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Anderson County Acquires, Deploys New Emergency Response Boat

By Anderson County

Public safety efforts in and around the major lakes in our region are now greatly enhanced, thanks to Anderson County's acquisition and deployment of a specially-equipped "all-in-one" emergency response boat.

"Lake Hartwell attracts more than 11 million visitors yearly, and more than 13,000 Anderson County residents live on the shores of Hartwell, Russell, Broadway, and Secession lakes," said Anderson County Council Chair Tommy Dunn. "Our Council is entrusted with a tremendous responsibility concerning these assets, and see the deployment of this watercraft as being necessary to ensure the life, safety, and property of our residents and guests."

The vessel, a 28-foot-long Lyman Morris landing craft, is now in service on Lake Hartwell and is available for redeployment to other

Anderson County lakes as needed. It replaces a watercraft in service since 2005 and no longer met current



service demands.

Designed as a multifunctional boat to support fire, EMS, law enforcement, HAZMAT, rescue, and recovery operations, the boat sports a 20hp removable fire pump capable of flowing 630 gallons of water per minute, equipped to support land-based firefighting operations from the water's edge.

"I cannot overstate the importance of the new boat's ability to support firefighting efforts,"

said Tommy Keaton, Chair of the Anderson County Fire Commission. "It is often difficult for fire apparatus to reach shoreline structures, so this new tool will certainly enhance our efforts to save lives and protect property."

Aquatic rescue and recovery efforts will benefit from the availability of the vessel's Davit crane

(capable of hoisting 3,000 lbs.), 360° scene lighting system, and advanced sonar equipment.

"The boat's features will greatly improve the dive team's efforts during rescue operations, in those times when every second counts" said Anderson County Sheriff Chad McBride. "Our recovery efforts are also important because they can provide peace of mind to families, so we are thankful for any new available resources that will help us in our mission."

The vessel also features a fold-down front gate that allows for rapid deployment of personnel and retrieval of injured persons during shoreline operations. As an added feature, the gate's removable ladder and ability to be lowered below the water line will make it easier for dive time members and other personnel to access the craft during waterborne operations.

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'Service Learning at its Finest' Will Send Clemson University Students into Communities That Need Help Most

Zachery Holland said that when stormy weather strikes the small, rural town where he grew up and the surrounding area, one of the first things that happens is the local electrical workers are called to help rebuild in bigger cities.

"We'll lose power simply because a tree branch fell on the line," Holland said. "We don't have properly maintained rights of way because we don't have the funding and staffing to maintain the county, as big as it is."

Holland, now a civil engineering major at Clemson University, said the disparities he saw in South Georgia have made a new program at Clemson "near and dear to his heart." Organizers said the program will give students

hands-on, resume-building experience, while redefining how academia relates with all levels of government, the private sector and the communities they serve.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is providing about \$2 million to launch the new initiative, the Dam Sector Regional Risk Resilience Program.

The program "will use Clemson to develop replicable processes to look at all-hazards vulnerabilities in the Savannah River watershed, their potential cascading effects and disruptions to critical infrastructure, and inform communities on identifying risk and methods to achieve the level of resilience they elect to attain,"



according to the corps.

"Clemson will also develop the replicable processes that allow U.S. Army Corps of Engineers projects to determine watershed-wide vulnerabilities to its projects in the watershed," the corps stated.

Holland and other students will soon begin working with county and municipal officials in communities

along the Savannah River to help them assess their infrastructure and see what can be done to make it more resilient to flooding and other hazards. Their work will include flood-mapping, infrastructure analysis

and dependency assessment.

They will be focusing mostly on low-capacity communities on the South Carolina side of the 300-mile river to start. Also as part of the program, Clemson is creating an Engagement Hub that will act as a "front door" to the University, helping match those same communities with University,

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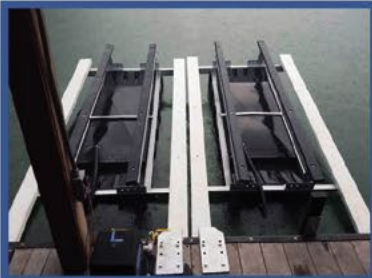
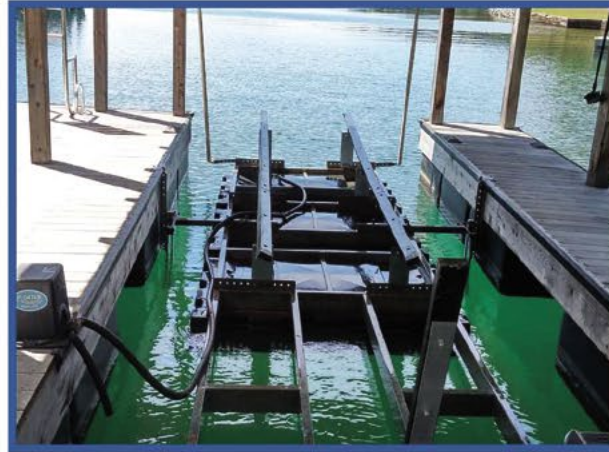


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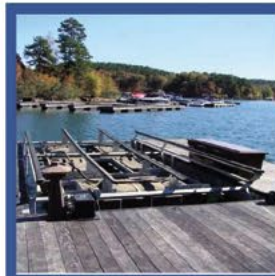


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Emergency Response Boat operations are supervised by the Anderson County Sheriff's Office Emergency Management Division in partnership with the Anderson Technical Rescue Team, Anderson County

Fire Department, Anderson County EMS, and the Sheriff's Office Marine Division. The vessel is available for deployment to partner jurisdictions under the terms of existing mutual-aid agreements. Funding for the new

vessel was provided by the Anderson County Council through its annual budgeting process.

Other features of the Emergency Response Boat include:

- Hummingbird Apex 19 Sonar &

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- Marine and Public Safety Radios
- LTE connectivity for data and location tracking from central dispatch
- Twin 250hp Yamaha motors ■

'Service Learning at its Finest' Will Send Clemson University Students into Communities That Need Help Most – continued from pg. 1

state and federal resources.

"The Dam Sector Regional Risk Resilience Program will serve a critical need in our communities," said Clemson University President Jim Clements. "As a premier land-grant university, Clemson's mission – to meet the needs of our citizens both in South Carolina and beyond – requires engaging in key partnerships, research, and experiential learning. We look forward to working with our partners and communities along the Savannah River as we continue to elevate our State's critical infrastructure."

