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Service, Education and Boating Fun

July and August were filled with fun on the water for our members. The highlight of these two busy summer months was our annual Thornwell Day on the Lake, an annual event at which we host children of all ages from the Thornwell Home for Children in Clinton, South Carolina, to a day at the lake filled with water activities. Our members volunteered their time, boats and water toys to entertain the group this year. And, let's not forget those who manned the grill to fix those burgers and hot dogs!

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Beyond our civic service, we enjoyed Flotilla Fridays, a cruise on Lake Hartwell, our "Log Jam Raft Up #2" and a small boat cruise up the lake to Big Man's. Would you believe, over two months, we sponsored eight events at which 80 boats and 160 members participated!

But, let's not forget about education efforts. P/C Jerry Wise kept his students excited enough to complete their Piloting course during the middle of the summer! He proudly sent us some photos of the "six new expert boaters." The eight-week course covered coastal navigation using charts and electronics all the way from pencil and paper to sophisticated radar and multifunction chart plotters.



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Boating Activities

By P/C R. J. Becht

Did you know that we had 25 Boating Activities scheduled for 2019? Even with all the Spring rain, the weather cooperated for the most part. Our activities ranked from small boat cruises, big boat cruises, day trips, Log Jams, Flotilla Fridays and more.

It all started off in April with our first major trip across Lake Okeechobee, Shake 'N Break and Flotilla Friday. And, we can't forget the awesome trips to the Agar's for great brisket and salmon, Lake Hartwell, and the trip to Big Man's.

The year ended with the Dam Swim for Drew, Paddleboard Classic, the Lake Wateree trip, and finally the Beaufort Shrimp Festival. We again exceeded 10,000 points this year and I challenge any Squadron to beat us. Again, we are the Crew that Cruises. I encourage all of our members to join in on a cruise. It's so much fun. And I guarantee 2020 is going to be another great year.



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Lake Murray Members' Provide Aid and Support for the Annual Dam Swim for Drew and Lake Murray Paddle Board Classic Events

Lake Murray members celebrated Labor Day at our facility at Flotilla Island before spending two weekends on the water in civic service, continuing our annual support of swim and paddle events on the lake.

The 21st Annual Dam Swim for Drew went off without a hitch on 14 September thanks to all involved. This year, approximately 315 swimmers participated. We had 16 squadron boats, one Coast Guard Auxiliary boat, and one Sea Tow boat helping line the course to keep the swimmers safe and on track.

The purpose of the annual swim across Lake Murray is to raise awareness of boating and swimming safety in memory of 10-year old Drew Smith. On 19 July, 1997, Drew was killed in a boating accident when a group of boaters made the decision to drink and drive on Lake Murray. They rammed into the boat Drew and his dad, Randy, were fishing from in a Lake Murray cove. Randy Smith survived the ordeal -- Drew did not. As a result of Drew's death, South Carolina State Senators voted on legislation for "Boating Under the Influence (BUI)" shortly after the accident. South Carolina now enforces the Boating Safety and Reform Act of 1999, known as Drew's Law. This legislation raised the penalties for boating violations to equal that of similar highway violations, most notably that of death resulting from BUI (Boating Under the Influence). Since Drew's law went into effect, boating fatalities statewide have dropped. The event also raises funds to help finance an indoor swimming facility in Lexington, S.C., in memory of Drew.

Thanks to the Lake Murray Power Squadron members who helped with the event this year. The 22nd Annual Dam Swim for Drew is scheduled for 12 September 2020.

The following weekend, our members again came out to help provide aid and security for those participating in the 2019 Paddle Classic on 21 September. The Lake Murray Paddle Classic is the second-to-last race in the Southern Stoke Race Series, a summer series of races throughout the Southeast.

As you may be aware this event showcases all skill levels — short- and long-distance courses for beginners through elite paddlers, a first-timer's challenge, kids' race, SUP pup race and most importantly a race featuring Special Olympics. Over 100 paddlers participated this year.

