

# The Pilot



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## From the Bridge - Pete Stevenson

The CO OP Jamboree on March 10 was a great success. A success in introducing ourselves to the public. There were 9 boating club members present and 9 interested new people. Well really only 7, because 2 of our members came along as passengers because they wanted to learn about co op charting. These two were part of the less active segment of our membership and we were very happy to have them onboard with us. And incidentally the actual co operative charting was also successful and several reports were filed with the Corps of Engineers as well as USPS.

The day went like this. All parties gathered at 12 noon at the Portman Marina courtesy dock and pavilion where Ted Sauvain and Al Engelmann offered hot dogs, water and chips. At 12:15 Jef Lockman described the days events and at 12:30 four vessels, each with a complement of our crew and our guests departed for various areas of the lake. Co op surveys were performed and explained while yarns were spun and various sites and sights of interest were introduced. Believe it or not all parties were back at the rendezvous and on the way home before the rain. Like the pillow guy I knew it would be like that.

So now we have 7 new faces who are interested in boats and the lakes and the opportunity to invite them into the club. Wow, that is a success in my book. At the March 12<sup>th</sup> executive committee we decided to continue to publish invitations to the public to join us on the lake and the next opportunity is the Shakedown Cruise to the Antique and Classic Boat Show, April 21<sup>st</sup>. Of course the policy will be that we perform our mission , the guests are welcome but on our schedule.

Our captains were Craig McQueen, Don Woodard, Charles Guderian and Chris Rose. The crews were Janice Woodard, Jim Carroll, Pete Stevenson, and Jef Lockman. The supernumeraries (guests in other words) were George Owens, Amelia Nelson, Eric Tong and his son, Gene Malcolm, Kevin Hogan and friend, Wade Herrin.

# Calendar of Events

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

### **April**

- 10 Executive Committee Meeting
- 12 Mastering the Rules of the Road Seminar at Cabela's
- 21 Shakedown Cruise & Wooden Boat Show at Big Water and Hartwell Marinas

### **May**

- 8 Executive Committee Meeting
- 12 ABC Class at Cabela's
- 18 -20 D26 Cruise & Rendezvous
- 27 Wine & Cheese at the Mc Queen's

### **June**

- 7 Kayak Trip Brevard
- 8 -9 Poker Run - Big Water Marina
- 12 Executive Committee Meeting
- 14 How to Use a Chart Seminar at Cabela's

## **D/26 Cruise & Rendezvous**

Hosted by Golden Corner Lakes May 18 -20, 2018.

The **interactive registration form** can be found on the D/26 website and be sure to mark your calendars today.



## **Our Bridge**

**President:** Jim Carroll, AP

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### **Members At Large:**

Al Engelmann, SN

Ted Sauvain, JN

David Cross, SN

Nathan Reynolds

### **Nominating Committee**

Al Engelmann, SN (1 Yr)

Jim Carroll, AP (2 Yrs)

Charles Guderian, S (3 Yrs)

## **It is Back by Popular Demand!**



The Wine & Cheese Raft-out will be held Memorial Day weekend at the home of Craig and Kim McQueen on Lake Hartwell

Make plans to attend this fun club event, one of our best raft-outs of the year!

More details to come.

Cheers!

## District 26 Spring Conference: Columbia SC

The Lake Murray squadron hosted the district conference over the weekend of March 16-18 at the Marriott in Columbia. Upstate Boating Club had eight attendees: Jim Wilkins, Bert and Amy Baxter, Al Engelmann, Charles and Pam Guderian and Rosemary and Pete Stevenson. Several things conspired to make a pleasant weekend. First the rain never came, only a little mist. Second there was a market outside the hotel on Saturday featuring exotic food, fresh vegetables, and many arts and crafts. Pretty neat. Add good food at the hotel, nice surroundings in the hotel, quite a few old friends in attendance and a couple of good presentations and it was a good meeting. Some highlights were awarding Lake Hartwell (Upstate Boating Club you know) first place nationally in co op charting with several members: Pete Stevenson and Charles Guderian placing in the top 10 individually and, oh yes District 26 also came in first.

