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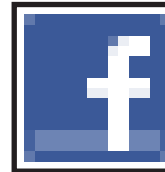
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Col. Bob Keener Retires From Board of LMA

By Joy Downs

At our September Quarterly meeting we said a special goodbye to someone who has been a part of this organization since the beginning. In early 1994 Bob Keener attended a meeting of folks who thought **maybe** we should form a lake organization. It became clear early on that Bob was a born leader, and that he should be the one to get this organization up and running that first year. He is a graduate of West Point and even though it might seem understandable that he would run us like a platoon of soldiers-- he didn't. His organizational skills, however, were fine tuned, and he helped that first group of directors set the tone for what the Lake Murray Association would become and stand for in the future. Under Bob's leadership we made several important decisions. We decided we were not a "homeowners group" but a "users group." We decided we would have a large thirty-two man board so all areas of the lake would be well represented. We decided our mission was education, safety and lake level. Lake Murray was our focus, and even though we have from time to time been involved in a few other issues, our primary function was and is to protect and preserve Lake Murray for future generations. Bob set the tone, and we are very proud of who we have become in these 16 years. Of course, at Bob's side was always his lovely wife Kay who served LMA almost as much as Bob including editing the Lake≈Link for many years.

Bob served as president twice during his tenure on the board. During these 16 years he recalls that he only missed two meetings. He told us he is stepping down but not away from us. We are very sad to see him go, but we all wish him well in his future endeavors! To assure we are always in his heart, Bob was awarded a lifetime membership – the third given in 16 years. There is certainly no one more deserving!



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**Sponsors
 Public Meeting**

Macedonia Lutheran Church 49 Macedonia Rd.
 Prosperity, SC 29227 803-364-3786

Tuesday - November 23, 2010 - 7 PM



Don't miss this important meeting!
!!!!!!!SAFETY SAFETY SAFETY!!!!!!!

Newberry Sheriff Lee Foster
 "How do we find your home on Lake Murray"

"How to Save Lives on Lake Murray"
 Presented by SC Department of Natural Resources

Public Meetings are your opportunity to ask any questions you may have concerning Lake Murray.

All Questions will be addressed

Refreshments will be Served

Bring a Friend

We need you to Accomplish our Goals
 LMA 749-3888 Office

**COL. BOB KEENER
 LMA'S FIRST
 PRESIDENT AND
 CHARTER MEMBER
 RETIRES FROM
 THE BOARD OF
 DIRECTORS.**



A Message from the President...



FUNDRAISER GETS A KICKSTART

The Lake Murray Association was pleased to receive a check Tuesday evening, September 21st, at our Quarterly Public Meeting from John Altenberg of SEA//TOW for \$1050.00. The check was given to LMA as a result of 42 members of LMA joining SEA//TOW. LMA and SEA//TOW partnered in a fundraising effort to give LMA members a discount and provide LMA money to fund its activities and projects. A \$25.00 discount is given to each LMA member when they purchase a SEA//TOW membership. When 150 dual memberships are reached, SEA//TOW will then donate \$25.00 per membership to LMA. Captain John Altenberg removed the threshold this year in order to kickstart the partnership and provided this charitable donation.

LMA has earmarked a portion of this money to help fund the newly formed Safety Consortium's projects and activities. One of our first projects is to supply Chem-lights to law enforcement officials on the lake. These are temporary lights that are given to boaters who are ticketed for not having operating running lights at night. The Chem-lights allow boaters to get back to their dock or ramp in a safe manner.

We thank SEA//TOW again for this donation and encourage our members to use this valuable service. Be sure to go through the Lake Murray SEA//TOW office in order to receive your discounted membership. Both the Gold Card membership, which provides worldwide coverage, and the Lake Card, which is specific to one lake, are eligible for the discount. Remember that it is not a one-time offer. LMA members will be offered a discount each year they renew their SEA//TOW membership.

Some of the services that SEA//TOW provides its members are free towing, free battery jumps, free fuel drops, free disentanglements and free covered ungroundings. They are available 24/7/365. They also recover sunken boats and are certified in Haz Mat cleanup (gas and oil spills, etc.) Joining SEA//TOW assures you a safety net if things go wrong when you are on the lake. Captain John can be reached at (803) 606-7027.

See you on the Lake,

Dave Landis



John Altenberg presents LMA President Dave Landis a donation that represents 42 dual memberships.

