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The Hartwell Lake Charity Run Celebrates 17 Years on the Water

Boaters from across the Southeast and beyond will gather June 11-13 at the legendary Green

Pond Landing as the Hartwell Lake Charity Run returns to kick off the summer season. The event is presented by title sponsors Iron Harbor Self Storage and Old Stone Tractor.

"Boating is on everybody's mind when the weather starts warming up, and we are excited to see everybody return to Hartwell Lake," says Laurie Ashley, executive director of Meals on Wheels, Anderson.


Photo by Reed Oliver

Launched in 2010 as the Hartwell Lake Poker Run and rebranded in 2022, the event is now a signature fundraiser for Meals on Wheels, Anderson, supporting senior and disabled homebound neighbors across Anderson County.

"Last year, the event raised $120,000 and provided more than 17,000 meals along with just as many visits offering connection and peace of mind," Ashley said.

The weekend begins Thursday with the Social on the Green, sponsored by Park National Bank, Loftis Heating and Cooling, and World Insurance. It will feature live music, catering by Sullivan's Metropolitan Grill, a cash bar, boats on display, and an auction preview. Tickets are available online.

Friday's Street Party will include live music from The Vinyl Junkies, a catered dinner, drinks,

local vendors, and an auction benefiting Meals on Wheels,

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Sadlers Creek State Park

By Raymond Felton, Park Ranger

If you are looking for a fun family adventure that is local to you, look no further than Sadlers Creek State Park. This is a local park with many hidden gems, offering day-use and overnight recreational opportunities. The park is 395 acres on a peninsula on Lake Hartwell. It is a short distance from Anderson, SC, and Hartwell, GA. The park has a variety of activities to fill a week's worth of camping adventures or just a fun afternoon.



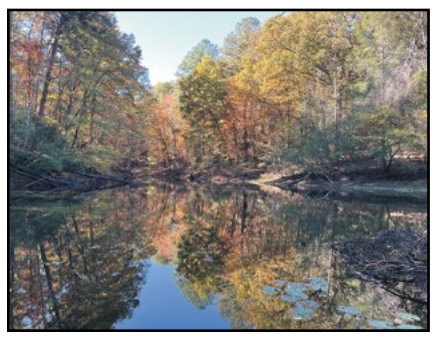
The park has 6.5 miles of multi-use trails. The trails are at a beginner to intermediate level and have great views of the lake. The trails go through hardwood, pine, and grassland habitats. There are a variety of animals that you can see while exploring the park. These include white-tailed deer, fox squirrels, gray squirrels, red-tailed hawks, Cooper's hawks, bald eagles, loons, and more!

For those that like to fish from a boat or on shore, this is the place to come. The park's extensive roads and trails give shoreline anglers tons of places to fish for catfish, bream, largemouth bass, and striped bass. The park has several great places to launch kayaks. The boat ramp features two different ramps. One ramp is a double-wide ramp that is easy to back into the lake. The single ramp has borders and is usable even when the lake is extremely low. Over the past seven years, we have added 2,680 fish attractors to the coves and points around the park. This has helped to improve the fishing in this area!

The park features a

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Upstate Forever Conserves More Than 2,100 Acres Including Key Lands in the Lake Hartwell Watershed



UPSTATE S.C. — Conservation nonprofit Upstate Forever closed out 2025 by permanently protecting more than 2,100 additional acres through conservation easements across the Upstate of South Carolina and western North Carolina, including several properties that directly impact the Lake Hartwell watershed.

The newly conserved lands span seven South Carolina counties—Anderson, Oconee, Greenville, Laurens, Pickens, and Spartanburg—as well as Polk County, N.C. In total, nine new and amended conservation easements were completed during the final months of the year.

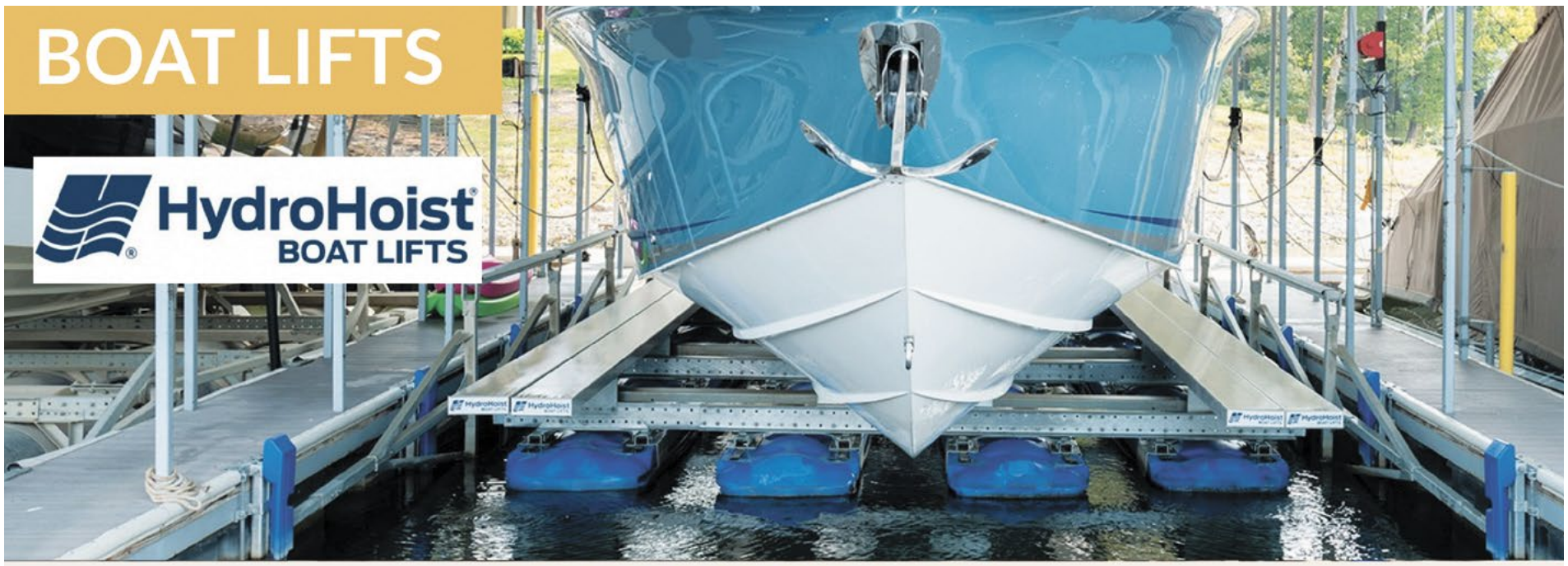
"We had a strong finish to 2025," said Scott Park, Upstate Forever's Glenn Hilliard Director of Land Conservation. "These properties reflect the diversity of the region and the commitment of landowners who want to see their land protected for future generations."

The protected acreage includes working farms, managed timberlands, and forested and mixed-use properties. Together, they safeguard prime farmland, wildlife habitat, and critical water resources—benefits that are especially significant for Lake Hartwell, which relies on healthy upstream lands to maintain water quality and ecological balance.