David Vaughn, director of Clemson Engineers for Developing Communities, is principal investigator on the contract.

Vaughn said the team will look at flooding to start because it is one of the major issues in South Carolina but that work could later expand to preparing for other potential disasters, such as hurricanes, earthquakes and cyberterrorism, depending on the needs students find once they begin.

Those involved in the new program will include undergraduates, graduate students and postdoctoral researchers. Organizers welcome participation from across the University, not just engineering.

"It really is more of a mindset," Vaughn said. "We're looking for those who are inquisitive, willing to learn, want to change the world and are willing to put in some hard work."

With the program, Clemson and its partners are working to disrupt a troubling Catch-22. Some of South Carolina's most vulnerable communities could benefit most from federal funding to help prepare for hazards, but they don't have the financial resources or personnel to compete for major grants that could pay for planning and infrastructure improvements.

Jon Caime, a Clemson civil engineering alumnus who now oversees special projects in Anderson County, said even high-capacity communities could use the help. The county is experiencing rapid growth, particularly in Powdersville and Pendleton, and will be the first community to participate in the new program.

"We're constantly playing catch up because we've got so much growth and so much activity taking place," Caime said. "We can't stop and say, 'It would be nice to do some planning.' That's what we're really talking about– planning and planning forward."

The program builds on the previous success of Clemson Engineers for Developing

Communities, which has been helping vulnerable communities since 2009. Students in the program installed the first chlorinated municipal water system in Haiti's Central Plateau for which it won a 2014 Heiskell Award.

More recently, the group has been assessing infrastructure's vulnerability to flooding in the Pee Dee, a region of South Carolina where some areas defied the odds and suffered 1,000-year flood events in both 2016 and 2018. Tori Malvosio, a computer engineering major who served as project manager on the Pee Dee project, said the work she will do along the Savannah River will be similar.

"Knowing that we are serving communities is what drives me to work hard and lead these projects," Malvosio said. "After seeing how much the Pee Dee region is affected by flooding, I knew I wanted to work more in hazard mitigation to see how I could help benefit local communities. Since I'm not originally from South Carolina, being part of these projects has helped me understand and connect with South Carolina so much more and I look forward to continuing to do that."

Frank Randon, a program director with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, said he looks forward to the collaboration with Clemson.

"The partnership we have established with Clemson University is aimed at identifying replicable processes that communities and USACE may easily use to achieve their desired level of resilience," he said. "This includes helping communities to better understand planning for, and absorbing, recovering and adapting from disruptions, such as flooding. Working together, we are better positioned to build and maintain infrastructure, making for a stronger state and nation."

Organizers aim to create a program that could be reproduced elsewhere. The corps is working with the University of Georgia to establish a similar program using Georgia graduate students for the its side of the watershed.

Bridget Trogden, associate dean for engagement and general education in Clemson's Division of Undergraduate Studies, will focus on making the program's educational model sustainable.

"The research shows the students need what we call agency, they need autonomy," she said. "What we know now about student learning, interest and needs is that we should be asking how

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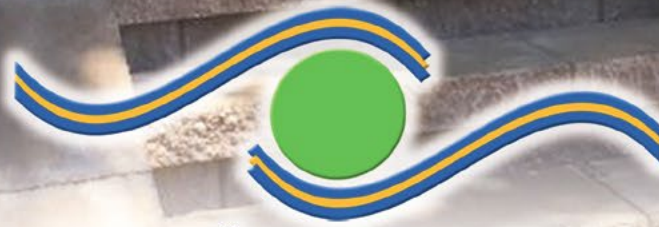
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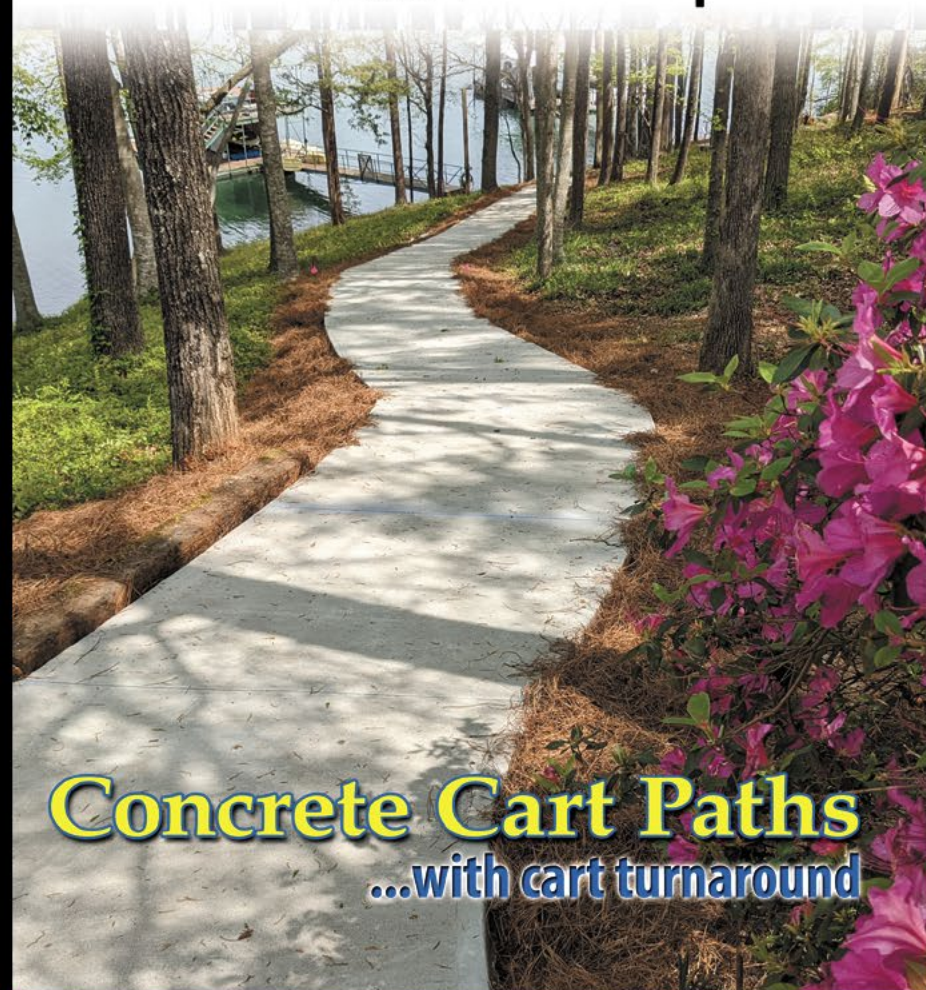
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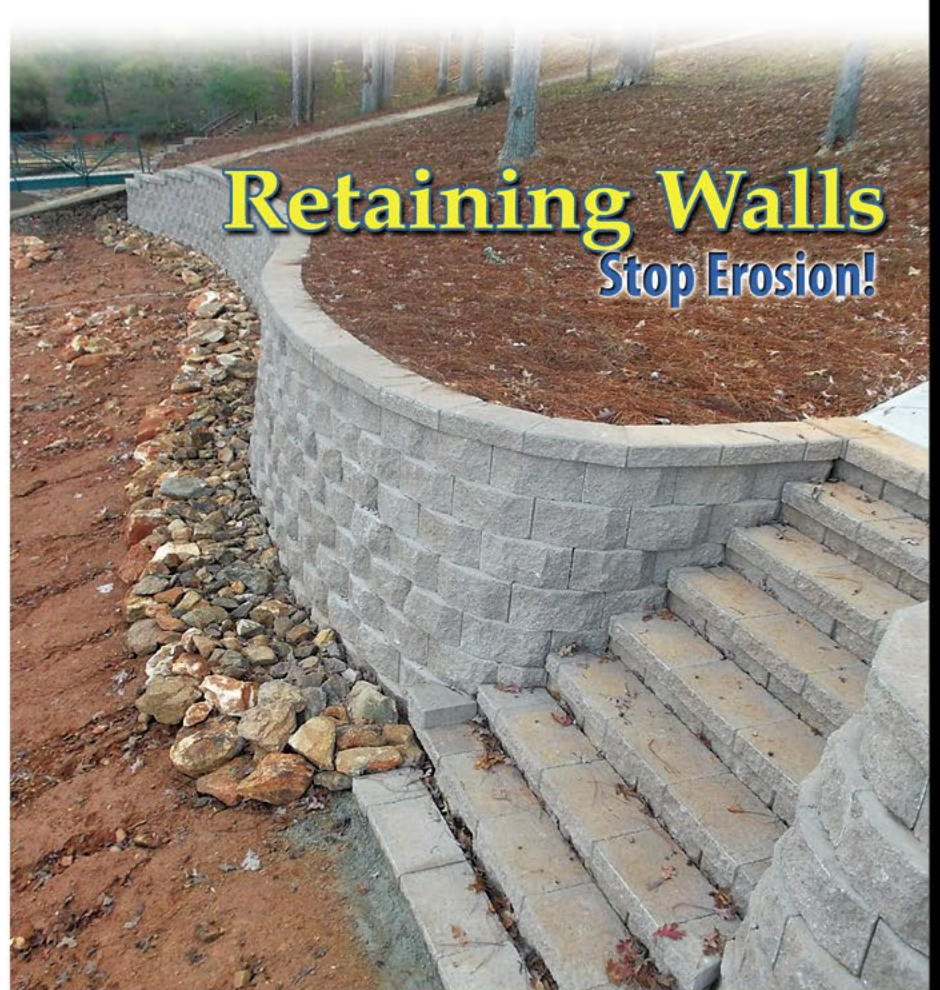


