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DISTRICT 26 SPRING CONFERENCE A REWARDING EXPERIENCE FOR LMPS!



P/C Andy Hyman, SN accepting Commander of the Year from R/C Howard E. Yoas, SN who is with the Committee on Nominations.

Lake Murray Power Squadron was well represented at the District Spring Conference 12-13 March at the Holiday Inn Oceanfront hosted by the Hilton Head Sail and Power Squadron.

Approximately 120 district members from 13 squadrons attended the weekend event. Good works were recognized through awards presented to squadrons and individuals for achievements during the previous Watch Year. The winners are selected by the District Commander upon the recommendation of various district bridge officers and district committee chairs. All winners, past and present, and the criteria for each award are listed on the D/26 website under the awards link. For the 2010 Watch Year, Lake Murray Power Squadron brought home several awards of which to be very proud.

LMPS received the Division I Robert A. Peters Boating Activities Award.

We had the highest percentage of boats and members participating in boating activities relative to our total membership. Educational Achievement recognitions went to LMPS member Bill Burn, SN while 1st Lt Paul Krohne, N and Lt Jon May, AP were recognized for achieving Educational Proficiency.

The Commander of the Year Award was presented to our own P/C Andy Hyman, SN by P/D/C Betty Walton, AP. This award is presented to a squadron commander who has shown outstanding leadership and possesses attributes beneficial to District 26 and USPS. Andy is the third within the 48 year existence of LMPS to receive this honor. Prior recipients are P/C Tony Dodson, SN in 2004 and Tony Adams, AP in 1983.

Additionally, Andy is the only member of LMPS who has received the District Commander of the Year Award, District Spark Plug Award and the District Carol A. McVey Award for Educational Achievement. Congratulations, Andy, for representing LMPS in such an impressive way!

The USPS Distinguished Communicator Award for Publications and the USPS Distinguished Communicator Award for Websites was also awarded to LMPS during the banquet. District 26 was also recognized for 100 percent of its squadrons (including LMPS) participating in the USPS Educational Fund. CONGRATULATIONS, LMPS!



Lt/C Stan Godfrey, AP, accepting Leadership Development Award.



District 26 Spring Conference attendees: Front row: Barbara Pearson, AP, P/C Debra Allen, AP, D/C Eric Pearson, SN, Lt Janice Ayers, AP, Diane Bruce. Back row: P/C Andy Hyman, SN, Lt Marilyn Hyman, AP, Lt Edie Godfrey, S, Lt/C Stan Godfrey, AP, Lt David Allen, SN, Cdr Lee Ayers, SN and Lt/C Charlie Bruce, SN.



Cdr Lee Ayers, SN accepting Distinctive Communicator Award for Publications and Websites.

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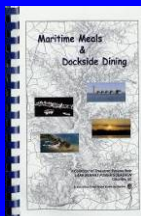
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New Members! Do you know we have a Squadron cookbook? It is called *Maritime Meals & Dockside Dining* and it is an awesome resource and a "must have" for your cookbook library!



COMMANDERS REPORT

By Cdr Lee Ayers, SN

First, regretfully, we must announce that Lt/C Kem Dempsey, S resigned as our Executive Officer. Kem and Janis plan to remain active in LMPS and we hope to see them at many of our events throughout the rest of the year. At the March Executive Committee Meeting, the Executive Committee appointed Lt/C Charlie Bruce, SN to fill the remainder of the term of Executive Officer. We welcome Charlie and look forward to working with him.

Several of our members attended the D/26 Spring Conference in Hilton Head Island on the weekend of 12 March. Once again LMPS and its members picked up several awards. Please see the lead article for all of the details. Special congratulations goes to P/C Andy Hyman, SN for being selected as Commander of the Year for D/26 and to Bill Burn, SN for his award of Educational Achievement. These and all other award recipients will be recognized at our April dinner meeting at Saluda Shoals. Please plan to attend.

March concluded with a wonderful Soup, Stew, and Chili Fest at Flotilla. Thank you to all of the cooks, all of the volunteers who organized the event, and each of you who attended. It takes all of these things to make an event successful.

Please be sure to check all of the articles in this newsletter from the various officers and committee chairs. They will keep you aware of all that is happening and the opportunities to get involved.