"Protecting farms, forests, and streams upstream is one of the most

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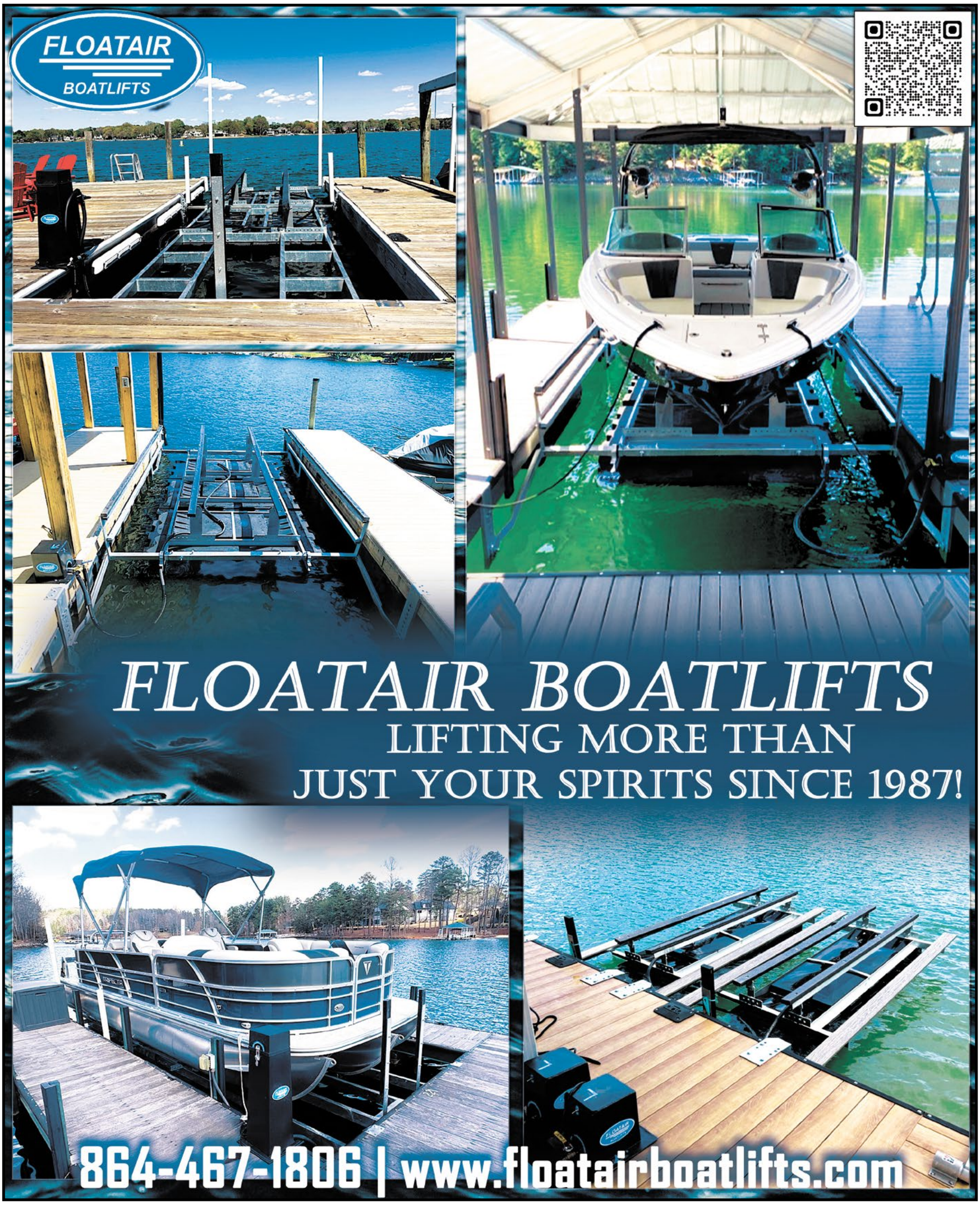


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Anderson. Parking is $10 at the gate.

Tickets for the catered dinner will be available on the event website.

Saturday's Boat Blast-Off begins at 11 a.m., with participants heading out across Lake Hartwell.

Spectators can enjoy food, music, vendors, and activities throughout the day at Green Pond Landing. Parking is $10.

"It's a fun, high-energy weekend with something for everyone," said Haley Daniel, special events coordinator for Meals on Wheels, Anderson.

For more information or to register, visit HartwellLakeCharityRun.com, email info@acmow.org, or call 864-225-6800. ■



Sadlers Creek State Park – continued from page 1

nine-hole disc golf course, with plans to expand to a full 18 holes in the near future. The picnic area has a playground, a horseshoe pit, and a beach volleyball court. The two picnic shelters and pavilion are great places to have birthday parties, family reunions, and company picnics.

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The Lake Hartwell Partners for Clean Water works with many different organizations on Lake Hartwell, including the South Carolina State Park Service. The Lake Hartwell Partners for Clean Water has two lake cleanups each year in the spring and the fall. These cleanups feature sites all over Lake Hartwell on the South Carolina and Georgia sides of the lake. These cleanups have collected over 11 thousand pounds of trash. The next cleanup is April 25. Go to Lake Hartwell Partners for Clean Water | Anderson, SC, for more information. ■

Upstate Forever Conserves More Than 2,100 Acres Including Key Lands in the Lake Hartwell Watershed – continued from page 1

effective ways to safeguard Lake Hartwell's water quality and natural beauty for future generations."

Several of the conserved properties lie within tributary systems that flow directly into Lake Hartwell. In Anderson County, Echols Farm preserves 72 acres of open fields, timber, and mixed forests while protecting streams and wetlands associated with Three and Twenty Creek, a direct tributary of the lake. Nearby, Big Garvin Creek Farm protects 253 acres of rolling pastureland, forested creek buffers, and a large pond within the same watershed, helping reduce runoff and preserve agricultural land in an area experiencing increasing development pressure.

Stevenson Century Farm, a 132-acre fourth-generation cattle and poultry operation located along the Anderson–Oconee County line, conserves extensive prime farmland soils and more than 4,000 feet of tributary streams that feed into Lake Hartwell. The project also connects with other conserved properties in the area, strengthening long-term protection of both farmland and water resources.

In Greenville County, Moore Farm at Horsepen Creek preserves nearly 70 acres of prime farmland and buffers Horsepen Creek from nearby suburban development, improving water quality downstream. Additional large-scale projects completed in 2025 include RML Timber in Laurens County, a 1,219-acre sustainably managed forest, the second-largest conservation easement in Upstate Forever's history, and an expansion of the Warrior Mountain conservation easement, which added more than 57 acres of hardwood forest and riparian habitat through a full landowner donation.

In Pickens County, Duck Haven protects 146 acres of fields, wetlands, and forests along the Saluda River, preserving habitat for threatened and endangered species while maintaining the property's agricultural and recreational uses.

Additional conservation efforts include Foster Fields in Spartanburg County, which protects pastureland and stream corridors near Croft State Park, and Long Lane Farm in Polk County, N.C., an equestrian property that safeguards scenic views, riparian corridors, and habitat for federally protected species.

In total, Upstate Forever protected more than 2,700 acres through conservation easements in 2025 and supported partner-led conservation projects that accounted for an additional 2,500 acres across the region. Since its founding in 1998, the organization has permanently conserved nearly 44,000 acres, working to protect the lands and waters that define the Upstate including those that sustain Lake Hartwell. ■





