



# The Pilot



## Monthly Newsletter of the Lake Hartwell Boating Club

**Innovation, Education, Community**

From the Bridge by Cdr. Charles Guderian

After reviewing the reasoning for the recently announced reorganization effort by the national organization; I must agree with their reasoning as to why we need to reorganize. I've copied their reasons below:

### WHY WE NEED TO REORGANIZE

- Shrinking membership over several decades
  - Total members now less than 20,000; declined of 50%+ in 10 years
  - Recruiting challenges; Clubs continue to have difficulties
  - Retention – 50%+ of new members don't stay; *we are not meeting their needs*
- Tiny Districts and Clubs
  - All Districts affected; over past 10 years every District has declined in members
    - 3 Districts have less than 200 members
    - Only 5 Districts have over 1000 members.
  - 93% of Clubs show a downward trend over 10 years
  - 88 Clubs (about a quarter of all Clubs) have less than 25 members
- Lack of member volunteers to get the work done
- Leadership and staff positions are hard to fill
- Communication & coordination is poor; members & Clubs feel out of touch
- Lack of engagement
  - Attendance at District and National events declines
  - Non-committal member participation and engagement for events
- Erosion in public perception of who we are and what we do; much of the boating public does not know us by any of our names
- The number of students taking courses and seminars is declining
- Harder to fulfill our mission of educating boaters; we have lost our prominence in boater education

The Executive Committee of Lake Hartwell Boating Club is doing all it can to ensure the health of the organization as we emerge from the virus pandemic. Our membership numbers are holding steady, and we are always seeking to provide more value to our members. We were among the leaders in changing from a quasi yacht club heritage to a less formal club structure and will go farther in this direction as we are permitted. More of our on-the-water events are boosting awareness of the Club and attracting new members. We are doing everything possible to encourage volunteerism for staffing our civic service activities, including Cooperative Charting and Vessel Safety Checks. We are succeeding in attracting new and younger leadership for the Executive Committee.

The Club continues to seek to improve the usefulness of our communications, including our Facebook page, the Poinsett Pilot newsletter, our e-blasts and our website. We have tried to focus our Club image, improving our awareness and promoting the Club on sea and land by flying our ensigns and Club burgees and wearing our Club apparel.

We have been doing all we can to promote participation in America's Boating Course as the education market for our Club shifts from the Greenville area to the Anderson area. We continue to promote our Advanced Grades courses and seminars to our members, yet there is much that remains to do in helping each other understand the advantages of continuing boating education. We encourage suggestions and ideas from all of you to improve the value and fun quotient provided by Lake Hartwell Boating Club. We truly want to expand horizons in fun, skill and safety for everyone who ventures upon the Upstate lakes.

## Calendar of Events

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

#### **April**

9 Shakedown Cruise  
12 Executive Committee Meeting

#### **May**

5 - 8 Cruise & Rendezvous North Myrtle Beach  
Hosted by North Strand ABC Club  
10 Executive Committee Meeting

#### **June**

14 Executive Committee Meeting

### **Our Bridge**

**Commander:** Charles Guderian, S  
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**Executive Officer:** Billy Owens, AP  
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**Administrative Officer:** Nioka Rose, S  
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**Secretary:** Elizabeth Boswell  
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**Treasurer:** Jim Bolding  
treasurer@lake-hartwell.org

**Assistant SEO:** Ray Fedele, SN

#### **Members At Large:**

Chris Rose, SN  
Don Woodard, N

#### **Nominating Committee**

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



**Rosemary Stevenson 04/05**

**Al Englemann 04/14**

**Elizabeth Cross 04/21**

### **Let's Get Ready for Summer!!**

It's coming soon and we have set the date for the Annual Shakedown Cruise.

April 9<sup>th</sup>, we will meet up at Portman Marina to get our boats inspected and then cruise down to the Boat House for lunch.

So, charge those batteries, check those fire extinguishers, flares, and throwables!



If you want to help out and become a VSC Inspector, click [here](#) to check it out.

And [here](#) when you're ready to take the test.

**Nice Work Ladies and Gentleman**



**Cooperative Charting Program**



**2021**



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**HONOR ROLL**

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***Lake Hartwell Sail & Power Squadron***

**D26**

For superior performance in the program.

