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LMPS Hosts the D/26 Spring Cruise & Rendezvous

Lake Murray hosted the 2023 District 26 Cruise and Rendezvous at Flotilla Island 19-21 May. We had 92 members from D/26 register for the event. We kicked off the C&R with a Meet and Greet Happy Hour followed by a picnic cookout that included burgers, dogs, and brats. Thanks to our members Kelly Turner and Mike Charles for entertaining our guests with their guitar and vocal tunes on the back deck. The evening concluded with an evening cruise to Lake Murray dam.

Saturday morning began with a charcuterie breakfast before we took off for a scavenger hunt on Lake Murray. The hunt was very competitive, and we had five teams find all items on the list. After a raft up at Camping Cove, we returned to Flotilla Island for a 70's party and Italian dinner. P/C Mike Urquhart entertained our guest with



Lake Murray members bring out their boats to host fellow squadron members from D/26 at a raft up on Lake Murray during the Cruise & Rendezvous.

some beautiful bag pipe tunes that were truly enjoyed by all. Congratulations to LMPS members John and Anna Klein for winning the best 70's costume. It was a very difficult choice as we had several participants who deserved to win.

Sunday morning, LMPS volunteers used five Blackstone grills to prepare a sendoff breakfast for our guests. Thanks to all our members who helped prepare the meals for the entire weekend. The out-of-town guests were very complimentary of a job well done.

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The 2023 D/26 Cruise & Rendezvous, hosted by America's Boating Club of Lake Murray, attracted 92 participants.



Commander's Report

By Cdr Tim Barnhill, S

Why Wearing a Life Jacket Is Cool

I thought I would borrow a subject from a video in which I had the pleasure of participating that was created in April 2023 by America's Boating Channel titled "Why Wearing a Life Jacket Is Cool."

Wearing a life jacket isn't always the coolest thing but it could save your life. As shown in the video link posted in this article, life jackets come in many designs, colors, styles, etc. that could make wearing a life jacket more comfortable and reliable than the basic orange, low-cost life jackets. **I'm not knocking the old jackets, any life jacket is better than no jacket!**

The U.S. Coast Guard has approved America's Boating Channel™ video – "Why Wearing a Life Jacket Is Cool," which is a production that exclusively features members of America's Boating Club of Lake Murray. You can access and share the streaming version of this video at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KgiahkSKWgI>.

Many boaters, including myself, don't always practice one of the most basic water safety measures, which is wearing a life jacket. This one very basic safety measure could save our lives, as well as the passengers on our boats and other boaters on the water. If weather conditions are not favorable on the waters, take the time to require all your passengers including the captain to wear a life jacket.

Traveling on the water after sunset makes visibility more difficult and this is another time when wearing a life jacket should be required.

I remember the first bad storm I was caught in and think back that I didn't get my life jackets out and didn't ask my passengers to put on their life jackets. That was a situation that I never want to be in again, but like most boaters if you boat often enough you will eventually get caught in a storm

that pops up quickly. I promised myself I wouldn't make the same mistake again and each storm I've been caught in since, life jackets are a requirement on my boat for myself and my passengers.

We should all do our best to practice boating safety and advise others to practice safe boating as well. We are in the busiest season of boating, with increased traffic on the waters that can result in increased accidents when safety is not practiced.

If you haven't taken a boating class from America's Boating Club, please consider inquiring about the many classes offered through our club. We have a link on the left side of our website at impsonline.org titled Education. You can use this link to view our many educational offerings.

Everyone stay safe this summer and look forward to seeing you all on the water soon!



Photos from the D/26 Cruise & Rendezvous — Meet & Greet Happy Hour is seen above and the night cruise to the Lake Murray Dam is captured below.





Executive Officer's Report

By Lt/C Joe Firimonte, S

Welcome To Our New Members

It takes a lot of effort to put on the events that we do whether it's a social or civic event or an education class. I assure you that even though sometimes it seems like a lot of work, it's also very rewarding.

We are very lucky to have members who are willing to share their talents and energy for the betterment of our organization, but like most clubs we struggle with how to get more members involved. The flip side is we don't do a great job asking others for help so we tend to have the same people do most of the work.

When joining, our members fill out an application and there are areas where we ask for volunteers and whether you have a special skill or talent and where you'd like to get involved. Most potential members check the boxes and then sit back and wait to be asked to help.

