



# Lake Hartwell Association, Inc

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## Letter from the President

Submitted by Joe Brenner

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As the area moves into spring, the lake levels have only modestly recovered with somewhat below normal winter rains. As the current weather pattern is expected to continue at least until early summer, we may well see record low lake levels this year. The severe drought of the past two years has clearly shown us that the Corps' current Savannah River Drought Contingency Plan is not good enough.

The Drought Plan clearly never contemplated ever reaching a level 4 drought condition during a severe drought. After modest "tweaks" of basin flows over the first 3 stages, level 4 calls for going directly to flow-in equal to flow-out. If this were to occur during a severe drought condition as we experienced last summer, flows would go directly from 3600CFS to essentially zero and for all practical purposes dry up the lower Savannah. Obviously this would be environmentally and economically disastrous and could never be allowed to happen. Another serious flaw in the plan is that it gives absolutely no consideration for the real demands of the basin, i.e. what is happening downstream. Water quality can be excellent, and there can be enormous rainfall downstream; yet we continue to pass the designated drought flow rates at Thurmond Dam. A reasonable plan would take basin conditions into account and use every good opportunity to store water in the reservoirs for use in more critical times. The scientific basis of the designated drought flow rates is also open to challenge. We believe flows must be reduced prior to reaching level 4 in order to preserve our water resources and protect the needs of everyone within the basin. These issues should be dealt with in a timely fashion in order to have a positive impact during the current drought. We had an opportunity to meet with SC Congressman Gresham Barrett and Colonel Kertis recently and were able to share these points. We are calling on the Corps to take creative and proactive approaches to protecting the Savannah lakes and basin.

Any changes in drought operations will take the consensus and support of our two states as well as the various federal agencies involved. We have noted that Georgia has been successful in getting flow reductions from Lake Lanier but has had too little focus on the Savannah Basin. We're very disappointed by the actions or lack thereof in South Carolina. In the most severe drought on record in the Upstate, SC refused to enact any form of mandatory water conservation measures. It seriously undermines our credibility in lobbying for better water management when the states operate as if there is no immediate problem. If you care about these issues and want to see the waters in our lakes protected, please let your elected representatives hear your concerns. We have provided a new listing under the "Contacts" header of the LHA website to include local, state and federal elected officials. We hope this provides a convenient way for our members to find out how to contact these folks, and we encourage you to let your opinions be heard.

The Hartwell Chamber and Municipal Coalition has begun efforts to have an Economic Impact Study conducted for the lake. This study would include the effects of various lake levels. Such data is critical in making a case to amend the Corps' operational priorities for the lake by demonstrating the value of the lake to the area economy versus revenues provided through power generation. LHA is supporting this effort which will be cost-shared by the Corps and local governmental bodies. The study will primarily be conducted by the South Carolina Water Resources Center at the Strom Thurmond Institute. Coalition representatives have been making presentations to local counties and cities to solicit the required matching funding. Please let your local representatives know that you support this use of your tax dollars.

You've no doubt seen reports recently of interest in developing public lands around the lake. Anderson has requested proposals for development of Apple and Andersonville Islands, and South Carolina has requested proposals for development of the large island that is currently the site of the SC Welcome Center on I-85. These are, of course, public lands and as such will be afforded a great deal more protection than private development. As an example, no private ownership of residential property will be permitted, i.e. no timeshares or condos. LHA plans to stay engaged throughout these development discussions. Our position is to ensure that any development has minimal impact on the natural and aesthetic characteristics of the lake, and that there are no negative environmental or water quality impacts.

As for LHA business, I'd first like to congratulate Jim Bushey on his recent election to an at-large director position. I'd also like to announce that your board has elected Herb Burnham to our recently approved 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president position. Also, please be sure to attend our annual member picnic on May 17. The Corps' Colonel Kertis will be our featured speaker.

As always, send your questions and comments to [mail@lakehartwellassociation.org](mailto:mail@lakehartwellassociation.org) or call 1-864-LAKE (5253).

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**LHA Mission Statement**

**We** will develop and establish the Lake Hartwell Association as an organization that promotes and encourages cooperation, assistance and information exchange among those concerned with Hartwell Lake and the Savannah River Basin.

**We** will provide a forum to collectively represent our membership on issues that pertain to the development, preservation and comprehensive management of Hartwell Lake.

