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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2018



Cdr Becht presenting P/C Ayers a plaque thanking her for her service to Lake Murray.

Change of Watch Ceremony Welcomes New Leadership to Lake Murray Power Squadron

By P/C Debra Allen, AP

Cdr Janice Ayers AP opened her farewell remarks at the 3 November 2017 Change of Watch by noting, "The watch year of your third vertically challenged female commander has come back to the dock to exchange leaders. I told you at Change of Watch last year that 'anchors aweigh' means that the anchors are clear of the bottom and therefore the boat can be underway. We've been free and clear for a year to experience the cruise or as David Allen says the next trip around the sun. And did we ever make it happen through no breezes, howling winds, calm seas and stormy seas but always found a safe haven in the company of friends."

Prior to D/Lt/C Jim Wilkins swearing in Lake Murray's new commander and his bridge officers, now Past Commander Ayers recalled the many activities that the squadron experienced during 2017.

The squadron's new community outreach for the year was helping the Lexington Interfaith Community Services. The squadron promoted itself and the benefits of membership at Columbia's annual Boat Show and the Chapin Farmer's Market.

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Members taught two boating safety classes to the public this year, along with a boating safety class for Ladies Day on the Lake at the request of the Lake Murray Association.

In addition, the squadron hosted various events every month of the year for its membership. Highlights included the squadron's infamous Mardi Gras celebration in February and an oyster roast featuring 480 pounds of oysters and 80 pounds of shrimp during March. April featured the annual Shake 'N Break cruise with Nautical Yard Sale and a Member Appreciation Luncheon with boat trailer maintenance demonstration, fire extinguisher usage education, numerous VSC's and a very meaningful Blessing of the Fleet. A Wine & Dine event was added this year and its success will likely make it an annual affair. July featured a Pig Pickin' -- just like old times -- and Oktoberfest saw some good German food and craft beer. Regular dinner meetings were highlighted by speakers such as Officer Rhett Bickley, a recovery diver with S.C. Department of Natural Resources, and a fantastic program by the LMPS Sea Scouts about their sailing adventure to Cuba.

One of the highlights of 2017 was the visit from the Atlanta Sail & Power Squadron, she said, noting that based on the thank you notes received, "we rocked hosting them for the Eclipse Weekend." Precious thank you cards were received by the squadron for hosting its annual Thornwell Children's Day in July, while the Dam Swim for Drew was another wonderful community outreach by the squadron.

And, still that was not all. "Cruises from Beaufort, N.C., to the Shrimp Festival in Beaufort, S.C., and tall ships in Charleston to wooden boats in Georgetown, we kept the waters stirred up with activity along with reference light checks and several small boat cruises. Social times were alive and well during several Flotilla Fridays and our two annual Log Jams at No Name Cove on Lake Murray," P/C Ayers recalled.

While USPS capped its year by becoming America's Boating Club, P/C Ayers cited Lake Murray's biggest accomplishment of the year as the fundraising for and actual installation of a new launch ramp at Flotilla Island.



The new and improved boat ramp at Flotilla

In conclusion she said, "We captured every angle of the USPS triangle which are education, fraternal and civic service. What a year! I told you 'A ship is always safe at the shore – but that is NOT what it is built for.' We fired up the blowers, left the shore and got things done. Some members were on board the whole year. Some fell overboard. Some broke down and had to be towed back. But, all in all, we made some accomplishments that I'm deeply proud of and appreciate the support and guidance I've received this year. Please give R.J. all that you have to make his year a success."

As P/C Ayers thanked everyone for the opportunity to be at the helm of LMPS this past watch year, giving special thanks to her husband Lee Ayers.

D/Lt/C Jim Wilkins, AP was on hand to welcome Lake Murray's new bridge onboard and to give the oath of office. Before beginning the formalities, he noted his appreciation at being invited and congratulated the squadron on its turnout for the Change of Watch, stating it was the largest squadron in District 26 and D/26 looked forward to Lake Murray hosting its spring conference.

He said he wanted to create the kind of joint activities within District 26 that Lake Murray had successfully accomplished this past year with the Atlanta Sail and Power Squadron, announcing that P/C Bert Baxter of Lake Hartwell had agreed to take on this challenge as the D/26 Boating Activities Chairman. Many Lake Murray members will recall that Bert's father, Bill Baxter, was a past commander of Lake Murray and past district commander of District 26. Bert's mother, Liz Baxter, remains a member of Lake Murray.



