



# Goldbug's Wake

East Cooper Outboard Motor Club ~ Founded 1956

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## NEXT MEETING Monday Night August 20<sup>th</sup> 7pm

Remember to bring cash for the 50/50 donation - that helps the club pay for the food and drink provided FREE to members at ALL meetings!

### 2018 Banquet August 25, 2018 All Members Welcome

**Time:** 6:00 pm

**Dinner:** 7:00 pm  
By [Crazy Dutchman Catering](#)

**Menu:** Herb Crusted Pork Tenderloin, Sautéed Shrimp in Tasso Gravy over Creamy Stone Ground Yellow Grits, Pimento Mac n Cheese, and Veggie Medley

If you ordered a ECOMC Jacket - it will be available at the club meeting. Also ECOMC Hats for sale  
See Jim Moore for details

## Beneficent Group News:

Chris Momeier, Chairman East Cooper Outboard Beneficent Group, Inc. conveys a huge **Thank You** to the ECOMC membership, Ladies Auxiliary, our Many sponsors, and the Local community because these donations would not be possible without your hard work & support each year putting on our annual Turkey Shoot each November.



Check presentation at our July 2018 ECOMC meeting, to Stephanie Kelly, Executive Director of [East Cooper Community Outreach \(ECCO\)](#). This \$5,000 check is our 12<sup>th</sup> presentation of this fiscal year, making our total donations to this organization \$37,850. With this donation, it makes our year to date distribution total \$41,500 and our total Overall Donations \$325,800. The July presentation Monday will be the final donation of the 2017 - 2018 Fiscal Year, we will help at risk children & their families with our donation to [Windwood Farm Home For Children, Inc.](#) The East Cooper Outboard Beneficent Group Inc. ([ECOBG](#)) is a 501(c)(3) [charitable organization](#).

## Members Helping Members:

The 25<sup>th</sup> annual **Fishing for Miracles King Mackerel Tournament**, sponsored by ECOMC invites members to participate in this final tournament by volunteering your time during the event on **August 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>**.  
- Please call me at 843-214-1408 or call Carol at 843-813-7760.



PLEASE WELCOME  
As new probationary members  
Carrol Denning  
Keith Rodgers

## OFFICERS

**Walter Kaufmann**  
Commodore, ([Email](#))

**Norm Engard**  
Vice Commodore, ([Email](#))

**Danny Hughes**  
Past Commodore

**John Gourdin**  
Secretary

**Joey Gladden**  
Treasurer

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**Randy Howe** ([Email](#))  
Entertainment Chairman

**Jerry Barnett**  
Membership Chairman

**Mike Murphy**  
Member at Large, ([Email](#))

**Robbie Forbes**  
Member at Large, ([Email](#))

Club Rentals, Contact:  
[destinationgoldbug.com](http://destinationgoldbug.com)  
or  
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## ECOMC

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**We're on the Web!**  
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Webmaster, ([Email](#))

Log onto [www.goldbugisland.com](http://www.goldbugisland.com) for news and other information.

If you do not have a member login email Mike Richardson at [mrichardson@atlanticelectric.com](mailto:mrichardson@atlanticelectric.com)

ECOMC CALENDAR	
Date	Event
Saturday, August 25, 2018	Banquet
Saturday, September 1, 2018	Labor Day weekend 9/1 thru 9/3
Thursday, November 1, 2018	Turkey Shoot 10/31 thru 11/21/1
Monday, November 19, 2018	*No monthly meeting in November
Sunday, December 2, 2018	Cookies with Santa
Saturday, December 8, 2018	Christmas Party
Monday, December 31, 2018	New Year's Eve
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Wednesday, February 13, 2019	Oyster Roast
Friday, March 22, 2019	Ladies Spaghetti Dinner
Saturday, April 20, 2019	Spring Fling
Saturday, May 25, 2019	Memorial Day weekend 5/25 thru 5/27
Thursday, July 4, 2019	Independence Day
Saturday, August 24, 2019	Banquet
Saturday, August 31, 2019	Labor Day weekend 8/31 thru 9/2
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NOTICE: The Bird Deck TV has been vandalized and is no longer working, anyone with information about what may have happened is asked to contact any board member with the details.

