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DUE TO COVID-19,  
PLEASE VERIFY EVENT DATES WITH VENDORS.

## 3rd Annual Pro Watercross National Jet Ski Event

By Maya Donahue

Tugaloo State Park on Lake Hartwell will once again host the Pro Watercross National Jet Ski event for the 3rd annual event. Last year 250 Jet Skis participated. With Fifteen thousand dollars of prizes to all the categories it makes a grand incentive to enter. This is the first year the event will be live streamed. If you cannot get enough of Pro Watercross or cannot make it in person you can watch it livestream on YouTube at <https://m.youtube.com/channel/UC17XB5DIzk8TospZnI-j-VA>. "It will be the same route and location"



Above: Photo of last year's winner  
Dennis Mack of Lavonia, GA

said "Tonya Powers, Tourism Chair for the Franklin Chamber of Commerce. "Many spectators come by boat and remain on the water," she said. It is a free event at Tugaloo State Park however, there is a five-dollar park entrance fee. This is one of many stops for the National event which is July 17-19, 2021. You can pre-register online at [www.prowatercross.org](http://www.prowatercross.org). The registration fees are \$100 for amateur class, \$75 for junior classes, and \$160 for Pro-Am classes. Last year's first place winner of the Runabout box stock was Dennis Mack of Lavonia, Ga. "It's always an awesome feeling to get the win in the back yard and

on the beautiful Lake Hartwell and having so much support from locals and cities is hands down one of the main reasons the Lake Hartwell race is one of the best flat-water races and favorite stops for so many racers." said Mack. "No better feeling as a racer to come off water to so much love and support for our sport" he added. What makes the perfect location for the event is Lake Hartwell's unique park. Tugaloo State park offers lots of parking and spectacular views. Not to mention the unique boat ramp for the contestants.

The CEO of Pro Watercross AJ Handler is under a contract with Tourism, Franklin County Chamber



Above: Photo by Waters Edge Photography

of Commerce. "We really like the State Park, Community, Lake and really great boat ramp" he said. Many different types of skills are part of the event. There is stand up, sit down mode, and pull. Agility and speed are most important factors of the competition. Spectators will enjoy a day at the lake and the ferocious competitiveness of the sport. Many popular vendors will be there again. Chick-fil-A is one of the new vendors. ■

## Lake Hartwell Coast Guard Auxiliary Offers Free Vessel Safety Checks

By Steve Siske,  
U.S. Coast Guard

The most cautious boater can sometimes experience unexpected problems on the water. That's why the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary recommends that all boaters, including personal water craft and paddle sport users, take advantage of the free Vessel Safety program every year. What is a Vessel safety Check? The VSC is a complimentary check of your boat and safety equipment, confirming that your vessel meets the minimum federal and state requirements. There are no fines and no penalties if your vessel does not meet those requirements. The results are not reported to any enforcement agency.


Instead, Auxiliary Vessel Examiners will make recommendations and let you know what you need to be legally compliant. Vessels that pass the safety check will be awarded a VSC decal, placed on your vessel that confirms it has passed a safety check. Safety checks can be performed at your boat's location – whether in a slip, at the launch ramp, or in your driveway – by a certified Vessel Examiner, at a mutually convenient time and place. To make an appointment, contact J. Steven Siske, [siskejs@bellsouth.net](mailto:siskejs@bellsouth.net), 828-230-5248. The safety check includes inspecting life jackets, registration and numbering, navigational lights,

ventilation source, fire extinguishers, distress signals, electrical connections, and items currently required by state and

