



# Goldbug's Wake

East Cooper Outboard Motor Club ~ Founded 1956

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**NEXT MEETING**  
**Monday Night**  
**September 17<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!

## WOW!

### 805 Pounds

of Can Goods were given by you at the Banquet and donated to [East Cooper Community Outreach](#)

Thanks to all who donated!

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

PLEASE MAKE WELCOME  
2 new probationary  
members:  
**John Mahoney**  
**Mark Smith**

1 of 2

### **NOTICE: Hurricane Florence prep and cleanup:**

There will be a work party **Wednesday 9.12.18** beginning at **noon** to prep Goldbug Island for the storm, and another one following the storm to prepare the clubhouse and grounds for a wedding this weekend.

**\*\* By all means take care of your family FIRST then help the club if you can.**

[www.nhc.noaa.gov](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov)

### **Beneficent Group News:**

Check presentation at our August 2018 ECOMC meeting, ECOBG presents a \$6,500 check to Deborah McKelvey, Executive Director, [Windwood Farm Home For Children, Inc.](#) Windwood Farms works with At Risk Children & Their Families to offer Help, Hope & Healing thru behavioral, educational, and therapeutic interventions. With this donation it makes our total donations to this organization \$45,350, our year to date distribution total \$48,000 & our overall distribution total is \$332,300



The August presentation was the final donation of the 2017 - 2018 Fiscal Year, we The East Cooper Outboard Beneficent Group Inc. (ECOBG) is [a 501\(c\)\(3\) charitable organization.](#)

This Month your BG Board will be meeting on 9.27.18 to distribute approximately \$48,000 in funds we will receive from the turkey shoot last year & our annual rent payment.

### **2019 BG Board Members:**

- Chairman Chris Momeier
- Past Chairman Wallace Jenkins
- ECOMC Commodore Walter Kaufmann
- ECOMC Board Member Cherry Thomas
- ECOMC Member Luke Lapierre
- ECOMC Member Jimmy Avinger
- ECOMC Member Brad Kerr
- ECOMC Member Kirk Darby
- ECOMC Member Nick Sottile
- ECOMC Member Dave Clifford

## OFFICERS

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

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

**Danny Hughes**  
Past Commodore

**John Gourdin**  
Secretary

**Joey Gladden**  
Treasurer

**Cherry Thomas**  
House Committee Chairman

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

**Jerry Barnett**  
Membership Chairman

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

**Robbie Forbes**  
Member at Large, ([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
Thursday, November 1, 2018	Turkey Shoot 11/01 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
Date	Event
Saturday, February 23, 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	Annual Banquet
Saturday, August 31, 2019	Labor Day weekend 8/31 thru 9/2
Friday, November 1, 2019	Turkey Shoot 10/30 thru 11/20
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Saturday December 14, 2019	Christmas Party
Tuesday, December 31, 2019	New Year's Eve

### Assessment Change Reminder:

Just a reminder that assessment fee has increased to \$700 (plus \$50 membership dues)--see house rule No. 15 attached for your reference

Club Rentals, Contact:  
[destinationgoldbug.com](http://destinationgoldbug.com)  
or  
[rent@destinationgoldbug.com](mailto:rent@destinationgoldbug.com)

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### SUMMER NEWS:

**MUSC Childrens Hospital PICU honored ECOMC at the final Fishing for Miracles Tournament for 25 years of continuous support and volunteerism.**