The Best Christmas Gift

By Amy Jo Jacobson

Why go to the mall and lose your car in the parking lot? We have the perfect way to lower your stress level. A gift for that special person--You know, even the one who has "EVERYTHING." A membership to the Lake Murray Association would continue to help protect, preserve and promote our incredible lake in your loved one's name!

All you have to do is either call 803-749-3888 or send an email to info@LakeMurrayAssociation.com. It is only \$15 for a single membership or \$25 for a family. Want your business to be listed on our webpage...? It's easy; the corporate membership is only \$50!

To find out why this is the perfect GIFT for the person who uses and loves Lake Murray, go on line to www.lakemurrayassociation.com and you will find out what we have been up to and what is coming up soon!

Calendar of Events

Date	Time	Location
Nov 8, 2010	7:00 pm	LMA Board Meeting - Farm Bureau Bldg. Park Rd. Lex.
Nov 23, 2010	7:00 pm	Newberry Public Meeting at Macedonia Church Prosperity
Dec 2010		No Board Meeting
Jan 10, 2011	7:00 pm	LMA Board Meeting - Farm Bureau Bldg. Park Rd. Lex.
Feb 8, 2011	7:00 pm	LMA Board Meeting - Farm Bureau Bldg. Park Rd. Lex.
Feb 11-13, 2011	7:00 pm	Boat Show
Feb 15, 2011	7:00 pm	Saluda Public Meeting at Hollywood Ruritan Club Saluda

If you wish to be on the Director's Meeting Agenda, please contact Joy Downs at 781-8411.

As members of the Lake Murray Association you are invited to participate in any of the events shown above, including Board meetings. We encourage you to bring to the attention of the Board any issues or concerns regarding Lake Murray that you may have. Please call the Executive Director at least two weeks in advance of meetings to be placed on the agenda; however, urgent concerns may be brought to the Board at any time. We suggest that complicated matters be sent to us in writing, including e-mail, so we may have a complete and accurate understanding of your concern.

September Meeting Highlights

By Sharon Leigh Miles

LMA hosts four meetings each year to keep our membership and public informed concerning issues affecting Lake Murray. On September 21, 2010 the Richland County Quarterly Meeting was held at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. Valuable information concerning environmental, safety and management issues was shared. President Dave Landis chaired the meeting. He introduced one new board member, William McCain, along with re-elected board members, Louise Love, Jay Schbacker, and Lucy Wingard.

Col. Bob Keener, LMA's first president and charter member, was recognized by Executive Director Joy Downs. Bob was given a Lifetime Membership Award. (see article on page 1)

Captain John Altenberg reminded members of the special arrangement made between LMA and Sea Tow. He also announced that Sea Tow had removed the threshold of 150 dual memberships in order for LMA to be granted a charitable donation of \$25 per dual membership. He presented LMA with a check for \$1050.00 which represents 42 memberships.

Rain Garden Presentation by Wingard's Nursery and New South Landscaping



Wally Steinhauser of Wingard's Nursery and Larry Harrison of New South Landscaping addressed environmental concerns with a presentation on rain gardens. They stressed that rain gardens are not to be confused with bio-retention ponds. Rain gardens are intended to catch and capture the first inch of rain that flows from roofs and hard surfaces. This first inch carries most of the pollutants that are harmful to streams, rivers, and lakes. These pollutants are harmful to bodies of water, but when they are directed into a rain garden, the plants not only help filter the pollutants, but the pollutants help the

plants thrive. Each person in attendance was given "A Rain Garden Primer" prepared by Wingard's and Old South. You may access information on building a rain garden at Wingard's Nursery website. You may also see a rain garden up close and personal at the Steinhauser's home on Lake Murray. They live across from Jake's Landing. There is a Wingard's sign in the yard.

