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Come for the Boating Education...Stay for the FriendsSM



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From the Bridge - Cdr Jim Carroll

USPS has a system for recognizing the contributions of each member. These are called Merit Marks. It is possible for a member to earn one Merit Mark for each year of membership if they make a significant contribution each year. Unfortunately, there is no objective definition of what constitutes a significant contribution, but some things are clear. It is measured in hours and it is work, not participation.

In other words, there is no credit for attending a meeting or participating in an event. However, there is credit for doing an assignment that comes from a meeting or for sponsoring an event. Likewise, just holding an office does not earn a Merit Mark, but the tasks performed in that office may.

Then there is the question of how many hours are required to earn a Merit Mark. I have my opinion, but a higher authority makes this decision, and they are not talking.

Despite the subjectivity of the system, it is still worth the effort to officially record what we have done for USPS in general and LHSPS in particular. **I need your help to get this accomplished.** We keep some records, but these are mostly about participation. I need each member to email a list to me of the things that you have done in 2016, and how long it took you. You will have to estimate your efforts up to the end of the year. I would like to have this by the Annual Meeting on 14 Oct so that I can talk to you if I have any questions. My submittal date is by Nov 15.

I just did this for myself and found that it was kind of fun to remember all the stuff we did this year.

Calendar of Events

LHS&PS Calendar of Events

October

3 Executive Committee Meeting
7 - 9 D/26 Fall Conference Savannah Lakes
14 Annual Meeting - Twin Peaks
22 - 24 Tennessee River Cruise

November

7 Executive Committee Meeting
10 Mastering the Rules of the Road
Seminar at Cabelas
18 LHS&PS Change of Watch

December

6 Executive Committee Meeting
10 Christmas Party
17 Advanced Power Boat Handling Seminar at
Cabelas

Our Bridge

Commander: Jim Carroll, AP
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Treasurer: Ivy Williamson, S
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Assistant SEO: Vacant

Members At Large:

Lynn Solesbee, AP
Al Engelmann, SN

Nominating Committee

Jim Carroll, AP (1Yrs)
Pete Stevenson, AP/BOC (2 Yrs)
Al Engelmann, SN (3 Yrs)

A Smattering of Facts about Boating

2015 was a good year for the boating industry, sales increased \$.5 billion to \$35.9 in 2015. \$35.9 billion includes new and used boats, trailers, accessories and services like fuel, storage and repair. Accessories racked up \$6 billion in sales. Outboard boats (50% of all boats) were up 14.4 %. 70 % of dealers forecast growth. Exports were down 18.5% due to the strong dollar.

Boats in operation in 2015: 12.1 million registered or documented plus 3.6 undocumented = 15.7 million, a slight increase over 2014 and is the first uptick since 2010. 209,400 vessels were retired in 2015, lowest number since the great recession ended.

Top 10 manufacturers of fiberglass inboards over 34 foot length hold 54% of the market and are led by Sea Ray. Sea Ray ranks highly in both 21 to 24 foot, and over 24 foot fiberglass stern drives. The top 10 inboard ski/wake boats have 98% of the market. The top 10 aluminum outboard boats, fishing or pontoon, have a mid 70's share of the market.

The average age of a boat sold is 20 years, led by sail at 29 years. South Carolina sales of \$7,371,000 are 11th highest in the nation.

Pete Stevenson

Source: August 2016 issue Boating Industry

D/26 Spring Conference

As if you might have forgotten or missed the previous infomercials we (the Lake Hartwell Sail and Power Squadron) are chugging right along on the District Spring Conference. Of course, we are the hosts, responsible for venue, meals and entertainment. I think the big stuff is well in hand: hotel secured, meals planned, entertainment scheduled, information published. BUT the devil is in the details and Nioka Rose needs assistance on acquiring materials for goody bags and manning (womanning?) the registration desk. I am sure Carolyn Cunningham will accept all contributions, physical and material, concerning table decorations.

Jim Carroll is hard at work seeking sponsorships and Jef Lockman is organizing the Silent Auction. Both would welcome ideas, contacts, items, and We have not yet secured a hospitality suite manager which puzzles me. This onerous job involves entertaining visitors, offering refreshments and socializing. Who would have thought such work would be hard to fill?

Anyone with questions, suggestions or contributions is welcome to contact me.

Pete Stevenson 864 444 3297 Pete@marinesurveysinc.com

Co op Charting

You may have noticed that we regularly report in this newspaper that we have performed co op charting once again. Perhaps you wonder what that's all about? Well, I will tell you. Co op charting is a nationwide program in which USPS members survey, inspect and report on the condition of navigation aids and other aspects of safe boating. LHS&PS surveys the navigation aids on Hartwell Lake four times a year and reports discrepancies to the Corps of Engineers. The Corps uses the reports to repair or replace damaged and unserviceable buoys and shoal markers. Occasionally Lake Hartwell members journey to the coast and investigate atons (aids to navigation) on the Intracoastal waterway. This past spring, four intrepid adventurers traveled to Charleston and surveyed a newly developing shoal in the Intracoastal. Our depth survey defined the new hazard and our report was adopted by NOAA in just a few weeks. NOAA included the shoal on the current charts. Pretty cool.