Mary Gilliam of Long Bay followed up her excellent presentation of a year ago with even better by introducing workbooks and guidelines for rejuvenating and growing the club. Stand by as you will certainly hear more about that.

The district bridge re invigorated the District planning committee charging them with reviewing the conference and rendezvous programs and policies with the express wish to address costs, frequency and content. Charles Guderian was elected to the committee so we have the kings ear so to speak. Don't be shy.

Included in Mary Gilliam's presentation were three items we can and should address and soon.

First: included in the Marketing and PR workbook are sources for information.

BoatInfoUsa.com is a free website from which we can identify economic data (income), population and boat ownership by community. What a great way to target our efforts.

<https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/> is a way to perform an American Community Survey (free) to define specific community markets.

<https://www.easymedialist.com/usa/state/southcarolina.html> is another gold mine of contact info.

For example: Georgetown has a population of 9,071 with a mean family income of \$48,266, ownership of 112 recreational boats, 2 boat dealers and 4 marinas. Compiling similar information we can dissect the upstate and focus our efforts.

Another component of her presentation was the workbook to develop and execute a marketing and public relations plan. I think we could use the format to improve our efforts.

Third, she also presented a strategic planning workbook. I think we can use that tool also and I will bring these materials to the April Bridge/excom with a recommendation on how we might put them to use.

Pete Stevenson

## St. Paddy's Day at D/26 Spring Conference



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Congratulations!!!



Pete Stevenson receives Life Membership after earning 25 merit marks

**Come Join Us on April 21**



**Vessel Safety Checks**  
**Shakedown Cruise**  
**Antique Wooden Boat Show**



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Those with boats and members who don't have boats but want to ride on another member's boat should arrive at Big Water Marina by 9:30AM on the 21<sup>st</sup>. (If you want to ride with another member please contact Charles Guderian at 864-477-9479 for coordination.)

Vessel safety examiners will be available both at Big Water and Hartwell marinas to provide you with a quick safety check and sticker if you meet the state and federal requirements. (See the form on the next page which explains what examiners use during the inspection.) Boats will depart for Hartwell Marina at roughly 10:30 and guest riders will be returned to Big Water Marina by approximately 4:00 PM.

You can either pack a picnic lunch or grab food and drinks from one of the vendors at the show. Besides the wooden boats there will also be vintage cars on display and booths selling a variety of crafts.



## VESSEL SAFETY CHECK (VSC)

To be completed by a U.S. Coast Guard approved Vessel Examiner.  
See the back of this form for a brief explanation of required items.  
A Federal Requirements pamphlet is also available.

**Date of VSC:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Decal Awarded:** Yes  No

**Owner/Operator Name:**  
\_\_\_\_\_

Owner/Operator has attended a CGAUX, USPS, State or \_\_\_\_\_ Boating Safety Class: Yes  No

Location of VSC - County: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Replaced decal was: Last Year  Outdated  First time

**VESSEL INFORMATION:**

Registration or Documentation Number: \_\_\_\_\_

HIN: \_\_\_\_\_

Length: <16  16-25  26-39  40-65  >65

Powered by: Gas  Diesel  Sail  Other

Area of Operations: Inland  Coastal

Type: PWC  Open  Cabin  Other

### VESSEL SAFETY CHECK DECAL REQUIREMENTS

Item	Yes	No	N/A
1. Display of Numbers			
2. Registration/Documentation			
3. Personal Flotation Devices (PFD)			
4. Visual Distress Signals (VDS)			
5. Fire Extinguishers			
6. Ventilation			
7. Backfire Flame Control			
8. Sound Producing Devices/Bell			
9. Navigation Lights			
10. Pollution Placard			
11. MARPOL Trash Placard			
12. Marine Sanitation Devices			
13. Navigation Rules			
14. State and/or Local Requirements			
15. Overall Vessel Condition: <b>as applies</b>			
a. Deck Free of Hazards / Clean Bilge			
b. Electrical - Fuel Systems			
c. Galley - Heating Systems			