Safety from Law Enforcement Point of View

Lt. Mark McColman from Richland Co. addressed safety issues on Lake Murray. While the lake covers four counties, Lt. McColman stressed there are no jurisdictional boundaries on Lake Murray. Along with DNR, each of the four sheriffs' departments may cover any part of the lake. They also all monitor VHS 16. However, in case of an emergency always call 911. A pin could have been heard falling as he recounted the two tragic events of May 1st from law enforcement's perspective. As a result of the accidents, emergency dispatchers are now being trained on Lake Murray in order to assist responders with an accurate description of the location. Also, all Richland County patrol boats are now equipped with an automated external defibrillator. Lt. McColman introduced Deputy Glenn Davis of Lexington County and both shared stories of boaters they had encountered that stressed the importance boater education. Lt. McColman also praised the Lake Murray Safety Consortium. Prior to the networking provided by the consortium, the various agencies were unable to communicate with each other. All agencies now use the same frequency and communication has greatly improved. Both men encouraged home residents to take advantage of the "Property Check Program" when leaving town. Lt. McColman and Deputy Davis were joined by Regan Voit of West Marine and discussed life jacket information. (See article on page 4)



Lt. Mark McColman introduced Deputy Glenn Davis as they discussed the importance of boat education.

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The Shortnose Sturgeon and Relicensing



Management of the lake was addressed by Mr. Bill Argentieri who gave an update of the Relicensing. By this time we were expecting to announce the issue of the new license to SCE&G by the FERC; however, a few issues have yet to be resolved. SCE&G filed a "Water Quality Certification Application" on September 29, 2009. SCDHEC has approved the application with several conditions. The conditions are now open for comments. Residents of the lake should have received a publication concerning the Water Quality Certification.

On March 24, 2010 FERC issued their Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and determined relicensing of the Saluda Project is not likely to adversely affect the shortnose sturgeon; however, on April 23, 2010, the National Marine Fisheries Service issued a letter to the FERC in which NMFS did not concur with the FERC's determination that the project "may affect but is not likely to adversely affect" the shortnose sturgeon. FERC issued their Final EA on July 20, 2010, which included a "biological assessment," and requested a "biological opinion" from NMFS by December 2, 2010 (135 days); however, that date is fairly loose.

And the winners....

Our meeting concluded with the awarding of door prizes provided by Wingard's Nursery. Our grand prize, an inflatable life jacket, was won by LMA member Ralph Summers.

Our next quarterly meeting will be held this month. Our presenters put forth time and energy making our meetings interesting and profitable. Bring a friend and come join us to find out how to make a difference for Lake Murray.

LMA Member Ralph Summers won the Grand Prize - an Inflatable Life Jacket.



Inflatables Demonstrated and Explained at Irmo Meeting

By Jay Schabacker



At the Irmo Public Meeting the drumbeat for serious Lake Murray boaters purchasing and using inflatable PFD's was sounded. Lt. Mark McColman explained how an inflatable life jacket works and showed the ones used by law enforcement on Lake Murray. Regan Voit from West Marine hosted a table filled with many different PFD's suitable for children through adults.

The inflatables were a popular favorite.

Lt. McColman stressed that an inflatable PFD will not count as a PFD unless it is being worn. Also, inflatables are not suitable in all situations. Inflatables are not to be worn on a personal watercraft. A personal watercraft PFD must have chest protection in the event that a rider is thrown off the watercraft. Also inflatables are not suitable for children.

There are two types of inflatables available for boaters: one is a manual type where you have to pull a cord to start the inflation; the other, more expensive, automatically inflates when the PFD hits the water. While inflatables are more expensive than the old orange type of PFD, the advantage of inflatables is their light weight, attractiveness, and less restrictiveness on the wearer's activities. Inflatable PFD's are available from West Marine. They range in price from \$100.00 up. West Marine does offer specials from time to time. Give Regan Voit a call at 750-5034 and he will be happy to assist you.

Regardless of whether you choose a standard or inflatable PFD, the importance of wearing a PFD cannot be stressed enough. Lt. McColman reported that in 2009 Richland County responded to ten drownings. All ten would have been prevented had a life jacket been worn.

LMA was delighted to offer a new inflatable lifejacket as a door prize. The happy winner was Ralph Summers.

Regan Voit of West Marine demonstrates an Inflatable for LMA members



Membership Matters

LAKE MURRAY ASSOCIATION NEEDS YOU! In the quest to keep Lake Murray safe, healthy, and beautiful, we need the help of many. Fall is a great time to enjoy the beauty of such a wonderful resource. Please continue your own membership and join us in recruiting members. LMA becomes stronger and better with each additional member. So when you are out enjoying the fall weather in South Carolina, remember to tell someone else about us. Our membership dues are minimal, but the reward of maintaining "The Jewel of the Midlands" is priceless!

