

The Pilot

Monthly Newsletter of America's Boating Club of the Upstate



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

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From the Bridge - Billy Owens

Staying Informed of Squadron Events

In the old days the Squadron had a Telephone Committee that would divide up the membership list and call people to remind them of upcoming meetings, events, and raft-outs.

Since then times have changed and the best ways to get our information out seems to be through social media and texting.

So, we have decided to set up a mass texting program to help our members stay informed of upcoming events.

If you choose to receive these texts you will receive a monthly text with a link to the Pilot and other texts a few days before any social gathering, such as our Happy Hours and raft-outs.

This mass texting will also give us the ability to bring back impromptu raft-outs this summer. I am hoping for several of these this year.

We believe this is a great way to keep our members informed and help increase participation at our events.

If you would like to receive Squadron Text please text me at 864-419-3069 or e-mail billy@palmettoinc.com with your name and cell phone number.

Remember that you can always choose to be removed from the mass texting program at a later date.

Are you on Facebook? Lake Hartwell Sail & Power Squadron has a page! On that page you can find a link to the "Pilot", our monthly newsletter as well as listings of other upcoming events. So "Like Us" on Facebook and you will see what is happening in your news feed.

So sign up today for our texting program and follow us on Facebook, after all, you are paying dues so get the most out of our Squadron that you can!

Calendar of Events

LHS&PS **Calendar of Events**

February

6 Happy Hour at the Grateful Brew Greenville
9 ABC Class at Cabela's
12 Executive Committee Meeting

March

2 Mardi Gras Oyster Roast at the Lockmans
8- 10 D/26 Spring Conference - Myrtle Beach
12 Executive Committee Meeting

April

9 Executive Committee Meeting
13 Shakedown Cruise, VSC & Antique
Wooden Boat Show



The Grateful Brew

Wednesday, February 6 at 6:00 pm

501 South Pleasantburg Drive, Greenville

Comfy cafe specializing in artisan coffee & craft brews
in a convivial atmosphere with a patio.

Often times there is a food truck
but if not Pita House is next door.

Bingo starts at 7:00

Our Bridge

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Al Engelmann, SN

Don Woodard, N

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Nominating Committee

Charles Guderian, S 1 Yr)

Nioka Rose, S 2 Yrs

Billy Owens, P 3 Yrs



Results of Planning Meeting

On January 6, 2018 an informal planning meeting was held at the home of Billy & Julie Owens. Besides the hosts, the attendees were: Chris & Nioka Rose, Pete & Rosemary Stevenson, Ray & Kathryn Fedele, Charles Guderian, Craig McQueen and new members Kathy & Henry Schmitt.

It was decided that the squadron's primary network for information distribution will be text messaging. Those wishing to receive group text notifications from Billy should give him your phone number.

We have taken the following actions:

Charles G contacted USPS for current boat show and safe boating week handouts and order an inventory.

Ray Fedele has been asked to contact the Corps of Engineers for assignment of a designated Shore Clean up area

Pete S and Charles G are organizing and setting up the Boat Show. There are plenty of opportunities to join us and work the booth.

Nioka R has produced new boat show sign artwork and is ordering displays.

Commander Owens will contact Big Water to organize the ABC course at Big Water June 1.

Pete S is contacting Freedom Boat Club to organize courses at Clemson Marina including ABC.

The event calendar for 2019 was fleshed out. Agreed dates follow: Note that proposals for adaptations and additions are welcome.

Jan.8 Excom meeting at 6:30 at MD360 in Powdersville

Jan. 17th Trivia happy hour at Reuben's in Powdersville 6-9 pm

Jan.23 pick up boat show registration package at rear gate of TD (now Greenville) Convention Center and set up booth in #17.

Four new sign type banners with correct website and other information are in production. These signs will be in our booth as well as merchant booths: Clemson Marina, Sea Ray, Strickland.