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Randy's commitment to the fishing community goes beyond his vast knowledge and skill. Unlike many guides who prefer a tranquil boat, he welcomes children on his fishing expeditions. As someone who fell in love with fishing at a young age, he's keen to pass on this passion to the next generation. Watching the wonder in a child's eyes as they reel in their first catch is a priceless moment for Randy.

Randy's journey as a fishing guide began in 1989 when he crossed paths with his mentor, Stan Bagwell. Stan introduced Randy to Lake Hartwell, imparting the methods and wisdom that have shaped Randy into the skilled guide he

is today. Stan remains not only a mentor but one of Chris's closest friends, making their shared fishing experiences even more special.

For Randy, the essence of fishing on Lake Hartwell is about appreciating the simple pleasures of life. The early morning sunrise over the calm waters is a sight to behold, and Randy encourages everyone to soak in these moments. While every fishing trip may not result in a full catch, the joy of being on the lake, doing what you love, and spending time with great people is a reward in itself. Randy lives by the motto, "The worst day fishing is better than the best day working."

Randy Floyd doesn't just guide on Lake Hartwell; he lives and breathes it. He is a true local, and his knowledge of the lake runs deep. He knows the best spots, the prime seasons, and the secret locations where fish tend to congregate.

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New Dining Establishment Welcomes the Public

By Susan Martin

The hospitable atmosphere at Chickasaw Point in Westminster, SC relays the tranquil attitude of its residents and visitors.

The Chickasaw Point community is home for retirees and fulltime working families according to Pat Dennis, Board President of the Property Owners' Association.

"Newcomers to the community always seem to remark about how welcoming everyone seems to be," he said. "We have residents and property owners from all over the country giving us a very diverse feel. One of the strongest assets of the community is the volunteering spirit from the people who live here. We have volunteers who help take care of the golf course and maintain the front entrance of the Overlook. It is a special place to live."

The Overlook Dennis referred to is the new restaurant and bar located inside the gated community. Located off Highway 11, the Chickasaw Point community contributed to its ambience last November when the Overlook Restaurant and Bar opened. Dennis

describes the eatery as a fantastic addition to the neighborhood.

"It provides a wonderful gathering place for residents and non-residents alike to enjoy delicious food and drinks in a beautiful setting overlooking the Chickasaw Point Golf Course," he said. "There is both indoor and outdoor seating with the outdoor seating becoming more and more popular as the fall weather approaches."

Food and Beverage Manager, Jasmine

Jiminez, describes the Overlook Restaurant and Bar as an

American Fusion Restaurant and Event Space.

"We offer a full scratch kitchen that blends Latin, Asian and American Cuisine," she said. "We also offer craft cocktails and amazing views of the golf course."

"Our executive chef, Victor Rojas, has developed a great menu with appetizers, salads,



sandwiches and entrees," Dennis said. "Jasmine does an excellent job overseeing the wait staff and serving up excellent drinks at the bar."

Dennis said Jasmine is also responsible for planning events such as wedding receptions.

"All-in-all, it is so very exciting to have such a great restaurant right here in our neighborhood," he said.

Resident Darragh Geist served on the planning committee for the Overlook Restaurant and Bar.

"Our goal was to create a gathering space for our friends, neighbors, and family to be able to enjoy good food, good times, and showcase our golf course setting," she said. "We also wanted to meet the need for a local event center that could support weddings, reunions, meeting and other special occasions for our residents and our neighboring communities."