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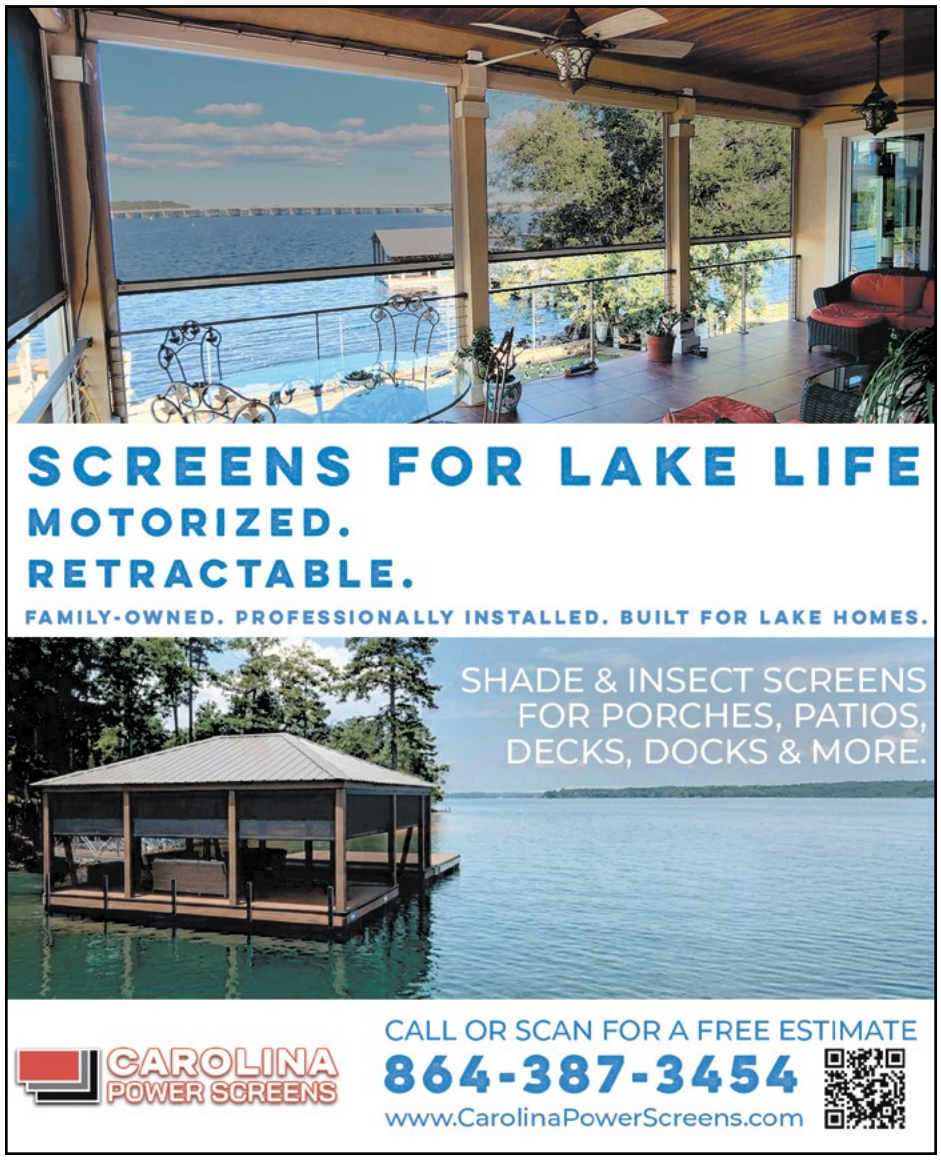
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Reclaiming Outdoor Living on Lake Hartwell

If you own a home on Lake Hartwell, you already understand the challenge. While the lake offers unmatched beauty and relaxation, the reality is that the sun can often be relentless during the day, and the bugs can quickly take over in the evening. As a result, the very spaces meant for enjoyment—your porch, deck, or dock—can become difficult to use for much of the year.

For many homeowners, this becomes a frustrating tradeoff. A bright, peaceful morning on the porch can be cut short by intense glare and heat, while a calm evening outdoors may be interrupted by insects. Even time spent on the dock can be limited, as the reflection off the water creates harsh conditions during peak daylight hours.

This is a challenge the team at Carolina Power Screens knows firsthand. As a father-and-son business with a home on Lake Hartwell, they have experienced these same frustrations. After years of dealing with the limitations, they made the decision to find a better solution—not just for themselves, but for others facing the same issue. That effort ultimately led to the creation of Carolina Power Screens.

Their search for quality led them across the country, where they identified Fenetex as the leading manufacturer of motorized retractable screens. Each screen is built in Jacksonville, Florida, with a focus on durability, performance, and long-term reliability. Made in the United States, these products are designed to withstand the elements while enhancing outdoor living spaces.

Carolina Power Screens offers a range of solutions tailored to lakefront properties. Their shade screens can block up to 97 percent of the sun's glare, significantly reducing heat and improving comfort. Insect screens provide protection during warmer months, allowing homeowners to enjoy evenings outdoors without disruption. Additionally, clear vinyl weather screens help extend the usability of outdoor areas year-round by offering protection from wind and cooler temperatures.

One of the more unique services they provide is the installation of screens on docks—an option many lake homeowners may not realize is available. This innovation allows for a more comfortable and functional dock experience, even during the hottest parts of the day.

All installations are handled directly by the Carolina Power Screens team. By avoiding subcontractors, they maintain full control over the quality of their work and ensure each project meets their standards.

For those who are ready to make the most of their lake home, Carolina Power Screens offers free estimates and consultations. Many customers find themselves wishing they had made the investment sooner after experiencing the difference it brings to their daily enjoyment of Lake Hartwell living.

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Owned and operated by Chase Ducworth, a 9th generation Andersonian and Clemson graduate, Fibrenew Foothills is built on a deep connection to the community. His wife, Blaire, and two sons, Ryan and Charlie love helping with the business when needed. His passion for fixing things started early and has grown into a career centered on helping others solve problems—whether it's a ripped boat seat, damaged leather couch, or a worn car interior.

"I've always enjoyed working with my hands and bringing things back to life," he says. "Being able to do that for people in my hometown makes it even more rewarding."

Fibrenew Foothills has been serving the area for six years, building a strong reputation through quality work and customer relationships. The business operates as a mobile service, meaning repairs are completed on-site at homes, boat docks, and businesses—saving customers time, money, and the hassle of replacement. Over the years, loyal customers have helped the business grow through word-of-mouth and repeat service, something the owner says he is especially grateful for.

"I truly appreciate every customer who has trusted us," he says. "This business wouldn't be what it is without the community's support."

Behind the local operation is Fibrenew, an international franchise with a long and proven history. Founded in 1985, Fibrenew began franchising in 1987 and has since grown to more than 300 locations across multiple countries. The company specializes in the repair and restoration of leather, plastic, and vinyl across residential, automotive, commercial, and marine industries.

What sets Fibrenew apart is its focus on restoration over replacement. By repairing damaged items instead of discarding them, the company helps customers save money while also reducing waste. Over the years, this approach has kept countless items out of landfills and positioned Fibrenew as an environmentally responsible service provider.

As a franchise, Fibrenew provides its owners with extensive training, ongoing support, and a proven business model that has remained strong through changing economic conditions. Yet, each location remains locally owned and operated—allowing business owners, like Chase, to bring a personal touch to every job.

For Fibrenew Foothills, that combination of global backing and local commitment is what makes the difference. It's not just about fixing furniture or interiors—it's about helping neighbors extend the life of the things they value.

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Greg McMahan, Owner and Broker of Cherokee Foothills Realty in Pickens, South Carolina, brings nearly two decades of real estate experience to clients across the Upstate. With 19 years in the industry, he has developed a strong understanding of the local market while building a reputation defined by professionalism, integrity, and consistent results. His service area includes Anderson, Oconee, Pickens, and Greenville counties, where he assists both buyers and sellers with a wide range of residential and property transactions.

Raised in the Appalachian Mountains, Greg's connection to the region is both personal and enduring. From a young age, he developed an appreciation for the natural beauty, slower pace, and close-knit communities that characterize the area. That appreciation deepened when he discovered the Upstate South Carolina region, from the natural wonders of the Table Rock area to the nearby lakes, Hartwell and Keowee, where the landscape and lifestyle left a lasting impression.

