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A View from the Bridge

I presented a previous version of the below chart to Charlotte Power Squadron members several years ago but decided to revisit it since dues and benefits have changed over the years.

Have you ever thought about how membership dues break out and what America's Boating Club-Charlotte (Charlotte Power Squadron) members get for their membership dollars? Let's do a little cost-benefit analysis. Below is a breakout of the recurring cost of membership for an active member, expressed as a percentage of dues, and the benefits derived or available to participate in for those dollars spent:

Cost / % of Dues	Benefit
National Dues – 50%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Membership in America's Boating Club (USPS®) a nationally recognized boating organization with significant historical importance Affiliation with other boating organizations (e.g., Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, and fellow squadrons) The Ensign Magazine America's Boating Club app America's Boating Club Channel The Compass newsletter Public Boating Course, Advanced Grade Courses, Elective Grade Courses, Seminars, Guides, Supplemental Programs Merit Marks awarded for service to the organization National Annual Meeting and Governing Boards Access to Dan Boater membership Access to boat/personal insurance through multiple insurance providers Travel benefits Prescription savings card

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ABC-CHARLOTTE WELL REPRESENTED AT THE D27 CHANGE OF WATCH

Several ABC-Charlotte members headed to Raleigh for the District 27 Council / Conference and Change of Watch on March 18-19. Given we had 10 people there, we were ~20% of the overall attendance at the event! Charlotte took home several awards in Co-Operative Charting, Distinctive Communications Awards for the *Side Lights* and our website, and a membership growth award for 2021. Congratulations to the membership for these honors!

4 April 2022 Membership Meeting

Our next membership meeting will be April 4, 2022 at Trio-Charlotte. This is the second of several locations that we will be testing out for potential meeting venues. Trio-Charlotte is at 10709 McMullen Creek Parkway, Charlotte, NC 28226. Get Google Map direction on our website. Come at 1800 (6 PM) for dinner; our meeting will begin at 1900 (7 PM). Our speaker will be Neil Brennan, the Executive Director of the Lake Wylie Marine Commission. The Commission's mission and vision is to promote public policies and support regulations for the preservation of Lake Wylie and its wildlife and for the education and safety of the citizens who use this beautiful natural resource --- and our Merit Mark Point is a part of this.

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As we travel through this time, please watch your e-mails and check the Calendar of events on the website for updates



CHARLOTTE POWER SQUADRON

A Unit of United States Power Squadrons
Sail and Power Boating

District 27

Chartered 10 April 1961

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"SIDE LIGHTS" is published monthly* for the members of the Charlotte Power Squadron. The deadline for articles is the Friday before the third Monday of each month. Articles may be given, mailed or emailed to P/C John A. King, II AP before the deadline. Electronic versions of your articles are preferred and can be accepted at email address: (* July and August are combined as a summer issue, January and February are combined as a winter issue.)

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Calendar of Events

Education, Civic Service,

Friendship & Fun

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR EVENT UPDATES

NRD means "No Rain Date"

April 2022

2 **Spring Cleanup** – MMP – 0900 – 1400
4 **Membership Mtg** – Trio – 1800 Dinner 1900 Meeting
9 **Chicken Q** – MMP – 1700 – 2000
18 **ExCom – Open Kitchen** – 1800 Diner 1900 Meeting
22 **Side Lights Articles Due** – Education Officer
23 **ABC Class** – Lake Wylie Marina 0830 – 1730
25 **Wylie Gator Book Club** – Open Kitchen – 1800

May 2022

2 **Membership Mtg** – Jocks and Jills – 1800-2000
16 **ExCom – Open Kitchen** – 1800 Diner 1900 Meeting
21 **Childrens Outing** – Red Fez Club – 0900 – 1500
21-27 **Safe Boating Week** – TBD
27 **Side Lights Articles Due** – Commander

