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South Carolina Department of Natural Resources Names New Director

The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources Board announced today the unanimous selection of Robert H. Boyles, Jr. for appointment as Director of the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR).

Boyles' appointment as Director is subject to confirmation of the South Carolina Senate. Alvin Taylor, former director of the SCDNR, retired in May.

SCDNR Board members touted Boyles' extensive experience with challenging conservation issues and his positive relationships with fellow SCDNR staff and constituents.

"The DNR has performed well under the leadership of Director Alvin Taylor, and we thank him for his tireless efforts on behalf of conservation in South Carolina," said SCDNR



Above Photo: SCDNR Board Chairman Norman Pulliam (left) with SCDNR Interim Director Robert Boyles.

Board Chairman Norman Pulliam of Spartanburg. "As we look to the future, it is important to have seasoned veterans leading our agency. Robert spent his formative years in Cheraw, he has worked for DNR for over 22 years, and he has been a member of the

senior DNR leadership team for over 16 years, serving as Deputy Director for Marine Resources since 2003. He has served as Interim Director of the DNR since May. He has proven himself more than capable in leading our agency, and I speak on behalf of our entire Board

when I say we are looking forward to working with Robert as he leads the DNR into the future."

Boyles has worked in South Carolina government since the early 1990s in areas ranging from marine research administration, conservation policy and management, marine operations, and interstate fisheries management.

Boyles serves on the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, including stints as vice-Chairman and Chairman of the Commission. Additionally, he has served on the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council and on the Outer Continental Shelf Policy Committee of the US Department of the Interior. Boyles received his bachelor's degree in

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Partnership with DDS and DNR Creates Efficiency for Georgia Boaters

Great news for Georgia boaters! A partnership between the state Department of Driver Services (DDS) and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is making it easier for boaters to show they have the required boater education. A boating indicator – a small anchor – may be added to the front of a driver's license or ID card to eliminate the need to have a boating safety education card with them when boating.

While all Georgia boaters do not need to complete training, many are required to complete a state-approved education program before operating a boat – including anyone born on and after January 1, 1998.

The advantage to this program is that you will no longer need to carry your boating safety education card with you when boating, provided you have your driver's license/ID with you.

"Once the boater education

completion indicator is placed on your DDS record, it will automatically be printed on your license or ID each time it is renewed. We are excited to partner with DNR on this customer-focused initiative," commented DDS Commissioner Spencer R. Moore.

"As time moves forward, more and more Georgians will be required to complete a boater education course if they want to operate a boat on state waters," said Georgia DNR Commissioner Mark Williams. "To be able to show that you have completed boater ed on your driver's license will eliminate the need to carry a separate card, which is much more convenient."

Those without the boater education completion indicator printed on their driver's license or ID card must continue to carry their proof of completion of the boater education course (if required in Georgia), along

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Why Winter Might Just Be the Best Time to Build a Dock

Winter is the best time to build a dock, but few people take advantage of the benefits. Unlike siding a home or installing new brickwork, a majority of the work involved in building a dock doesn't take place in the elements.

All the planning, designing, and manufacturing happen in temperature-controlled settings completely unimpeded by cold. Learn all the ways a winter order gives your marine construction a major advantage.

Maximize Your Recreation Funds: Winter is a popular time for families to invest in recreation. Beginning after Thanksgiving, people start planning vacations and other fun purchases. Building a dock adds value to your property that lasts year after year and adds value to all of



Above Photo: By Wahoo Docks

your other purchases. It makes using all your watercraft easier, so you use it more often, and it makes it easier and safer for your family members and friends to participate. A dock can provide support for other types of recreation as well, from fishing and swimming to taking the boat out.

Have Your Dock Ready for Spring Use: Certain docks, like the Wahoo Docks CAT5 docks and boating docks, require time to design. Not only

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Mathematical Economics from Wake Forest University, and a Master of Marine Policy from the University of Delaware, and he has completed fellowships in marine conservation and policy at the Duke University Marine Lab in Beaufort,

North Carolina, and the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration in Washington, D.C.

“Robert does a fantastic job. He has the support of his DNR staff, and I have seen firsthand now for many years how dedicated and concerned he

is about the agency and people of South Carolina,” said Chairman Pulliam.

“I am humbled by the support of the SCDNR Board, and I look forward to working with our staff, our many constituents, and leaders in

government to tackle the challenges that lie ahead in managing the tremendous natural resources of South Carolina” said Boyles.

Boyles is married and has two sons attending Clemson University. ■

Partnership with DDS and DNR Creates Efficiency for Georgia Boaters – continued from pg. 1

with proof of identity. Boat operators can enroll in a certified boater education course either online or through a classroom-based program to receive the necessary certification (www.gadnrle.org/boating-education).

Process

- Those who have completed a DNR-approved classroom course will automatically have their information submitted electronically from DNR after the class completion and placed on their DDS record if they have or in the past have had a Georgia driver's license or identification card. The next time they apply for a driver license or ID card renewal, the boater education completion indicator

- will be placed on their license or ID card.
- Customers who return to the DDS for the boater education completion indicator before their license renewal may be subject to any issuance or renewal fees.
- Customers who choose to renew online or via the DDS 2 GO app will have the indicator placed on their card if DDS has record of the course completion on file from DNR.
- Those who have completed an online NASBLA-approved boater education course may bring the original NASBLA certificate of completion to a DDS customer service center to have the indicator placed on their license or ID.

- Those who have completed a NASBLA-approved boater education course from another state may bring the original NASBLA certificate to a DDS customer service center to have the indicator placed on their license or ID.

About the Georgia Department of Driver Services (DDS):

The Georgia Department of Driver Services (DDS) is responsible for the issuance of driver's licenses and state identification cards, conducting over 3.7 million annual transactions for the nation's eighth largest state across 67 field offices. Additionally, DDS runs the state's motorcycle safety program (training over 7000 motorcyclists

annually), investigates fraud through its internal law enforcement division, answers 1.5 million citizen phone calls, and maintains driving records on all drivers licensed in Georgia and non-residents who are convicted of traffic violations in Georgia courts. We are committed to our mission “To provide secure identity credentials to our customers, with excellence and respect”.

The mission of the **Department of Natural Resources** is to sustain, enhance, protect and conserve Georgia's natural, historic and cultural resources for present and future generations, while recognizing the importance of promoting the development of commerce and industry that utilize sound environmental practices. ■

Why Winter Might Just Be the Best Time to Build a Dock – continued from pg. 1

are there a number of customizable options to decide upon, but engineers oversee every part of the manufacturing process. We go the extra mile to ensure the docks are secure, safe and durable enough to last.

Securing the permits needed can take several months all on its own. Working with a professional streamlines the process, but it's even faster when you begin a few months in advance.

The planning stages and initial manufacturing can happen during the winter months so installation can begin as soon as warm weather returns. You don't have to wait for warm weather to get started. Have your dock available as soon as it's needed.

Increase Your Home Value Before a Spring or Summer Sale: Since the early 2000s, home prices for properties with docks has soared. This is one home improvement that

gives you an easy and immediate boost to your property value. Building one during the winter is an excellent way to prepare your property for a spring or summer sale or a refinance.