**Randy Howe accepted the Framed Art Work on behalf of the club.**



## ECOMC HOUSE RULES

- 1 All members shall be issued yearly membership cards and decals. Membership cards must be shown to any member upon request and decals must be attached and displayed in the bottom driver's side corner of the vehicle windshield.
- 2 Members shall agree to abide by all established rules for club members and shall conduct themselves in a gentleman-like manner at all times.
- 3 Members shall be responsible for the conduct and safety of all family members and guests while on club property.
- 4 Members launching their boats may invite one guest vehicle/boat/trailer, and one other guest vehicle, provided that a membership card is placed on the dash of the guest vehicle/boat/trailer, and a note signed by the member is placed on the dash of the second guest vehicle.
- 5 Mature sons and daughters who are under the age of 21 years, and members' wives, whose place of residence is the same as a member's may use the boat landing without being accompanied by the member. Sons, Daughters and Wives are not allowed to invite guest boats. No son or daughter who is 21 years of age or older, may use the facilities except as a guest accompanied by the member. Sons, Daughters and Wives on club property without the ECOMC member present shall identify themselves to any member when requested.
- 6 The ECOMC is not responsible for any loss or damage to personal property of members or guests while they are using club facilities.
- 7 Members shall have the privilege of using the club grounds, boating facilities, and of attending all social functions scheduled by the ECOMC.
- 8 Members shall have the privilege to use the club for private meetings or social functions upon request and approval of the Executive Committee (via the House Committee Chairman); payment of all associated security deposits must accompany the request.
- 9 Members are responsible for any cleaning and maintenance associated with private social functions or meetings held on club property, including (but not limited to) the disposal of trash, litter, and garbage. Failure to do this will result in the forfeiture of any security deposits held by the House Committee Chairman.
- 10 Members are responsible for the protection of club property from all damages while using the facilities.

11 Members responsible for insuring that vehicles under their control are parked in such a way so that they do not interfere with entry to, or exit from the club grounds and boat landing occupied vehicles or trailers are not permitted on the causeway leading to the clubhouse or boat landing.

12 Complaint(s) against the club by a member must be in writing and addressed to the Secretary. The member shall be invited to the next Executive Committee meeting to discuss his complaint(s), and to seek resolution.

13 Committee members are charged with the enforcement of all House Rules, as well as reporting any infractions to the Executive Committee.

14 The Executive Committee reserves the right to deny requests from any member for the use of the boat landing, dock, or any portion of the club property, where the personal safety of club members maybe in question. This includes the right to close all properties at any time for the purpose of repair, maintenance or improvements being made.

15 Members must participate in a minimum of seven (7) Work Parties and/or monthly Meetings or other activity focused on maintenance of the club's property or mission (eg. Turkey shoot; building & dock maintenance, etc.) each year, from May 1st thru April 30th or pay an assessment in an amount determined by the board to remain a member in good standing. During their first year, Probation Members must attend six (6) meetings and participate in two (2) work parties.

16 Skeet shooting (shot guns only) is allowed on club property by members and their guest. A member or member's spouse must be present at all times when skeet are being shot. Skeet shooting is permitted only in the northeast quadrant of the club property. Skeet are NOT to be shot over the marsh at any time.

No other firearms (e.g., pistols, rifles) are to be discharged on club property.

17 Members may temporarily store their boats on club property only in a location and for a duration approved in advance by the House Chairman.

18 Members may camp on club property for no more than one night with prior approval from the House chairman. No open fires are permitted except in designated burn area.

19 Members are allowed to take a maximum of 48 quarts of ice from the clubhouse ice machine prior to embarking on a boating outing. Members are allowed to use ice when renting the club at the sole discretion of the House Committee Chairman.

