

# The Pilot

Monthly Newsletter of America's Boating Club of the Upstate



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

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From the Bridge - Billy Owens

## Fly Your Colors

Boating season is coming soon!

The Boat Show has drawn to a close and it is time to start looking forward to warmer months.

The Squadron's Shakedown Cruise is in April so it is time to start cleaning up and getting our boats ready for the year.

All of our boats need to be equipped with the proper safety equipment, flares, life jackets, and throw-ables just to name some of the basics.

Then it will be time to store the coats and sweaters and get the summer gear out!

Do you have summer gear for the boat? A USPS Ensign? A Lake Hartwell Burgee?

Let's do a better job of promoting our Squadron.

We are planning some public events this year to get our name out and to show the boating public in the Upstate who we are and what we do. We need you and all of our members to help by proudly flying our colors on the water and at events.

You can order the USPS Ensign on-line or buy them at West Marine.

We just received an order of brand-new Lake Hartwell Burgees so get yours while supplies last!

We are also unveiling a new line of clothing with our Burgee embroidered on them and stickers for our cars.

See photos and descriptions of all the items in our Ship's Store further on in this issue.

Contact Billy Owens at [billy@palmettoinc.com](mailto:billy@palmettoinc.com) to place your orders.

Take pride in our club by showing off our Colors!!

### Shakedown Cruise Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>

We are kicking off the boating season at Portman Marina launch ramp and courtesy docks.

Our Vessel Safety Inspectors will be on hand from 9:00 to 12:00 to inspect your boat and review with you the required and recommended items for your boat type and award a 2019 Safety Decal if your boat passes the inspection.

Around 11:00, we will cruise on down to Hartwell Marina to enjoy the Lake Hartwell Antique Boat Festival. There will be food, music, crafts, and plenty of antique boats to check out.

The Shakedown Cruise is the time to check if all things are running smoothly on your boat.

Summer is coming and it is time to get ready for the boating season!!

## Calendar of Events

### *LHS&PS Calendar of Events*

#### **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

#### **May**

4 Congaree National Paddling Tour  
14 Executive Committee Meeting  
17 -19 D/26 Cruise & Rendezvous  
25 Blessing of the Fleet



## March Happy Hour

### Barley's Taproom & Pizzeria

25 W Washington St Greenville, South Carolina 29601

March 21, 2019

6:00pm

Great Food & Pool/Darts Upstairs.

Reservations recommended for food

### **Our Bridge**

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

Al Engelmann, SN

Don Woodard, N

Nathan Reynolds, AP

#### **Nominating Committee**

Charles Guderian, S 1 Yr)

Nioka Rose, S 2 Yrs

Billy Owens, P 3 Yrs



Eleven of us enjoyed getting together at the Grateful Brew last month. Camera gal will try to do better next time at capturing all the attendees.

## February ABC Class

Many thanks to Ray Fedele and Billy Owens for help making our recent ABC class a big success. All students passed the exam and seemed to enjoy the course.



## America's Boating Club District 26 Cruise & Rendezvous Friday – Sunday, May 17-19, 2019



Reserve your calendar now! Toss off your lines and join your fellow District 26 Squadrons for an invigorating visit to the Golden Isles for the Spring Cruise & Rendezvous! We will explore the waters around the city of Brunswick, Georgia while also enjoying each others' company on land with delectable food and fun activities. All District 26 members are invited –on land or in your trailerable or visiting vessels! We are fortunate that, in addition to downtown Brunswick, our area is surrounded by many nearby attractions, water, marsh and land features!

Start with a **Welcome Social** late on Friday afternoon to orient you to the area and meet the Golden Isles Squadron and other cruisers. On Saturday, **Cruise the Local Waterways** in a flotilla through the marsh islands and rivers to a favorite fish house on the **S. Altamaha River** for lunch. Then join together in the evening for a **Party in the Park** along the Brunswick River where festivities are bound to entertain. During free time, feel free to browse the shops, antiques and restaurants in the village of Brunswick. Close out the weekend with a **Sunday Brunch send-off** event at a nearby island state park – an optional short boat ride or car-transport from the downtown docks.



A block of rooms with USPS rates are being held for landlubbers, and dock space is being made available at the Brunswick Landing Marina off the Turtle and Brunswick Rivers on the town's west side. Other dock options might be available also. We will accommodate and hope that EVERYONE will attend!

The Golden Isles Squadron welcomes you to come visit our playground around Brunswick, Altamaha River and St Simons Sound! Details will be forthcoming on the D/26 website soon. See you in May!

