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Thanks to coordinator, Lt Alison Rosenberg, AP, LMPS helped ensure the safety of all swimmers on 17 September at the Dam Swim for Drew for the sixth year in a row. The purpose of the annual swim across the dam is to raise awareness of boating and swimming safety in memory of 10-year old Drew Smith.



Speaking of the Dam . . .

Randall Shealy, a Lake Murray historian, was our speaker for the September dinner meeting and was he interesting! Our Lake Murray home has a fascinating history since its construction in 1930! People from all 50 states and Canada assisted in the construction. Randall had a roomful of pictures on display to walk us through the history.

The lake is named after William Murray, the engineer who, with his partner T.C. Williams, conceived and persevered until the world's largest earthen dam at the time was finished. Work on the dam across the Saluda River was started on September 21, 1927 and was finished on June 30, 1930. The dam itself was built over 200 feet tall. It runs a distance of a mile and a half across. The ground level of the dam is over a quarter of a mile thick. The lake that it forms is forty one miles long and, in places, over fourteen miles wide. To make the building of the lake possible more than 1000

tracts of land were acquired and 5,000 people's homes were relocated. In addition to a few houses and planes, the lake also covers bridges, railroad cars and graves. To be exact, the lake contains 193 cemeteries with 2,323 graves. There have long been rumors about what actually lies at Lake Murray's bottom. "I cannot believe the number of what I call untrue stories, that are floating around and have been for years" said Shealy. One of those stories is that Little Mountain was formed from the dirt excavated to make Lake Murray . . . totally untrue!

Randall's knowledge was fascinating and he had the real life experience of his family running the Hope Ferry "back in the day."



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COMMANDER'S REPORT

By Cdr Lee Ayers, SN

Fall is upon us and the weather is cooling off, but there is still plenty of great boating ahead for LMPS. Come on out and join the fun. Check out our Boating Activities Calendar for details.

13 September kicked off our current session of the public boating class, ABC 3. We have another fine class of students and prospective LMPS members. Always remember that educated boaters make safer boaters.

Since LMPS now has several BOC (Boat Operator Certification) certifiers, we will soon have a unique opportunity to train others, both members and the public. USPS has leased a boat and tow vehicle that will be traveling the country to help roll out this training program. The boat is tentatively scheduled to be on Lake Murray 3-6 November, 2011. Please keep your eyes open for more information on this On The Water training opportunity. For more information see <http://www.usps.org/eddept/boc/main.htm>.

As we go to press with this issue several LMPS members are preparing to attend the D/26 fall conference and COW in North Myrtle Beach. Our own P/C Andy Hyman, SN is nominated for election as District Secretary. Congratulations to Andy. Look for an update from D/26 in the next *Log Jam*.

As we begin to close this watch year, please consider Lt/C (Cdr nominee) Charlie Bruce's request for volunteers for next year. As each of you continues to show through your actions, LMPS runs very well on volunteers. Without them nothing gets done. So with a few weeks left in the watch year, remember that this is Your Year ... to Volunteer. And next year too!



EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

By Lt/C Charlie Bruce, SN

Over the next month, your 2011/2012 slate of officers will be calling on our membership to volunteer to chair committees. It is very important to fill these committee chairs in order to plan for our events for the next year. By now you should have received an e-mail with the list of committees. Think about your talents, your skills and how you can help the Lake Murray Power Squadron.

If you attend and enjoy our dinner meetings, think for a minute what it takes every month from our membership. Lt Eddie Richardson has to find us a speaker, Lt Donna Dodson, AP, Lt Cyndi Langlois, Lt Janice Ayers, AP and other helpers decorate the tables, our Chaplain, Lt Ed Thomas has to prepare a prayer, Lt Valerie Hunter, our Flag Lieutenant is setting up our flags and over in the corner is Lt Deb Kessler displaying the items for sale from the ship's store. Janice is also working with the caterer and Lt Mike Verdone, SN and Lt Danny Glenn, S our Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, are collecting money and paying bills. Lt Linda Fanning, P is collecting food and money for Harvest Hope and I know that everyone speaks to Lt Brian Adler, AP and Lt Fred Ruinen, S, our hospitality co-chairs. But wait, there are others that help clean up, pack up the equipment and return items back to Flotilla.