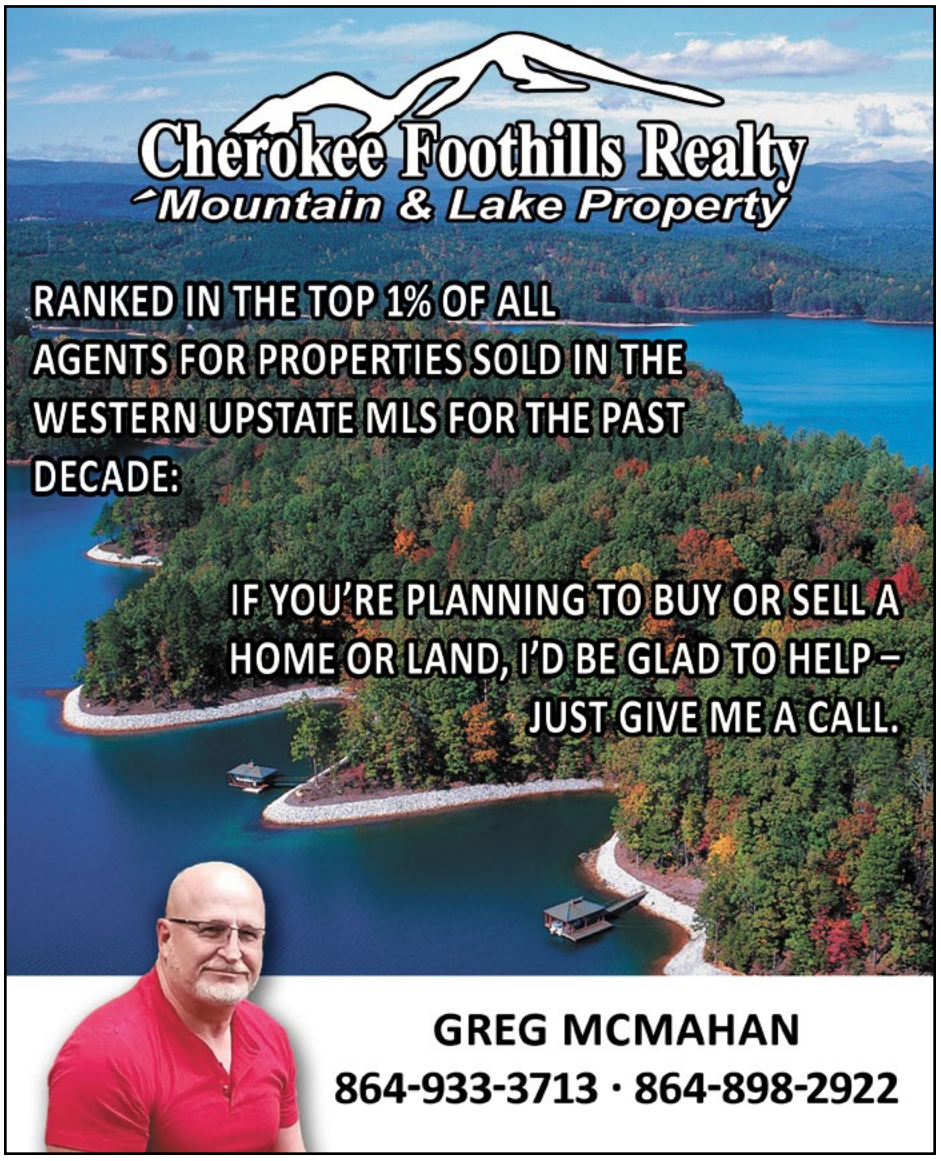
Today, that same sense of connection continues to guide his work as he helps others find not just a property, but a place they can truly call home.

Throughout his career, Greg has established a record that reflects both dedication and performance. His achievements include more than $51 million in closed sales and 469 units sold, supported by consistent five-star client reviews. These milestones represent more than numbers: they reflect the trust and confidence clients have placed in his guidance over the years. His approach is built on clear communication, responsiveness, and the ability to navigate complex transactions with steady focus.

Greg's philosophy centers on a client-first approach that extends beyond the traditional expectations of a real estate professional. He views each transaction as a partnership, working closely with clients at every stage of the process. Whether assisting a first-time homebuyer or supporting a seasoned seller, he emphasizes transparency and education to ensure clients fully understand their options. By providing market insight and practical guidance, he helps clients move forward with confidence and clarity.

A strong appreciation for the Upstate region remains central to Greg's perspective. He values the unique character of the area and the sense of peace it offers to residents and visitors alike. This outlook is reflected in his belief that certain places, such as the mountains and the lakes, hold special significance, offering both beauty and renewal. That perspective continues to shape his commitment to helping others discover meaningful connections to the communities he serves.

Cherokee Foothills Realty operates with a focus on relationships, community, and long-term trust. Greg encourages prospective clients to stop by and visit his office at 6190 Highway 11 to discuss their goals and explore opportunities within the local market, or simply to do what locals say, "get out and sit a spell." Whether assisting with the sale of a home or helping a buyer secure a lakefront or mountain property, his work is grounded in experience, local knowledge, and a dedication to achieving successful outcomes for his clients. ■



Your Lake Hartwell Dock Should Be as Beautiful as the View

Lake Hartwell is one of the Southeast's crown jewels, 56,000 acres of clear water stretching across the border of Georgia and South Carolina, tucked beneath the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains and lined with some of the most coveted lakefront property in the region. Whether you're on the Georgia side near Hartwell and Lavonia or the South Carolina shore near Clemson and Seneca, you've invested in something special here. The sunrises, the ski runs, the lazy Sunday afternoons that stretch into evening – it's all worth it.

Your Dock Should Be Too.

For Lake Hartwell homeowners, the waterfront is everything. And when you're ready to make it truly complete, the dock is where it all comes together. It's the place your family starts and ends every day on the water, where memories are made, and where your investment in this lifestyle really shows. It deserves the same attention and quality you've put into everything else here.

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The dock stops being an afterthought at the end of your yard and starts being the place everyone gravitates toward.

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For homeowners who want a seamless experience from start to finish, this partnership was built with you in mind. Marine Specialties has served North Georgia and South Carolina lakes since 1988. They know Lake Hartwell from every angle, handling Corps of Engineers requirements, Georgia Power regulations, and South Carolina shoreline specifics so you don't have to. Boat lifts, dock and lift repairs, renovations, routine maintenance, one local team handles all of it and stands behind every bit of it.

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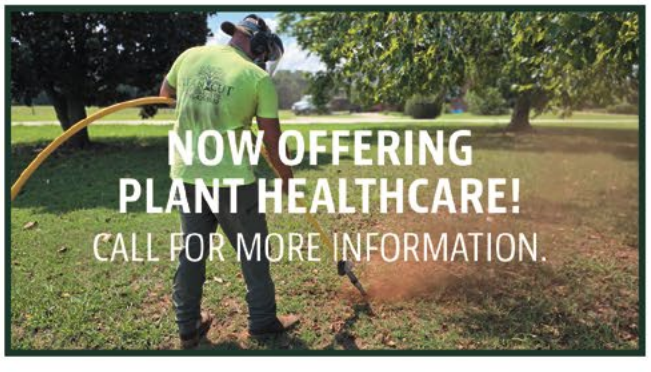
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Stephen County Farmers Market
Forrest Connelly 706-779-550,
325 N. Broad St., Toccoa

Seneca Farmers Market
2063 Sandifer Blvd., 864-885-2726,
farmcentersences@gmail.com

Six Mile Farmer's Depot
116 N. Main St., 864-868-2653

Sol Flowers of Anderson
US Hwy 81 N. & Bradley Rd., Anderson
864-958-8700, Facebook.com/SolFlowersAndersonSC

Split Creek Farm
3806 Centerville Rd., Anderson
864-287-3921,
Info@SplitCreek.com SplitCreek.com

Taylor Creek Farm
2204 Sunshine Rd., Toccoa
May - October, Michelle Lindsey
970-420-0790

Tokeena Angus
Seneca: www.tokeena.com
864-247-000, Neil and Gwen McPhail

Walker Century Farms
110 Walker Rd., Anderson
864-940-4593, WalkerCenturyFarms.com

Whitehall Produce
2606 Whitehall Rd., Anderson
864-772-0045, Facebook.com/pages/Whitehall-Produce-And-Local-Market

Possum Kingdom Kreamery
520 Acker Rd., Belton 864-423-4048,
info@PKKreamery.com, PKKreamery.com

Hartwell Lake Restaurants Accessible by Boat

The Galley Restaurant: Located at Portman Marina, 1629 Marina Rd, Anderson, SC, 864-287-3215, Tues. - Sat. 5pm – 9pm, Sun. & Mon. Closed, www.galleyrestaurantportmanmarina.com. Waterfront dining serving fresh seafood, prime beef, specialty dishes, sushi. Outdoor dining is available & two private dining rooms for your special occasions. Accepting reservations & would encourage you to call ahead for weekends & holidays. **Buoy 79**

Boat House Grill: Located at Hartwell Marina, 149 Hartwell Marina Drive, Hartwell, GA, 706-376-5150, Thur. & Sun. 11am – 9pm, Thur., Fri. & Sat. Live Music, Fri., and Sat. 11am – 9pm, www.theboathousegrill.com, Live music & events every weekend, indoor & outdoor seating, a variety of games, and a sandy beach where the kids can hunt rocks or watch the fish! **Buoy MLLC8**

The Waterfront Grill: Located at 1600 Asbury Park Rd, Anderson across from the double bridges & across from Green Pond Landing. Low Country boil, crab legs, grouper, apple pie, pork chops, turnip greens, burger, waffles, chicken & waffles, shrimp & grits, French toast, both indoor & outdoor setting, catering available, birthday parties. www.theshoresofasbury.com. Open 11am, 7 days a week. 864-844-9002.

