



## The Sailing Breeze

### Newsletter

March/April 2013

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#### **DON'T FORGET!**

#### **Daylight Savings Time!**

Set your clocks

**FORWARD**

Saturday night  
before you go to bed!

Don't miss the boat!



Great time to change batteries  
in smoke detectors and carbon  
monoxide detectors.

#### Captain Dave's Tips



#### "Safer waters ahead" for Lake Lanier

Now that Lake Lanier is nearing full pool levels, many will return to its shores this spring and summer to enjoy one of Atlanta's most popular attractions. Inherent to boating fun is the deadly mix between alcohol and water. Recent summer seasons have brought serious injury and death due to several causes. The lack of boater education, improper vessel lighting at night, use of life jackets as well as consumption of inappropriate volumes of alcohol are issues addressed by recent legislation. Many have worked hard the past year to revise the boating laws. Last week, the Georgia State Senate passed Senate Bill 136 which addresses several long overdue issues needed to improve safety on Georgia's lakes.

Now in House Committee, there is a very real chance this law may be enacted and signed by the Governor in time to affect this summer's boating season. For those of us who enjoy the lake often, this legislation can have a profound impact on the safety of our boating fun.

If the law is passed as proposed it addresses several issues:

- Lower blood alcohol limit of .08 (same as motor vehicle operation).
- Increased penalties for boating under the influence.

Shake fire extinguishers.  
(Dry Chemical Types)

## SUMMER TRAFFIC UPDATE!!!



This weekend there are **SEVERAL** Interstate 285 lane closures due to construction!!

As you know summer is approaching and this problem will only get worse.

Come early and practice your knots while awaiting your class time.

Don't get caught up in traffic and... "Miss the Boat"!

## Ground Classes

### MARCH

12 Volt Marine Electronics  
3/10

Bareboat Chartering  
3/18 & 3/20

Coastal Navigation a  
3/12 & 3/14 & 3/19

Coastal Navigation b  
3/23

Emergency Planning II  
3/17

Meal Preparation & Safety  
3/25

### APRIL

Advanced Coastal Cruising  
4/15 & 4/17

Basic Sailing Theory  
4/16 & 4/18

- Incremental penalties for repeat offenders from misdemeanors to a felony.
- Increased age requirement for wearing life jackets. (age 13 matches Federal Law)
- Boater Education required if born after 1-1-98.
- Operator restrictions for 12-15 year olds on vessels under 16 ft.

According to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, 36 boating incidents, 13 injuries, 5 fatalities and 60 boating under the influence violations occurred last year.

Please, if you must sip a cold one while boating this summer in order to feel relaxed and have fun, consider the possibility that you may be too relaxed to safely be in command. The life you save may be your own. Water and alcohol do not mix.

## Upcoming Events...

### GUESS WHAT!

## It's Almost That Time for Sailing Recreational Fun to Share with Family and Friends!

**GREAT ESCAPE: Lunch-N- Learn Brown Bag Series**

**Saturday, April 13**

**3:00 pm - 6:00 pm**

**This Great Escape is a Brown Bag adventure with an Educational Practice twist! Bring your own brown bag dinner, come plot your sailing course, dine at anchor and find your way back home!**



**\$75.00 per person \$95.00 per couple**

**SUNSET CRUISE: with Jesse Milton - Mentalist**

**Mind Boggles!**

**Saturday, April 20**

**6:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

**Enjoy the companionship aboard this relaxing sunset**



Basic Coastal Cruising  
4/7

Bareboat Chartering  
4/9 & 4/11

Celestial Navigation a  
4/14 & 4/21

Celestial Navigation b  
4/28

Coastal Navigation a  
4/22 & 4/24 & 4/29

Marine Meteorology  
4/23 & 4/25

On-the-Water Training  
Every Weekend!

YEAR ROUND!!!

### **DON'T FORGET...**



### **MID-DAY MIDWEEK**

#### **OUTINGS!**

**Wednesday 3/13**  
**12:00 pm - 2:00 pm**

**Friday 3/15**  
**12:00 pm - 2:00 pm**

**Friday 3/29**  
**12:00 pm - 2:00 pm**

**sail! A great way to introduce a non-sailor to the joys of sailing.**

**Jesse Milton is a fun mentalist that will boggle your mind. Mind reader he says he's not but you will be astonished at what he can do.**

**You don't want to miss an evening of mind boggling experience and adventure!**

**Did I say mind boggling again? Come check it out!**

**Light snacks and soft drinks are provided.**

**\$75.00 per person \$95.00 per couple**

### **Tips and Reminders!**

Remember there is still quite a chill in the air. Don't forget to bring your foul weather gear in case you need a wind barrier over your thermals.

Some other reminders of things to bring:

- Zippered Sailing Bag
- Non Skid Closed Toe Shoes
- Rain Gear
- Sailing Gloves
- Hat with Visor
- Warm-up Suit (Just in case)
- Tethers For Hats/Glasses

Bring or wear attire appropriate for the season and conditions.

Although the boats are basically dry, the potential for getting wet from splashing waves or occasional rain showers is a possibility.

Always bring proper rain gear and a spare change of clothes just in case.

We want you to have the very best sailing experience so come prepared.

**HAPPY SAILING!**

## Quick Links

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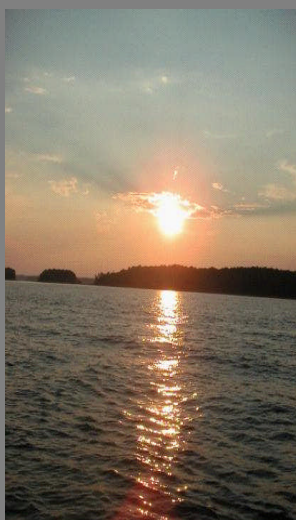
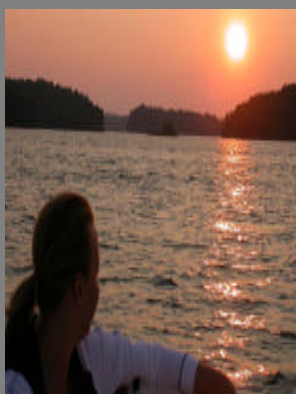
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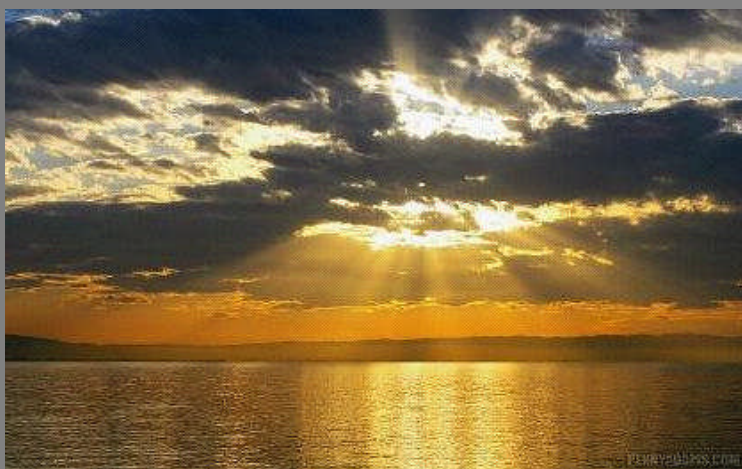
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## Lake Lanier Sunsets



We value your loyal patronage and strive every day in every way to continue to earn the opportunity to serve you. You deserve the best that we can offer and are the reason we come to work each day.

See you on the water....

Sincerely,

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