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# The Log Jam

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## Lake Murray Power Squadron Kicks Off 2019 With Annual Oyster Roast/Shrimp Boil

About 100 Lake Murray Power Squadron members and their guests enjoyed a terrific oyster roast on 26 January 2019 at Flotilla Island. P/C Lee Ayers, SN had the helm on doing the cooking.



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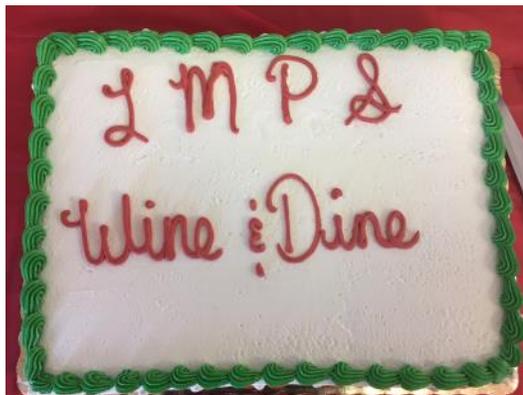
16 February we celebrated Mardi Gras!! P/C Jeff & Lt Cyndi Langlois worked their Cajun magic and helped cook up some awesome food.



YUM YUM !



23 March 2019, 60 members were treated to the annual Wine & Dine. Several types of wine and cheeses were sampled along with an awesome batch of Bolognese sauce over pasta. Our very own Commander Fred Ruinen, JN whipped up his famous Bolognese sauce to the delight of all who attended.





## Commander's Report

By Cdr Fred Ruinen, JN

Time continues to fly and so much has happened since our last Log Jam. I hope that you are taking advantage of all of the fun activities that we have planned. If you have not been active, I encourage you to come out and see old friends and make new ones. We would love to see you.

The year started off with one of our favorite events, our annual Oyster Roast. P/C Lee Ayers worked his magic with his assistants and once again, all in attendance enjoyed perfectly cooked Oysters and Shrimp with all the fixings. The weather was perfect as was the remoulade and cocktail sauce that went with the oysters and shrimp. I'm getting hungry again as I write this.

The Oyster Roast was followed by the "Souper Bowl" organized by Natalie Barnhill the following weekend. I don't recall exactly how many but we had a dozen or so different soups brought by our members to share with everyone in attendance. As you know, we can be a bit competitive and all of us who brought soup, brought our best soup to share. Needless to say, they were all delicious and what a great variety we had. This is something I hope we do again next year.

One again, P/C RJ Becht & Lt Debbie Becht led our efforts to man and organize our booth at the Columbia Boat Show at the state fairgrounds. A huge thank you to them and everyone else who helped staff our booth. This is an important event for us every year as it gives us the opportunity to let the public know who we are and what we have to offer and to recruit students for our ABC Class and future members.

For whatever reason, I have always had a scheduling conflict for our Mardi Gras event in the past and have never been able to attend. This was the case again this year but thankfully Lt Cyndi Langlois, as gracious as she is, saved me some leftover shrimp creole and jambalaya. Simply said, Delicious! Thank you to Cindy and all the other cooks and helpers.

Susan and I, along with Lt/Cs Rick & Betsy Agar, traveled to Myrtle Beach this year to attend the D/26 Spring Conference. We had a very nice weekend and our hosts at Long Bay Power Squadron did a fantastic job. With D/C Jim Wilkins' leadership, efforts are underway to make our conferences more interesting by offering seminars that are of value while at the same time, creating more free time to allow attendees to enjoy other fun activities that the areas where the conferences are being held have to offer. Also, efforts are underway to combine the district Spring Conference with the Cruise and Rendezvous in order to minimize the conferences that need to be attended each year, saving us all time and expenses. This has been very well received by all and is a step in the right direction. Other initiatives that are in the works include the introduction to SARS (Squadron Activities Reporting System) which is supposed to make it much easier to track squadron activities, merit marks, and provide reports; and a renewed emphasis for District 26 to get more involved with Co-op Charting. The highlight at the Conference was during the dinner reception when I had the honor and privilege of receiving various rewards and recognitions on behalf of our squadron. Awards given were for our vessel safety inspections, various district and national membership growth awards, a life membership plaque and pin for P/C Mike Kirk, and D2/6 Order of Mariners award presented to P/C Charlie Bruce for continuing exceptional service and achievement by a individual member. Congratulations to everyone. I made a cow patch between my chair and the podium by the time I was finished collecting all the awards.