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**

J.R. Cash's Grill and Bar: Located at Big Water Marina, 320 Big Water Rd., Starr, SC, 864-309-0111, Fri. – Sat. 11am – 10pm, www.jrcashs.com. Serving fresh, scratch-made, classic American grill. Whether enjoying a legendary salad, oversize sandwiches, or a huge, fresh patty piled high with fixin's. Outdoor setting with a beautiful view of the lake. **Buoy 10**

The Grill at Clemson Marina: Located at Clemson Marina, 150 Clemson Marina Drive, Seneca, SC, 864-653-6767, Fri. & Sun. 11am – 9pm, www.clemsonmarina.com. Serving burgers to tacos & wings, po boys to chicken fingers, salads, wraps and grilled sandwiches in an open air, relaxed environment. Outdoor playground, offering top notch food under refreshing ceiling fans with stunning views of Lake Hartwell & Clemson University's Death Valley. **Buoy 89**

Pixie and Bill's: Located at 1058 Tiger Blvd, Clemson, SC, 864-654-1210, Mon. – Sat. 5pm – 9pm, Sun. closed, www.pixieandbills.com, Fine dining serving fresh seafood, natural hand-cut beef, pasta, pork, chicken, seafood, vegetarian & gluten-free. Opened since 1971, accepting reservations. **Buoy S98**

Waldrop's Restaurant: Located at 1141 Andersonville Road, Townville, SC, 864-287-3958, Breakfast 7am – 10:30am, Lunch 11am – 2pm. Scratch made biscuits, Jalapeno cheese grits, daily specials, burgers, signature sandwiches, salads & more. Across the road from **Buoy T10**

Doc's Lakeside Bar & Grill: Located at 4023 Whitehall Road, Anderson, 864-540-0000, Mon. Closed, Tues. – Thur. 3pm – 9pm, Fri. & Sat. 11AM – 10PM, Sun. 11am – 9am, www.docslakeside.com. Outside setting, waterfront bar & grill. Authentic eats that delight your tastebuds. Using the finest ingredients from "On a Roll" or Between the Bun with angus beef smash burgers, cheesesteak & Maryland style crab cakes. Shareables like Maryland crap dip, Ahi tuna poke' dip and fried jumbo shrimp. Pinsas an Italian flour crust pizzas with the best toppings. Live music and much more!

Tommy Ray's BBQ: Located at 73 Ack Powell Rd., Harwell, 706-371-9254, tommyraysbbq.com, Friday 10:30am – 6pm or SOLD OUT, Saturday 10:30am – 4pm or SOLD OUT, Whichever comes first. Nothing can beat wood, fire, smoke, and heat so it is kept simple letting the flavor speak for itself. Passed down recipes, tried & true. Using Texas Briskey & Carolina BBQ to gather 'round the table. Serving sliced brisket, pulled pork, St. Louis Spare Ribs, House made sausage, chicken & whole pork butt. sandwiches sliced/chopped/pulled, sides Brunswick stew, creamy cole slaw & more.

Your Pie Pizza: Located at 894 Tiger Blvd, Clemson, 864-642-6888, yourpie.com, Mon. – Sun. 11am – 10pm, Clemson dockside, the premier destination for artisanal pizza. Hand-tossed dough & homemade sauces lay the foundation for a unique dining experience. Variety of options including vegan, vegetarian, gluten free & keto-friendly creations. Oven-fired wings, pasta & Italian-inspired gelato. Lunch or Dinner, curbside pickup, delivery and outdoor seating.

Raines at Stone Creek Cove: Located at 1500 Providence Church Road, Anderson, Tues. – Fri. 4pm – 9pm, Sat. 11am – 9pm, Sun. 11an – 6pm, Mon. closed, rainesatscc.com, join us, savor our flavors & dining experience with these menu highlights, ½ club& salad, Philly cheesesteak, pot roast melt, fish n chips, grilled chicken, grilled salmon, pork porterhouse, ribeye & sirloin. ■



Reclaiming Outdoor Living on Lake Hartwell

Owning lakefront property with a private dock and a collection of water toys is a lifestyle many dream of, especially as spring arrives and warmer days return. However, before launching into a season of relaxation and recreation, a thorough and thoughtful spring cleaning routine is essential. Proper preparation not only protects your investment but also ensures safety and enjoyment for family and guests.

Start with the dock itself, as it serves as the centerpiece of your waterfront access. Inspect all structural components, including boards, railings, and supports. Look for signs of rot, loose fasteners, or warping caused by winter weather. Tighten bolts, replace damaged planks, and pressure wash the surface to remove algae, mildew, and debris. A clean, stable dock reduces the risk of slips and extends the life of the structure.

Next, turn your attention to your water toys—whether that includes kayaks, paddleboards, jet skis, or inflatable floats. Begin by thoroughly cleaning each item with mild soap and fresh water to remove dirt, grime, and any lingering residue from last season. Carefully inspect for cracks, leaks, or mechanical issues. For motorized equipment, check fluid levels, batteries, and fuel systems. Performing routine maintenance now helps avoid costly repairs and ensures everything is ready for immediate use.

Storage areas also deserve attention. Organize your dock box, boathouse, or storage shed by removing unnecessary clutter and properly storing essential gear. Life jackets should be inspected for wear and tear, ensuring all buckles and straps are secure. Tow ropes, anchors, and safety equipment should be untangled, cleaned, and easily accessible. A well-organized space not only saves time but also enhances safety during emergencies.

Landscaping around your lakefront property is another important component of spring cleaning. Trim overgrown branches, clear away fallen leaves, and remove any debris that may have accumulated along the shoreline. This not only improves the aesthetic appeal but also prevents organic material from entering the water and affecting its quality. Additionally, check for erosion or drainage issues that may have developed over the winter months.

Don't overlook the importance of checking utilities and amenities. If your dock includes lighting, electrical outlets, or a boat lift, ensure all systems are functioning properly and safely. Replace any damaged wiring and test outlets to confirm they are weather-resistant and up-to-code. If you have outdoor furniture, clean and inspect it for stability, replacing worn cushions or rusted components as needed.

Finally, adopt a preventative mindset. Applying protective sealants to wood surfaces, covering equipment when not in use, and establishing a regular cleaning schedule throughout the season can significantly reduce long-term maintenance demands. Spring cleaning is not just about preparation—it sets the tone for how smoothly and safely your lakefront lifestyle will unfold.

With a proactive approach, your dock, water toys, and surrounding property will be ready for a season filled with relaxation, recreation, and memorable moments on the water. ■



Spring Events Around Hartwell Lake

April 16, 6PM, 19th Annual Dancing for Our Heroes, British Invasion, Rotary Club of Greater Anderson, 14 Teams will be Competing, British Invasion them, The Civic Center of Anderson, Table of 8 $852.75, Individual $102.75, Contact Ashla Shing 864-933-2397, 3027 MLK Jr. Blvd., Anderson, https://andersonevents.com

April 16, 7PM – 9PM, Jazz On The Alley, Nath Angelo, Live Music, Great Food & Drinks, Bring Your Chair, Ram Cat Alley, 122 Ram Cat Alley, Seneca, No Pets Allowed, www.senecascevents.com, Every Thursday

April – Oct, Happy Hour Performance, 5:30PM – 6:30PM

April 17 – 18, 10AM – 3PM, Lake Hartwell Antique and Classic Boat Show, Features a Variety of Antique Classic Wood and Fiberglass Boats. Tilley's Tiki Bar & Grill and Harbor Light Marina,1476 Harbor Light Marina Rd., Lavonia, Just off Ext 71 on I-85, Blue Ridge Chapter of the Antique and Classic Boat Show, brc.acbs&gmail.com or Steve Dewire at (864)903-6307, www.blueridgechapter-acbs.org

April 18, 10AM – 5PM, 16th Annual South Carolina State Chili Cookoff, Chili Tasting, Live Entertainment, Cruise-In on the Square, Museum & Art Exhibits, Not a Pro? The Amateur Homestyle Category Allows Local Community, Tasting Tickets, Awards, 100 N. Main St., Belton, www.scchilicookoff.com

