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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*

We have just passed the halfway point of the watch year. But that does not mean that we don't have a lot left to do. Boating season is in full swing now. The Overnight Sail Race and our first Log Jam raft up are just around the corner. Make your plans now to come out for both, details elsewhere in the newsletter. We have many activities planned for the rest of the year, but we have plenty of room for your ideas as well. If you don't see an activity that you've enjoyed in the past and want to enjoy again, please step up and organize it. If you have a new idea, that is even better; just let us know what you want to do.

I would like to echo the appreciation that Lt/C Tommy Clawson, AP expresses in his article regarding the LMPS Palooza and all who made the event possible. I had a ball and I hope you did too. If you missed it, join us for another event real soon.

Make sure to get on the list for the June Dinner Meeting at Saluda Shoals on 16 June. Also, you will surely want to be on the list for the Independence Day (Saturday 2 July) cookout, hosted by P/D/C Jim Rakes, SN and his devoted wife of 45 years, Betty Rakes, S. It is sure to be another for the record books. We hope to see everyone there for the cookout midday and to stay over for the fireworks that night out on Lake Murray.

The majority of our membership has recently received their renewal invoice for the coming year by e-mail and snail mail. This comes out directly from USPS National. Please additionally consider this a personal request from LMPS to renew your membership. We look forward to continuing our relationship with each and every one of you. You are all important to the continued success of our organization and we don't want to lose you!

As a part of National Safe Boating Week, LMPS was asked to make a presentation at Ft. Jackson on recreational boating safety and I was proud to represent us. Thank you to Karl Skoog, P for facilitating this and I think it was a successful outreach. Also, in conjunction with National Safe Boating Week, a video showcasing Vessel Safety Checks is in the works. Stay tuned for details on where you can view this video.

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.**



## EXECUTIVE REPORT

*By Lt/C Charlie Bruce, SN*

Our Co-op charting activities on Lake Murray have begun under the leadership of P/C Tony Dodson, SN and P/C Jeff Langlois, P with our monthly reference light inspections. Our Co-op charting cruise of the Cooper River is 23 July. This will be a one-day small boat cruise. Lt Linda Richardson, S will develop the charting assignments and I will coordinate the cruise portion of this event. Once the plans have been finalized, we will send out a special e-mail to our members. Both of these are very important to the safety of our waterways, so please try to participate in one or more of these events.

Our Safety Committee has been hard at work with another informative article that will be of interest to all boaters.

During the month of May, our vessel examiners have been all over the lake inspecting boats at South Shore, Jake's Landing and Lighthouse Marinas and finishing out the month at Yacht Cove. If you have not had your boat inspected, it's not too late to contact Lt Bryant Blakeslee, AP to schedule a date and time.

As we enter the summer months, Harvest Hope has a greater need for food and we will collect non-perishable goods as well as monetary donations at our 16 June dinner meeting. Lt Linda Fanning, P has an anonymous member who believes that Harvest Hope does a great job at helping the hungry people in South Carolina and therefore has agreed to not only match the monetary donations up to \$100 but also to match 100% of the weight of the non-perishable goods received at our June dinner meeting. This would be a great way to boost this worthwhile project. Please think of our less fortunate neighbors and give.

**Until next month—Safe Boating!**



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## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

By Lt/C Tommy Clawson, AP

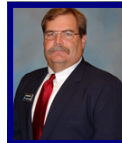
Summer time is here and the squadron's boating activities are underway. We had our LMPS Palooza on Saturday, 21 May with 21 boats tied



to our docks and over 50 people aboard those boats. **WHAT WAS THE LMPS PALOOZA you ask?** It was a fun filled event with a great turnout of members and their guests. The tiki torches and other decorations set up by the Fantastic Duo of Lt Janice Ayers, AP and Lt Cyndi Langlois set the party atmosphere for the island after dark. The shelters, decked out with strands of lights, were put to good use for serving food and dancing to the tunes of our DJ, P/C Billy Fanning, SN. Special thanks to Billy. Young and young at heart all had a blast whether they were eating brats or dogs, drinking their favorite beverage, toasting marshmallows, dancing, socializing, or roaming the docks. Many thanks to all who helped and all who came to enjoy! See some picture highlights on the front page!

