



Lake ≈ Link

The Official Newsletter of the
Lake Murray Association, Inc.

www.lakemurrayassociation.org ■ (803) 749-3888

June 2011

The Risks of Owning and Operating a Boat

By Craig Giles, Guest Contributor

Owning a boat can be a true pleasure. Few things compare with cruising the lake with family, fishing with your buddies or beating the heat with an afternoon of skiing and tubing. This is never more obvious than on holiday weekends like Memorial Day and 4th of July.

But all too often we are confronted with news stories of injury or death involving watercraft. Many will remember the two tragic accidents that occurred just over a year ago claiming the lives of four in one night. You may also recall the high speed boat that split in half killing two in 2007 or the 2006 boat crash that claimed the life of a Chapin resident. And the list goes on.

Having grown up on Lake Murray I have witnessed and been involved in boating accidents and seen many “near misses.” Camping on the lake as a teen in the early eighties, my friends and I were surprised when a stranger walked into our camp early in the morning. He had been fishing, and his boat ran aground injuring his hand in the process. As a young adult I was riding a wave runner and was struck by another person also operating a wave runner. While pulling a friend skiing near Dreher Island, we had a close encounter with a bass fisherman blasting off from a small cove without looking for nearby boats. I am certain that many of you have had similar experiences.

From 2000 to 2010 there were 202 fatalities on South Carolina waters according to the SC Department of Natural Resources. From 2008 to 2010, 25 people were injured and nine died as a result of boating accidents on Lake Murray alone. It is reasonable to assume that many accidents involving minor injury or property damage went unreported.

While alcohol is involved in many incidents, inexperience, inattentiveness or poor judgment are also common causes. We have all seen the pre-teen buzzing by on a wave runner unaccompanied by an adult, the packed pontoon with the driver who is more concerned about being a host or the cigarette boat that blows past others without regard to right-of-way. Yes, it is legal for a ten-year-old who has taken the Boater Education course to operate a personal watercraft, and yes it is legal to have a pontoon packed with a dozen people, provided there are sufficient



Jay Schabacker and Joy Downs of LMA join Richland Co. Sheriff Leon Lott, SCDNR Col. Alvin Taylor, and Chairman of Budweiser of Columbia Gene Williams at a press conference to discuss the dangers of boating under the influence and the importance of planning ahead for a safe and fun boating season. The press conference was a hands on opportunity for reporters to get into the Skipper's seat of a boat wearing DUI/Impairment goggles -- allowing reporters to see first hand just how difficult and dangerous it is to operate a boat while under the influence.

PFDs. But being legal, does not necessarily make it good judgment.

What you may not know and what usually goes unreported is the financial costs to the parties involved in boating accidents. As boat owners and operators, we are liable for the injuries or damages that we cause. Likewise, we can be held liable for damages caused by others who are operating our boats. Financial liability that arises from damage to docks or other boats can be expensive; liability that arises from injuries or loss of life can be staggering. As an insurance agent, I assure you that in accidents involving loss of life, your insurance policy will likely pay the maximum limits. If there are costs beyond your coverage limits, you are still liable for those expenses.

What then is to be done? First, insure your boat and
continued on page 2

yourself properly. Insurance is about protecting yourself from damages, but it is also about protecting others from potential damage or injury. Consult with a reputable and experienced insurance agency. Boat insurance is generally very affordable; you should also consider a Personal Umbrella Policy that will provide liability protection above and beyond that of your boat, home and auto policies. Second, consider the consequences of your actions before taking them, i.e. packing a boat excessively or allowing someone else to operate your boat. Finally, always keep an eye out for other boaters, and try to anticipate what they are going to do. This more than anything else will help keep you and your passengers safe.

Giles Insurance Agency was founded in 1965 by Winston Giles and has been owned and operated by brothers Craig and Brad Giles since 2001. The Giles Agency offers a full line of Property and Casualty Insurance Products including Boatowners, Homeowners and Auto policies. They are located at 3510 Bush River Road and can be reached at 803.798.4600.

LMA Water Testing

by Ken Fox



2011 will mark the sixth year for LMA in testing the waters of Lake Murray. In 2010 we concentrated on testing the primary inflows occurring in the upper part of the lake. These results revealed that there were no major concerns at this time.

During 2011 we will be doing random testing. The samples will be pulled from all sections of the reservoir. This will allow us to get a more diverse sampling of the waters of Lake Murray. Our testing program will again run from May through October. The results will be posted in the Lake~Link and on-line.

While our program has yet to reveal any seriously impaired waters, LMA wants to be vigilant in guarding the health of Lake Murray. Please contact us if you know of an area that you suspect contains impaired water or water flowing into Lake Murray that may be impaired.

From the Desk of the Executive Director

Dave Landis Retires from LMA Presidency

by Joy Downs

When asked to comment on Dave's presidency, I realized a comment was not enough. I feel at least a paragraph or two will be needed to tell you what Dave has done for this organization.



Dave and I met in my foyer one evening shortly after he had agreed to join the association. I had been out of town when he attended his first meeting, so to say "I really didn't know who he was" is an understatement. He was picking up an item from me that another chairman needed. It was after dark and I was impressed.

