



Scuttlebutt



Monthly Newsletter

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

13 JUN	Fish Fry - 1600. - Walley's home
19 JUN	Partner in Command Seminar. - 1000-1300 - Gunterville Yacht Club
28 JUN	EXCOM - 1800 - via ZOOM
10 JUL	Lake Gunterville Raft Out. - 1100 - 1500 - Meet at Lake Gunterville Yacht Club
26 JUL	EXCOM - 1800 - via ZOOM

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COMMANDER'S LOG

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The boating season is back in full swing. Let me summarize some of the events planned for this year, and I hope you reserve some of the dates on your calendar and join us. As we approach the dates, event details can always be found on our squadron calendar or in the monthly Scuttlebutt.

- June 13: Fish Fry at the Walleys.
- July 10: Lake Guntersville Raft Out
- August 14-15: Lake Guntersville State Park Dinner and Cruise.
- October 9-11: Weekend cruise to Florence Alabama
- December 4: Brunch at the Pruett's in Decatur

Participation in our events obviously fosters friendships, but it also lets us know your interests and desires. Some of our members just completed a sailing class, including a post class sail at Joe Wheeler, and Lisa organized a group kayak trip on the Flint River. We are purely a volunteer organization and every event we have is scheduled and coordinated by one, or more, of our members. We strive to provide both educational and social activities.

As always, if there is stuff you would like to do or courses that you would like to take, just let the EXCOM know and we will be glad to see if we can make it happen. Check out the admin note details to attend the 13 June General Membership Meeting and Fish Fry at the Walley's. Bring a side disk and a chair!

"I've met the most interesting people while flying or on a boat. These methods of travel seem to attract the kind of people I want to be with." – Hedy Lamarr

Take care and stay safe.

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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fish Fry and General Membership Meeting

Sunday, June 13, 2021 4:00 PM till

Location: Mike and Tina Walley's home at 1836 County Lake Road, Gurley AL (Madison County)

Phone: 256-776-0993 email: MidnightMoose9@gmail.com

Mike and Tina Walley have graciously offered to host the club at their home.

Mike and Tina are providing fish, hush puppies and fries. They are asking that you bring a side or a dessert to share. Please bring your own drinks and a deck chair for extra seating. Park in the yard to the left or right of the driveway. Do not park on the street!

The social will be both outside/inside. If you have a box fan please bring as well. If the weather is bad, we will move it all inside.

The Walley's need a headcount to make sure they provide enough fish/hush puppies/fries, so RSVP to either the phone number or email above no later than June 9th.

Lake Guntersville Raft Out

Saturday, July 10, 2021, 11:00am – 3:00pm

Description:

Come for the day or stay overnight! Bring your own boat or join one of the other members. Largest boat will be that anchor boat and others can raft up alongside or will do multiple rafts with dinghies deployed for moving between groups of boats. More details as we get closer. Will meet at Lake Guntersville Yacht Club and raft out at Short Creek or Lake Guntersville Dam depending on conditions.

See the calendar of events with latest updates here:

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Club Activities in MAY

The club kayak trip was a great success! On May 15, members and family guests floated down the Flint River from New Market to Winchester Road. Attendees included the Wills family, Tatum family, Kennedy family, and organizer Lisa Shier, for a total of 11 people. The river was fast, the paddling was easy, and the swift water spots weren't too bad, although not everyone got the end without getting wet. After leaving the river, we gathered at a local restaurant for lunch.



Sailing Class Outing

Sailing Class took to the water leaving from Wheeler State Park. We had wind up to 25 knots on a beautiful warm and sunny day that was perfect for sailing! Everyone that took the test passed!



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24 May 2021 EXCOM Meeting

A May 2021 EXCOM was held at 1800 via zoom. In attendance were CDR Rich Walter, AP; Lt/C Chuck Wills, P; P/C Chris Whitacre, AP; Lt Lisa Shier, JN; Lt Melissa Tatum; Lt/C Tina Walley; Lt Mike Walley, P; P/C Jim Pruett, AP; P/C Jimmie Pruett, AP; and P/C Vern Gehm, AP. CDR Rich conducted the meeting. There was discussion about new and transferring members. The website was also discussed. Chuck Wills is taking over maintenance of the website and will report on what we should consider in the future. Minutes of the last meetings were approved as provided via email. There will be a General Membership Fish Fry at the Wallys on 13 June. More info will be provided. An ABC course is being planned for 12 June at the Lake Guntersville Yacht Club. Conducting a Partner-in-Command class at Lake Guntersville Yacht Club on 19 June is also under consideration. Lisa and Tina are in charge and will coordinate with Chuck. Let Chris or Lisa know your education interests. Tina reported on the status of our finances and recent activities. A motion passed to fund up to \$150 to pay for the Fish, French Fries, and Hushpuppies for the fish fry. The meeting adjourned at 1850.

EDUCATIONAL OFFICER

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The Sail course has finished and two of the participants took the test and passed! Lisa Shier has offered to teach the Weather course in the September 2021 through April 2022 time frame as a hybrid in person and virtual course. Lisa has also volunteered to cover Partner in Command this month. We have plans to teach at least two ABC courses later this year.

As always, please let me know what course you would like to see us offer next. As you know, things are beginning to return to normal very slowly and some of our members have indicated that they are still not willing to get together. Therefore, we will continue to try to plan courses and seminars that can be done based on the restrictions existing at the time of planning.

Partner in Command

Ever wonder what you'd do if your partner, the one who knows how to operate the boat, was suddenly not able to do so?

America's Boating Club of North Alabama presents "Partner in Command" a 2-hour seminar on ways to deal with this scenario in our local waters. We'll discuss medical emergencies and man overboard situations along with strategies for dealing with them.

Are you a crew member or passenger who has no idea what's going on during a boat trip? Learn the essential skills you will need to help the skipper safely operate a recreational boat. You'll become an asset on board with *Partner in Command*.

This will be a lady only session, including the presenter, Lisa Shier. Prior boating knowledge is not required.

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This will be a lady only session, including the presenter, Lisa Shier. Prior boating knowledge is not required. This class will be held June 19 from 10 AM - 1 PM at the Lake Guntersville Yacht Club, 498 Yacht Club Road. Cost is \$20 and includes a light lunch after the presentation.

Contact Lisa Shier for more information or to register for the class at (808) 342-5476

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With July just around the bend, the thought of Fireworks fills some people's minds and as they are so much fun to watch, we must also remember to use care around them. When watching fireworks from a boat always be sure to stay well clear of the fall out zone (the area where the debris comes down) because not all of the stuff falling is cool. Also, if you are going to watch from a boat remember to have the proper lights on so other boats in the area do not run you over and be sure to maintain a proper lookout! If you decide to do fireworks on your boat, this is generally a bad idea as there is so much flammable material on most boats. In both cases, keep a sharp eye out for trouble and keep a fire extinguisher handy just in case.

Yours in Safe Boating!

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