Remember that this is Your Year ... to Volunteer. Let's work together to make it great and memorable.

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EXECUTIVE REPORT

By Lt/C Charlie Bruce, SN

As I am writing this article, the first day of spring is upon us and our boating activities have begun.

Lt Bryant Blakeslee, AP along with his experienced and qualified team of Vessel Examiners have put together a schedule of dates, times and locations for our vessel inspections. Please check the VSC schedule and if one of those dates is not convenient to you, please contact Bryant to make arrangements to meet an examiner. If you would be interested in becoming a Vessel Examiner, he would be more than willing to provide you with the training.

Harvest Hope Food Bank is continuing to experience an increase in the number of families in need of food and with one in four children under the age of five going to bed hungry, they need our help now more than ever. We will be collecting contributions at all of our events this year and remember they are in need of monetary contributions as well as non-perishable items.



LMPS is one of the largest and best squadrons in USPS and its strength is in our members and without your help and advice we would not be where we are today. Therefore, I am asking you to continue to provide your time and knowledge to the squadron and if you have any suggestions, please feel free to contact me.

LMPS PALOOZA
21 May 2011
Flotilla Island

Food served: 18:30—19:30

Dance music by our very own DJ,
P/C Billy Fanning, SN
19:00 until

Tickets \$12.50 each and will be on sale at
Shake & Break, April Dinner Meeting or by
contacting Lt Cyndi Langlois at
splash@sc.rr.com or calling 730-7315.
Bring your lawn chair and have a ball!



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

By Lt/C Tommy Clawson, AP

The Bridge has changed the name of the Membership Involvement Committee to Membership Involvement & Retention Committee. The rationale behind this change is looking for ways to keep our existing members involved and retain them in the squadron. I am requesting your assistance in this endeavor. Please let me know if you would be willing to serve on this ground breaking, newly formed committee.

Be sure to look at the Cruise Schedule elsewhere in this issue aptly organized by Lt Rich Barreto, S, our Boating Activities chair. Sign up to join us on a cruise that interests you even if you don't have a boat. Sometimes there are boats with room for extra riders. There should be something on the cruise schedule that appeals to all. We tried to keep a lot of activities close to home this year due to gas prices. We are also still looking for a few coordinators. We've got some veteran cruise organizers who will be glad to show you the ropes on getting a cruise together. The cruises are always so much fun and give us a chance to get to know each other better. If you've never made a boating road trip with LMPS, you'll see that we all look out for one another and help each other in any way possible.

Come to the April dinner meeting and celebrate spring with us. Our hospitality team of Lt Brian Adler, AP, and Lt Fred Ruinen, S are ready to quench your thirst at the bar. The speaker, menu and details are here in *The Log Jam* so we'd love to see you there.

Remember . . . ***This is Your Year to Volunteer.***



A CHILLY CHILI/ SOUP/STEW FEST!



The overcast skies and rainy weather threatened to ruin our fun but we didn't allow it. The 3rd annual LMPS Chili/Soup/Stew Fest was festive with decorations and plenty of pots/crock pots brimming with delicious culinary options.

Captain Lee had a big "ole" cast iron pot chock full of "As Good As Brew Brunswick Stew" which Angie Tronco said was "nose running" good. The stew was also steaming hot and started to melt the sample cups as shown in the above picture! David and Elaine Price had some excellent Notalotahota Chili and Betty & Jim Rakes had the hard to beat Rafferty's Potato Soup with all the loaded baked potato trimmings. Complete with fire extinguisher and customized apron, Danny and Kathy Glenn were serving up tasty "Hot Flashes" chili and J. Strohecker had appetizing catfish stew or J.'s Wild Cat Chili as he and Retta dubbed it.

Winning the coveted title of "Best Taste", Stan and Edie Godfrey dipped up some palette pleasing venison "Hillbilly Chili". It had a touch of sugar and the onions were sautéed in beer so you know it was some good eating. Taking the title of Best Name AND Best Dressed Couple were Tommy & Darlene Clawson dressed in true western style serving their Blazing Saddles Bean Soup.

