



The Pilot



Monthly Newsletter of the

Lake Hartwell Boating Club



From the Bridge - Pete Stevenson

I take pen in hand (well really a keyboard) with some mixed emotions. Like, what the hell am I doing here in the Commanders seat for the fourth time? But I am also mindful of the Dolly Parton song that goes something like:

“Here you come again, looking better than a body is supposed to, and here I go”

You get the picture, I think we can have a great year. We have a good experienced team on the executive committee and with a little luck we should be able to do good things, enjoy ourselves and have fun.

We have already held our first Executive Committee meeting. November 10 which just happens to be the Marine Corps Birthday, 245 years, not bad for a bunch of jar heads. The virtual meetings work but..... for me they are too casual, distractions, lost attention, a little too informal. I for one am eager for returning to in person meetings where real interaction produces plans and actions. Of course, the virtual meetings do work and we are still in business and for 2021:

We will continue to do our co op charting cruises. We will conduct vessel safety checks starting with the Shake Down and Antique Boat show, the Poker Run and other organized events on the lake. We will continue Billy's famous “Bob n Sip” boating outings. With a little luck we will organize a cruise or two, maybe the Tennessee, maybe Charleston, what would you, the club, like to do?

I must be straight forward and advise you that I am severely limited in my communication options. I do speak face to face, I do use telephones for text and talk, I use email a great deal. I do not and will not use Facebook, Twitter or other social media. I do not trust the programs or the people that operate them and more important they are horrible time wasters. Please consider me a dinosaur, I am becoming ancient and inflexible. Hopefully, the club will survive having to drag me along.

If you have ideas, questions, even complaints please let me know. We can discuss problems and we can explore suggestions and work them into the schedule.

Calendar of Events

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December

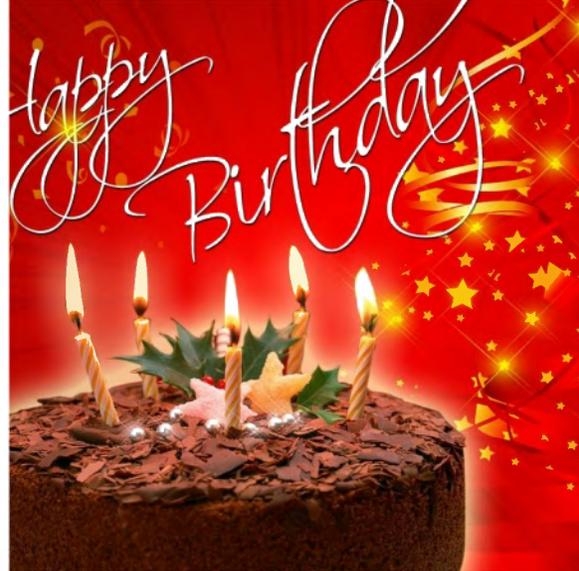
4 Donations Due for Adopt a Family
8 Executive Committee Meeting

January

12 Executive Committee Meeting

February

9 Executive Committee Meeting
Co op Charting at your leisure



Our Bridge

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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

Fran Dehart	12/05
Calhoun Pruitt	12/21
Chris Rose	12/25



This year, in lieu of a Christmas Party and donating to Toys for Tots we will be sponsoring a family for Christmas.

The family has a Grandmother, Grandfather and two boys aged 14 and 17.

The boys enjoy sports, like football and baseball. They wear a size L clothing.

The Grandmother would like a night coat size XL and the Grandfather would like a pair of pajamas size L.

Gift cards to Bilo, Ingles, Publix, Walmart, CVS, Walgreens would all be appreciated.

Gifts may be dropped off at the home of Billy Owens, Pete Stevenson or Chris Rose. No later than December 4th.

For those that hate shopping, you can Venmo us your donation and we will put the cash into a card for them.

PS, they have no food allergies.

Alcohol Overindulgence Remains The Leading Contributing Factor In Boating Accidents

This month, we're taking a second look at our post and Poinsett Pilot article (August 2020) on the Recreational Boating Statistics 2019, the 61st annual safety report published in June by the Coast Guard. Where the primary cause of fatalities was known, alcohol use was listed as the leading factor in 23% of deaths. Boat U.S. Foundation reports that almost half of all boating accidents involve alcohol.

It is clear that Boating Under The Influence (BUI) is a serious problem on the water. This article contains some facts to share with other skippers, especially when you see impaired piloting at the ramp, the marina, or other places you come in contact with other vessels.

Penalties For BUI

Many don't realize that operating a boat while intoxicated is a federal offense, subject to a \$1,000 fine. In addition, criminal penalties are as high as \$5,000, and may even include jail time.

