

The Pilot



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

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From the Bridge - Charles Guderian

Is Boat US Insurance really necessary?



A recent experience which I had while coop charting on the Tugaloo River brought home the absolute necessity of being covered by towing insurance.

Myself and two crew members had launched my 22' Boston Whaler "Crawdaddy" at the Glen Ferry ramp which is east of interstate 85 and proceeded upriver checking navigation aids as we went. After two hours or so we were nearing the furthest point away from where we had launched and we decided to stop at Stephens County Park (Georgia) just below highway 123 to take a break. Upon re-boarding the engine refused to turn over or start and after dismantling the throttle control it became obvious that we were not going anywhere under our own power so I called Boat US.

Their phone number was readily available from an app on my smart phone and their dispatcher answered right away. After extensive questioning to verify my membership status and location etcetera she called their local captain who is stationed at Harbor Light Marina. He called me for more details and arrived about 45 minutes later to tow us roughly 25 miles back to our launch point.

After making sure that we were able to get the boat back on the trailer he let us know that we now held the distance record for any recovery he had ever done on Lake Hartwell. The tow back took three hours!!

Calendar of Events

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August

7 Executive Committee Meeting
9 Trailering Seminar at Cabela's

September

8 ABC Class at Cabela's
11 Executive Committee Meeting

October

6 Upstate Boating Club's Annual Meeting
10 Executive Committee Meeting
11 Anchoring Seminar at Cabela's
12 - 14 D/26 Fall Conference at Hickory Knob

August Excom Meeting Date Change



The August excom meeting will be held on the 7th instead of the 13th.

See you there.

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Jim Carroll, AP (2 Yrs)

Charles Guderian, S (3 Yrs)

CHANGES TO AMERICAS BOATING CLUB MEETINGS

By Pete Stevenson

These remarks are very much my opinion of the issues that are being discussed and this article is simply an attempt to inform Lake Hartwell's membership of issues and efforts currently on our table.

The leadership of District 26 and many of the squadrons are working hard to make the meetings and events sponsored by our local Americas Boating Club chapters more interesting, less expensive and more important.

Led by District Executive Officer Jim Wilkins, the planning committee supported by various squadron commanders are wrestling with several problems.

1. Frequency of meetings: do we need a spring conference, a cruise and rendezvous and a fall conference? Let's consider the purpose of each event.

Spring Conference

The main thrust of the Spring conference is to publish and discuss decisions and programs introduced by National at the annual meeting held at the beginning of the year. Dissemination of this information is important but might be well accomplished by a different method. Perhaps well written documents could be distributed to squadron leadership followed by a mutually selected date for an electronic go to meeting discussions would work. Or maybe the district leadership could hold a series of one on one discussions with squadron leadership, with appropriate electronic support, to accomplish the same goal.

A second goal of the Spring event is to aid and instruct new officers in positions such as admin, education, treasurer and the like. This should also be possible electronically.

Cruise and Rendezvous

The purpose of this event is boating, boating with friends, and other social activities. Surely this is a core purpose of our club and as such is very necessary. There is no business meeting attached to this event. The social activity often includes a well-organized group meal or two.

Fall Conference

Two things occur at this event: The Change of Watch, and the completion of the several items of business that have arisen during the year such as by laws, budgets and the like which are most efficiently dealt with at a meeting where voting is clear and efficient. It seems clear that the normal conference/convention gathering that is our historic pattern is appropriate.

2. Content of meetings/events

Spring Conference

As suggested above this meeting is intended to distribute new information. It is also hoped to build communications and connections between squadron commanders in order that we benefit from each other's experience. Perhaps this might be achieved through participation in the weekly commanders conference call.

Cruise and Rendezvous

It is absolutely essential that this event features at least one boating event that captures the interest of our boating membership. Scavenger hunts, poker runs, predicted logs, short and long cruises are all fair game and are surely recommended.

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Fall Conference

Obviously the COW and the business meeting are important. The program must be fleshed out with well planned and executed seminars and presentations on any number of subjects like VSC, CO OP charting, which is, of course, similar to the historic agenda format. Hopefully, if there is only one opportunity for these presentations, they will be very well prepared and presented.

3. Venue (and cost)

Typically we gather at a hotel which guarantees a room rate and availability for the event. Over the past few years a pattern has emerged that reveals the cost to attend these events exceeds \$500 per couple. Hotel rooms contribute greatly to this expense, typically at \$125 or more per night. The second expense of note is food, usually 3 meals: Friday evening social, Saturdays business lunch and Saturdays more or less formal dinner which easily approaches \$200 per couple. Add in mileage, breakfast, refreshments and pretty soon you are putting forth real money.

Of course some of the food cost supports the organizers contract with the venue (hotel) making it difficult to reduce food costs. An example is the business lunch often priced at \$16 or so for a \$4 sandwich.

One opportunity to reduce the cost of accommodations is state park facilities. In 2018 the Fall Conference is planned at the Hickory Knob State Park in McCormick, SC. Hickory Knob is a satisfactory facility offering no frill accommodations with a restaurant serving breakfast, lunch and dinner. In addition, two of the parks amenities have cooking facilities adequate to feed a group of 30 on the one hand and 150 on the other hand. Room costs are roughly half that of a hotel. Additional meeting rooms and dining facilities in the area are more than adequate to meet the needs of the meeting.

Perhaps there are other facilities in the Districts area that would also serve our needs. In the authors experience conference organizers have found university facilities that suit a weekend conference. The task is finding a time when the campus is empty of students, spring break or the like, when the campus has rooms and food facilities (cafeterias) and perhaps meeting rooms and halls that can accommodate our group. We need to find these opportunities.