**We** will collect and distribute information on matters affecting Hartwell Lake.

**We** will maintain liaisons and communications between the Lake Hartwell Association and educational, governmental, scientific and other communities.

**LHA Website**

*Submitted by Vernon Saur*

Have you been to the Lake Hartwell Association website yet? If not, you might want to give it a try. Lots of people have visited the site and there's lots of good information on it. During the months of January and February, we averaged more than 2,650 visits/month. So join the crowd and let us know how you like it. Something new that we just added is contact information for government officials. You can find it under the "Contacts" drop-down menu. There's also a fairly new page for "Community and Business Partners." You can find all of this and much more at <http://www.lakehartwellassociation.org>.

**Georgia Legislative Committee Report**

*Submitted by Pat Goran*

The Comprehensive Statewide Water Management Plan was passed by the Georgia House of Representatives and Senate and signed by the Governor on February 6th. The Lake Hartwell Association participated in the development of the Water Plan through membership on the Savannah Basin Advisory Committee and through our affiliation with the Georgia Water Coalition during the last several years.

During the vast majority of the development of the state water plan, the intent was clearly to have decisions about Georgia's water resources made regionally, on a river basin by river basin basis. Unfortunately, during the few weeks prior to the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) submitting the Water Plan to the Legislature, there were some significant changes made. Two of the most important revisions are: the Regional Planning Committees are no longer organized along natural river basin boundaries, but instead are politically divided; and the rules pertaining to proposed interbasin transfers were weakened significantly, potentially making it much easier for water to be withdrawn from one river basin for use in another basin.

The legislation that set the whole process in motion 3 years ago gave this year's Legislature the choice to accept EPD's proposed plan in its entirety or to not accept it at all and to, in effect, write their own plan - the Legislature could not "pick and choose" what they liked or disliked. They chose to accept EPD's proposed plan, which has led to subsequent bills being introduced that would "fix" some of the concerns with the plan. Among those is a proposal calling for tougher restrictions on future interbasin transfers.

Legislation has also been introduced to help streamline the permitting process for building new reservoirs in Georgia, along with limited funding for construction. Although there are obvious concerns about creating new reservoirs, such as destruction of wildlife habitat, we generally view this as good news since it would lead to additional surface water available during future droughts. Whether this becomes law during this session is unknown at this time.

As always, if you can spare some time to help LHA stay on top of this and other important lake-related issues, please let us know!

**Lake Hartwell Association Spring Picnic**

**Big Oaks Recreation Center on May 17, 2008 – 11:00 a.m.**

Join us for the 2008 LHA picnic at Big Oaks Recreation Center on May 17, 2008 beginning at 11:00 a.m. Bring friends, family and prospective members. Hamburgers, hotdogs and other goodies will be served from 11:30 – 12:30.

Remarks by President Joe Brenner and committee reports will precede our keynote speaker, Colonel Edward J. Kertis, District Commander, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District. Door prizes will be awarded!!!!

This is your opportunity to meet lake folks, hear the latest news on the lake and the Savannah River Basin and ask questions of those who know! And then there's always the door prizes.



*Col. Edward J. Kertis, Will be the keynote speaker.*

## The Bassmasters Classic: A Look Behind the Scenes

Submitted by Mike Massey

The rain stung my exposed fingers as the boat accelerated from zero to 70 miles per hour. It was 36 degrees, cloudy and raining as we rocketed down beautiful Hartwell Lake. Everything had happened so fast that in the excitement I had forgotten to put on my gloves. It was the opening day of the 2008 Bassmaster Classic fishing tournament and I was riding in the boat of Kotaro "Kota" Kiriya. Kota was one of the fifty elite competitors in the Classic, the "World Series" of professional bass anglers.

I had registered as the Lake Hartwell Association representative with ESPN months before and was thrilled when I was selected as an "observer" for the tournament. In addition to driving one of the anglers and his boat to and from the lake, the observer also has the privilege of accompanying him on the water for the day. I felt privileged to have drawn Kota for both Friday and Saturday.



Ray Scott, BASS founder, jokes with LHA's Mike Massey before the national tournament begins.

Our initial meeting was at the Hyatt in Greenville where I first realized how friendly these guys are. This was demonstrated by Ray Scott – the person responsible for the popularity of bass fishing today. He formed the Bass Association Sportsman's Society (BASS) in 1967 and initiated the Bassmaster Classic tournament in 1968. Ray was grateful that we volunteers were able to help out. He was always ready with a funny story as well.

