



# Golden Anchor

Golden Corner Lakes Sail & Power Squadron  
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District 26

Monthly Newsletter



## MARCH 2017

### Upcoming Events

**3,4,5**

MAR

#### *D/26 Spring Conference*

Greenville

hosted by Hartwell Squadron

**13**

MAR

RSVP

#### *Land Cruise*

Sierra Nevada Brewery

Mills River, NC

1200-Lunch / 1330 Tour  
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RSVP

#### *Boat Trailer Wheel Bearing Seminar*

Ben Bee's House

1000  
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RSVP

#### *GEO Hunt & Membership Meeting*

Hunt & 1300 Lunch at OLLI /  
Joe's New York Pizza  
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## Commander's Report

Brian Hackley, SN

Spring has sprung, and now the 2017 boating season is upon us! Golden Corner Lakes just received our 2017 Vessel Safety Check stickers. This year, they are green. No matter what color your boat is, you'll want to contact one of our Vessel Examiners to schedule a VSC. It doesn't take too long, unless you are in a talkative mood and start swapping boating stories. Wouldn't it be wonderful if 100% of our boats get a VSC sticker this year? Call Ed Lashley at 864-654-4797 if you don't already have a VE who you have checking your boat every year.

If you are not one of the 26 members who came to the Ice Breaker on 18 February, Teri Zahn has printed the 2017 Membership directory. Look for her at an upcoming GCL event to get your copy or give Teri a call at 864-972-1982 to arrange to get your copy.

March looks like a busy, but fun, month for our squadron. As usual, try to pick and choose what interests you.

The month kicks off with the District 26 conference at the Embassy Suites in Greenville 3-5 March, hosted by Lake Hartwell Squadron. GCL looks to have a good attendance at the various sessions. If you don't want to attend the meeting but do want to get out on the water, take the cruise on

the Tugaloo arm of Lake Hartwell on Sunday the 5th. Contact Nioka Rose via e-mail [admin@lake-hartwell.org](mailto:admin@lake-hartwell.org).

At the Ice Breaker, one of our resident "foodies," Jon Becker, gave us details on the "Land Cruise" to the Sierra Nevada brewery in Asheville on Monday, 13 March. We will travel by car pool, have lunch at their fantastic restaurant on site, and take a tour of the brewery. Details can found be elsewhere in this issue.

GCL is also planning a Geo Hunt and membership meeting on Saturday, 25 March. If you can't make the Hunt, do come for lunch! Look for details elsewhere in the the Anchor. Maybe this is where you can arrange to pick up that membership directory from Teri!

We also will be doing Co-op Charting on Lakes Russell and Keowee in March. With the warm weather, you'll enjoy getting out on the water. Newer members are welcome to come as crew or to volunteer their boat. You'll be helping with this community service where we check the condition of markers and buoys on the lakes. We report any problems on Keowee to South Carolina Department of Natural Resources and issues on Hartwell and Russell to the Army Corps of Engineers. Call George Schiller at 864-647-7847 to sign up!



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## Upcoming Events

### GEO Hunt & Membership Meeting

Saturday, 25 March  
1300 Lunch & Meeting

What's a Geo Hunt? Participating Golden Corner Lakes members and guests go out in teams and search for Bronze markers set by the US Geological Survey.

These markers are approximately 3-1/2 inches in diameter at various places around the U.S. that define a specific geographical point. Maps are measured from these markers. Each team has 4 or 5 markers to locate or "recover" to make sure they are still where they belong.

Members agree—this is one of the absolutely most fun things besides eating that we do on land! We will meet for lunch and a short membership meeting at OLLI Cheezum Hall and order pizza from Joe's New York Pizza at Patrick Square after the hunt.

This is a fun event that gives you a chance to have fun and to bone up on your GPS techniques before we really get in the boating season.