April 18, 7:30PM, Black Jacket Symphony, Van Halen 1984, Live Music, 101 E. N. Broad St., Walhalla Civic Auditorium, Walhalla, 864-638-5277

April 18, 5PM – 9:30PM, Annual Save The 22 Event, Presented By Palmetto Front Line Foundation, Guest Speaker Jack Zimmerman; Combat Wounded Army Veteran, Live Music & Dancing, Gone Country RVA, Featuring Trace Nixon, Food, Raffles of Sporting Equipment, Community Fellowship, For Tickets www.palmettofrontline.org, The Anderson Sports & Entertainment Center, 3027 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Anderson

April 18, 6P – 9PM, Night at the Ritz Presents R & B Inc., Atlanta's Premier R & B-Soul Band, 9-Piece Ensemble Brings Over 200 Years of Combined Music, The Historic Ritz Theatre,166 W. Doyle St., Toccoa, www.ritztheatretoccoa.com

April 18, 9AM – 4PM, Spring Shindig, Family Fun, Happy Cow Creamery, 332 McKelvey, Pelzer, 864-243-9699, www.happycreamery.com

April 18, 10AM – 3PM, Spring Means Babies, Goat Dairy, Award Winning Goat Cheese, Retail Store, Fudge & Yogurt, Eco-Friendly, Split Creek Farm, 3806 Centerville Rd., Anderson, 864-287-3921, www.splitcreek.com

April 18, 7:30PM, Celebrating Spirituals: Then & Now, Henderson Auditorium-Anderson University, 316 Blvd., Anderson

April 18, 12PM – 10PM, Porch Songs & Public Voices Festival, Downtown Hartwell, Ga

April 18 – 19, All Day, Rabbit Show, T. Ed Garrison Arena, 1101 West Queen St., Pendleton

April 18 – 19, 8AM, Spring Fling Horse Show, 2 Full Days of Hunter Classes, 2 Full Days of Jumper Classes, Vendors, Silent Auctions and Used Tack Sale, Major Fundraiser for SCUEC, www.SpringFlingHorseShowing.com, Spectators Free, T. Ed Garrison Livestock Arena, 1101 W. Queen St., Pendleton

April 23, 7PM – 9PM, Jazz On The Alley, The Odyssey Band, Live Music, Great Food & Drinks, Bring Your Chair, Ram Cat Alley, 122 Ram Cat Alley, Seneca, No Pets Allowed, www.senecascevents.com, Every Thursday

April – Oct, Happy Hour Performance, 5:30PM – 6:30PM

April 24, 6PM – 10PM, The Original Splitz Band: Sounds of Mo Town/R&B, 8-Piece Powerhouse Band, Dinner & Show, Dance Friendly, Diverse Setlist, Admission $25 - $30 +tax, The Station of Hartwell, 43 Railroad St., Hartwell, www.thestationofhartwell

April 24 - 25, All Day, Soiree of Anderson, Arts & Crafts, Entertainment, Family Fun, Local Food, 102 N. Murray Ave., Anderson, Free

April 25, 10AM – 2PM, Spring Craft Market, Anderson County Farmers Market, 402 N. Murrey Av., Anderson

April 25, 10AM – 5PM, LushAcres Spring Festival, Food, Strawberry Slushy, Farm Animals, Kiddie Play Area w/Tractor Train, Hayrides, Corn Cannons, You Pick-em Strawberries, $12 Entry Free, LushAcres, 875 W Maple St Ext, Clinton

April 25 - 26, All Day, Frozen: The Broadway Musical,166 W. Doyle St., Toccoa, Featuring the Oscar Winning Songs, Magical Effects, Costumes are Encouraged for the Little Ones, 25th Matinee 1PM, Evening Show 6PM, 26th Matinee 3PM, Tickets $25 Plus Fees, www.ritztheatretoccoa.com

April 25 - 26, All Day, Carolina Classic Paso Fino Horse Show, Open to the Public, T. Ed Garrison Arena, 1101 W. Queen St., Pendleton, Milda Minster 336-225-0214, https://pfha.org, Free

April 28, 5:30 PM – 7:30PM, Taste of Pendleton, Local Food Vendors, Samples & Signature Dishes, Live Music, Connect with Neighbors, Remarks from the Mayor and President of Tri-County Technical College, Free, Tri-County Technical Collete, 7900 Hwy 76, Pendleton, Lacey Fahs, 607-725-9813

April 30, 7PM – 9PM, Jazz On The Alley, Nath Angelo, Live Music, Great Food & Drinks, Bring Your Chair, Ram Cat Alley, 122 Ram Cat Alley, Seneca, No Pets Allowed, Every Thursday April – Oct, Happy Hour Performance, 5:30PM – 6:30PM, www.senecascevents.com

April 30 – May 10, 4PM – 10PM, Anderson County Fair, Clear Bag Policy, Anderson Sports & Entertainment Center, 3027 Martin Luthere King Jr. Blvd., Anderson, 864-309-6618, info@thgreatandersoncountyfair.com, www.thegreatandersoncountyfair.com/

April 30, 6PM – 10PM, Leadership Anderson 40th Celebration – Paint The Town Red, Bleckley Station, 310 S. Main St., Anderson

April 30, 7:30AM – 9AM, Toast' N Topics, Featuring Lieutenant Governor Pamela Evett, Anderson University, 316 Blvd., Anderson

May 1, 7:30PM, Victor Trevino Jr., Aloha From Vegas, Live Music, Walhalla Civic Auditorium, 101 E. N. Broad St., Walhalla, 864-638-5277

May 1 – 2, All Day, Springwater Festival, Mineral Springs Park, 121 W. Main St., Williamston

May 1, 6PM – 10PM, Uptown Dueling Pianos: An All-Request Musical Showdown, Musical Comedy, Full Bar & Pub Fare, Great for Groups, Admission $25 - $30, 43 Railroad St., Hartwell, www.thestationalofhartwell.com/

May 2, 11AM – 9PM, Spring Art Show, Local Uptown, 301 N. McDuffie St., Anderson

May 2, 10AM – 2PM, Spring Craft Market, Anderson County Farmers Market, 402 N. Murray Ave., Anderson

May 2, 1PM – 3PM, Paint & Learn, Anderson County Museum, 402 N. Murray Ave., Anderson

May 2, 7:30PM, Karen Mills, Comedian, Seasoned Stand-Up, Over 30 Years, Walhalla Civic Auditorium, 101 E. N. Broad St., Walhalla, 864-638-5277

May 2, 4:30PM – 9PM, George Strait in Clemson, Clear Bag Policy, Death Valley Nights 2026, Memorial Statium,1 Avenue of Champions, Clemson, www.ticketmaster.com/george-strait-at-death-valley-clemson

May 2, 7AM – 12PM, 48th Annual Lake Hartwell Dam Run – 4K Run/Walk, (approx. 2.5 Miles), No Race Day Registration, No Pets/Strollers, Free Parking, Benefiting the Hart County High School Cross Country & Track Team, Big Oaks Recreation Area, 5823 Dam Rd., Hartwell

May 2, 10AM – 5PM, Lavonia Renaissance Festival, Axe Throwing, Archery & Candle Making, Turkey Legs & Indulgent Sweets, Lavonia City Park, 12117 Augusta Rd., Lavonia, www.lavoniadowntown.com/renassiance-festival, www.facebook.com/lavoniarenfest/

May 6, All Day, Mother Daughter Teas, Inn at Magnolia Hill, 181 E. Queen St., Pendleton, 864-414-3981

May 8, 5:30PM – 7PM, Chi-Town Transit Authority: Chicago Tribute Band, Dinner & Show, Admission $40 - $45 Plus Fees, The Station of Hartwell, Railroad St., Hartwell

May 8, 9, 10, 7:30PM, The Wizard of Oz, Broadway is Coming to Walhalla, Walhalla Civic Auditorium, 101 E. N. Broad St., Walhalla, 864-638-5277