Of course, the features of the dock you choose have a big impact on how much value you'll add. A basic wooden dock you build yourself might do more harm than good. The value of your dock depends on existing structures, the shoreline and water features, your intended

usage, quality of construction, and the installing team. A floating dock system may also provide higher value, as it will be easier for future owners to modify to fit their needs. All things considered, a high-quality floating dock built with your property and use in mind could add \$20,000 or more to your home's value.

Take advantage of the best time to build a dock by scheduling an appointment with Wahoo Docks at www.wahoodocks.com. ■

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Market Report

All Lakefront properties sold on Lake Hartwell (Anderson and Oconee counties only) since January 1, 2019 (as of 12/16/19) according to the Western Upstate MLS.

Lakefront Single Family Homes

239 Sold in 2019.

91 Median Days on Market
\$362,500 Median Close Price

Lakefront Condos/Townhomes

43 Sold in 2019.

68 Median Days on Market
\$142,500 Median Close Price

Lakefront Lots

92 Sold in 2019.

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\$689,000



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1122 Bay Drive
\$169,000



0.57 lot with low corp line & dock in Treasure Bay (no HOA fees).

20 Anchor Pt
\$197,000



3BR/2BA lakefront condo with incredible views from large deck and master bedroom balcony.

215 Public Well Rd
\$335,000



Spacious 3BR/2BA home on 4.29 acres. Very close to lake and boat ramp. Screen porch, wood fireplace.

128 N. Sundew Dr
\$88,900



Cute bungalow on interior lot in amenity filled Chickasaw Point.

1407 Hunters Trail
\$199,900



3BR home on interior lot. Quiet neighborhood, close to boat ramp

Registration Now Open for Camp Wildwood, South Carolina's Conservation Leadership Camp

By South Carolina
Department of Natural Resources

Registration is now open for the 2020 session of Camp Wildwood, South Carolina's conservation leadership camp.

The 2020 session of Camp Wildwood is set for June 21-27, 2020, at Kings Mountain State Park in York County. Camp Wildwood is for rising 10th, 11th and 12th graders, and its purpose is to help

train the next generation of conservation leaders in South Carolina. Camp Wildwood is \$200 per week—one of the least expensive camps in the state—and some scholarships are available. For information on registering for camp, visit <https://www.campwildwoodsc.com>.

Camp Wildwood gives participants a basic introduction to South Carolina's wildlife and natural resources and provides an understanding of, and commitment to, the wise use and

management of those resources. Camp Wildwood provides youth with the opportunity to grow in self-confidence and to develop initiative and leadership skills in a challenging yet supportive environment.

Campers take classes at Camp Wildwood in wildlife, hunter education, fisheries and forestry. A number of other traditional camp activities, such as swimming, kickball, volleyball, fishing, and nightly dances, are also part of the camp

experience.

Camp Wildwood is made possible through the generous support of the Garden Club of South Carolina, the Harry Hampton Memorial Wildlife Fund and the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources. For more information about Camp Wildwood, visit <https://www.campwildwoodsc.com> or e-mail wildwood@gmail.com. ■

Wipe Out Those Winter Garden Woes

Do you look at your garden at this time of the year and wish it were more alive? Well, as those of us who have their homes on the market have found out - there are ways to make your front yard look attractive even in the dead of winter!

One thing you don't want is murky green garden paths. Regularly power-hose your paths and decks so that the slimy green mold can't take hold! Also check for it at the base of your fences and house. If you live in a mild winter area, then you may need to keep cutting the lawn, but lift the mower slightly so that the grass is not cut so short in the winter.

If you are showing your home you will probably want to leave your potted plants in their ceramic containers on show. If this is the case, keep an eye on the weather forecasts and pop some bubble wrap over them if the weather is going to freeze.

One non-gardening way to pretty up a front yard while the plants hibernate, is to invest a few

dollars in some inexpensive path lighting. The push-in mushroom lamps look quite effective when turned on and will give your front yard some definition.

Hopefully, you have already invested in a supply of evergreens, if not, now is the time for you to examine your yard and decide where new



trees should be placed. Remember to always include some of the blue fir, and there are bronze, yellow, silver and variegated evergreens to choose from. Many of us forget the brightness of berry

evergreens like holly and rowan trees. (Sometimes referred to as mountain ash or *Pyrus Americana*)

Winter flowers are scarce and are all the more appreciated because of it. Among the choice is pink viburnum as well as winter honeysuckle and winter jasmine - all have blooms (and the last two smell delightful). Bedding plants such as winter pansies and winter heather also add color.

Apart from attractive tree bark, there is also a modern day fad for decorative cabbages in cream and purple, and these are a hardy decoration in the yard.

If you feel you can't wait for your garden to wake up and come alive, then be sure to add some of the early bulbs into your planting plan. If your house is on the market, you can tell your prospective buyers that the new owner will be moving into a view of spring bulbs.

If you are not planning a move yet, then snow drops, daffodils and crocuses all come out in bloom very early and can be your reminder that spring is just around the corner! ■

Shoreline Permit Fee Increases at Corps of Engineers Reservoirs Put on Hold

By USACE, Savannah District

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is delaying the implementation of fee increases for shoreline permits in the South Atlantic region while USACE conducts a national review of the shoreline management program fees. The South Atlantic region will continue to operate the current Shoreline Management Program within its existing procedures and fees until further notice. ■

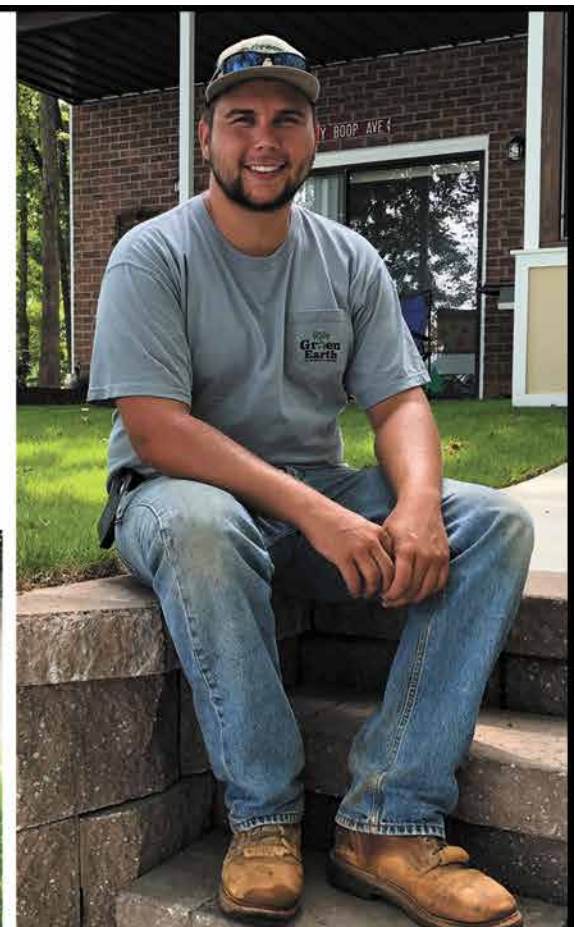
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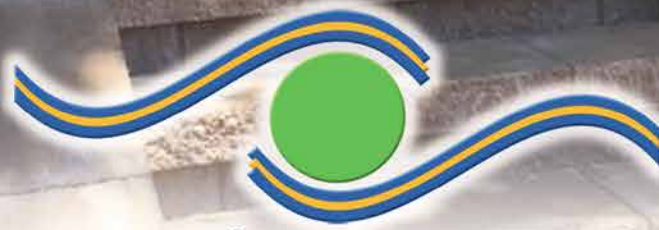

