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Reminders:

- Dave Kaufmann has window decals - see him if you need one
- Members **MUST** contact the House or Dock Chairman **BEFORE** Bringing anything to leave at the Club, including wood, pallets, your junk or whatever - **DO NOT BRING STUFF** without permission from Chance or Matt.
- **Firewood: IS NEEDED** Please bring (**NO TREATED WOOD**)
 - Before bringing firewood coordinate with Matt Williams 843-452-9325

Work Parties available: - Contact:

- Mark Law, 843-793-8390
- Matt Williams, 843-452-9325-----Some Dock boards need replacing!
- Chance Nilsen, 843-296-4838

Board & Committee Positions are available; please contact any board member to become more involved in YOUR club.



- If you would like to participate more and become a Board Member, please contact Commodore Randy Howe 843-708-2978

2022 CALENDAR of Events

All scheduled events are subject to change due to Covid19

Date	Event
February 26, 2022 @ 3PM	Annual Oyster Roast, Bring Canned goods
April 23, 2022	Spring Fling, Bring Canned goods
November 2022	No Member Meeting
November 03 - 24, 2022	Turkey Shoot
December 04, 2022	Cookies with Santa
December 10, 2022	Christmas Party, Bring Canned goods

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Birthdays:

Regular Members December Birthdays (1948 to 1987)

<i>Travis A. Blackwell</i>	<i>J. Wesley Buckheister</i>
<i>Vernon Carter</i>	<i>Cam Lee Cooper</i>
<i>Todd M. Dailey</i>	<i>Joe Davis</i>
<i>Ross K Evans</i>	<i>John H. Fill</i>
<i>Eddie Gordon</i>	<i>John K. Gourdin Jr.</i>
<i>Jason Haupstein</i>	<i>Thomas W. Kellum, Jr</i>
<i>Mark Law</i>	<i>Joseph (Joey) Nilsen</i>
<i>Gary Scott Richardson</i>	<i>William R. Simmons, Jr.</i>
<i>Terry W. Treece</i>	<i>James S. Waldrep Jr.</i>

Generally, individuals born in the month of December are fun to be around and thus make a lot of friends and admirers. These honest and trustworthy individuals are unassuming and amicable; however, they often tend to be a little short tempered. They are adventurous, assertive and can be a little assertive at times. Blessed with high spirit and being philosophical by nature people born in December do well in the fields of law, communication and language. Known for their good sense of humor, these individuals detest any sort of restrictions and take high pride in themselves. They love to indulge themselves in discussions pertaining to knowledge and philosophy and make really great teachers. They are also known for their supportive and generous traits and are extremely emotional individuals who are connected to their past.

Beneficent Group:

- Anyone wishing to make a direct **CHRISTMAS** donation to the East Cooper Outboard Beneficent Group can send a check to the following Address:
 East Cooper Outboard Beneficent, Inc
 PO Box 225
 Mt. Pleasant, SC 29465
 Memo: "BG Donation" or "BG Donation in Memory Of".

Facebook:

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.



Photo Album:

Link: 2021 Christmas Party Photos by Santa's Elf Eppersimons



Larry & Lou December 11, 2021

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Hats and Shirts will be on sale at the December meeting



Goldbug Island has taken enhanced health and safety measures to curb the spread of COVID-19. Please follow all posted instructions while visiting our facility. There is an inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 in any public place where other people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that could lead to severe illness and death.

KEEP GATE LOCKED

DO NOT LEAVE GATE OPEN

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Prayers Needed

All,
If you are not aware, Larry Colley, an ECOMC life member has been battling cancer and will start his second round of chemo this week. Please keep Larry, Beth and their family in your prayers. Bradley Kerr reached out to Beth through Facebook and they are being well taken care of, but would appreciate an extra prayer for healing and that Larry is doing well so far.

If you get a chance, please send them an encouraging note of FB.



Thanks Y'all.
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2021 Turkey Shoot Sponsors:

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2021 has been a busy year for artificial reef deployments

- By Tommy Braswell Special to The Post and Courier
 - Dec 12, 2021



The 60-foot trawler Seahorse, which appeared in the Netflix show Outer Banks, was sunk at the Ten Mile Reef off Murrells Inlet in November. SCDNR Photo by Bob Martore.

A boat sinking off the coast of South Carolina isn't good news — unless it's something that is done purposely by the S.C. Department of Natural Resources' artificial reef program.

This year there have been six such vessels that have been deployed, ranging in size from a 40-foot concrete hull boat that was sunk at the Ron McManus Memorial Reef near Little River to a 260-foot deck barge that was added to the Edisto 60-foot Reef.

The latest addition to one of the state's 43 permitted reef sites was a 60-foot trawler named Seahorse, which has appeared in the Netflix series "Outer Banks." The Seahorse, along with 26 concrete culverts, was added to the Ten-Mile Reef near Murrells Inlet a couple of weeks ago.

Altogether this year, SCDNR has deployed some 280,000 cubic yards of material on artificial reefs, which is almost triple the program's yearly goal of 100,000 cubic yards, according to Bob Martore, who oversees the program.

