



# Golden Anchor

Golden Corner Lakes Sail & Power Squadron  
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 District 26

Monthly Newsletter



## APRIL 2017

### Upcoming Events

**22-23**

APR

***In-the-Water Boat Show***

Lake Keowee Marina

**22**

APR

***Hartwell Antique Boat Show***

Hartwell Marina  
 Hartwell GA

**12-22**

APR

***Lake Hartwell Cleanup Days***

Lake Hartwell

**24-30**

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***Spring Cruise***

Tennessee River

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## Commander's Report

Brian Hackley, SN

Happy Spring y'all and welcome to Pollen Season! Hopefully your allergies won't be severe this year and that all the yellow stuff gets washed away with evening rain showers. We need the rain, we are still in an Extreme Drought situation, which is impacting our members on Lake Hartwell with low water levels over 11 feet below full pool. Wendy and I noticed that Jocassee is down about 14 feet, and feel fortunate that Keowee is "only" down 5-1/2 feet.

Even if the lakes are low, it is time to get your Vessel Safety Check for 2017! Please 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 know to check your boat.

April is our month for boat shows! Unfortunately, they occur on the same day this year. The Hartwell Antique Boat show is Saturday, 22 April, at Hartwell Marina. Call Ben Bee 706-376-5446 if you can help staff the Golden Corner Lakes "Gazebo." The Keowee Marina In-Water Boat Show is Saturday and Sunday, 22 & 23 April. GCL will have a booth and the Boating Skills Virtual Trainer on hand again this year. If you haven't had the chance to "drive" the Virtual Trainer, not only will it be at the In-Water Boat Show, but also at our Boating Safety class sessions 27 April and 4 May, as well as at either Brian Hackley's and/or Marlyn Stroven's house. Contact either of us: Brian 864-973-4889 / Marlyn 864-985-0788 to arrange a session!



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# Wrap Up

Pictures from the Wheel Bearing Clinic held at Ben Bee's house on 22 March.



Left  
top: Temple Meek  
center: Ben Bee & Jim Snowden  
bottom: finished front wheel bearing replacement



Right  
top: Marv Bromley & Dave Clark  
bottom: Ron Rapp



## Wrap Up

### Land Cruise

Jon Becker

On 13 April, fifteen GCL members and guests made a land cruise to the Sierra Nevada Brewing Company in Mills River, NC, (just outside Asheville). Fortunately, there were no reports of Land Shark incidents along the way. The brewery is a state-of-the-art facility which is located on a gorgeous piece of property. It turns out that this area has a large number of breweries due to its proximity to a pure water source and central transportation.

We started out with a fabulous lunch in the 'Tap Room' at the brewery. Each dish in the Tap Room was unusual and delicious. Everyone was telling the others they had the best meal. After lunch, we had a



private brewery tour. The tour started with a brief talk on the history of the Sierra Nevada Company which started in Chico, CA, in 1980. It was a pioneer of craft beer brewing in the US and has grown exponentially. We next toured the facility from the beginning all the way through to the final packaging. There were

hands-on demos with each of us getting our hands covered in wort and hops. The scale of the facility and the striking copper clad tanks will be remembered by all.

We ended the tour with an educational

tasting of Sierra Nevada beers right next to the open fermenters. There seemed to be almost unanimous agreement of the beers liked the most by our group. Adjectives used by participants on the event included "Awesome," "Great Venue," and "Delicious Lunch."

*Welcome aboard, Jeff Cogburn*

*Jeff has recently joined us after transferring from Johnson City Power Squadron in Tennessee. Single, but engaged, Jeff lives in Liberty, SC, and works in Clemson. He is relatively new to the boating world with a trailerable bow rider. Of interest, Tennessee requires all boaters, except those grandfathered, to take a boating safety class, which Jeff did, through the DNR. Welcome aboard Jeff and we hope to see you at our upcoming functions.*

## Wrap Up

### Spring District 26 Conference in Greenville

**Brian Hackley**

Golden Corner Lakes Sail and Power Squadron is one of 13 Squadrons in South Carolina and southeast Georgia that comprise D/26. Every year, D/26 holds a Spring Conference, Cruise and Rendezvous, and a Fall Conference and Change of Watch. This year, 11 of our 99 members attended the conference hosted by the Hartwell Squadron at the Embassy Suites in Greenville.



information for those attending. Since the meeting follows the January USPS National meeting, there is a lot of new and changed information.

There were meetings held for Commanders, Administrative Officers, Executive Officers, Membership Involvement folks, Boating Activity folks, Education Officers, as well as USPS Seminars to support the Practical On-The Water training ("POTW"). Most of these meetings follow an open and interactive format and provide a great deal of

Perhaps one of the more interesting news items is that USPS Commander Louis Ojeda has elected to take a less formal tact, with fewer buzzwords, formality, as well as less usage of "military time" and date formats. He told us that we are still known as "America's Boating Club," and we provide the best boating education available anywhere! And we at America's Boating Club know how to have fun and responsible boating on the water!