LAKE MURRAY EARLY SETTLERS

By Ed Fetner

Ever wonder why so many German and German-speaking Swiss people settled in what we call the Dutch Fork? Most of these immigrants came from the predominantly Protestant area of southern Germany (Württemberg, Stuttgart, Schwübische Alb).

The English first settled in the coastal areas near Charleston. There they develop large farms, plantations, and estates. This area was very prosperous, amassing valuable farming assets including horses, cattle, hogs, and reaping massive crops. Local Indians were generally friendly and some Englishmen, mainly English traders, married local Indian maidens.

The Cherokee Indians, however, were not so friendly. Their tribes were located in the Appalachians Mountains and farther west along the Ohio River. They developed trails to the South Carolina coastal areas. Using these trails for direct connections, they would raid the prosperous plantation estates along the South Carolina lowlands. Sections of these old Cherokee Indian trails are still in evidence today along the south side of Lake Murray in Lexington and Saluda Counties and Old Cherokee Road in Lexington. Parts of old Indian trails are also along the Broad and Congaree Rivers. Raiding the low country, the Indians would steal horses, cattle, and whatever they saw of value to their people, sometimes slaying landowners who were trying to protect their property.

As time went on, these Cherokee Indian raids became more prevalent. The effected coastal landowners knew something had to be done about the raids. Since South Carolina was first settled by the English, it therefore belonged to England. A group of landowners went back to England to present this problem to the king. A decision was made to offer land grants to people in Germany if they would settle in the upcountry area, primarily in the Saxe Gotha area along the Saluda River in South Carolina. In effect, this would form a 'buffer zone' between the coast and the Appalachian Mountains, in other words between the wealthy landowners and the Cherokee Indians.

German and German-speaking Swiss immigrants began arriving in the early 1700s with thousands arriving in the mid-1700s. They were given land to settle generally from Orangeburg northward to the Broad River. Cherokee Indians would first have to get by these German settlers in order to reach the coast. Many of these German settlers were attacked by Indians; farmlands were raided, livestock pilfered, and many settlers lost their lives. Fort Fairchild, a three-sided fort, was built in 1751 on the north side of the Saluda River near old Wises Ferry and High Hill Church, near what is now Wise Key on Lake Murray. Fort Fairchild was also the site of Stone Trading Post. In time, Indian raids were stopped. The German immigrants remained on their newly-acquired property. Many descendants of these original settlers remain on the original land grant properties today.

Learning from our Children

By Lee Barber

During a meeting of the LMA sponsored Lake Murray Safety Consortium, the DNR representative related a story concerning a recent boating accident in which a young boy advised the adults as to how to properly respond. Several adults and a ten-year old boy were boating on Lake Murray in rough weather when the boat began to take on water and soon became completely swamped. Everyone either had life jackets on or was able to don them. At least one of the adults volunteered to swim to shore. The young boy had just taken a safe boating class, and one of the important things he had learned was that in this type of situation it is best to remain with the boat until rescued. He explained this to the adults who, surprisingly, agreed. A short while later the entire group was found, and all were safely returned to shore making for a happy ending to what could have been a tragic event. This is one of the many reasons why all who go out in boats should take some kind of boating safety course.

Dock Signs

Help Law Enforcement by Preparing Your Home in Advance

Some years ago, the four County Sheriffs found that having home addresses visible from the lakeside aided calls for assistance. If you have to call for help, having your address lakeside and roadside can save precious minutes. These signs are also necessary should you desire to request a property check from your local sheriff's department while you are away from your home. Dock signs are easy to order and are delivered to a location near you.

Check the LMA website.
www.lakemurrayassociation.org

U. S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY CHECKS LAKE MURRAY SHOAL MARKERS

By Russ Jernigan



Most boaters on Lake Murray are familiar with the white and orange markers that are seen all over the lake. These markers are placed at strategic locations by the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources to warn boaters of shoals, rocks and no-wake zones. These markers are about ten inches in diameter and normally extend vertically above the water 28 to 30 inches. A marker is cylindrical in shape and mostly white with an orange band near the top with the

DNR logo and the design of a diamond to warn of danger.

There are about 322 markers placed in Lake Murray. Most maps of the lake show symbols where these markers are supposed to be anchored. Some maps show the number of each marker which can be very helpful to the average boater in determining the boat's location in reference to the different parts of the lake.

However, only eighteen of these markers have their numbers. The other 304 have no numbers; therefore, they are of little use in helping a boater determine his location. More importantly is the fact that a boater in need of assistance or medical emergency can call 911 but not be able to identify his location. This problem was highlighted during the two collisions in May.