Although the Overlook Restaurant and Bar is located inside the gated community, the establishment is open to the public Thursdays from 11 am to 8 pm; Fridays and Saturdays from 11 am to 9 pm; and Sundays from 11 am to 3 pm.

"We have learned that the community and surrounding communities are always looking for a place to eat that offers great food and a welcoming atmosphere," Jasmine said. They are always in the hunt for some new cuisine."

Jasmine said she wants to reach the surrounding areas to let the public know the Overlook Restaurant and Bar is a beautiful space for weddings, family celebrations, graduations and much more.

"We are an easy decision for a fun day out," she said. "Come enjoy nine to 18 holes of golf then stop in for a cold beer and a burger or wings. We are always hosting special events like live music, holiday parties and a happy hour to get you through the week."

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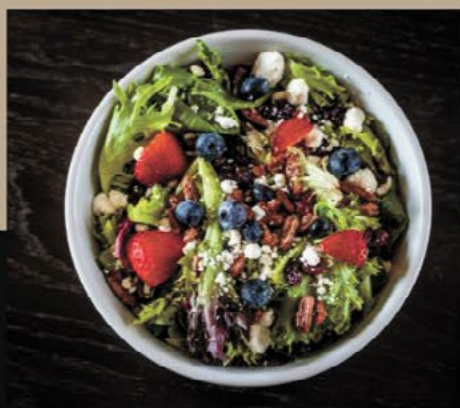
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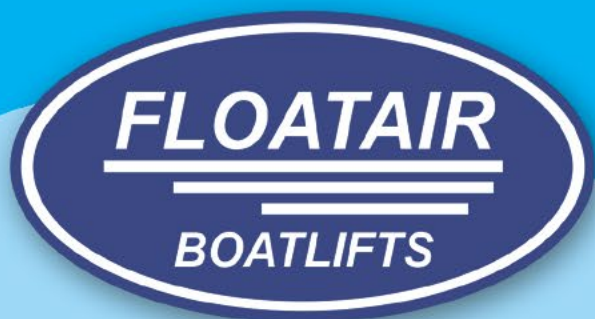


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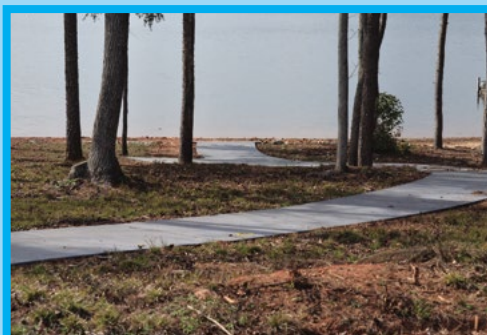


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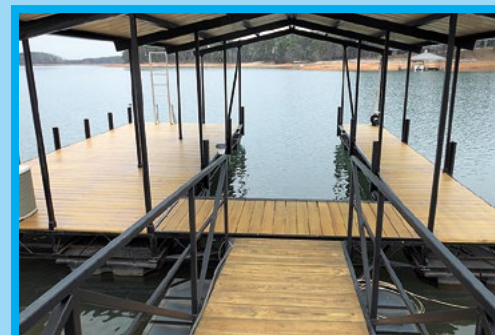


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Group Picnic Shelter Reservations Extended at Hartwell Lake

By U.S. Army Corps of Engineers,
Savannah District

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District's, Hartwell Lake Project Office, announces Group Picnic Shelter Reservations have been extended at Big Oaks and Broyles Recreation Areas.

Big Oaks and Broyles Group Shelters are now reservable for use through October 31. Group shelters are ideal for birthday parties,

family reunions, meetings, and other group outings. In the past, the picnic shelters were unable to be reserved for use in October, but due to increased popularity this year, these shelters are available past the end of the normal recreation season.

Both picnic shelters are near the lake and feature large cooking grills, tables, electricity, water, and shelter lighting. There are restrooms, playgrounds, and a boat launching ramp within

each park, as well as a swim beach area at Broyles.

Shelters must be reserved at least three days in advance and may be reserved up to a year in advance.

Big Oaks Recreation Area Group Shelter is located at 5823 Dam Road, Hartwell, Ga., and costs \$150. There is a \$5 ramp use fee for those launching boats.

Broyles Recreation Area Group Shelter is located at 200 Smyzer Road, Townville, S.C.,

and costs \$75. There is a \$5 area use fee for each vehicle entering Broyles.

Group shelter reservations for Big Oaks and Broyles, as well as picnic shelters at other Army Corps' managed recreation areas on Hartwell Lake, can be made online at www.Recreation.gov or by calling 877-444-6777.

For general information about group picnic shelters, please contact the Hartwell Project Office toll-free at 888-893-0678 or 706-856-0300. ■

Paddle Boarding for Beginners: Simple Tips to Get Started

By TakeMeFishing.org

If you haven't tried paddle boarding yet, fall is the ideal time to "test the waters" with this fun watersport that benefits your cardiovascular health and overall emotional well-being. Check out these simple tips that cover paddle boarding for beginners.

WHAT IS A PADDLE BOARD?

In any beginner's guide to paddle boarding, you may read or hear paddle boarding also being referred to as SUP (stand up paddle boarding). SUP boards are flat so you can stand, kneel, or sit on them to paddle. The paddle used is like a canoe paddle with a blade on one end and a handle on the other, although it's longer than a typical canoe or kayak paddle. The longer paddle allows you to stand and paddle comfortably. You can use a SUP for adventuring, surfing, fishing,

and yoga.

TAKE A PADDLE BOARDING LESSON

If you want to learn beginner-friendly paddle boarding techniques, take a paddle boarding lesson. Many paddle sports outfitters offer lessons that include SUP safety, launching and landing, standing and balance, board and paddle control, and personal preparation. An experienced instructor can walk you through the most effective types of paddle strokes for enhanced maneuverability on the water, give you step by step instruction on how to perform these strokes, and show you other techniques to improve your paddling efficiency.

PADDLE BOARDING GEAR

When getting started with paddle boarding, you may want to rent a board or borrow one from a friend. If you like it and want to do more of it, then consider buying your own. The board you

choose should be determined by a combination of paddler weight and skill as well as your use (such as fishing or yoga) and the local conditions. If you're renting, the staff at a local outfitter can help you select the best board for your intended activity. In addition to the paddle board itself, you'll need a paddle, PFD (life jacket), safety whistle, safety light (if out before sunrise or after sunset), leash, proper clothing (swimsuit or long-sleeved rash guard), and sun protection.