The captain will ensure that the team has a GPS that can display the Lat/Long location, date and time and something to probe with like a long screwdriver or metal rod, a compass or smart phone with compass app, small shovel, and a digital camera (or smart phone) to document the mark and GPS showing the location. A metal detector is helpful, too.

Some marks may not be found. Don't worry about it. Note what was done to try to find it with as much detail as possible, and move on to the next mark. We submit

recovery reports to the USPS Coop Charting for review and eventual submittal to NOAA.

**RSVP** to Brian Hackley, hackley1@gmail.com, 864-973-4889 (h) 864-784-2551(m) by Monday, 20 March. In the event of bad weather, a team captain has the choice to cancel the hunt for their team; BUT WE WILL STILL MEET UP FOR THE LUNCH MEETING.

### GCL Land Cruise

Monday, 13 March

1200 Lunch

1330 Tour

Sierra Nevada Brewing Co  
Mills River, NC

1200 - Lunch in the 'Tap Room' (Ask for Seneca Power Squadron)

1330 - 90-Minute Private Brewhouse Tour: includes History, Brewery walk through, and ends with a Guided Tasting

\* Transportation is on your own.... car pooling is recommended.

\* Lunch is ordered and paid for separately

\* Brewery tour is \$15 per head

#### REGISTER FOR TOUR AT:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/20170313-private-spec-req-tour-seneca-powersquadron-mills-river-nc-tickets-31996198491>

Also **confirm** to Jon Becker, [beckerjon0@gmail.com](mailto:beckerjon0@gmail.com) so he can get a headcount by 6 March.

Sierra Nevada Brewing Co.  
100 Nevada Way  
Mills River, NC 28732

# Wrap Up

## Oops Awards

Steve Zahn

Left:

- 1) A new "traveling" award...Brian, don't forget where you put it because we'll need it back next year!
- 2) Lots of good food
- 3) Ken & Marilyn Gummels, Kathy & Don Redford , Gail Wilshire, Susan & Temple Meek
- 4) John Ozols - hide your bells

Middle:

Marlyn Stroven received the Black Prop award

Right:

- 1) Teri Zahn accepted the Broken Prop on behalf of Ed Lashley who could not attend.
- 2) Temple Meek, remember there are dangers lurking on Lake Russell
- 3) Lots of members had tire problems last year...Walt Lindow was one of them.



## Wrap Up

### Ice Breaker

Brian Hackley, SN

#### *Fun at the Ice Breaker*

Twenty-six members—over a quarter of our members—came to the Westminster Fire Station on 18 February, for the GCL 2017 Ice Breaker. They brought their enthusiasm and ideas to plan our meetings and activities for the coming year. The squadron provided sandwiches and drinks for lunch, and members brought sides and dessert.

We started with a Membership meeting.

George Schiller reviewed plans for **CO-OP CHARTING**—where members check status of buoys, markers and Aids to Navigation. Plans are as follows:

- Inspections on Lake Russell in March, July and October
- Inspection on Lake Keowee in early March.
- Inspections on Lake Hartwell in June and October.

Co-op Charting is a lot of fun and a great way for newer or seasoned members wanting to get out on the water and provide a service to the community. Please contact George Schiller at 864-647-7847 to participate as crew or boat captain.

GCL provides another valuable community service with free **VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS**. Our 2017 VSC stickers are in. Sue Dragoo has been doing a great job publicizing the Squadron Boating Safety class and free Vessel Safety Check service. Articles will be in local newspapers.

The **KEOWEE MARINA IN-WATER BOAT SHOW** is 22-23 April. We plan to have the USPS “Boating Skills Virtual Trainer” available for this event at the GCL booth. Betty Snowden is seeking volunteers to help staff the GCL booth for either a morning or afternoon. Coincidentally, the Hartwell Antique Boat Show is 22 April at Hartwell Marina. Ben Bee will schedule staffing our booth.