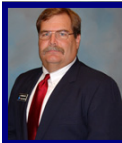
Someone in the group pointed out that a traditional beef chili has not won the title yet! The first year venison chili won the competition, the second year turkey and this year venison again! If anyone left hungry it was their own fault! What a fun event!



Best Taste Certificate presented by Cdr Lee Ayers, SN for the Hillbilly Chili to Lt/C Stan Godfrey, AP & spouse/helper Lt. Edie Godfrey, S



Cdr Lee Ayers, SN presented the Best Taste and Best Dressed Certificates to Lt Tommy Clawson, AP and his spouse/partner Lt Darlene Clawson.



SECRETARY'S REPORT

By Lt/C J. Strohecker, JN

I would like to start this article off with some GREAT news!

The LMPS monthly publication, the *The Log Jam* and the website www.LMPSONline.org, were both awarded the Distinctive Communicator Award for 2010. This award is given on certain criteria established by the National Communication Committee for outstanding design and content in both the publication and the website. On behalf of LMPS, I would like to say a special THANK YOU to our webmaster P/C Debra Allen, AP and last year's *The Log Jam* editor Lt Linda Richardson, S for their many contributions, management of resources and extreme patience in putting these items together. In addition, thanks to all the other members who contributed articles, comments, ideas and pictures to make this a team award for LMPS.

On a related note but just as important, Lt Janice Ayers, AP has volunteered to be the editor of the *The Log Jam* for the remainder of this watch year. I would like to say THANK YOU, Janice for taking over this mission for the Squadron and the team is in place to assist in any way possible to achieve success.

The addition of Janice as the *The Log Jam* editor completes the Secretary's Committee Chair list for this watch year. I strongly urge anyone who desires to get involved with the website or the monthly publication to contact me since the Squadron is always looking for new folks to learn and contribute to make the Squadron stronger!

I look forward to seeing you in the near future and please do not hesitate to contact me or any other Bridge member with your thoughts and ideas for the betterment of LMPS.

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EDUCATION REPORT

By Lt/C Stan Godfrey, AP



LMPS is wrapping up the spring session of the ABC course. Lt Edie Godfrey, S is the Chair for ABC again this year and has done an admirable job organizing the class. We have 20 people in the class with seven of them under the age of 19. It is refreshing to see so many young boaters want to learn about safer boating. I want to thank everyone who has come out to help with refreshments, checking homework, membership and grading the exams. As always, what makes the class so successful is the effort of our impressive instructors, P/C Elaine Price, SN, P/D/C Lloyd Pitts, AP, P/D/C Archie Trawick, SN, P/C Debra Allen, AP and P/C David Allen, SN. I also want to thank our commander Lee Ayers, SN for doing the review for the class.

Lt Bob Arneson, P recently sent out an e-mail to the members with a description of Seamanship class. If you have not taken Seamanship, this is the time! This is an excellent class to increase your knowledge of boating safety and build on what you learned in ABC. Bob does a great job of not only teaching the material but making the class enjoyable. The class starts 12 April 2011 at Midlands Technical College Airport campus. You need to contact me ASAP to register for the class. Sail, Weather and Navigation classes are now under way. Good luck to all the members taking the classes—I'm sure you will be successful!

If you were unable to attend the spring classes, you'll have another chance this fall. For advanced grades we will offer Seamanship, Piloting, Advanced Piloting and Junior Navigation. Elective classes will include Cruise Planning, Instructor Development and Marine Electronics. Marine Electronics is a new version that will be taught by P/D/C Jim Rakes, SN in three sections. It includes the latest and greatest in marine electronics! We hope everyone will take advantage of these classes to increase your knowledge and learn safety precautions to take while boating!

If you would like to register for any of the fall classes contact me at stan.godfrey@jan-prousa.com or 803-572-1602. Contact me also if you have any questions about courses being offered or if you have recommendations for the Education Department.



LAKE MURRAY SAFETY CONSORTIUM

by P/C Andy Hyman, SN

On 5 March, members of Lake Murray Power Squadron (LMPS) joined the Lake Murray Association (LMA) at the SCE&G Park on the south side of the Lake Murray Dam to represent the Lake Murray Safety Consortium (LMSC) during the Lexington/Richland School District 5 "Battle On the Dam".