There are over 50 committee chairs that need to be filled; that means we need about 20% of our membership to chair these committees. So please don't wait for a phone call or an e-mail asking for your help, stand up and volunteer. This is your organization; it needs your skills, your talents and your knowledge so **PLEASE HELP.**

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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

By Lt/C Tommy Clawson, AP

Howdy partners! If you missed the last meeting you missed a bully good time. Everybody had on their best bib and tucker. Lt Janice Ayers AP and Lt Cyndi Langlois put on a spread and Shealy's had some scrumptious vittles. Our own bartender Lt Fred Ruinen, S kept the oh-be-joyful spirits flowing.

The Dam Swim for Drew was a success. We had 12 members and eight member boats. The weather cooperated and LMPS again assisted in a great community event. Thanks to Lt Alison Rosenberg AP for coordinating this event.

We are rapidly coming to the end of the boating activities for this year. We have the Wooden Boat Show in Georgetown on 14 October to 16 October. Janet and Joe Lockhart have volunteered to coordinate this cruise. If you are interested, please get in touch with Janet or Joe. Thanks to them for stepping up and making this cruise happen.

And for our last cruise event, we have the Commander's Rendezvous and Cruise. This will be held at Flotilla Island on 11 November to 13 November. The only "volunteering" you need to do is to volunteer to be there. Our new Commander will be coordinating the event.

There are only a few weeks to go in this Bridge year, Remember that **This is Your Year to Volunteer.** There is still time to make this happen.

Vessel Safety Checks 2011



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.

We have had a very successful year with a total of 239 checks completed so far in 2011. Many thanks to all our VSC examiners for their dedication to safe boating. A special salute goes to Lt Alison Rosenberg, AP for completing 15 exams at the Dam Swim for Drew and the following examiners who have completed 10 or more VSC's: E.L. Ayers, Cdr Lee Ayers, SN, Lt Bryant Blakeslee, AP, P/C Tony Dodson, SN, P/C Billy Fanning, SN, P/C Andy Hyman, SN, P/C Mike Kirk, AP, P/C David Price, SN, Graham Shaw, and Lt/C J. Strohecker, JN.

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

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EDUCATION REPORT

By Lt/C Stan Godfrey, JN

Our fall classes have started with ABC, Marine Electronics and Piloting. LMPS will also offer one Advanced Grade Course, with Seamanship, beginning on Tuesday, 25 October, 2011. **Did you know that nearly 200 of our members have not taken Seamanship?** If you are one of these 200, consider signing up for Seamanship.

Seamanship is the recommended first courses for LMPS members. The subject study includes: navigation rules, hull design and performance, skipper responsibilities, boat care, operating a boat under normal and abnormal conditions, what to do in an emergency and common courtesy on the water. The instructor is Bob Arneson, P.

We still have openings for some elective classes: Engine Maintenance, Cruise Planning, Instructor Development, First Aid and CPR. Sign up before the classes fill up!

On Saturday 22 October, Spinners Resort is having Oktoberfest. They have allowed us to set up a vendor's table starting at 1100. We need volunteers to help pass the word about all the great programs that Lake Murray Power Squadron has to offer. This is a great opportunity to pass on safe boating and keep Lake Murray as one of the best recreational lakes in the Southeast!! I need to know what time slot you are available to HELP!

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 or 803-572-1602.

HARVEST HOPE 2011 TOTALS

\$1,216 in cash/check donations

81 lbs of products



GOOD JOB, LMPS!



