

# 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

There is no better way to kick off summer than sponsoring a Blessing of the Fleet at Big Water Marina! It was a beautiful day with lots of people and lots of boats out on the water.



We were able to get News 4 to air a boating safety segment the day before our event and they covered the Blessing as well. If you could not make the Blessing, hope you got to see it on TV.

We had our VSC Inspectors positioned on a floating dock where boats could simply pull up and get their free inspections and we even had a squadron mobile

boat service (Charles and his pontoon) transporting inspectors boat to boat.

Friar Chris did a wonderful mass blessing of the fleet followed by sprinkling holy water on each individual boat in the cove. The squadron is so thankful to Friar Chris for the time he took to make this a special day.

The afternoon was enjoyed by all, listening to the band Carolina Rising, cooling off in the water, and eating the great food at Raines at Big Water. The burgers were very good! If you get a chance this summer please check out Big Water Marina's new restaurant and bar.

The squadron even managed to sign up a new member. With maybe a few more to follow!!



## Calendar of Events

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#### **June**

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

#### **July**

9 Executive Committee Meeting  
27 Wine & Cheese at the McQueen's

#### **August**

13 Executive Committee Meeting  
17 Saluda River Paddle



## June Happy Hour

The next Happy Hour will be at Fireforge Crafted Beer on Thursday June 27<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00. Fireforge is located at 311 East Washington Street in Downtown Greenville. They brew their own beer onsite.

Appetizers and light food are available and it's common to have a food truck on Thursday. There is on-street parking and parking lots in the area. South Irvine St., North Church & Washington, and McBee between South Church & Washington have lots.

The closest parking garage is Spring Street garage if you can't find a space.

Check out Fireforge online <https://www.fireforge.beer/> if you want to know more.

### **Our Bridge**

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**Assistant SEO:** Vacant

#### **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



Floating Dock used for Vessel Safety Checks at Big Water Marina

## Part II. Preventing Sinking By Maintaining and Upgrading Drains And Through-Hulls

Is your cockpit truly self-draining? Some decks are well above the load waterline and appear to be self-bailing. Yet in truth the deck drains lead to hoses that drain into the bilge and not overboard. While this keeps you from having wet feet in the cockpit, this design is not actually self-bailing. Disaster awaits boats with fiberglass liners, decks that cover the bilge—and drains that empty into the bilge. The bilge pump will not prevent such a boat from sinking, whether dockside or 100 miles offshore. How could this happen? The answer is through aging and lack of maintenance because of inaccessible bilges. This is especially important if your boat is 15 or 20 years old. Hoses in your boat that were designed to last 10 years are now brittle, cracked and failing.

### **Bilge Accessibility**

Hoses and through-hull fittings must be accessible, or you will not know that your drains are leaking or your hoses are cracked until a deluge occurs. If you are not able to inspect and maintain all of your below-deck hoses and through-hull fittings, you should go ahead and cut and install inspection/access plates for access to the hoses and through-hull nipples, hoses and clamps.

### **Other Maintenance Items to Prevent Sinkings**

Outdrive universal joint and shift boot bellows should be inspected every year and replaced every third year, give or take. In old bellows, the rubber dries out and cracks. Leaks through the rubber occur, and the gimbal bearing and gimbal housing leak water into the bilge.

Plastic corrugated hoses should never be used on boats. They are thin-walled and become brittle over time. You should replace these with polyester reinforced tubing.