"Really, (2021) was kind of typical. It just seems like a lot because last year was not a good year," Martore said, referring to the COVID pandemic. "A lot of things got canceled. We actually were not at work for several months and contractors who were doing work for us were not doing things. Last year was a light year with fewer deployments. We just got back to normal with about 15 deployments this year and that's pretty typical."

And one more, a memorial reef off Murrells Inlet, is planned before the end of the year.

The reef program has begun doing a number of memorial reefs. Martore said in this case a reef structure with a plaque on it will go into an area of a permitted reef site along with a load of concrete culvert pipes. Martore said in the case of

memorial reefs, they generally ask people to pay about half the cost of a load of material.

“Everything is built and ready to go. We hope to get that in before the year of the year,” he said, noting that all reef deployments are weather dependent.”

The number and size of vessels deployed during 2021 helps account for the large increase in volume for the reef additions.

“We’re always on the lookout for vessels. I talk to marine contractors all along the coast, asking what they have,” Martore said.

Vessels that cannot be used any more may be available for purchase, or sometimes are donated. Sometimes it’s a package deal, he said, such as the 260-foot deck barge that came from Stevens Towing and was deployed at the Edisto 60 Reef after container boxes, part of the Mount Pleasant water tower, and even a concrete shark were added to the deck. He said they paid for the barge, which no longer was being used, and also for Stevens to take care of preparation and towing to the site.

Martore said organizations such as CCA South Carolina, the Harry Hampton Fund and South Carolina Governor’s Cup Billfishing Series have stepped up and helped SCDNR increase what it can do.

“A lot of these vessels we do now we do with CCA. That’s been ongoing for several year now and has been very helpful. We’ll generally split the cost of these vessels so our reef construction budget is doubled by having a group like this partner with us,” Martore said.

Scott Whitaker, executive director of CCA South Carolina, said the organization’s efforts are part of its Topwater Action Campaign.

“The entire habitat focus was something we created back in 2009. Topwater Action was totally created to be the habitat arm of CCA South Carolina and was a conscious decision to start focusing on the next piece of the marine fisheries puzzle, which was habitat,” Whitaker said.

“We came up with four or five different things, including creating new habitat and rehabilitating or restoring degraded habitat. We wanted to start contributing to artificial reefs off the coast of South Carolina.”

CCA South Carolina partnered in five different vessels that have been added to reefs off the coast of South Carolina during 2021, and since 2009 has helped with 17 different reef projects.

“South Carolina has 43 permitted sites for reefs and our goal with the coastal reefing initiative is to put material on all 43 sites by 2030 and we’re on track to to that,” Whitaker said.

Whitaker said decommissioned tugs are ideal because they are wide and also have elevation in the water column.

“The downside to this stuff is that projects are getting more and more expensive,” he said. “Ninety percent of the environment off the coast of South Carolina is nothing but sand. Couple that with hurricanes, big storms, heavy currents and big tides, and you need a substantial structure to make a big impact and have any kind of longevity.”

The Governor’s Cup and Harry Hampton Fund are partnering with SCDNR for another addition to the South Carolina Memorial Reef, a Type II Marine Protected Area located 52 miles off the coast, which provides protected area for deep water species but where trolling for pelagics is allowed. The Coastal Venture, a 242-foot

cargo ship, is currently at the Charleston Navy Base and Martore expects it to be ready for deployment.

Hard structures such as concrete are an important part of reef projects in South Carolina. Martore said companies that manufacture culvert pipes and junction boxes donate ones that have cracks or otherwise won't work for their intended purpose but are excellent as reef material. He noted that a company that manufactures toilet bowls once donated some of their product, and the toilets worked extremely well.

Other unusual items include the concrete shark his department built and attached to the deck of the 260-foot barge deployed this year at the Edisto Reef. He said a sculptor made two small cherubims that were for a memorial reef. And, he said, his work crew is currently working on a velociraptor.

"Things like that generate a lot of interest," Martore said. "They are all just concrete and function the same, regardless of what they look like. As long as it's hard structure, they all function pretty well."

He said the structures retain their basic shape, but as marine organisms attach themselves to the structure they get a fuzzy look with all the growth waving in the current.

"The tanks that were deployed (several years ago) still look like tanks, but a fuzzy tank. It will still retain the general outline," he said.

Reef balls, designed concrete structures that serve as reef material, also are an important part of the reef program. CCA South Carolina has donated molds to the program and Martore noted that country singer Kenny Chesney's No Shoes Reef Foundation, started in Florida, has sent molds to SCDNR. He said a dozen or so reef

balls have been built and they will be deploying them off the SCDNR's Palmetto next year.

South Carolina's artificial reef program officially began in 1973 when the state began permitting artificial reef sites through the Corps of Engineers and OCRM (Ocean and Coastal Resource Management).

"The variety of material and quality of materials has changed over the year," Martore said. "We do designed structures that we know are not just appropriate environmentally but target certain fish species through their various life history stages. That really helps with increasing the population size, having appropriate structures that will protect juveniles and allow them to grow.

"Artificial reefs are a big help for fisheries in South Carolina, by expanding the number of areas fishermen have to go to. They prevent the natural reef sites from getting overfished. They make it easier for fishermen. They have known spots they can go to. By having such a variety of reef structures spread out in such large areas, it keeps any one particular site from being overfished."