### RECOMMENDED AND DISCUSSION ITEMS (While encouraged, items below are not VSC requirements)

Item	Yes	No
I. Marine Radio		
II. Dewatering Device & Backup		
III. Mounted Fire Extinguishers		
IV. Anchor & Line for Area		
V. First Aid and PIW Kits (**over)		
VI. Inland Visual Distress Signals		
VII. Capacity/Certificate of Compliance		
VIII. Discussion Items: <b>as applies</b>		
a. Accident Reporting - Owner Responsibility		
b. Offshore Operations		
c. Nautical Charts / Navigation Aids		
d. Survival Tips / First Aid		
e. Fueling / Fuel Management		
f. Float Plan / Weather & Sea Conditions		
g. Insurance Considerations		
h. Boating Check List		
i. Safe Boating Classes		
j. Maritime Domain Awareness		

I certify that I have personally examined this vessel and find it meets the above requirements at the time of this Vessel Safety Check. I am a qualified Vessel Examiner of the: CGAUX  USPS  State of \_\_\_\_\_  or \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of the Examiner \_\_\_\_\_ Examiner Number \_\_\_\_\_

Examiner Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Comments:** *This is not an official boarding for law enforcement purposes. It is recommended that you correct any deficiencies noted. This checklist is furnished for your information. There is no assumption of liability of any kind for advice given or opinions expressed in connection to this examination. By accepting the Vessel Safety Check decal you are pledging to maintain your boat and equipment to the standard of safety exhibited during this examination. Please remove the Vessel Safety Check decal if the boat is sold or no longer meets these requirements.*

I am consenting to this Vessel Safety Check of my watercraft with full knowledge that it is provided to me as a public service on a volunteer basis without cost, and I understand and agree that my receipt of a Vessel Safety Check shall not constitute or be construed as a warranty or guarantee as to either the qualification, knowledge, or skills of the operator; the seaworthiness of the vessel; or the serviceability or adequacy of any equipment on board.

Owner/Operator Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ANSC7012 (4-08) Previous edition may be used



Back of ANSC7012 (4/08)

## Brief Explanation of VSC Required Items:

**❑ 1. NUMBERING:** The boat's registration number must be permanently attached to each side of the forward half of the boat characters must be plain, vertical, block style, not less than three (3) inches high, and in a color contrasting with the background. A space or hyphen must separate the letters from the numbers. Place State validation sticker according to State policy. (e.g. **FL 1234 AB** or **FL-4234-AB**)

**❑ 2. REGISTRATION/DOCUMENTATION:** Registration or Documentation papers must be on board and available. Documentation numbers must be permanently marked on a visible part of the interior structure. The documented boat's name and hailing Port must be displayed on the exterior hull in letters not less than 4 inches in height.

**❑ 3. PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES (PFDs):** Acceptable PFDs (also known as Life Jackets) must be U.S. Coast Guard approved and in good, serviceable condition. A wearable PFD of suitable size is required for the each person on the boat. Children must have properly fitted PFDs designed for children. Wearable PFDs shall be "readily accessible." Boats 16 Feet or longer, must also have one Type IV (throwable) device, which shall be "immediately available." PFDs shall NOT be stored in unopened plastic packaging. For Personal Watercraft riders, the PFD must be worn. An impact rating is recommended, but not required.

**❑ 4. VISUAL DISTRESS SIGNALS:** Recreational boats 16 feet and over used on coast waters or the Great Lakes are required to carry a minimum of either 1) three day and three night pyrotechnic devices, 2) one day non-pyrotechnic device (flag) and one night non-pyrotechnic device (auto SOS light) or 3) a combination of 1) and 2). Recreational boats less than 16 feet on coastal waters or the Great Lakes need only carry night visual distress signals when operating from sunset to sunrise.