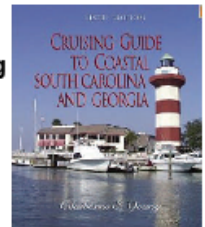
**Lake Hartwell Sail & Power Squadron
Membership Meeting
October 28, 2011
Holiday Inn
4295 Augusta Road
Greenville, SC**

This will prove to be an exciting and meaningful meeting.

First, it will include the election of Officers for the next Bridge and Members At Large on the Executive Committee.

Second, Membership will be presented the revised By Laws for approval.

Third, we have the pleasure of Claiborne Young...many of you are familiar with Claiborne's work and reputation as an author and speaker in an entertaining style when talking about boating and cruising up and down the Atlantic Coast. He has authored several guides which include North Carolina, South Carolina, Eastern Florida, Northern Gulf Coast, Western Florida, and the Keys. No doubt he will have copies of some of his guides for purchase.



There will be a cash bar at 1800 thru dinner with dinner starting at 1900. For dinner you have your choice of **chicken marsala** or **oven roasted sirloin of beef**, both coming with house or Caesar salad, roasted potatoes, vegetable medley, dinner rolls, iced tea, coffee and desert at a cost of \$37.50 per person.

Your registration and payment must be received no later than Friday, October 14th. **Please be sure to indicate your entree' choice(s).**

First & Last Name	Address	City/State/Zip	Telephone	Email	Entree' Choice:

Total Attending: x \$37.50

Total Enclosed:

Make check payable to:
Mail to:

"Lake Hartwell Sail & Power Squadron"
226 Sitton Road
Easley, SC 29642

CHRISTMAS PARTY!



Saturday, 17 December
Saluda Shoals River Center
Holiday Attire

Tickets must be purchased in advance. The cost is \$25 each. Tickets will be available for purchase through Monday, 12 December. Send a check payable to LMPs with the below information to:

Cyndi Langlois
121 Kerry Gibbons Dr.
Chapin, SC 29036

If you have any questions or need additional information please call Cyndi at 730-7315 or e-mail her at: splash@sc.rr.com

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Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Number of Tickets Requested: _____ @
\$25.00 each

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____



NOTICE OF 2011 ANNUAL MEETING



The 2011 Annual Meeting of the Lake Murray Power Squadron will be held on Thursday, 20 October, 2011, at the River Center at Saluda Shoals Park, 5605 Bush River Road, Columbia, SC, for the purpose of electing officers and adopting a budget for the 2011-2012 Watch Year. The schedule for the evening is as follows: Social time begins at 1830, followed by dinner and the dinner speaker at 1915. The business meeting will convene immediately following the dinner speaker's presentation.

OKTOBERFEST!



The theme for this dinner meeting is Oktoberfest! **Oktoberfest** is a 16-18 day [beer festival](#) held annually in [Munich](#), [Bavaria](#), [Germany](#), running from late September to the first weekend in October. It is one of the most famous events in Germany and is the world's largest fair, with more than 5 million people attending every year. There is a brand new German restaurant in Harbison called Huller's Black Forest and they are catering an authentic German meal for us and we'll have our own version of Oktoberfest!



Menu

Jager Schnitzel Allgauer Art Pilzsosse
(tender pork cutlet, breaded and sautéed,
topped with a German mushroom sauce)

Assorted Sausages

Spaetzle (noodles)

Red Cabbage

Vegetable of the Day

Black Forest Cake & German Chocolate Cake

DON'T GET MISSED — GET ON THE LIST. When you receive the e-mail from Lt Sho Fagg, S, it is VERY important that you respond with your attendance plans so that there will be plenty of food.





Lake Murray Members Attend USPS Governing Board Meeting

The USPS Fall Governing Board Meeting (GBM) was held at the 4 Seasons Conference Center in Greensboro, NC on September 14 – 17. More than 500 USPS members were in attendance for the four days of committee meetings, informative discussions and numerous displays of educational activities and upcoming events. It was an excellent opportunity to become aware of what is going on within USPS, meet members from other squadrons and have input into the decisions that are made on our membership's behalf.