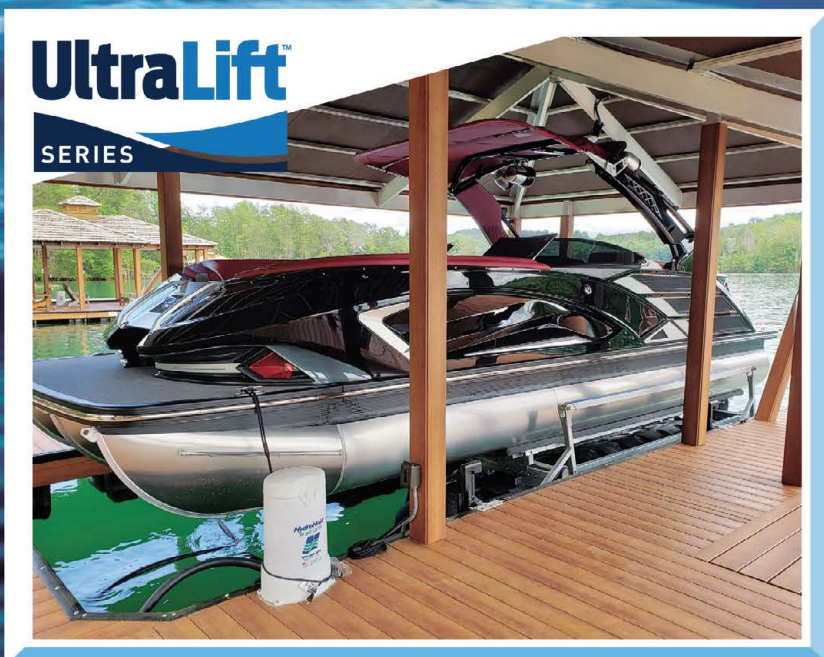


Above: This photograph was taken recently of US Coast Guard Auxiliary members TJ Harlos, (left) and R.A. Rogers (right). They were completing an inspection of a sail boat belonging to the Clemson University Sailing Club.

federal laws. If these items are missing, not in compliance or non-operational, it can result in a citation if your vessel is inspected by the Coast Guard or local authorities. As always, the USCG Auxiliary recommends that all boaters take a boating safety class, wear their life jackets when around or on the water, file a float plan, and get their vessels inspected. The Coast Guard Auxiliary is the uniformed civilian component of the U.S. Coast Guard and supports the Coast Guard in nearly all mission areas. The Auxiliary was created by Congress in 1939. For more information please visit [www.cgaux.org](http://www.cgaux.org) or contact 828-230-5248. ■




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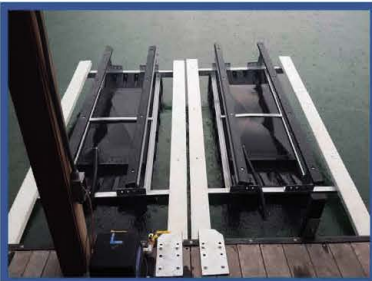
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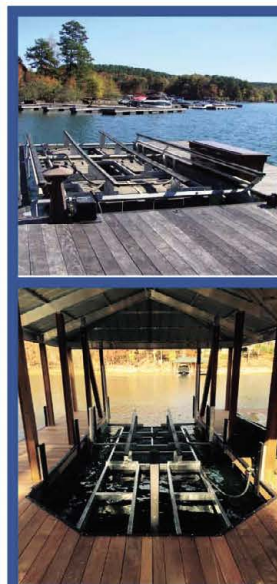


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## Bird Feeders Can Be Put Back Up If Pine Siskins Are Not Visiting Your Yard

By South Carolina Department of Natural Resources

A few weeks ago, SCDNR recommended for South Carolinians to clean and take down their seed and suet bird feeders until early April after a widespread disease outbreak was seen across the country.

As Pine Siskins migrate north, those who

took down their feeders can put them back up if you don't notice any Pine Siskins in your yard. Once you put your feeders back up, if you notice sick or dead birds, please clean and remove the feeders for at least two weeks.

SCDNR wants to stress the importance of keeping your bird feeder clean, and cleaning it regularly, to help prevent an outbreak like this from happening again. Bacteria and other diseases

are commonly shed by food or water contaminated with feces. Birds tend to congregate at bird feeders and birdbaths, so cleaning them regularly will reduce the spread of disease.

Bird feeders and birdbaths are wonderful ways for people to enjoy and help birds right in their backyards. Unfortunately, keeping bird feeders is not as easy as just putting one up and making sure it stays filled with food, it requires

regular maintenance and cleaning. And when outbreaks such as this happen, it's a great reminder of just how important it is to keep feeders and birdbaths clean so birds can continue to thrive in South Carolina.

Remember, if you ever see sick or dead birds around your feeders, remove them for at least two weeks. We appreciate your help with this! ■

## Rabbit Disease Concerns South Carolina Wildlife Officials

By South Carolina Department of Natural Resources

Officials with the S.C. Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) are concerned about a rabbit disease that affects wild and domestic rabbits and is nearly always fatal.

Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Virus-2 (RHDV2) is a highly contagious disease that affects all rabbits. Fortunately, humans are not susceptible to RHDV2, but they can inadvertently spread the virus.