It is recommended, but not required, that boats operating on inland waters should have some means of making a suitable day and night distress signal. The number and type of signals is best judged by considering conditions under which the boat will be operating.

**❑ 5. FIRE EXTINGUISHERS:** Fire extinguishers are required if one of the following conditions exists: 1) Inboard engine(s); 2) Double bottom hulls not completely sealed or not completely filled with flotation materials 3) Closed living space 4) Closed stowage compartments that contain flammable materials or 5) Permanently installed fuel tanks. Recreational boats less than 26 feet, and propelled by outboard motors are NOT required to have fire extinguishers unless one or more of the conditions (2-5) listed above applies. *NOTE: Fire extinguishers must be readily accessible and verified as serviceable.*

Minimum number of extinguishers required		
Boat Length	No Fixed System	With Fixed System
Less than 26'	one B-1	0
26' to less than 40'	two B-1 or one B-2	one B-1
40' to 65'	three B-1 or one B-1 & one B-2	two B-1 or one B-2

**❑ 6. VENTILATION:** Boats with gasoline engines in closed compartments, built after 1 August 1980 must have a powered ventilation system. Those built prior to that date must have natural or powered ventilation. Boats with closed fuel tank compartments built after 1 August 1978 must meet requirements by displaying a "certificate of compliance." Boats built before that date must have either natural or powered ventilation in the fuel tank compartment.

**❑ 7. BACKFIRE FLAME ARRESTER:** All gasoline powered inboard/outboard or inboard motor boats must be equipped with an approved backfire flame control device.

**❑ 8. SOUND PRODUCING DEVICES:** To comply with Navigation Rules and for distress signaling purposes all boats must carry a sound producing device (whistle, horn, siren, etc.) capable of a 4-second blast audible for 1/2 mile. Boats larger than 39.4 ft. are also required to have a bell (see Navigation Rules.)

**❑ 9. NAVIGATION LIGHTS:** All boats must be able to display navigation lights between sunset and sunrise and in conditions of reduced visibility. Boats 16 feet or more in length must have properly installed, working navigation lights and an all-around anchor light capable of being lit independently from the red/green/white "running" lights.

**❑ 10. POLLUTION PLACARD:** Boats 26 feet and over with a machinery compartment must display an oily waste "pollution" placard.

**❑ 11. MARPOL TRASH PLACARD:** Boats 26 feet and over in length, operating in U.S. navigable waters, must display a "MARPOL" trash placard. Oceangoing boats 40 feet and over must also have a written trash disposal plan available onboard.

**❑ 12. MARINE SANITATION DEVICE:** Any installed toilet must be a Coast Guard approved device. Overboard discharge outlets must be capable of being sealed.

**❑ 13. NAVIGATION RULES:** Boats 39.4 feet and over must have on board a current copy of the Navigation Rules.

**❑ 14. STATE AND LOCAL REQUIREMENTS:** These requirements must be met before the "Vessel Safety Check" decal can be awarded. A boat must meet the requirements of the state in which it is being examined.

**❑ 15. OVERALL BOAT CONDITION:** As it applies to this Vessel. Including, but not limited to:

**a. Deck free of hazards and clean bilge** - The boat must be free from fire hazards, in good overall condition, with bilges reasonably clean and visible hull structure generally sound. The use of automobile parts on boat engines is not acceptable. The engine horsepower must not exceed that shown on the capacity plate.

**b. Electrical and Fuel Systems:** The electrical system must be protected by fuses or manual reset circuit breakers. Switches and fuse panels must be protected from rain or water spray. Wiring must be in good condition, properly installed and with no exposed areas or deteriorated insulation. Batteries must be secured and terminals covered to prevent accidental arcing. **If installed**, self-circling or kill switch mechanism must be in proper working order. All PWCs **require** an operating self circling or kill switch mechanism.