Well, here is your opportunity to make a difference at America's Boating Club of Lake Murray.

When you receive an email about a social event, contact the person putting it on and let them know you'd like to help.

Volunteer to help out at the next education class by setting up refreshments or helping with class material.

Get involved with the next island clean up.

If you're retired and find you have free time, we have pamphlets promoting our boating safety classes that need to be distributed to local boat dealers and marinas. Meet with middle/high school principals and/or superintendents to promote our boating safety programs for their students who may be interested in our basic safe boating class as a way to meet state licensing requirements.

Look at the many opportunities we have to serve on committees or serve on the bridge.

I am excited by the many new members who have joined us so far this year and we are still not done as others have expressed interest in joining in the coming weeks. We are glad you chose to join us here at America's Boating Club of Lake Murray and look forward to you making your mark on our club.

Welcome aboard!

Annual Oyster Roast

ABC Lake Murray hosted its annual Oyster Roast on 1 April at Flotilla Island. There were 100 members and guests in attendance this year and the weather was beautiful, which made the day at our home port even more pleasant. Adding to the scrumptious seafood, Cdr Tim Barnhill recognized three new life members: Betty Rakes and P/Cs David and Elaine Price.

Once again Lee and Janice Ayers, with additional helpers like Mike Kirk, made this event a success. Thanks also to John Klein for coordinating with Lee and Janice and to all the others who helped, especially the cleanup crew.





Safety Officer's Report

By P/C Jerry Wise, SN

Safety Resources Direct From DHEC

In the past, I've preferred an anecdotal approach to safety based on actual events rather than a blanket overview. However, it would be an oversight not to pass along this information from the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) that concerns drowning prevention resources.

The following is information included in correspondence from Jennifer Leonardo, Director of the Children's Safety Network.

"Last month was National Water Safety Month, with May 15th being International Water Safety Day. Drowning remains the leading cause of death among children ages 1-4 and the second leading cause of unintentional death among those ages 5-14 (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

2020). Rates of drowning deaths are higher for boys, Black and American Indian/Alaska Native children, and children and adolescents who live in non-metro areas (CDC WISQARS 2018-2021).

"According to the American Academy of Pediatrics Policy Statement, drowning prevention requires a multilayered approach that includes the following practices:

- Remove water from tubs, buckets, and kiddie pools after use and store them upside down
- Surround pools with a four-foot high, four-sided fence with self-closing, self-latching gates
- Teach children and adolescents basic swimming skills, including floating and moving through the water
- Supervise children and teens when in and around water — supervision must be close, constant, and attentive. Please widely share these resources with your networks."

Shake 'N Break Cruise and Member Appreciation Day

Shake 'N Break was held 22 April with 104 members participating, including America's Boating Channel guests Marty and Sari Lafferty.

As a thank you to our membership, Executive Committee/Bridge officers cooked and served hamburgers and hot dogs following the morning's nautical yard sale. Certified ABC Lake Murray members conducted Vessel Safety Checks throughout the day. And before everyone ventured out on the water for a cruise/raft up, Lt/C Mike Charles and The Rev. Brooklyn Smith presided over the Blessing of the Fleet with the assistance of ABC Lake Murray member Tommy Clawson and his friend Layne Waters — a very special way to kick off the boating season.





Educational Report

By Lt/C Mike Zafoot, AP

Become a Better and Safer Boater Through Education

America's Boating Club of Lake Murray is having a good year in the Educational Department. To date, we have had 28 students pass the ABC3 public boating class, 5 students pass Cruise Planning, 7 students pass Boat Handling, and 4 students pass Piloting. We also have 5 exams pending, 3 to be taken and 2 to be graded.

We are now looking for students to enroll in our Advanced Piloting class that begins 13 September. This is a great opportunity for all the students who have passed piloting in the past two years to upgrade their advanced course status to AP.

Also, we need to identify what classes are of interest to our membership. Please take time to email me at captnzool@gmail.com and let me know what your interest is so we can put together a class.

I would like to focus on the On-The-Water training class. We have a great facility to use for docking, boat launching, and safety training so email me and give me your thoughts.

Make safe boating by education a priority!

