

The Pilot



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

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From the Bridge - Jim Carroll

The Future Of District Conferences ?

Right now there is an interesting conversation going on between the District and Squadron Commanders. Our Past Commander Jim Wilkins, who is now the District Administrative Officer, is leading this discussion through a series of monthly teleconferences.

The biggest issue appears to be the increasing cost. One of the suggestions is to contract with a single hotel chain for all of the events.

Another issue is the number of events. Currently, there are three events, the Spring and Fall Conferences and the Spring Cruise & Rendezvous. Maybe the Rendezvous should be combined with the Spring Conference ? Then there is an issue with the Rendezvous itself. There is much more interest when it is located on the coast than inland.

There is also a desire to freshen-up the content of the conference itself. Some complain about the same old stuff.

In any case, it looks like changes are coming. P/C Wilkins is to be congratulated for taking this on. It is the primary connection between the District and the Squadrons and needs the attention that it is getting.

Stay tuned for further developments.

Calendar of Events

LHS&PS **Calendar of Events**

June

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

July

10 Executive Committee Meeting
12 Basic Weather Forecasting Seminar at
Cabela's

August

7 Executive Committee Meeting
9 Trailering Seminar at Cabela's

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Jim Carroll, AP (2 Yrs)

Charles Guderian, S (3 Yrs)

Wine & Cheese 2018

I am just going to call it clean living...yep clean living! How else would you explain it? You get a little nervous when you plan a raft out and all you hear from the local weather people is the weekend is going to be a complete wash out, well we did not see a drop! What a nice day it was! We did not have to slather on the sun screen, but overall it was a very comfortable.

Now that is clean living!

A big shout out of thanks to Craig and Kim McQueen! You could tell they worked very hard in preparing for our Memorial Day weekend event. It was generous of them to open up their beautiful home for all of us to enjoy.

The day started on the McQueen's beautiful new dock, munching on some snacks, enjoying drinks, and playing in the lake. The water was a little cool, but it did not seem to bother most. One addition to their dock is a really cool seat that swings out and you sit barely in the water, lots of folks were checking this out. I'm thinking of getting my lovely wife one for our anniversary in June!

Later we headed up to the house, where everyone brought out their wines and appetizers. I was very impressed with the variety and amount of food. Everyone really kicked it up a notch! We did not go away hungry nor thirsty.

After playing some corn hole, ladder toss, and giant jinga it was time for our blind wine tasting contest. It challenged you to pick the varietal of each wine. If you think you know a lot about wine, this contest proved that you really did not. After the first round we had a tie between the Solesbee's friend, Sharon and yours truly. After the "taste off" it was clear, that neither one of us was ever going to work as a Sommelier but Sharon was much closer than I, so she was the big winner of the \$25 North Hampton Wine gift card!

Later on we enjoyed BBQ and beans along with some other sides and continued to play games.

Over all it was a fun day spent with friends and family. Even with the awful forecast, we had 34 folks show up!

So, "The Weather Was Here" for this raft out after all!

Billy Owens

(Edited by Julie Owens, guess which sentence she edited, I mean added?) Pictures on next page



Let's Go Paddling!

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

June 5th, 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. 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/>

D/26 June Boating Activities

Day	Date(s)	Activity	Host Squadron	Contact	Email/Phone#
Fri.-Sat.	22nd-23rd	Wacca Wache Marina, Murrells Inlet, SC	North Strand		-
Thurs.	21st	Float Trip on the Broad River	Lake Hartwell	Charles Guderian	ecgthree@aol.com
Sat.	2nd	Port Royal Island (Beaufort) Loop	Beaufort	Lt Vicki (JN) & Erl (S) Swierkowski	vlswierk@gmail.com / 843-441-1301
Sat.-Sun.	8th-9th	Small Boat Charleston Trip. Santee to Charleston	Dreher Shoals	P/D/C Andy Hyman	-
Sat.	30th	Holiday Boat Parade, Raft Up, & Cookout	Dreher Shoals		-
Mon.	25th	Cruise up to May River to Redneck Riviera Sand Bar for a Fun Time on the Beach	Hilton Head		-
Sat.	9th	Beach Hammock, Little Tybee (Picnic)	Tybee Light	Hal Evans	hevans-mail@comcast.net / 703-629-2436
Thurs.	21st	Kayak Tour (Launch Site TBD)	Tybee Light	Hal Evans	hevans-mail@comcast.net / 703-629-2436
Extended	1st-13th	Savannah, GA	Long Bay	Rhonda Hardee	hard-ee@sccoast.net / 843-902-8653
Sat.	9th	Wine & Dine	Lake Murray	RJ Becht	rbecht6518@aol.com / 803-730-0930
Sat.	16th	Log Jam #1	Lake Murray	RJ Becht	rbecht6518@aol.com / 803-730-0930
Sat.	30th	Pig Roast on the Island	Lake Murray	RJ Becht	rbecht6518@aol.com / 803-730-0930