**Cdr R.J. Becht is sworn in by
D/Lt/C Jim Wilkins, AP**

With his wife Debbie at his side, R.J. Becht was sworn in as commander of Lake Murray Power Squadron, with 66 members and guests in attendance.

He encouraged everyone to reflect on the moments that had brought them to Lake Murray Power Squadron, to think of the wonderful moments they've experienced as members of Lake Murray and look forward to creating new moments to share with new boating friends. He challenged Lake Murray to continue its growth by having each member bring in a new member and show them what LMPS is about. He then called to order the first meeting of his executive committee to appoint Christine Royson to fill the vacant position of secretary.

Cdr Becht concluded his remarks by presenting P/C Ayers a plaque thanking her for her service to Lake Murray. He announced the dedication of the new launch ramp at Flotilla would be held on Saturday 4 November and invited everyone to remain for a champagne toast.

**Boat Show
9-11 February**

Lake Murray to Offer America's Boating Course 24 February and 3 March

America's Boating Course will be offered in two half-day Saturday sessions on 24 February and 3 March at Flotilla Island on Lake Murray. Materials for the class are \$40. Cost is \$50 per couple if you share the materials. The course is open to the public and covers all types of boats and boating on inland and coastal waters.

So let your friends and neighbors know about the class and let's all work to make Lake Murray a safer boating environment this season. And, remember, you need the class too if you've not taken it and it can also be a great refresher course and course graduates may qualify for discounts on boat insurance.

Registration will be held onsite from 8:30 to 9 a.m. on the first Saturday or you can register online by visiting Lake Murray's website at http://www.lmpsonline.org/public_course.htm. Class starts at 9 a.m. and ends at 1 p.m. each Saturday. There will be a review prior to the exam at 1 p.m. on 3 March.

America's Boating Course provides students with all the information required by federal and state boating laws and regulations. Completion of the course meets educational requirements for boat operation in all states and qualifies youths under age 16 to operate watercraft of more than 15 horsepower without adult supervision. Our certified instructors meet the requirements of the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators.



Commander's Report

by Cdr R.J. Becht

As we turn the page on another great Watch Year by P/C Janice Ayers AP we look forward to creating and sharing great MOMENTS in 2018.

For those who attended the Change of Watch in November my message was about remembering and creating MOMENTS.

MOMENTS are what brought us into our Squadron. Those MOMENTS may have been experienced as a young child as with me with my Mom and Dad on the Ohio River and I haven't stopped since. Or the MOMENTS you created with your family on the lake. Maybe you are a new boater and you are just now experiencing new MOMENTS of your own. Whatever it is, it is those MOMENTS that keep you coming back to the water and eventually leading you to the Lake Murray Power Squadron.

Maybe it was a day on the lake with Family or Friends. In the Becht's case, it's days! Ha! Or, was it a Gratifying MOMENT that was created when you helped out at our annual Thornwell day. Where you can see the smiles on the Children and the MOMENTS you created that day. I can tell you that event creates MOMENTS for Everyone. Or maybe you attended one of our exhilarating Small Boat Cruises with David Allen. Whatever it was, you've created MOMENTS on the water and your love for it.

So my message is this. Our active members are creating MOMENTS at every event, even at our Island Clean-up days. If you are a New Member get involved, meet new friends, and watch the MOMENTS grow. Or if you are one of our Long time Members who have been pulled in other directions over the years, come back and relive past MOMENTS and create new ones.

Hopefully we'll see each other around the next Bonfire. Those are some of the best MOMENTS I have.





Executive Officer's Report

by Lt/C Fred Ruinen, JN

First, I want to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve the Lake Murray Power Squadron as your Executive Officer. I'm looking forward to working with Commander R.J. Becht, the bridge, and our members to make this another great year. Thanks to everyone who has stepped up to fill a position on the bridge. We have a few open volunteer positions. I would love to have the opportunity to work with more of you this coming year. In the words of Jackie Mutcheson, "It takes each of us to make a difference for all of us."