**Remember, the more marine
education you have,
the safer you become on the water.**

America's Boating Channel Reminder:

Knowledge of the Navigation Rules Helps Prevent Boating Accidents

As we prepare to celebrate July Fourth, don't forget that knowledge of the rules of navigation helps prevent boating accidents. If you need a refresher before getting out on the water, you can access an invaluable library of videos produced by America's Boating Channel. These videos are available to USPS members to view and download for free at bit.ly/USPSABC. There is an index to help you find exactly what you need.

For example, Season Four's "[Behavioral Consequences](#)" video covers the importance to recreational boat operators of having a working knowledge of the navigation rules. Viewers learn about the dangers of not following the rules of the road. Also featured are tips for responsible boating. Boating responsibly can lead to lasting memories, while bad boating behaviors can cause issues ranging from mere embarrassment to major catastrophe.

America's Boating Channel™ produced a sequel to this video in Season Five titled "[Collision Avoidance](#)," which covers the most basic and essential navigation rules. Viewers learn how to determine stand-on and give-way vessels in various circumstances. It also features tips for steering clear of potentially dangerous situations. Again, these two videos are good refreshers before visiting your local waterway at a time of year when it will be most crowded.



You can follow the above links to find these and other safe boating videos. Invite your friends and neighbors to watch, like and subscribe to America's Boating Channel to introduce them to what our organization has to offer. In addition to [YouTube](#), these professionally produced high-definition safe boating and boater education videos are available via the America's Boating Channel on-demand app on Roku or FireTV. America's Boating Channel™ is produced by the United States Power Squadrons® (USPS) under a grant administered by the U.S. Coast Guard.



Administrative Officer's Report

By Lt/C John Klein, P

Summer 2023 is here!

Thanks to our many volunteers our 2023 season is off to a great start. We have been very busy since our last newsletter. The annual oyster roast was a huge success, with 100 people in attendance. The delicious food was prepared by our own Lee Ayers and his helpers.

The Bridge prepared grilled food for 104 at the Shake 'N Break. KT arranged the first ever virtual golf outing at Anchor Lanes. Cinco de Mayo, Clouds Creek, and Log Jam #1 also were great.

But, to me, the crowning jewel was the D/26 Cruise and Rendezvous LMPS hosted 19-21 May. The way that our LMPS family came together to welcome our guests was truly impressive. Donna and Tony Dodson as greeters. Kelly Turner, Mike Charles, and Mike Urquhart providing live music.

KT Tripathi making sure nobody was thirsty. Countless others helping with food, setup and cleanup, and hosting guests on their boats. All coordinated by our commander Tim Barnhill and first lady Natalie Barnhill.

And we are just getting started! As this goes to press, 8 LMPS boats with 34 members and friends are off to Norris Lake in Tennessee while four other LMPS couples are taking boats down the ICW from Georgetown to Myrtle Beach, exploring the rivers as they go.

Please volunteer to help with set up, cooking, and clean up at our upcoming events on Flotilla Island. Our generous hosts coordinate the events and do a lot of the work, but they cannot do it all without many helping hands.

Check our calendar for other upcoming events: <http://www.lmpsonline.org/calendar.htm>.

Lake Murray's Third Annual Cinco de Mayo Celebration

Lake Murray's Third Annual Cinco de Mayo Celebration, which was a big hit with 85 members and their families attending. In addition to the wonderful food provided by Moe's and the wonderful desserts donated by members, including a delicious red velvet cake to celebrate Lt/C Joe Firimonte's birthday, we raised \$1,010 in a silent auction to benefit our Thornwell Children's Home Fun Day on the Lake, scheduled for 22 July. Thanks to Cdr Tim Barnhill's wife, Natalie, for securing 14 spectacular gift baskets from local businesses. In addition to the gift baskets, **Champion has donated a \$3,500 door with an optional glass insert** to be auctioned off to benefit our annual Thornwell Day. Be sure to bid on the door at our next event. The minimum bid is \$1,250, which includes free installation.

What a great turn out for our annual Cinco de Mayo fund raiser for Thornwell Children's Home Fun Day on the Lake. A special thanks to our generous donors. **Food Lion, El Poblano's, Highway 55, Chickenbutt Donuts, Tonella's, Social Grill, San Jose, Higher Ground, Scott Stambaugh, Anchor Lanes, B's, Posh Boutique, Sassy Nails, Carolina Wings, Tavern on 6, and Lake Murray Hardware.** Last but not least, a thank you to our members who generously participated. What a good time for a great cause. Thanks Natalie Barnhill for your hard work. This is what we do!