We had a public meeting in Saluda shortly thereafter. To be honest, the meetings are not as well attended by the Board of Directors sometimes as we would like, but there was Dave moving chairs and tables and asking the meeting planners what they needed. What a delight to open the car door and have someone there to help you unload.

Dave worked hard that year on the Boat Show and Tour of Homes and everything else we threw at him, and so it wasn't long before we knew we had a Presidential candidate. He was perfect, retired from UPS, willing and strong bodied, a real gentleman and possessed a willingness to do whatever needed to be done. What else could we want?

The first year he was elected President, however, he moved to New York City. Yes, you heard right; he moved to

New York during the first five months of his presidency, which was a lifelong dream of theirs. Wow! What do we do now? Vice President Ken Fox took on the task of the Presidency for the next several months and did a wonderful job. When Dave returned, Ken gladly turned over the reins. Normally we have one or two year terms. Since Dave hadn't been around his entire term, we asked him to stay on another year and he agreed.

The re-licensing meetings with SCE&G were ongoing and active, and Dave jumped in with both feet. He was anxious to learn everything there was to know about it. He soon was attending four and five meetings a month. He was doing such a good job we just decided to ask him to continue the next year. After that, we just kept asking him to stay on. He was elected President five times, a record not likely to be surpassed!!

This year our VP, Louise Love has graciously agreed to take on the reins of the Presidency. In typical Dave fashion, he is as active as ever and has vowed to help her in any way he can. Lake Murray truly found a jewel in Dave Landis. He has an additional virtue, his wonderful wife Ginny who ran our Tour of Homes for two years and did a fantastic job. The team of Landis and Landis will be hard to replace, but Louise is up to the task. Dave is there to give her all of the support she needs.

The Lake Murray Association is a wonderful organization, and I have had the honor to work with every president since the beginning. They have all been dedicated and special in their own way. Dave has worked very hard, and his dedication to Lake Murray Association is always evident. In addition, we became good friends. That is the perk in this job. All our presidents have truly been dedicated and all are friends. Dave is no exception.

Thanks Dave for a job well done!

A Message from the President



Why LMA? With all the associations around Lake Murray that I could become a part of, why did I choose LMA? Well, there are several reasons, not the least of which was my neighbor, Pat Wendling. I moved to Lake Murray in 2004 and married. The lake had always been home to my new husband, and I wondered if I would feel the same someday. The first time I walked down our street and looked out on the expanse of water to my right and left, I felt like I was coming home. I was welcomed by everyone. All the folks on our point knew each other, helped each other and visited each other.

But in the early mornings and evenings sitting alone on our porch, I felt a strong desire to be near and to care for this new friend, Lake Murray. It was not long before Pat started telling me about an organization she worked with--the Lake Murray Association. She told me how the volunteers on the Board had worked with SCE&G's lake management to attain a stable lake level and how they worked on water quality, education and environmental issues. The more I heard,

the more I felt called to become a part of this organization. Finally, I was invited to a meeting and then asked to be a board member.

If you are reading this, that means you have received a copy of the Lake~Link --our quarterly newsletter. Does your neighbor have one? How about the folks three doors down? Why are you a member? Is it because you care about Lake Murray and its future? I think you do. You know that without an organization like LMA to protect and defend her, she could face bigger problems than just low lake levels. But, organizations like LMA do not function without an expansive base of concerned members. Members make us matter. So, come to the next meeting in your area; bring a neighbor. Ask them to join. LMA is doing many good things around this Lake. Come be a part of it.

I hope my term as President sees a clean, safe lake and good growth in our membership family.

Be Safe Out There,
Louise Love

THE RICHLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OPENED ITS LAKE MURRAY MARINE PATROL OFFICE ON APRIL 12. It is located on the grounds of Lighthouse Marina on Johnson's Marina Road off of SC 6 north of Ballentine and provides work space for deputies who are assigned to the Lake. Three boats, including the Department's newest and largest rescue craft as well as a jet ski, are based there. The newest craft has the latest equipment available for performing patrols on the Lake. Included are color radar and sonar, a foam cannon for fighting fires on the shoreline, and special equipment for lifting seriously injured persons, especially with back injuries, from the water. This boat has multiple radio channels including direct radio contact with other law enforcement agencies patrolling the lake as well as Richland County Emergency Services.

Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott presided over the ceremonies and recognized Lt. Mark McColman as the primary driving force in the development of this facility. McColman is the supervisor of the RCSD Lake Patrol and the RCSD representative to the Lake Murray Safety Consortium.



by Bill Mathias

Calendar of Events

Date	Time	Location
June 15 - 19, 2011	9:00 AM	4 H ₂ O Program for children 10 - 12- info 803-359-8515
June 13, 2011	7:00 PM	Board Meeting, Farm Bureau Bldg. Park Rd. Lex. SC
June 21, 2011	8:30 AM-3:00 PM	Ladies Day on the Lake Lighthouse Marina, Chapin SC
July 11, 2011	7:00 PM	Board Meeting, Farm Bureau Bldg. Park Rd. Lex. SC
August 8, 2011	7:00 PM	Board Meeting, Farm Bureau Bldg. Park Rd. Lex. SC
September 12, 2011	7:00 PM	Board Meeting, Farm Bureau Bldg. Park Rd. Lexington SC
September 27, 2011 Important Meeting!	7:00 PM	Public Meeting Presby. Church St. Andrews Irmo SC Safety Consortium --presents graphic videos to encourage safe boating. "If careless boating continues, will mandatory education be the next step?"