"This is a highly contagious disease that can persist in the environment for a very long time," said Michael Hook, Small Game Project leader

with the S.C. Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR). "These factors make disease control efforts extremely challenging once it is in wild rabbit populations."

An outbreak began in 2020 in the southwestern U.S. and is causing the deaths of some species of native wild rabbits. Wild rabbits at breeding facilities, and pet rabbits may be also at risk. RHDV2 has been detected in Arizona, California, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas, Utah, Wyoming, Mexico, and most recently in Florida.

Symptoms displayed by rabbits infected with RHDV2 may include any of the following: loss of appetite, lethargy, high fever, seizures,

jaundice, bleeding from the nose, mouth, or rectum, difficulty breathing, and sudden death.

The virus is transmitted by direct and indirect contact, according to Hook. Direct contact occurs when a rabbit comes into physical contact with an infected rabbit or the urine or feces of an infected rabbit. Indirect contact occurs when a rabbit comes into contact with objects contaminated by the virus, including clothing worn by people who have handled contaminated objects or infected rabbits. Also, the virus can be spread through rabbit products such as fur, meat, or wool. Insects, birds, rodents, predators, and pets have also been known to spread RHDV2.

Hook said sick rabbits or rabbits found dead should not be collected or handled. If you find a dead rabbit in the wild or in a running enclosure, please leave the carcass and contact your local SCDNR biologist or conservation officer. If you have a sick or dead domestic rabbit take it to your local veterinarian who can send it to the Clemson Veterinary Diagnostic Center for examination.

"Educating yourself and others about RHDV2 is one of the best ways to help protect South Carolina's rabbits," Hook said.

Check <https://www.clemson.edu/public/lph/ahp/species/rabbit.html> for more detailed information. ■

## We Know Fawns Are Cute, But Please Leave Them Be

By South Carolina Department of Natural Resources

It's that time of year where mother deer leave their babies in "safe" locations while she finds food and rests. She's likely not far and will return to get her baby soon.

It's part of nature's plan for a doe to leave her fawn or fawns alone for their first few weeks of life. This unusual maternal action is because the fawn is better protected away from the doe at this age, as the doe is a more visible target for predators.

After brief periods of feeding and grooming

her fawn, a doe will spend much of her day feeding and resting somewhat removed from her young. The fawn ordinarily stays bedded down as if sleeping but will occasionally move short distances to new bedding sites.

Fawns are born during April, May, and June in

South Carolina and will begin daily movements with their mother about three to four weeks after birth.

If you notice a dead doe near the fawn, please call a wildlife rehabilitator. There's a list of rehabbers by location here: <https://www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife/rehab/deer.html> ■