A second issue with venue is location. Historically we travel the coast and the up country, changing scenery with each meeting. Perhaps we can focus on a central location and plan several meetings there which would make logistics and organization simpler and hopefully less costly. The Columbia area is an obvious candidate.

It is strongly argued that the cruise and rendezvous be held exclusively on the coast. It is axiomatic that most coastal boaters do not have trailers but all of them have the ability to reach any coastal venue. In the same vein many inland boaters do have trailers and many travel to the coast. One great attraction on the coast is the possibility of planning a cruise of several days around the C & R. Perhaps working with squadron boating activities chairs the C & R organizers can put together events that attract a crowd. A second factor is the record of low attendance at inland C & R events. Recently an event had 4 vessels, three from the organizing squadron and one from a near by group. Similar results have been observed at past inland events.

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4. Responsibility

Some of these possible adjustments will require a different system of organization. In the past responsibility revolved around assigned squadrons who were essentially single actors organizing soup to nuts. Much more effective would be a responsible district officer with specific appointed assistants from the squadrons. The district officer would assign tasks and monitor their performance. Such a team would be semi-permanent with people with specific expertise entering or exiting the group as needed.

Kayaking the French Broad

Weather played havoc with our first attempt to paddle the French Broad near Rosman, NC, on June 5. Heavy rains and many snags and strainers forced the river to be closed on our scheduled date. We rescheduled to June 28, but instead of 10 UBC paddlers, scheduling conflicts reduced us to two couples, the Guderians and the Woodards.



Nevertheless we met at 11:00 at the Magpie Meat And Three in the Brevard Lumberyard. The food was excellent, and we were able to get off in good time to get to Headwaters Outfitters on the French Broad, where the West Fork and the North Fork form the French Broad itself.

The weather was lightly overcast the entire afternoon, making the trip very pleasant. Since we had our own boats, we used Headwaters Outfitters' shuttle service, putting in at nearby Champion Park in Rosman (also avoiding some Class 2 rapids between Headquarters and Champion Park). Our destination was Island Ford take-out, 10 miles from Champion Park. Our little fleet of one aluminum lake canoe and two recreational-style kayaks negotiated some shallow rocky stretches in the upper section pretty well before settling into some really easy water the rest of the trip. We didn't encounter any other craft the entire journey.

The wildlife was interesting. We saw an eagle, some hawks and several great blue herons, along with an impressive snapping turtle. Rhododendrons were still in bloom in some of the shady, rocky, steep riverbanks. There were many ash, black locust, ironwood, sycamore and poplar trees lining the bank. There were only a few of the river birch and river maples that are so dominant along our upcountry rivers.



All in all, it was a very pleasant trip and worth consideration for a repeat some time in the future.

Don Woodard

D/26 August Boating Activities

Fri.-Sun.	3rd-5th	South Harbour Village Marina, Southport, NC	North Strand		
Sat.	4th	Skull Creek Boathouse, HHI	Tybee Light	Hal Evans	hevans-mail@comcast.net / 703-629-2436
Sat.-Mon.	4th-6th	Lake Jocassee Cruise	Lake Hartwell	Charles Guderian	ecgthree@aol.com
Wed.	8th	Annual Shark Fishing Challenge, Wassaw Sound	Tybee Light	Hal Evans	hevans-mail@comcast.net / 703-629-2436
Sat.	11th	Fripp Island	Beaufort	TBD	
Sat.	11th	Raft Up	Dreher Shoals	Braxton Sorg	braxton-sorg@gmail.com
Sat.	11th	Cruise to Fripp Island via back channels, Joint Cruise w/ Beaufort	Hilton Head		
Sat.	11th	Lake Greenwood Cruise	Lake Murray	RJ Becht	rbecht6518@aol.com / 803-730-0930
Sat.	18th	Log Jam #2	Lake Murray	RJ Becht	rbecht6518@aol.com / 803-730-0930
Sat.	25th	Saluda River Cruise	Dreher Shoals	Braxton Sorg	braxton-sorg@gmail.com
Sat.	25th	Cox Ferry Raft Up	Long Bay	Rhonda Hardee	hardee@sccoast.net / 843-902-8653
Wed.	29th	Lake Jocassee Cruise	Lake Hartwell	Charles Guderian	ecgthree@aol.com

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, August 9, 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

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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	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.

Thursday, October 11 , No-Drag Anchoring

Anchors and ground tackle represent a significant investment for boat owners. This seminar covers selection of anchor, rode and components; anchor selection for sea conditions and bottom characteristics; deployment and recovery of anchors.



Upstate Boating Club

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes July 10, 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 May meeting were approved

II **AD-Hoc Committees**

No report

III. **Department Reports**

A. Commander – **Jim Carroll**

- 1. Jim received a Boat Live 365 Promotional Playbook

B. Past Commander – **Charles Guderian**

- 1. Charles participated in a D/26 conference call with the Planning Committee on D/26 events

C. Treasurer – **Lynn Solesbee** The treasurer’s report was distributed..

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

No report

E. Education – **Chris Rose**

No report

F. Executive – **Pete Stevenson**

- 1. Co-Op Charting
An August Co-Op charting is being set up

G. Secretary – **Billy Owens**

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

From the Bridge – Charles Guderian

Education- Chris Rose

D'26 Efforts to Change Meetings – Pete Stevenson

Kayak Cruise - Don Woodard

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

H. Members at Large _ no report

IV. **Old Business** – none

V. **New Business** –

1. Jim will contact National about displaying at headquarters a USPS afghan that Joanne Ray made.

VI. The next ExCom meeting is at MD 360 Powdersville Tuesday August 7 @ 18:30

VII. Adjourn 19:25

Submitted by Billy Owens



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