All race proceeds benefit South Carolina Special Olympics and we are always proud to participate in this worthwhile event.





Commander's Report

By Cdr Fred Ruinen, JN

I can't believe another three months has already passed. Time continues to fly with all of the fun activities that have been planned for all to enjoy.

One of my highlights was the cruise to Lake Hartwell led by P/C Tony and Donna Dodson. Susan and I spent our college years at Clemson on Lake Hartwell but never really had an opportunity to explore the lake. It's a beautiful lake with nice clean water. Without a doubt, mother nature was watching over us on this trip as we had rain and storms threaten us throughout, but they never became an issue. Susan and I had the opportunity to view Death Valley from the lake while we were anchored in a cove, and what a beautiful site it is.

Labor Day weekend, Susan and I (along with several other squadron members) spent the weekend on our boat enjoying all of the amenities our island home and the lake has to offer and we planned a Sunday morning brunch for the membership. With the help of P/C Mike Kirk at the griddle cooking pancakes (chocolate chip, pecan, blueberry), Susan and Lt Debbie Becht making sausage, Lt Mike Charles making his special grits recipe, and many other members bringing casseroles and various other goodies, we had a feast. We had a lot of fun and I think everyone filled their bellies more than they had planned.

Thornwell Children's Day on the Lake was once again another huge hit. We had more than 70 kids and house parents participate. Fun was had by everyone, especially the kids and our members who were able to help out with this event. A huge thank you to Lt Wayne Cromley for taking the lead in organizing this day.

In addition to Thornwell Children's Home, we continue to give back to our community by our continued support for the Dam Swim for Drew and the Paddle Board Classic. We had a record number of boats supporting the Dam Swim this year so thank you to all who were able to help. We continue to check and repair the reference lights on the lake and will soon start checking buoys that mark shallow areas on the lake thanks to the efforts of Lt/C Rick Agar for getting the coordinates of the 320 +/- buoys on the lake. We also continue to provide free Vessel Safety Inspections for our members and the public.

Have you been taking advantage of the educational opportunities we provide our members? Safe boating though education is core to our mission. We have great instructors and in addition to the education you receive, you also get to know your fellow members even better while having fun learning to be a safe, well-educated boater. If you are interested in taking a specific class, please reach out to our education department, headed by Lt/C Howard Pendley and Lt Frank McKinnon, with your request.

For our new members, we are very happy you have decided to become part of our membership. Please don't be shy and be sure to get involved, come to our events, volunteer and get to know everyone. I have no doubt you will get more out of your membership by being an active participant.

Three more months left under my watch. I look forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming October Fest / Annual Election, Change of Watch, and our annual Christmas Party.

Until next time.



Executive Officer's Report

By Lt/C Rick Agar

We are working on a new system to report on the condition of the hazard buoys on Lake Murray. We were provided a list of 325 hazard buoys by the makers of Kingfisher maps that included the latitude and longitude of each buoy. This was entered into an Excel spreadsheet so we could sort by location. The lake was divided into 10 vertical zones and sorted from East to West. This gives us a progression starting from the dam and proceeding to the Saluda River entering the lake. Then each vertical zone was sorted using latitude to give us North and South sections of each zone. Each half of a zone has 16 or 17 buoys that are in the same basic area of the lake for a team to inspect.

Jim Wilkins, our District Commander, is also filling in as District Coop charting lead. He has shared the reporting form used on some of the other inland lakes and helped modify our list with a sample section shown below. Each team would take a zone and inspect the buoys on either the North or the South half of the zone. Buoy condition would be noted on the form along with the measured GPS Latitude and Longitude of the buoy. The form will automatically calculate the Credits for our examination of the buoys when information is entered into the spreadsheet.

