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From the Bridge - Billy Owens

Are You Ready? Are You Excited?

Summer and boating season are getting closer and closer!! In less than two weeks our Annual Shakedown Cruise will take place. We will meet at Portman Marina the morning of the April 13th for boat inspections and then we can all cruise down to Hartwell Marina to enjoy the Antique Boat Show.

The next planned event is the Blessing of the Fleet at Big Water Marina in May. This should be a fun time, and a chance for our Squadron to really shine for the boating public. On this day, have your Burgee flying and be sporting a new Squadron hat or shirt from our Ships Store. We need lots of volunteers for this event, so if you can help in any way please let me know.

The days are getting longer and its still daylight for our Happy Hours, if you have not stopped by one you should and bring a friend. If you have a favorite spot, let us know. We hold this event at different locations each month.

See more details about above events throughout this Pilot.

I would like to thank Angela and Jef Lockman, for hosting the Oyster Roast in March. They did so much work to bring this special evening together. The oysters and barbeque dinner was delicious! It was a great crowd and I think all attendees would agree it was a very fun night!

If you want to be added to the text blast, please text me at 864-419-3069, or shoot me an e-mail with your number. billy@palmettoinc.com

Shakedown Cruise Saturday, April 13th

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 will 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

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

June

1 ABC Class at Big Water Marina
7 - 8 Poker Run
11 Executive Committee Meeting
15 Edisto River Paddle

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April Happy Hour

Pour Taproom

Wednesday April 24th 6:00.pm

Pour is located at 7 Falls Park Drive in Downtown Greenville. They have 70 craft beers, ciders, and wines on tap, but the focus is on the beers. They give you a bracelet that is tied to your credit card and you pour your own beers. You can get just a sip or a full pint. Pour is great for sampling a huge variety of beers.

Gringo's Cantina (Mostly tacos and burritos) is next door and you can order off their menu and have it brought to you in Pour. There is street parking in the area, but the sure parking solution is the garage across Falls Street. You can enter garage from either River Street at the Embassy Suites or the entrance near the Hampton Inn.

Check out Pour online at

<http://greenville.pourtaproom.com/> if you want to know more.

Don't forget to include a trip to Liberty Bridge and Falls Park to take in the beautiful views of Greenville!

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I found a pearl. A black pearl. There I was with dozens of other people greedily scarfing down hot steamed oysters when I bit something hard. I knew immediately what it was and I furtively managed to separate the pearl from the oyster and held it in my hand. It was a little disappointing, well more than a little, to discover that the pearl was about the size of a grain of black pepper. Incredible that your bite could detect such a tiny item. If I collected several thousand and had a dollar bill I could get a cup of coffee at McDonalds or Wendys or somewhere.



Dozens of people attended the oyster roast at Jef and Angela Lockman's house. This event was a test of a new idea for squadron social events in which we would organize the event and our members would invite other friends who were not necessarily boaters. Sort of a mixer.

In this case it worked better than well with total attendance in excess of fifty and conversations that ranged outside the typical boating subjects. Perhaps we will try it again at an event like the Wine and Cheese or some other social gatherings.

Any ideas?

Pete Stevenson



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!

March Happy Hour



Our Happy Hours are gaining in popularity. 14 folks attended this month at Barley's.

Input Sought on Congaree Paddling Adventure Scheduled for May 4

We have multiple options for our scheduled paddle on May 4 on the Congaree River or Cedar Creek inside the National Park. Don Woodard needs to know your preferences to plan this outing for the maximum enjoyment. Note that this is a Saturday event, so that working members have an opportunity to paddle. Following either of these adventures, we would refresh at Maurice's Piggie Park at 1600 Charleston Hwy. in West Columbia before departing for the Upstate.

Option 1: Unguided Cedar Creek Out And Back

This trip is unguided in the National Park, which is very unspoiled. We would put in at the South Cedar Creek Landing and then paddle upstream and/or downstream, then return to the landing when we have had enough of it. Current is very slight. You would be responsible for your own lunch and refreshments. This waterway can be very obstructed by downed trees and strainers that are not removed because of the rules governing National Parks. A shuttle trip on Cedar Creek can be very frustrating if downed trees are encountered that block the waterway. This is why the out and back trip is recommended.



