



# Goldbug's Wake

*East Cooper Outboard Motor Club ~ Founded 1956*

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MEETING  
**CANCELLED**  
NEXT MEETING  
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ANNUAL  
SPRING FLING  
**CANCELLED**  
DUE TO NATIONAL  
EMERGENCY

The Governor has declared a state of emergency in South Carolina. For the latest information on COVID-19 in South Carolina please visit [scdhec.gov/covid19](https://scdhec.gov/covid19)

## **COVID-19 UPDATE:**

**Boat ramp in now open, see boat ramp rules below, all other club grounds are closed including Bird Deck, and remain off limits to all. There is NO ICE available on the island.**

**Members are reminded to step up and police themselves in accordance with posted rules. Remember it only takes ONE mistake by a member to ruin this unique opportunity for the whole club.**

**COVID-19 UPDATE: Dues** are currently being accepted via credit or debit card online just [click here](#). Dues can also be mailed to: ECOMC, PO Box 225, Mt Pleasant, SC 29464

Dues Must be paid in full before May 31<sup>st</sup>. **Dues are \$50.00 or \$750.00** if you have not met club requirements: *Due to the national COVID-19 emergency preventing gatherings; everyone will be given (3) Three Credits towards either meetings or work parties.- If you are unsure of your status please contact Randy Howe, (Email) 843-708-2978 or Mark Law, (Email) 843-793-8390*

### **Beneficent Group News:**

The COVID-19 virus will have a major impact on all of us, but none more so than our charities who will probably get hit the hardest. The BG Board approved an emergency immediate distribution of the remaining donations scheduled for this fiscal year to provide emergency relief to our charities in the wake of this virus. A Complete list will be provided next month

Stay Safe & Healthy!, Chris Momeier , ECOBG Chairman





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**Goldbug Island Rules**

Open for Boat Ramp Use Only

**!! ABSOLUTLY - NO CONGREGATING !!**

**Bird Deck CLOSED – Boat Washdown CLOSED – Clubhouse is CLOSED**

Please practice **SOCIAL DISTANCING** in accordance with [CDC](#) recommendations.  
Please use common sense and keep in mind the health and safety of yourself and others.

**Access:**

**Members Vehicle Only** with current Goldbug Sticker on Windshield

**Members Sons** – Must be accompanied by member

**No Guest Vehicles on Property**

**Dock:**

Boats can be tied up for no more than a maximum of ten (10) minutes during active loading and unloading.

NO meeting boats on the dock.

Docks are to be used for boarding and un-boarding boats only.

**@@ NO Congregating. Please practice SOCIAL DISTANCING @@**

**Prohibited on Island Until Executive Order is Over:**

NO Pedestrians (non-boating members).

NO Boats and trailers left overnight without board approval. (all other vehicles will be towed).

NO Washing boats or flushing motors. Please wash and flush your boat offsite.

No Pets on the Island

**@@ NO Congregating. Please practice SOCIAL DISTANCING @@**

**Trash:**

All trash to be thrown away in designated Goldbug Dumpsters.

**Thanks to all for your patience and understanding.**

**Members please abide by these rules as non-compliance may put your membership in jeopardy.**

**Hope everyone is staying healthy and has a safe day on the water!**

Dues can be paid on line just [click here](#)

– Contact **Mark Law,** ([Email](#)) or **Chance Nilsen,** ([Email](#)) for details.

**NOTICES:**

- **Committee Positions:** If you would like to serve on any committee please contact a board member. - Current Openings include Turkey Shoot Sponsor Chairman and Assistant to the treasurer (resume required).
- All Work Parties temporarily on hold.....- Contact **Mark Law**, ([Email](#)) or **Chance Nilsen**, ([Email](#)) for details.
- Dues can be paid on line just [click here](#)
- Goldbug Members can join the "[ECOMC MEMBERS ONLY](#)" private Facebook group to share pictures, news, or anything to benefit the club. Maybe you have something to sell or looking to buy. Perhaps you need a partner to fish with. That's the purpose of the group. Remember - Only members can see who's in the group and what they post, and only members can find this group.



# SAFE BOATING

during COVID-19



**Keep it in the family.** Limit the people aboard your boat to those who reside with you.



**Keep it underway.** Recent executive orders by Gov. McMaster prohibit beaching your boat and rafting up with others. Boats must remain moving unless anchoring to fish.



**Keep things clean.** Disinfect your hands or any surface on the boat after doing anything that brings you into contact with others, such as pumping fuel.



**Check the latest changes.** Things are changing rapidly. Check with reliable sources before venturing out to ensure you'll be able to access facilities.



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To see all the Governor's executive orders visit:

# S.C. EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-21

CAN I STILL HUNT OR FISH UNDER THE STAY HOME OR WORK ORDER (EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-21)?



Yes. The Home or Work order does not prohibit outdoor recreation. You may still engage in hunting and fishing activities throughout the state. This order maintains the requirement to maintain a safe distance of at least six feet between all individuals that do not reside together.

SINCE THE STAY HOME OR WORK ORDER ALLOWS FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION, DOES THAT OPEN UP ANY OF THE PUBLIC WATER ACCESSES?



No. This order does not make any changes to previous executive orders that have closed public boat ramps, public beach access, public piers, docks or wharfs or any facilities associated with them.

ARE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS STILL OPEN FOR TURKEY HUNTING?



Yes. The Home or Work order does not further close or limit access to WMAs. Those WMAs closed previously, remain closed. This includes Bald Rock Heritage Preserve and the Sassafras Mountain peak, beach access at Botany Bay and coastal islands used for beaching.

DOES THE HOME OR WORK ORDER AFFECT TURKEY SEASON DATES, LIMITS OR REGULATIONS?



No. The Home or Work order allows for outdoor recreation and does not alter the turkey season, limits or regulations.