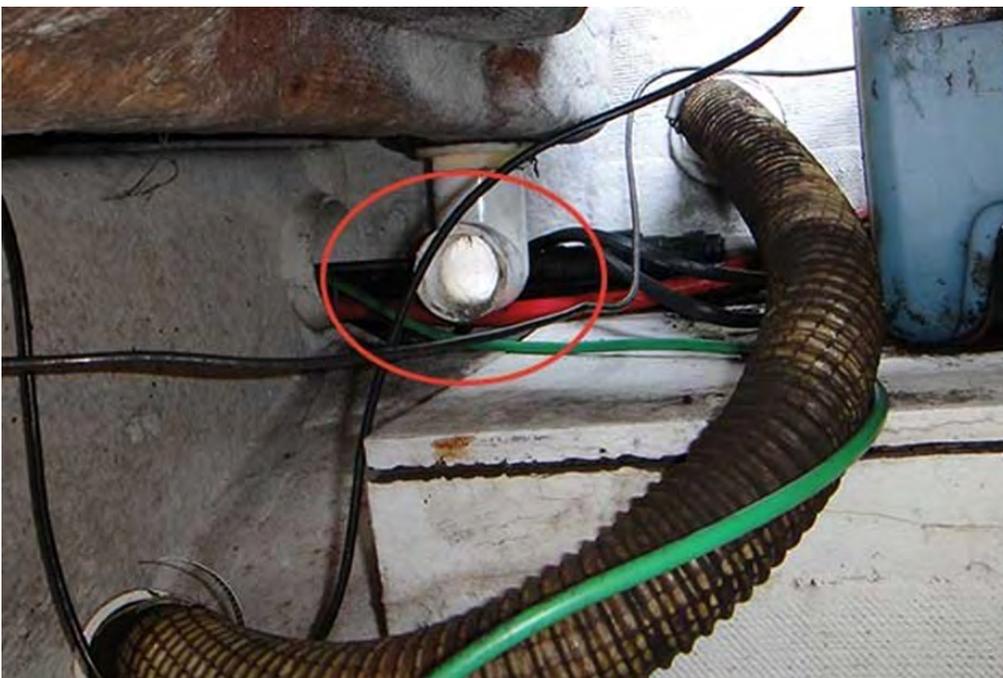
Livewell plumbing should never drain into the bilge. Livewell fittings are often well below the water, and all of these must have accessible seacocks to shut off the flow of water into the well. If the well fills, overflows and drains into the bilge, added weight can bring the load waterline down enough to cause flooding through the scuppers, with considerable risk of swamping. These seacocks should be shut while the boat is left unattended.

Hatches that are cheaply built, poorly located, or unsealed risk pouring lots of water into the bilge. If your scuppers are near the waterline, you must make sure your hatches are watertight. If your deck hatches and inspection ports don't have gaskets, install them. Make sure they can be dogged down while the boat is unattended.

In conclusion, if your boat lacks watertight integrity at the dock, can you risk encountering heavy weather on a large body of water? Correcting design flaws, poor accessibility, regular inspections and replacement of degraded components are critical to safe boating.



The cover on this boat filled with rainwater, and because the scuppers were already at the waterline, they back-flooded, and the boat sank.



This cockpit drain leads not overboard, but right to the bilge, relying on the bilge pump to keep the boat afloat—this boat should only be left unattended while pulled out or on a lift.

# 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.**

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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**

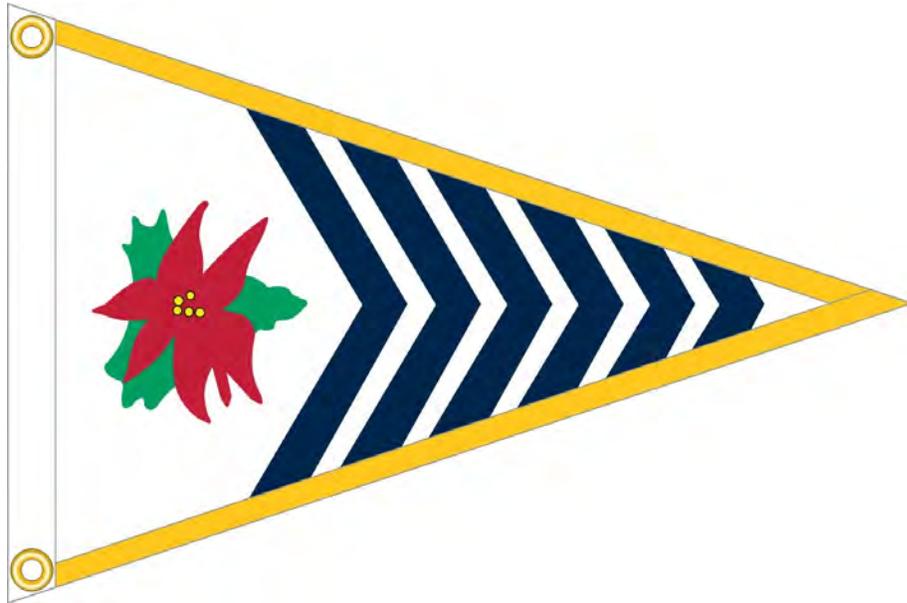
Sport-Tek Ladies Sport-Wick Textured Colorblock 1/4-Zip Pullover. Contrast sleeve stripes and texture give this moisture-wicking pullover an unrivaled look. 100% polyester Gently contoured silhouette Cadet collar Tag-free label Taped neck Front and back princess seams Contrast Vislon zipper Angled chin 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**