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 Joy Downs, Executive Director at 749-3888 at least two weeks in advance of the meeting 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.

Five Lovely Homes Display the Lake Lifestyle for the 2011 Pontoon Tour of Homes

by Louise Love

LEMA held its 13th annual Tour of Homes on Lake Murray, Saturday, May 14th, launching from Jakes Landing on the Lexington side of Lake Murray. The annual Tour is held the weekend after Mother's Day and is enjoyed by folks from far and near. The weather threatened to dampen the festivities; however, the morning launch saw only partly cloudy skies, and the lake was perfect for the ride. The afternoon group did some artful dodging of some rain showers. There were some delays while waiting for a shower or two to pass, but the day ended with peeps of sunshine and a beautiful sunset.

This year's tour could have been called the "Art Tour" as all the homeowners were either artists themselves or collectors of wonderful pieces. Five gracious homeowners opened their lakeside homes to our guests who enjoyed a leisurely pontoon ride with one of our 14 captains.

The home of Dr. and Mrs. Cook is an expansive ranch. The outside included a beautiful sandy beach area that sported palm trees and brought to mind Hawaii, fire pit area, many lovely plants and a large herb garden. The heart of this home was the large stone fireplace. Mrs. Cook is quite talented and has several of her unique sculptures throughout the home. There were beautiful furnishings, photographs and accessories from their many travels around the world.

Martha Carson, a renowned decorator, shared her home. From the French Parlor, to the Asian inspired bedroom, to the elegant country charm of Mrs. Carson master suite, guests could not contain what their eyes were seeing. Mrs. Carson's canvas is surely her home, as it is every bit a work of art as the beautiful paintings that grace her walls.

The Radin home has beautifully landscaped grounds with several fountains and a "stream" flowing down beside the driveway. Mr. Radin shared his love for his fully restored 1969 Corvette by displaying it out on the drive. The family enjoys sweeping views from the lovely porch that overlooks



the backyard, where our guests paused for a little refreshment under the gazebo.

Mr. and Mrs. Nord shared their contemporary home. A collector of art, Mrs. Nord has an abundance of extraordinary paintings. Mrs. Nord's talents were expressed best in the bedrooms of their three girls where fabric and accessories expressed each girl's unique personality. The highlight for most of the guests in this home was the many trophies Mr. Nord has displayed. As a guide for big game hunting, he has a large collection of various animals, including a wild boar from North Carolina.

The Parkers also opened their lovely lake home. Their home emphasizes family history giving it charming warmth. Coming from the dock, guests were greeted by the expansive rose gardens cultivated by Mr. Parker. Mrs. Parker is a professional artist, and the home is filled with paintings of family and places around Lake Murray. She has a gallery on the second level of their home where guests were privileged to visit her there with her daughter, who by the way has inherited the same talents.





LMA wants to extend a heartfelt thank you to:

- ◆ our homeowners who opened their homes and made us so welcome,
- ◆ the guides, who worked so hard to entertain and inform our guests,
- ◆ our wonderful Captains who safely transported all the guests and regaled them with tales of Lake Murray,



- ◆ the Sea Cadets who, once again made sure each boat was guided in safely and the guest disembarked without a problem,
- ◆ all the volunteers, at the ticket table, the parking lot, and table refreshment table,
- ◆ Archie Traywick of Jakes Landing for hosting us this year,
- ◆ the Lake Murray Power Squadron for performing a complimentary safety inspection for each pontoon,
- ◆ Lighthouse Marina for donating the use of a pontoon
- ◆ Ken Hardee, of Pontoon Rentals and Tours for donating the use of a pontoon and being a captain,
- ◆ Lake Murray Boat Club for donating the use of a pontoon and Chip Brown for being the captain,
- ◆ the Dam Bar and Grill for providing a discount to guests for lunch.

It was a wonderful experience for all involved. If you did not get a chance to come this year, be sure not to miss it next time. Your support helps LMA continue to work for the health and safety of beautiful Lake Murray.

"Safety First on the Lake"

by Jay Schabacker

Let's review some basic safety items that should facilitate safety on Lake Murray this coming summer!



A Properly Outfitted Vessel Has A –

- Anchor and anchor line
- Sufficient quantity and sizes of PFD's
- Workable fire extinguishers
- Throwable device such as a life ring
- Sounding device such as a whistle or horn
- A cell phone or marine radio

Do you have all six (6) of these?

Top Five Violations on the Lake

- Inadequate PFD's (number or condition)
- Negligent operation
- Boating under the influence (BUI)
- Violation of "no-wake zones"
- Lapsed boater registration decals

Are you ever in violation?

Leading Causes of Fires Aboard Vessels

- Faulty AC & DC wiring and appliances
- Engine and transmission overheating
- Fuels leaks

Is your boat "shipshape" against risk of fire?

Remember the "Rules of the Road"

- Meeting Head-on: KEEP RIGHT
- Crossing: Give right-of-way to boats ahead and to the right of you (on starboard)
- Passing: Give right-of-way – KEEP CLEAR

Is this "second nature" to you?

A Life or Death Quiz

1. Do you wear a PFD when on the water?
2. Do you sometimes have a few drinks when boating?
3. Are you careful not to stand up in a small boat?
4. Do you realize that there is danger to life and limb on your boat – and act accordingly?