As Kota sped down the lake at 7:20 AM Friday morning the icy rain pelted our bodies. It felt like someone was shooting me with a BB gun. I was glad for my 5 layers of clothing and rain suit. In a few minutes Kota pulled up to a spot just a quarter mile from my own lake home on Six and Twenty Creek. I had passed this spot a 100 times but had never stopped to fish there. It was in relatively open water, over 35' deep and didn't even look like a good spot. Within minutes he hooked his first fish – a two pound largemouth bass. He was clearly excited as the fish was pulled into the boat. He removed the hook, dropped the bass into the live-well and gave me a "high-five" yelling "This is the Classic!"

As an observer my job was to record Kota's fish on a small hand-held device called a "bass-trak." I entered the estimated fish weight and hit the "send" key. The data was transmitted to ESPN and immediately appeared on the standings board of their TV show. Ever wonder how that was done? Now you know.

Kota continued to "high-five" me every time he put a fish in the livewell. My hand was sore but I loved every minute of it. I was amazed and in awe of his fishing skill. He had never seen this lake until the week before and was demonstrating why these professionals are the finest in their sport. I was getting a fishing les-

son from one of the best, courtesy of ESPN. By 8:30 AM, Kota had caught his limit – 5 largemouth bass. Now he started "culling," looking for a larger fish to replace a smaller fish caught earlier. The bitter cold didn't bother Kota.

He just kept fishing and culling. By 3:00 PM, he had a total weight of approximately 16 pounds.

We made it back to the dock before 3:15 but before we left the marina, each fish was checked to verify that each fish was of legal size and still alive. A dead fish would have resulted in a penalty of weight reduced from the catch. Incidentally, only 12 fish out of well over 500 weighed in died during the tournament.



This fish helped Kato Kiriya finish 7th overall.

When we arrived at Bi-Lo Center for the weigh-in, Kota climbed into his boat and placed the fish in a special carrying bag. Thousands of fans cheered as the boat was driven into the arena to flashing lights and blaring music. What excitement! Kota stepped onto the stage and had his fish weighed at the podium. On day one he ended up in 11th place - a great start. Incidentally, the SC Department of Natural Resources personnel oversaw the transport and return of the fish back into Hartwell Lake. Wouldn't you like to know where? So would I!

On Saturday, day two, most anglers experienced tough fishing since the weather had changed overnight. Kota caught 5 fish but couldn't improve his position and remained in 11th place. That evening, Alton Jones took the lead. By Sunday, the final day, the field was reduced to 25 anglers and so were the number of observers including me. That was OK - by Sunday this old guy was ready to sit it out anyway. Five days of intense activity had taken its toll. Sunday afternoon my wife and I had seats just below the podium for the final weigh-in. ESPN provided a spectacular show. Alton Jones won \$500,000 with a three day total of 49 pounds, 7 ounces of fish. Kota finished in seventh place with 40 pounds and nine ounces and won \$21,500 – a very respectable total. I was happy for him. Hartwell Lake had also demonstrated what a terrific fishery it was.

This was a truly wonderful experience. I did not expect it to be as rewarding as it was. I learned something about fishing but more importantly, I learned that these professionals are humble, thankful and appreciative of their fans. They love their job. Most of the anglers are men of great faith and thanked the Lord for their success. Kevin VanDam has made 18 Classic appearances and is one of the most popular anglers on the tour. When asked by the media about the fan turnout at the lake and the weigh-in, he commented "Hopefully, everyone goes to church on Sunday." I did, Kevin – and I thank you, Kota, and all the anglers for a great tournament.

## LHA 2007 Accomplishments & Activities

*Submitted by the LHA Board*

Following are the past year's accomplishments of your LHA team of directors, administrator and committee members. The effort that goes into protecting our great resource is sizeable and the challenges are always increasing. If you would like to lend a hand and participate as a director or committee member, or provide comments or suggestions, please contact us at membership@lakehartwellassociation.org or by mail.