Jon Becker presented information on the **LAND CRUISE to** Sierra Nevada brewery near Asheville on Monday, 13 March. Quite a few member expressed a keen interest in going. Information may be found elsewhere in this issue.

Brian Hackley gave a short informational session on the upcoming **GEO HUNT** and membership meeting Saturday, 25 March. Look for detail in this issue.

Jim Snowden reminded the squadron that he is still planning to teach **SEAMANSHIP** this spring/summer, including an on-the-water session. Seven members have expressed interest. Call Jim at 864-653-6709 if you have not already signed up. Gene Kunkel will be teaching the USPS Weather Elective class starting in September. Call Gene at 864-944-1960 to sign up. Marlyn Stroven noted the Engine Maintenance class has been updated and that he has 3 members interested in the class. Call Marlyn at 864-985-0788.

Wendy Carter and the **15TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** committee are still trying to get in contact with the “Life’s II Good” houseboat for a possible party on 6 May. An alternative might be a lunch at The Lakehouse Restaurant or picnic at Hartwell Marina.

## Wrap Up

### Ice Breaker

**Brian Hackley, SN**

During lunch, George Schiller gave members an update on the **SPRING CRUISE** on the Tennessee River downstream from Chattanooga 24 April – 1 May. Not only will we tour the Chattanooga Aquarium, but also a bat cave, stop at the Unclaimed Luggage outlet, and possibly a side trip to the NASA Huntsville space museum. George is still looking for boat captains and interested crew. See articles in this and upcoming Golden Anchor's or call George at 864-647-7847.

Following lunch, Steven Zahn, assisted by his wife Teri, gave a **CPR CERTIFICATION** session to 15 GCL members. Steven added valuable insight to the class from his experience on the Oconee County Emergency Response Team.

To keep up with GCL Calendar of events, read upcoming Golden Anchors and also check the Squadron Website [www.gclsaps.com](http://www.gclsaps.com). A link to the latest calendar for the rest of the year can be found there.

## Bridge Reports

### Education Report

**Gene Kunkel, SN**

This is an invitation for you to take the USPS Elective Weather Course this fall. The course will start in September (exact date TBD) and continue for 8 class sessions, one day a week, 1900-2100 at Oconee Hospital in Seneca. While you think about attending, reserve this time period now on your calendar before something else moves in.

A little about this course: This course is a basic meteorology course. The focus is to teach you how weather behaves and why; very interesting and useful information on the water or at home. You will be able to make smarter/safer decisions regarding the weather's impact on your current or planned activities. There are many variables and changing parameters associated with the

weather. This course will help you understand them better, identify signs for changes, and learn which tools to use when analyzing and forecasting the weather. You will learn to identify what the skies are showing you, how to find the weather data/forecast you need, and how to understand it.

The cost is \$50 for the manual, which can be shared by couples if desired. Think about taking this course, and contact me if you are interested. I know you will find the Weather Course interesting and useful, and it will rejuvenate your smart brain cells.

Contact: Gene Kunkel, 864 944 1960 or [rgk6006@bellsouth.net](mailto:rgk6006@bellsouth.net).

All are welcome to observe how to **Replace Trailer Wheel Bearing's**. Clinic will be held at 1000 on 22 March at Ben Bee's garage, 80 Kay Street, Hartwell (GPS works). **RSVP P/C** Ben 706 436 0640.

## Bridge Reports

### Safety Report

The sun is shining more often...the weather is warming more often...boating season is approaching! As you start preparing your vessel for frequent use, you will be diligent about going over the boat's mechanical and electrical systems to ensure proper and safe operation. Let's not forget to check out these five safety related items that are not used often, but need to be in good shape when they are needed. Everyone on board should know where this equipment is located and how to use them.

1. **Life Jackets:** Are they accessible? Are straps and buckles in working order? Are they torn or punctured? Do you have enough of them and in the right sizes?

2. **Sound Producing Device:** If you do not have a boat horn, is the device in quick reach at the helm station? Does it still work? Make sure the nozzle is clear of any obstructions.