May 9, 6PM – 9PM, Legacy & Groove, A Tribute to Earth, Wind and Fire, Soulful Grooves, Electrifying Energy, An Unforgettable Night, Admission $30 Plus fees, 166 W. Doyle St., Toccoa

May 15, 6PM – 9PM, Peter Antoniou: "Pretty Psychic Tour, A Semi-Finalist on America's Got Talent, Comedy Meets Magic, As Seen on TV, Tickets $20 +fees, All Ages Are Welcome, www.ritztheatretoccoa.com, The Historic Ritz theatre, 166 West Doyle, Toccoa

May 15, 7:30PM, Randomonium Presents: Pind Floyd's "The Dark Side of the Moon", Live Music, Walhalla Civic Auditorium, 101 E. N. Broad St., Walhalla, 864-638-5277

May 16, 7:30PM, Lonesome River Band – WPAC'S, Bluegrass Series, Live Music, Walhalla Civic Auditorium, 101 E. N. Broad St., Walhalla, 864-638-5277

May 16, 7PM – 10PM, Night at the Ritz Presents The Vintage Vixens, Retro Vibes, Lively Atmosphere, Girl Power, Admission $10 Plus Fees, The Historic Ritz Theatre,166 W. Doyle St., Toccoa, www.ritztheatretoccoa.com

May 16 - 17, 3PM – 6PM, The Annual Pig in the Park BBQ Festival & Cook-Off, Amazing Eats, Raffles, Rides, Live Music, Free, Sampling Wristband $15 Including Drink, Williamston Spring Park, Center St., Williamston

May 22, 6PM – 9PM, National Comedian & Magician Andy Gross, Mind Blowing Magic, Hilarious Comedy, Master Ventriloquism, Admission $20 +fees, The Historic Ritz Theatre, 166 W. Doyle St., Toccoa, www.ritztheatretoccoa.com

May 22, 7:30PM, Chloe Agnew: Singing Sensation from Celtic Woman, Live Music, Walhalla Civic Auditorium, 101 E. N. Broad St., Walhalla, 864-638-5277

May 23, 10AM – 2PM, 19th Annual Cars & Guitars Festival, Classic Car Show, Live Entertainment, Shop & Dine, Vendor's, Faily Fun, Free, Downtown Hartwell, Depot St., Hartwell, www.hartchamber.org/events

May 28, All Day, Twin Creeks Lavender Farm, U Pick Season, Organic Varieties, Shop Over 100 Handcrafted Lavender Products, Sweet Treats, Bring Your own Blanket, Picnics & Relaxations, Main U-Pick Season:

May 29, 7:30PM, Sail On, The Beach Boys Tribute, Live Music, Walhalla Civic Auditorium, 101 E. N. Broad St., Walhalla, 864-638-5277

June 4th - 30th, No Pets, Admission $5 Advanced (Eventbrite): $6 at the Gate, Children Under 6 & Adults Over 65 are Free, Farm Provides Scissors & Rubber Bands, https://twincreekslavender.com/, www.facebook.com/twincreekslavender

June 1, All Day, TBA, Runs Tree Consecutive South Carolina Sunflower Festival at Denver Downs Farm, Pick Your Own Blooms, Sip & Savor; "Summer SanGria & Wine Frozes", Live Music & Entertainment, 30+ Farm Attractions, Admission Includes Nearly All Farm Activities Including Ziplines, Giant Slides, Petting Zoo and Cow Train, Denver Downs Farms, 1515 Denver Road, Anderson, www.denverdownsfarm.com/sunflower-festivale

June 12 – 16, 7PM, The Little Mermaid, Bring a Blanket or Lawn Chair, Take out, Picnics & Coolers Welcome, No Glass or Outside Alcohol, No Pets, Free, Learn More or Update to Reserved Seating at tickets.markettheatre.org, Carolina Wren Park, 111 E Whitner St, Anderson, SC 29621

June 13, 7:30PM, The Castellow, Country Music Trio Sisters, Live Music, Walhalla Civic Auditorium, 101 E. N. Broad St., Walhalla, 864-638-5277

June 19, 6PM, Debut Seneca's New Amphitheatre, Live Music, Food & Drinks, Bring a Chair or Blanket, Norton Thompson Park, 226 Main St., Seneca, 864-885-2700, senecascevents.com

Spring Events Around Hartwell Lake Continued

June 20, 7:30PM, Chi-Town Transit Authority, Chicago Tribute, Live Music, 101 E. N. Broad St., Walhalla Civic Auditorium, Walhalla, 864-638-5277

June 20, All Day, 26th Annual Anderson Day B4 Father's Day Car Show, 300+ Vehicles, Live Music, Best in Show, Shopping & Dining, Free, Vehicle Entry Fee $25, Historic Main Street, 100-400's S. Main St., Anderson

June 20, 7:30PM, Chi-Town Transit Authority, A Tribute To The Music of Chicago Return, Live Music, Walhalla Civic Auditorium, 101 E. N. Broad St., Walhalla, 864-638-5277

June 26 - 27, 4:30PM, Morgan Wallen: Still the Problem Tour 2026, Death Valley, Attending Friday is Brooks & Dunn, Saturday features Ella Langley, Both Nights With High Energy, Clemson Memorial Statum,1 Ave of Champions, Clemson, 864-656-2118, http://clemsontigers.com/wallen-2026/, https://stilltheproblem.com/

June 27, 8AM – 4PM, "Spring Into Splash Away" Portuguese Water Dog Water Trials, Official Trials, Practice Day, All Skills Levels, Spector Friendly, Bring a Lawn Chair and a Picnic to Watch from the Shoreline, Park Entry Fee May Apply, Spectator Admission to the Trial is Free. Practice Day: Friday, June 26th, https://usspwdc.org/june-water-trials/, Hartwell Lakeside Park, 330 Hart State Park Rd., Hartwell

June 27, 43rd Annual Pre-Fourth Arts & Crafts Festival, Children's Patriotic Parade, Hartwell Courthouse Square, Hartwell

June 27, 5PM – 11PM, Hartwell Pre-4th Fireworks Extravaganza, Beautiful Views, Music & Food, Long Point Recreation Area Serves as the Hub, Live Music, Food Trucks, Family Friendly Activities Starting in the Late Afternoon, View by Boat for the Best Seat, Alternative Viewing: Big Oaks Recreation Area, Elrod Ferry, and the Hartwell Dam Overlook, Admission $5 Per Vehicle, Long Point Recreation Area, 3986 Old Hwy 29, Hartwell, https://hartwellserviceleague.com/pre-4th-festival.html

June 27, 7:30PM, ZOSO, The Ultimate Led Zeppelin Experience Return, Live Music, Walhalla Civic Auditorium, 101 E. N. Broad St., Walhalla, 864-638-5277

Local Boating Club Offers Free Boating Safety Class

You may know the "Rules of the Road," but do you know the "Rules of the Water"? To help make your boating experiences fun as well as safe, come join us and learn the "Rules of the Water." America's Boating Club® – Golden Corner Lakes is offering free boating courses this year where you will learn about types of boats and their uses; state and local regulations; safety equipment; communications; how to handle emergencies; anchoring; trailering; navigation rules and aids; personal watercraft (jet ski) operation; knot tying; and much more. At the end of each course, there will be an exam. Completion of the course by a person born after July 1, 2007, who has been issued a South Carolina Boating Education Card from the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will allow that person to operate a vessel powered by an engine of 10 hp or greater, a personal watercraft, or a specialty prop craft. There is no cost for the course other than $35 for a manual, which can be shared with family members.

The following are the classes being held in 2026:

Two separate three-session classes from 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. each night on Tuesdays: April 14, 21, and 28 or September 15, 22, and 29 at St. Mark United Methodist Church, 616 Quincy Rd., Seneca, SC, in the Common Room.

For Keowee Key residents: One-day class on Saturday, May 16, from :30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at Keowee Key, Lake View Room, Keowee Key North Marina, 563 Tall Ship Drive, Salem, SC.

One-day class on Saturday, June 20, from 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at Foothills Area YMCA – Cottingham Campus, 370 Memorial Drive, Seneca, SC.