## HURRICANE QUICK TIPS – EVACUATION

- WHEN EVACUATIONS ARE MANDATORY, remember - 911 calls will not be answered right before, during and immediately after a hurricane. If you stay and have an emergency (e.g., you are hurt), no one is coming to help you.
- Make a disaster supplies kit. The South Carolina Hurricane Guide for Homeowners, free from the state, has good suggestions. Do a Google search and download it. It's easy to read. Leave the kit somewhere in the house where it will stay dry. Pack soap and hand sanitizers to prevent infections from flood water.
- Do not depend solely on the garage door for entry into your home when you get back. It might be blocked by debris; for example, a tree may be blown against the door.
- Put a frozen cup of water in your freezer. Put a coin on top of the ice. If the coin is on the bottom of the cup when you return (even if it has refrozen), the food in your refrigerator/freezer is probably spoiled.
- Fill jugs, your bathtub(s) and the washing machine with water. The water may be off when you return, and you may be unable to buy any. Reuse as much as you can.
- Empty your icemaker and turn it off. Ice may melt and flood your kitchen if the power is off.
- Make your hotel reservations EARLY. You can always cancel them if they are not needed. Everyone will be wanting a place to stay so hotel rooms are hard to find when you wait until the last minute. TIP – don't go to Atlanta. Millions of people will want to go there too (literally).
- Leave early as highways will be jammed. Early morning hours are best to travel (2:00-3:00 am).
- Turn off your main water line. Turn off sprinklers too – your grass and plants will be saturated with water.
- Bring outside items inside – they will be blown away, or worse, damage someone else's home (you may be financially liable). If you have a boat, car or something else that can't be stored inside, arrange for short term storage. Anchor everything else.
- Ask your doctor(s) whether they will give you an emergency prescription for medicines that can be filled outside the county or state. You may not be able to fill prescriptions when you get home.
- If you have a diesel generator, have a spare supply of fuel.
- Ensure all adults have identification, children and pets if possible. Pictures with pets can be helpful. You may need it to return.
- Have an inventory of the contents of your home and bring it with you. Pictures and video are best. The insurance company will not reimburse you if you cannot prove you own something.
- Bring important documents with you (e.g., driver's license, social security card, deeds, wills, medical records, etc.).
- Consider registering with [Smart911.com](http://Smart911.com). It can be useful in an emergency and it's free.
- Remember to bring pet necessities when evacuating and returning.
- Unplug important electrical equipment before you leave (e.g., TVs, computers). Electricity may be spotty after the hurricane.

## HURRICANE QUICK TIPS – RETURNING

- Don't call 911 for information. That is for emergencies only.
- Natural gas, cell phone towers, internet, water and electricity may be off. Septic will be down if electricity is down. Be prepared to last at least seven days without any utilities when you arrive home. Examples of needed items are food, water, medicine, cleaning supplies, fans, batteries, and dehumidifiers.
- Stores may be closed, ATMs will be out of cash (or down), and you may be unable to use credit cards when you return. Bring non-perishable food and cash home with you.
- You may be unable to get gasoline for your car(s). Have a full tank when you arrive home.
- Don't open your refrigerator until power is restored. Once it's open, eat the food most likely to spoil first. Check the cup before you eat anything (see Evacuation).
- Don't drink water from the tap until the all-clear is given.
- If you have water upon your return, DO NOT use washer or dishwasher and use water sparingly.
- Ensure your portable battery backups are fully charged before you leave for the community. You can't make cell calls if your battery is dead and you cannot charge your phone.
- **Nixle.com will send texts to your phone to let you know the status of the emergency if you have signed up. It's easy to do. Just enter their website, type in your zip code and you will be sent text alerts.**
- If your home is damaged, don't go inside when there is a structural concern.
- If you smell gas, get out. Report the gas leak. Do NOT start your car if it is in the garage.
- Flood waters are usually contaminated with sewage, chemicals and bacteria. Avoid contact with flood waters whenever possible. Rubber gloves and waterproof boots help prevent exposure; do not wear sandals. Use soap and water or hand sanitizers for cleaning if contact is unavoidable.
- Wildlife will be displaced by the storm. Snakes, alligators and animals may be hiding in your house if they can gain access.
- Take spoiled food, hazardous materials and other wastes created by the hurricane to a convenience center.
- Take pictures of exterior and interior damage to your home for your insurance.
- Confirm the credentials of any contractors offering to fix your home. Natural disasters bring con artists into communities.
- Be patient. Emergency crews are working long hours and as fast as they can to clean up the roadways and reestablish utilities.