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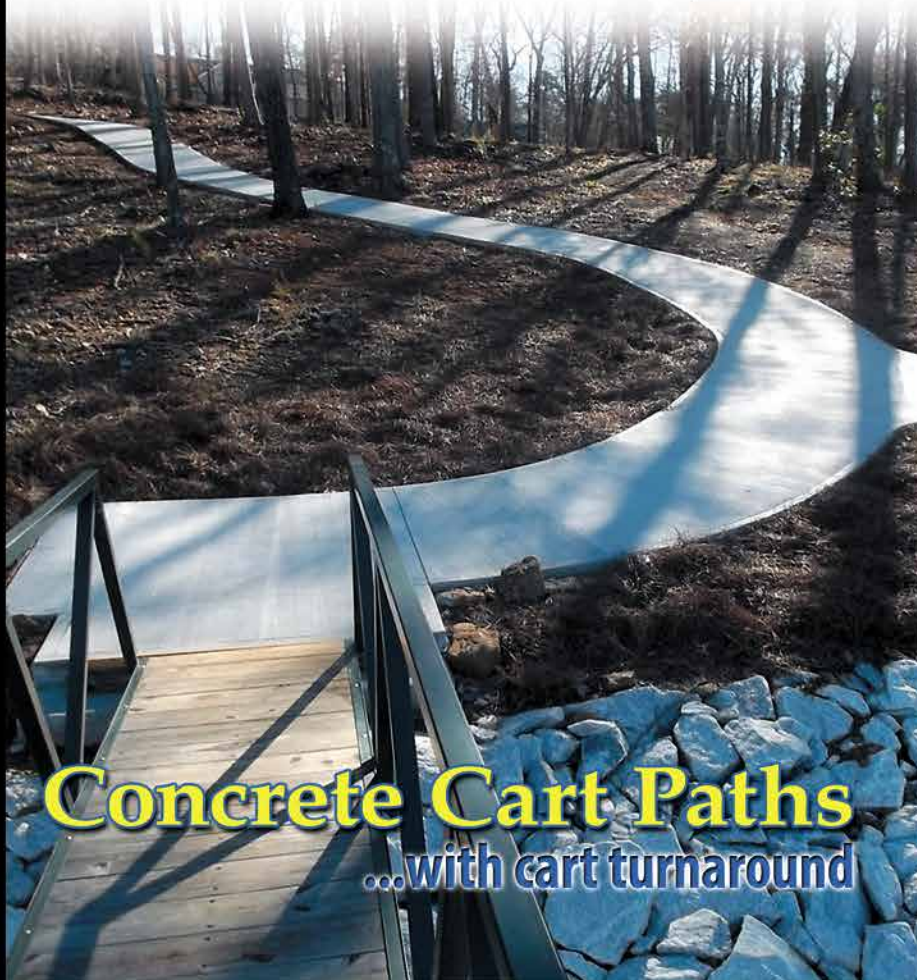
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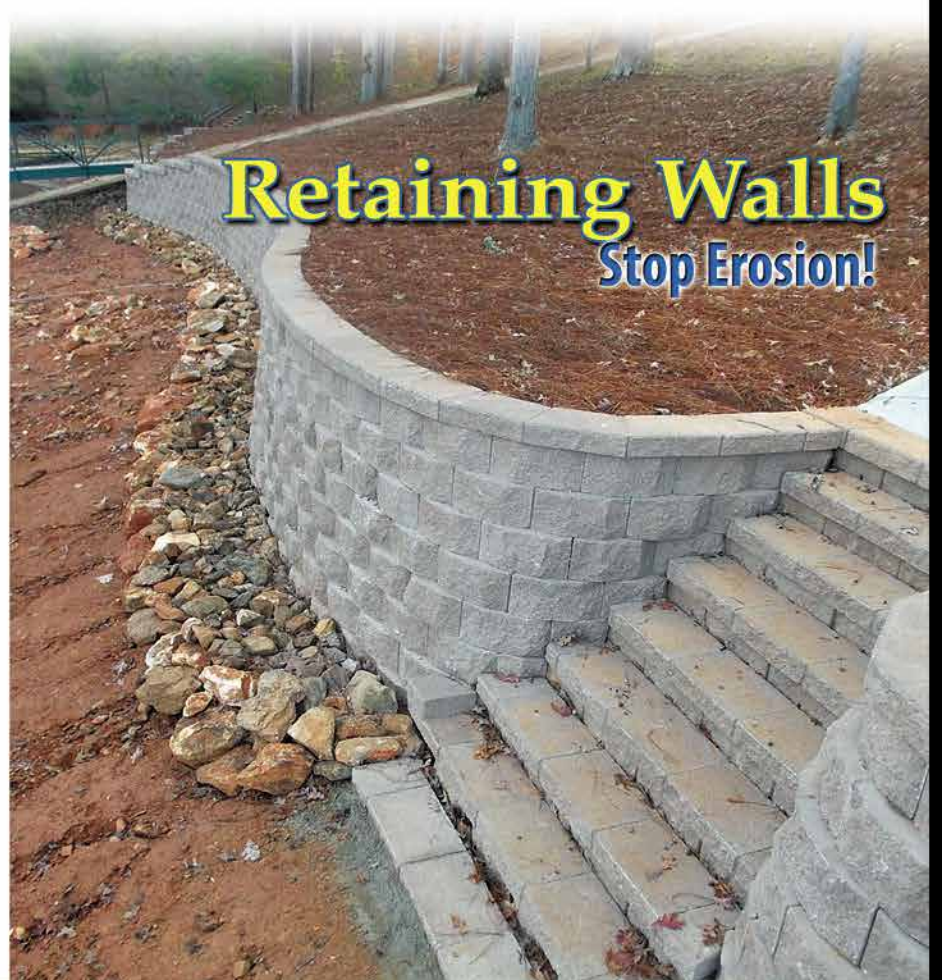
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2020 Georgia Fishing Regulations Available: Go Fish Georgia!

Be sure to use the brand new 2020 Georgia Sport Fishing Regulations Guide as you make all your fishing plans for next year says the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources Division (WRD).

"Maybe you are looking for info about the Georgia Bass Slam or how to get your kids 'hooked'

the most current and accurate information on regulations and new opportunities, and anglers can access it online, from our Outdoors GA app or in the printed copy."