A short exam will be held upon completion of a class. Graduates will receive their Boater Education Card from the DNR. Preregistration is requested by calling Ron Osburn at (864) 972-2434 or emailing Ron at ozbrn@bellsouth.net. Meeting particulars will be provided to pre registered students. For the one-day classes, arrangements can be made for you to pick up your class manual in advance.

For membership and additional information, visit our website at www.abclubgcl.org or Facebook: www.facebook.com/abclubgcl

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MLF on Hartwell: Live Scoring, Instant Release, and Omori's Stage 2 Win

By Reed Oliver

LAKE HARTWELL — Major League Fishing's Bass Pro Tour brought 51 elite professional anglers to Lake Hartwell for Stage 2 from Feb. 19–22, competing for a $125,000 top prize and a $600,000 total purse. When the Championship Round ended on Feb. 22, Takahiro Omori of Tokyo, Japan, won with 12 scorable bass for 36 pounds, 6 ounces, defeating Jacob Walker (12 for 33-12) by 2 pounds, 10 ounces.

Local readers often ask the same question whenever Major League Fishing comes to town: What makes MLF different? Three features define it—scoring, conservation, and real-time pressure.

Every fish counts.

"Traditional bass fishing tournaments are a five-fish limit," said Charity Muehlenweg, PR director for Major League Fishing. "The Bass Pro Tour is different—every fish counts."

On Hartwell, there was a two-pound minimum.

"Our fisheries management division surveys the lakes, looks at the bass population and size, and

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sets what we feel is a good minimum weight for each fishery," Muehlenweg said. "For Lake Hartwell, that's a two-pound minimum."

Fish are weighed and released immediately. Instead of transporting fish for an end-of-day weigh-in, each competitor has an official in the boat who weighs qualifying bass as soon as they're landed and releases them back into the lake.

"There's a competition official on each boat," Muehlenweg said. "The fish are weighed as they're caught and immediately released right back into the habitat. Conservation is a huge part of what we do."

The leaderboard is live. Every fish posts instantly to ScoreTracker, a real-time leaderboard visible online and to anglers while they are still fishing.

"Each bass that's weighed goes immediately into ScoreTracker, our live leaderboard," Muehlenweg said. "Fans can see it in real time."

That affects behavior because competitors can't guess where they stand—they can see it.

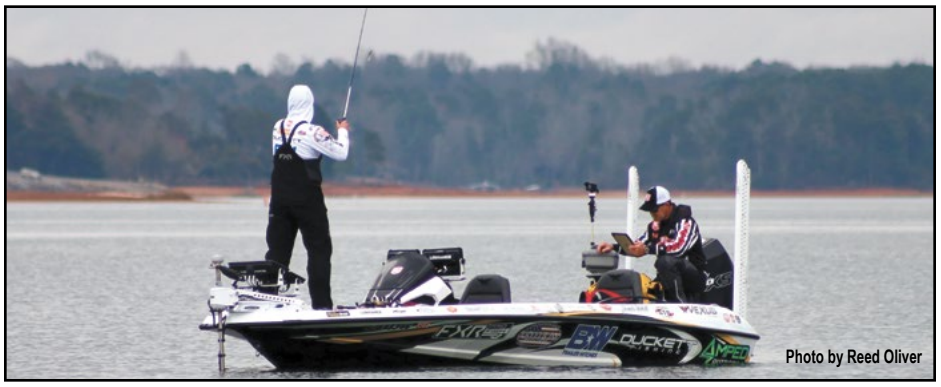
"They all know the score," she said. "They know when someone just bumped them out of first place or below the cut line."

The structure amplifies the intensity: three timed periods per day and multiple rounds where weights reset, forcing anglers to deliver repeatedly.

"The weights reset… it's almost like they're fishing three different tournaments this week," Muehlenweg said. "You have to do well every single time."

Omori did. He surged early, then delivered the win in the finale. His victory also carried a modern wrinkle. Under 2026 rules, forward-facing and/or 360-degree sonar is limited to one declared period each day, forcing tactical decisions about electronics. Omori's Hartwell week stood out because he didn't rely on forward-facing sonar to close the deal—a reminder that even in a live-scored era, fundamentals still matter.

Hartwell produced, too. The Top 10 combined for 85 scorable bass weighing 235 pounds, 11 ounces, and Jesse Wiggins earned Big Bass honors with a 5-pound, 2-ounce largemouth. ■


Photo by Reed Oliver













Do Boating Licenses Transfer Between States?

By Discover Boating

A boating license, required in some states, confirms that you have the knowledge and skills to safely operate a vessel. If your boating adventures frequently take you across state lines, you might wonder: "Can you transfer a boating license to another state?"

Let's break it down so you can ensure compliance, no matter where your nautical adventures take you.

How Does Boating License Reciprocity Work? Boating license reciprocity refers to how boating certificates or boater education cards are recognized from state to state. Most states use requirements set by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) to determine which out-of-state licenses they accept.

• Some states allow you to use a boating license from another state if it meets NASBLA standards.

• Other states require a boater education certification.

• Several states ask that you complete an approved boating safety course, regardless of experience.

In short, whether you can use a boating license in another state depends on that state's regulations. It's your responsibility to research what's required to legally operate a vessel where you're visiting.

Why Should You Research State-Specific Boating Regulations?

Researching state-specific rules helps ensure compliance. Differences may include:

• Age requirements: Many states have minimum ages for operating a vessel or personal watercraft, usually between 12 and 16 years old.

• Education and certification: Even with a boater education card from your home state, some states require a state-approved course.

• Local boating laws: Rules for safety, navigation, and environmental protections can vary.

Ignoring these regulations can result in: Hefty fines, Loss of boating privileges, Lability in case of an accident. Being familiar with each state's rules helps you avoid headaches and serious consequences

Can You Transfer a Boating License to Another State? Unlike driver's licenses, boating licenses cannot be transferred between states. What matters is whether the state recognizes your boating certificate or education card.

• Many states allow you to operate a vessel with a NASBLA-approved certificate from another state.

• Some states issue temporary visitor permits. These let you legally operate a boat for a limited period without completing a local safety course.

• If you're moving to another state, you must meet that state's requirements, often through a local boating license or certificate.

Maintaining a NASBLA-approved boating education card increases your chances of multistate compliance.

Practical Tips for Boating in a Different State. Boating outside your home state can be exciting, but it may have legal and financial consequences if you're unprepared. Here's how to stay compliant:

• Understand state-specific requirements: Check the state's boating authority website or contact state boating law administrators to learn local rules.

• Keep your boater education card handy: Even if not required, it can validate your credentials during inspections.

• Inquire about a temporary permit: If available, complete the application and pay any fees.

• Stay informed: Learn the state's boating rules, including speed limits and no-wake zones, to ensure safety and avoid fines.

Knowledge is Power for Interstate Boating A though it's impossible to transfer a boating license, a NASBLA-approved certificate, and completion of a boating safety course make interstate boating simpler. Educating yourself ensures safe, enjoyable, and stress free experiences on the water, no matter the state. ■



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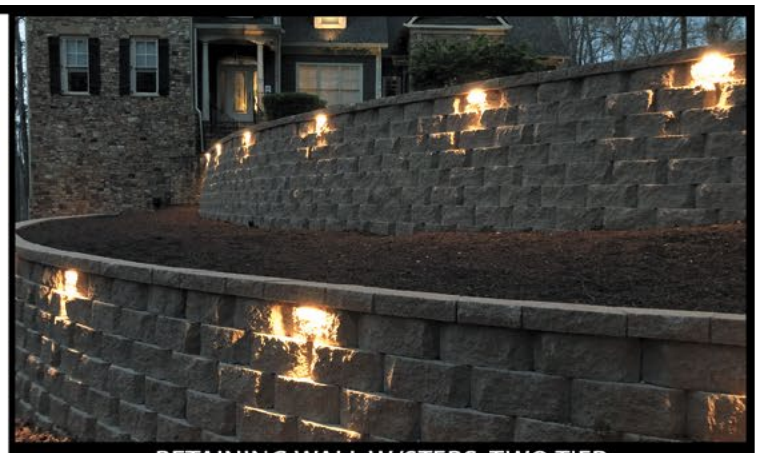
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