**National Ranking 11**



## Idle Speed Zones Expanded In South Carolina



**Also, wake surfing restricted within 200 feet of dock, person or anchored vessel.**

South Carolina House Bill H3308 was signed into effect March 14 by Gov. McMaster, establishing a new 100-foot idle speed distance limit that boats underway must observe when approaching a dock, a person in the water or an anchored vessel on most of South Carolina's major reservoirs and coastal waterways. The bill was previously passed last year by the S.C. Senate. Colonel A. Chisolm Frampton, SCDNR deputy director for law enforcement, said: "This is a much-needed change that will increase boating safety for all South Carolina boaters."

The new law doubles the previous distance of 50 feet on Lake Hartwell and major reservoirs, plus a section of the lower Savannah River. The 100-foot distance limit does not apply to Lake Moultrie.

The new law also prohibits "wake surfing" on all S.C. waters within 200 feet of a dock, a person in the water or an anchored watercraft. Wake surfing is defined in the new law as "a vessel that is ballasted in the stern so as to create a wake that is, or is intended to be, surfed by another person."

### Implications and Enforcement

Notice that the law states "idle speed" although these areas are marked as "no wake." Idle speed is that speed below which steering is impossible. Idle speed is different for different boats. Some boats at idle speed will definitely throw a wake.

To operate in compliance with the new law, skippers will have to cut the throttle at double the distance from existing No Wake buoys until the buoys are repositioned. It is unknown if the US COE and controlling author-

ities will need to relocate thousands of buoys to the 100 ft limit. It is unclear whether the law will apply to bridges or launching ramps without docks.

The law will effectively prohibit wake surfing in many smaller coves with docks. Bass fishermen, especially during club events, will find high speed travel in coves or near anchored vessels to be impossible if they want to operate within the law. Although South Carolina and Georgia have reciprocity agreements on fishing and boating safety laws, it is uncertain what the impact of the new law will be on the Georgia side of Lake Hartwell.

There are widespread complaints about lack of enforcement of the previous limits, and law enforcement officers are stretched thinner than ever. The longer the distance of the zone, the more difficult it is to gauge the distance from an anchored boat or dock. It would seem gaining a conviction would be very difficult for prosecutors of those arrested for infractions of this law. For these reasons, many have concerns about the wisdom of passing what could be unenforceable laws.



*A new law increases the distance limit for operating in excess of idle speed to 100 feet on most state waters and prohibits wake surfing within 200 feet on all S.C. waters.*

## 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.

Keep in mind that DAN Boater cannot answer questions related to your America's Boating Club membership. For membership info, call 888-367-8777 for America's Boating Club Customer Service.





# Lake Hartwell Boating Club

## Executive Committee Meeting Minutes March 8, 2022

### **Call to Order**

A quorum was established

Charles Guderian lead the invocation

Billy Owens lead the Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes of last month's Ex Com meeting were approved

**Ad-Hoc Committees** No Report

### **Department Reports**

**Commander** – Charles Guderian

- National reorganization discussed.
- Paypal is not working.
- Volunteers needed for 2023 D26 Spring Conference & Change of Watch.

**Executive Officer** – Billy Owens

- More inspectors needed for VSC
- We were recognized for co op charting. Stone will submit co op charting.

**Treasurer** – Jim Bolding

- Treasure report is attached
- We will keep the dues the same

**Administration** - Nioka Rose

- Boating Activities
- Shakedown is set up for 4/9/22
- The Color Cruise will be at Devils Fork 10/27/22
- Nioka will research when our COW will be

**Education** – Henry Schmitt

- ABC course at the Anderson Library on 3/12/22
- We have had low pre-registration for the ABC

**Secretary** – Elizabeth Boswell

Pilot Articles were decided on  
Sunshine Committee No Report  
Poinsett Pilot – Monthly Pilot articles due by the 20<sup>th</sup>

**Members at Large** –Chris Rose, Don Woodard - No report

Old Business No report

New Business No report

**The next meeting** - will be April 12th, 2022 at 6:45 pm via Free Conference Call

Adjourned at 7:43 pm

Submitted by Elizabeth Boswell



# 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**

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12" by 18" Burgee  
Price 26.00



4" Burgee Decal  
1.00



### **The Pilot**

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