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12" by 18" Burgee  
Price 26.00



4" Burgee Decal  
1.00



# America's Boating Club of the Upstate

## Executive Committee Meeting Minutes May 14 ,2019

MD 360 Powdersville, SC

### 1. Call to Order

A quorum was established

The minutes of last meeting were approved as published in the *Pilot*

### 2. Department Reports

**Commander** - Billy Owens reviewed details of the upcoming Blessing of the Fleet event. He has scheduled an additional planning meeting for the Blessing of the Fleet event for 2pm on May 17 to finalize the event activities with Darlene the, Hartwell Marina manager. A combination happy hour, squadron tent setup, member boat launch etc will be scheduled for May 24 at Hartwell Marina. He is about to win his battle with DB2000. DNR as well as life jacket promotional speakers will speak at the blessing event. He continues to hash out the details for our July Fourth fireworks event. More details will be available soon.

**Executive Officer** - Pete Stevenson has completed an inventory of the squadron trailer and "rediscovered" several things which we can use including a USPS ensign and various brochures and handouts.

**Treasurer** - Lynn Solesbee was not present but had reported minimal financial transactions since the April meeting. The group approved a stipend of \$100 to be paid to Friar Chris Dunn for his services at the blessing of the fleet event.

**Administration** - Nioka Rose is recovering from recent surgery and all those present asked Chris to offer her a quick full recovery.

**Education** - Chris Rose will conduct another fuel dock employee training session at Big Water Marina to be held prior to the Blessing of the Fleet event. He announced that five persons have registered on the ABC website so far for the next ABC course that will be there as well on June 1st. We will distribute hand out cards soliciting additional students for the ABC. The September ABC class is scheduled for the 14th at Cabela's.

**Secretary** - Charles Guderian's contributions are mentioned in other sections of these minutes.

## Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

**Members at Large** - Don Woodard brought up a discussion of the Edisto River paddling which will need to be postponed. He and Charles Guderian gave a summary of our recent Congaree National Park event which was quite exciting due to numerous SNAKES. Our next paddle event will be on Saluda Lake on August 17th with launch site adjacent to Easley Combined Utility water treatment facility. Since Don will not be available to lead the event Charles Guderian will lead it. French Broad paddle event will be in September on a weekday. Don Woodard also told the group that he is close to initializing the "Live ABC Registration" tied to Pay Pal but that the restricted bandwidth available on our current server severely restricts website functionality. The group approved moving our site to a better server which will cost \$10/month.

### 3. - Old Business - None

**4. -.New Business** - Dale Bowman with the Corps of Engineers has issued the COOP Charting schedule which gives our squadron the months of February and August to accomplish our charting. Charles Guderian noted that fewer members are participating in COOP Charting than in the past. Some members of the Knoxville Tennessee squadron have expressed an interest in joining us for the Fall Color Cruise.

Pilot article assignments are as follows:

Billy Owens - Blessing of the Fleet, Wine & Cheese, Color Cruise and July 4th,

Jef Lockman - Coop Charting

Charles Guderian - VSC schedule and Jocassee cruise

Don Woodard - Congaree event and safety article part 2.

Next ExCom meeting is at MD 360 Powdersville Tuesday July 9th @ 6:30PM

Adjourned 7:45 PM

Submitted by Charles Guderian, Secretary

Addendum, all articles listed in the minutes were not submitted.



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### **Poinsett Pilot**

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