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary—Lake Murray Station spent over sixty hours checking each marker, or where a marker was suppose to be located. This required 10 patrols and over 20 persons to accomplish this task. All but thirty markers were located. The missing markers were never found. Each marker location was recorded with a GPS noting the specific latitude and longitude. Each location was numbered even though most of the markers did not have a number.

A report of the findings has been compiled and sent to DNR, U.S. Coast Guard, and the sheriffs' departments of Lexington, Richland, Newberry and Saluda counties. Copies of the report were also sent to all attendees of the Lake Murray Safety Consortium.

We have found that most people are under the assumption that all the markers are numbered which is not the case. We hope that DNR will obtain the funding to be able to re-number these markers, replace those that are missing or badly damaged and make sure that each marker is anchored at its proper place. In the meantime, be sure to stay well away from shoal markers and not pass between the marker and the nearest shore line!

The Lake Murray Safety Consortium is aware of this problem and is working toward a solution. If you have ideas on how the boating public may help to solve this problem, please contact LMA or Lake Murray U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. Please call or write your state Senator or Representative concerning this problem.

LMA MISSION

To preserve, protect and enhance Lake Murray through conservation, science, education and good governance, so that the lake remains clean, safe and beautiful for the community, users, visitors, area businesses and homeowners, both now and for generations to come.

CRESTED FLOATING HEART POTENTIAL AQUATIC WEED THREAT

By Roy Parker

Lake Murray users, please be on the look-out for this weed. It originated in Asia, but is similar in appearance to the native aquatic plant, big floating heart or banana lily (*Nymphoides aquatica*). It is invasive and can quickly take over waterways. It has been an aquatic problem in Florida for the past 15 years. Closer to home, it was first found as a small colony in Lake Marion in 2004. The most recent survey identified approximately 2,000 acres that are presently infested there.

Crested floating heart (*Nymphoides cristata*) has a single heart-shaped, highly pigmented leaf. Slender tuberous roots dangle from the stem leaf node. The plants have ruffled, crested white flowers with membranous margins. Plants spread by roots breaking from clusters and sinking to the lake bottom where new plants originate.

Experts familiar with the problem in the Santee Cooper lakes feel there is a potential for up to 60,000 surface acres to become infested. It is capable of rooting along shorelines in water 10 to 12 feet in depth. It has been observed to spread upstream from water flow, indicating that it can spread by attaching to boat hulls. Herbicide treatments have been unsatisfactory for controlling it and grass carp will not eat it.

Chris Page, Coordinator for DNR's Aquatic Nuisance Species Program, considers crested floating heart to be an aquatic invasive weed that has the potential to cause major problems in bodies of water in SC.

Please be especially careful to clean boats thoroughly when moving from waterways infested with crested floating heart to avoid spreading it to non-infested areas.



Crested floating heart is on the left and Banana lily is on the right. Photo by Larry McCord

DID YOU KNOW????

The operator, captain, or skipper of a boat is responsible for his vessel **and** the safety of those aboard **as well as** for others in the boat's vicinity. He is **also** responsible for swimmers, water-skiers **and** anyone else who may be affected by his boat's course or wake.

It doesn't matter whether or not you have the right-of-way; **you are ultimately responsible!**

This is a **HUGE RESPONSIBILITY!!**

Consider these statistics by the Coast Guard:

- There are over **70 million** recreational boaters using over **12.6 million boats** are registered in America.
- In 2008 there were **4,789 boat accidents** resulting in **709 deaths**, **3,331 injuries**, and **\$54 million dollars** in **property damage**.
- Of the boaters who died, **510 drowned**, of which **459** were not wearing a life jacket. In other words, over two-thirds of all deaths were due to drowning, and 90% of those deaths were **not wearing a life jacket**.
- Seven out of every ten boaters who drowned were using boats less than 21 feet in length.
- Open motor boats were involved in about 43% of all reported boating accidents;
- Personal watercraft such as Jet Skis® and WaveRunners® about 23%;
- Cabin motorboats about 15%.
- Canoes and kayaks had 243 casualties of which 100 drowned.

The top five primary contributing factors in the reported accidents are:

1. Operator inattention,
2. Careless or reckless operation,
3. Operator inexperience,
4. No proper lookout
5. Passenger/skier behavior.