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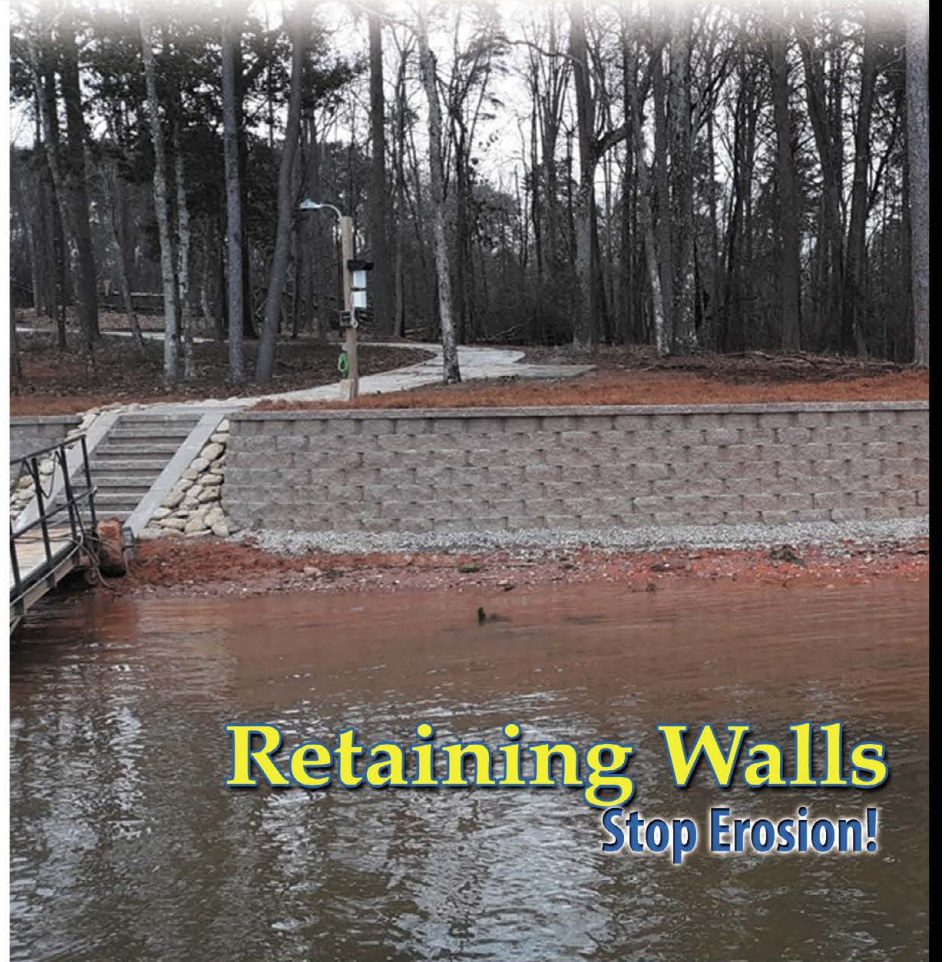
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**294 Dogwood Lane, Martin, GA** Very Private Getaway. If you've been looking for the space to park your camper, mobile home set up and enjoy the lake - well here it is!! There was a camper on site that has been removed. There's a storage building & decking in place. All utilities in place. Bring your golf cart - the lake access is across the street to your own personal dock - NOT SHARED. Pathway has been recently cleared and new gravel put in. The home spot is very private and protected. Must see! Access to lake & dock are marked with a directional sign. **\$135,000**



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**Lake Hartwell Fishing Forecast Spring to Summer 2021**

By Preston Harden

Spring has arrived. The lake is at full pool. The water is warming and all game fish are shallow and feeding. After a long cold winter, they are hungry. Look for fish very shallow. April is spawning time. Fishing can be good all day. Bass can be targeted sight fishing to spawning fish on the bed. Lots of stripers and hybrids run up the rivers to drop eggs. Some stay down lake and release eggs on shallow banks. Crappie are in shallow water in creeks attaching eggs to wood and rock structure.

By May, most spawning activity is

over and the game fish feed heavily to recover from the rigors of the spawn. Early morning will see the best action.

By June, most game fish move to deeper water. Stripers and hybrids start to group up and migrate toward the lower lake. Largemouth and spotted bass move to offshore structure in 15 to 30 feet deep. Crappie move from the backs of creeks to structure in 20 to 30 feet deep.

By July, we are in a summer pattern. Stripers and hybrids will be from mid to



the lower lake in deep water. Bass and crappie don't migrate like stripers but will go deeper. ■

**Free Fishing Days 2021**

By TakeMeFishing.org

Free fishing days are a perfect opportunity for beginners to try out fishing for the first time. If you already have a fishing license, thank you for your purchase and for doing your part to support the efforts of your state fish and wildlife agency to make great fishing for current and future generations. Please also consider taking a friend or family member who has never been fishing, out on

the water for the day.

Georgia free fishing days June 5th, June 12th and National Hunting and Fishing Day September 25th.

South Carolina free fishing days, Memorial Day, May 31st and Independence Day, July 4th.