Susan and I had a great time at the Christmas Party and it was wonderful to see so many of you. We enjoyed all of the award presentations to various members; the swearing in of two of our newest members; the delicious food; the year in review presented by P/R/C David Allen SN; and the Christmas cheer and spirit brought by our membership. A huge thank you to Lt Cyndi Langlois and P/C Janice Ayers AP for organizing the event and thank you to all of you who brought donations for LICS.

The Bridge has been working on our new watch Calendar and we already have several great events planned. Please be sure to mark your calendars so you don't miss out on any of the fun. On 20 January, we will hold our **Annual Oyster Roast**. Oysters and shrimp will be cooked by P/C Lee Ayers SN. The Boat Show will be upon us very soon and is a great opportunity to recruit new members. It will run from 9 through 11 February. Commander R.J. Becht and Lt Debbie Becht will once again be our Boat Show Chairmen. We will be looking for members to man our booth so please contact them if you are able to take a shift. Another big event to put on your calendar is the **D/26 Spring Conference** which is being hosted right here at our home base from 16 through 18 March. Be on the lookout for additional information on all of these events.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our events and out on the water (once the weather warms up). In the meantime, please let us know if you are interested in volunteering for one of our open positions on the bridge or if you have any new ideas for events or other input that you may have.

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Safety Officer's Report

by Lt. Howard Pendley, SN

7 tips to keep you safe on the water this winter

**Many thanks to our friends at the United States Coast Guard
for sharing these life saving techniques.**

Regardless of where you live, the winter season brings added tips to help you stay safe on the water. With colder air and water temperatures, it's crucial to be prepared for anything if you happen to be heading out on the water for any activity this winter –boating, kayaking, paddle boarding or even ice fishing and snow-mobiling.

If you plan to do water activities this winter – know what will keep you safe! **Planning** and **preparation** are key to any safe outing on the water, but also knowing some basic safety and cold-water immersion tips can help **save** your life:

1. File a float plan

Filing a float plan can be as easy as telling a loved one where you are headed and when you plan to return. Leaving this crucial information with someone on shore can help rescuers narrow down where to look if you don't return when scheduled. Time is of the essence when stranded in cold water. If time allows, you should always try to fill out a completed float plan and update it as changes occur – every piece of information proves more helpful than you may think!

2. Always wear a lifejacket



Life jackets are crucial equipment that keep you safe while out on the water.
Find a style that works for you and your activities and **JUST WEAR IT!**
Photo courtesy of Paul Newman.

Make sure **your** life jacket, PFD, is Coast Guard-approved and fits properly. Just as important as wearing one yourself, you should always make sure the people with you have one on as well. It's absolutely crucial to have one on if you are accidentally thrown into frigid waters.

3. Have some form of communication on you at all times

On a boat, the easiest thing to have is a working waterproof marine-brand VHF radio and a handheld GPS. This will easily allow you to call for help and give rescuers your position if necessary. Cell phones don't always receive reception in the areas you may be going on your boat – so better to be prepared with extra equipment and not need it, than need it and not have it. The Coast Guard always monitors VHF Channel 16 for distress.

4. Dress for the water, not the air

This is a very important tip to help you survive frigid waters. Even though the temperature outside may be 60 to 70 degrees, the water temperature could be near freezing. It's always crucial to check the water temperature and know the proper protective equipment that will keep you warm in the worst case scenario.

5. Know the 1-10-1 principle

Knowing some basic cold-water immersion principles can greatly increase your chances of survival. Although the times are approximate, in general you should try to remember **1-10-1**:

1 – You have one minute after being submerged in water to get your breathing under control and realize what has happened. **If breathing isn't controlled immediately, the possibility of drowning drastically increases.** This is often referred to as the body's response to "cold water shock".

10 – After gaining your awareness, there are 10 minutes of meaningful movement to help someone self-recover. After ten minutes, it's likely the cold water temperatures will cause a loss of dexterity in fingers and arms, lessening the ability to recover yourself.

1 – There is approximately one hour until hypothermia will set in and someone could become unconscious.

6. Maintain situational awareness at all times

As a general safe boating tip, situational awareness should always be maintained when on the water. Whether it be knowing what is happening around the boat, keeping an eye on changing weather or even knowing where the boat is, good situational awareness can help a bad situation from getting worse.

