



**The Sea Tow Foundation Announces that the Thurmond Lake
Sail & Power Squadron
Has Opened a New Life Jacket Loaner Stand At Savannah Lakes Marina
*PFDs Now Available for Boaters to Borrow for Better Boating Safety***

McCormick, SC April 5, 2014 – The Sea Tow Foundation is proud to announce that the Thurmond Lake Sail & Power Squadron has opened a new Life Jacket Loaner stand at Savannah Lakes Marina. This new location joins the more than 200 Life Jacket Loaner Stands already established around the country by the Sea Tow Foundation. Located in popular boating areas, these stands let boaters who need an extra life jacket or a properly fitting PFD borrow one or more free of charge to take onboard with them, helping to keep themselves and their passengers safer on the water. The Sea Tow Foundation’s Life Jacket Loaner Program is funded through donations, as well as by a grant from the Sport Fish Resortation & Boating Trust Fund, which is administered by the U.S. Coast Guard.

As part of the current grant, the Sea Tow Foundation accepted applications from non-profit organizations and boating agencies around the country to host a life jacket loaner program in their local areas. The Thurmond Lake Sail & Power Squadron was accepted as one of the hosts. “We are happy that Savannah Lakes Marina has joined the growing list of Sea Tow Foundation Life Jacket Loaner Stands, which have loaned out nearly 22,000 life jackets to recreational boaters at no cost since 2008,” said Sea Tow Foundation Executive Director Gail R. Kulp, CAE. “Each of our life jacket loaner stands is stocked with life jackets ranging in size from infant to adult so everyone can be safe on the water.”

More information about the Life Jacket Loaner Program will be posted on the Sea Tow Foundation’s website (www.boatingsafety.com) and on the Sea Tow Foundation’s Facebook page throughout the spring and summer.

About the Sea Tow Foundation

In 2007, Sea Tow Founder and CEO Capt. Joe Frohnhoefer created the Sea Tow Foundation – a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization – to promote safe boating practices. The Foundation’s goal is to reduce accidents, fatalities and property damage related to recreational boating. For more information, please visit www.boatingsafety.com

About Thurmond Lake Sail & Power Squadron

Chartered in the year 2000, a unit in [District 26](#) of the [United States Power Squadron](#). Our mission includes the promotion of boating safety, boating education, civic service and the enjoyment of boating activities and social functions among our membership. For more information, please visit www.tlsps.org

About Savannah Lakes Marina on Thurmond Lake

A full service Marina near the 378 bridge on Thurmond Lake located in a rural area on the Savannah River. The closest towns are Abbeville and McCormick and the Savannah Lakes Village in South Carolina and Lincolnton in Georgia. The lake has an area of 70,000 acres and 1200 miles of shoreline in Sumter National Forest. It abounds with good fishing, boating and wonderful people. For more information, please visit www.marinasatthurmondnorth.com

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