The 2020 Georgia Sport Fishing Regulations Guide provides information such as a color fish identification chart for both freshwater and

on fishing? Anglers, new or experienced, should always begin with this publication," said Thom Litts, Chief with the WRD Fisheries Management Section. "Our biologists and staff work to make sure this guide book has

saltwater fish, license purchasing information, contact information for Wildlife Resources Division and Coastal Resources Division fisheries management offices and DNR Law Enforcement offices, trout stream listings, public fishing area information, state record fish listings, fishing regulations for Georgia and more.

The 2020 Georgia Sport Fishing Regulations may be found online at <http://www.eregulations.com/georgia/fishing/>, or through the Outdoors GA app (free app for iPhone or Android users). Anglers also can pick up a printed copy at any Wildlife Resources Division fisheries management or DNR Law Enforcement office, or at fishing

license vendors throughout Georgia.

Where else can you find fishing information? The Angler Resources page on the WRD website, <http://georgiawildlife.com/fishing/angler-resources>, is a great place for new or experienced anglers and includes information about taking kids fishing, reservoir and river fishing tips, fish ID info and much more. If you are looking for the latest fishing tips, check out the weekly Georgia Fishing Report (<https://georgiawildlife.blog>).

For more information about Georgia's fishing regulations, visit <http://georgiawildlife.com/regulations>. ■

Marine Specialties Receives HydroHoist Dealer of the Year

Marine Specialties Inc wins HydroHoist® Dealer of the Year award again for 2019. HydroHoist Boat Lifts is the largest hydro-pneumatic boat lift manufacturer in the world. HydroHoist® creates specialty products to protect boats, personal watercraft, and docks. MSI has been awarded top sales producer of the year and remains the number one HydroHoist® Dealer for the last 27 years running.

HydroHoist boat lifts lead the competition in innovation and performance, highlighting the use of "all steel above water." They also feature a polyethylene tank that is an exclusive product for boat lifts. Currently, HydroHoist boat lifts lead the way with quality and innovation.

Marine Specialties Inc owner Tom Child started the company in 1988 by installing boat lifts in the Gainesville Georgia area. The company was so successful he was able to open a second location

in Anderson, South Carolina in 1997. It has always been Tom's goal to provide the very best products the marine industry has to offer.

The company continues to excel by delivering a premium level of service to all its customers and takes pride in sharing their awards, accolades, and all 24 of MSI's 5 Star reviews, as seen on Google.

Marine Specialties Inc. is also an exclusive dealer of Wahoo Docks aluminum boat docks. Each year for the past ten years, MSI continued the high marks of distinction for their exceptional sales and service and recognized as one of the most successful Wahoo Docks dealers in the United States!

Today MSI has developed into the largest boat lift dealer in the area and has expanded to deliver the highest quality Marine products available, including Boat Lifts, Residential and Commercial Boat Docks, Jet Ski Lifts, Rip Rap Erosion Control, Shoreline Steps, and other Marine service and repairs.

Tom Child, the CEO of Marine Specialties Inc., is proud to support many charitable organizations by giving back to the community. Every year it is MSI's goal to award \$5.00 from every project the company does and donate it to an extraordinary family with a huge heart that has put the needs of disadvantaged children above their own and has adopted children with special needs.

MSI has donated to the area's animal shelter and helped an amazing little girl who is battling cancer. A donation was made to a Children's Hospital with all of the remaining funds. ■



Above Photo: Names L to R — Ron Martin, Director of Sales, HydroHoist; Carrie Kostyshyn, Sales Manager, MSI; Tom Child, Owner, MSI; Joanna Cloud, Sales Manager, MSI; Kyle Davis, General Manager, MSI; Nick Webber, CEO & President, HydroHoist

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Beautiful Lakefront Acreage 15.16, Lake Hartwell

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Beautiful Lakefront Acreage (15.16) on Lake Hartwell. Tract 30 Chateau Estates, Lavonia, GA. 172' lake frontage. There are a few deed restrictions - must have 1200 square feet heated space, no mobile homes. Property can be divided - no more than 4 of at least 3 acres each. HORSES ALLOWED. Property is not dockable (red zoned) - Corps line is close so a view can be established. When the lake is down a few feet there is a nice sandy beach. Wide open cove - should not have fast boat traffic - nice area to swim & play, kayak, canoe, beach your boat. Located minutes from Rock Creek Boat Landing. **\$115,000**

165 Deerwood Dr., Westminster, SC



Waterfront Lot in Foxwood Hills. 165 Deerwood Dr., Westminster, SC. Beautiful & very private lot with long lake views. Nicely underbrushed w/concrete path to covered slip dock in place which is included in sale. Corps line is close - lot is sloped great for a walk-out basement. Foxwood Hills amenities include: clubhouse, swimming pool, tennis courts, restaurants, golf, & more. **\$160,000.**



13 Wilbrooke Way, Hidden Falls, Anderson

\$629,900



UNDER CONTRACT! 13 Wilbrooke Way, Hidden Falls, Anderson - 3800 sq ft home sits grandly on 3.35 acres of land. 4BR's/3.5 BA's. Hanna School District. Fenced in-ground pool. Perfect for entertaining or restful fishing from the dock of a well-stocked pond. The kitchen is a dream & opens to the screened porch as well as to the living room for a more intimate experience. The master is privately located on the main level & has a luxurious ensuite. Upstairs offers 3 more BR's & bonus space along with 2 full baths. Space is not lacking in this home! The add'l 2-car detached garage was previously designed as a private suite. It has since been converted back to a garage space, however still available are central HVAC, a full bath & rough plumbing. Convenient to 85. **Offered at \$629,900**

90 Breezy Point, Hartwell, GA

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SOLD! 127 Upper View Terrace, McClain Pointe

\$200,000

SOLD! 127 Upper View Terrace, McClain Pointe - The last remaining lakefront lot in McClain Pointe for sale! Don't let this one get away. McClain Pointe is convenient to Anderson, Clemson, Seneca & minutes from I-85. Prestigious Hartwell Lakefront Subdivision is a gated community - minimum square footage to build is 2200. Covered slip dock is already in place. The lot is gently sloped and would easily accommodate a walk-out basement. **\$200,000**



CHICKASAW POINT LOT
 109 N. Arrowhead LF – not dockable **\$6,000**



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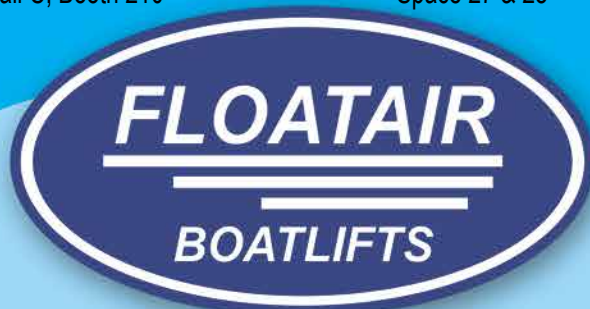
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Prior to making the decision to buy your first boat, you have to be aware that there are a lot of dissimilar types of boats available in the marketplace. Buying the most attractive boat does not mean you are going to be fulfilled with it especially later when you discover that it does not allow you to do the things that you want it to do.