7. Always be responsible and never boat under the influence

Boating under the influence decreases overall situational awareness and lessens your ability to recognize dangerous situations before they occur. There should always be a designated boater when heading out. The safety of each person aboard the boat depends on **you!**

Think Safe, be Safe and look out for the Safety of others.

LMPS Remembers 2017 with Awards During a Holiday Celebration by P/C Debra Allen, AP



Lake Murray Power Squadron members, old and new alike, donned their gay apparel and came out to celebrate the holiday season with good food, fellowship and the desire to thank those who made 2017 special. It was exciting to see so many new faces mingled with us "old timers" as Cdr R.J. Becht welcomed 67 members and their guests to our annual Christmas Party at Saluda Shoals on Saturday 16 December 2017. The evening featured presentation of the squadron's annual awards, outstanding door prizes, a delicious dinner and time with good friends talking about boating and creating those important "moments" — Cdr Becht's theme this year.

During the cocktail hour, a slideshow of the many activities and events our members enjoyed during 2017 played in the background. A special highlight of the evening was a second slide show presented by P/R/C David Allen SN. David offered an entertaining look back on a year highlighted by a total eclipse of the sun visible from Lake Murray and installation of a new ramp at Flotilla Island - our home on the lake.

The evening's big event, however, was the awards presentation. The first award presented was the Spark Plug Award, which is given to a new member of two years or less who started their squadron career with a real spark.

P/C Janice Ayers AP said, "This award recipient isn't a spark, or a bonfire, but a full blown, out of control forest fire. In March of 2016, I was helping at the ABC Public Boating Course. I noticed a lady there who seemed to be very focused, studious, determined to learn about boating. Although she doesn't currently own a boat, she asked some very intelligent and insightful questions. I could tell from the beginning

she was spirited, a hard worker, a successful business woman and someone who would go above and beyond for a volunteer group such as ours. I even remember she wore a Virginia Cavaliers stocking hat. This special lady went on to be rail-roaded, I mean willingly volunteered, to be on the Bridge as our trustworthy treasurer after only being in the squadron six months. She has done an excellent job paying our bills on time and keeping flawless records."

With that introduction, P/C Ayers called Lt/C Angela Cooper-Robinson forward and presented her the Spark Plug Award.

Next up was the Commander's Award, which is solely determined by the commander and offers an opportunity to recognize someone who has been an asset in making Lake Murray a better squadron. P/C Ayers announced "I had two people who were invaluable to me during my watch year. So, I wanted two names on that plaque so that's what happened."

First, she described: "One of my recipients sat me down at a dinner meeting late last year and said he would support me in any capacity if I would assume the role of commander. He told me I deserved it and had earned it. Prior to that, I had my doubts about doing a good job for the squadron. Mike Kirk hung up his past commander title and took minutes as secretary all year long. He got to Bridge meetings early to smoke a cigar, I mean set up tables and turn on air or heat. He participated in cruises, helped with lots of events, built us some great benches around the island bonfire and once again worked hard to pull off our Thornwell Children's Day. He was very influential in LMPS receiving a grant of \$1,200 from Golden State Foods. He was able to add historical knowledge to our meetings, knows the rules and by-laws and always has a story to tell with a twinkle in his eye," she said, inviting him forward to receive the award.

"The other recipient I could not leave out never told me no and was up for anything. He would make it happen with gusto and enthusiasm. Whether it was the Boat Show, putting up a tent at the Chapin Farmers Market event or launching a whole new Wine & Dine event, he was on it. He has brought in several new members this year and there's more coming in. He showed us so much, he is now Commander," P/C Ayers said, congratulating P/C Mike Kirk AP and Cdr R.J. Becht both recipients of the 2017 Commander's Award.

The squadron's most prestigious service award — the Golden Anchor Award — was then presented. This award is presented annually to a squadron member "for distinguished and unselfish service to the squadron with outstanding leadership, vision and ability." P/C Ayers noted the one restriction, the recipient couldn't be a member of the Bridge.