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<p><b>May 1, 8:30am-10am</b> Lake Hartwell Dam Run Big Oaks Recreation Area, US Hwy 29 just N. of Hartwell www.active.com, Judy Bailey, Classicraceservices@gmail.com</p>	<p><b>May 11, 10am-12pm</b> Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program Voucher Distribution Anderson County Farmers Market 402 N. Murray Ave. Anderson</p>	<p><b>May 22</b> Ticket to The Moon-The Electric Light Orchestra Experience Walhalla Performing Arts Center 101 East North Broad St., Walhalla 864-638-5277</p>	<p>Downtown Hartwell on the square 150 W. Franklin St., FREE We are looking for vendors! To register your classic, antique, or hotrod vehicle Registration www.hart-chamber.org, 706-376-8590</p>	<p><b>June 19</b> Chi-Town Transit Authority, Fundraiser of The Knights of Columbus Charities- Council 6884, Seneca Walhalla Performing Art Center 101 East North Broad St., Walhalla 864-376-5277, www.walhallaPAC.com</p>
<p><b>May 1 &amp; 2</b> Boating Atlanta Fishing Tournament Gum Branch Mega Ramp 1352 Vannan Waller Rd, Hartwell 706-376-8590</p>	<p><b>May 14</b> The Bellamy Brothers, Country Music Walhalla Performing Arts Center 101 East North Broad St., Walhalla 864-638-5277, www.walhallaPAC.com</p>	<p><b>May 22</b> Walhalla Performing Arts Center Spring-50/50 Split Pot Raffle 101 East North Broad St., Walhalla 864-638-5277, Tickets \$10 each, WPAC Box Office or WPAC website. Winner takes 50% of the total collected! Drawing 5/15/21, do not have to be present to win SC Secretary of State Raffle #R52499866</p>	<p><b>May 29, 1:00pm-2:00pm</b> 9th Annual Lake Hartwell Music Festival Hartwell Lakeside (Formerly Hart State Park), Hartwell https:// lakehartwellmusicfestival7. brownpapertickets.com/ 706-436-9695</p>	<p><b>June 26, 9:30am-3:00pm</b> Pre-4th Arts &amp; Crafts Festival Downtown Hartwell, FREE</p>
<p><b>May 1</b> Dailey &amp; Vincent, "Rock Stars of Bluegrass" Walhalla Performing Arts Center 101 East North Broad St., Walhalla 864-638-5277, www.walhallaPAC.com</p>	<p><b>May 14, 2pm</b> B.A.M.A. Chili Pepper Golf Tourn. Saluda Valley Country Club 598 Beaverdam Rd. Williamston 864-958-5264</p>	<p><b>May 22, 10:00am-4:00pm</b> Gardens of HART Tour, Hart County Botanical Gardens, 1277 Hwy 77S/ Elberton Hwy Hartwell, Tickets contact Hart Chamber of Commerce or http://hartcogardens.org</p>	<p><b>May 30</b> The Black Jacket Symphony-Queens's A Night a Night at the Opera Walhalla Performing Art Center 101 East North Broad St., Walhalla 864-376-5277, www.walhallaPAC.com</p>	<p><b>June 26, around 9:15pm-10:00pm</b> Pre 4th Fireworks Celebration Hartwell Lakeside Resort 330 Hart State Park Rd. Hartwell GA www.hart-chamber.org, 706-6-376-8590</p>
<p><b>May 7, 5:30pm-7:00pm</b> 13th Annual Tony Hilton Low Country Boil Benefiting the Hart Imagination Library Tickets \$20, Drive Through Pick Up Only! 1579 Bowman Hwy, Hartwell, 706-436-4034</p>	<p><b>May 15</b> GA Bass Trail' Hart Chamber of Commerce 706-376-8590</p>	<p><b>May 22 &amp; 23</b> A Bass Anglers Hart Chamber of Commerce 706-376-8590</p>	<p><b>June 5</b> Cast for Kids Hart Chamber of Commerce 706-376-8590</p>	<p><b>July 3, 8:00pm</b> 2nd Fireworks Extravaganza Weekend Big Water Marina &amp; Campground 320 Big Water Road, Starr 864-339-2226, www.bigwatermarina.com</p>
<p><b>May 7</b> Preacher Lawson, Comedian Walhalla Performing Arts Center 101 East North Broad St., Walhalla 864-638-5277, www.walhallaPAC.com</p>	<p><b>May 21</b> Diamond &amp; Whiskey, Multitalented Musicians Walhalla Performing Arts Center 101 East North Broad St., Walhalla 864-638-5277, www.walhallaPAC.com</p>	<p><b>May 29, 10:00am-2:00pm</b> Cars &amp; Guitars Festival</p>	<p><b>June 12, 4:00pm-4:00pm</b> (Rain day 5/26) Rotary Lake Porker Run The Lighthouse-The Cabana, Seneca Registration visit www.senecarotarypokerrun.com</p>	<p><b>July 3</b> Wynonna, Country music singer Walhalla Performing Art Center 101 East North Broad St., Walhalla 864-376-5277, www.walhallaPAC.com</p>

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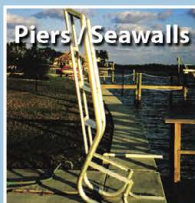
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