### Officers and Board of Directors

- Recruited three new highly qualified directors to supplement our people resources.
- Developed formal processes to guide committee member recruitment and committee functions.
- Continued to meet with other southeastern volunteer water associations to discuss issues and identify best practices to assist each other with our policies, practices and goals.
- Provided leadership to re-establish and re-organize the Lake and Watershed Association of South Carolina (LWASC) to provide active involvement in state water issues and planning.
- Maintained memberships in, and coordinated with, other Georgia and South Carolina state and public water organizations to share ideas and knowledge of water initiatives and activities.
- Attended meetings and provided input to the Greater Anderson Chamber of Commerce Water Resources Committee. (LHA is a member and Mike Massey chairs the Legislative Committee.)
- Actively participated in the Hartwell Lake Chamber of Commerce and Municipal Coalition and provided LHA input and resources as required.
- Provided presentations about LHA, Hartwell Lake or other water related topics when requested by LHA members or other civic organizations.

### Safety

- Maintained boat ramp bulletin boards and child life jacket loaner program at marinas.
- Procured and installed display/distribution boxes for the LHA Hartwell Lake Navigational Brochure at 11 boat ramps. Obtained a \$3700 grant from BoatUS to print and distribute our navigational brochure, and conducted a general mailing to all Hartwell Lake permit holders.

### Legislative

- Actively participated with the Georgia Water Coalition to develop consensus guiding principles for the Georgia State Water Plan.
- LHA's Mike Massey chaired the SC Water Resources Advisory Committee, resulting in The South Carolina Comprehensive Statewide Water Management Act, HB 4393 and SB925, submitted for the 2008 legislative session.
- Obtained legislative sponsorship for boat noise regulation similar to Georgia's. (A senate bill was submitted for 2007 committee review but unfortunately was not moved out of committee. LHA was unsuccessful in winning support from any other lake

groups within SC to help push this legislation. No companion legislation was submitted by our SC House representation.)

- Supported activities to develop a working relationship across state lines to better address water needs. (The Savannah River Committee formed jointly by the GA and SC governors began discussions on common issues and resource sharing. We attended several meetings of this group and gave input toward resolving water issues.)
- Actively participated on the Savannah/Ogeechee Basin Advisory Committee as part of the Georgia Statewide Water Planning process. (The Water Plan was submitted to the GA Legislature for early 2008 approval.)
- Petitioned federal legislators to obtain funding support for key Corps projects: the Thurmond Oxygen Injection project and Phase 2 of the Comprehensive Basin Study. (Work has commenced on the Thurmond project, but funding was not provided to continue the Comp Study.)
- Petitioned the Corps and Governor Perdue to study and implement lower drought condition flows down the Savannah Basin. (The Corps is currently studying this issue.)
- Worked with a sub-committee of the Hartwell Coalition to define requirements for a Lake Economic Impact Study to be jointly funded by the Corps and conducted primarily through the SC Water Resources Center at Clemson.

### Membership

- Developed and implemented an evergreen member recruiting process using the permit list as a basis, and conducted recruitment effort.
- Developed a strategy and resource package to conduct a business membership drive. (Board members directly canvassed potential new members and an additional seventeen businesses joined LHA.)
- Continued to revise and document the membership process to improve efficiency and results. Developed standards for billing, renewals and member retention.

### Technical

- Participated in all facets of the PCB damage remediation and settlement funds application. Continued dialog with SC DHEC and other Trustees to solicit support for removal of the third dam in Twelve Mile River.
- Partnered with the Corps, B.A.S.S., and the GA and SC DNR's in two shoreline planting projects to improve fish habitat. (This effort was supported by a grant through B.A.S.S. and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.)

### Programs

- Supported efforts by LHA business member Kroeger Marine to conduct a shoreline clean up specifically to remove discarded foam flotation. (LHA volunteers and the Corps assisted, and the Corps provided for disposal. Approximately 40 tons of flotation material were removed.)
- Co-sponsored the annual Hartwell Lake Clean-up Campaign with the Corps of Engineers, and organized and managed the

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## Status of H4393: "The Water Bill"

Submitted by Mike Massey



Mike Massey of LHA addresses the SCHR Environmental Affairs Sub-committee in Columbia on March 5.

Members of the Anderson County Water Committee, organized in 2007 by Representative

Don Bowen, District 8, Anderson, addressed the South Carolina House of Representatives Environmental Affairs sub-committee in Columbia on March 5, 2008. The purpose was to present and discuss details of House Bill 4393, the "South Carolina Comprehensive Statewide Water Management Act of 2008". In addition to Representative Bowen, Senator Bob Waldrep, Mike Massey of the Lake Hartwell Association and Jerry Craft, former advisor to Alan Greenspan, spoke in favor of the bill. Senator Kevin Bryant was also present to support the legislation. All have been instrumental in the development and progress of this legislation. Senator Bryant has also introduced a "companion bill" in the senate - S925. Both bills have received widespread support including from many legislative leaders. The sub-committee agreed to continue deliberations on this important legislation.