Her bewilderment on who to choose turned into a "duh" moment, as she wondered why she was slow to identify this recipient "whose name should have been on this plaque a long time ago. For 13 years now, he has devoted a lot of time to a cause he believes in — making Lake Murray a safer place to boat. He has taught numerous boating courses, including poring over sight folders and volunteering his patient instructor talent at Ladies Day on the Lake for the Lake Murray Association; entered many a merit mark in the system; has cooked thousands of pounds of oysters and shrimp for fellow boaters; served as our voice in the Lake Murray Safety Consortium; helped with Mardi Gras events; was a mentor to me and others as commander and deserves more recognition than what a plaque could ever convey. Aside from being highly biased, I sincerely believe he is very worthy of this prestigious Golden Anchor award," P/C Ayers said as she called P/C Lee Ayers SN to come forward as the 29th recipient of the award.

Past Rusty Anchor Recipient Lt Chuck Clark, who was unable to attend the Christmas Party and asked P/C Ayers to present the 2017 Rusty Anchor Award for an "unscheduled, unplanned, full immersion" in the water.

The 2017 recipient is David Allen, who fell off the dock at Flotilla in mid-July while assisting new boater and LMPS member Kia St. Cyr dock her boat, *Meatloaf*, at Flotilla Island under the watchful eyes of 30 squadron members waiting to depart on a small boat cruise up the Saluda River.

Finally, it was time for the Lake Murray's infamous Bent Prop Award, presented annually to the member who inflicts in a most spectacular fashion the most damage to his or her vessel or the vessel and/or property of others.

P/C Ayers noted several nominees. It seems Deree Stobaugh admitted to injuring her trailer and scraping the tritoon a little. Then there was Kia St. Cyr's issues on the Saluda River trip. And, R.J. Becht limped into a marina in Charleston after encountering a crab trap, which was after Lt Chuck Clark saved R.J. by installing an impeller before the cruise got underway. And yet another nominee, P/C Charlie Bruce SN-CN attempted to take out the bollards on a ramp at Emerald Isle Marina. "My goodness, we've had some good candidates. Yet, there is one more. This one needs to come to the front," she said, asking P/C Mike Kirk AP to once again come forward. She told the tale of him grounding *Stella* during the Beaufort, NC, Cruise and having to be rescued by a local resident in a center console. *Stella* was towed to the rescuer's dock where a red laminated wire crab pot was found entangled in both props. Captain Mike who had called Tow BoatUS and learned they couldn't get there for an hour, explained to them he really didn't need a tow, just some heavy-duty wire cutters. The tow service could not comply with his request. The local rescuer, a retired surgeon, managed to dig up some old rusty wire cutters. With lots of supervision and *Stella* tied up at the local's dock, Captain Mike worked for about two hours through many bloody fingers and knuckles and sinking into the pluff mud. Eventually the props were freed of the crab pot entanglement and the engine fired easily. But wait, the throttle would not engage to maneuver the boat. Back under the engine hatch, Captain Mike discovered that the shift cable had snapped while attempting to throttle with a crab pot wrapped around the props. The throttle cable was reattached with nylon ties and the boat could finally get underway.

With that tale, P/C Ayers presented P/C Kirk the 2017 Bent Prop Award, noting he had learned a valuable lesson. NO captain's tool box is complete for coastal cruising without wire cutters. To celebrate the new-found knowledge, a crab trap ornament and miniature wire cutters accompanied this year's Bent Prop Award.

After the fun of hearing about the 2017 Bent Prop Award incident, P/C Ayers and Cdr Becht recognized the following members for meritorious service:

- Ginny Swartzmiller for her work as Chair of the Phone Committee
- Joe McElveen for his photography work
- Holly and Dan Drake for their work maintaining Flotilla Island
- Rick Stobaugh for his work as squadron chaplain
- Debra Allen for her work as webmaster
- Lee Ayers for his work on the 2017 Oyster Roast
- Charlie Bruce for his work identifying a company to install a new ramp at Flotilla
- Deb and Jack Kessler for their work with the Ship's Store
- Jeff and Cyndi Langlois for their work coordinating special events
- Debbie Becht for her work as Chair of the Vessel Safety Check efforts
- David Allen for his work coordinating the Eclipse Weekend event
- Donna Dodson for her work as email correspondent
- Fred Ruinen for his work coordinating the Dam Swim for Drew
- Mike Kirk for his work with the Thornwell Children's Day on the Lake
- Kes and Jay Crumpler for their work coordinating October Fest
- Danny and Kathy Glenn for their work with the squadron's charity outreach
- Kelly Lewis as the member with the most vessel safety inspections
- Janice Ayers for her leadership as commander.

