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## LMPS LOG JAM #1

Log Jam #1 was held Saturday 18 June and it started out as a beautiful day! After tucking ourselves away on one side of No Name Cove, it was like Log Jams past with great camaraderie among Squadron members, their families and friends! We had a total of 37 boats and 106 people and out of that, there were 21 LMPS boats and 39 LMPS members with numerous raft-ups all around us! We even had a flyover by our very own, P/C David Allen, SN and Carl Swartzmiller, AP who joined us later on the water in Meridian Flyer! A good time was had by all and the crowd displayed its "safety first" attitude by putting out additional anchors and having fun all at the same time! We even got in some Vessel Safety Checks! Unfortunately, towards the end of the day, there was mention of storms brewing and coming in our direction! So, after checking the weather on radar and numerous cell phones, the decision was made to break up and head for safe harbors. Everyone made a quick exit and hopefully, was lucky enough to beat the first of a couple of storms that blew through that evening. For those of you who may not have been able to join the first LMPS Log Jam of the year, please plan to come out for Log Jam #2 planned for Saturday 20 August. Please watch for further details . . . HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!

By P/C Tony Dodson, SN



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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!**



## COMMANDER'S REPORT

*By Cdr Lee Ayers, SN*

With the first (official) day of summer just behind us, Lake Murray is as busy as always with plenty of boat traffic and people enjoying the wonder and beauty that our lake has to offer. With the busy July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend just ahead, boating safety needs to be at the top of our list. Remember that safe boating is fun boating. Let's all remember two important points of the USPS Pledge that we all have taken many times. We must "Maintain my boat and operate it legally" and "Render assistance whenever possible". Help LMPS be an example and leader in safe boating this summer.

Speaking of July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend, I hope you remembered to make your reservations for the annual BBQ cookout midday at Flotilla on Saturday 2 July. We will not be having a Dinner Meeting in July, but will return to that format in August. Make plans now to be there to learn about the history of Lake Murray.

A majority of our members have recently renewed their membership, but we are still anxiously waiting on several more of you. Each and every one of you is vital to LMPS. Please renew your membership before you go in to Non-Renewal. If you have misplaced your invoice just contact an Executive Committee member and they will be glad to help you get things going.

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.

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## EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

*By Lt/C Charlie Bruce, SN*

I would like to personally thank everyone who donated to the Harvest Hope Food Bank at our June dinner meeting. Monetary donations were \$446 that included \$62 donated from the Southport Cruise cookout. With the \$100 from our anonymous member, it brings the total to \$546 dollars. We also received 45 pounds of non-perishable food that is also being matched at 100 percent. Once again our Squadron has accepted the challenge and proved that we are the best!

Several weeks ago an e-mail was sent out with the finalized plans for our Co-op charting cruise of the Cooper River on the 23 July. If you missed that e-mail, the plan is to depart Columbia at 0800 and trailer half of the boats to the Tailrace Canal behind the Pinnoplis Lock and half to Mt. Pleasant. Each boat will work on their section of the river, and then we'll raft up for lunch. It will be a great time and we still have room for you.

Please remember wherever your are, should you notice a problem with a navigational aid, you can report it to Lt Linda Richardson, S or should it be on Lake Murray, report it to either P/C Jeff Langlois, P or P/C Tony Dodson, SN.

### Until next month — Safe Boating!



If you are reading this before 2 July and you haven't signed up to attend the annual P/D/C Jim Rakes feast, you are missing the best treat of the year! There will be Boston butts, ribs, chicken, macaroni and cheese,

baked beans, coleslaw, cookies, watermelon and a whole lot of good fellowship in celebration of our independence. It's sure to be a great way to spend the day until the Lake Murray fireworks display starts at dusk (approx. 9:15 p.m.). Fireworks will be launched from both Spence & Dreher Islands. ENJOY YOUR DAY!



## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

By Lt/C Tommy Clawson, AP

June was very busy for LMPS. Lt Janice Ayers, AP and Lt Cyndi Langlois planned a great dinner on Thursday, 16 June with the decorations setting the mood for the Italian feast. Lt Brian Adler, AP kept the adult refreshments flowing. The speaker, Miriam Atria, selected by Lt Eddie Richardson and Lt Danny Glenn, S talked about our beloved Lake Murray and then we were on to a very busy LMPS weekend!