**Fuel Systems - Portable fuel tanks** (normally 7 gallon capacity or less) must be constructed of non-breakable material and free of corrosion and leaks. All vents must be capable of being closed. The tank must be secured and have a vapor-tight, leak-proof cap. Each permanent fuel tank must be properly ventilated.

**c. Galley and Heating Systems** - System and fuel tanks must be properly secured with no flammable materials nearby.

**I - VIII. RECOMMENDED AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:** (Not required for the award of the "Vessel Safety Check" decal). For the very best boaters, we recommend these additional items. Meeting these requirements reflects your concern for Boating Safety.

**\*\* Person in the Water (PIW) kit consists of one extra wearable PFD and a throwable type IV PFD w/line.**

For more information: Ask your Vessel Examiner,  
Visit <http://SafetySeal.net>



## Education

### *Cabela's on Woodruff Road in Greenville* Schedule of Upcoming Classes and Seminars

Seminar Cost is \$25.00 per person.

Register at [www.UpstateBoatingCourse.org](http://www.UpstateBoatingCourse.org) or phone us at 864 567-1394 for more information.

#### **Thursday, April 12 Maritime Rules of the Road: Understanding Your Responsibilities**

When you skipper a vessel, you have a set of legal responsibilities to protect lives and property on the water. This seminar will help you grasp the Rules of the Road, by providing explanations and examples of the 37 Rules of the Road. It simplifies the sometimes complex law relating to boat operation for the recreational boater.

#### **Saturday, May 12 America's Boating Course**

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The Upstate Boating Club, part of the United States Power Squadron, will be presenting the Americas Boating Course from 9:30 until 5:30, covering these topics:

Boat Handling	Docking
Aids to Navigation	State & Federal Regulations
Anchoring	Trailer Tips
Rules of the Road	Emergencies
PWC Safety	Knots and Splices

This course is designed to provide basic safety instructions on the operation of boats for Skippers, Spouses, and Family Members

Taught by Experienced Boaters of the Lake Hartwell Sail & Power Squadron and approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators and recognized by many major insurance carriers as well as the United States Coast Guard.

Cost is \$30.00 for the first family member and \$10.00 for each additional family member sharing the same book. Register at [www.UpstateBoatingCourse.org](http://www.UpstateBoatingCourse.org) or phone us at 864 567-1394 for more information.

#### **Thursday, June 14 How to Use a Chart**

If you are on the water in a boat without a chart, you are easily lost. Charts include must-have information, including bottom contours, hazards, and aids to navigation, to help you travel safely. Whether you are planning a cruise, going fishing, or traveling to a local marina, knowing how to read and use nautical charts is essential to safe boating. It helps you always know where you are, no matter the conditions

## Let's Go Paddling!

It's been a while since Upstate Boating Club has enjoyed one of our "low-impact" canoe & kayak trips.

June 7th, we're going to get back in the flow with a trip down the French Broad River in Rosman, NC, just over the border. This is very easy water--no rapids.

Here's the plan:

11:00--Meet at Magpie Meat And Three in Brevard NC

12:00--Leave for Headwaters Outfitters (15 min. drive)

12:15--Unpack, check-in, orientation

1:00--Get on the river ("Hannah Ford" 3-hr, 8-mi. trip, self-guided).

4:00--Pull out and transportation back.

4:30-5:00--Head home

Costs:

\$40 per person, boats and equipment supplied.

Group discount rate (10 or more): \$35 ea.

If you supply your own boat, \$25 per boat.



Looks like about our speed,, right?

No deposit is required, we will only need your reservations by Friday, June 1. Call Don Woodard, 294-6991 or email [communications@lake-hartwell.org](mailto:communications@lake-hartwell.org). Visitors and club membership prospects are welcome.

For answers to any questions, contact Headwaters Outfitters, <http://www.headwatersoutfitters.com>, info@headwatersoutfitter.com, 828-877-3106.