Originally created from the requests of Anderson area residents and LHA, H4393 is intended to improve the current water management program for the entire state. This water bill is extremely important concerning the future health and total well being of the state of South Carolina, its citizens, the constituents of House District 8, Anderson County and the whole upstate. A major objective of the bill is the establishment of the South Carolina Water Board. The Water Board will be comprised predominantly of people from DNR and DHEC and a few other state agencies currently having bits and pieces of this total process but not an umbrella-like responsibility.

Also significant is the intent to create unique Water Basin Advisory Councils for each of the four water basins in the state. The Savannah River Basin is of course one of them. Creating such councils would allow municipalities, local businesses, water associations, legislators and other water related groups within each basin to have a more direct influence about how their water is managed. The councils would operate under the guidance of the Water Board based on rules to be developed in the new Comprehensive Water Program. In addition, since Georgia is ahead of South Carolina in the area of water planning and legislation, H4393 will bring us up to a competitive level. We must protect our water from the possibility of Georgia's piping it to Atlanta.

The "South Carolina Comprehensive Statewide Water Management Act of 2008" is a flexible bill that will make it possible to adapt and adjust to our water management needs for years to come. This legislation will carry us into the next generation with a good basic format for administering this treasured resource.

## Rebecca Spratlin Appointed SC DHEC Savannah River Watershed Manager

LHA would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and welcome Rebecca Haynes Spratlin, SC DHEC's new Watershed Manager - Savannah and Saluda River Basins. She replaces Richelle Tolton who was appointed Lowcountry Regional Community Liaison in Charleston, SC. Rebecca earned her Master of Science degree in Conservation Ecology and Sustainable Development at the University of Georgia's River Basin Center in 2006.

Rebecca's geographic area of responsibility is considerable for the Savannah River Basin alone. Within the State of South Carolina, the Savannah River Basin incorporates 35 watersheds and covers approximately 2.9 million acres the Tugaloo River/Seneca River Basin, the Upper Savannah River Basin and the Lower Savannah River Basin.

In her role as Watershed Manager, Rebecca will work with SC DHEC experts and interact with a variety of watershed stakeholders, including lake organizations such as LHA. The goal is to exchange information and identify ways to work together to protect the quality and quantity of South Carolina's surface and ground waters.

For questions concerning DHEC's Savannah River watershed protection, restoration, and management, contact Rebecca at (803) 898-4211 or via email at [spratlrh@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:spratlrh@dhec.sc.gov)

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volunteer appreciation picnic.

- Managed and supported the LHA Spring Picnic and Fall Information Meeting by providing members with opportunities for fun and informative networking.
- Developed internal standardized processes for LHA routine activities such as member meetings and the Clean Up picnic.

### Publications

- Generated high quality quarterly newsletters. Introduced two new informative sections for members: "Things around the lake" to promote area attractions and "Ask the Corps" to provide answers to members' issues and questions.
- Enhanced our group mail process to send email notices to members on key information and issues. (This has been very effective in providing timely, low cost communication.)

### Financial

- Implemented investment strategy for LHA cash on hand to increase income for the organization.
- Conducted an audit of LHA finances and financial processes. (No significant findings or recommendations resulted.)

### Website

- Implemented redesign of the LHA website resulting in a state-of-the-art, user-friendly site. Continued to improve and update the website with current lake information, online calendar of events and business member contact page.

## Around the Lake: Boating and Water Safety Education Opportunities

Submitted by Dan Ray

Lake Hartwell will be used by many swimmers and boaters in the coming months. Let's make it a safe season by taking advantage of the programs offered by many organizations in our area. One of the best ways to be ready is to learn how to operate your boat safely. Another is to make sure that you, your family and your guests know how to swim. Resources available to you are listed below with contact information.