Jan 24th through 27th man booth at boat show and spread the word about our squadron

Feb.9 America's Boating Course at Cabela's in Greenville

Feb. 12th Excom meeting at 6:30 at MD360 in Powdersville

March 2 Mardi Gras oyster roast at Jef & Angela Lockman 6pm

Results of Planning Meeting

March 8th through 10th District 26 Spring Conference, Myrtle Beach

March 12 Excom meeting at 6:30 at MD360 in Powdersville

April 9th Excom meeting at 6:30 at MD360 in Powdersville

April 13th vessel safety checks and shakedown cruise to Hartwell Marina for the annual antique wooden boat show and car show

May COOP charting all zones this month. This activity could include shoreline cleanup if we are assigned a designated area by the Corps of Engineers

May 14 Excom meeting at 6:30 at MD360 at Powdersville

May 12-18 Safe Boating Week

May 17-19 District 26 Cruise and Rendezvous

May 25 Blessing of the Fleet Big Water Marina, Vessel Safety Checks

June 1 ABC at Big Water Marina

June 7th & 8th Meals on Wheels Poker Run. Vessel Safety Check campaign

June 11th Excom meeting at 6:30 at MD360 in Powdersville

June 29 or July 4th weekend fireworks raft out or beach event

July 9th Excom meeting at 6:30 at MD360 in Powdersville

July 27th Wine & Cheese event at Craig McQueen's

August all month, COOP charting all zones, could include shoreline cleanup

August 13th Excom meeting at 6:30 at MD360 in Powdersville

Sept. 10th Excom meeting at 6:30 at MD360 in Powdersville

September 14 ABC Clemson Marina

October as yet unscheduled date for Fall Color Cruise possibly to the Tennessee River

October 8th Excom meeting possibly to be combined with annual meeting to elect officers for 2020

November 12 Excom meeting at 6:30 at MD360 in Powdersville

November 17th Change of Watch perhaps at "The Local"?

December yet to be scheduled Christmas party

Dec. 10th Excom meeting at 6:30 at MD360 in Powdersville

Pete Stevenson and Charles Guderian

Boat Show 2019



Left to right, Craig McQueen, Lynn Solesbee, Ken Ramsey, Calhoun Pruitt

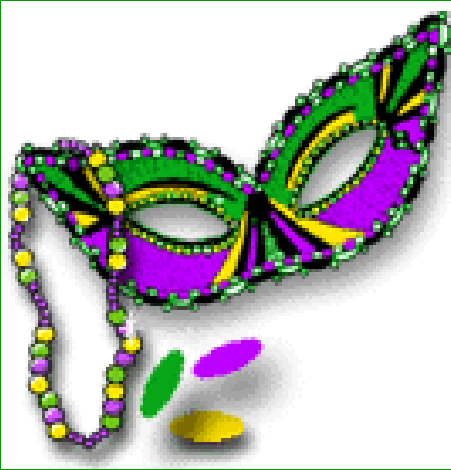
The 49th annual Upstate South Carolina Boat Show is now history. It was quite popular and very well attended this year and afforded our squadron the opportunity to tell the boating public about our organization.

We received four boxes of brochures from national headquarters in Raleigh just in time for distribution at the show and we have plenty to spare for handouts at other events.

A special thanks goes out to those who volunteered to man the booth for the show.

Charles Guderian

Laissez le Bon Temps Rouler!



Bring your friends and join us in a Mardi Gras celebration featuring oysters, barbecue, fun and fellowship. On Saturday, March 2nd, 6 pm, Upstate Boating Club will be hosting an oyster roast and barbecue at the home of the Lockmans. Building relationships with others interested in boating is one of the advantages of being a member of the Upstate Boating Club. We invite you to join us. Bring your friends and introduce them to our club and catch up with other members.

The event will take place rain or shine and dress is casual, costumes optional but are a lot of fun. We are asking that you kindly reserve your spot no later than Saturday, February 23rd by calling or texting Angela Lockman at 864-901-8209. The cost will be \$20 per person. Tea and lemonade will be provided and you are welcome to bring any other beverages you might like to enjoy.