Susan Sorg, S and Braxton Sorg, S coordinated the Overnight Sailboat Race. When I visited "D" mark with P/C Tony Dodson, SN, there were six boats joining in the activity. Even with the storm, it was a fun night. The Reference Light Inspection was a huge success Friday night. LMPS checked the lights from Black's Bridge to the Dam. Thanks to all who participated and the coordinators, P/C Jeff Langlois, P and P/C Tony Dodson, SN. We are all helping to keep our lake safe at night by ensuring these reference lights are burning. The next day, Saturday, was our first Log Jam of the year with numerous boats enjoying No Name Cove. Thanks to Lt Donna Dodson, AP and P/C Tony Dodson, SN for coordinating the event.

The Southport-Wilmington Cruise, coordinated by P/C Billy Fanning, SN and P/C David Price, SN, was a relaxing cruise for all who attended. There is a full page article with pictures so that you can see for yourself what you missed if you weren't there.

We still have a number of cruises left for the year. Please take a look later in this newsletter and on the web site for the remaining cruises. Find one you think you will enjoy. I'll bet you will not be disappointed. Again, consider coordinating a cruise. Get in touch with Lt Rich Barreto, S our Boating Activity chairman, and he can help you out.

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

*Our deepest sympathy is extended to Lisa Herndon, commander of the Atlanta Sail and Power Squadron, in the sudden loss of her husband, David, on 15 June during a squadron cruise in Florida. Lisa is an associated member of LMPS and Lisa's parents, Hilton and Gladys Parsons were LMPS members before their deaths.*



## SECRETARY'S REPORT

By Lt/C J. Strohecker, JN

As the summer officially begins and our boating session gets into full swing, I would like to advise of a few on-going projects at the island that have been completed or will be completed very soon.



Every day, improperly discarded monofilament fishing line causes devastating problems for marine life and the environment. Fish and birds become injured from entanglements, or might ingest the line, often dying as a result. Human divers and swimmers are also at risk from entanglements and the line can also damage boat propellers. LMPS has contacted the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources to place a monofilament recycling bin at the island for our fisherman to use and to be good partners in helping our environment. One is pictured below.

Another project has been on-going and is finally getting off the ground. The Executive Committee has agreed to enhance and update the front gate area. This project was approved last year however due to several small issues was put on hold but is back on. The initial phase of the project is to remove the vegetation, then remove some structural items and place a better fence system and signage for both LMPS and the USCG Auxiliary. This should reduce the amount of traffic onto the island. The majority of this project should be completed by the end of the month depending on weather and availability of the fencing.

And the last project is Flotilla Island now has an address (2390 Johnson Marina Road, Chapin, SC 29036) and it will be displayed at the gate for proper identification. In addition, an address sign is being ordered to place on the dock, and several information signs will be placed on the island to assist in the event of an emergency. Hopefully we will never use this information but it is available to us and provides first responders the information they need for a faster response.



I wish to say THANKS for all you do in supporting our organization and have a safe summer!



## TREASURER'S REPORT

By Lt Mike Verdone, JN

Huh? What the heck is this all about? An article in the *Log Jam* from the Treasurer? Are we bankrupt? Why is the treasurer writing an article? He's never done this before, so something bad must be happening!


Actually, nothing bad is happening. I simply felt that it was time that I start earning my keep around here and let the LMPS membership know where we stand from a fiscal position and also to send out some well-earned kudos to those who have done a lot of heavy lifting without much acknowledgement of their effort.

First, the accolades – a very well deserved note of thanks to Lt Deb Kessler who has thanklessly operated the Ships Store for I can't tell you how many years! Not only does she keep it stocked with the most up-to-date articles of clothing but she also does the embroidery to allow us to personalize our LMPS shirts, jackets, blankets and everything else. Thank you for all you do, Deb! BTW, you can never quit!

Next, a huge note of appreciation to our heroic men of the LMPS Bar – Lt Brian Adler, AP and Lt Fred Ruinen, S. Brian and Fred attend virtually every dinner meeting and ably and willingly pour your drinks and collect your money for deposit into our operating accounts. One thing I discovered when I offered to help them unload their truck with the bar supplies is the reason why we have big guys tending the bar – lifting those crates, boxes and bottles filled with liquid smiles takes extremely strong backs. Fortunately, both Brian and Fred are well equipped in that department and sling the bottles easily. Thank you both for all your hard work.