The Boating Activities Schedule is on the web and elsewhere in the *Log Jam*. Please take a look at the schedule and consider going on a cruise. This is a great way to get to know members and learn about safe boating as a group. There are opportunities to get involved and organize/coordinate a cruise. Just look for TBD in the organizer column of the schedule and those are the cruises still needing a coordinator.

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



## SECRETARY'S REPORT

By Lt/C J. Strohecker, JN

**Welcome to summer on Lake Murray!**

As in typical South Carolina fashion, we have gone from winter to summer in the blink of an eye and with the warmer season upon us it's time to enjoy the lake. That being said, it is also our time to maintain areas that are special to us.

During the summer months, several work days are planned for Flotilla Island, our squadron's home on Lake Murray. These dates are posted on the LMPS website, located in the *LOG JAM* and an email is sent to the membership about a week ahead of time as a reminder of the scheduled activity. In addition to these workdays, activities are planned at the island for all members to enjoy as well. The reason for mentioning this is because as a volunteer organization, LMPS does not have contract services to clean-up either after an event or provide the island upkeep. If attending an event, please contact the coordinator to see if assistance is needed at the end or if a workday is scheduled make arrangements to assist on that day, if available. This will make it easier for all involved and help in spreading the workload.

During the first part of May, LMPS directories were mailed to all active members of LMPS. As of today, only three have been returned for wrong addresses or no longer at address, etc. If you have not gotten your LMPS directory, please contact me and let us check your information for accuracy and get you your directory. We also have a few 2011 directories left and will sell them at the events for \$5 each, if you would like an extra copy for the boat.

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



## NEW MEMBERS JUMPED RIGHT IN!

Lt Marilyn Hyman, AP, LMPS Membership Chair

Braxton & Susan Sorg have attended several recent events and have volunteered to direct the Overnight Sail Race, to be held on Lake Murray on Friday, 17 June. LMPS membership provides many opportunities to attend events and participate in activities. We look forward to having all our new members involved and we encourage you to take classes and seminars, join in our social and civic activities, and have fun while boating safely.

It's ***'This is Your Year . . . to Volunteer*** so jump in, like Braxton & Susan, and get involved!



## EDUCATION REPORT

By Lt/C Stan Godfrey, JN

Sail class completed with the exams on 18 May, 2011. We need to thank Mike Hamme for doing such a great job as the instructor for sail. Mike joined us from Charleston last year and we are very fortunate to have him as part of our squadron now. The Weather class completed with the exams on 23 May, 2011. We want to thank the guys at the National Weather Service at the airport for instructing weather class for LMPS again and P/C David Price, SN for administrating the exam. Seamanship and Navigation classes will be completed in June. I will pass on the names of those who completed the classes as soon as I am informed by National.

Two seminars are on the spring schedule. Using VHF & VHF/DSC Marine Radio on Thursday 26 May, 2011 had 10 eager students in the competent teaching hands of P/D/C Jim Rakes, SN. Thank you Jim for sharing your knowledge. Using GPS is coming up on Saturday 4 June, 2011.

Education classes will be on break for the summer and will resume in September as listed on the chart 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 through 11 October, 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 do any classes or 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 if you have recommendations for the Education Department.



### LMPS JUNE DINNER MEETING

#### Saluda Shoals

1830—1915 Social Time  
1915 Dinner & Meeting

Speaker: Miriam Atria, President/CEO of Capital City/Lake Murray Country Regional Tourism Board

#### Menu

Lasagna

Fettuccine Alfredo w/Broccoli & Mushrooms

Caesar Salad

Garlic Bread

Tiramisu

**DON'T GET MISSED — GET ON THE LIST.**  
When you receive the e-mail from Lt Sho Fagg, S, please respond with your attendance plans.

*Many of you may feel that \$20 per head is too much to pay for a meal. However, please keep in mind that this also includes the facility meeting room fee and all other costs associated with the dinner meeting.*

## LMPS EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

COURSE	Day	Month	Time	Place
Marine Electronics	5	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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# WHO DON'T KNOW THAT?

**Boating Magazine Names Lake Murray one of the Top 10 Places to Live & Boat**



“This is great publicity for the Lake Murray Country region. Our regional tourism office has been marketing Lake Murray as a vacation destination for many years and this recognition validates our marketing message – that Lake Murray is the Jewel of South Carolina. Lake Murray Country is a vacation destination and a fantastic recreational asset providing both residents and visitors the perfect spot for boating and living,” says Miriam Atria, President/CEO, Capital City/Lake Murray Country Regional Tourism Office.

