

# The Pilot

Monthly newsletter of the Upstate Boating Club



Come for the Boating Education...Stay for the Friends<sup>SM</sup>

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From the Bridge - Pete Stevenson

## District 26 Fall Conference Hickory Knob State Park and Savannah Lakes Village

The 2018 District Fall conference was held on Oct 18, 19 and 20, 2018. The venue was a combination of the Hickory Knob State Park facilities and the Recreation Center of Savannah Lakes Village. Combined the facilities were excellent; Hickory Knob providing sleeping and dining facilities and Savannah Lakes providing meeting space and banquet rooms. In case any attendees had some free time, both sites offered golf and Hickory Knob has skeet and archery ranges and launch ramps and docks allowing use of Thurmond Lake.

Lake Hartwell was represented by Jim and Dee Wilkins, Pete and Rosemary Stevenson and Alex, Charles and Pam Guderian and Chris Rose. The Stevenson's and Guderian's enjoyed skeet shooting on Friday morning and also boating adventures on Thursday and Sunday, touring areas of the lake we had not visited before.

The conference experienced three signal events: the change of watch saw Commander Wilkins installed, while the meetings adopted two important policy changes. Historically, there were two sequential meetings: council and conference, which have evolved into identical agendas. Long ago this duality allowed in depth exploration of diverse issues but it seems that that need has passed and the two sessions were merely redundant. Not any more, going forward there will be one single business session. Second a planning committee will be formed with the express mission to develop a new meeting schedule that will be more economical (lower costs for attendees) and put more emphasis on boating and camaraderie and less on "business". Necessary business like briefing new incoming squadron officers will exploit technology by doing electronic meetings. Of course face to face meetings are an absolute requirement and will still be practiced but some of the detail oriented communications can be more effectively accomplished by electronic one on ones. In short, the District will be creating a new structure and system that will create room for growth.

See photos on page 3

## Calendar of Events

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

#### **November**

8 Boat Handling Seminar at Cabela's  
13 Executive Committee Meeting  
18 Change of Watch Brunch

#### **December**

11 Executive Committee Meeting  
13 VHF &SSB Seminar at Cabela's  
15 Christmas Party

#### **January**

8 Executive Committee Meeting  
11 Anchoring Seminar at Cabela's  
24 - 27 Upstate Carolina Boat Show



Upstate Boat Club's Change of Watch  
Sunday, November 18 at 11:30

CityRange Steakhouse Grill  
615 Haywood Road  
Greenville

**RSVP by November 15 to [admin@lake-hartwell.org](mailto:admin@lake-hartwell.org)**

Nioka Rose

### **Our Bridge**

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#### **Members At Large:**

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David Cross, SN

Ted Sauvain, JN

#### **Nominating Committee**

Al Engelmann, SN (1 Yr)

Jim Carroll, AP (2 Yrs)

Charles Guderian, S (3 Yrs)

# D/26 Fall Conference Photos



The Shooters



Happy hour Friday evening



The much prized treasure from the silent auction



The innovative make your own dinner Friday evening

# Christmas Party



Once again, Jef and Angela Lockman have graciously agreed to host our annual  
Christmas Party

102 Wood Stream Way Williamston, SC 29697

December 15th from 5:30 - 9:00.

The Lockmans will provide the meat and beer and everyone can bring an appetizer  
or dessert to share plus anything else they want to drink.

As usual please bring a toy for Toys for Tots and a wrapped gift for the gift ex-  
change.

RSVP by December 12th.

To [admin@lake-hartwell.org](mailto:admin@lake-hartwell.org)

## Does Your PFD Have A Sunburn?

*Reprinted from the U.S. Coast Guard Boating Safety Circular 72*

A Personal Flotation Device (PFD), like any other item of equipment, eventually gets old and worn, and must be replaced. How do you know when a PFD must be replaced? Broken zippers and frayed webbings are indicators of a worn-out device. Less obvious is the cover fabric of a PFD which has been weakened by extensive exposure to sunlight.

The most popular Personal Flotation Devices are fabric-covered Type II near-shore buoyant vests and Type III flotation aids. The fabric covering most often used is one of several types of nylon or polyester.

These synthetic fabrics have a number of advantages for use in PFD construction. They are economical, durable, and resistant to rot caused by microbes. They can be dyed in a wide range of colors. They are easy for PFD manufacturers to work with. They "drape" reasonably well, and therefore are good for constructing wearable articles. The nylon fabrics used are similar to those often used in construction jackets and camping gear.

Nylon and polyester are plastics, however, and like many plastics they can start to break down after extended exposure to the ultraviolet (UV) light in sunlight. Fabric manufacturers can include UV inhibitors to slow the degradation process, and dyes used to color the devices may also provide some protection. Generally, darker dyes provide more protection than light or bright dyes, such as "neon" (fluorescent) shades. This is not always the case, however.