The 2018 District 26 Cruise and Rendezvous

District 26 and the host squadron Golden Corners held an excellent event last week, May 18-20, on Lake Keowee. Despite a dire weather forecast the event went well and we experienced practically no rain. Well at least Rosemary and I experienced no rain but some of the other boaters claimed they got wet. Imagine, boaters got wet, is that not why they are boaters?

Truthfully, when we launched at Mile Creek there was a mist, and some fog. We had to run slowly down to High Falls Park to meet our crew for the poker run. Our crew was Brian Hackley of Golden Corners and Kathryn and Roy Stevens of the Beaufort Squadron. Quite an honor to have the District Commander aboard and of course their presence was the lucky charm as we saw no more rain for the day as we crisscrossed the lake to the eight check in points to develop our hands.

This poker run was a little different, we did not pick up a chit or a card at the designated points, instead we (the entire boat compliment) recorded clues based on our observations at the designated spot. Kind of cool, we had to select two farm buildings of distinctive color at one spot (out of five or six buildings) and despite the clue that advertised cows we only saw horses.

Once we had the clues we then had to develop a phrase which would capture certain letters that fit into the instruction pages. Sort of like: "a ramp with two eagles" which yielded a w and two e's in the code page. Once we had all eight phrases we had to take the code letters of all and turn that into a phrase. The answer was "three sheets to the wind" and I don't know if all four boats got it.

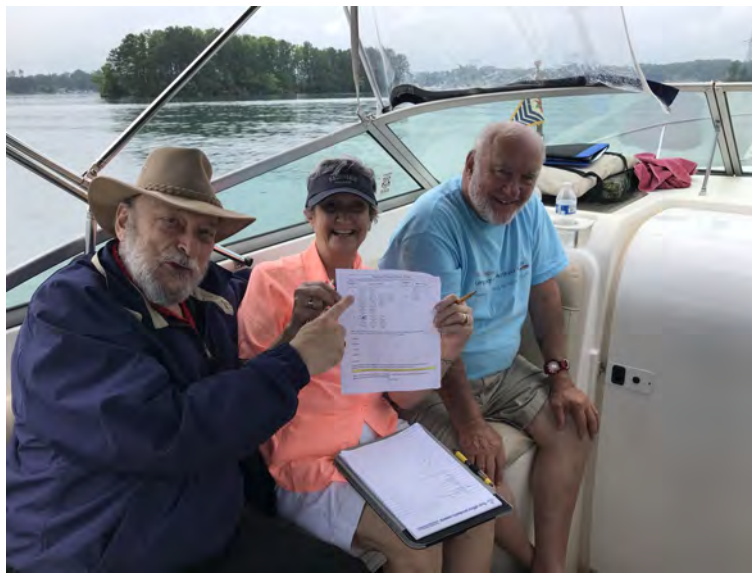
The run part of the day started at ten and we finished about three giving lots of time to spruce up and get to Keowee Key Country Club for refreshments and dinner, poker hands and the Silent Auction. I was defeated at every turn in the Silent Auction although Rosemary did acquire a nice beach mat. The poker was even worse. Despite having eleven cards, yes eleven, in each of the three hands I never got higher than two pair. Imagine 33 cards and only two pair: Pooh. And the 50 50 ran true to form; of nine digits on my tickets I did not match more than two on the draw. Needless to say I will not head west to Vegas soon even despite the Raiders heading there.

It is a bit of a shame that we were the only visiting craft, the other three entries all GCL people. You cannot blame it all on the weather. Part of the problem is that our core membership is are getting old and the young people are missing out. Another issue is that there are too many things to do. Our offerings of dancing girls, free liquor, and exotic experiences do not seem to create the draw we hope for. Oh well.

Thanks to Golden Corners for a great effort and a pleasant day

Pete Stevenson

The 2018 District 26 Cruise and Rendezvous



D/26 Cdr Roy Stevens, Beaufort P/C Cookie Stevens and Lake Hartwell Lt/C Pete Stevenson.