The purpose of this special event was to create and promote awareness about proper nutrition and personal health for the students of the school district. The walk began on the Irmo side of the dam and ended at the park on the Lexington side where they were met by a host of vendors offering information, services and various promotion and educational products. Organizers expected more than 3,000 participants and from the looks of the crowd, it was exceeded!

P/C Lee Barber, AP stated, "It was an excellent opportunity for us to introduce the Lake Murray Safety Consortium to a lot of people in a short period of time as the walk ended in the park with music, fruit, water and a festival atmosphere." LMSC serves as the vehicle to bring various agencies and groups involved in promoting water safety on Lake Murray together. We meet on a monthly basis aboard the Southern Patriot, allowing information to be shared and activities coordinated. The Consortium is comprised of Lake Murray Association, United States Coast Guard Auxiliary – Flotilla 12-3, SC Department of Natural Resources, Richland County Sheriff's Department, Lexington County Sheriff's Department, Saluda County Sheriff's Department, Newberry County Sheriff's Department, South Carolina Electric & Gas Company, Lake Tours, Inc. and the Lake Murray Power Squadron.



LMPS members were able to answer questions regarding boating safety, including Personal Flotation Devices, Boating

Classes and Vessel Safety Checks. Hundreds of brochures were given out introducing LMPS, our ABC boating classes and the 2011 VSC schedule.

LMPS members participating in the event were P/C Lee Barber, AP, Lt/C Stan Godfrey, AP and P/C Andy Hyman, SN.



Vessel Safety Checks 2011

Lt Bryant Blakeslee, AP

The Vessel Safety Check is a complimentary check of your boat conducted by members of the Lake Murray Power Squadron, confirming that it meets both federal and state requirements for safety. Vessel Safety Checks will be conducted on the following dates and locations:

- ✳ **9 April – Lighthouse Marina**
- ✳ **16 April – Shake & Break at Flotilla Island 0900-1300**
- ✳ **16 April – Jake's Marina 0900-1300**
- ✳ **23 April – Windward Point 1000-1300**
- ✳ **30 April – Harbor Watch 1000-1200**
- ✳ **7 May – SouthShore Marina 1000-1300**
- ✳ **14 May– Jakes Marina (LM HOA Tour of Homes) 0715-1300**
- ✳ **21 May – Lighthouse Marina 1000-1300**
- ✳ **21 May – Yacht Cove 1000-1300**
- ✳ **4 June – Columbia Sailing Club (Public Safety Training) 1000-1300**

Please contact Lt Bryant Blakeslee, AP if you would like to become a VSC examiner, schedule a vessel safety check or with any additional questions.

SAFETY

P/C Billy Fanning, SN & P/C David Price, SN



SAFE TOWING

In last month's issue of *The Log Jam*, we talked about safe towing speeds and the need for permits when towing oversized loads. In this article we will discuss the equipment needed to help ensure a safe trip.

Tow Vehicle and Trailer Weight Ratings: You need to know and not exceed the weight capacity ratings of both the towing vehicle and the trailer. The following ratings are specified by the manufacturer of all tow vehicles and trailers:

- Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) is the maximum allowable weight of the vehicle and its load. Both the tow vehicle and the trailer are considered "vehicles", and each will have its own rating. The tow vehicle's GVWR is normally printed on a label located on the driver side door. Information for the trailer is on the trailer tongue.
- Gross Combination Weight Rating (GCWR) is the maximum combined weight of the tow vehicle and trailer when loaded. This can be found in the tow vehicle's owner's manual.
- Gross Axle Weight Rating (GAWR) is the maximum weight a single axle can carry.

Your tow vehicle must be rated to pull the trailer and its maximum load. The trailer must be adequate to carry the weight of the boat with a full tank of fuel (approx. 6 lbs per gallon), along with any gear you decide to transport in the boat. If your boat is equipped with fresh water and/or waste holding tanks, you should also allow for those tanks being full (approximately 7.5 lbs per gallon). The "dry weight" stated in your boat owner's manual is probably only about two-thirds of the actual weight. The only way to know the actual weight of your tow vehicle and the trailer with loaded boat is to weigh it on a scale.