A PFD with a UV damaged fabric cover should be replaced. A weak cover could split open and allow the flotation material inside to be lost. How can you tell when a fabric PFD cover is worn out? A cover which has torn due to weakened fabric is obvious. Badly faded bright colors can also be a clue that deterioration has taken place. Compare fabric color where it's protected, under a body strap, for example, to where the fabric is exposed. Another simple test is to pinch the fabric between thumb and forefinger of each hand and try to tear it. If the fabric cover can be torn this way the PFD should definitely be destroyed and discarded.

Fabric covered PFDs should ordinarily last at least several boating seasons in normal use (vacations, weekends, and evenings, for example). PFDs used every day in direct sunlight will probably have to be replaced more often. When the boat is being operated, PFDs should be out and worn by everyone on board. If they are not being worn, they should at least be out and readily available. When the boat is not in use, PFDs should be allowed to dry out, then stowed under cover out of the sun.

## Annual Meeting at Billy's



Left to right, Kim McQueen, Charles and Pam Guderian, Ivy and George Williamson, Craig McQueen, Pete and Rosemary Stevenson, Julie Owens, Barry Orem and Billy Owens

With the temperature in the mid 80's by 6:30, we decided to forgo the bon fire at our Annual Meeting. Instead, we gathered on the screen porch with great fellowship, the breeze of the ceiling fans, some good football, and cool drinks. We had a spread of appetizers and desserts that were enjoyed by all.

As the evening went on, Pete Stevenson made the motion that we accept the Nomination Committee's slate of officers for the 2019 year, it was seconded and unanimously approved. Congratulations to the upcoming officers!

With that small bit of business taken care of we went back to talking about our upcoming year. There are some exciting ideas out there, stayed tuned!

Please come out and join us at The City Range in Greenville on Sunday November 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 for brunch and our COW.

## D/26 November Boating Activities

Day	Date(s)	Activity	Host Squadron	Contact	Email/Phone#
Sat.	3rd	Delegal Creek Marina, Skidaway Island (Picnic)	Tybee Light	Hal Evans	<a href="mailto:hevans-mail@comcast.net">hevans-mail@comcast.net</a> / 703-629-2436
Sun.	11th	Fall Color Cruise	Lake Hartwell	Charles Guderian	<a href="mailto:ecgthree@aol.com">ecgthree@aol.com</a>

## 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, November 8, Learn Skillful Boat Handling**

Prevent "dock rash," grounding damage, bent props, strain on your engine, wasted fuel and similar money-wasting adventures. Improve your boat handling skills by learning docking and anchoring techniques, close quarter maneuvering, the use of drive trim, trim tabs and steering in reverse.

#### **Thursday, December 13, Upgrade Your Communications with VHF & SSB Radio**

Is your on-the-water communication limited to a cell phone? If so, it's time you considered an upgrade to VHF & SSB radio for both safety and confidence. VHF Radio is the mainstay of coastal communications and is essential for emergency communications. DSC (Digital Selective Calling) simplifies and improves rescue.





# Upstate Boating Club

## Executive Committee Meeting Minutes October 9, 2018

MD 360 Powdersville, SC

I. **Call to Order 18:30 by Jim Carroll**

- A. A quorum was established
- B. Invocation
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Minutes of August meeting were approved

II **AD-Hoc Committees**

No report

III. **Department Reports**

A. Commander – Jim Carroll

- 1. Jim has received 4 Merit Mark reports
- 2. Don Woodard will send mass email with Merit Marks form

B. Past Commander – Charles Guderian

- 1. Charles been involved with the D/26 Planning Committee on future D/26 meetings

C. Treasurer – Lynn Solesbee

- 1. The treasurer's report was handed out.

D. Administration – Nioka Rose

- 1. COW is November 18 at City Range Grill
- 2. Christmas Party is set for December 15, 2018 at the Lockman's
- 3. A Raft out to coincide with the D/26 COW is planned

E. Education – Chris Rose

- 1. The 2019 Education course plan was handed out. Proposals were discussed to change the ABC schedule to mesh with Safe Boating Week. Changes to the sequence and hours of the seminars were discussed. Decisions pending the changes will be considering at the November Ex Com.
- 2. We have not had any students for the last three seminars
- 3. Don is moving the ABC website to the Education page of our squadron site.

F. Executive – Pete Stevenson

- 1. We have Co-op charting set up for November.

## Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

### G. Secretary – Billy Owens

#### 1. November 2018 Poinsett Pilot article assignments– (Articles are due by Oct.. 20)

From the Bridge - Jim

Education- Chris

D/26 Planning Committee Charles Guderian

Annual Meeting – Billy

COW Reminder - Nioka

Fall Conference – Pete

Christmas Party Blurb - Nioka

### H. Members at Large - no report

### IV. **Old Business –**

### **New Business –**

VI. The next ExCom meeting is at MD 360 Powdersville Tuesday November13 @ 18:30

VII. Adjourn 19:30

Submitted by Billy Owens



*By Boaters, For Boaters*<sup>SM</sup>



### **Poinsett Pilot**

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