Who: Members and Friends of Upstate Boating Club

What: Oyster Roast and Barbecue

When: Saturday, March 2nd at 6 p.m. (Rain or shine)

Where: Home of Jef and Angela Lockman

102 Wood Stream Way, Williamston

Cost: \$20/per person and BYOB

Dress: Casual (oysters will be outdoors)



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RSVP no later than Feb. 23rd. Call or text Angela Lockman at 864-901-8209.

Boating on Rivers, Locks and Lakes

The continental United States has over 30,000 miles of improved waterways. Combine that with additional thousands of miles of lake shorelines and you have some of the finest boating to be found anywhere. To prepare for the upcoming season you need to know the area you will be boating. **Obtain charts before you go!**



Such things as depth of water and clearances of highway and railroad bridges can affect your cruise plans. Marinas and fuel docks may be few and far between. Wise fuel planning is necessity on inland rivers. In addition to local information about such obvious matters as water depth, currents and obstructions lock masters and bridge tenders can have their own routines a preferred method of communication. State regulations, ordinances, and customs also can differ.

Weather patterns such as fog may have local patterns. Learn as much as you can about where you are going. Plan for your draft and height above the waterline. Remember to include your antennas and masts.

Printed charts are necessary! You need to know where you are starting and how to get there, and back. Planning where you want to go in advance can be accomplished on a printed chart, many are available. Using an electronic GPS is very important to reveal near details but not much help to show where you wanted to go. Now is the time of the year to review what charts you have and what you need and get them.

Not All Boating Accidents Happen On The Water

Provided by U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary



When it comes to trailered boats nine out of ten trailering malfunctions and accidents can be directly traced back to a failure to dedicate some time to the most basic preventative maintenance. Wheel bearings, suspension parts, lights, and a host of other components require constant attention to help insure any trailering trip smooth and hassle free. Special attention to the tow vehicle's hitch is a good idea, as that is the only link between the tow vehicle and trailer.

Also consider the fact that one needs a special license and classification to drive things like motorcycles, school busses and vehicles with air brakes like semi-trailer trucks, gravel trucks, etc. But just about anyone can go out and buy a \$30,000 boat and trailer, attach it to his/her car and simply drive away. No special training is required beforehand and no special license classification is needed.

Anyone who has ever hauled a boat around for a number of years knows that it may not be too difficult to drive in a straight line at low speeds. But when it comes to things like driving at highway speeds, passing other vehicles, high winds, backing up, etc... the task becomes much more difficult than one might think.

For more potentially life-saving information along with how to take a boating safety course or get a free Vessel Safety Check from the America's Boating Club of the Upstate.

www.UpstateBoatingClub.org

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Executive Committee Meeting Minutes January 8, 2019

MD 360 Powdersville, SC

- I. Call to Order 6:30 by Cdr. Billy Owens
A quorum was established
- II. A review of topics covered at the planning meeting was discussed
The calendar of events scheduled for 2019 is taking shape with more details to be provided soon.
- III. The Squadron Christmas Party
The 2018 Christmas party was enjoyed by all who attended. Thanks to Jef & Angela for hosting.

2019 Upstate South Carolina boat show
This year the show is scheduled for January 24th through 27th. Those willing to help man the booth are encouraged to sign up.
- V. Freedom Boat Club
Chris Rose and Charles Guderian will teach new member orientation
- VI. Upcoming ABC Class
The next ABC class will be February 9th at Cabelas
- VII. Pilot Article Assignments
From the Bridge= Cdr. Billy Owens
Boat Show= Charles Guderian
ABC Class= Chris Rose
Boating Safety Article= Don Woodard
- VIII. Next Excom Meeting
The next excom meeting is scheduled for February 12th at MD360 at 6:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30.

Submitted by Charles Guderian , Secretary



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