Finally, Cdr Becht recognized Howard Pendley and P/C Jerry Wise as having achieved Senior Navigator status, noting their names would be added to the plaque listing all members who had achieved this educational milestone.

Wishing everyone a wonderful holiday season and happy New Year, Cdr Becht invited all to come out and create new Lake Murray Power Squadron Moments during 2018.





P/C Janice Ayers congratulates Treasurer Lt/C Angela Cooper-Robinson with the Spark Plug Award.



P/C Janice Ayers congratulates Cdr R.J. Becht with the Commanders Award



P/C Janice Ayers congratulates P/C Lee Ayers with the prestigious Golden Anchor Award





**P/C Janice Ayers presents
P/R/C David Allen with the
Rusty Anchor Award**



**P/C Janice Ayers presents P/C Mike Kirk with
the Bent Prop Award**



**Tommy Clawson , Lt Donna Dodson
and P/C Tony Dodson bring in the
holiday spirit**



**Current Executive Officer Fred Ruinen and
Kes Crumpler share a holiday smile**





Nancy Zafot door prize recipient!



**Susan and Santa Joe Firimonte
celebrate with their son**



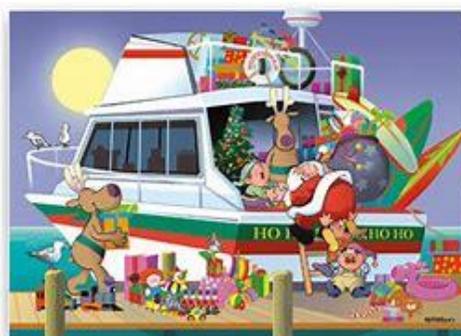
**P/D/C Archie Trawick Jr. and family enjoying the
holiday cheer**



**Stephanie and Charles Heath
enjoying the festivities**



**Natalie Barnhill and Debbie Becht
spreading the holiday cheer**



D/26 SPRING CONFERENCE
MARRIOTT DOWNTOWN, COLUMBIA, SC
16-18 MARCH 2018

Lake Murray Power Squadron invites you to spend the St. Patrick's Day weekend in Columbia for the D/26 Spring Conference, 16-18 March 2018.

The conference will be headquartered in the Columbia Marriott, 1200 Hampton Street, Columbia, South Carolina.

Social activities will include a Friday evening dinner with a St. Patrick's Day theme, of course, and the Saturday evening awards banquet.

A spouses' activity is not being planned, because the City of Columbia has done that for us! Those not attending the Saturday morning meetings can simply step out the doors onto Main Street and into Soda City, a festival-type event held each Saturday from 0900 to 1300, with a variety of local food vendors and local artists and crafters, even vendors selling veggies, meat, and eggs.

The South Carolina State House is a four-block walk south on Main Street from the hotel. The Columbia Art Museum is on Main Street, on the block diagonally across from the Marriott. Mast General Store is less than two blocks north on Main Street. And there are a variety of restaurants within walking distance of the hotel. The hotel also has a fitness room and an indoor pool, for those looking for a little physical activity.

The conference registration form will be available shortly. In the meantime, make your reservation at the Marriott by calling 803-771-7000 (ask for the D/26 Spring Conference rate), or make it online by visiting the Lake Murray Power Squadron website at <http://www.lmpsonline.org/news.htm> and click on the local news link to "LMPS to Host District 26 Spring Conference 16-18 March 2018." The conference rate is \$139.00 plus tax per night.

We look forward to seeing you in the Capital City!

LMPS Receives Grant from Golden State Foods Foundation

By P/C Mike Kirk, AP

Lake Murray Power Squadron has worked closely with the Thornwell Home for Children for quite a few years now. Members of LMPS host a fun day at the lake for these kids and great fun is had by all. I think there may be another article elsewhere in the Log Jam listing the names of all who helped in 2017.