Did you get 100%?



**Please Boat Safely This Summer--
The Life You Save May Be Your Own!**



Lexington Public Meeting Highlights

by Sharon Leigh Miles

The second public LMA meeting of 2011 took place on April 26 at Lexington High School. Dave Landis began the meeting by recognizing Corporate Sponsors and newly elected Board Members.

Lt. Mark McColman kicked-off our evening. He stated safety is now the biggest problem on Lake Murray. He noted three areas that need to be addressed. People need to have boater education. They need to wear a PFD, and they need to be sure safety equipment is working before going out on the lake. He reported on the new Richland Co. Marine Patrol office located at Lighthouse Marina. He told those in attendance that an emergency call using a cell phone will now show your exact location in Richland or Lexington Co.

Lt. McColman introduced the officers that patrol the lake from Lexington County. Lt. Garry Rozier heads up the marine patrol and also flies the helicopter. Troy Livingston and Glenn Davis are full-time officers on the lake. Ken Simmons with DNR also serves from Lexington Co.



Lt. Garry Rozier spoke next. He reported that Lexington Co. is currently updating their facilities on Bundrick Island. As the helicopter pilot, he stated that it is equipped with night vision and that officers are able to deploy from the copter. They are currently working on being able to rescue via helicopter. Mr. Rozier also reported that Richland and Lexington Co. dive teams are practicing “search and rescue” together in case of a catastrophic event on the lake. He mentioned that there was a concern about planes landing on Lake Murray. At this time the FAA does not regulate Ultra-Lights; however, any vessel including a plane can be charged with dangerous maneuvers once they have touched down on the water.

As his last official duty as president, Dave Landis presented LMA’s Person of the Year to Mark McColman (See Additional Article on page 9). He introduced LMA’s next

president, Louise Love, and presented her with the gavel.

New President Louise Love introduced two organizations with units on Lake Murray. The Lake Murray Power Squadron was introduced by Stan Godfrey. It has over 300 members and promotes boating through safety and education. They offer vessel safety checks and many boating courses. Barbara and Festus Burchfield are State liaisons for the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. It is a volunteer organization. The Lake Murray Flotilla has over 300 members that donate time and equipment. They focus on recreational safety. The USCGA also has an eight hour safety class that is certified by DNR.

Bill Argentieri, Director of Relicensing for SCE&G, explained a new component of the new operating license called Adaptive Management Teams. The new license could be up to 50 years, and the Adaptive Management Teams (AMT) provide a way to evaluate certain aspects and make necessary changes. Only signatories to the settlement agreement can participate in the AMTs. Mr. Argentieri introduced ten AMTs that LMA will be working diligently to insure Lake Murray’s voice is heard in the future.

Past President, Lee Barber made a surprise presentation of handmade pens made of beautiful wood on his lathe. He presented these to Dave Landis, past president of LMA, Andy Hyman, past commander of LMPS, Lt. Mark McColman, of Richland Co. Sheriff’s Department and Bill Argentieri and Jim Landreth of SCE&G. These were selected because of their effort in supporting and promoting safety on Lake Murray.

Regen Voit of West Marine concluded our meeting by sharing the correct PFD for various water activities—including one for pets. Troy Livingston won the door prize of the \$100 inflatable lifejacket.



Did you know? It has been determined that a paddle board, unless it is being used as a surf board, is considered a vessel and the operator must have a life jacket and a whistle in his possession!



*Like the Lake
Murray Association
on Facebook*

SOME OLD LAKE MURRAY CHURCHES

by Ed Fetner

As we know, the Lake Murray area abounds in history of the settlement of German and Swiss immigrants who came over in the 1700s. Most of these settlers came from the very prominent Protestant area of Southern Germany - Württemberg and Bayern. The Lutheran Church was established in 1522 by Martin Luther in this area. These people would go by boat down the Rhein River to the Netherlands, where they would board Dutch ocean-going sailing vessels for their arduous trip to America.

Landing in Charleston, these immigrants would obtain land grants and move on inland to settle. Many would settle in the area known then as Saxe Gotha (now Lexington County), and also in the area between the Broad and Saluda Rivers, now known as the Dutch Fork - "the place where the Deutsche Volk live."

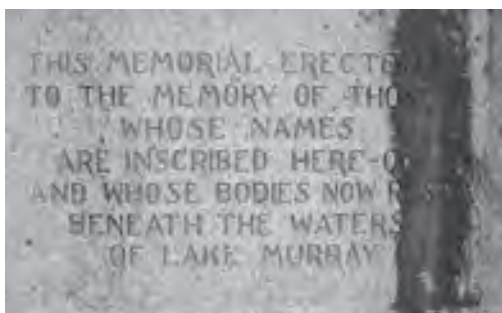
These German and Swiss settlers were members of the Lutheran Church in Germany, and they began to organize and establish Lutheran churches in the Lake Murray area. One of the oldest Lutheran churches is Zion Lutheran Church on Corley Mill Road between US 378 and SC 6, North Lake Drive. Zion Church was originally located much closer to the



Saluda River but was later moved to the present location. Another very old Lutheran church is St. Peters Church, located just off Old Cherokee Indian Road at Charter Oak Road west of Lexington. These churches were in the old Saxe Gotha area.