The 2018 District 26 Cruise and Rendezvous



Jim Hublou, Wendy Carter, Gene Kunkel (organizer-did not win), Sue Dragoo & Roy Stevens



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 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

Thursday, July 12 Basic Weather & Forecasting For Safety And Comfort

Every truly responsible boat skipper needs to know more about weather forecasting than how to use a smartphone weather app. This seminar serves as an introduction to the basics of weather and forecasting and is presented in a way that is both understandable and useful.

Thursday, August 9 Thursday, Trailering Boats Safely And Without Damage

Some of the most unpleasant parts of boating occur when your trailer is connected to your vehicle. The seminar will teach you how to trailer, launch and retrieve your boat safely and securely, as well as how to operate and maintain your trailering equipment. You will learn how to select a trailer, tow vehicle and hitches.

Saturday, Sept. 8 America's Boating Course

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

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	Trailering 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 or phone us at 864 567-1394 for more information.



Upstate Boating Club

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes May 8, 2018

MD 360 Powdersville, SC

I. Call to Order 18:30 by Jim Carroll

- A. A quorum was established
- B. Invocation – Jim Carroll
- C. Pledge of Allegiance – Jim Carroll
- D. Minutes of March meeting were approved

II. AD-Hoc Committees – Jef Lockman

1. Boat Show prospective member info has been divided into 4 groups; (facebook, twitter, other social media) and has been formatted and distributed to the ExCom. An invitation to join the Upstate Boating Club was sent to those accepting the Email from the Boat Show. The Pilot was sent to all Boat Show attendees that asked for information.
2. Uma Gupta has requested to go Co-Op charting. Pete Stevenson will contact.

III. Department Reports

A. Commander – Jim Carroll

1. Internet hits on the Pilot – how many do we get? Web master Don Woodard reports 30
2. Who is our audience? The membership and prospective members.
3. How do we connect?
4. Jim participated in a District 26 conference call regarding reducing the cost of the district conferences and sharing squadron responsibilities.

B. Past Commander – Charles Guderian

1. Shakedown cruise and VSC at Big Water Marina. 5 VSC inspections were completed. Fr. Dunn (priest at local Catholic Church) blessed the fleet of 5 boats and came along for the cruise to Hartwell Marina & the wooden boat show.
2. VSC April 28 -15 boats were inspected at Lake Jocassee.
3. VSC June 9 at the Poker Run, Big Water Marina.
4. VSC June 23 at Lake Jocassee.

C. Treasurer – Lynn Solesbee

1. The treasurer's report was distributed..
- 2.

D. Administration – Nioka Rose & Charles Guderian (boating activities)

1. Lake Keowee D'26 Cruise May 18-19. We have one participant.

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

2. The Wine and Cheese will be May 27 at the McQueen's dock (coordinates & directions are in the May Pilot.
3. A kayak outing is being set up for June 7 on the French Broad.
4. Poker Run and VSC June 8-9 at Big Water Marina
5. Wakeboard competition at Lake Hartwell (Singing Pines) in July
- 6.. COW is set up for 11/16/18
7. The Annual Meeting is set for 10/6/18
8. On the D'26 Website there is a listing of the boating activities of all the squadrons.

E. Education – **Chris Rose**

1. 10 Students have signed up for the ABC class on May 12. Chris Rose, Pete Stevenson and David Cross will instruct.
- 2 Two students attended the Rules of the Road Seminar on April 12 at Cabela's.
3. Seminar June 14 How to Read a Chart at Cabela's.
4. Seminar July - Weather at Cabela's.

F. Executive – **Pete Stevenson**

1. Co-Op Charting
The USACE have asked that we do Co-op twice a year due to boat traffic. We will continue to perform four sessions and report to both the Corps and the USPS system and try to build the program.
2. The May Co-Op charting zones have been allocated and assigned.
3. At the Spring conference Mary Gilliam, Long Bay Squadron provided a template for strategic planning and detailed resources for Market Research. Pete Stevenson will prepare a plan for both research and strategic planning. Jim Carroll and Nioka Rose will help
- 4.

G. Secretary – **Billy Owens**

June 2018 Poinsett Pilot article assignments– (Articles are due by May 20)

From the Bridge – Jim Carroll

Education- Chris Rose

D'26 Cruise & Rendezvous – Pete Stevenson

Wine and Cheese – Billy Owens (Photos Solesbee)

Kayak Cruise - Don Woodard

H. Members at Large _ no report

IV. **Old Business** – none

V. **New Business** – none

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

VII. Adjourn 19:30

Submitted by Billy Owens



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