Season Seven Features Lake Murray Members

America's Boating Channel™, the U.S. Coast Guard funded boating safety and boater education video service of United States Power Squadrons® (USPS) — America's Boating Club® (ABC), publicly launched its new season of 12 videos across its smart TV, online, and mobile distribution platforms in June. Its first video exclusively features members of America's Boating Club of Lake Murray.

In making the announcement, USPS-ABC Chief Commander Craig Fraser remarked, "We're excited to introduce America's Boating Channel's seventh season of original non-duplicated boating safety and boater education videos. This year's slate of titles reflects a sharpened focus on critical safety considerations, operational guidance, and electronic aids to navigation."

The first video in the new series, [WHY WEARING A LIFE JACKET IS COOL](#), premiered on Fire TV, Roku, and YouTube, as well as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and other social networks at 8 p.m. EDT on Thursday 1 June.

WHY WEARING A LIFE JACKET IS COOL asks a series of "What if..." questions about contemporary life jackets. Viewers will learn the benefits of wearing life jackets while underway on boats. Also featured are tips to consider when buying a new life jacket.

Every 10 days throughout the boating season, America's Boating Channel will launch a new video. Four videos feature ABC Lake Murray members, with two exclusively featuring our members.

America's Boating Channel Project Manager Marty Lafferty and his wife, Sari, spent 21-26 April with members of America's Boating Club of Lake Murray to video WHY WEARING A LIFE JACKET IS COOL; BOATING WITH SMALL CHILDREN; SLIPS, TRIPS, AND FALLS; and TYING DOCK LINES. In total, 34 members will appear in these boating safety videos. Another 12 members and friends provided production support for the videos, while footage also was recorded of Lake Murray's TowBoatUS vessels, ABC Lake Murray members conducting vessel safety inspections, and our annual Blessing of the Fleet.

ABC Lake Murray's second exclusive video is [BOATING WITH SMALL CHILDREN](#), which can be streamed here. It will premier nationally on 10 July.

The channel's other Season Seven titles include PARTNER IN COMMAND; DISEMBARKING HAZARDS; ENGINE FAILURE CAUSES & CURES; TOWED SPORTS SAFETY; INTRODUCING AIS; MARINE RADIO ETIQUETTE; NAVIGATING LOCKS; and BORDER CROSSING.

Smart TV viewers can subscribe to America's Boating Channel for free on Roku or FireTV. On Roku, viewers can select Store using their Roku remotes, click on Channels, search for Americas Boating Channel, and then add the channel. On FireTV, viewers can go to Apps on their FireTV Main Menu, search for Americas Boating Channel, select Get, and then download the app.

Online, the best way to view the videos is to subscribe at no charge to America's Boating Channel on YouTube.

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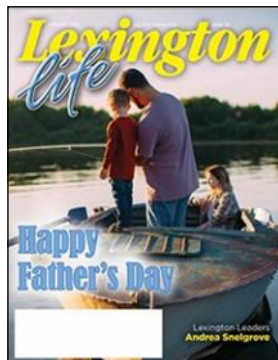
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LMPS Scenes From Season Seven

To see more scenes from 21-26 April 2023 when America's Boating Channel visited America's Boating Club of Lake Murray, visit our website at lmpsonline.org/news.htm. And, like and subscribe to America's Boating Channel on YouTube and download its smart TV app today so as not to miss future videos!

June Publicity for ABC/LM

The June issue of Lexington Life Magazine featured an article about ABC Lake Murray. The publication of this article was followed on 15 June by an article in The Charleston Post and Courier Columbia Newsletter. If you have been unable to obtain copies of these publications, go to our website at www.lmpsonline.org/news and you will find links to both articles.



WHAT! P/C Stan Godfrey Bowling

With all the health issues P/C Stan Godfrey has had over the past four years, it was great to see him getting out and getting active. Among other things, he has been bowling every Thursday afternoon since attending the Commander's Golf Tourney on 28 April. He had some challenges getting started. He bowled a 37 his very first game. He has been improving every week and has bowled a 154 and a 156! His average has increased over 35 pins since week one.