Lake Murray Hazard Marker Inspection - 2019_10_30 Development.docx

Lake Murray Hazard Points				Certificate #	Date:		
Captain:					Hours		
Crew 1:					Boat Name		
Crew 2:					Comments		
Crew 3:							
Crew 4:							
Crew 5:							
Hazard Points							
Page	N/S	Number At	Lat	Long	gps-Lat	gps-Long	Note
1	N	121	34.11857293	-81.59169979	5		
1	N	129	34.11668693	-81.59070579	4		
1	N	130	34.11647134	-81.58850693	3		
1	N	126	34.11453693	-81.58857278	2		
1	N	127	34.11415893	-81.58790577	1		
1	N	127	34.10720825	-81.47906324	5		
1	N	136	34.09444124	-81.47220321	4		
1	N	140	34.09294124	-81.47066321	3		
1	N	139	34.09234124	-81.47196321	2		
1	N	136	34.09284125	-81.47891925	1		
1	N	133	34.09030727	-81.50266339	5		
1	N	125	34.08720932	-81.54502159	4		
1	N	126	34.08506932	-81.54490459	3		
1	N	132	34.08504027	-81.50579340	2		
1	N	142	34.08514222	-81.44561910	1		
1	N	143	34.08469222	-81.44763509	5		
1	N	141	34.08447523	-81.45215212	4		
Condition 5				4	Total ATONs		20
Condition 4				4	Base Credits		30
Condition 3				4	Additional Credits		80
Condition 2				4	Total Credits		110
Condition 1				4			

CONDITION CODES:

1 - MISSING

2 - SEVERE DAMAGE - LEAKING MORE THAN 45 DEGREES OR MISSING MORE THAN 1 SQ FT OF SURFACE AREA

3 - RE-LETTER - LETTERING IS EITHER MORE THAN 50% FADED OR MISSING

4 - SMALL CRACK OR REPAINT - LESS THAN 1 SQ FT OF SURFACE AREA MISSING OR MORE THAN 50% FADED

5 - GOOD



Safety Officer's Report

By P/C Jerry Wise, SN

The ties that bind...

What's the best rope for boats? Don't know? Just ask any experienced boater. They will gently put a hand on your shoulder and say "boats don't have ropes, they have 'lines'." It's easy to think there's just a touch of elitism when you hear that comment. But in a way it does have a deeper meaning.

Lines for boats generally have more built in protection from the sun and harsh chemical environments (salt, gas, diesel) that come with boat use. Dock lines usually have a loop spliced into one end for ease in tying off and are cut to appropriate lengths with ends "whipped" (heat sealed or prepared to prevent unraveling).

For sailboats the lines can get really technical in a hurry. There are modern lines stronger than steel able to do tough jobs with very small diameters. However, smaller lines for docking may have great strength but come with a hidden danger. When brought under tension the small "Dyneema" lines can handle tremendous stress but their narrow width can cut like a knife. Best to use more mainstream technology like twisted or braided nylon.

What size dock line should you buy? A good rule of thumb is 1/8 inch of line for every 9 feet of boat with a minimum size of 3/8 inch. You still have to think about getting your finger caught between a cleat and the line if the boat surges while tying off. In that case a bigger line can be a lot less aggressive on the fingers. Many feel a minimum 3/8 inch line is needed and recommended for boats up to 27' and should be 2/3 the length of the boat. (18-foot boat, 12-foot dock line 3/8 inch in diameter, braided nylon). Half-inch or larger is a good size but can be a little hard to work in 3-strand nylon lines that are a few years old. Braided seems to stay flexible longer.

Other than docking and anchor lines, there is also a need for some lengths of line for making up "spring" lines (fore and aft tie offs keeping the boat from scooting around on the dock) and rafting up with others. Here is an interesting guide previously published in the "Log Jam" with some good instructions on line use while rafting up. This is where 50 feet of half-inch line would come in handy.

Log Jam Tie Up Safety and Tie Up Procedures

We really enjoy seeing all the boats at our two annual Log Jam Raft Ups.