In the Dutch Fork side of the Saluda River, old High Hill Church No. 1, organized in 1762, was located between the Saluda and River Road just east of where old Chapin-Lexington Road crossed the river. This church was later moved to a point south of what is now Flotilla Island. When the dam for Lake Murray was being built, the church was moved to White Rock and re-named Bethel Lutheran Church. St. Michaels Lutheran Church, organized in 1813 and affectionately known as "The Old Blue Church," is located on River Road which is about one mile west of SC 6, North Lake Drive.

St. Peters Lutheran Church was organized in 1794, and was known locally as "Piney Woods Church". This old church is located on Dreher Island Road between St. Peters Church Rd. and Long Pine Rd., and in its cemetery is a monument listing names of members still buried under waters



of Camping Creek. Another old church is Macedonia Lutheran Church at the end of Macedonia Church Road near Dreher Island State Park. There are many other old Lutheran churches around Lake Murray, also churches of other denominations.

Did you KNOW?

Compiled By Sharon-Leigh Miles

A National Transportation Safety Board study concluded it takes only a third as much alcohol to impair a boater's balance, judgment and coordination, so having two beers on the water can impair your abilities as much as drinking a six-pack at a backyard barbecue.

Most boaters are not aware that the effects of alcohol are more pronounced in the operation of a vessel than in the operation of a vehicle. This is due to various stress factors — boat and engine noise, sun, glare, vibration, wave action, temperature, and wind. Studies have shown that even when alcohol is not a contributing element; an operator's boat-handling skills can be greatly impaired from stress factors and fatigue. When these stress factors are combined with alcohol, the hazards associated with boat operation are intensified. When boat operators are drinking, collisions with other vessels are more likely. Alcohol reduces your ability to detect the relative motion of other boats. Alcohol, a depressant, slows your sensory abilities. Boating skills decline as alcohol begins to reduce:

- ◆ Depth perception,
- ◆ Peripheral, color, and night vision,
- ◆ Reaction time,
- ◆ Balance and coordination,
- ◆ Comprehension and concentration.

After only a few drinks, boaters also begin to lose their ability to judge their degree of impairment and become overconfident, taking more risks. This factor combined with other effects of alcohol — loss of judgment and coordination and decrease in reaction time — lead to the inability to react appropriately to a dangerous boating situation.

Even passengers increase their risk of accident if they drink alcohol. The Department of Boating and Waterways' 1993 Accident Report found that in 66% of all alcohol related fatalities, the victims fell overboard and drowned. In 41% of all alcohol related fatalities, intoxicated passengers were the victims of, or contributed to, the accidents. These findings contradict the "designated driver" concept, which is now popular in some boating safety literature. The idea of designating a sober operator has its roots in automobile safety, where the possibility of drowning is not a factor, and may impart a false sense of safety if applied to boating.

FACT: Over 60% of all boating fatalities are alcohol related.

Source: USCG

ETHANOL FUEL E15 AND YOUR BOAT ENGINE

Source: Marine Gas Watch Website

Ethanol E15 blended fuel has been linked to many boat engine problems – from performance issues to permanent damage. In 2006, the problems became more widespread as increased distribution of ethanol gasoline in the United States made ethanol fuel more available to boaters at the fuel dock. Upcoming U.S. legislation proposing an increase from up to 10% ethanol (E10) to up to 15% ethanol (E15) has caused boaters and the entire marine industry to become concerned about further impact on boat engines.

Why Ethanol Causes Problems for Boat Engines

Derived from corn in the U.S., gasoline containing ethanol is a blend of ethanol and refined alcohol. The result is an ethanol solvent that can cause several different problems to your boat engine if proper precautions are not taken.

Ethanol is hygroscopic, which means it will attract and attach to any water that gets into the fuel and has the ability to absorb 50 times more water than non-ethanol gasoline. Since boat fuel tanks are vented, condensation and moisture is likely to occur in fuel tanks – particularly when the fuel tank is not full. When the solvent reacts with water it can create sludge in the fuel tank that clogs fuel filters, carburetors and other engine parts.

The ethanol damage can be especially troublesome in older boats with fiberglass fuel tanks made with thophthalic resin. The ethanol can react with the resin in these older fuel tanks and create a sludge build up. In some cases, fuel tanks need to be entirely drained to remove sludge filled fuel. Other boat owners have suffered from performance issues, costly repairs or a completely ruined boat engine.

Potential E15 Issues for Boaters

In 2010, the EPA has proposed increasing the percentage of ethanol from up to 10% (known as E10) to up to 15% (known as E15). Despite initial ruling that the sale of E15 gasoline is restricted to only on-road vehicles model year 2007 and newer, there is still potential for E15 fuel to mistakenly get into boats.

According to the National Marine Manufacturer's Association (NMMA), "there is significant risk of consumer confusion and mis-fueling." Although E15 may not be offered at a fuel dock, millions of smaller boats that may purchase fuel at gasoline stations on

land could be at risk. The NMMA is also concerned that E15 will be marketed as a lower cost fuel and boaters may choose fuel based on price without being informed of the potential consequences. Because marine engines have not been tested with E15, the exact implications on boat engines are unknown. However, the impact of E15 is widely expected to be more severe and damaging to both old and new boat engines.