Alcohol involvement ranked eighth on the list and was the **leading contributing factor in fatal boat accidents**, accounting for nearly 17% of all reported boating deaths.

Of the 709 deaths from boating accidents in 2008, only ten percent occurred on boats where the operator had received boating safety instruction.

The **key to safe boating** is to be knowledgeable. Boater education classes are available through DNR, the Lake Murray Power Squadron, and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. If you plan on operating a boat, prepare **NOW** by taking a boater education class.

Source: www.boatsafety.net.com

A SAFETY CONTEST ESPECIALLY FOR KIDS

Children have until **December 1st** to enter the National Boating Safety Council's annual boating and water safety awareness contest for a chance to win a Nintendo Wii system!

This year's theme is "Wear It!"

Who can enter?:

Children from 3 to 13 years age. Contest entries consist of contact information, parental consent, and



a photo image file of the **contestant** wearing an **USCG-approved life jacket**. Creativity of setting and surroundings is encouraged.

How do you enter?:

Go to the website: www.boatingsidekicks.com and follow the simple instructions for submitting your photo.

Where are the entries shown?:

Approved entries will be posted on the Boating Safety Sidekicks Web site. To maintain online privacy, only first name and state will be identified with entries posted on the Web site.

What can you win?:

Nintendo Wii system with Wii Fit Plus

Don't forget the deadline is Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Good Luck to all Contestants!

KEEPING LAKE MURRAY HEALTHY

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP

Compiled by Sharon Leigh Miles

The crested floating heart and hydrilla are common "hitchhikers." But there are hundreds of different harmful species ranging from plants, fish, amphibians, crustaceans, mollusks, diseases or pathogens. Some organisms are so small that you may not even realize they are hitching a ride with you; therefore, it is important to follow this general procedure every time you leave any body of water to insure that our newest threat—the crested floating heart, or hydrilla or another nuisance species is not introduced into our beautiful lake water.

» Be sure to remove any visible mud, plants, fish or animals before leaving any body of water. It is important to examine all your equipment, boats, trailers, clothing, boots, buckets etc. Remove mud and dirt since it too may contain a hitchhiker. Remove even plant fragments as they may contain a hitchhiker. The larvae (immature form) of an animal can be so tiny that you cannot see it. However, it can live in mud, dirt, sand, and on plant fragments

» Eliminate water from equipment before transporting. Much of the recreational equipment used in water contains many spots where water can collect and potentially harbor these aquatic hitchhikers. Eliminate all water from every conceivable item before you leave the area you are visiting. Remove water from motors, jet drives, live wells, boat hulls, scuba tanks and regulators, boots, waders, bait buckets, seaplane floats, and swimming floats.

» Clean and dry anything that came in contact with water (boats, trailers, equipment, clothing, dogs, etc.). Use hot (104° F) or salt water to clean your

equipment. If hot water is not available, spray equipment such as boats, motors, trailers, anchors, decoys, floats, nets, with high-pressure water. Wash your dog with water as warm as possible and brush its coat. The following recipes are recommended for cleaning hard-to-treat equipment that cannot be exposed to hot water:

o Dipping equipment into 100% vinegar for 20 minutes will kill harmful aquatic hitchhiker species.

o A 1 % table salt solution for 24 hours can replace the vinegar dip. This table provides correct mixtures for the 1 % salt solution in water:

Gallons of Water	Cups of Salt
5	2/3
10	1 1/4
25	3
50	6 1/4
100	12 2/3

Dry Equipment. If possible, allow for 5 days of drying time before entering new waters.

» Never release plants, fish or animals into a body of water unless they came out of that body of water. Also, do not release them into storm drains, because most storm drains lead to water bodies or wetlands. This is an important prevention step because many plants and animals can survive even when they appear to be dead. If your family gets tired of its aquarium or aquatic pets, do not release anything from the aquarium (water, plants, fish or animals) into or near a body of water or storm drain. Do not release unused bait into the waters you are fishing. If you do not plan to use the bait in the future, dump the bait in a trashcan or on the land, far enough away from the water that it cannot impact this resource.

Source: www.protectyourwaters.net/prevention



The 48th Annual Boat Show will take place at the South Carolina State Fairgrounds on February 11th – 13th featuring boat dealers and many additional exhibitors including LMA!

Be sure to stop by the Lake Murray Association Booth.

