Sidewaze snapped the tie down strap for the boat! And remember reading earlier about us giving our luggage to Jim and Joanmarie? Not the best decision. Except for Julie and Marybeth, the rest of us had no dry clothes and the ship's store had closed for the day, Hill's Landing t-shirt would have been a good dry purchase to make. So, we loaded up, some still in wet suits for the quick little 3½ hour ride to Anderson (that's sarcasm, it was the longest 3½ hour ride EVER!).

Finally, things were going smooth on the interstate and we were just about 4 miles from the house, still raining, then all of a sudden one of the trucks windshield wipers just flew off. You just cannot make this stuff up. Irvin looked at me and said, "looks like this adventure is still not over".

All and all it was a great time being with fellow boaters and enjoying all the boating adventures! Looking forward to our next cruise.



Julie & Billy Owens and Mike & Cean Irvin





The Motley Crew



George & Ivy Williamson and Charles & Pam Guderian



Do You Have An Emergency Boarding Ladder That Works With Your Boat?

Some years back, BoatUS looked at boarding ladder usefulness on several types of popular boats. We are going to look at their findings for only one boat type in this post, the Whaler-type skiff or center console boat. The test team looked at several commercially available ladders and their usefulness for both men and women. The findings emphasize how important it is to choose your ladder carefully and test it to make sure you can use it on your boat before you find yourself in dire need of reboarding assistance. The findings that follow can help you get started. You can also follow the link at the end to see what they found for other types of boats. The ability to adjust the ladder to the boat and the person was found to be very important. Lacking this adjustability, you would be better off setting up a length of line with a loop to suit.

Factors Studied

The team rated each ladder on a scale from 1 to 5 (5 being the best score) for each of the following questions:

- Was the use of the product obvious?
- Was the product easy to retrieve and deploy?
- Were the handholds and footholds conveniently placed?
- Will it support a wet, fully clothed adult with no problem?
- Overall was this a good product for this boat type?

The Whaler-type boat challenged the ladders in their ability to prevent side-to-side swinging. The top rated ladder for the Whaler was the Garelick Inflatable Boat Ladder. It was praised for its stability and ease of use, but some found it difficult to deploy through rail gaps. However once deployed, it required very little upper body strength to ascend, when compared with other ladders.

The Garelick EEZ-In Gunwale Ladder ranked second. Though it was also difficult to pull through the railing, testers were surprised by its stability. The high freeboard and slab side of the Whaler provided a good surface to push against while climbing this 3-step, hook-style ladder.

The C-Level Sea Steps Safety Ladder came in third place. This flat web product comes in three lengths with one, two or three steps.

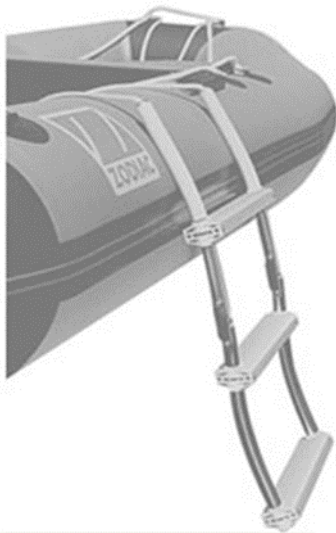
The Plastimo Five Step Safety Ladder received honorable mention. Testers were impressed with its innovative design, but found its length made it difficult to use. Its narrow steps and uncomplicated deployment were pluses. Its simple storage bag has two loops to mount it at the gunwale. After reaching it and flipping it over the side of the boat, the user pulls a handle; the five-rung plastic and webbing steps fall out of the pouch and into the water.

Practical Advice

Before choosing a ladder, think about where and how you will be attaching it to the boat. Also, make sure that you will be able to reach it from the water.

Make sure that the stowed ladder is not where it could be interfered with by other fittings that would prevent it from being deployed.

Once you've purchased a boarding ladder, you'll need to practice using it and stowing it accessibly.



First Place: Garelick Inflatable Boat Ladder



Second Place: Garelick/Eez-In Telescoping Hook Ladder



Third Place: C-level Sea Steps Safety Ladder



Honorable Mention: Plastimo Five Step Safety Ladder

Reference:

<https://www.boatus.org/findings/44/>

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Lake Hartwell Boating Club

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2021

Call to Order

A quorum was established
Charles Guderian lead the invocation
Billy Owens lead the Pledge of Allegiance
Minutes of the June 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 \$4500 in bank. \$8638 in cd's due to mature in Nov. \$1600 for new ship store items. no significant membership renewals yet, expected to start soon.

Administration-Nioka Rose

Membership

Recommends it is time to start consideration for new bridge. Suggested need to replace SEO and setup recertification class for anyone eligible.

Boating Activities Billy - good turnout for float, bob and sip, 14 boats on hand

Plans continue for cooper river run, Billy suggests if interested get reservations ASAP. So far, 4 boats and 17 people are planning to attend.

Education – Bert Baxter - Bert Baxter resigned office and transferred membership, no report.

Executive – Charles Guderian informed members present of the difficult time Pete is going through and requested us to keep him in our thoughts and prayers. District Conference planning is continuing. GCPS has agreed to take charge of the silent auction, additional manpower will be needed

Secretary – Craig McQueen

Sunshine Committee No Report

Poinsett Pilot – Monthly Pilot articles due by the 20th

FTB Pete, Boating Activity Billy, Safety Charles,

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, August 10, 2021 by Free Conference Call.

Adjourn at 8:00 pm

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.

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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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