Finally, Lt Fred Piehl, S has adopted the unenviable position of tending to the kitchen and building supplies at Flotilla Island. Ever wonder where the TP comes from in the rest rooms at Flotilla? Ask Fred, since he was the one who likely stocked it, along with the paper towels, plastic utensils, napkins and all the miscellaneous kitchen supplies that keep our events moving so smoothly. Thank you Fred! Bet you thought we didn't notice!

As to our fiscal position, LMPS is in pretty good shape. As you probably know, we spent about \$6000 last year and earlier this year on the two shelters, money that was extremely well spent. We currently have sufficient funds to continue to operate as we have been, and we have some capital intensive ideas on the drawing board. One item that will soon be implemented is the new and improved entry gate for the island. Other plans include reinforcing the shoreline of Flotilla Island with rip rap to prevent it from washing away, and also possibly hooking up to the city sewer line. More to come on these two issues.

Just something to think about when you question whether you are getting a good return on your investment by being a member of LMPS. If you take an  overnight in your boat at Beaufort, SC or Savannah, GA, you can expect to pay anywhere between \$1.25 to \$3.00 per foot for docking. If you dock your boat at Ocean Beach on Fire Island, you will pay at least \$100 to start with and that doesn't include water or electricity. But what is the charge at Flotilla Island as a member of LMPS? It is less than \$5 per night and that's a suggested donation! It doesn't get any better than that! Take advantage of all that LMPS offers, including our dinner meetings, our special events, our excellent classes and the use of Flotilla Island. All in all, it's an excellent value!



### PLAN AHEAD!

18 August  
LMPS Dinner  
Meeting

Randall Shealy will be the speaker for the August dinner meeting. If there is anything you want to know about Lake Murray, Randall is the person to ask. His grandfather and father ran a ferry that crossed the river before it was flooded to make Lake Murray. Did you know that there are 11 cemeteries buried under Lake Murray? Many more interesting facts will be shared. We are very excited to have this passionate Lake Murray historian talk to our group. Say you'll be there when Sho sends the sign-up e-mail!



## EDUCATION REPORT

By Lt/C Stan Godfrey, JN

**Congratulations** goes out to John Edwards, JN and Ted Forbes, SN for passing their Sail exam. We want to thank Mike Hamme for doing such a great job as the instructor for sail.

**Congratulations also** goes out to Lt Brian Adler, AP, Edie Godfrey, S, Lt Marilyn Hyman, AP, Paul Krohne, N, Lt Fred Ruinen, S, Marty Yates, S and me for passing the Weather exam. Seamanship and Navigation classes have been completed and the exams have been sent to National to be graded.

P/D/C Jim Rakes, SN taught two seminars, Using VHF & VHF/DSC Marine Radio on Thursday, 26 May and Using GPS on Saturday, 4 June. He had 10 students for VHF & VHF/DSC Marine Radio and nine students for Using GPS.

Thank you Jim for a job well done! Both seminars were very informative and helpful to the students.

Education classes are on break for the summer and will resume in September with the classes listed below. If you want to take one of these classes, the time to sign up is now. I need an idea of the class size so I know what accommodations are needed for the classes.

Also, please help us spread the word to your friends, neighbors and family that the fall America's Boating Course will start on Tuesday, 13 September, 2011. We need everyone's help to make this a successful event and a safer lake to boat on!

If you would like to register for any of the fall classes or if you want to take any classes/seminars as self-study contact me at [stan.godfrey@jan-prousa.com](mailto:stan.godfrey@jan-prousa.com) or 803-572-1602. Also contact me if you have any questions about courses being offered or any recommendations for the Education Department.

