

How to Become a Member

Becoming a member of the Thurmond Lake Sail & Power Squadron (TLS&PS) is very easy. First you might want to attend a function to see what we are all about. Contact any member to secure a reservation. Next, take our introductory boating class, **America's Boating Course**, which is offered for only the cost of the book. This class is easy, fun, and provides knowledge for safety on the water. Dues are \$76.50 a year for a single or \$122.50 a year for a couple. The first year of membership will be extended to 18 months. When you become a member you will receive a free meal at the first function that you attend.

Elected officers must have completed the first two educational courses — America's Boating Course and Seamanship.

If you are interested in joining TLS&PS email Marianne Chalifour muchali4@gmail.com or contact any squadron member and they will be glad to assist you.

Boating is fun, we'll show you how.

Thurmond Lake Sail and Power Squadron Pledge

- To abide by the Laws of the United States Power Squadrons
- To promote high standards of navigation and seamanship
- To maintain your boat and operate it legally
- To render assistance whenever possible
- To conduct ones self in a manner that will add prestige, honor and respect to the United States Power Squadrons

For additional information please contact us at

<http://www.tlsp.org>

or

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Thurmond Lake Sail and Power Squadron



A member squadron of United States Power Squadrons® (USPS), TLS&PS serves the Thurmond Lake area of South Carolina and Georgia. Our mission includes the promotion of boating safety, boating education, civic service and the enjoyment of boating activities and social functions among our membership.

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Education

Boating Education - One of the main goals of USPS is “boating safety through education” – we believe that an educated boater is a safer boater. Through USPS, TLS&PS offers a series of courses that covers boat handling, engine maintenance, and navigational techniques, weather and sailing. Become a member of USPS/ TLS&PS and take any or all of these courses.

America’s Boating Course— covers topics that all recreational boaters must know: rules of the road, required safety equipment, navigation aids, lights and sounds, anchoring, communications afloat, adverse conditions, water sports safety, personal water craft safety and knots and lines.

Seamanship builds on America’s Boating Course and covers additional topics to enhance your knowledge and skills of boating safety, operation, marlinspike (knots and lines), boat care and maintenance, chart reading and nautical customs and etiquette.

Piloting is the first and most basic navigation course, covering chart reading, course plotting, and basic coastal or inland navigation, including basic GPS usage.

Advanced Piloting covers more advanced coastal navigation techniques, navigation in tides and currents, and more advanced GPS usage.

Monthly dinner meetings The Squadron has informative speakers at every dinner meeting.

Assistance For Boaters

TLS&PS members assist the US Army Corps of Engineers by conducting annual **buoy inspections on Thurmond lake**.



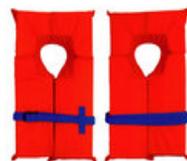
Every year, our members provide safety **monitoring for the Triathlon swimmers** at Hickory Knob State Park.

We conduct **Vessel Safety Inspections** for all boaters free of charge to help insure that their boats are legal and safe to run.

We are called upon to **protect construction crews** on the lake such as the installation of the oxygenation lines near the Thurmond Lake dam.

The Squadron provides a **cell phone list** of TLS&PS members who will provide on the water assistance to other members in case of emergency.

We loan **Personal Flotation Devices (PFD)** (i.e. life preservers) for children to anyone upon request — member or not. This service is invaluable since Savannah Lakes Village has many visitors who go boating.



Social Events — Fun

It’s not all about the ‘fun’, but ‘fun’ is certainly a large part of life as well as a large part of what we want to be as a boating organization. Our Administrative Officer, with the help of other officers, the Past Commanders and member volunteers, sets up an array of activities that are sometimes challenging but always provide good time.

Picnics – with games and contests to keep everyone as busy as they would want to be.

Golf Outings – Handicaps are adjusted for all.

Poker Run – Find the cards hidden at locations around the lake using navigation guides. Passengers can add to the confusion.

Scavenger Hunt – A digital hunt by boat tests your clue solving and navigational skills. Passengers help to find the hidden objects.

Cruise & Rendezvous – Meet members from other squadrons at this District event.

Dances – Could be part of a dinner meeting but always a part of the Christmas gathering.

Raft-ups – Always a nice way to socialize, share good food and take a cooling dip in the lake. On your “noodle”.