We finished the month of March with our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Wine & Dine. Another great turnout and it's always fun to cook Spaghetti Bolognese for 55 of our closest friends



## Repairs to our Home on the Lake, Flotilla

By Cdr Fred Ruinen, JN

While we have enjoyed many fun activities, we need to continue to take care of our home on the lake, and fix the things that need to be fixed. This takes time, manpower, and money and we appreciate everyone who has helped out with getting our home back in to shape. We have made good progress, but still have more to do. As a summary, here is what has been done:

**Breakwall** – P/C Charlie Bruce took the lead to install boards along the Coast Guard dock to break the waves as they come across the ramp and the cove. The boards were reinforced by installing 20 tons of rip rap along the wall/boards by a contractor which was also coordinated by Charlie. A huge thank you to Charlie and everyone else that helped out on this project.

**Septic Tank** – During the Oyster Roast this year, we discovered that the bathrooms were not draining properly. A huge thank you to Steve Crater and his crew. He volunteered to take the project on and by the time he was done, roots in the system were removed, a new cleanout was installed, and a pit was built to keep the roots out and allow easy access for maintenance and trouble shooting in the future.

**Building Foundation** – Over the years, we have had settlement issues with our building. They got much worse this year as we noticed that the wall on the north side of the building was bowing and the ceiling tiles were separating from the wall. With the help of Lt Ed Garbe and Charlie, several proposals were received from contractors. The bridge decided on a contractor and Charlie took the lead to coordinate the installation of the new foundation. A continuous footer was installed, and the building leveled as much as possible, then new supports installed. To get this work done, the front porch had to be moved, and additional issues were discovered that included a rotten sill and a front porch that needed to be replaced. A huge thank you to Mark Burtis, P/C Jim Rakes, P/C Tony Dodson, P/C RJ Becht, and several others who also pitched in to help get this part of the project done.

**Roof** – The roof shingles are not in good shape and need to be replaced. This project still needs to be completed and will move forward when we have the resources and funds available.

We have been raising funds throughout the year in various ways including events, selling tickets for prizes, and thanks to P/C Jim Rakes' print donation, we have been selling tickets to give this beautiful print away to one of our members. In fact, Joe Firimonte was the lucky winner of the print at our Shake and Break but Joe has donated the print back to the squadron so we can continue selling additional tickets and give out this prize later in the year. Thank you, Joe.

In addition to the projects mentioned above, we have our usual Island Workdays headed up by Lt Mike Urquhart to take care of cutting the grass, removing pine cones, maintenance on the docks, repair of water lines, moving the air conditioning unit, cleaning the building and bathrooms, and much more. As you can see, it takes a small army to keep our facilities in tip top shape.

To date, we have raised \$3,300 compared to our goal of \$6,000. In addition to the money, a lot of labor hours have been put in to these projects by many of our members. For everyone who has contributed in any way (time, money, talent) to all that we have going on, thank you, thank you, thank you. We still need to raise additional funds to cover the expenses to date and the roof that still needs to be replaced.

We are truly blessed with the facility that we have and with all of our members. We have many more great activities and events planned. I look forward to seeing you at the Island and out on the water.



## Executive Officer's Report

By Lt/C Rick Agar

Well, Winter is now long past on Lake Murray. We had Northern visitors for the Shake & Break party who helped out by cooking in my place since I had shoulder surgery and couldn't flip a burger. They were rewarded for their efforts by hitting icy roads and a blizzard on their way back to Iowa and Wisconsin. Then they got hit last week with another 4 - to 8 - inch snow fall. Makes me count my blessings for having moved to South Carolina. And, the arm sling is due to come off next week. I still have to rely on Betsy for the heavy lifting (she even gets to use power tools on our boat as we try to fit a cuddy cabin onboard Fish Hawk. Hopefully, we can set it up for occasional overnights that way.)

Betsy and I had a chance to attend the District 26 meeting in Myrtle Beach. The hosting squadron did a great job and made for a very enjoyable long weekend. That has convinced us to participate in the District Cruise and Rendezvous next month at Brunswick, Georgia. With my limited status, we couldn't add on the LMPS cruise extension that others in our squadron are planning. Boating activities and social events are two important legs of the Power Squadron. We still plan to attend another class to round out with educational experiences.

I am still learning my way around USPS and participate in the District XO conference calls as we have a new DXO. With the change in reporting of Coop Charting, District still does not have our 2018 work on Lake Murray light maintenance reported. We will work through the new procedures and get credit for our work.