## LMPS EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

COURSE	Day	Month	Time	Place
Marine Electronics	7	September	1830-2030	Flotilla Island
America's Boating Course	13	September	1900-2100	Flotilla Island
Piloting	TBA	September	1900-2100	TBA
Advanced Piloting	TBA	September	1900-2100	TBA
Junior Navigation	TBA	September	TBA	TBA
Engine Maintenance	TBA	September	1900-2100	WW Williams, West Columbia, SC
Instructor Development	TBA	September	1900-2100	TBA
CPR/First Aid Certification Training	TBA	October	1830-2100	407 Ball Park Road, Lexington, SC
Cruise Planning	TBA	October	1900-2100	Jake's Landing
Seamanship	25	October	1900-2100	Midlands Technical College (Airport)

If you have questions or want to register, Please contact Lt/C Stan Godfrey, SEO  
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## JUNE DINNER MEETING

Italy came to town at the 16 June dinner meeting of the LMPS. After a delicious Italian meal complete with tiramisu, Miriam Atria, President of Capital City Lake Murray Tourism, discussed how they promote Lake Murray and its four county surrounding areas. She also discussed their



partnership with SCE&G and LMPS in installing and maintaining the reference lights on Lake Murray.

Also, during the meeting, Cdr Lee Ayers, SN presented P/C Andy Hyman, SN his Senior Member award (pictured above) and Jim Mullaney, AP (right) received his certificate upon transfer to LMPS. Congratulations!



# SAFETY

By P/C David Price, SN and P/C Billy Fanning, SN

## Boating Safety Tips from the U.S. Coast Guard

Every year, about 700 Americans die in recreational boating accidents. A disproportionate number of those accidents occur in the summer months, when we're more likely to be out on the water. We all get caught up with the idea of having fun and forget the obvious: safety first. If we have a problem, especially with a sinking boat, first and foremost, we need to stay afloat. Life jackets can save lives. According to the U.S. Coast Guard, 90 percent of drowning victims were not wearing personal floatation devices, or were wearing a model that wasn't designed to keep your head out of the water after losing consciousness. Legally, having PFDs on the boat may be good enough – it's not necessarily mandatory that you have it on, just that there's one on the boat for you. **Will this save your life?** Nobody knows for sure, but as captain of my own boat, I have made sure that at times my boat crew had them only a fingertip away. (NOTE: South Carolina law requires children under 12 years of age to WEAR a life jacket when aboard a boat less than 16 feet in length.)

It's a sad fact that 17 percent of all recreational boating fatalities are the direct result of drunk boating, or BUI (boating under the influence). While attitudes toward land based drinking and driving have evolved significantly in the past, it's still not illegal to drink in boats. Know your limit and save a life. **“Very rarely is a stone cold sober mariner involved in a serious boating accident.”**

Staying in touch with someone who knows your whereabouts is always a good idea. Cell phones can help, but coverage can be spotty and batteries can die. A modern VHF marine radio is a near guarantee that you will be able to communicate with rescuers and guide them to your exact location in the event of an accident.

Educate yourself. In most parts of the country, there are no licensing requirements for boat operators. As Squadron members, we all know how important it is to take our boating safety course and share the knowledge and interest with all. The best reason for exploiting our course material comes with this closing statement: Of those 700 annual fatalities, **JUST 10% WERE IN A BOAT THAT HAD A CAPTAIN WITH ANY SORT OF FORMAL SAFETY TRAINING.**



## NEW MEMBERS' REPORT

*Lt Marilyn Hyman, AP,  
LMPS Membership Chair*

Thanks to new members Braxton Sorg, S and wife, Susan Sorg, S who volunteered to direct the Overnight Sail Race held on Lake Murray on Friday, 17 June. It was a beautiful night as the wind picked up around 10 p.m. and 12 sailboats rounded the mark. Fellow members John Quin, P and wife, Bert, Mack McGahee, AP and wife, Vicki McGahee AP, P/C Andy Hyman, SN and wife, Lt Marilyn Hyman, AP, and Amy Monroe cheered them on, with the last sailboat marking the return about 5:30 a.m. The race was successful and a great time was had by all, due to the diligent direction of Braxton & Susan.

We urge all our new members to find their niche and get involved in our squadron. There are seminars and classes to attend, events and activities needing your participation, all while enjoying new friendships and boating safely.

Remember that this is “Your Year ... to Volunteer”, so jump aboard and get involved!