Unfortunately we have had a safety issue that needs to be addressed. It pertains to boats that are leaving the Log Jam Tie up line of boats. When you simply untie and pull away from the Tie Up line it causes the boats to your right or left to drift as a group. We have had to start engines and try and get the line of boats close together to tie up again. Now with the large amount of people floating in the water and around the boats the potential is there for an accident.

So what do you do when it's time for you to leave the Log Jam Tie Up Line.

1. Let the boats to your right and left know you will be leaving soon.
2. The boats next to you will pass two long lines over your boat to the other boats.
3. Wait for the other boats to let you know the long lines are ready.
4. Coordinate the untying of your boat with the boats next to you.
5. Pull out slowly as one of the long ropes may have to be lifted over your Bimini top.





Educational Update

By Lt/C Howard Pendley, SN

Become a Better and Safer Boater with Boating Education

It has been an honor and privilege to be your Squadron Educational Officer this past year. With great support of our education instructors, we have seen great success with our ABC, advanced and elective courses. Over 40 students passed the ABC courses conducted in May and August. It was heartwarming to see the number of families that attended the course together further demonstrating the importance of boating education and safety. From the students success in the ABC course held at Flotilla, we signed up new members to our Lake Murray Power Squadron family.

We held two classes of advanced boating education. We had success with Boat Handling and Piloting. Additionally, several members completed the elective course, Cruise Planning.

Please welcome Frank McKinnon, SEO and Mike Zafoot, ASEO for the 2020 season. Frank and Mike will provide great support for your educational needs. Their commitment to boating safety and education will ensure members are offered the opportunity to continue their boater education.

I would like to take this time to thank everyone involved in helping make this educational year a valued success.

It has been proven that the more marine education you have the safer you will be on the water. I challenge all members to continue their boater education journey and sign up for a course in 2020!

**Remember, the more marine education you have,
the safer you will become on the water.**

Become a Better Boater Today!



Upcoming Social Events

By Lt/C Christine Royson, Administrative Officer

Watch your email for upcoming events !



LMPS Christmas/Holiday Party Saturday 14 December 2019

Sure to be a great time as always. Come on out and enjoy some holiday fun with fellow members and friends. Check out some of the smiles and fellowship from our 2018 Holiday Party.



LMPS Hosts Fun Day on the Lake for Thornwell Kids

Six vans carried approximately 74 children of all ages and their house parents from Thornwell Children's Home in Clinton to visit Flotilla Island on Saturday 20 July. They all excitedly poured out of the vehicles, got fitted for their life jackets, got a safety briefing and went to work having a great time.

Members gave boat rides pulling large tubes and Jet Ski rides; lines formed constantly on the dock as the children waited their turn for yet another ride. Kids swam and floated between the two docks under the ever watchful eyes of two certified lifeguards and LMPS members. They maneuvered kayaks around like pros, and came out of the water only long enough to eat lunch and get something cold to drink.

Members were sweating over the grill cooking hamburgers and hotdogs for the crowd. Inside the building helpful members prepared fixings, sides and desserts for lunch.

A special thank you goes out to all the LMPS members who volunteered their time, boats, and made donations to make this a wonderful event for these kids.



Welcome new members to LMPS

Welcome aboard! Great to have you as a member of the Lake Murray Power Squadron — America's Boating Club of Lake Murray. We hope you will enjoy Flotilla Island and all the great activities the squadron has to offer, and support its numerous functions.

1. Jonathan & Betsy Chandler
2. Amy Herin
3. Ron Hildreth
4. Andrew & Hollie Hogan
5. Dustin & Shirley Moody
6. Matthew Sizewore







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November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
					LMPs COW, Yacht Cove	
Daylight Savings Ends 3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	Veterans Day 11	12	13	CG Aux Mtg 14	15	16
	Bridge & Planning Mtg, Flotilla Island					
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	Thanksgiving Day 28	29	30

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LAKE MURRAY POWER SQUADRON

December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	CG Aux Mtg 12	13	14
	Bridge Meeting, Flotilla Island					LMPs Christmas Party, Yacht Cove
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	Christmas Day 25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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