Precautions to Protect Your Boat Engine

With proper precaution, many of the boat engine issues caused by ethanol fuel can be mitigated or avoided altogether.

Here are some recommended precautions to deal with ethanol gasoline for E10 or E15:

Refuel often. Ethanol fuel should not sit in a gas tank longer than 90 days, therefore it is important to use fuel and refuel as often as possible.

Maintain fuel filters. Changing fuel filters regularly will help keep your carburetors clean and stop engine damaging sludge build-up caused by ethanol.

Fuel your boat at marinas. Don't risk fueling your boat with a higher level of ethanol if E15 becomes available at gasoline stations on land. Fueling your boat at a marina will be safer because E15 will not be approved for sale at a marina.

Choose fuel wisely. Although some states have regulations requiring E10 for gasoline, there are marinas that offer ethanol-free fuel. Whenever possible, select ethanol-free fuel for your boat.

Sources: www.gaswatch.info; National Marine Manufacturer's Association, Fuel-testers.com, Boating Industry

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

A special property check is available if your business or residence borders Lake Murray. If you would like for the Sheriff's Patrol on Lake Murray to check your property while you are away, go online to <http://www.rcsd.net/propertycheck-form-lm.htm> or call 803-576-3000. You must have a dock sign to assist the deputies in locating your home.

KEEPING LAKE MURRAY HEALTHY

Here's How You Can Help

by Roy Parker

There are many factors that impact the health of our lake. Water purity directly affects aquatic plant and animal health. Lake users and residents have an incentive to keep the lake healthy to support recreational activities and provide clean water for municipal use.

Eutrophication is the process where the concentration of nutrients, especially phosphates and nitrates, increase in water bodies. Nutrients degrade water quality and contribute to algae blooms. As the alga grows, matures and eventually dies, it then decomposes and lowers the water concentration of dissolved oxygen. Dissolved oxygen, of course, is necessary for the survival of fish and other aquatic life.

Preventing nutrients from entering the lake is a worthy task for all of us concerned with a healthy lake. Fertilizer for lawns that border the lake should not contain phosphorus, which is a primary contributor to algae growth in the lake. Homeowners should landscape natural drainage areas of yards to add beauty with thick plants, such as Siberian iris, which prevent the free flow of water into the lake. Install a border between the maintained yard and the lake where no fertilizer or pesticides are used.

Other ways to reduce nutrient flow into the lake is through well maintained septic systems that are pumped as needed to minimize fecal coli-form from entering the lake. Animal waste should also be picked up and disposed of properly so it will not contaminate the lake. Grass clippings and other vegetative material should not be dumped into the lake, because as with algae, breakdown and decay lowers dissolved oxygen levels in the lake.

Exotic and invasive species of plants and animals are always potential threats to the health of the lake. An important precaution is to never release plants or animals from aquariums into the lake. Boats and other aquatic equipment, such as scuba gear, should be carefully cleaned of dirt, plants and animals after use in another water body prior to use in Lake Murray. Pressure washing is recommended, especially for difficult-to-reach areas. Finally, be alert to new aquatic plants or animals you may observe, as they may represent a potential threat to the health of Lake Murray.

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.



MARK MCCOLMAN HONORED AS LMA PERSON OF THE YEAR

by Louise Love

On April 25th, the Lake Murray Association held their Quarterly Meeting at the Lexington High School in Lexington. The meeting was made special with the presentation of LMA's Person of the Year Award. LMA selects an individual who has provided the Lake Murray community with extraordinary efforts in areas such as lake safety, preservation, education and promotion of Lake Murray. The lake is one of the Midlands greatest resources. This year's recipient was Lt. Mark McColman with the Richland County Sheriff's Department.

In 2010, Lee Barber with LMA, began work on a way to bring law enforcement, DNR, Lake Murray Power Squadron and the U.S. Coast Guard Aux together to address safety on and around Lake Murray. Lt. McColman took up the torch and was instrumental in communicating with the agencies so that the project was able to grow by leaps and bounds. His energy and sense of urgency helped solidify the Safety Consortium into a working force that has addressed and resolved many issues evolving communications among the groups. As a result, emergency responses, boater education, life vest usage and public awareness have improved. Lt. McColman grew up on and around Lake Murray and took a personal interest in keeping the lake a safe place to live and play. Mark is the first to admit that he could not do this alone and his "brothers in Blue" should share this honor. LMA honored Mark for his leadership and dedication concerning safety on Lake Murray.

In addition to LMA's Person of the Year award, Mark was also honored by Representative Chip Huggins who presented a certificate from the S. C. House of Representatives recognizing Mark for his extraordinary work for safety on the Lake.



Getting to know our Corporate Sponsors

by Joy Downs

Well Pets Veterinary Clinic

We have a new corporate sponsor, a veterinary clinic called Well Pets. Dr. Chrystie Peeler is one of six partners in the clinic. She said they are offering a new perspective when it comes to the care and well being of our pets, namely “treating more pets for less money.”

Dr. Peeler is a native of Irmo, having graduated from Irmo High School, West Carolina and NC State. She and her husband Scott, along with two other couples, had the idea to purchase a closed veterinary clinic in Irmo and rename it Well Pets. After much renovation to the building, they feel there are very few things they cannot do at this clinic. Dr. Peeler spent ten years in private practice and says Dr. Louise Burpee was her mentor. She has two children and worked part time for several years until this opportunity presented itself.