Hope to see you on the water soon.



# Safety Officer's Report

By P/C Jerry Wise, SN

## Monoxide.....

Date: Winter, 1999

Time: Midnight

Location: The local harbor

Crew: Middle age couple

Boats: 42-foot Grand Banks Trawler

Events in these articles are either related by members or witnessed by the author.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones had the trawler for nearly a year. Each weekend they worked on getting it ready for living aboard. Retirement and good times were just ahead. A lot of money went into the boat this year. New appliances, Imaron paint, ground tackle, engine rebuild, generator rebuild, diesel fuel heating system, auto pilot, radar and much more. Once again the classic became state of the art and a true dream boat.

Several late fall shakedown cruises worked out the bugs. With a two-week vacation ahead, they took off on a long cruise down the coast. It was late December. The second night underway they decided to berth in a marina instead of anchoring out. After securing alongside the dock, she fixed a great dinner while he setup the DTV dish. While enjoying her special shrimp and salad, they watched the weather gurus predict temperatures near freezing that night. Mr. Jones lit the new heater as she put the dishes away. HBO had a great movie on so they curled up on the couch and settled in. An hour or so later she took a couple of aspirin for a little headache that had come on. He was feeling sleepy and nodded off just as he had every evening for the last few years. He woke up a little later feeling short of breath and adjusted the pillows to breath better.

Early next morning an alert dockhand looked in the trawler window and saw the couple sprawled out unconscious. The EMS crew pulled them into fresh air and started working them up. They both had red skin with an excellent O2 saturation (a small instrument clipped on the finger measures the oxygen content of the blood). Both were comatose. A short while later the couple expired.

Comment: Carbon Monoxide poisoning is one of the most insidious illnesses known to man (more people die in fires of smoke/ carbon monoxide inhalation than burns). Your body thinks Carbon Monoxide is super oxygen (blood is 250 times more receptive to Carbon Monoxide than oxygen) and functions normally. The symptoms are often not dramatic as you become sleepy, develop a headache and shortness of breath. As the poisoning progresses, the skin becomes pink and eventually develops a reddish tint just before the body gives up. Even Medical Oxygen sensing equipment is fooled by the healthy appearance of the oxygen starved blood. The only cure is the replacement of the Carbon Monoxide molecules with oxygen molecules. It can take up to 5 hours breathing normally to reduce Carbon Monoxide content by 50% (90 minutes breathing pure oxygen). Survivors can suffer permanent brain damage after prolonged exposure. Keep in mind some people are treated successfully in "Hyperbaric Chambers" (most commonly known as high pressure air chambers for treating divers with the "Bends") to force oxygen back into the blood.

Comment: Adequate ventilation, early warning and careful heater installation can prevent these frequent tragedies. Spend a few dollars at Wal-Mart for 2 CO detectors (don't trust just one) and put them on the boat. Ask a heating and air specialist to check your heater with a combustion analyzer. It will tell if there is a problem. And most of all keep a window open a bit when using flame heaters. It will feed precious oxygen to you and your heater.



# Educational Update

By Lt/C Howard Pendley, SN

## Become a Better and Safer Boater with Boating Education

Spring is finally here and I am getting the urge to get back on the water with the warmer weather to enjoy it. It is a proven fact that the more boating education you complete, the safer you will become on the water. The United States Power Squadrons, and specifically the Lake Murray Power Squadron, provides us with this opportunity through education to become better boaters.

I would like to take this opportunity to challenge all members to achieve a "Certificate of Educational Proficiency." The recognition comes with the successful completion of the advanced grade of Advanced Piloting or greater and three elective courses. To help you achieve this certificate, we are offering the following advanced courses this Summer and Fall.

Piloting, instructed by P/C Jerry Wise, SN, is starting July 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays at Flotilla Island. **The classroom sessions will take eight weeks to complete. Each class has a minimum of five students and a maximum of 20.**

Advanced Piloting, instructed by P/C Charlie Bruce, SN, is starting September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays at Flotilla Island. The classroom sessions will take eight weeks to complete, with a minimum of five students and a maximum of 20.

We will also be scheduling the Boat Handling Course (previously known as Seamanship) late Summer or early Fall. This course is an excellent first step in your continued journey to becoming a safer and more proficient boater.

So, challenge yourself and other members to join us for these excellent advanced grade courses to further your boating knowledge.