We have also worked with the Golden State Foods Foundation making grant submissions to help defray the costs associated with this event. LMPS is fortunate and grateful to have received a grant in the amount of \$1,200.00 to help pay for the fun day at the lake and also to make improvements to Flotilla Island so the fun day can be a better and safer event for all.

Golden State Foods Foundation is the charitable arm of Golden State Foods located in Lexington, SC. GSFF also works closely with the Harvest

Hope Food Bank which is another of our charitable projects at LMPS. They have our thanks & appreciation for their much needed help !!

Kes Crumpler did a lot of the leg work in gathering materials & documents for the grant submission, assisted by Mike Kirk. Please give Kes a shout out & thank her for work on this project.

Please remember to donate some time & effort to this fun day at the lake event when you are called upon to help. We need boats, kayaks, canoes, paddle boards & pull toys as well as chefs & kitchen staff. Ask people who have worked this event in the past and they will tell you it is indeed worthwhile.

We members of LMPS are blessed with great good fortune. It is heartwarming indeed to share it with those who are not. Many thanks to you all.



Welcome new members to LMPS

Welcome aboard!! Great to have you as members of the Lake Murray Power Squadron. We hope that you will enjoy Flotilla Island and all the great activities the squadron has to offer and support its numerous functions.

1. Mark Burtis
2. Tim Barnhill
3. Elvin and Mary Ventresco
4. Gary and Phyllis Brewer
5. Todd and Monica Georgia
6. Michael Dimaria
7. Sarah Gavin



New members Mark Burtis and Tim Barnhill are sworn in by Commander R.J. Becht during the Awards and Holiday Celebration



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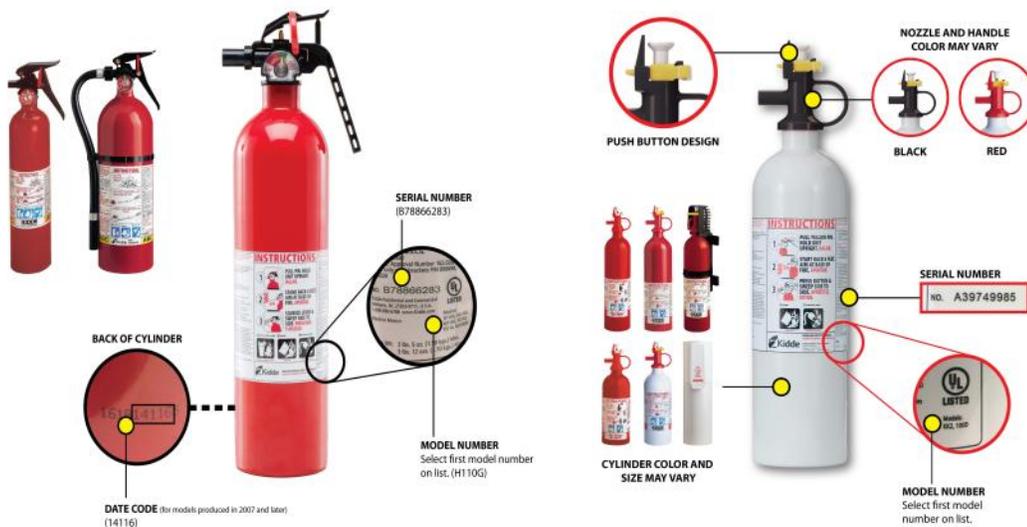
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FREELANCE PAGE

by Lt Wayne Cromley





LAKE MURRAY POWER SQUADRON

Feb 2018

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1	2	3
4 Super Bowl	5 Bridge Meeting	6	7	8	9 Boat Show	10 Boat Show
11 Boat Show	12	13	14 Valentine's Day Ash Wednesday	15	16	17 Chili Cook-off Dinner Meeting
18	19 President's Day	20	21 USPS Annual Mtg	22 USPS Annual Mtg CGAux Mtg (Island)	23 USPS Annual Mtg	24 USPS Annual Mtg ABC Class
25 USPS Annual Mtg.	26	27	28			



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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1	2	3 ABC Class
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Daylight Savings	12 Bridge Meeting	13	14	15	16 D/26 Spring Conference Dinner Meeting	17 St. Patrick's Day D/26 Spring Conference
18 D/26 Spring Conference	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 CGAux Mtg (Island)	30	31

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