Their mission is to make sure that all pets have “well-visits” including making sure vaccines are kept current. Dr. Peeler noticed many pet owners have surrendered to mobile vaccine clinics. This team is trying to bridge the gap and make vaccines plus extended care more affordable. Well Pets can perform preventive treatment and routine surgeries. Any unusual treatments would, of course, be referred to specialty clinics according to Dr. Peeler. They also enlist the help of Veterinary techs that do vaccines and routine tests which is a help in keeping the costs down.

The clinic is located at 7400 Carlyle Street in Irmo. They may be reached by phone at 732-3883.

Give them a try and be sure to thank them for supporting The Lake Murray Association.

Membership Matters

by Sally M. Edwards

A couple of months ago, I volunteered to be a co-chairperson for the Membership Committee of the Lake Murray Association. It wasn't that I had so much time on my hands that I needed anything extra to do, but I volunteered because I believe in this Association and its commitment to representing those of us who live on Lake Murray, as well as those who enjoy all the recreational opportunities of having this beautiful resource in our part of the state.

The goal of our committee is to increase our membership, encourage current members to renew their expiring membership, and reinstate past members. Why are these three things so important? Our ability to influence decisions concerning every aspect of Lake Murray's management is directly related to the size and strength of our membership. We have represented not only our members, but the general public in many past issues such as management of lake levels. Currently our focus is on Lake Murray safety. No one knows what issues and concerns we may have to face in the future, but the best way to be prepared to impact outcomes is to have the strength of a large, viable membership.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

by bill east

When you join or renew your membership in the Lake Murray Association, you give us that power! We are not asking for your time, but your support. Our Membership fee is only \$25.00 for a family, \$15.00 for an individual and \$50.00 for a Corporate Sponsor.

You help us by simply continuing your membership, but have you considered giving tax-deductible contributions to your association.

Our work is done by the association's officers, members of the board of directors and general membership. We incur significant expenses for several programs such as water quality testing, osprey nesting platforms, water safety instruction for ladies and youngsters, environmental protection and other programs. Also we promote higher lake levels, aquatic weed control, reasonable shoreline development, and many other efforts to keep Lake Murray a place we all can enjoy.

LMA is a private, non-profit organization that is supported by membership dues, contributions, and income from special events. Remember that your dues and contributions may qualify as tax-deductible for federal and state income tax returns.

You also can help by soliciting new members in your neighborhood and by encouraging businesses to contribute to LMA. If you are a businessman, have you thought about a corporate membership? Don't forget the possibility of including LMA in your estate planning. Your support of LMA is needed and appreciated.

You may request information from THE LAKE MURRAY ASSOCIATION, INC., PO Box 495, Ballentine, SC 29002 and visit our website at www.lakemurrayassociation.com.

Corporate Sponsors

The following businesses are affiliate members. Affiliate members are identified as sponsors of LMA since they directly support us with larger membership dues. We extend special thanks to our affiliate members. Let us support them in return.

1st Mate Marine Construction, William Phillips	803-738-6012
Abby's by the River, Janice Shaw, Debbie Kirklin	803-268-3771
Advanced Docks, Buck Mooneyhan	803-957-8049
Ameriprise Financial, Ryan Westmoreland	803-957-1912
Atlantic Coast Canvas, Tim Van Newhouse	803-808-2522
Automated Business Services, Rick Jones	803-781-3033
Ben Arnold Beverage Co., Bill Tovell	803-337-5391
Bio Gator, Wallace Hubbard	803-749-1140
Buffalo Creek Marina, Charles Higgins	803-466-5335
Captain's Choice Marine, Alan Giddens	803-532-1223
Dam Bar & Grill, James Arnold	803-808-0882
Dantzlern Lawn & Landscaping, Chad Dantzler	803-917-7983
First Citizens Bank, Ballentine, Rick Pascall	803-781-3414
Giles Brothers Allstate, Craig Giles	803-798-4800
Harbour Watch on Lake Murray, Phil Savage	803-920-1224
Jakes Landing, Archie Trawick, Jr.	803-359-9268
Kaminer Heating & Air, Inc. Woody Kaminer	803-772-9140
Lake Murray Boat Club, Jon Dukes	803-407-2828
Lake Murray Chamber of Commerce, Debra Lauer	803-356-2151
Lake Murray Cruises, "Spirit of LM" Ken Colton	803-730-3044
Lake Murray Southside Com. Assoc, E. Richardson	803-749-6411
Lake Tours, Inc. "Southern Patriot", Jay Downs	803-749-8594
Lake World "AT THE DAM", Richard & Donna Hall	803-957-6548
Lanier Sailing Academy-Lake Murray, Brian Adams	803-317-9060
Lexington Chamber of Com, Tiffany McCullar	803-359-6113
Lexington Medical Center, Patti Williams	803-791-2801
Lighthouse Marina, Jason Lusk	803-749-1554
Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, Byron Williams	803-251-3285
Night Harbor Home Owners Association, Bert Floyd	803-345-6537
Pine Press Printing, Lori Harmon	803-359-9162
Pontoon Rentals & Tours, Ken Hardee	803-413-1693
Rotary Club of Chapin, George McConnell, Jr	803-345-2890
Russell & Jeffcoat, Doug Martin	803-447-4218
Sargeant Air Conditioning, Bob Thompson	803-520-6279
Sea Ray of Columbia, Mark Murff	803-732-1104
Sea Tow Lake Murray, John Altenberg	803-957-0664
Southern First Bank, Nancy Hutto	803-520-5390
Spinner's Resort & Marina, Theresa LeJohn	803-532-5300
Stevens Creek Marina, Andy Metts & Jackie Keen	803-345-1425
Swingtech International, Ralph Crafton	803-359-2880
Timberlake Country Club, Inc. Michael Kletter	803-345-9909
Water's Edge Realty, Brad & Valerie Wik	803-345-5598
Well Pets Veterinary Clinic, Chrystie Peeler	803-732-3883
Wingard's Nursery, Delores Steinhauser	803-359-9091
Woodley's Garden Center, Rick Woodley	803-407-0601