Selecting the right boat for you is not

something that can be done in a matter of minutes. One of the best hints to recognize in advance is to decide what you are thinking how to use the boat, whether you are going to use it for pure enjoyment such as cruising the lake, oceans or rivers or just going to use the boat for a fishing trip with your friends.

At the moment we are not going to discuss whether you can afford the boat or not, or whether you should buy a second hand boat or a new one. We are talking about more on the types of available boats that will be worthy of the types of activities that you are going to utilize it for.

So, in order for you to select the proper boat, you have to take your time and decide the intention of your purchase. Even if you decide that you desire to use the boat for fishing, it may surprise you that there are different types of fishing boat designs out there. Selecting the wrong boat will have quite an affect on your fishing experience.

There are general-purpose fishing boats which are great for saltwater or freshwater fishing. These boats are suited to different types of fishing and perform wonderfully in rough waters. Another type of boat is called an air boat. These types of boats are designed specifically to get you over

marshy waters or scenarios that other types of boats are not capable of reaching.

Some of us would like to have a boat that only permits us to do nothing but putter along the river or lake and enjoy the beautiful views of nature at it's best. If your idea of a great day comprises of spending time with your friends and families cruising around the waterways, then you would be better off to obtain a boat designed for this requirement.

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Types of Wakeboard Boats

Choosing the right wakeboard boat will help you to create the right type of wakes. Unlike ordinary boats, wakeboard boats come with a device that creates a larger wake. These wakes allow you to do aerial tricks while jumping from side to side. Although choosing a wakeboard boat seems like an easy process there are actually multiple types that you need to choose between.

The most popular form of wakeboard boats is those with a vDrive, which are the ones that have the engine at the back of the boat. Typically, these are referred to as inboard boats. However, other wakeboard boats can be direct drive boats that have the engine in the middle of the boat.

Then when it comes to the technology that allows a wakeboard to create a wake there are three types of technology to choose from. The first of these is ballast technology. This is the newest standard of

wakeboarding technology. This is where ballast tanks are placed inside the boat hull and can then be filled or emptied through a switch in the driving area. The heavier the ballast the lower the boat goes which results in a larger wake as the boat moves.

The second option is wedge technology,

which uses a metal structure at the rear of the boat near the propeller. This helps to shape wakes and allows the driver to fine tune the wake to the rider's needs. Many Malibu boats use wedge technology.

Finally, there is hull technology, which has been used in combination with ballast technology for years by many manufacturers. This combination allows boaters to get very big wakes that allow the riders to achieve some of the best aerial maneuvers.

When it comes to choosing the right technology for your wakeboard boat you want to



first consider the main purpose of your boat. Are you going to be using it in tournament competitions or are you only going to be using it for recreational purposes? The purpose of a boat can help you to determine the engine type such as an inboard or outboard.

Next you should consider where you will be doing your wakeboarding. If you are going to use it on the open water in large lakes or the ocean then you want a larger boat to help you handle the rough water. On the other hand, if you are going to be using the boat on smaller lakes then a direct drive boat is the best choice. ■

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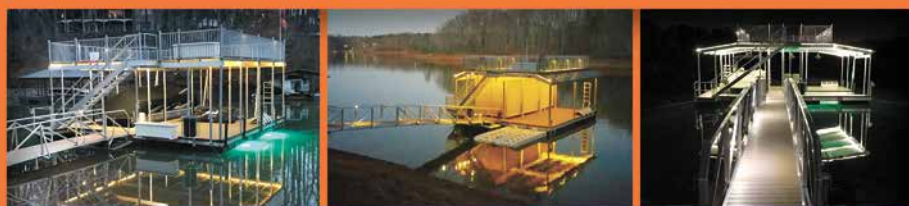


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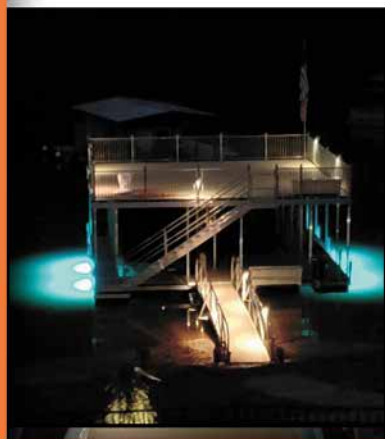
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24th Annual Polar Bear Plunge Invites You to Jump in the Lake

Each year the Northeast Georgia Council on Domestic Violence highlights the importance of recognizing what constitutes domestic violence.

On February 29th the Council will hold its 24th Annual Polar Bear Plunge during the Winter Festival at the Hartwell Marina in Hartwell, Georgia. Gates open at 10:30 a.m. with the Jump scheduled for 12:30 p.m. The Council is looking for vendors, especially those featuring kid-related winter activities; ice fishing, face painting, bounce houses and food. For more information contact the Northeast Georgia Council on Domestic Violence at 706-377-4884. Proceeds will help support domestic violence victims.

Domestic violence is sometimes described as family violence, intimate partner violence,



or teen dating violence and is a widespread problem across the country, say domestic violence counselors. Persons using abusive tactics to compel submission of one person to another in an intimate relationship may use physical and sexual violence, isolation, intimidation and stalking behaviors to achieve their goals.

Throughout the month of February the Domestic Violence Council, along with other groups nationwide, will come together to highlight the need to educate young people about dating violence. It is important to teach healthy relationship skills in the teen community so the cycle of abuse can be prevented, say those familiar with domestic violence. ■

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A Look at How Boat Lifts Work and the Different Types

Boat lifts are used to lift the boat and store the boat above the water surface. Boat lifts are generally of two types. They are i) Hydro hoist model and ii) the Air-Dock model. Boat lifts are manufactured keeping in mind the different sizes of the boats.

Boat lifts work on the principle of lifts and hoists. In Hydro hoist type model there are float tanks that have a drain fitting at the bottom which is always open to the water. The boats are lifted with the help of hoists that are driven by heavy motors. The Hydro-Hoist boat lifts are of several types such as Boat Floater, Econo Lift and others. In the case of Air Dock the pressure of air is required to uplift the boat to a certain height above the water surface. With Air Dock type boat lifts there is a water tank which is filled and evacuated with the air pressure. Here the air is pumped in from the atmosphere to force the water out of the water tanks thus lifting the hoist. To lower down the hoists, one should vent the air pressure to allow water to fill the again tank.

Generally, a motor with a blower is attached which is about the size of a vacuum cleaner motor. These motors blow the air out of the float tanks. Each tank has a hole at opposite

ends, where the hose is attached. These holes are about 4 inches in diameter. An electric switch is used to turn on the blower and a valve. To raise the boat lift the valve is opened and the blower motor turned on. It can be left on until air bubbles are out of the 4 inch holes, this is the maximum lift that can be obtained. Once the boat is lifted to the desired height the valve is manually closed and all the air is retained in the tanks. When the boat is to be launched the valve is opened and the captured air from the tank escapes past the blower and the lift settles into the lake.