While more a regulatory matter than one of safety, you must have a vehicle license tag appropriate for the gross combined weight (GCW) of the vehicle and the maximum load you intend to carry or tow. A regular license tag covers a GCW of up to 9,000 pounds. Above 9,000 pounds, you must have a truck or "P" tag, whether you tow with a truck or SUV. When you purchase a "P" tag, you must declare the GCW of the tow vehicle and the loaded trailer. The declared GCW can be less than the

rating for the vehicle, but must be equal to or greater than the combined weight of the tow vehicle and the actual trailer you will be towing. This weight will be indicated on the registration card for the vehicle and will be the maximum GCW legally allowed for the vehicle.

Tongue Weight: Tongue weight is another important consideration for safe towing. Too much tongue weight affects steering and too little can cause the trailer to sway. The tongue weight should be about 7 to 10 percent of the total trailer weight.

Hitch Weight Rating: The hitch and hitch receiver on the tow vehicle must be rated to handle the total weight of the loaded trailer.

Safety Chains or Cables: Chains or cables of adequate capacity must be attached between the tow vehicle and trailer. They should be crossed under the hitch and connected in a manner that prevents the trailer tongue from hitting the ground if the trailer becomes separated from the hitch.

Breakaway Brake Cable: If your trailer is equipped with brakes, the breakaway cable should be in good condition and of proper length so that the brakes will engage should the trailer become separated from the tow vehicle.

Lights: Before every trip make sure the brake, turn signal, and running lights on the trailer are working properly. It is a good idea to carry spare bulbs and fuses. Also remember to unplug the lights before backing down the boat ramp into the water – cool water and hot light bulbs don't mix.

Tie Downs: Don't rely on the trailer wench strap. Install straps to tie down the bow and the stern of the boat to prevent any movement during transport.

While all of the above components are important, the most important element of safe towing is you, the driver. It is the driver's responsibility to determine if all of the components are in proper working order and within the weight limits of the tow rig before hitting the road. Travel safely!

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21 APRIL
LMPS DINNER MEETING
Saluda Shoals
1830—1915 Social Time
1915 Dinner & Meeting

Let's celebrate spring! The speaker for April's meeting is Senator Ronnie W. Cromer. He is Chairman of the Senate Fish, Game and Forestry Committee. Senator Cromer, a Lake Murray resident, will share with us any pertinent DNR information and proposed legislation impacting Lake Murray. The menu is:

- Fajita Chicken Breast
- Baked Tilapia
- Twice Baked Potato Casserole
- Broccoli Salad
- Sweet Peas & Carrots
- Pineapple Upside Down Cake
- Rolls
- Tea/Water

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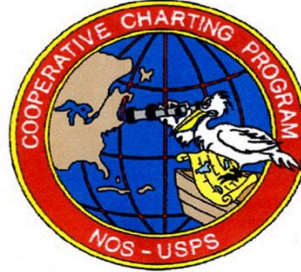
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*Lt Linda Richardson, S
 Coop Charting Chair*

At the recent D/26 Spring Conference there were several round-table discussions and a question was posed regarding interest in a one day hands-on CCWeb training seminar at the NOAA facility in Charleston. The response was very positive.

R/C Horst Boettge, SN, D/26 Cooperative Charting Chairman, has contacted the NOAA CSC and they are willing to let us use their meeting room. The seminar would have to be on a week day since the facility is closed on weekends. Horst's goal is to have all D/26 squadrons represented with as many interested members as possible. I plan on attending and would really like to have some of you join me.

The date is still open with a suggested timing sometime in mid-May or mid-June. Horst would like to have a pretty good headcount of who might be interested by 8 April 2011. To make this a worthwhile event, they need to have 20-25 people attending.

If you are interested in attending this very informative and worthwhile training session, please contact me via email me at lrichardson003@sc.rr.com or by phone at 920-1857. You can let me know then if you already have commitments during May or June that would prevent you from attending so that this information can be passed on while they are working on the scheduled date and time.



Lake Murray Association Pontoon Tour of Homes is 14 May. This tour helps provide necessary funding to maintain the work that LMA does for Lake Murray. They need pontoon boats complete with captains. If available and interested in sharing your love of Lake Murray, please contact P/C Lee Barber, AP.