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Lake Level	800-830-5253
Lake Murray Information	803-217-8399
Dock Permits	803-217-9221
DNR Information	803-734-3888
Marine Office	803-951-2564
Richland County Sheriff's Office	803-576-3000
Lexington County Sheriff's Office	803-359-8230
Newberry County Sheriff's Office	803-321-2211
Saluda County Sheriff's Office	803-445-2112
Sea Tow Lake Murray	803-957-0664
SC Legislative Info.	800-734-2145
DNR Nuisance Animals	800-922-5431
Lake Property Check	803-576-3000

OFFICERS and EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Louise Love, President	803-781-6536
Vacant, 1st Vice President	Vacant
Vacant, 2nd Vice President	Vacant
Joy Downs, Executive Director	803-781-8411
Sean Abrams, Recording Secretary	803-334-4410
Tom Ruple, Treasurer	803-732-1342
David Landis, Past President	803-520-7509

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS:

<u>Environmental</u>	
Roy Parker, Chair	803-603-8988
Joe Agnew	803-600-1964

<u>Lake Level</u>	
Executive Committee, Joy Downs	803-749-3888

<u>LAKE=LINK</u>	
Sharon Miles, Chair & Editor	803-233-3746
Bill East, Vice Chair	803-781-7711

<u>LMA Funded Projects: Osprey Nests & Wind Socks</u>	
Ken Fox, Chair	803-604-1409

<u>Government Liaison</u>	
Joy Downs, Chair	803-781-8411
Curtis Hipp, Vice Chair	803-794-9012
Sandy Fox, Advisor	803-604-1409

<u>Membership</u>	
Amy Jo Jacobson, Chair	803-917-1884
Sally Edwards, Co-Chair	803-356-4739
Ryan Westmoreland, Vice Chair	803-781-7798
Aleda Anderson	803-781-2343
Russ Jernigan	803-359-7598
Sharon Miles	803-233-3746
Don Tyler	803-932-4891

<u>Publicity</u>	
Vacant	Vacant

<u>Safety</u>	
Lee Barber, Co-Chair	803-749-1841
Jay Schabacker, Co-Chair	803-808-7339
Lucy Wingard	803-318-6267
Ken Fox	803-604-1409

<u>Nominating Committee</u>	
Bill East, Chair	803-781-7711
Aleda Anderson	803-781-2343

<u>Special Events: Boat Show, Dock Signs, Tour of Homes, Golf Tournament and Ladies Day on the Lake</u>	
Ken Fox, Chair	803-604-1409
Don Tyler	803-932-4891
Ralph Crafton	803-359-5361
Wallace Hubbard	803-749-1140

<u>Web Site Manager</u>	
Tom Ruple	803-732-1342

<u>At Large</u>	
Bill Mathias	803-957-5829
William McCain	803-608-3500
Philip Spear	803-260-3585
Leo Whigham	803-678-9783



"The Voice of Lake Murray"

P.O. Box 495, Ballentine, SC 29002

Help Preserve and Protect Lake Murray -

Please renew your membership!

Membership expiration is noted in the lower right of your mailing label.

NONPROFIT ORG
US Postage
PAID
Permit #1365
Columbia, SC



Do you know neighbors, friends, and lake users who should belong to LMA?

Please pass this along and encourage them to become a member using the application to the right.

COLLECTIVE VOICES
MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Have you considered serving Lake Murray by volunteering with LMA?

Call or email us and explore how you can help!
(803) 749-3888

lma@lakemurrayassociation.com

Lake Murray Needs Your Voice! Join The Lake Murray Association

We are a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization under IRS tax code. Your membership fees and contributions may be tax-deductible on your tax returns.

- New Renewal
- Individual - \$15.00 (one vote) Family - \$25.00 (two votes)
- Affiliate - Corporate Sponsor - \$50.00 (one vote)

BONUS pay for 2 years & receive 3 months free; or pay for 3 years & receive 6 months free!

Name(s) _____
(Family application - please include spouse's name)

Mailing Address _____

City _____ County _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Occupation _____ Spouse's _____

Lake Address (if property owned) _____

County _____ Residential Business Undeveloped

Membership fees are made payable to LMA and mailed to:
LMA, P.O. Box 495, Ballentine, SC 29002

Charge Authorization:

VISA MASTERCARD Expiration date _____

Name on Card _____ Card Number _____

Signature _____