Each membership renewal or new membership will be eligible for our special drawing for an item every Lake Murray user wants and needs.

So stop by to say "hello" and get the latest news affecting Lake Murray. Oh, and while you're at it, renew your membership for a chance to be a winner!

The Annual Boat Show is the largest and longest running boat show in the Midlands.

For more information: <http://www.boatshowfairgrounds.com/>

Sea Cadets Survival Training on Lake Murray

By Dave Landis

The South Carolina Sea Cadets picked a hot muggy weekend in August to complete their survival training. There were three girls and thirteen boys from ten to eighteen years of age who completed the training. On Friday, August 20th the older cadets were dropped in the water about one hundred yards from shore and had to swim to land with their gear. This year they did it in the dark, about 9 pm. They set up camp and had to make sleeping arrangements off the ground. The younger cadets joined the older ones on Saturday morning about 11 am. They were all rounded up Sunday afternoon and brought back to the mainland. LMA members provided the boats to transport the Cadets back and forth. On the ride back to the mainland Sunday some cadets shared that they ate such things as raccoon stew with potatoes, onions and carrots, and grilled millipedes. A chicken was also **captured** and devoured. The kids were tired but seemed happy that they were able to use many of the survival skills they had learned.

The Palmetto Division of the SC Sea Cadets is also to be congratulated for achieving their commission. A commission is achieved by maintaining at least twenty-five cadets for a minimum of two months during the commission period. They are commissioned the "CL 56 Columbia." The name was taken from the USS Columbia, a World War II ship. They felt that they reflect the "Never Give Up" mentality which was the motto for the USS Columbia.

Most recently the cadets were bestowed another honor. On September 30th they were requested by the Medal of Honor Committee to assist in the Medal of Honor Reunion which was held on the USS Yorktown in Charleston, SC. No other Sea Cadet Division in the United States has ever been asked to assist with the reunion. Congratulations to the young ladies and gentlemen for a job well done!



Sea Cadets practiced survival training on Lake Murray.

YEAR-END TAX PLANNING ACT BEFORE DEC. 31ST!

by bill east

Act before December 31st to make contributions that can save you on taxes and help protect Lake Murray! Charitable gifts to LMA help us in our vital work of preserving the lake for all to enjoy and may result in significant savings on your income taxes.

LMA is a leading advocate for the protection and preservation of our beloved Lake Murray. Your association is concerned with any activity that may affect the future quality of our lake or its use. We are a private, non-profit association that is funded primarily by your membership fees and contributions so we need your help. Let me tell you some of the things with which we are currently involved.

We are monitoring the water quality of our lake in diverse locations with a comprehensive testing program that is conducted using scientific methodology. This program may provide an "early warning system" to alert us to potential pollution of Lake Murray before significant problems occur. We are evaluating shoreline development that has the potential for water quality degradation. Our goal is not to oppose development around our lake, but rather to insure that all such development is done in an environmentally friendly manner. And we are guarding the quality and safety of recreation on your lake in many other areas and issues such as water level, aquatic weed infestation, boating safety and relicensing of SCE&G to operate on Lake Murray.

All of these present and future activities require significant manpower time and continuing financial costs. And this is where we need your help! Members are encouraged to make charitable gifts to LMA, which is a 501-C-3 tax-exempt organization under the IRS Tax Code. Therefore, your membership fees as well as any contributions will probably qualify as tax-deductible on your income tax returns.

Your support in the form of money or property is most needed and appreciated, but in addition to annual monetary gifts we ask that you consider making other gifts. For example, have you considered giving memberships in LMA as a personal or professional Christmas present! And we welcome gifts of future interests like assignment of life insurance benefits or naming LMA as a beneficiary in wills, charitable trusts, or other estate planning instruments. Your tax-deductible gifts may be check, credit card or personal property such as boats or autos. Also, contributions of stocks or real estate that have appreciated in value may offer you special opportunities for tax savings. Please consult with your tax advisor concerning the options and benefits you may have in making contributions to the Lake Murray Association. For more information please contact Tom Ruple, Treasurer, at 732-1342.