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2011 BOATING ACTIVITIES

Month	Date	Event/Activity	Coordinator
April	16	Shake & Break/Tax Relief Cruise & Rendezvous	Mike Seguin
	30	Canoe/Kayak Trip - Congaree National Park	David Dunn
May	13 - 15	D/26 Cruise and Rendezvous - Thurmond Lake	TBD
	27 - 30	Co-op Charting - Cooper River	TBD
	27 - 30	Pontoon Boat Scavenger Hunt - Lake Murray	TBD
June	18	Log Jam #1	Tony Dodson
	9-13	Southport/Wilmington Cruise	Fanning/Price
	17	Overnight Sail Race	TBD
July	1-4	Pig Pickin' Cruise and Rendezvous - Flotilla Island	Jim Rakes
August	20	Log Jam #2	Retta Strohecker
	27	Community Service Cruise	Mike Kirk
September	2-5	Labor Day Cruise and Rendezvous - Poker Run and Rendezvous - Lake Murray - Flotilla Island	TBD
	17	Dam Swim For Drew	Sho Fagg
	30 - 10/2	Lake Jocasee	Donna Dodson
October	TBD	Big Saluda River - Small Boat	TBD
	15	Wooden Boat Show - Georgetown, SC	TBD
November	11-13	LMPS Change of Watch Cruise and Rendezvous	TBD
Monthly	TBD	Reference Light Cruise - Lake Murray	T. Dodson/J. Langlois

2011 SHAKE & BREAK COOKOUT & TAX RELIEF CRUISE & RENDEZVOUS



16 April 2011

Beginning at 10:00

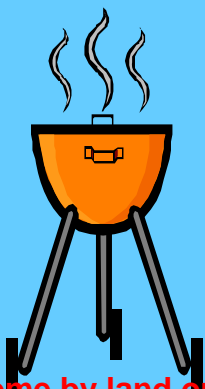
Flotilla Island

Meal—\$7.50/person

Hamburgers with all the fixins'

Coordinator: Michael Sequin, AP

BYO Beverage



Come by land or water, but come out and join us for a fun filled day. Our VSC examiners will be there to inspect your boats and give you your 2011 sticker!

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- 1-3 D/26 Boat Operator Certification Class - Flotilla
- 5 New Member Orientation
- 6 Navigation Class - Teradata
- 7 Sail Class- Flotilla
- 9 Island Work Day
- 12 Seamanship - MTC
- 13 Navigation Class - Teradata
- 14 Sail Class - Flotilla
- 16 Shake & Break Cookout & Tax Relief Cruise
- 17 Palm Sunday
- 18 Bridge Meeting - Flotilla
- 19 Seamanship - MTC
- 20 Navigation Class - Teradata
- 21 Dinner Meeting - Saluda Shoals
- Sail Class - Flotilla
- 22 Good Friday
- 24 Easter
- 25 Log Jam Deadline
- CGA - Flotilla
- 26 Seamanship - MTC
- 27 Navigation Class - Teradata
- 28 Sail Class - Flotilla
- 30 Canoe/Kayak Trip - Congaree National Park



- 3 Seamanship - MTC
- 4 Navigation - Teradata
- 8 Mother's Day
- 10 Seamanship - MTC
- 11 Navigation - Teradata
- 13-15 D/26 Cruise & Rendezvous - Thurmond Lake
- 14 Island Work Day
- 16 Bridge Meeting - Flotilla
- 17 Seamanship - MTC
- 21 LMPS Palooza
- 21-27 National Safe Boating Week
- 23 Log Jam Deadline
- CGA - Flotilla
- 24 Seamanship - MTC
- 27-30 Co-op Charting - Cooper River Cruise
- 27-30 Pontoon Boat Scavenger Hunt
- 30 Memorial Day
- 31 Seamanship - MTC



- 9-13 Southport/Wilmington Cruise
- 13 Bridge Meeting - Flotilla
- 14 Flag Day
- 16 Dinner Meeting - Saluda Shoals
- 17 Overnight Sail Race
- 18 Log Jam #1
- 19 Father's Day
- 20 Log Jam Deadline
- 21 First Day of Summer
- 25 Island Work Day
- 27 CGA - Flotilla