## SUMMER BOATING CHECKLIST

### Pre-Departure

1. Check weather report and tides/currents
2. File a [float plan](#) with someone you know. Tell them where you're going and when you intend to return (and what to do if you don't).
3. Identify non-swimmers
  - o Supply non-swimmers with life jackets that fit and that they will wear while on the water
4. Identify second-in-command in case of skipper's incapacitation
5. Acquaint crew with the location and operation of Coast Guard required safety items if fitted:
  - o Life jackets – should be readily accessible
  - o Throwable flotation – should be immediately accessible.
  - o Horn or sound-producing device as required
  - o Fire extinguishers: Acquaint crew with operation: **Pull** the pin, **Aim** the fire extinguisher, **Squeeze** the two handles together, **Sweep** across the base of flames (PASS)

- Flares or other Visual Distress Signals
- Check operation of Navigation Lights
- 6. Identify incremental recommended gear if fitted:
  - VHF Radio: Turn on and demonstrate how to select Channel 16. Ensure at least one other person knows how to transmit a Mayday
  - Ensure that one anchor and rode is ready for immediate use
  - Turn on GPS
  - Length of nylon line for a towline, perhaps 75' x 1/2"
- 7. Demonstrate engine shutdown technique
- 8. Check bilges and pump dry if water is present
- 9. Before engine is started
  - If gasoline inboard, run blower for at least four minutes
  - Check lubricating oil
  - Check fuel level
  - Make sure buzzers sound on engine panel
- 10. Once engine is started
  - Verify cooling water flow
  - Check for oil pressure
  - Attach kill switch lanyard if fitted
- 11. Disconnect shore power cable
- 12. Upon leaving the harbor, store a "go home" waypoint on the GPS

#### **While on the water**

1. Drink responsibly – especially if you are the skipper!
2. Be weather aware
  - Use the weather channels on your VHF radio
  - Watch for changes in wind speed and cloud formations
3. Know the location of the nearest harbor or protected anchorage
4. Monitor fuel consumption and remaining range
  - Use the "Three-Thirds Rule" (one-third outbound, one-third inbound, one-third reserve)
5. Monitor VHF radio Channel 16 for emergency traffic
  - Be prepared to lend assistance if you are the nearest vessel
6. Know the waters in which you are navigating
  - Refer to local charts
  - Stay within marked channels
  - Be conscious of tides and currents

#### **When you return to the dock**

1. Moor boat correctly with bow, stern, spring lines and fenders
  - Ensure snubbers (if so equipped) are in place
  - Ensure lines are protected from chafe
2. Pump holding tank. Add holding tank treatment
3. Always-on loads (automatic bilge pump, alarms, clocks) are on
4. Non-essential loads (running lights, VHF, stereo, etc.) are off
5. Shore power cable is connected and protected from chafe
  - Battery charger is on
  - Inverter may need to be turned off
6. Logbook has been filled out, signed, and dated
7. Close float plan by calling person whom you originally contacted.

This checklist was created by West Marine as a public service. We practice and encourage safe boating and seamanship.





## **ECOMC FRIENDS**

### *14-Day Cruise to the Baltic*

*Start Date:* July 16, 2019

*Itinerary:* Fly to England. Ports of Call: Denmark, Sweden, Estonia, Russia, Finland, Latvia and the Netherlands. Return to London.

*Cruise Line:* Princess

Sign up with Matt Garrett, AAA Travel, Mount Pleasant.  
Call for details and/or make your reservation:  
(843) 586 - 4607 x 15613

ECOMC POC: Carole Moore (843) 607 - 2506  
*Note: This is not Club sponsored, Just Friends Celebrating Friendships.*