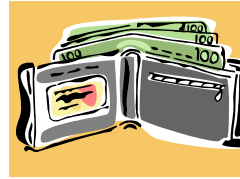
Jayne Baker, Capital City/Lake Murray Country’s Public Relations Manager, worked closely with Boating Magazine writer, Steve Griffin, to make the article happen. Some of the other destinations that Boating Magazine mentions in their top 10 list are Destin (FL), Seattle (WA) and Phoenix (AZ).

## VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS

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.

Most recently, 16 checks were completed on 14 May at Jake’s Landing during the Lake Murray HOA Tour of Homes and 40 checks at Yacht Cove & Lighthouse Marina on 21 May, 2011. Many thanks to our VSC examiners for their dedication to safe boating.

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.



## HARVEST HOPE 100/100 CAMPAIGN

LMPS is fortunate to have an anonymous member who will be matching all monetary donations up to \$100 and 100% of the weight of all non-perishable goods received at our June dinner meeting.

Here’s what Harvest Hope needs the most:

- canned meat and fish
- peanut butter (in plastic jars)
- canned vegetables and fruits
- breakfast cereal
- personal care items (soap, shampoo, etc.)
- any nutritionally dense foods



We’ve not made a significant contribution to Harvest Hope this year so this is the perfect opportunity!

## NEW TABLES AT FLOTILLA!



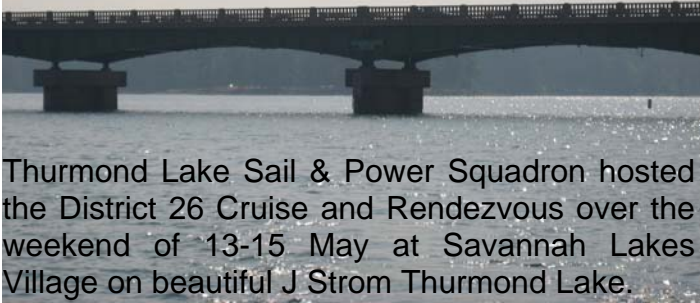
If you’ve ever had to arrange the tables for a function at Flotilla Island, you know how heavy they are. The Executive Committee approved the purchase of some new lightweight tables that will be easy to move around inside the building or to carry outside for events. The old tables are still functional and were donated to the Richland County Sheriff’s Patrol and the newly formed Marine Patrol Headquarters.

Keep in mind that these tables are the property of LMPS and should not be borrowed for personal use. The tables should only leave the island for an approved squadron event. Thanks!



## D/26 Cruise and Rendezvous

By P/C Andy Hyman, SN



Thurmond Lake Sail & Power Squadron hosted the District 26 Cruise and Rendezvous over the weekend of 13-15 May at Savannah Lakes Village on beautiful J Strom Thurmond Lake.

More than 140 D/26 members attended the weekend events that began with a golf outing on Friday afternoon. Following registration and a social hour, we were served a wonderful dinner and beautiful music was provided by Mr. Bob Smith, a professional pianist. After dinner we enjoyed an evening of music and dancing by the talented Ms. Rhonda McDaniel. Rhonda was named the 2008 Female Vocalist of the Year by the Carolina Beach Music Association and she really put on a show featuring some of South Carolina's favorite beach music.

On Saturday morning, we had a choice of several tours to choose from. The Thurmond

Dam and the McCormick Gold Mine offered several hours of entertainment. But the highlight of the day was the 20 mile cruise from Savannah Lakes Village to Thurmond Dam and then up the GA Little River to the Pointes West Recreation Area, located on Fort Gordon. Upon arrival, we enjoyed the beautiful facilities and were served a catered picnic dinner. Following dinner, we enjoyed a sunset cruise back to Savannah Lakes Village. More than 30 boats made this trip without any issues.

On Sunday morning, D/Lt/C Paula Lemond, AP hosted a brunch in her home. It was a wonderful weekend and TLS&PS did an outstanding job hosting the event.