Different new technologies are adopted regularly to enhance the working principles of boat lifts. These new technologies are a floating drive-on dry lifting system which makes existing technology obsolete. Fully portable, changeable and modular boat lifts will work in shallow water or deep water, fresh, tides or salt water, currents and even waves. These boat lifts have the power to lift boats of different sizes, from small boats to large watercrafts. Drive-on floating docks even replace those traditional lifts, boat hoists, davits & trailers and provide a convenient dry-dock for stern drives, outboard boats, inboard ski boats and jet boats of all sizes and shapes. ■

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How to Christen a Boat with its Name

How to christen a boat is open to interpretation, since different cultures have their own set of norms. The Vikings are said to have started the celebration with human sacrifice. Ick. In middle-age Europe holy water was sprinkled over the boat, but good luck finding a supply of holy water in your local WalMart's refrigerated section. And it was the British Navy which began the familiar practice of smashing a bottle of champagne across the



bow, which is not politically correct these days as both broken glass and carbon dioxide can be considered pollutants. More modern boat christening ceremonies consist of a short list of steps:

1. Gather some friends and family, then launch the boat and tie it to a pier or dock.
2. Pass around a celebratory drink; champagne, wine, or whatever you prefer is acceptable.
3. Place a green, leafy branch (of any sort) in the boat to represent a safe return to land.
4. Name the boat, make a toast to it, and pour some of the libation over the boat's bow.

5. Go for a boat ride!

If you decide to throw caution into the wind and break an actual bottle of champagne across the bow, remember that champagne bottles are extremely thick and difficult to smash. And not only is it considered bad luck when the bottle doesn't break on the first swing, you may also cause some gel coat damage if you try to smash it on the hullside. A stainless-steel bow pulpit or cleat makes a much better target. And placing the bottle inside a mesh bag (to catch all the broken glass) is considered appropriate. ■

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39th Annual Migratory Waterfowl Stamp

By South Carolina Department of Natural Resources

The 2019-20 South Carolina Migratory Waterfowl Print features commissioned artist Jim Killen's original work of art. The Duck Stamp and Print program, now in its 39th year, is administered by the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources. A master artist, avid sportsman and dedicated conservationist, Jim Killen has reaped national and international awards, including being honored three times as "International Artist of the Year" for Ducks Unlimited. Jim merges his passion for the outdoors into every facet of his life. He

spends hours with his camera recording the beauty and serenity of the great outdoors with his own sporting dogs by his side. "I feel a closeness to dogs. I have hunted with some great dogs and painted them as well. I know the dedication that exists between an owner and their dog." The distinctive style and quality of Jim's original paintings, along with his wealth of knowledge and experience, make for an extraordinary combination.

His art has generated millions of dollars for numerous conservation groups



Above Artwork: By Jim Killen

such as Ducks Unlimited International, Pheasants Forever, Quail Unlimited and the National Wild Turkey Federation. He was

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Hartwell Lake Fishing Forecast Winter to Spring 2020

By Preston Harden

Fishing during the winter for most game fish gets tough. This is the third year in a row that the water is not getting cold. When the water gets below 50°, most fish metabolism slows and they don't feed.

As of early January, the water temperature is still in the mid-50s. Hybrids, stripers, largemouth, and spots are still feeding. Downsize your bait to imitate threadfin Shad instead of blue back Herring. If the water does get cold, crappie will be my favorite winter option. They will feed no matter how cold it gets. They taste better

when the water is cold. They are the best fish to eat in the Lake. Look for them in the shade of docks and bridges. Tiny jigs on light line worked very slow works for me. Crappie minnows will also work. They will be in deeper water, 15 to 30 feet deep. They stage under deeper docks and bridges in the winter, prior to moving shallow in the spring to spawn.

As we move toward spring and the water starts to warm, all game fish will move shallow. As the afternoon warms, the fish move very shallow to feed. This is where the water is

warmer. This is my favorite time of the year to catch fish close to the banks. I usually start fishing after noon and as the afternoon warms, the fishing gets better. I like to fish small jigs and flukes on windblown



banks in the creeks. I plan on catching hybrids, stripers, and both

largemouth and spotted bass all in the same area. ■

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Do You Need a Boat License in Your State or Another State?

By Ken Schultz, TakeMeFishing.org

So, you just acquired a new or used boat. If you're completely new to boating, you probably have a bunch of questions. If you bought the boat from a marine dealer, he/she can answer most of your questions. If you bought it from a private seller, don't rely on that person's knowledge of what you're required to do. Here are answers to questions most newbies ask:

DO YOU NEED A BOAT LICENSE? Maybe. But first, get it insured if it's a boat (and trailer) of some value. As with an auto, you want to take care of that before you leave the seller.

If your boat is powered by a motor (that includes a rowboat or kayak powered by an electric motor), you'll need to register your boat in the state in which you live. Some states (i. e. Pennsylvania) require registration of all boats, whether powered or not.

Registration is different from a boating license, and it's something you'll have to renew annually, as with an auto. Do a search under the name of your state and "boat registration" to get started, and make sure that you have the old title from the seller as well as a bill of sale.

A boat license is a one-time requirement. You may have already acquired one in the past, or you can obtain it before ever purchasing a boat.

DO YOU NEED A BOATING LICENSE IF YOU'VE TAKEN A BOATING SAFETY COURSE? Here's where some confusion occurs.

It's not a boating license per se. In most states, you must take a boating safety education course, and successfully complete it, to be able to operate a boat. When you complete the course, you receive a certificate (i.e the "license"). That makes you legal. If the course was approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) and recognized by the U.S. Coast Guard, it's good for life and qualifies you even if you move to another state.

In some states, it is not required that you take such a course, or the requirement may pertain only to people of a certain age. Find out where to take such a course and what's required to operate a motorboat in your state. Online and in-person courses are available.

DO YOU NEED A BOAT LICENSE TO OPERATE SOMEONE ELSE'S BOAT?

Or does your spouse or child need one to operate your boat? That depends on the state you're in. The answer is yes for many states, and in others it may only apply to young operators.

DO YOU NEED A BOAT LICENSE IF YOU GO TO ANOTHER STATE WITH YOUR BOAT? That depends on the other state's laws. While each state recognizes the registration of another state, you'll have to follow its regulations for operating a boat, which may differ from the regulations in your home state. If you have a certificate from a boating safety education course, you'll be able to operate your boat (or someone else's). But you will need a fishing license from that state to go fishing. ■

Changes to County Property Tax Collections will Impact SC Boat Owners Beginning in 2020

By South Carolina Department of Natural Resources

As a result of legislation changing the way that counties collect property taxes on boats, in January of 2020, boat owners and buyers in South Carolina will begin to see changes in the way that boat registrations are issued by the S.C. Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR). The changes to the registration process will be phased in over the next three years as current registrations expire and will result in an annual registration process for boats that more closely mirrors the system used for automobiles.

The most visible and immediate change for boat owners will be that boat registration renewals will be done on an annual basis, rather than every three years as they are currently. The fee for the new annual registration will be \$10 (1/3 the cost of the old three-year fee of \$30). Once fully implemented, the annual registration fee will be included on and paid via the boat owner's county property tax bill, just like SCDMV vehicle registration fees are paid, which should be more convenient for boat owners than getting a separate bill.