While our lake work is pretty much confined to surveying the condition of navigation aids, coastal work can take many forms. We have surveyed ranges on the Wando, investigated docks and piers defining the extent they interrupt navigation (they stick out too far), surveyed depths looking for shoals and of course, surveyed atons. Occasionally, when cruising on the Tennessee or the Intracoastal we will find a missing aid and submit a single instance report to the appropriate authority.



Too faded to read



What they should look like



Destroyed, imagine the racket

In addition to damage they are often missing or seriously out of position. The photo shows a fish concentrator ashore near T60.



Of course all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy. Not a problem in co op charting as can be seen in the picture of Commander Carroll toiling away on the upper Tugaloo.

Labor Day at the Ray's

Well they did it again Ollie. Who is Ollie? Never mind. On Sunday, September 4 Dan and Jo Ann Ray once again hosted the Labor Day Raft and it was a culinary success as usual. Many people brought dishes to share and Don Hohman and Dan collaborated to provide some Georgia mountain grown sweet corn that was outstanding. The crowd featured youngsters, family, dogs, squadron members, friends and neighbors: perhaps 30 or more in all.

The main gathering started around 2 PM, food was shared at 4. Meanwhile the social scene moved from the lake to the yard and back to the lake. Three of the squadron's finest vessels were in attendance, Nautical Wheeler, Big Easy and Take Two. Nautical Wheeler and Big Easy were loaded with people like Anna and Ben plus a boat load of friends, Big Easy had children, spouses and grandchild (you know the children were actually adults) but Take Two just took two. Monday morning was beautiful. Sky was clear, lake was calm, temperature perfect and we motored off to Twin Lakes for an uneventful haul out. Quite a contrast to Sunday afternoon when the lake was chock full of boats going every which way and the chop was every bit of one foot so the ride was bang, bang, bang and no escaping it



Alas, another great weekend in South Carolina.

Pete Stevenson

Annual Meeting & Election of Officers

Lake Hartwell Sail and Power Squadron 2016 Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

Friday, 14 October 2016 at 1800
Twin Peaks
1034 Woodruff Road, Greenville

Your attendance is kindly requested at the 2016
Annual Meeting and Election of Officers.
Food and drinks can be ordered from the menu.
Plan to join squadron members to vote for next year's officers!

As a special treat, Zalman, the Magician will perform for us after the formal business meeting.

Nominating Committee Report August 2016

The following names have been placed in nomination for the 2016-2017 Bridge year.

Commander: Charles Guderian, S
Executive Officer: Ted Sauvain, JN
Administrative Officer: Nioka Rose, S
Secretary: Rosemary Stevenson, AP
Treasurer: Pete Stevenson, AP
SEO: Chris Rose, SN

Members at Large:

P/D/C Alfred Engelmann, SN
P/C Lynn Solesbee, AP
Russ Dunston

Please RSVP to admin@lake-hartwell.org or call Nioka Rose at 864-567-1505 by Monday, Oct, 10.

LHS&PS Change of Watch 2016

Commerce Club

55 Beattle Place
Greenville, SC

18 November 2016

Happy Hour (Cash Bar) at 1830
Dinner at 1900

Buffet Dinner including
Garden Salad with Assorted Dressings

Honey Bourbon Glazed Salmon
Grilled Chicken with Sun-dried Tomato Cream
Whipped Potatoes
Heirloom Baby Vegetable Sauté

Ultimate Chocolate Cake or Cheesecake with Mixed Berries

Coffee, Iced Tea and Water

Price \$35.00 per person

Please send check payable to LHS&PS to :
Nioka Rose
6 Bayou Cove
Mauldin, SC 29662

No later than 9 November 2016

Education

Cabela's on Woodruff Road in Greenville

Registration is required as class size is limited.

Phone Chris Rose at 864-567-1394 or email education@lake-hartwell.org to reserve a seat.

Schedule of Upcoming Seminars:

Saturday, October 22; Basic Weather & Forecasting

The safety and comfort of those who venture out-on-the-water have always been weather dependent. This seminar is a must for boaters who have never taken a weather course. The complex subject of weather is presented in a way that is both understandable and useful. Topics include Air Masses and Fronts, Winds, Storms, Clouds, Thunderstorms, Fog and Forecasting. Cost \$10.00 per person in advance or \$15.00 at the door.

Register at <https://www.upstateboatingcourse.org/seminars.html>.

Saturday, November 12; Mastering the Rules of the Road

This seminar provides an explanation with examples of the 37 Rules of the Road for both the U.S. Inland Rules and the International Rules (COLREGS). It simplifies the sometimes complex law relating to boat operation for the recreational boater. It is a starting point for study preparation for the USCG License examination. Cost \$10.00 per person or \$15.00 at the door. Register at <https://www.upstateboatingcourse.org/seminars.html>.