In South Carolina, Boating Under the Influence (BUI) penalties depend on the circumstances of the case. A jury can presume impairment with a blood alcohol content of 0.08% or greater. Most BUIs are misdemeanors and the possible penalties are:

- First offense: \$200 in fines, 48 hours of jail time or community service, and a six-month boating privilege suspension.
- Second offense: \$1,000 to \$5,000 in fines, at least 48 hours in jail or 10 days community service, and a one-year boating privilege suspension.
- Third offense: \$3,500 to \$6,000 in fines, 60 days to three years imprisonment, and a three-year boating privilege suspension

A BUI offender who causes property damage, injuries, or death while boating under the influence, faces enhanced penalties. Convicted boaters face at least \$500 in fines and/or up to 30 days in jail, plus suspension of boating privileges for one year. BUIs involving "serious bodily injury" to another are felonies, carrying \$5,000 to \$10,000 in fines, 30 days to 15 years imprisonment and a three-year boating privilege suspension. BUI convictions involving death to another carry \$10,000 to \$25,000 in fines, one to 25 years in prison, and a three-year boating privilege suspension.

If you plan to drink, save your alcohol for when you've arrived safely back at the dock.

How Does Intoxication Affect The Ability To Pilot A Boat?

- Balance: Simply falling overboard and drowning accounts for at least one in four boating fatalities.
- Impaired Judgment: Intoxication causes normally cautious people to try stunts or enter high-risk situations a sober person would avoid.
- Reaction Time: Intoxication diminishes your ability to react to several different signals at once.
- Vision: Intoxication reduces night vision and impairs the inability to distinguish red from green, making observance of COLREGS difficult.
- Boating Stressors: Exposure to noise, vibration, sun, glare, wind and the motion of the water, adds to the impairment caused by intoxication.

Alcohol Facts

- ❖ One 12 oz. beer contains the same amount of alcohol as 5 oz. of wine or 1.5 oz. of 80-proof liquor.
- ❖ Cold showers and coffee will only produce a clean, wide-awake drunk.

- ❖ Only your liver can detoxify alcohol and only time can sober you up.
- ❖ Alcohol does not aid recovery from hypothermia. The dilated blood vessels it causes reduce your body's ability to guard against heat loss.

Boat U.S. Tests Alcohol Impairment In Experienced Skippers

Twenty years ago, Boat U.S. Foundation did some supervised tests of the effects of alcohol consumption on experienced skippers. The results, summarized in the table below, are quite “sobering” and underscore the impairments that we are not aware of, even if we seem to be able to pilot the vessel as normal. For Test 2, subjects went through a slalom course at planing speed through six buoys, a steering-speed run through six more buoys placed in a zigzag pattern, and a docking test.

Test 1

One test subject in a Parker 18 with 90hp outboard engine

<u>Alcohol Imbibed</u>	<u>Result</u>
With 1 shot of vodka	Docked slowly and overcautiously without incident
With 2 shots	Didn't notice other boats, hit a buoy without realizing it, hit the dock hard on the port quarter; mistakenly revved engine in forward instead of reverse and ran the bow up on the dock.
With 3 shots	BAC registered 0.11 (legally intoxicated); could not function.

Test 2

Another test, 2 men and 2 women, various body types, on two slalom courses and a docking test

<u>Alcohol Imbibed</u>	<u>Result</u>
1 oz. 80 proof	BAC .02-.05%, 3 of 4 failed field sobriety test; erratic speed control; 2 hit the dock.
2-3 oz. 80 proof	BAC 0.5-.1%, all failed field sobriety.
4-5 oz. 80 proof	BAC .08-.12%, clearly inebriated; erratic speed control; very wide turns; overcompensating on helm; 2 hit dock, one hit buoy.
6-7 oz 80 proof	2 were incapacitated and could not be tested, 2 had BAC nearly .15% completed course with great difficulty; judged to be a serious threat to everyone nearby and themselves.

There is an interesting finding from the report:

Each subject noted that even at moderate BAC levels, any unforeseen situations would have created problems for them in operating the boat. Any variable--obstacle in the water, approaching vessel, man overboard--that would have required a quick decision or spontaneous reaction could have had dire consequences.

References

- <https://boatus.org/alcohol-and-boating/myths/>
- <https://boatus.org/alcohol-and-boating/effects/>
- <https://boatus.org/findings/32/>
- <https://dui.drivinglaws.org/resources/south-carolina-boating-under-the-influence.html>



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Co op Charting

What the heck is co op charting.? First, the name is kind of funky. Co op is an acronym that stands for cooperative or cooperation. The parties involved are volunteers from Americas Boating Club (us) and the various agencies responsible for managing aids to navigation on our waterways. Aids to navigation are frequently referred to as ATONS. ATONS are markers, buoys, signs and other devices that provide information to boaters especially safety information

Agencies are the Corps of Engineers on Lakes Hartwell, Russell and Thurmond and the Tennessee River. Coastal authorities include the Coast Guard and NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration). The Coast Guard repairs or supervises repair of ATONS in navigable waters and discrepancies are reported to the Coast Guard. NOAA has many functions including the production and maintenance of charts.