The GBM provides an opportunity for every member to be involved in the process of establishing policies and procedures for our membership. All committees are comprised of squadron members like you and me. GBMs are not just for bridge officers. The open meetings provide everyone an opportunity to have input into the discussion.

I continue to be impressed with the energy and enthusiasm displayed by members of our

organization. It seemed that practically everyone was actively participating in the training sessions and committee meetings. The professionalism exhibited by the presenters and the membership alike, afforded the opportunity for healthy and respectable debates to help us find common ground that enables us to take our organization to the next level. It is truly a pleasure to be a part of this organization and I encourage all members to consider attending District and National events whenever possible.

Our District had more than 25 members in attendance. Attending from LMPS were D/C Eric Pearson, SN, Stf/C David Allen, SN, P/C Debra Allen, AP and P/C Andy Hyman, SN.

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2011 BOATING ACTIVITIES

Month	Date	Event/Activity	Coordinator
October	1 & 2	Lake Jocasee	Lt Donna Dodson, AP
	TBD	Big Saluda River - Small Boat	TBD
	15	Wooden Boat Show - Georgetown, SC	Janet and Joe Lockhart
November	11-13	LMPS Change of Watch Cruise and Rendezvous	Commander Elect
Monthly	TBD	Reference Light Cruise - Lake Murray	P/C Tony Dodson, SN & P/C Jeff Langlois, P



NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

In accordance with the Lake Murray Power Squadron By-Laws Section 6.8, the Squadron Nominating Committee presents the following nominees to serve as Bridge Officers and Members at Large of the 2011-2012 Executive Committee and to serve on Elected Committees as prescribed in Article 5, Sections 5.2-5.7:

BRIDGE OFFICERS

Commander – Lt/C Charlie Bruce, SN
Executive Officer – Lt/C Mike Verdone, SN
Education Officer – Lt/C Stan Godfrey, JN
Assistant Education Officer – Charles Clark, S
Administrative Officer – Lt/C J Strohecker, JN
Secretary – Lt Linda Richardson, S
Treasurer – 1st/L Danny Glenn, S
Assistant Treasurer – OPEN

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

Lt Kathy Ezell Glenn, S
Lt Edie Godfrey, S
Lt Stan Adkins, JN

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

P/C Jeff Langlois, P (2012)
P/C Andy Hyman, SN (2013)
Cdr Lee Ayers, SN (2014)

AUDIT COMMITTEE

P/C David Price, SN (2012)
Fran Cass Skoog (2013)
OPEN (2014)

RULES COMMITTEE

P/C Tony Dodson, SN (2012)
P/C Billy Fanning, SN (2013)
P/C David Price, SN (2014)

The Nominating Committee expresses thanks on behalf of the Squadron to each of these nominees for their willingness to serve. At this writing, there remain a couple of positions to be filled. These nominations will be communicated by e-mail and presented to the general membership at the September dinner meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

P/C Elaine Price, SN
P/C Jeff Langlois, P
P/C Andy Hyman, SN



SAFETY

COLD WEATHER BOATING

One of the great things about living in our part of the world is that we can enjoy boating and other outdoor activities practically year round. But there are some things to be aware of if you're boating in cooler weather.

During the cooler months, the water temperature, while cool, is still warmer than the air above it, which can result in fog. Of course, it's best to avoid being out in foggy conditions. But if you should get caught in fog, turn on your navigation lights, slow down and keep a sharp lookout for other boats, shoals, day marks, and anything else that may be in your path. Listen for approaching vessels. When visibility is restricted, use your horn or whistle to alert others to your position:

- Power boats underway – 1 prolonged blast at intervals of not more than 2 minutes.
- Sailboats under sail – 1 prolonged and 2 short blasts at intervals of not more than 2 minutes.
- If you see or hear a vessel approaching and you think the operator may not see you, sound the danger signal – 5 or more short blasts.