Speaking of fun, some of our members dressed up as Pirates for the fun theme party on the Friday night. Don & Kathy Redford, Wendy Carter & Brian Hackley participated from GCL. Wendy and Brian won the bottle of rum award for the best pirate costume!



## Bridge Reports

### Safety Report

Operating a boat while intoxicated is stupid, dangerous, illegal, and possibly fatal! Almost half of all boating accidents involve alcohol or drugs. Boating, without the influence of alcohol or drugs, is mentally and physically taxing on our bodies. Stressors, such as exposure to noise, vibration, sun, glare, wind, and the motion of the water affects captain and crew. Research shows that hours of exposure to boating stressors produce a kind of fatigue —“boater’s hypnosis”—which slows reaction time almost as much as being legally drunk. Adding alcohol or drugs to boating stress factors intensifies the opportunity for impaired judgement or reaction time. Consider these crucial areas affected by consumption of alcohol or drugs:

**BALANCE** – Simply falling overboard and drowning accounts for about one in four boating fatalities.

### Michael Hammett

**JUDGEMENT** – Alcohol or drugs reduce inhibitions, causing normally cautious people to try stunts or enter into high risk situations. “Watch this!” rarely ends well!

**REACTION TIME** – Use of alcohol or drugs severely diminishes the ability to react to several different signals at once. The time to process sensory inputs and react appropriately is lengthened. Reduced night vision and difficulty distinguishing red from green makes operating a boat at night while impaired especially hazardous.

In aviation circles, the common adage is “eight hours from bottle to throttle!” If you want to drink, don’t go boating. Save the alcohol for when you’ve arrived safely back at the dock. As members of America’s Boating Club, we love being on the water. Let’s do it safely so we can enjoy life for a long time!



Pictures from the current ABC Class.



## Chaplain's Fuel Dock Michael Hammett

Spring has arrived! While “spring cleaning” may be the first thought to cross your mind, Spring is also a time of renewal and growth as the colder temperatures of winter give way to more temperate weather, hinting at summer to come. Might I suggest that we resolve in this springtime to try something new?

Maybe it's time you took one of our excellent USPS advanced classes...or volunteered to help with a project...or look toward serving as an officer or committee member now or in the next Bridge year. Perhaps you could intentionally become a mentor and “buddy” for a new squadron member or help with recruiting new members. Help is always welcomed to do cooperative charting or to help organize vessel safety check opportunities (maybe in your neighborhood or at your marina). The opportunities abound—just ask any officer or activity coordinator!

Moving out of our comfort zones, and trying new things, can be intimidating...but I believe in you...you can do this! The more involved you become in America's Boating Club, the more you will get out of your membership.

Remember these words of wisdom from humor columnist Dave Barry:

*“Never be afraid to try something new. Remember that amateurs built the Ark. Professionals built the Titanic.”*

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# Calendar

## April 2017

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3	Instructor Re-certification	Brian Hackley's house	Brian Hackley	In-person re-certification for instructors needing it
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## May 2017

1,8,15,22	Seamanship Class continues	Oconee Hospital 2nd Floor Conf Room #1	Jim Snowden	Contact Jim Snowden or Marlyn Stroven
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
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

## June 2017

1 - 30	ATON Inspections Lake Hartwell	Hartwell	George Schiller	A lot of fun and an excuse to get on the water
1	GCL EXCOM - Executive Committee Meeting	Oconee Memorial Hospital - Old Cafeteria	Brian Hackley	GCL Bridge and all members welcomed
3	Tribble Center Annual Event	High Falls County Park - Lake Keowee	Jeanne Weiland	Very exciting time for all. Come and share this most worthwhile event.
19	"Honoring Their Service" parade up SC 130	Come by boat - be at dam next to Keowee sailing club by 1515. Bring your flag and air horn!	George Schiller / Brian Hackley	Motorcycle caravan comes from Easley on 123, goes past Ingles on 123 approx 1515, to Miracle Circle, comes back 123 and turns on 130 North at 1525, and ends at Duke World of Energy at 1600.
21	Take Your Boat to Dinner	Lake Hartwell / The Galley	George Schiller	Celebrate the Solstice! Boaters meet at Redford's in Fairplay / Land Cruisers meet at the Galley at 1730
25	Merit Mark Party	Keowee Key Picnic Shelter	Karen & Jim Hublou	Party for those who earned a Merit Mark in 2016.
TBD	Raft-up	Lake Keowee	George Schiller / Rita Moore	Have a "Plan B" in case of bad weather





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