Another change is that under the new law, property taxes for boats will be collected by counties in advance (or "prospectively") for the coming year. Under the old system, property taxes for boats were collected "in arrears," or for the previous year. Once the property taxes and registration renewal fee for the coming year have

been paid by the owner, the county will notify SCDNR to issue a new set of annual registration numbers for that vessel.

These changes to state law were requested by counties to aid them in accurately collecting the property taxes due on boats. SCDNR is currently working with tax collection officials in all 46 counties to help implement the new requirements and ensure that boat registrations are integrated into the new, annual system. It's important to note that for boat owners with current registrations, those registrations (and the decal and "numbers" issued by SCDNR for their hulls) will continue to be valid until they expire. The new system should also benefit the prospective buyers of used boats, by making it easier to determine if the property taxes on a potential used purchase are current. Buying a boat on which back property taxes are due can cause major headaches when the new owner attempts to title and register the vessel.

Key things for current/prospective boat owners to keep in mind.

Currently Registered Boats:

Current numbers & decals will remain valid until they expire. Counties won't begin billing current owners for the annual registration until January of 2021, and only then once their current registration is due to expire. So, for a registration renewed in 2019, that owner's tax bill should not reflect a charge for annual registration until 2022.

Tax Questions: The change to annual

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39th Annual Migratory Waterfowl Stamp – continued from pg. 16

also named Southeastern Wildlife Expo “Artist of the Year” in 1987. Born and raised in Minnesota, the pheasant fields and prairie potholes inspired him to strive to preserve these gifts of nature for

future generations. Jim’s studio overlooks the 160 acres he developed into a wildlife management area focusing on waterfowl, pheasant, wild turkey and deer. A favorite project for Jim is perpetuating the

forest and he has planted more than 30,000 trees on his property. To order the 2019-20 Duck Stamp print or previous prints and collectibles, contact Arcadia Publications, Inc., 866-271-3001, www.

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For more information about the South Carolina Duck Stamp and Print program, visit www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife/stamps. ■

Changes to County Property Tax Collections will Impact SC Boat Owners Beginning in 2020 – continued from pg. 16

registrations may change the look of your yearly tax notice from your county of residence. Counties will begin issuing the new, prospective, tax notices for boats registered within the county beginning in 2020. Individual counties will determine and implement changes to their tax collection processes as directed by the new law. **Please note that questions about a boat owners’ individual tax bills MUST be directed to that county’s Auditor or Treasurer’s Office.** SCDNR Boating Office assistants will NOT be able to assist owners with questions about their individual tax bills/notices.

Month of Expiration for New Registrations (new boats or used boats coming from out-of-

state): New registrations will be based on the DATE OF SALE. For example: Upon registration, a boat purchased in January will receive a title and registration decal valid through the following January, regardless of when the owner applies for the registration (late fees will apply to registrations initiated more than 30 days after the date of purchase). A tax bill for the year covered by the registration will then be mailed by the county, and in subsequent years the county will mail a bill that includes the annual registration renewal.

In-State Changes of Ownership (transfer of an already-registered boat from one SC owner to another): After purchase, the new owner will need to visit their county tax office FIRST to pay

the taxes due for the coming year. The new owner can then apply for title & registration in their name using the paid tax receipt and other required documents. (They will need to apply within 30 days of purchase to avoid late fees.)

Current Owners: The expiration month on the vessel’s current decal will continue to be the month that property taxes are due on that boat. For example, if the boat registration expires in June, then both property taxes and annual registration fees for the coming year will be due in June. (Again, current three-year registrations will be valid until the year of their expiration).

Non-taxable Boats Titled and Registered in S.C.: SCDNR will continue to mail renewal

notices for boats that are non-taxable (boats that a county has determined have reached the end of their taxable life or dollar threshold). Their expiration month will not change, and the renewal notices will become annual.

Purchasing a Used Boat: SCDNR strongly recommends that prospective buyers research the registration and tax status and any potential recorded liens of any S.C.-registered boat BEFORE purchasing it, using our free online look-up service. Get the facts before you buy! At: <http://www.dnr.sc.gov/boating.html>. General information and commonly asked questions regarding S.C. boating laws, titling and registration can also be found at this location. ■

2020 Lake Hartwell Antique Boat Festival



This festival marks the official kick off to the lake season! Take a walk back to the lake days of yesteryear at Lake Hartwell on Saturday, April 18th in Hartwell, Georgia. For over 30 years the Blue Ridge Chapter of the Antique and Classic Boat Society has held the Lake Hartwell Antique Boat Festival at Hartwell Marina. With the help of the Hart County Chamber of Commerce, the festival will feature an arts and crafts show, music, food,

and kids’ activities. The highlight of the festival is the 50+ hand-crafted antique boats on display ranging from the early 1900 to 1995. Each of the boats has been meticulously restored by their owner, a result of many hours of sanding, painting, and work. Owners are excited to tell the stories behind their boats and show them off to admiring attendees. If you have never had the chance to ride

in an Antique or Classic boat, the Blue Ridge Chapter members will be giving free boat rides to the public during the festival from 10:30 till 2:30.

Come join the thousands who come out to see and experience this fun and

free event. The festival goes from 10-3pm on Saturday. Parking for the public will be available to the left as you near the marina and a shuttle bus will take you to the main docks for all the activities. Hartwell Marina is located just minutes from downtown Hartwell at the end of North Forest Ave.



The Art and Craft show is open to vendors from all over region, just contact the Hart County Chamber to reserve your space at 706-376-8590, go on-line at www.hart-chamber.org or email hartchamber@hartcom.net. Anyone wishing to display their boat can contact John Heiderich at just2more@aol.com for a registration form or call John if you have any questions at 864-231-9614. ■

Take Part in Youth Birding Competition T-Shirt Art Contest

By Georgia Department of Natural Resources

Hey, kids! Do you enjoy nature as well as creating art-work? Georgia’s 15th annual Youth Birding Competition invites resident children and teens to celebrate birds through a T-shirt Art Contest.

Many famous ornithologists were bird artists when they were young, so perhaps you could be the next John James Audubon, Roger Tory Peterson or David Allen Sibley!

A winner will be picked from each of these age categories: primary (pre-K-2nd), elementary (third-fifth), middle school (sixth-eighth) and high school. One winner will be awarded the



Above Artwork: By Kaichen Guo

grand prize – their artwork will appear on the 2020 Youth Birding Competition T-shirt and they’ll receive a \$100 Amazon gift card. The three other winners will each receive a \$50 Amazon gift card, redeemable for art supplies.

To encourage artists to also participate in the 2020 Youth Birding Competition on April 24-25, another award will recognize the best artwork from a member of a team involved in the competition (if a participant doesn’t already place in the regular art contest).

Entering is easy. Participants must draw or paint a native Georgia bird that has not been previously featured on a Youth Birding Competition T-shirt (more details at www.georgiawildlife.com/YBCTshirtArtContest).