Being out in cold weather, especially in an aquatic environment, also carries some risk of hypothermia. Hypothermia occurs when the body loses more heat than it produces, and it can happen in mild as well as severe weather. Wind and moisture have a great impact on the body's ability to regulate temperature. In addition, certain medical conditions (such as diabetes and heart problems) and certain medications can increase the risk of cold-related problems. Know the symptoms of hypothermia: uncontrollable shivering, slurred speech, loss of dexterity in the hands and feet, loss of coordination, confusion, and/or general weakness.

There are things you can do to avoid hypothermia.

- Dress properly. Wear several layers of loose fitting, lightweight clothing. The outer layer

should be wind-proof and water resistant, with sleeves that are snug at the wrists. Wear a hat. The majority of body heat is lost through an uncovered head. Also wear gloves and maybe a scarf to cover any exposed skin.

- Stay dry. Wet clothing can lose up to 90% of its insulating value. Even if you plan to be out for just a few hours, take a change of clothes. If there's a chance your spare clothes may get wet, pack them in a waterproof bag.
- Be sure your first aid kit includes a thermal survival blanket, sometimes called a "space blanket". These thin sheets are used to prevent/counter hypothermia by reducing loss of body heat.
- Drink plenty of fluids. The body is more efficient in regulating temperature if it is well hydrated. Avoid beverages containing alcohol (which causes heat loss) and caffeine (which causes dehydration).

Hypothermia should be treated as soon as symptoms appear.

- Get the individual out of the cold and into a warm place.
- Remove any wet clothing and wrap the individual in dry blankets or clothing to prevent further heat loss.
- Keep the individual in a horizontal position.
- Seek medical attention if the symptoms are severe or if the individual has an underlying health condition.

Being prepared for foggy conditions and knowing how to prevent and treat hypothermia can make all the difference between an enjoyable day on the water and tragedy.

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- 1-2 Lake Jocassee Cruise
- 4 ABC Course - Flotilla
- 5 Marine Electronics - Flotilla
Piloting - Flotilla
- 7-9 D/26 Fall Conference & Change of Watch - N. Myrtle Beach, SC
- 10 Columbus Day
- 11 ABC Course - Flotilla
- 12 Marine Electronics - Flotilla
- 13 Piloting - Flotilla
- 14 Reference Light Cruise
- 15 Wooden Boat Show - Georgetown
- 17 Bridge/Pre-Planning Meeting - Flotilla
- 18 New Member Orientation - Flotilla
- 19 Marine Electronics - Flotilla
- 20 Dinner Meeting - Election - Saluda Shoals
- 24 Log Jam Deadline
- 25 Seamanship - Midlands Technical College
- 26 Marine Electronics - Flotilla
- 27 Piloting - Flotilla
- 31 Halloween
- 31 CGA - Flotilla



- 1 Seamanship - Midlands Technical College
- 2 Marine Electronics - Flotilla
- 3 Piloting - Flotilla
- 6 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 8 Seamanship - Midlands Technical College
- 10 Piloting (Flotilla)
- 9 Marine Electronics - Flotilla
- 11 Veteran's Day
- 11-1: LMPS COW, Commander's Reception & Cruise
- 14 Planning Meeting (Flotilla)
- 15 Seamanship - Midlands Technical College
- 16 Marine Electronics - Flotilla
- 17 Piloting - Flotilla
- 21 Log Jam Deadline
- 22 Seamanship - Midlands Technical College
- 23 Marine Electronics - Flotilla
- 24 Thanksgiving
- 28 CGA - Flotilla
- 29 Seamanship - Midlands Technical College



- 1 Piloting - Flotilla
- 6 Seamanship - Midlands Technical College
- 8 Piloting - Flotilla
- 13 Seamanship - Midlands Technical College
- 15 Piloting - Flotilla
- 17 Christmas Party - Saluda Shoals
- 19 Log Jam Deadline
- 22 First Day of Winter
- 24 Christmas Eve
- 25 Christmas Day
- 31 New Year's Eve