### Organizations offering boating safety courses

- United States Power Squadrons  
Lake Hartwell Sail and Power Squadrons. Call Squadron Educational Officer Chris Rose for details at 864-281-9774 or [ecroses@bellsouth.net](mailto:ecroses@bellsouth.net).  
Golden Corner Lakes Sail and Power Squadron, Contact Squadron Educational Officer Marlyn Stroven for details at [mjstroven@bellsouth.net](mailto:mjstroven@bellsouth.net)
- United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 25. Contact Jim Rudy at 864-972-2085 or [jimrudy@bellsouth.net](mailto:jimrudy@bellsouth.net) in South Carolina or Glenn Barbee at 706-376-0096 or [barbeeg@hartcom.net](mailto:barbeeg@hartcom.net).
- South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, Pendleton, 864-654-8266 x18 or on line at [www.dnr.ste.sc.us](http://www.dnr.ste.sc.us) for online, home study or video courses.
- Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Region II Gainesville for class details, call 770-535-5499 or go on line at [www.ganet.org/dnr](http://www.ganet.org/dnr)

For those who successfully complete one of these approved courses, discounts on boat insurance are offered by most insurers on submission of a copy of a completion certificate. The Lake Hartwell association website maintains a list of current boating class schedules.

### Personal Water Craft

Safety information specifically prepared for PWC boaters is offered at [www.pwcsafetyschool.com](http://www.pwcsafetyschool.com). Wallet cards are available for those completing this course.

### Types of courses

All of the groups listed above offer a basic boating course which is approved by the National Association of Safe Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA). In states where boat operators must have taken a boating course, a NASBLA approved course is accepted. Some of these are offered on line while others are classroom type courses.

The Power Squadrons also offer a wide range of courses taught by members to members. These cover piloting, seamanship, and celestial navigation as well as weather, marine electronics, engine maintenance and sailing.

Among the courses taught by the Coast Guard Auxiliary are

Boating Skills and Seamanship, Navigation, and Let's Go Sailing.

### Sailing

- Western Carolina Sailing Club has a junior sailing program for members or prospective members which is held on two weekends in July. It is taught in Sunfish, 420s and Laser class boats. Instructors are certified by US Sailing. Ron Moede at 864-859-8831 can be contacted for additional information.
- Furman University offers sailing lessons for adults through its Life Long Learning Program. For details call 864-294-2153.
- Big Water Marina, phone 864-226-3339, offers a sailing instruction program certified by the American Sailing Association for persons with all levels of sailing experience. Instructors are certified and licensed by ASA.

### Water Safety

- The Anderson Area YMCA offers a full range of water safety classes for all ages and swimming levels including Red Cross-Life Saving. For a complete list of classes, dates and times, phone 864-716-5170.
- Sheppard Swim Center in Anderson offers Red Cross Learn to Swim and Life Guarding classes. Classes normally run five weeks, 2 days (adult classes in evenings) a week and start monthly. Call the Swim Center for details at 864-260-5170
- The Hartwell YMCA aquatics program offers swimming and lifesaving courses. For details call 706-856-9622.
- The YMCA of Toccoa-Stephens County also offers swimming and life saving courses. Call 706-282-0261 for schedules and further details.

### Safety

- First Aid and CPR classes are offered monthly by the Anderson Service Center of the American Red Cross. For more information and to register, call 864-225-8666.
- The Athens, Georgia Chapter of the American Red Cross can be reached at 709-353-1645 for details of the safety programs offered.

On the general subject of safety please insist that your boating guests wear PFDs (life jackets) as I am sure you do when out in your boat. You do this because you know that 70% of all boating fatalities in 2006 were people who did not wear PFDs. It's an easy way to help your friends be safe. The latest data released by the US Coast Guard showed that more than 70% of the fatalities involved in boating accidents resulted from lack of boat operator instruction. Take a class.

### Newsletter Available by E-mail

LHA members may choose to receive these quarterly newsletters *via* e-mail in addition to or in replacement of the hardcopy that we will post. To receive *LHA e-News* email your request to [LHAnews@hotmail.com](mailto:LHAnews@hotmail.com).

**LHA Membership:  
Welcome Aboard and Thank You!**

Thank you all for your support of LHA’s efforts “for the sake of the lake!” Please welcome the following members who have joined since our last newsletter:

**New Family Memberships**

Alex & Marcia Bryan, John Bland & Carla Burkhardt, Ginger Burroughs, Tony & Lois Lowe, Jimmie & Ruth Norris, Dennis & Bonnie Olson, Donald & Ruth Speed, Donna Laird, William Behm.

**New Business Membership**

Mike Sanders Storage - Michael W Sanders  
Ingrid Lee Realtors, LLC - Ingrid Lee

**Donations to LHA**

We are especially grateful for special donations to support LHA’s ongoing work. Please join us in thanking the following LHA members for their generosity.