START ON A CALM BODY OF WATER

One of the key paddle boarding tips for beginners is to find a calm body of water like a small lake or a pond where there are minimal waves, and you won't need to be concerned about boat traffic or other obstacles. Look for a sandy shoreline or kayak launch area so you can easily wade into the water and get up onto your stand-up paddle board.

PRACTICE FALLING OFF THE PADDLEBOARD

Yes, you read that right. Practicing falling off the board and being aware of how to fall safely is one of the essential paddle boarding skills for beginners. Use a paddle board leash to stay connected to your board while learning how to fall away from it. Falling clear of the board will let you fall gracefully into water without bumping into the board or fins. This is particularly important to know if you plan to paddle board in any location with current or waves.

Now that you know the basics of paddle boarding for beginners, find a place to take a paddle boarding lesson or rent a paddle board this fall and get fit while exploring a few new waterways. ■



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Navigating the Discover Boating Atlanta Boat Show: Your One-Stop Shop for All Things Marine

If you're a boating enthusiast or simply curious about the world of boating, mark your calendar for January 11-14, 2024, as the Discover Boating Atlanta Boat Show takes center stage at the Georgia World Conference Center. This annual event has established itself as the ultimate destination for anyone with an interest in marine life, offering a plethora of reasons for why you should attend.

One of the main attractions of the Discover Boating Atlanta Boat Show is the sheer variety of offerings on display. For avid boaters and novices alike, this event is a treasure trove of boat accessories, on-the-water vessels, and marine products. Whether you're in the market for the latest in marine technology, fashionable accessories, or even your dream boat, you'll find it all in one convenient location.

The beauty of this event is that it caters to a wide audience. Regardless of your age, experience level, or boating interest, the Discover Boating Atlanta Boat Show has something in

store for you. It's a testament to its inclusivity and commitment to making boating accessible to everyone.

One of the standout features of the show is the educational opportunities it offers. For newcomers eager to dip their toes into the boating world, there are seminars and workshops designed to introduce you to the basics of boating. Seasoned captains, on the other hand, can take advantage of advanced sessions to sharpen their skills and stay updated on the latest trends and technologies.

The show doesn't stop at the exhibition hall. You'll have the chance to step out of the convention center and onto the water. A variety of on-water activities are organized during the event, providing an

excellent opportunity to get a feel for different boats and experience the thrill of being out on the water.

Imagine having access to all the marine products and accessories you need in one place. The Discover Boating Atlanta Boat Show offers



just that. From safety gear and navigation equipment to water sports accessories and fishing gear, you can equip yourself for your next boating adventure with ease.

Boating is not just a hobby; it's a lifestyle. This event offers an excellent platform for networking with fellow boating enthusiasts and building a sense of community. You'll meet people who share your passion and can offer valuable insights and experiences.

In conclusion, the Discover Boating Atlanta Boat Show at the Georgia World Conference Center is an event that no boating enthusiast should miss. Whether you're a seasoned captain or a newcomer, the show's wide array of boat accessories, on-water boats, and marine products, coupled with educational opportunities and boating activities, make it a must-visit event. Mark your calendar and prepare to embark on an exciting journey into the world of boating from January 11 to 14, 2024. It's a one-stop shop for all things marine, and it's bound to leave you inspired, informed, and well-equipped for your next nautical adventure. ■

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October 19th 6:00-9:30pm, Pink Partini, \$50 a Seat, Catechee Country Club, (678) 313-6768 <https://www.hartwellserviceleague.com/pink-partini.html>

October 20th-Dec 29th, 7pm-8pm, Entertainment + Food Trucks @Kitchen Emporium, 418 N Main St, Anderson, (864) 225-2021, www.thekitchenemporium.net

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October 20th - November 12th, 6pm-9pm, Denver Downs Farm Festival, 1515 Downs Farm, 1515 Denver Downs Road Anderson, 864-940-2293

October 20th-22nd, All Day, AKC Agility Show Atlanta Golden Retriever, T. Ed Garrison Arena, 1101 W. Queen St., Pendleton

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October 21st, 10am-8pm, Depot Days/Hartoberfest, Carolina St., Hartwell

October 22nd, 1pm-5pm, Boxwood Manor, Pop-Up Market, Local Craftsperson's, 1790 Boxwood Manor, Pendleton

October 24th, 4:30pm - 6:30pm Trick or Treat on College Ave Clemson

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October 26th-29th, All-Day, Foothills Youth Rodeo, T.D. Garrison Arena, 1101 W Queen St., Pendleton

October 26th, 7pm-9pm, Jazz on The Alley, Ram Cat Alley, Downtown Seneca

October 27th, 7pm, Swingin' Medallions, \$10 Adult, \$5 Student & Kids, Toccoa 706-898-5777

October 27th, All-Day, MLF Abu Garcia College Fishing Presented by YETI, Green Pond Landing & Event Center, 470 Green Pond Rd., Anderson

October 28th-29th, Saturday 10am-5pm, Sunday 10am-4pm, 2023 Harvest Festival, Homemade, Homegrown items, Classic Car Cruise-In, A Petting Zoo, Horse & Buggy Ride, Puppet Shows, Art & Food. Kristen Deal, 706-898-5777

October 28th, 1pm-3pm, Monster Mash Trick or Treat, Fun & Scare Free Event for Children 12 & under, Anderson County Museum, 202 East Greenville Street, Anderson, \$1, Emily Wright, 864-260-4737

October 28th, 10am-2pm, Northeast GA Animal Shelter Fall Rabies Clinic, 870 Bear Creek Rd., Lavonia

October 28th, 8pm, William Lee Martin, Comedy Stampede Tour, \$10 Adult, \$5 Student & Kids, 706-898-5777

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November 27th, 6:30, The Magic of Christmas Annual Christmas Parade, Downtown Seneca

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What Do You Learn From Taking a Boat Safety Course

By TakeMeFishing.org

There's a lot of freedom associated with boating and being on the open water. But there's also responsibility, too. It may be easier to go this way or that way in a boat compared to piloting a standard automobile, but there are still dangers and safety issues to be aware of, and rules to be followed.