Artwork may be created on paper or sheet canvas, at least 8-by-10 inches but no larger than 11-by-17 inches. Mail or deliver the artwork in a large envelope – flat, not folded – by March 6, 2020 (postmarked), to: GA DNR-WRD, YBC T-shirt Art Contest (Attn: Linda May), 2600 Hwy. 155 SW, Stockbridge, GA 30281.

On a separate piece of paper, gently taped to the back of the artwork, include the participant’s name, school, age, grade level, mailing address, phone number, parent or teacher’s e-mail address, and the species name of the bird depicted.

The illustrated bird must be a wild species that is native to Georgia. Artwork of exotic or domesticated species (such as European starlings, pigeons, yellow ducks, peacocks and parrots) will be disqualified. Draw or paint the bird’s features as accurately as possible. A simple background that provides habitat context is good to include, but make sure your bird stands out well and is the focus of the artwork. Also keep in mind that deep, contrasting colors scan best for a T-shirt.

Only one entry per person is allowed, and it

must be the child’s original artwork. Participation in the Youth Birding Competition on April 24-25 is encouraged but not required to submit artwork for the T-shirt Art Contest.

Competitors in the birding event can pick up their submissions at the April 25 banquet at Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center in Mansfield (www.georgiawildlife.com/CharlieElliott), which is where select artwork will be displayed and the winners announced.

Artwork from children and teens who do not take part in the Youth Birding Competition can either be picked up at Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center through May 16 during business hours or returned by mail (but only if a large, self-addressed envelope with at least six first-class stamps is included with the submission).

The 2020 Youth Birding Competition starts at 5 p.m. Friday, April 24, and ends at 5 p.m. Saturday, April 25. Groups may use as much or as little of that time to count as many birds as possible throughout

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Georgia. Although teams may start birding anywhere in the state, they must turn in their checklists at Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center by 5 p.m. that Saturday.

While judges examine and score checklists,

participants will enjoy a live animal show followed by an awards banquet packed with prizes.

For more information on the T-shirt Art Contest, visit www.georgiawildlife.com/YBCTshirtArtContest.

You can also contact art contest coordinator Linda May at (706) 319-0211 or linda.may@dnr.ga.gov.

Details on the 2020 Youth Birding Competition, including registering a team online for this

exciting event (March 31 deadline), will be posted soon at www.georgiawildlife.com/YBC. You can also contact competition coordinator Tim Keyes at (912) 262-3191 or tim.keyes@dnr.ga.gov. ■

Improving Your Home With New Windows

Want to impress family, friends, and visitors when they come to your home? Do you know how to make a good first impression with your home? Windows and doors make the first statement when someone visits your home. When visitors come to your door, they will notice the windows and doors and judge your personality type accordingly. If you have antique doors and windows, your visitors may think of you as a traditionalist. On the other hand, if you have Victorian-style doors and windows you may be viewed as a traditionalist as well.

Therefore, when considering home improvement think about the type of person you are. What is it that you like over other designs that will set off your personality type? If you like, the wood appeal thus, it may set the example that you are a fashionable person, especially if the wood is clean and newly oriented.

If you are considering remodeling your windows, it is important to know what materials, tools and so forth is necessary to get the job done. To get started we are going to learn a few steps to installing new windows. New windows can be one of your homes most attractive features. New windows can provide convenient ventilation, ease of use, superior natural light and cleaning convenience. There are a variety of windows to

choose from and you will need to decide which is best for you. For instance, there are casement windows, skylights, sliders, single hung windows, double hung windows, vinyl windows, and bay windows just to name a few.

When looking for windows remember to look for a quality product. Look for specifics like the IG units, Low-G, U-factor, VT, SHGC Factor, etc. within the window. Understanding these different qualities for your window will help you get the correct windows and improve your home immensely.

If you want customary made replacement windows, then realize that the materials must be pre-ordered in most instances and this will cost a bit more than other types of window framings. Therefore, you will have time to frame the windows before the material is delivered.

With the old windows in place you will need to clean, remove peeling paint, and smooth out the surface, prepping for new windows. You will need to clean the window frames and trimmings again when the new windows arrive.

The new replacement windows will come with systematic instructions, thus following these steps will help you to do a good job. Windows hardware include insulation, king studs, headers,

angled studs, jambs, double rough sills, cripple studs, jack studs, shims, and so forth in some instances.

When the new replacement windows arrive, you will need to prepare the window for installation. You will need to mark the studs to determine where everything falls back in to place as well. Thus, you will need measuring tapes and cutters to cut out the king studs making the studs fitting for the new windows and fitting between the plates. You will need to level the king studs plumbing the studs and fitting them into the new window, toe nailing the studs to fit the plates.

Again, before getting started read and follow the new window instructions to get the best results, because you will need to know what inches apart are needed to separate the studs and openings from the new window. Most windows require half-inch openings for the best effect.

The header opening differs as well and will require an opening between stud and header you will need a leveler to measure and line the replacement window for fitting.

If removing an older window, you will need to remove the window sash, remove window jambs, remove nails securing the jambs to the framing by cutting them with a reciprocating saw or mini

hack saw and prying the jambs loose. You should try to remove the older window as a whole unit.

Once you finish the task, you can look back over your work to make sure that everything is in place, still if you read and followed the window instructions, the window should go up fine.

Again, it makes sense to have the tools and materials in front of you when making home improvements. If you start the job and realize you do not have all the materials and tools needed to do the job, you will have already made an error especially if you have opened the old window already.

This article is not a systematic guide for installing windows, thus the new replacement window instructions would benefit you more. The article is merely intended to help you have an understanding as to how easy it can be to install new windows, while letting you know that your personality is defined by the appeal of your home.

A homeowner can recoup about 70% upon sale of a home by replacing older windows. Therefore, home improvement not only increases the equity of your home, it also compliments your personality and can even lead others to determine your personality type. ■



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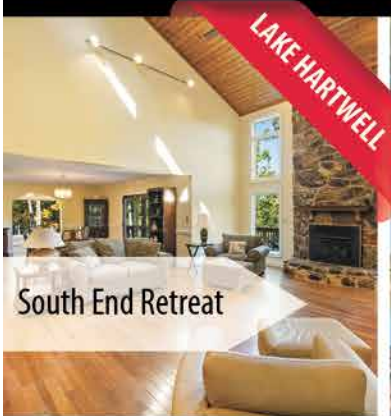


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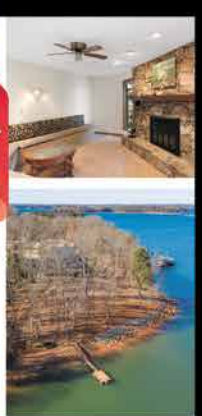


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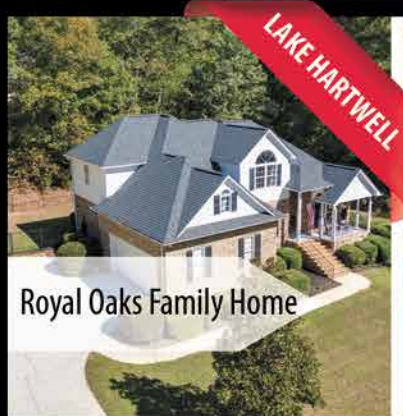


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