



The Pilot



Monthly Newsletter of the
Lake Hartwell Boating Club

Innovation, Education, Community

From the Bridge by P/C Billy Owens

Independence Day Raft Out 2022

Come out and join us on Saturday, July 2nd for our Independence Day raft out.

We will be celebrating at the Owens dock again this year. So, come by and bring your family and friends and spend the day floating and playing in Lake Hartwell!

We will have hotdogs, slaw, and chips for everyone around 3ish. You can bring a side or appetizer to share if you like, and of course your beverage of choice.

Later on, there will be firework shows all around the lake for those wanting see the sky light up! I know Big Water Marina has a nice firework show and there is a good one to watch right before the I-85 bridge (on a private dock).

We are located at S-40, all the way back in the cove (starboard), the address is 909 Snug Harbor, Anderson, SC.



Calendar of Events

LHS&PS Calendar of Events

June

14 Executive Committee Meeting

July

12 Executive Committee Meeting

August

9 Executive Committee Meeting

September

13 Executive Committee Meeting

Our Bridge

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Nominating Committee

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



<i>Martin Boswell</i>	<i>07/01</i>
<i>Jack Linder</i>	<i>07/01</i>
<i>Priscilla Taylor</i>	<i>07/05</i>
<i>Alexandra Goodman</i>	<i>07/06</i>
<i>Angela Lockman</i>	<i>07/09</i>
<i>Stone Moss</i>	<i>07/11</i>
<i>Melissa Solesbee</i>	<i>07/19</i>
<i>Kathy Riehm</i>	<i>07/20</i>
<i>Henry Schmitt</i>	<i>07/27</i>
<i>Rachael Parr</i>	<i>07/28</i>



March 17-19 2023

**D26 Spring Conference & Change of Watch
Greenville Marriott**

Memorial Day Weekend

Was a busy one to say the least!

We started off Saturday at Pirate Cove for the annual Hartwell Lake Day where Luke Deuce and others played live music all day. Triple Dog Dare (Stone & Mary Beth) got there early and held our normal spot on a dock just a few over from where the bands were playing. Most of us rafted together (11 Club boats) to enjoy the awesome music. It was a really fun day on the lake!

Sunday morning church at Water's Edge Ministry came **EARLY** for some of us boaters that attended the concert just the day before. But we still managed to have four Club boats and two or three guest boats rafted off to us for a nice church service on the water. If you are around the area on Sunday mornings it is worth your while to come try it out. It is in the cove at Green Pond and Jack's Landing. And you can always look for the Side-waze to tie up to, as we go most of the time. Just after the service we cruised up to Tilly's in GA for their brunch buffet. Great place, if you are up the Tugaloo give it a try. After running back to Kudzu cove, we dropped a hook and set in for the Float, Bob, and Sip. This was just the thing to do after enjoying a big brunch! I think we ended the day with 9 -10 boats and a lot of folks just floating and enjoying the day.

If you did not make it, please try to come out to the next one. We always have a great time and it's fun to mingle with other boaters.

Billy Owens



Pent-Up Demand For New Boats Foreshadows Future Safety Concerns



Visit any boat dealer, and you are apt to see a minimal inventory. The current scene is that demand coming out of COVID is high, and yet manufacturer and dealer inventories are low.

So what does this have to do with safety? As inventories begin to recover, we should see a lot more boats on the water, many piloted by new, neophyte skippers. Therefore, we in USPS have our work cut out for us persuading these new skippers that they need to take at least a boating safety course. Our waterways are already crowded and experiencing high traffic levels as people return to the water.

What about the recession?

You might question the above assessment given the looming recession, fueled by skyrocketing inflation, high fuel prices, plunging stock prices, and recession fears. So far, the boating industry has been immune, according to *Yahoo! Finance*.

"While big-ticket consumer discretionary has been left behind by investors, somebody forgot to tell the boat industry," Citi analyst James Hardiman wrote in a new note to clients. "Our channel checks of more than 30 North American boat dealers suggest an acceleration in sales and other leading indicators as weather improved during the month of May."

Hardiman's dealer contacts report sales increasing by mid to high-single digit percentage rates over the past month compared to 2019 despite "significantly" low levels of inventory.

"By segment, demand remains hot for larger, higher-priced boats, particularly outboard models," Hardiman noted. "Unfortunately, these are also the hardest to come by (notably fiberglass outboard boats) and most popular Sea Ray and Boston Whaler models are sold out well into 2023 and beyond."

So, which segments have the largest pent-up demand, for which we will see the biggest explosion in new traffic on the water? *Soundings Trade Only* sheds some light on this question by tracking trends in new boat registrations:

Among the categories with more than 1,000 boats registered in March 2021, PWC products suffered the most severe decline in March 2022, at 30.1 percent. The inshore/offshore fiberglass category fell 20.3 percent. Ski/wakeboat registrations were down 14.5 percent.

Ryan Kloppe, Statistical Surveys' sales director, says the problem is not slowing demand for boats, but instead scant inventory to satisfy the still-healthy retail appetite. Because 2020 and 2021 were the most active years for new-boat purchases since 2007, the registration declines thus far in 2022 should not be interpreted as market weakness.



PWC operators are in need of comprehensive safety education (courtesy Oregon.gov).

The pent-up growth will be in PWCs, inshore/offshore fiberglass and ski/wakeboat boats. In the next year, every time you see a shiny new watercraft at your favorite launching ramp or marina, why not ask the skipper if he/she has taken America's Boating Course? Ours and neighboring Squadrons' scheduled courses are listed [here](#). The boating public will surely be grateful for the result!

In case you missed it

South Carolina law now prohibits "wake surfing" on all state waters within 200 feet of a dock, a person in the water or an anchored watercraft. Violation of this law is a misdemeanor and generally punishable by fines of about \$100-\$600, depending on court fees in each county jurisdiction.

On the other hand, Georgia lawmakers did not pass HB 1460, which would have created a highly controversial definition of "wake boat," established a 300 foot setback for wakesurfing, and banned wake boats on four lakes in northern Georgia (Lake Burton, Seed Lake, Lake Rabun, or Tallulah Falls Lake). The controversial definition was:

"(25.1) 'Wake boat' means a vessel operating with one or more tanks of water or other ballast that increases wave generation or that has dull design features, modifications, or accessories specifically intended to increase wake height."



Wakeboard boats place a premium on seamanship to prevent swamping when waves increase (courtesy TowBoatUS).

Resources

"Somebody Forgot To Tell The Boat Industry' About Inflation, The Bear Market, And Recession Fears"; Brian Sozzi·Anchor, Editor-at-Large, *Yahoo! Finance*, Thu, June 16, 2022, 6:45 AM.

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 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
June 14, 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

We need to start collecting things for the silent auction for the D/26 COW.
We are a 501C so the donor can write it off on their taxes.

Executive Officer – Billy Owens

We are 5th in the nation in co op charting.

Treasurer – Jim Bolding - no report

Administration - Nioka Rose

Our Change of Watch is scheduled for Sunday, October 16th, at the Western Carolina Sail Club.

Boating Activities

Fourth of July will be at Billy's dock with hot dogs provided.

Education – Henry Schmitt—No Report

Secretary – Elizabeth Boswell—No Report

Sunshine Committee No Report

Poinsett Pilot – Monthly Pilot articles due by the 20th

Members at Large – Chris Rose, Don Woodard

Old Business No report

New Business No report

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

Adjourned at 7:48 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.

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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



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