Volunteers like us are encouraged to regularly inspect (survey) ATONS on our lakes, rivers, and coastal waters and to promptly report discrepancies. In serious safety hazard issues, repairs often take place in a matter of days. Other, less severe problems, may not be corrected for an extended period.

Whew, after all that boiler plate what about us? Well, members of the Lake Hartwell Boating Club inspect ATONS on Lake Hartwell twice a year: February and August. Lake Hartwell is divided into eight sectors: 1 A and B, 2 A and B, 3 A and B and 4 A and B. Zone 1 A and B is near the dam. Zone 2 A and B is in and around 26 Mile Creek and the Sail club. Zone 3 A and B is built around the Seneca River and Zone 4 A and B is based on the Tugaloo.

When the inspection calendar rolls around teams are formed to perform the inspections. Sometimes whole families are involved, occasionally a solo boater goes out and often other teams are formed. For sure our experienced inspectors are eager to take passengers along, what better way to collect an audience for sea stories? When the broadcast notification email comes out, let chairman Jef Lockman know your interest and you will be included. It's a great way to learn the lake.

Two more parts to the story.

We are not limited to Lake Hartwell. We can survey and report ATON problems on any waters so if a discrepancy is discovered while cruising on the Tennessee or in Savannah waters the system will accept and recognize your reports. Once the scourge of Covid is tamed we could organize a coastal cruise and include a multi vessel survey of a section of our cruise route.

Our esteemed parent, the United States Power Squadron (AKA as Americas Boating Club) has an established program to recognize the contributions of the volunteers in Co op charting and awards are presented annually. Historically, Lake Hartwell and our immediate parent District 26, have earned national recognition for many years. Imagine. After a pleasant afternoon on the water, your name is announced across the nation in recognition of your contribution to boating safety. Pretty cool.

How to submit a report is the subject for a future issue.

Pete Stevenson

Vessel Safety Check Plans for 2021

The Vessel Safety Check plan to defeat the \$@# &&& 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
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 or myself.

Pete Stevenson

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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.

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Lake Hartwell Boating Club

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes November 10, 2020

Virtual meeting via Free Conference Call App 6:45 PM

Call to Order

A quorum was established
Billy lead the invocation
Pete lead the Pledge of Allegiance
Review Minutes of October ExCom meeting were approved

Ad-Hoc Committees

Fall 2021 D26 Conference has been changed to on-line, the Embassy suites has held the rates until 2022 if needed.

Department Reports

Commander - Pete Stevenson, AP

Pete wants us to pursue the ABC course, virtually if necessary, as well as VSC and Co-op

Past Commander - Billy Owens, AP

Merit Marks have been submitted and appear to have been approved.

Treasurer - Jim Bolding

Jim will get with Craig to get the accounts transferred over

Administration - Nioka Rose, S

Membership

We had 10 new members this year/ 5 in October

Boating Activities

D/26 Cruise and Rendezvous will be April 21-25 in the Beaufort and Hilton Head areas
WCSC has a parade of lights December 4th and 5th. We will do a Float and Sip event to watch the parade.

Billy is checking on the Big Water Christmas parade

A budget of \$500.00 was approved for Boating Activities

Co-op charting

We will be looking into making the next Co-Op Charting an organized Boating Activity

Meetings & Programs

We are hosting the virtual D/26 Award Ceremony this year, currently looking at the dates of March 19 or 20
December 4th is the last day to donate for our family we are sponsoring for Christmas

Education – Bert Baxter, AP

We will be attempting an in person ABC class in February

Executive – Charles Guderian, S

Co-op Charting

VSC

Boat Show

We will not pursue a booth for the Boat Show this year.

Secretary – Craig McQueen, P

Sunshine Committee

Rosemary Stevenson will Chair this year. We are looking for someone to help.

Poinsett Pilot – Monthly Pilot articles due by the 20th

From the Bridge - Pete Stevenson

Boating Activity- Billy Owens

Safety article - Don Woodard

Color Cruise Sarah LeBlanc,

Looking for volunteers - Pete Stevenson

Members at Large

No Report

Old Business

No Report

New Business –

Titles and labels in agenda and minutes will be dropped.

The next meeting - will be at 6:45 pm on Tuesday December 8, 2021 by Free Conference Call

Adjourned at 7:30pm

Submitted By: Jim Bolding, Secretary

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.

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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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