Saturday, December 17; Advanced Power Boat Handling

Historically it took many years' experience to be truly at ease and skilled at handling a powerboat. This skill was achieved over years of on the water trial and error experience. What about the rest of us? Here's a good way to get there quickly and safely. This seminar is a three-part series: Close Quarters Maneuvering, How Boats Behave in Rough Seas, and Handling Boats at Sea. The seminar shows you how your boat will behave and why in response to your controls. You'll understand what the pro's have learned the hard way. This gets you there faster, and with confidence. Then, on the water you can visualize your actions and execute them easily. Cost \$10.00 per person or \$15.00 at the door.

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Lake Hartwell Sail & Power Squadron

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes September 6, 2016

MD 360 Powdersville

- I. **Call to Order 18:30 by Cdr Jim Carroll, AP**
 - A. A quorum was established
 - B. Invocation – Cdr Jim Carroll, AP
 - C. Pledge of Allegiance – Cdr Jim Carroll, AP
 - D. Review Minutes of August meeting – approved as read
The next ExCom meeting is at the MD 360 Powdersville Mon Oct 3 @ 18:30

- II. **AD-Hoc Committees – D’26 Conference Spring 2017, March 3-5.** P/C Pete Stevenson reported on the conference. The spouse program will be lunch at Passerelle Bistro, Falls Park. There will be a Mice On Main hunt with a prize(s). Downtown Greenville has a free trolley available. An optional choice will be a trip to the Bob Jones Gallery. Informative Spring Conference printouts will be available to bring to the D’26 Fall Conference in Augusta.

- III. **Department Reports**
 - A. Commander – Cdr Jim Carroll, AP
 1. Cdr Carroll will send out an announcement to the members asking for their information to determine qualification for a merit mark,
 - B. Auxiliary – No Report
 - C. Past Commander – P/C Pete Stevenson, AP –It is agreed that the squadron sell the education departments Sextants. P/C Stevenson has researched the resale values and will continue with the project informing other squadrons of the sale. It was suggested to contact PBS, Ebay and the Gold & Silver Pawn shop.
 - D. Treasurer – Lt/Cdr Ivy Williamson, S,
 1. The treasurer distributed the monthly report and the year to date report. The reports were accepted as presented.
 2. An adult magician has been hired for the Annual meeting at Twin Peaks Oct 14.
 - E. Administration –Lt/Cdr. Nioka Rose, S (not present) forwarded the following:

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1. Lt/Cdr Rose has member attendance information for the Commander.
 2. Lt/Cdr Guderian will cancel the Full Moon/Cemetery Island Cruise which was set for Sept 17. We can try to schedule the event at another full moon.
 3. Lt/Cdr Stevenson will do the COW Nov 14 program. Lt/Cdr Rose will see to the decorations and the dinner registration form for the Pilot.
 4. Lt/Cdr Stevenson will arrange for the ExCom meeting rooms. The date will be changed to the first Tuesday of the month starting in December.
 5. We need details on the Fall Cruise to Tennessee. Lt/Cdr Williamson to check with P/C Baxter.
 6. The date and location for the Christmas Party is yet to be determined.
- F. Education – P/C Chris Rose, SN (not present) forwarded the following:
1. The Boat Handling seminar scheduled for Sat. Aug 20 at Cabelas was cancelled due to lack of public interest.
 2. It was approved that we continue to purchase the seminar kits (Basic Weather, Mastering the Rules of the Road and Advanced Power Boat Handling) and continue with the seminars at Cabelas. If we do not get a good response to the seminars we can return the materials for a refund.
 3. ABC classes will resume on Sept 17. On the water is scheduled for September 24. New materials have been ordered. The announcement was published in the Greenville News.
- G. Executive – Lt/Cdr Charles Guderian, S
1. No Vessel safety checks are scheduled for September. There is a need for more VSC inspectors. A training seminar needs to be scheduled.
 2. Co-op charting – All zones except A1 have been covered.
 3. Lt/Cdr Guderian will give the Boat Show information to Lt/Cdr Elect Ted Sauvain, JN.
- H. Secretary – Lt/Cdr Rosemary Stevenson, AP
- Sunshine Committee –no report
Poinsett Pilot – Articles are due by the 20th.
- From the Bridge –Cdr Jim Carroll
ABC Class & OTW – P/C Chris Rose
Labor Day Raft out – P/C Stevenson
Co-op charting photo – P/C Stevenson
Tennessee River Cruise – P/C Bert Baxter
D'26 2017 Conference – P/C Pete Stevenson

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Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

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Annual Meeting Oct 14, Twin Peaks – Lt/Cdr Nioka Rose
COW Nov 18 – Lt/Cdr Nioka Rose

- I. Members at Large – no report.

- IV. **Old Business** – no report
- V. **New Business** - It was approved to have the Story Teller at the COW.

- VI. The Bridge decided to schedule the monthly meetings at the **MD 360 in Powdersville** if the room is available. Starting in December the day will be changed from the first Monday to another date which is to be determined.

- VII. Adjourned 19:40

Submitted by Lt/Cdr Rosemary Stevenson, AP



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