## 2011 BOATING ACTIVITIES

Month	Date	Event/Activity	Coordinator
June	9-13	Southport/Wilmington Cruise	P/C Billy Fanning, SN & P/C David Price, SN
	17	Overnight Sail Race	Braxton & Susan Sorg
July	18	Log Jam #1	P/C Tony Dodson, SN
	1-4	Pig Pickin' Cruise and Rendezvous - Flotilla Island	P/D/C Jim Rakes, SN
August	23	Co-op Charting Day Trip	Lt/C Charlie Bruce, SN
	20	Log Jam #2	Lt Retta Strohecker
September	27	Community Service Cruise	P/C Mike Kirk, AP
	2-5	Labor Day Cruise and Rendezvous - Poker Run and Rendezvous - Lake Murray - Flotilla Island	TBD
October	17	Dam Swim For Drew	Lt Sho Fagg, S
	30 - 10/2	Lake Jocassee	Lt Donna Dodson, AP
November	TBD	Big Saluda River - Small Boat	TBD
	15	Wooden Boat Show - Georgetown, SC	TBD
Monthly	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

## Lake Murray Association Meeting

By P/C Andy Hyman, SN



now be on Richland County patrol boats during the summer to render first aid assistance.

✍ Lt. Gary Rozier of LCSD was introduced as the new Marine Patrol Commander for LCSD. Gary spoke of the mutual aid and joint operations agreements between the different agencies on Lake Murray. These agreements will enable the various agencies to provide quicker

response times to residents on the lake and will provide a safer environment for boaters on the lake. The LCSD/SCDNR joint operations center on Bundrick Island has been undergoing cosmetic changes to better serve the residents of Lexington County in preparation for the increase in summer boat traffic and activities.

On 26 April, 2011, the Lake Murray Association (LMA) held a public meeting at the Lexington High School to discuss issues involving Lake Murray. The purpose of these meetings is to give the public an opportunity to ask questions and learn of changes taking place on our lake.

LMA serves as the catalyst to bring together resources and experts to answer questions and share information in a forum focused on the local residents and users of our beautiful resource. Additional presentations were made by South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR), Lexington County Sheriff's Department (LCSD), Richland County Sheriff's Department (RCSD), United States Coast Guard Auxiliary (USCGA) Flotilla 12-3, Lake Murray Power Squadron (LMPS) and South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G).

Highlights of the meeting were:

✍ LMA President Dave Landis spoke about the new Marine Patrol Headquarters located at Lighthouse Marina. It will serve as a joint operations center for RCSD and SCDNR Marine Patrol Officers. The former school building was moved and renovated to accommodate a classroom and officer work stations. A dock was built, completely by donations and time from volunteers. Landis commented the facility was made possible through the diligence and hard work of Lt. Mark McColman. No taxpayer money was involved, and the new facilities provide the public and marine patrol officers with access to each other. As a result of Mark's many contributions to the safety of Lake Murray, he was also named the recipient of the LMA Volunteer of the Year for 2010.

✍ Lt. Mark McColman of RCSD spoke about the new 911 technology that is available on Lake Murray. When a call on a cell phone is made to 911 on the lake, the dispatcher is now able to radio, text, or email the longitude and latitude coordinates to officers. The system also updates every 30 seconds to allow tracking of a moving boat. He also announced that paramedics will

✍ A joint announcement by Lexington and Richland County Sheriff's Departments had to do with on-the-water activities scheduled on Lake Murray. A calendar of events will be maintained to assist with the allocation of resources by all law enforcement agencies on the lake. It is requested that all members of the Lake Murray Safety Consortium (LMSC), which we are a member of, send on-the-water event information to [mmcolman@rcsd.net](mailto:mmcolman@rcsd.net) and [grozier@lcsd.sc.gov](mailto:grozier@lcsd.sc.gov) for posting.

✍ Lt/C Stan Godfrey, JN, LMPS, provided an overview of our public boating courses, requirements for membership in our organization and our on-going educational offerings. He provided an excellent overview of our Vessel Safety Check program and distributed a schedule and an invitation to call on us for safety checks before the attendees begin their summer boating activities.

✍ P/C Lee Barber, AP, LMPS, who is also the immediate Past President of LMA, presented beautifully hand-carved and engraved writing instruments to several members of LMSC for outstanding service to the Consortium. They were: Lt. Mark McColman, RCSD, Dave Landis, LMA, Jim Landreth, Vice President - SCE&G and P/C Andy Hyman, LMPS.

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