That's why a boating safety course, aka boat safety course or boater safety course, is required to operate a boat in most states. That applies not only to you as the boat owner, but also to anyone aboard who operates your boat. Check with your state to find out what it requires with respect to boats and personal watercraft (PWC) operation. It may be mandatory in your state to complete such a course before registering

and operating your boat or PWC. Even if it is not required in your state, it's still a good idea to take such a course as a practical education matter. Furthermore, completion may make you eligible for a boat-insurance discount.

WHO ADMINISTERS THE BOATING SAFETY COURSE?

There are many places, both in person and online, where you can take a boat safety course. The U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, U.S. Power Squadron, and other volunteer groups regularly provide classes, as do some state boating agencies through approved partner organizations. When looking up the requirements in your state, see where they direct you to get certified. You may use their recommendation or go elsewhere as long as the course is approved.

It's worth noting that by taking an in-person

locally administered course, you'll benefit from learning about matters and conditions that are specific to your immediate area. The combined input from local instructors and other boaters will help you become aware of things you won't learn from an online course.

WHAT'S COVERED IN A BOATING SAFETY COURSE?

Here's a summary of the key topics: •Safe boat operation on navigable and non-navigable waterways •Mandatory boat safety equipment, (required by states and/or the U.S. Coast Guard) •Basic information about boats, engines, float plans, reading charts, fuel, trailering, knots, and maintenance •Casting off, docking, anchoring, and maneuvering practices and procedures •Navigation rules, lights, signals, and sounds •Understanding aids to navigation

•Understanding weather conditions and effects on boating •Your state's laws governing boat ownership and operation •Dealing with accidents and boating emergencies •Protecting the environment and wildlife •Boating etiquette •Safe operation while enjoying all types of water sports (fishing, hunting, skiing, tubing, diving, etc.)

WHAT DO I GET UPON COMPLETION?

A certificate (also called a boater education card or "boating license") of having completed a valid boating safety course. As of the time of this writing, such a certificate is permanently valid, and it is recognized in other states (like an automobile driver's license). It will allow you to register and operate a boat in another state, in the event that you move. ■

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month: Uniting for a Cure in October

October is a month of vibrant fall colors, pumpkin spice lattes, and, most importantly, it is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month! This annual observance is a time to come together as a community and raise awareness about breast cancer, support those affected by it, and strive for a world where breast cancer is a thing of the past. Throughout this month, we encourage you to join us in spreading knowledge, hope, and the power of early detection.

Why is Breast Cancer Awareness Important?

Breast cancer is one of the most common

cancers affecting women worldwide, and it can also affect men. Awareness is key to understanding the risks, early detection, and the importance of regular screenings. By highlighting the significance of early diagnosis, we can increase survival rates and improve the quality of life for those battling this disease.

How Can You Get Involved?

1. Education and Awareness: Share information about breast cancer risk factors, early detection, and support resources with your friends, family, and community. Knowledge is power.

2. Fundraising and Donations: Contribute to organizations dedicated to breast cancer research and support. Your donations can make a significant difference in the fight against this disease.

3. Wear Pink: Pink is the color of the month! Show your support by wearing pink clothing or accessories and encourage others to do the same.

4. Community Events: Join local events, races, and fundraisers that raise awareness and funds for breast cancer research and support programs.

5. Self-Exams and Screenings: Encourage yourself and your loved ones to schedule regular screenings and perform breast self-exams. Early detection is crucial.

At [Your Organization/Company], we are committed to supporting breast cancer awareness and the fight against this disease. We encourage our employees, customers, and partners to join us in making a difference during this special month and throughout the year.

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we can have ways of teaching them knowledge and skills while they are also making a contribution to the world.”

Pam Murray-Tuite, a professor of civil engineering, is overseeing the project’s research, which will cover community resilience, infrastructure resilience and infrastructure interdependence.

Researchers plan to look beyond the obvious. For example, while it’s clear a failing bridge could cause injuries, it could also cut off access to key facilities, such as hospitals and fire stations.

“I’m excited about the scale and tying infrastructure and hazards to real-world community impacts to see how we can reduce risks,” Murray-Tuite said. “We’ll be able to see how people can use the models we create to make change.”

Aubrey Baldwin, director of student engagement for the College of Engineering,

Computing and Applied Sciences, said the program will create new opportunities for students.

“Students in the program will get real-world, hands-on experience working with local, state and federal officials, better preparing them to be the leaders and innovators of the future,” she said.

Anand Gramopadhye, dean of the college, said Clemson and its partners are well-positioned to build on Clemson Engineers for Developing Communities’ previous successes.

“This collaborative, multidisciplinary partnership brings together top talent, impactful research and experiential learning, all to prepare the next generation of leaders and innovators while benefiting the state as a whole,” he said. “I congratulate David and the team on landing this well-deserved grant. Their work underscores the enormous potential of the 21st-century land-grant university.” ■

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in the battle against breast cancer. Let’s unite, educate, and empower one another as we strive for a future without this devastating disease. Join us in celebrating National Breast Cancer Awareness Month this October and help us create a world where breast cancer is no longer a threat. Together, we can make a difference!

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Tilly’s Tiki Bar & Grill: Located at Harbor Light Marina, 1476 Harbor Light Marina Rd., Lavonia, GA, 706-356-0727, Mon. - Wed., Closed, Thur. 5pm - 9pm, Fri. - Sat. 12pm - 9pm, Sun. 10am - 9pm, www.tillystikibargrill.com. Serving fresh seafood, steak, salads & sandwiches. Team Trivia weekly Sun. 6pm - 8:30pm, **Buoy T51**

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What's Different About Fall Boating? 3 On-Water Safety Tips

By BoatU.S.

For some boaters, fall is the best time for boating. Summer's steamy days have surrendered to more comfortable temperatures, angling improves, and winds are stronger for sailing. It's also time to embrace extra boating safety efforts for the season and look ahead to how you're going to store your boat this winter. The nonprofit BoatU.S. Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water has three boating safety tips to consider, as well as some test results on the four main types of winter boat covers.

1. Take safety seriously. If you ask the U.S. Coast Guard about boating safety and drowning, they'll tell you that three of every four boaters who drowned in 2022 were using vessels less than 21 feet in length at the time (when boat length was known in the accident statistics). The BoatUS Foundation says that small boats in particular are more susceptible to the effects of stormy weather. During leaf-peeping season there's also more solo boat operation, which means it's wise to wear a life jacket and file a float plan so someone can raise the alarm if you fail to return. A self-boarding ladder, such as a length of multi-looped rope anchored to a cleat, should be easily grabbable from the water.
2. Keep up with maintenance. Like many boaters, enjoying summer boating season was primary. Secondary was toiling over the things that broke, leaked or came apart.