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## Recipe for a Perfect Cruise



Take several LMPS Squadron members and boats, stir in great weather and good food, and add the mixture to a beautiful coastal location with great restaurants and marinas with staff who go out of their way to make you welcome and comfortable. Then spread it over a long five day, four night weekend, and you get a relaxing and most enjoyable cruise! The Southport-Wilmington Cruise enjoyed by 20 adults, three children and three canines, was made by just that recipe.

went in groups to area restaurants on other nights. In Wilmington, most everyone found their way to the hotel pool Saturday afternoon. Just across the river from the city docks, the battleship USS North Carolina was celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> year in Wilmington with a beach music festival. While sitting under the stars Saturday night, we were treated to the sounds of The Band of Oz and The Embers, among others. We just couldn't help shagging a bit!



Nine of the 10 boats were towed from the Midlands to Southport. When the trailer boaters arrived, they were met at the ramp by Lewis Mitchell, P and his faithful companion, Ninja, an adorable rescue that looks like a small black lab with really short legs. The Mitchells, who are now Associate Members of LMPS, had cruised into Southport from their Holden Beach home to join us for the long weekend.



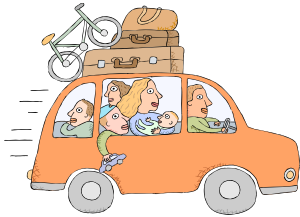
Plenty of time was allowed for participants to do as they pleased. From Southport, some made the short run over to Bald Head Island and rented golf carts to tour the island. Others took their boats out to a nearby beach and anchored out. Still others



stayed ashore and toured the town by bicycle or on foot. We had a Friday night group cookout under the shade trees in Southport, and



Enjoy and be safe on any vacation you're taking this summer. If you aren't traveling, consider a "staycation" on our beautiful Lake Murray!



*Kathy Ezzell Glenn*

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## HARVEST HOPE

June's dinner meeting was very successful for Harvest Hope. We'll be collecting at the 2 July festivities and during the 18 August dinner meeting.

As a reminder of how the economy has affected many individuals and families throughout the region, consider the following:

- Harvest Hope served 5,739 families at the organization's two emergency food pantries in Columbia during the month of May.
- 52 percent of those visiting their pantries last month stated that unemployment was the primary reason for seeking assistance.
- One in four children under the age of five go to bed hungry each night, and there is an even greater need for food during the summer months when kids do not have lunch provided at school.

Let's keep up the good work like we did in June!

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## 2011 BOATING ACTIVITIES

Month	Date	Event/Activity	Coordinator
July	1-4	Pig Pickin' Cruise and Rendezvous - Flotilla Island	P/D/C Jim Rakes, SN
	23	Co-op Charting Day Trip	Lt/C Charlie Bruce, SN
August	20	Log Jam #2	Lt Retta Strohecker
	27	Community Service Cruise	P/C Mike Kirk, AP
September	2-5	Labor Day Cruise and Rendezvous - Poker Run and Rendezvous - Lake Murray - Flotilla Island	TBD
	17	Dam Swim For Drew	Lt Sho Fagg, S
	30 - 10/2	Lake Jocassee	Lt Donna Dodson, AP
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	P/C Tony Dodson, SN & P/C Jeff Langlois, P

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- 1-4 Pig Pickin' Cookout Cruise & Rendezvous - Flotilla
- 15 Reference Lights Cruise
- 18 Bridge Meeting
- 23 Co-op Charting Day Trip
- 25 Log Jam Deadline  
CGA - Flotilla
- 30 Poker Run



- 15 Bridge Meeting
- 18 Dinner Meeting - Saluda Shoals
- 19 Reference Light Cruise
- 20 Log Jam #2
- 22 Log Jam Deadline
- 27 Island Work Day  
Community Service Cruise
- 29 CGA - Flotilla



- 2-5 Labor Day Cruise & Rendezvous (Flotilla)
- 7 Marine Electronics - Flotilla
- 12 Bridge Meeting - Flotilla
- 13 ABC Course - Flotilla
- 14 Marine Electronics - Flotilla
- 14-15 USPS Governing Board Meeting, Greensboro, NC
- 15 Dinner Meeting - Saluda Shoals
- 17 Dam Swim for Drew
- 19 Log Jam Deadline
- 20 ABC Course - Flotilla
- 21 Marine Electronics - Flotilla
- 23 First Day of Autumn
- 26 CGA - Flotilla
- 27 ABC Course - Flotilla
- 28 Marine Electronics - Flotilla
- 30 Lake Jocassee Cruise