Getting to know our Corporate Members

by Sharon Leigh Miles

We are pleased to have **Lake Murray Cruises - "The Spirit of Lake Murray"** as a Corporate Sponsor. The USCG-approved vessel came to the waters of Lake Murray in March 2009 and began offering cruises in June of that year. During the first seven months of operation it was host to 98 cruises. They offer public as well as charter cruises year-round. They have hosted a variety of groups including: churches, family and class reunions, USC, Government and Ft. Jackson groups. They even showed off Lake Murray to a group of Chinese businessmen just hours prior to their departure home. The vessel made in 1995 was formerly owned by a hotel in Jacksonville, Florida, where it was known as "The Jacksonville Princess." It has many amenities including being handicapped accessible.

Rev. Ken Colton is the owner of The Spirit of Lake Murray. He is a retired Air Force Chaplain and is currently the pastor of a United Methodist Church in Gilbert. When asked, "How did a pastor become interested in acquiring a large vessel?" He replied, "I live on Lake Murray and began to see that there just might be a market for another cruise boat on Lake Murray." Ken's son Andrew is involved in the business also. Their staff includes: Jerry Griffin as chief mechanic and three captains—Jay David, Joe Richbourg, and Bobby McGee.

Check out their website at www.spiritoflakemurray.com for coming events and opportunities. Be sure to thank them for their support of LMA.

Lake Murray Safety Consortium

By Joy Downs

On September 18th the fourth meeting of the Safety Consortium took place with Law Enforcement and Lake Management groups focusing on improving safety on Lake Murray. While "Boating Under the Influence" (BUI) played a role in each of the May 1st incidents, there were other actions that clearly indicated a lack of boating safety knowledge. It is time for all lake users to come together and find ways to save lives.

All those in attendance agreed that education tops the list as the most important tool to make boating safer on Lake Murray. Too many boat owners are purchasing vessels without knowing boating rules, courtesies and protocol. Boater education classes are offered by several agencies, but many boaters are not aware of what is available or how to access them. Lt. Downer of DNR reported on several education classes offered through his agency, as did officers from the Power Squadron, the Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Lake Murray Association. Making this information available at marinas, boat shows and boat dealerships is the first step to getting a better educated and safer group of boaters on Lake Murray. Anyone interested in a boating course can contact the Lake Murray Association for information.

The Lake Murray Association formed this consortium to provide a venue for Law Enforcement and lake agencies to come together, voice concerns and promote cooperation. One of the needs identified by Law Enforcement was Chem Lights. These bright "glow sticks" are given to boaters who are on the lake at night with no lights. These allow the boater to return home safely. The lights are for one-time use and therefore need to be replaced regularly. Dave Landis told the group, "LMA is currently looking for a way to provide these lights as well as encourage boater education classes through LMA's public meetings and the Lake≈Link Publication."

Law Enforcement had a successful safety campaign called the "Deadliest Days of Summer," which not only addressed highway safety, but boating as well. The officers are actively working together on ways to identify DUI's and BUI's and communicate the considerable consequences.

The consortium felt there are current laws in place to keep boaters safe on Lake Murray. Boaters, however, must be educated not only in the proper operation of their vessel, but on the laws and the penalties for violation. The consequences can be devastating.

The next meeting for the consortium will be October 20, on the Southern Patriot on Lake Murray. Officials from SCDNR, County Sheriffs from Lexington, Richland, and Newberry, as well as the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, the Lake Murray Power Squadron, the Lake Murray Sail Club and SCE&G are to be commended for taking the time to attend the consortium and give their support to the effort.

LMA WATER TESTING PROGRAM

By Ken Fox



The LMA water testing program in 2010 is nearing completion. This year we have tested the primary inflows to Lake Murray. By the time the Lake≈Link goes to press we will have completed all six testings. The chart below indicates the test results from May through September. The test sites are indicated on the chart below.

LAKE MURRAY WATER QUALITY TEST RESULTS 2010

Cove	Pollutant	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Clouds Creek	Total Phosphorous	.074	.050	.059	.071	.096
	Fecal Coliform	4	2	8	1	2
Little Saluda River	Total Phosphorous	.071	.050	.056	.051	.092
	Fecal Coliform	1	4	3	1	2
Saluda River	Total Phosphorous	.050	.050	.061	.053	.109
	Fecal Coliform	6	7	9	15	3
Bush River	Total Phosphorous	.072	.067	.073	.086	.077
	Fecal Coliform	1	2	17	21	12

Freshwater standard for phosphorous = 0.060mg/l. Values in red exceed the standard. Freshwater standard for fecal coliform = 200 colonies per 100 ml. Values in red exceed the standard.

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