We would have to supply our own boats for this trip. Let me know if you have extra boats to share. You can also rent one for the weekend from an outfitter here or in Columbia, but you would have to be able to transport it.

From the National Park description: This portion of the creek is beautiful and tranquil, with large bald cypress trees on either bank forming a graceful canopy over the streams dark water. Downstream from the landing is Dawson's Lake, a popular fishing spot and an excellent place to spot river otter and other wildlife.

For this trip, we would put in at Cedar Creek landing and paddle upstream and/or downstream.

The Congaree River day trip features numerous sand bars, along with historical and nature interpretation by guides.

Option 2: Guided Cedar Creek Out And Back

This is the same as above, except conducted by Carolina Outdoor Adventures. The trip includes all equipment and a guide familiar with the area. Cost is \$60 per person.

Option 3: Congaree River 12-Mile Day Trip

This guided trip includes kayaks, lunch and a cooler with cold drinks. Sights include Fort Congaree, alongside the Cherokee Trail and a stop on a sandbar near where Congaree Indians once lived. There is also a sunken river barge that is still partially exposed in the river.

We would arrive at Carolina Outdoor Adventures by 10am and be back to our vehicles by approximately 5pm. The cost for this is \$85 per person. No personal boats are allowed.

Please contact Don Woodard, 294-6991, firstfruitsfarm@bellsouth.net, if you want to go, your preference, whether you would go if your preference wasn't selected, if you would like to see about borrowing a boat (for Cedar Creek).

Lights on the Water: See and Be Seen at Night

If you want to both see and to be seen when darkness falls, it's likely that:

1. You need to take measures to reduce on-board glare
2. Your OEM navigation lights need an upgrade.

It is ultimately the boat owner's responsibility for the proper display of navigation lights, and owners should take note of this responsibility when purchasing a used boat, especially if fixtures have been moved to accommodate additions like T-tops or bow pulpits. At the end of the day, it is your responsibility to be certain your lights are positioned properly and are the proper intensity for your sized boat.

Navigation light upgrades are especially important considering the amount of natural and man-made "backscatter" light, plus today's higher-speed power boats and skippers operating too fast for conditions. Even when properly installed, Coast Guard certified lights can blend with background lights from other geographic features or get lost in the myriad of other possible light sources often called backscatter. Sometimes backscatter even reflects off the water, making it difficult to determine exactly how many lights you are seeing. Under calm and clear conditions, running lights and navigational aids reflected off the water, can cause us to see double at times. This makes it especially difficult to gauge the speed and course of other vessels from the perceived lights.

Reduce glare and preserve night vision

Onboard glare is caused by reflection off shiny fittings or high gloss white gel coats. If you are blinded by white light, it can take 12 to 40 minutes to recover your night vision. Thus, it is critical to reduce glare to be able to interpret the lights that you should be seeing. A temporary fix for onboard glare is applying black electrical tape to shiny objects.

Consider installing a stern light glare shield to prevent light spill into the cockpit. Alternatively, consider upgrading to a modern, reduced-glare stern light with a built in glare reduction base.

Learn how to switch your electronic displays to night mode to preserve your vision. Switch off all under-deck and underwater lighting while under way. Contrary to popular belief, blue light interferes with night vision. Additionally, blue light is reserved for display by law enforcement officers. If any lighting interferes in any way with navigational lighting, you are asking to be boarded by a law enforcement officer.

Always strive to preserve the night vision of other skippers. Don't aim spotlights or searchlights at another boat. Never turn on docking lights except while docking. Docking lights are not "headlights." If you struggle with night vision, you might consider purchasing a night vision monocular.

Types of navigation lights and visibility factors

Several factors determine the visual perception of a navigation light:

1. Intensity/candlepower
2. Color (chromaticity)
3. Height above water
4. Observer's height above water

Chromatic acuity is also a factor. Green is easiest to see at night, while red is most easily distinguished by the naked eye. To be sure your boat is sending the right night “signals,” make sure that your all around white light is 3 ft. or higher above the red and green, especially if you have modified your boat.

The most common lamps for navigation lights have been incandescent bulbs housed within lenses. Plastic lenses used with incandescent fixtures always become cloudy with age. New, clear lenses are more visible and provide a truer color. Replacement lenses are available for most current fixtures.