3. **Fire Extinguisher:** Is it accessible? In a fire emergency, you need to be able to reach and grab...not fumble in a locker to find the extinguisher! Check the gauge to see if it is still fully charged.

### Michael Hammett

If not, replace it now before you forget. Check the nozzle also to ensure it is clear of obstructions.

4. **Visual Distress Signal:** If you are using flares, check their expiration date and replace as needed. If using a battery-powered beacon, check battery status and replace as needed. Make sure the lens area of the beacon is clean. With both, store in an accessible area and according to any manufacturer's specifications.

5. **First Aid Kit:** Open the kit and check the supplies. The adhesive on band aids will dry over time. Check expiration dates on medicines and salves. Familiarize yourself with what your first aid kit contains and how to use it. Hopefully, you will not need these supplies; but when you do, it is not the time to be trying to read the instructions!

As we get back onto the water in the coming season, may we be safe boaters who set a good example for others as ambassadors of our squadron and USPS!

# Wrap Up

## Ice Breaker



Left

- 1) Some worked hard
- 2) Some were bored
- 3) Wendy Carter & Ann Chengrian

Right

- 1) George Schiller cracks John Ozols up with his clowning
- 2) Marlyn Stroven & Craig Williams look at the Calendar for 2017
- 3) Instructor Steve Zahn goes over AED operation





## Chaplain's Fuel Dock Michael Hammett

Occasionally, we all feel the “blahs”...or feel a bit down...or perhaps even depressed. It is a fundamental human desire to be happy! But sometimes, happiness—however each individual defines that term—seems to elude us. For the most part, I find our squadron members to be a happy lot! But even those who have achieved well in life may sometimes feel like something is lacking. What might we do to claim that which we want—to be happy?

Adapting some points from an article by Gretchen Rubin on the website “Real Simple,” here are some steps we could take when we want to recapture that happy feeling:

**Start with the basics.** Are you staying well hydrated? Water and fruit juices are preferred and more than you might think you need. Coffee, wine and spirits just are not enough. Are you getting enough quality sleep? The best measure of this is not necessarily the number of hours, but do you feel rested and refreshed when you arise? Are you eating a well-rounded diet with protein, fruits, and vegetables? Are you getting at least 30 minutes a day (at one time is best, but cumulative through your day will help) of movement and exercise? Current science continues to show the importance of these basics and their major impact on our emotional wellbeing.

**Watch what you think and say.** Like begets like. If we fill our thoughts with negative self-talk, running ourselves down, we will fulfill that self-prophecy! If we are negative toward others, that is what we usually receive in return. It is far too easy to slip into the habit of nagging others and nagging ourselves over issues that are not worth it. Paraphrasing Gandhi, “be the person you want to see!” In the Old Testament book of Proverbs, we read: “For as one thinks in the heart, so they are” (23:7) and “A merry heart does good, like medicine” (17:22). So be kind to yourself and others...laugh more and laugh often.

**Do something!** If you are feeling blah or depressed, the last thing in the world you should do is be alone! Engage your spouse or significant other...invite friends over...get out on your boat with family and friends (the weather is warming!). Practice any hobbies you might enjoy. Go to a favorite store or shopping mall and stroll. In some measure, happiness is a choice.

As boating season draws near, I look forward to sharing some happy times with our squadron both on the water and on shore at meetings and social events. We will share some laughter and soak up the fun!