## The Hartwell Lake Poker Run benefiting Meals on Wheels is June 8-9, 2018 at Big Water Marina!!

Entering its 9th year, the Hartwell Lake Poker Run kicks off the summer boating season in the area.

Boaters from all over the Southeast will converge at Big Water Marina, then visit five different scenic locations on the lake to collect poker cards.

At the end of the day, boaters gather back at the marina to see who has been dealt the best hand.

An after event party Saturday night featuring a live band will follow the awards and prizes.

In addition to the fun on Saturday, a morning boat fun run and night time sponsor party featuring a live band and live auction will take place on Friday.

All in all, it's a weekend featuring great music, great food, and a great time!

Register for the poker run and participate in a day of sun and fun on the water. Your participation will help raise much-needed funds to feed elderly and disabled home-bound residents of Anderson County.

**REGISTRATION:** <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/mow/event/789951/>

**SPONSOR INFO & REGISTRATION:** <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/mow/event/789952/>

**VENDOR INFO & REGISTRATION:** <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/mow/event/790134/>



# Upstate Boating Club

## Executive Committee Meeting Minutes March 13, 2017

MD 360 Powdersville, SC

### I. Call to Order 18:30 by Pete Stevenson

- A. A quorum was established
- B. Invocation –Charles Guderian
- C. Pledge of Allegiance – Pete Stevenson
- D. Review of January minutes were approved

### II. AD-Hoc Committees –

### III. Department Reports

- A. Commander – Pete Stevenson, sitting in for Jim Carroll
  - 1. We need to develop a list of instructors for Jump Start
  - 2. D/26 Spring Conference is this weekend
  - 3. We received a letter from National, complaining about our new logo. We are researching this and will discuss further in the future
- B. Past Commander – Charles Guderian  
No report
- C. Treasurer – Lynn Solesbee
  - 1. The treasurer's report was handed out.
  - 2. Lynn will consolidate some of our accounts
- C. Administration – Nioka Rose
  - 1. The Shakedown Cruise is set for 4/21/18, we will advertise it to the public
  - 2. The Wine and Cheese will be held Memorial Day weekend at the Mc Queen's
  - 3. A kayak trip is planned for June 7
  - 4. COW is set up for 11/16/18
  - 5. The Annual Meeting is set for 10/6/18
- E. Education – Chris Rose
  - 1. 5 people took and passed the ABC course, 9 were signed up but due to the confusion on the DNR website only 5 made it to MD 360
  - 2. The ABC course cost will be lowered to 30.00 from 50.00
  - 3. 2 people passed the Partner in Command course
  - 4. We will start advertising the Jump Start program
  - 5. Seminars are set up for April-Mastering the Rules of the Road, June-How to Read a

## Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Chart, July-Weather

F. Executive – Pete Stevenson

1. Co-op

- a. The Jamboree had 8 people and seemed to be successful, we will remain in contact with them.
- b. The USACE have asked that we do Co-op twice a year due to boat traffic. We will continue the spring and fall sessions and try to build the program
- c. We will be inviting the public to ride along with us on the next Co-op charting. This will be the full zone and take several hours to complete.

2. T-Shirts are in.

G. Secretary – Billy Owens

1. 2018 Poinsett Pilot article assignments– (Articles are due by March 20)

Co-op Jamboree – Pete Stevenson

Education- Chris Rose

D/26 Cruise – Nioka

Wine and Cheese – Billy

Kayak Cruise - Don

H. Members at Large

1. D/26 Conference attendees will be Pete and Rosemary Stevenson, Charles and Pam Guderian and Al Engelmann.

**IV. Old Business – none**

**V. New Business – none**

**VI.** The next ExCom meeting is at MD 360 Powdersville Tuesday April 10 @ 18:30

**VII.** Adjourn 19:30

Submitted by Billy Owens



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### **Poinsett Pilot**

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