Jack & Cindy Plating, K. Brodie Brigman, Jack & Helen Eldredge, Carolyn Graham, Lewis & Merle Harper, Nancy Markley, Charles M. Martin, Lois B. & Gene Masini, Herbert F. McBride, Susan & David Ray, Lowell & Frances Suits, Steven Zahn

**Thank you for your support “For The Sake Of The Lake”!**

**LHA Community and Business  
Members**

**Please support the Community & Business  
Members who support LHA!**

Please visit the LHA website today and look under the “Community & Business Members” webpage for contact information and website links, where available, for these LHA patrons.

- Foxwood Hills Property Owners Association
- Lake Hartwell Sail & Power Squadron - Mary Orem
- Leeward Landing Association of Boat Dock Owners
- Paradise Point Inc. - William Roberts
- Swaney’s Point Association - Tom Williams
- View Point Lot Owners Association
- Boat Sales, Service & Supplies
- Captain Dave's Boating World - David Strickland
- Hartwell Marina & Boat Sales – Brant Tew
- Lee's Marine LLC - Randy Lee
- Mike Sanders Storage - Michael W. Sanders
- Commercial & Residential Construction
- Currahee Club - Chris W. Whitley
- DALCO Custom Homes - Flay Dalrymple
- GREENSpace Surfaces, LLC – Bill England
- Indian Creek Contracting - Lori & Duke Jones
- T N Contruction Company, Inc. - Thad Strickland
- Dental & Medical Services
- Dr. Andrew Adams, DDS
- Docks and Marine Construction & Supplies
- Custom Steel & Wood, Inc. - Don Haynie
- Dock Depot & Marine Supply Co.
- Docks South LLC - Bill Griggs
- Kroeger Marine Construction, Inc. -Dave Kroeger
- Superior Dock Systems, Inc. - Horace McGee
- T & M Custom Docks - Donnie Thacker
- Robert & Connie Banks
- Paul & Susan Meng
- USACE Hartwell Project – Virgil Hobbs
- State Farm Insurance - Terence Roberts
- Big Water Marina - Jane W. Davis
- Harbor Light Marina - Larry Rich
- Portman Marina - Dave Freeman
- The Hartwell Sun - Robert Rider
- Century 21 Watermark Realty – Pat Rowland
- Coldwell Banker Fort Realty - Fort Oglesby
- Hartwell Lake Properties - Mike Gray
- Ingrid Lee Realtors, LLC – Ingrid Lee
- SC Homes and Lake Realty by Victoria McCormick
- Anderson Regional Joint Water System - Scott Willett

**Free Vessel Safety Check**

A vessel safety check is a courtesy examination of your boat to verify the presence and condition of certain safety equipment required by State and Federal regulations. The vessel examiner is a trained specialist and is a member of the United States Power Squadrons or the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. He or she will also make certain recommendations and discuss certain safety issues that will make you a safer boater.

This is not a boarding or a law enforcement issue. No citations will be given as a result of this encounter. The examiner will supply you with a copy of his evaluation so that you may follow some of the suggestions given. Vessels that pass will be able to display our distinctive VSC decal. This does not exempt you from law enforcement boarding, but you can be prepared to make this a positive encounter.

Vessel safety checks are scheduled for Lake Harwell by the Lake Hartwell Sail and Power Squadron at Portman Marina on the following dates: May 23-24, July 19 and September 6.

The Golden Corner Lakes Sail and Power Squadron has scheduled inspections at Hartwell Marina April 19.

Flotilla 26 of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary offers safety inspections at your dock or other location at your convenience. Contact Dave Haus at 864-225-9307 or [pegndave@charter.net](mailto:pegndave@charter.net).

Any of these organizations will carry out inspections for individuals at a mutually agreed upon date and location at other than the dates listed above. Contacts:

Lake Hartwell Squadron--Rick Cunningham at 864-486-5414 or [r.Cunningham@staubli.com](mailto:r.Cunningham@staubli.com).

Golden Corner Squadron--Ben Bee at 706-376-5446 or [bee459us@yahoo.com](mailto:bee459us@yahoo.com)

**Upcoming LHA Events**

Event	Date
LHA Board Meeting, 7:00 PM, Hartwell GA	5/12/08
LHA Spring Picnic, Big Oaks, 11:00	5/17/08

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