# Ship's Store



## Port Authority Rapid Dry Polo.

Port Authority Rapid Dry Polo. Soft and breathable, this baby pique polo has our exclusive Rapid Dry moisture-wicking technology. This unique knit has a soft inner layer which wicks moisture away from your skin to the shirt's surface where it quickly disperses and evaporates. 5.6-ounce, 60/40 cotton/poly Double-needle stitching throughout 3-button placket Pearlized buttons Open hem sleeves Side vents

**Price \$26.00**

Colors: White; Classic Navy; Dark Green; Royal; Jet Black; Red; Charcoal; Seafoam; Stone; Riviera Blue; Boysenberry Pink;

Moroccan Blue; Dusty Purple

Sizes: XS; S; M; L; XL; 2XL; 3XL; 4XL; 5XL; 6XL



## Port Authority Outdoor Wide-Brim Hat.

Port Authority Outdoor Wide-Brim Hat. Trail-ready, this high-performance essential features No Fly Zone insect repellent technology, UPF 30+ sun protection, a concealable sun flap and a moisture wicking sweatband. The foam brim keeps it afloat in water. Fabric: 75/25 poly/nylon rip stop Structure:

Unstructured Features: Adjustable cord at crown, clip-on and adjustable drawcord

**Price \$20.00**

Colors: Coffee Cream; Olive Leaf; Stone

Sizes: S/M; L/XL



## Sport-Tek 1/4-Zip Sweatshirt.

Sport-Tek 1/4-Zip Sweatshirt. These durable, colorfast quarter-zips feature a better fit with minimal shrinkage, as well as 2x2 rib knit cuffs and waistband. 9-ounce, 65/35 ring spun combed cotton/poly fleece Twill-taped neck 2x2 rib knit cuffs and hem with spandex \*Please note: This product is transitioning from woven labels to tag-free labels. Your order may contain a combination of both labels

**Price \$31.00**

Colors: Athletic Heather; Black; Forest Green; Graphite Heather; Maroon; True Navy; True Red; True Royal; Vintage Heather; White

Sizes: XS; S; M; L; XL; 2XL; 3XL; 4X

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### **Eddie Bauer - Long Sleeve Fishing Shirt.**

Eddie Bauer - Long Sleeve Fishing Shirt. Designed with the needs of fishermen in mind--but equally comfortable anywhere--this shirt has all the bells and whistles: a built-in rod holder, two large fly box pockets, utility loop and more. 3.5-ounce, 100% cotton poplin 100% polyester mesh upper back lining Built-in rod holder Two large fly box pockets with hook and loop closures Zippered chest pocket Utility loop and tool holder Cape back with mesh ...

**Price \$47.00**



### **Eddie Bauer - Short Sleeve Fishing Shirt.**

Eddie Bauer - Short Sleeve Fishing Shirt. Designed with the needs of fishermen in mind--but equally comfortable anywhere--this shirt has all the bells and whistles: a built-in rod holder, two large fly box pockets, utility loop and more. 3.5-ounce, 100% cotton poplin 100% polyester mesh upper back lining Built-in rod holder Two large fly box pockets with hook and loop closures Zippered chest pocket Utility loop and tool holder Cape back with mesh...

**Price \$41.00**

Colors: Blue Gill; Driftwood; Goldenrod Yellow; Seagrass Green; White  
Sizes: XS; S; M; L; XL; 2XL; 3XL; 4XL



### **Sport-Tek Ladies Sport-Wick Textured Colorblock 1/4-Zip Pullover**

Sport-Tek Ladies Sport-Wick Textured Colorblock 1/4-Zip Pullover. Contrast sleeve stripes and texture give this moisture-wicking pullover an unrivaled look. 100% polyester Gently contoured silhouette Cadet collar Tag-free label Taped neck Front and back princess seams Contrast Vislon zipper Angled chin guard for additional comfort Set-in sleeves Thumbholes to keep hands warm Open cuffs and hem Slight drop tail hem

Colors: Black/ Iron Grey; Iron Grey/ Black; Pink Raspberry/ Iron Grey; True Royal/ Black; White/ Iron Grey

Sizes: XS; S; M; L; XL; 3XL; 4XL; XXL

**Price \$33.00**

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12" by 18" Burgee  
Price 26.00



4" Burgee Decal  
1.00

# Fueling Your Boat

Source: U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Public Affairs

WASHINGTON -A fire on a boat is frightening and, often, fatal. When fueling, chances of a fuel fire are heightened. Gasoline fumes are highly flammable. Here are some precautions:



- Close all of the windows and doors before refueling.
- Frequently check fuel lines and connections for leaks and worn spots.
- Be sure all electrical devices are turned off, as well as the engine.
- When gasoline passes through the hose, it generates static electricity. If that 'sparks' with the fumes at the fuel tank fill point, an explosion can occur. To dissipate

the static electricity, keep the metal nozzle of the hose in contact with the metal part of the refueling opening.