Ensuring your vessel remains reliable is important as there are fewer potential good Samaritan boaters – generally your closest rescuers – to provide help, if necessary.

3. Use your engine cutoff switch. While all states require an engine cutoff switch (ECOS) use for PWCs, seven states and the U.S. Coast Guard also require ECOS devices for boats. The Coast Guard's rule requires ECOS wear when aboard vessels less than 26 feet traveling on plane or above displacement speed. The ECOS can be located at the helm of the boat or on the tiller or body of an outboard engine and typically connects to the boat's operator with a lanyard. Some ECOS devices eliminate the lanyard and rely on wireless proximity devices to shut down an engine if the operator goes overboard. Regardless, an accidental fall overboard could quickly turn dangerous. Make your ECOS your boating friend this fall.

Look for a winter boat cover. Have you ever considered using a reusable winter cover instead of shrinkwrap? The BoatU.S. Foundation recently put a number of common boat storage covers to the test. Some findings include: "Waterproof" and "water-resistant" covers are not the same; boats on rack storage may have no other choice than shrink-wrap due to safety reasons; and ensuring all-winter-long survival of any type of boat cover includes making sure the cover is well-supported and adding padding to a boat's hard edges and tops of all cover support poles. ■



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“Fall Back into Daylight Saving Time on November 5, 2023”

As the leaves turn shades of red and gold and the air grows crisp with the approach of winter, it's that time of the year again – Daylight Saving Time is coming to an end on November 5, 2023. This annual tradition of setting our clocks back by one hour not only signals the beginning of longer nights but also serves as a reminder of the many debates and discussions that surround this practice.

Daylight Saving Time (DST) has been a subject of controversy and curiosity since its inception. First introduced in Germany during World War I as a means to conserve energy, DST quickly gained popularity and was adopted by many countries worldwide. Its primary goal was to maximize daylight hours and reduce the need for artificial lighting, thereby reducing energy consumption.

However, over the years, DST has faced its fair share of criticism. Many people find it a disruptive and antiquated practice that interferes with their daily routines and sleep patterns. The abrupt shift in time can lead to confusion, sleep disturbances, and even adverse health effects. In fact, some studies have linked the start of DST to an increase in traffic accidents and workplace injuries due to the sudden change in sleep schedules.

Despite the drawbacks, proponents of Daylight Saving Time argue that it continues to be relevant for several reasons. One of the main advantages is the potential energy savings. Longer daylight hours mean less reliance on artificial lighting and heating, which can lead to decreased energy consumption. Additionally, DST provides a psychological boost by giving people more daylight in the evening to

enjoy outdoor activities, which can have positive effects on mental health and overall well-being.

Another argument in favor of DST is its potential economic benefits. Longer evenings mean more time for shopping, dining out, and engaging in recreational activities, which can stimulate local economies. The tourism industry also benefits from extended daylight hours as tourists have more time to explore and spend money.

While DST has been a long-standing practice in many parts of the world, some regions have opted to eliminate it altogether. Countries like Japan, India, and some Canadian provinces have abolished DST due to the inconveniences it causes.

On November 5, 2023, at 2:00 a.m., clocks will be set back by one hour, which means we will gain an extra hour of sleep. This shift in time is a clear indication that the debate about the relevance of Daylight Saving Time is far from settled. While some argue for its benefits in terms of energy conservation, economic growth, and quality of life, others find it an unnecessary disruption to their schedules and a source of potential health issues.

As we prepare to fall back and adjust our clocks, the debate continues. Whether you appreciate the extra hour of sleep or consider it an outdated practice, one thing is certain – Daylight Saving Time remains a topic of discussion, and its future is still uncertain. Until a consensus is reached, we can only embrace the change, enjoy the extra sleep, and make the most of the extended evening hours that DST provides. ■



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Treat Your Canvas Right and it Should Last for Years

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Keeping a boat shipshape might seem like a mostly aesthetic endeavor, but there is something to be said for the old expression “a clean boat is a happy boat.” Conversely, an unclean boat can also be a “spiteful” boat. Most marine fasteners, fittings, and gadgets are designed to withstand the elements, but if left unchecked, an accumulation of dust, dirt, and standing water can end up compromising a lot more than a vessel’s curb appeal. Many boaters turn to canvas covers and tops to protect their pride and joy from rain, dirt, and the occasional bird bombing.

While a canvas can spare you the misery of taking a rag to the avian poop deck, it demands its own share of TLC. Plus, if not cared for properly, canvas can lose its ability to repel water, meaning that instead of protecting your boat, you’ll be subjecting it to a consistent trickle of guano-steeped rainwater. Luckily, keeping canvas surfaces clean and in good shape is easier than you may think.

Directions vary slightly between products, but in general, start by spraying down the canvas with fresh water. Pressure washer jets are powerful enough to damage canvas fibers, so using a regular garden hose is the best move. The goal here is to fully soak the material rather than try to remove dirt with water pressure. Make sure to thoroughly dampen seams where the canvas is doubled up. Then gently apply the soap with a soft bristle brush. After working it into the fabric, allow it to sit for several minutes to help break down the grime. Once it’s had time to soak in, go at it again (gently) with the brush, then rinse the canvas thoroughly. You might have to repeat the process a few times to get ideal results.

A good reproofing is easy to apply and will extend the life of your canvas. (Photo: 303 Products)

Reconditioning

Proper cleaning will help prolong the life of your canvas, but eventually, its protective coatings will deteriorate and it will need to be



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Quick Cleanups

Cleaning canvas is easy, but it isn’t foolproof. Going at it with a pressure washer or some household cleaning detergent might yield promising results, but doing so can actually damage the material. Your best bet is to start by gently removing loose dirt and bird droppings with a bench brush or a dry rag. It’s a good idea to remove bird droppings or bug splatters as soon as you notice them as they can leave formidable stains if left to sit. In some cases, a slightly damp rag will be needed. But don’t apply too much brute force or it can work dirt into the material.

A soft brush may be all that’s needed to brush off bird droppings or bug splatters.