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# Calendar

## March 2017

1 - 31	ATON Inspections Lake Russell	Russell	George Schiller	A lot of fun and an excuse to get back on the water early
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2	GCL EXCOM - Executive Committee Meeting	Oconee Memorial Hospital - Old Cafeteria	Brian Hackley	GCL Bridge and all members welcomed
3,4,5	District 26 Spring Conference	Embassy Suites Greenville	Lake Hartwell Sqdn	<a href="http://www.usps.org/localusps/d26/info/2017SpgConfSked.pdf">http://www.usps.org/localusps/d26/info/2017SpgConfSked.pdf</a>
7	Newcomer Club of the Foothills	St. Mark Church Seneca, SC	Jim Hackett / Jim Ray	GCL Volunteers attend to promote Public Boating Class and Squadron
13	Land Cruise	Sierra Nevada Brewery North Carolina	Jon Becker/ George Schiller	Lunch 1200 & Brewery Tour / Car Pool
22	Boat Trailer Wheel Bearing Seminar	Ben Bee's House	Ben Bee	Hands on instruction on replacing trailer wheel bearings
25	GEO Hunt	Teams of 4 to 6 people hunt for GEO markers	Brian Hackley / Temple Meek	GPS fun followed by membership meeting
25	Membership Lunch Meeting	Joe's NY Pizza or OLLI Cheezum Hall	Gail Wilshire	
2,9,16,23,30	ABC Basic Boating Safety Class - 5 weeks	Oconee Hospital Oconee Room	Ron Osburn	Free/\$30.00 For student handbook. Exam April TBD

## April 2017

1-2	WCSC Springboard Regatta	WCSC	Jim Snowden	Safety Boats Needed
3	Instructor Re-certification	Brian Hackley's house	Brian Hackley	In-person re-certification for instructors needing it
4	Newcomer Club of the Foothills	St. Mark Church Seneca, SC	Jim Hackett / Jim Ray	GCL Volunteers attend to promote Public Boating Class and Squadron
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20,27	ABC Basic Boating Safety Class - 5 weeks	Oconee Hospital Oconee Room	Ron Osburn	Free/\$30.00 For student handbook.
22+23	IN-THE WATER Boat Show	Lake Keowee Marina	Betty Snowden / Sue Dragoo	GCL Sponsors a booth. Volunteers needed. Bring Boating Skills Virtual Trainer
22	Hartwell Antique Boat Show	Hartwell Marina, Hartwell, GA	Ben Bee	GCL Sponsors a booth. Volunteers needed
15-22 ?	Lake Hartwell Cleanup Days	Lake Hartwell	Betty Snowden	GCL is member of Lake Hartwell Assn
24 Apr - 2 May	Spring Cruise	Tennessee River	George Schiller / Cruise Committee	This is always fun and an adventure both on and off the water.

## May 2017

2	Seneca Newcomers Meeting	St. Marks in Seneca	Jim Hackett / Jim Ray	GCL Volunteers attend to promote Public Boating Class and Squadron
4,11,18	ABC Basic Boating Safety Class continues	Oconee Hospital Oconee Room	Ron Osburn	Free/\$30.00 For student handbook.
TBD	ACOE Lake Hartwell Meeting	ACOE Hartwell	Brian Hackley and Betty Snowden	Annual Lake Hartwell ACOE meeting
4	GCL EXCOM	Oconee Memorial Hospital - Old Cafeteria	Brian Hackley	GCL Bridge and all members welcomed
6	15th Anniversary Party	TBD	Wendy Carter / Karen Hublou / Betty Snowden	Tentative Date
19, 20, 21	District 26 Annual Cruise & Rendezvous	Charleston Tall Ships	Charleston Squadron Hosting	<a href="http://www.usps.org/d26">See District Website http://www.usps.org/d26 for details</a>
20 ??	"Ready, Set, Wear It" Event	High Falls County Park - Lake Keowee or Location TBD	Betty Snowden / Gail Wilshire / Sue Dragoo	Group photo of members wearing life jackets.
20 - 27	National Safe Boating Week		George Schiller / Jon Becker	Participate in a WEEK full of boating activities - more info to follow
24	Safe Boating Week Raft-up	Lake Keowee Island TBD	George Schiller / Jon Becker	Bring food to share. We can also talk about how to be a Skipper Saver



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