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- Try not to spill any fuel during the process.
- When fueling is complete, securely fasten the gas cap.
- Open up all windows and doors to ventilate.
- If you have inboard or inboard/outboard engines run the bilge blower. Run the fan for at least five minutes. (It's a good idea to run this blower before ANY engine start, since even a small leak can produce lots of fumes.)
- NO SMOKING!
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Use your nose! If you smell gas, shut everything down and find the source.

Another fire hazard is cooking fires, either from propane tanks, stoves or grills. Be sure all connections are tight. Install a fire extinguisher close to the galley.

Boats less than 26' must have at least one B-1 extinguisher. Boats between 26' and less than 40' must have two B-1s or one B-2. When buying your extinguishers buy the ones that have "ABC" printed on them. They will put out combustible material and liquids (such as gasoline or grease), and electrical fires. The number indicates the capacity - II is larger than I. As to how many and what size to buy, more and larger is the way to go. Make sure fire extinguishers are Coast Guard approved.





# America's Boating Club of the Upstate

## Executive Committee Meeting Minutes February 12, 2019

MD 360 Powdersville, SC

### 1. Call to Order

A quorum was established  
Minutes of last meeting

### 2. Department Reports

Commander-At this time we have no one planning to attend the national meeting. Those planning to attend the district 26 spring conference should see the district website for details and registration documents. Remember that the monthly bridge member conference calls can be accessed either by phone or computer using the Free Conference Call program. Sample designs from Prestige shirts were circulated and are being considered for a bulk purchase for the ship's store. They will be embroidered with the squadron burgee design. We are looking for a member to revive the Ship's Store as we begin to stock it with new items such as shirts, and hats etc. Remember that the member's only password is included at the bottom of the page whenever Don sends out a "blast" to all members.

Executive Officer- Pete remains in St. Francis hospital recovering from heart surgery. Charles reported that Rosemary says he is continuing to gradually improve.

Treasurer-Lynn presented the financial report. The squadron finances remain stable.

Administration- Nioka asked those attending the spring conference on March 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> to take pictures and compose an article for the Pilot. She will also need pictures and an article covering the oyster roast on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Don will submit a safety article about navigation lights. The next happy hour will be at Barley's in Greenville on March 21<sup>st</sup>.

Education-Chris detailed the summary of the February 9<sup>th</sup> ABC class at Cabella's which was attended by 16 students 14 of whom took and passed the test. The price for ABC registration has been reduced from \$50 to \$30 since the follow up on the water portion is not included at this time. The "Local" pub which is located on Stone Creek cove is scheduled as the venue for the change of watch brunch in November.

Secretary- Charles reported that he has delivered one of our new banners promoting the squadron and the ABC course to Darlene at Big Water Marina and she will put it on permanent display. She has also requested that we schedule a safe fueling seminar at their facility. Coop charting has normally been scheduled in May but may be moved back to June so that it will occur after the Poker Run and several fishing tournaments which often result in damage to navigation aids. The number of members participating in coop charting has dwindled resulting in some of the eight lake zones not being checked. A personnel issue was discussed concerning our relationship with the company managing the TD convention center with the hope that arrangements for our boat show booth can be less problematic in the future.

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Members at Large- Don suggested that we recruit additional people to participate in our coop charting efforts.

**4. Old Business-** Charles reported that we received 60 VSC stickers for 2019 which have been given to our four inspectors. Rick Cunningham has scheduled VSC inspections to take place on April 13 at the shakedown cruise, May 25<sup>th</sup> at the blessing of the fleet, June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> at the Poker Run and lake Jocassee on June 29<sup>th</sup>. We have lost one of our inspectors and encourage anyone interested to take the online course and exam available from the Coast Guard to become qualified.

**5. New Business-** Charles and Chris brought up a developing situation involving new member training at Clemson Marina for the Freedom Boat Club. Their membership is steadily growing lately and since their new members are not allowed to use their vessels until they have completed training it has resulted in frequent trips to train them. The typical training session involves a 1 to 1 ½ hour classroom session followed by a 1 to 1 ½ hour on the water session. Members discussed a per diem reimbursement to those teaching to cover their expenses. A reimbursement of \$50/ trainer/event was agreed upon to be dispersed by the squadron to the trainers. FBC contributes a donation of \$100 to the squadron for each training event.

**6. The next ExCom meeting is at MD 360 Powdersville Tuesday March 12th@ 6:30PM**

**7. Adjourned 7:45 PM** Submitted by Charles Guderian, Secretary



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



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