Smoked Brisket, Salmon Highlight Cruise to Clouds Creek

No, it wasn't a new restaurant. It was Betsy Agar's home-smoked brisket. To round out the luncheon hosted by the Agar's at their lake-front home on Clouds Creek everyone contributed a covered dish. The table was filled with Cole Slaw, Green Bean Salad, Pasta Salads, Potato Salad, a fresh green salad, and then there were the desserts! Thanks to P/C Rick and P/Lt/C Betsy for again hosting the 4th Annual Clouds Creek Cruise on 3 June. It was a beautiful Saturday enjoyed by 34 members arriving by boat and car.



Ladies Day on the Lake



Another community service of ABC Lake Murray is co-sponsoring Ladies Day on the Lake with the Lake Murray Association, which was held 13 June this year. Other entities that play a vital role in this event are the S.C. Department of Natural Resources, Sea Tow, and S.C. Family Fun.

P/C Elaine Price and P/C Debra Allen contribute their time and expertise to this annual effort. As certified safe boating instructors, they teach the boating rules and regulations portion of Ladies Day on the Lake.



Log Jam #1 a Success!

Piglet's Cove was the location of this year's first Log Jam on 17 June where 26 boats, one jet ski and 71 members gathered to enjoy the water, sunshine and fellowship. The anchor boat set the hook at 11 a.m. and Lt/C Joe Firimonte grilled, serving up hot dogs for all who were interested — amazing how good a hot dog with mustard can be while floating in the lake! As for the invitation to share anything the group might enjoy, First Lady Natalie Barnhill had some mighty good

stuffed strawberries topped with whipped cream! The day wrapped with a fund-raising dinner of meatball hoagies back at Flotilla, where \$200 was contributed to the building fund after expenses.



Visit the Ship's Store at the Next LMPS Event

Lt/C Mike Charles purchases a new logo cap and burgee from Lt Carol Gaylord who operates the LMPS Ship's Store. New merchandise has arrived so stop by the Ship's Store Pop-up Tent at our next event or [email Carol](mailto:Carol) about buying your LMPS swag.



Welcome Our New Members

Welcome aboard! Great to have you as a member of America's Boating Club of Lake Murray, which has been serving central South Carolina since 1963 as Lake Murray Power Squadron. We hope you enjoy our educational classes, civic service opportunities, and all the amenities the squadron has to offer.

Scott & Maryann Loyer
Jim McCarl
Christina & Jimmie McAnally
Lee McEachern, Jr.

David & Jennifer Burns
Chris & Alexia Montali
Robin & Joanne Gilbert
Shari & Kevin Frontz

2023 Cruise and Activity Schedule

(check website calendar for current details)

DATE	EVENT	COORDINATOR
June 30, August 18 Sept. 22 & Oct. 20	Flotilla Fridays, Flotilla	A casual, unstructured gathering of members at Flotilla
July 1	Pig Roast & Fireworks, Flotilla	See email announcement for details
July 22	Fun Day on the Lake at Flotilla for Thornwell Home For Children	Cdr Tim & Lt Natalie Barnhill
August 3-6	Lake Russell Cruise	Lt/C Joe Firimonte
August 19	Log Jam #2, Lake Murray	Lt Donnie Browning
August 26	Goat Island Clean-Up	Lt Chris Zolnowski
September 16	Lake Murray Dam Swim	P/C Fred Ruinen
September 1	Reference Lights Cruise	P/C Tony Dodson
September 10	First Mate 101—Boating Skills Refresher for ABC Lake Murray Ladies, Flotilla *Limited to 15 Participants*	Lt Natalie Barnhill
September 23	Italian Fest, Flotilla	Lts Rita & Keith Barber
September 30	Overnight Raft Up on Lake Murray	Lt KT Tripathi
October 21	Annual Mtg/Oktobertfest, Flotilla	Lt/C Joe Firimonte
November 3	Change Of Watch, Yacht Cove Clubhouse	Cdr Tim & Lt Natalie Barnhill
November 4	LMPS Golf Outing by Boat, Timberlake	Lt Tyler Williams
November 11	Game Night with Desserts, Flotilla	Lts Rick & Char Kahn
December 8	LMPS Christmas Party, Yacht Cove Clubhouse	Lt/C Joe & P/Lt/C Sue Firimonte, P/C Tim & Lt Natalie Barnhill

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