**Become a Better Boater Today!**

Also, please remind everyone that LMPS is offering two America's Boating Courses (ABC). We just finished an early May class and the next class starts 27 July. This is a great opportunity for those of our members who have not yet taken the course and for non-members to learn the basic knowledge of safe boating. Call your fiends and mark your calendar now.

Additionally, an important reminder is: *Boaters under 16 years of age are required by law to pass an approved boater education course before operating, without supervision, a personal watercraft (jet ski) or a **boat** powered by 15 hp motor or more.*

As your SEO, I encourage you along with your family and boating friends to take advantage of this course. Help me set the example of the importance of safe boating for all boaters.

Each ABC course consists of two consecutive Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The cost for one person is \$40 and \$50 for immediate family sharing the same ABC manual.



## Upcoming Social Events

By Lt/C Christine Royson, Administrative Officer

**Watch your email for these upcoming events**



**Log Jam Raft up #1– Saturday 15 June 2019**



**Pig Picking and July 4th celebration—Saturday 29 June 2019**



*A very special thank you to the following squadron members*



**P/C Jeff & Lt Cyndi Langlois for another great Mardi Gras party on 16 February 2019.**



**Cdr Fred Ruinen for another great Wine 'n Dine party on 23 March 2019.**

## ISLAND WORK DAYS

Flotilla Island Work Days - As the winter months may have kept many of us away from our boats, our club continued our service with several Flotilla Island Work Days. On January 19th, we had a great turnout of members and accomplished a number of much needed projects while the lake level was down. Additional rip rap and boarding was added to the launch and dock. The ramp was scrapped clean of all debris. Several pylons were removed. Ceiling work was completed inside the building and members picked and raked up pine cones and pine straw.

On February 9th, our volunteers repaired plumbing for the septic tank and building water lines as well as the normal (never ending) picking up pine cones and pine straw. We also ran the mower around knocking down some of the grasses that grow in the winter months.

The breakwall, septic tank and building foundation were all repaired or upgraded.

Kudos to all who pitched in to help!

More Island work days are scheduled. Please view those dates on the calendar of events and join in with fellow members as we work to keep Flotilla Island a great place to dock and to hang out in 2019.



# LMPS - Flotilla Island 2019 Work Days



January 19<sup>th</sup>



February 9<sup>th</sup>

Thank You!



March 16<sup>th</sup>



March 30<sup>th</sup>



# Welcome new members to LMPS

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

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Bill & Debi Lafayette          | 2. Jason & Brantley Bober         |
| 3. Chris, Cielo & Nicole Craft    | 4. Brian & Natalie Denning        |
| 5. Jason, Elliette & Nichole Shoe | 6. Aimee Weiler & Chris Zolnowski |



New members Aimee Weiler & Chris Zolnowski are welcomed and sworn in by Commander Fred Ruinen, JN.







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## Life Jacket Loaner Station

Did you know that courtesy of the Sea Tow Foundation we have a Life Jacket Loaner Station located at our Home Port on Flotilla Island?

If you are going out on the water and are short a life jacket, please stop by and borrow one. When you're through for the day, just drop it back off.

Non-approved or missing life jackets are one of the top violations when your boat is randomly inspected by law enforcement. Remember no one drowns with a life jacket on.



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# FREELANCE PAGE

By Lt/C Christine Royson

Puddy and Lucy Royson enjoying a nice afternoon boat ride.



CALENDAR OF FUTURE EVENTS



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LAKE MURRAY POWER SQUADRON

**May**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 ABC Class, Flotilla Island
Cinco De Mayo 5	6	7	8	9	10	11 ABC Class, Flotilla Island
Mother's Day 12	13 Bridge Meeting, Flotilla Island	14	15	16	17 D/26 Cruise & Rendezvous (Host: Golden Isles Sail & Power Squadron)	18 D/26 Cruise & Rendezvous (Host: Golden Isles Sail & Power Squadron)
19 D/26 Cruise & Rendezvous (Host: Golden Isles Sail & Power Squadron)	20	21	22	23	24	25 Island Work Day
26	Memorial Day 27	28	29	30 CG Aux Mtg	31 Flotilla Friday	

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LAKE MURRAY POWER SQUADRON

**June**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 CRUISE (small boats)-Clouds Creek Cruise (Agars), Lake Murray
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Bridge Meeting, Flotilla Island	11	12	13	14 Flag Day	15 Log Jam #1
Father's Day 16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Island Work Day
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Pig Pickin' & Fireworks
30				CG Aux Mtg	Flotilla Friday	

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