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BEFORE attending the Meeting on Monday; Please use good judgement about contracting and spreading COVID-19, Quarantine or Isolate in accordance with guidelines provided on the CDC website (link). For the Safety of all members, please Do Not bring Covid-19 to the meeting.

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WORK PARTY: THIS SATURDAY 02/19/2022 at 9am

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 or Committee chairman, 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 @ 2PM	Annual Oyster Roast, Bring Canned goods Oysters and Fish Stew, etc.
April 23, 2022	Spring Fling, Bring Canned goods
August 20, 2022	Annual Banquet, 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

Reminders:

- Remember to Bring Canned goods to the Oyster Roast on February 26
- 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



Prayers

Please keep all the sick and infirm in your prayers;

Birthdays:

Regular Members February Birthdays (1955 to 19913)

Don Barber	David R. Clifford Jr.
Jesse Aaron Craig	Andy Craig
Edward Hamer Darby Jr.	Klaus Eriksen
George Gayle	David K. Kaufmann
John P. Michel IV	Tim A. Rakar
Charles Traywick	Jason A. Watkins
Russell Weeks	

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People born in February are extremely honest. They are not afraid to tell the truth regardless of the situation and consequences. They'll easily point out your mistakes without waiting for a right moment. They make really good friends and can offer constructive criticism at every walk of life

Beneficent Group:

- Anyone wishing to make a direct 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.

Hats and Shirts

will be on sale at the club meeting,
see Chance for details



Photo Album:

Sorry - No submissions this month, so these are stole.....

Figure 1-Robbie's Crab Trap invention, Patent Pending



Figure 2-Preview of Annual Oyster Roast on 2/26/22 @ 2PM

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.

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KEEP GATE LOCKED

DO NOT LEAVE GATE OPEN

Fishing

Tuesday, March 4, 2008, by Tony Brown NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service



The American shad has played an important part in American fisheries since Colonial times, and commercial exploitation has taken a toll on its population. The image above shows one early technique, setting gill nets by lantern-light at night. The photograph below shows fishermen hauling in a shad seine in the Potomac River in Virginia.

Father to teenage daughter: “Why don’t you come shad fishing with me this year?”

Daughter to father: “You mean spend a long weekend sitting on a cold river just to catch a bony, pregnant fish and then turn it loose?”

Father: “Uh ... I wouldn’t describe it that way. But it’ll be fun.”

Daughter declines.

Perhaps a better sales pitch by dad would have swayed the daughter and their shad trip would have become an annual father-daughter tradition.

Or perhaps not.

The finny focus of their brief discussion was the American shad, or white shad as it is sometimes called along its coastal range from Canada to Florida. The fish has been an important commercial fishery since Colonial times, but numbers have fallen steadily in the past century. The commercial catch today is but a fraction of its heyday. A century ago, the annual catch of shad in the Chesapeake Bay alone was put at 17 million pounds. The decline is blamed on the usual villains — overfishing and water pollution — as well as the building of small dams up and down the Atlantic Coast that blocked the shad from their old upriver spawning grounds.

Gill nets have always been the fishing implement of choice, with commercial fishermen hauling in huge catches of the fish. Shad fishing by anglers with rod and reel didn’t become popular until after World War II, but has grown steadily ever since. A shad’s dashing, sometimes airborne, fight makes it fun to catch, earning the fish a dedicated following. This has helped fuel conservation efforts aimed at breaking the fish’s decline.

Some states have even banned in-river and coastal commercial shad fishing. Other states have toughened restrictions. Rivers are getting cleaned up and small dams are being removed or breached to allow fish to return to ancestral spawning grounds. More spawning grounds mean more fish. More fish means more shad to catch.



Gulf of Maine Cod Project, NOAA National Marine Sanctuaries; Courtesy of National Archives

The fish of two worlds

American shad are anadromous, meaning they are born in rivers, make their way to the salty sea, then return to the river of their birth to reproduce. According to David Wilkins, freshwater aquarist at South Carolina Aquarium, spawning begins here in February and runs through May, when water temperatures are between 51 and 71 degrees.

Being fruitful

When spawning, a female shad releases about 200,000 to 600,000 eggs into the water, where they are fertilized by several males waiting around like guys in a bar at closing time. Not much of a courtship here, just a “git-er-done” approach. The eggs hatch as they slowly drift downriver with the current. The hatchlings hang around in inland waters for their first summer, dining on plankton-sized creatures. Then, as the water cools, they head for the sea.

They call me the wanderer

Shad spend most of their lives at sea, traveling about in huge schools for two to four years. They may cover 12,000 miles before returning to their birth river to start the cycle all over again.

Heavy casualties

The bounty of nature also creates a killing field of startling efficiency. Seventy percent of the young shad will fall victim to predation and other threats before they reach the sea. Along the northern Atlantic Coast, some females will live long enough to be repeat spawners. A female shad can live 10 years and reach 30 inches in length, but the odds are stacked against her. Wilkins, of the South Carolina Aquarium, notes that shad populations south of Cape Hatteras tend to spawn once and die.

Catch me if you can

Shad do not feed when they return to spawn. Near as anyone can figure, they hit fishermen’s small artificial lures purely out of reflex.

Location, location, location

Shad in the Lowcountry have recovered somewhat in recent years, but populations in the Edisto, Ashepoo and Combahee rivers have declined some. One of the best (*and most secret*) spots to engage a shad in “airs above the water” is just below the dam on the Tailrace Canal.

Roe, roe, roe in your boat

Shad’s 769 bones, along with its high oil content and strong taste, have kept it off modern menus for the most part. The shad’s eggs, or roe, are the best known shad dish. The eggs can be pan-fried or broiled and are considered a delicacy ... by some.

Sources: www.dnr.sc.gov ACE Basin Species Gallery, www.chesapeakebay.net www.americanrivers.org, S.C. Department of Agriculture