Deep Clean

To get rid of deeper stains, you’ll have to employ some mild soap like Woolite or Dawn. Keep in mind that many detergents can break down the canvas’s water- and UV-resistant coatings, so it’s always a good idea to check the manufacturer’s recommended cleaning solution. You can also find purpose-built canvas cleaners from companies like

“reproofed.” Canvas reproofers, like 303 Marine Fabric Guard, are solutions that restore water- and stain-resistant coatings, preventing mold growth and further staining or deterioration. Their application process is a little more demanding, but still pretty straightforward. Reproofers have to be applied after the canvas has been cleaned and allowed to dry, and many can’t be exposed to direct sunlight during their curing process. That being said, all you’ll need is a spray bottle of the stuff and a brush or roller for touching up hard-to-spray areas to get your canvas back in shape. Tip: Applying multiple light coats of reproofing tends to work better than applying one thick coat.

Good As New

With proper care and maintenance, there’s no reason that your canvas won’t last a very long time. And even though canvas care might take a little elbow grease, it certainly beats buying a new cover or scraping gull guano off your multifunction display. The one downside? If you invest enough time into it, you might end up wanting a cover to protect your boat cover! ■



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Sailing into Adventure: The 54th Annual Upstate SC Boat Show 2024

Nestled in the heart of Greenville, South Carolina, the Upstate SC Boat Show has become an institution in the region. Organized by the TD Convention Center, this year marks the 54th installment of this thrilling event, set to take place from January 25th to 28th. The Upstate SC Boat Show is a four-day extravaganza that captures the hearts of boating enthusiasts and maritime lovers alike, featuring a wide range of boats and marine-related products that span from the latest models to cherished classics.

The 54th Annual Upstate SC Boat Show is an exciting journey into the world of boating. Whether you're a seasoned sailor or someone who has just dipped their toes into the world of marine adventure, this event offers something for everyone. Here's what you can expect:

- Diverse Marine Display:** One of the main attractions of the Upstate SC Boat Show is the vast array of boats on display. From sleek speedboats to majestic yachts, the event provides a platform to explore the latest models and classic favorites. It's a fantastic opportunity for boat enthusiasts to view and compare a wide range of

vessels, all in one place.

- Engaging Exhibitors:** The show is not just about the boats; it's also a hub for marine-related products and services. Exhibitors from across the industry showcase their offerings, from cutting-edge technology to essential accessories. Whether you're in the market for safety equipment, fishing gear, or stylish apparel, you're sure to find it at the show.
- Educational Seminars:** The Upstate SC Boat Show is more than just a marketplace; it's a valuable educational platform. Experts in the field host seminars and demonstrations, offering insights on everything from boating safety to maintenance tips. These sessions provide attendees with the knowledge they need to embark on their own aquatic adventures.
- Family-Friendly Fun:** The event is designed to be family-friendly, with activities for all ages. Kids can enjoy interactive displays, and even have

the opportunity to get behind the wheel of a boat, igniting their love for boating and water sports. It's a chance for families to bond over their shared interest in the world of water.

- Networking Opportunities:** For industry professionals, the Upstate SC Boat Show serves as an invaluable networking hub. Boat manufacturers, dealers, and service providers come together to connect, share ideas, and explore potential business partnerships.
- Entertainment and Refreshments:** No event is complete without a selection of culinary delights and entertainment options. Food vendors offer a variety of delectable dishes to satisfy every palate, and live music keeps the atmosphere lively and upbeat.

The Upstate SC Boat Show is a golden opportunity for businesses in the marine and boat industry. It's a space where they can showcase their products and services to a large and engaged audience, with a keen interest in

the world of boating and marine adventures.

Exhibitors have the chance to unveil their latest models, state-of-the-art technology, and premium services. By engaging directly with attendees, they can answer questions, provide hands-on experiences, and establish connections that may lead to lasting partnerships. This show isn't just an event; it's a gateway to success in the marine industry.

The Upstate SC Boat Show is a celebration of all things marine. It unites enthusiasts who share a passion for the open water, creating a sense of community that transcends experience levels. Whether you're a newcomer to boating or a seasoned sailor, this event promises an unforgettable nautical adventure. Don't miss your chance to explore the latest models, connect with industry professionals, and immerse yourself in the maritime lifestyle. Greenville, SC, is ready to set sail into 2024, and the 54th Annual Upstate SC Boat Show is your boarding pass to a world of marine adventure and discovery. ■

A Glittering Spectacle: The Parade of Lights on Lake Hartwell, December 1, 2023

As the holiday season approaches, communities around the country come alive with festive spirit, and Anderson, South Carolina, is no exception. On December 1, 2023, the Western Carolina Sailing Club will host the highly anticipated Parade of Lights on Lake Hartwell, a dazzling event that leaves all in attendance with a sense of wonder and holiday cheer.

The Western Carolina Sailing Club, a non-profit organization deeply rooted in the Anderson community, has been dedicated to promoting the sport of sailing and sailboat racing. They have a vibrant and active membership that is committed to making sailing an enjoyable experience for all. Their commitment extends beyond the water, as they organize events like the Parade of Lights to bring the community together in the spirit of giving.

What truly made the Parade of Lights stand out was the sense of community and charity that it embodied. The members of the Western Carolina Sailing Club opened their arms wide to welcome boaters from nearby Big

Water Marina and Hartwell Marina to join in the festivities. This inclusiveness extended the holiday spirit beyond the club and into the wider



Lake Hartwell community.

The parade started at the Western Carolina Sailing Club before proceeding to Green Pond Landing, a picturesque setting that added to the enchantment of the event. The lake became a twinkling tapestry of shimmering lights as boats of all sizes glided through the waters.

Families, friends, and visitors lined the shores to witness the spectacle and partake in the holiday merriment.

The boats that participate in the Parade of Lights are nothing short of extraordinary. Every vessel is transformed into a floating holiday wonderland, adorned with an array of festive lights and decorations that illuminated the night. From traditional Christmas lights to creative and whimsical displays, each boat

showcased the passion and creativity of its crew.

But the Parade of Lights isn't just about enjoying the spectacle; it is also an opportunity to give back to the community. Attendees were encouraged to bring toys for Toys for Tots, a charitable organization that ensures children in need receive gifts during the holiday season.

As lead boat with its mesmerizing Christmas lights cruise out of the Western Carolina Sailing Club and head toward Green Pond Landing.

The Parade of Lights on Lake Hartwell, sponsored by the Western Carolina Sailing Club, is an extraordinary holiday tradition that warms the hearts of all who participate. The dedication of club members, the creative displays on the boats, and the emphasis on giving back to the community make this event a shining example of the true meaning of the holiday season. With each passing year, the Parade of Lights becomes a more brilliant and heartwarming celebration, proving that the spirit of togetherness and goodwill can illuminate even the darkest of winter nights. ■



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