Tests show that a colored bulb gives a truer color than a white bulb behind a colored lens. Thus, individual red and green fixtures will project a truer color than will a combination red/green fixture illuminated by one white bulb.

LED lamps last longer than incandescent, but they are more expensive. LED lamps are also more energy efficient, which makes them attractive as anchor lights. However, they are directional, so that multiple bulb arrays are necessary for 360 degree lights or 112.5 degree bow lights. The white LED is “colder” than the incandescent white, which is “warmer.”

If you have a cloudy incandescent navigation light fixture, you should strongly consider upgrading to LED fixtures. While incandescent types still conform to Coast Guard regulations, LED will give you an extra margin of safety for a longer time.



This combination bow light fixture with a cloudy lens is a candidate for replacement with an LED combination fixture, or better yet, a pair of individual red and green fixtures.

Resource:
<https://www.boatus.org/findings/48/>

Submitted by Don Woodard

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

Ship's Store

To pre-order, follow this [link](#) to the online Ship's Store.



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.

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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

Ship's Store



12" by 18" Burgee
Price 26.00



4" Burgee Decal
1.00



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

The minutes of last meeting were approved as read

2. Department Reports

Commander - Billy Owens gave an overview of the availability of six different shirt styles embroidered with the squadron burgee which can be ordered via a link on our website and payment can be made upon delivery. Burgee stickers are also now available and some were distributed to those present. Burgee pennants are also now on hand and can be purchased upon request. Embroidered burgee patches will also be available soon.

Executive Officer - We welcomed Pete Stevenson back after his surgery.

Treasurer - Lynn Solesbee presented some financial details related to the oyster roast as follows: Total cost of the event \$1358.47. Funds collected were \$960.00, Jef Lockman made a donation to the squadron of \$439.69 to make up the difference. The event was enjoyed by all those who attended.

The squadron also received a check from Freedom Boat Club in the amount of \$400.00 as a reimbursement for four sessions of new member training which took place on February 1, 5, 16, and 18. Two other dates when training took place were February 23 and 27th but no payment has been received yet for those dates. As approved at the March ex-com, the trainers will be compensated at \$50.00 per occurrence after they have given the treasurer a written request. Those doing the training were Charles Guderian and Chris Rose.

Administration - No report

Education - Chris Rose said that fuel dock training will be held at Big Water Marina on April 6th and that the next ABC course will be there as well on June 1st.

Secretary - Charles Guderian gave an overview of the recent Spring Conference in Myrtle Beach which was well attended except for the Savanna River and Swamp Fox squadrons who had no representation. An active shooter presentation was made by an officer with Horry County sheriff's department and a coop charting seminar was held among other sessions. A distribution of the SARS program (Squadron Activity Reporting System) was attempted and the program gave many squadrons "issues" but we returned home with a CD for Nioka Rose to load the program. The silent auction was very well supplied and had many popular and interesting items. The Long Bay squadron did an excellent job overall of hosting the last Spring Conference.

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

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

3. - Old Business - The Blessing of the Fleet event which is scheduled for May 25th is developing into a larger participation event primarily due to efforts of Commander Owens and the management personnel at Big Water marina. Friar Chris from St. Mary of the Angels has requested that we help arrange another blessing on "the North end of the lake" so more of his congregation can participate. He also wants us to present a "boating safety class" at his parish facility in South Anderson sometime soon. Charles Guderian will help to coordinate these efforts.

4. -.New Business- There was some discussion of organizing a 4th of July fireworks viewing event perhaps in the vicinity of Broyles landing. Also a fall color cruise is potentially being considered for October 5th on the Tennessee River. The Army Corps of Engineers has notified us of bass tournaments to be held at Green Pond on May 11 and September 14-15.

Rick Cunningham was scheduled to do vessel safety checks at Big Water Marina on March 9th but we have no figures on the number of vessels inspected. VSC checks will be available at the shakedown cruise as well at the blessing of the fleet event. We have ordered and still need more VSC inspection forms but National says they are currently out of them.

5.-.Pilot articles to be written by March 20th are as follows:

From the bridge and Blessing of the fleet = Billy Owens,

Oyster roast = Pete Stevenson.

The next ExCom meeting is at MD 360 Powdersville Tuesday April 9th @ 6:30PM

Adjourned 7:45 PM

Submitted by Charles Guderian, Secretary



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