June 2022

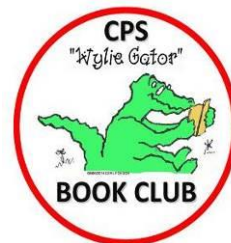
4 **ABC Class** – Victory Lanes Karting 0830 – 1730
5 **Predicted Log Practice** – MMP 1400 - 1600
6 **Membership Mtg** – Trio Charlotte – 1800-2000
11 **Predicted Log** – MMP 0900 – 1500
20 **ExCom – Open Kitchen** – 1800 Diner 1900 Meeting
24 **Side Lights Articles Due** – Treasurer
24-25 **D27 Rendezvous** – Red Fez Club Charlotte TBD
27 **Wylie Gator Book Club** – Open Kitchen – 1800

* Meeting Location Addresses

Sonesta Charlotte – 5700 Westpark Dr. Charlotte, NC
Jocks & Jills – 4109 S. Stream Blvd. Charlotte, NC
Lake Wylie Marina – 310 Blucher Circle Lake Wylie, SC
Merit Mark Point (MMP) – (Squadron Lk Wylie, SC property)
See Roster, Pg A17 for directions

Open Kitchen Restaurant – 1318 W Morehead Street Clt
Red Fez Club – 16600 Red Fez Club Road Charlotte
Reflection Pointe Club House – 1305 Reflection Pointe Blvd. Belmont, NC

St John's Episcopal Church – 1623 Carmel Road Charlotte
Trio Restaurant – 10709 McMullen Crk Prkwy, Charlotte, NC
Notice!! Locations are subject to change! Any location revisions and/ or meeting date revisions will be either published in the *Side Lights* or sent to you by email.



2022 Wylie Gator Book Club April 25, 2022
Open Kitchen 1800

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District Dues – 13%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D27 Bitts Publication • D27 Rendezvous • District Council/Conference Meetings • D27 Winter Training
Squadron Dues – 37%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Side Lights</i> publication • ABC-Charlotte Roster • Use of Merit Mark Point • Vessel Safety Checks • Annual Children's Outing • National Safe Boating Week • Spring Chicken-Q/Fall BBQ • Annual Commander's picnic • Coastal Rendezvous and Co-op Charting • Annual River Sweep event • Predicted Log Contest • USPS Courses offered by our very own knowledgeable and talented members • Fraternity with fellow ABC-Charlotte members • Squadron Membership/ ExComm Meetings • Wylie Gator Book Club • ABC-Charlotte Annual Holiday Party

For the complete list of USPS® benefits, log in with your certificate number and pin/password to the USPS® site (<https://www.usps.org/member-s-log-in>) and click on the Member Benefits menu option in the left navigation bar.

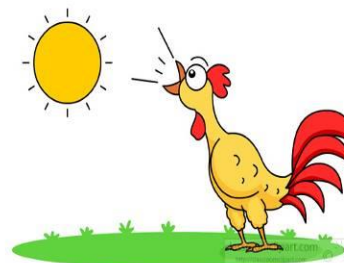
While the chart is by no means all-inclusive, it is a good representation of what membership in America's Boating Club (USPS®) and ABC-Charlotte affords you. Take advantage of what's out there. You really can get a lot of value for your membership dollars!!

P/Lt/C Mary D. Chaney, JN
ABC-Charlotte Treasurer

DOWNLOAD THE AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB APP

Don't forget to download the app for your smartphone. You can store information on your boat, find out how to tie those pesky knots, and have a lot more information right at your fingertips since I'm sure your smartphone follows you everywhere!! Use the QR code for quick access to the app.

Get Ready for the Chicken-Q



What is our little friend crowing about? He's all excited because it is spring **and** we are going to have a Chicken-Q, the first since COVID-19 came to visit.

The event will be held on Saturday April 9th (by decree, the first Saturday after the first Monday in April). This is one of the two fund raisers that we hold to support Merit Mark Point, so, come out and support MMP and enjoy a great day and a great meal. (Everyone says that the chicken is great!). Why not consider inviting your friends or neighbors to join us for a fun day. Who knows, they may discover that membership in CPS is one of the best bargains going and join up.

Our menu will consist of barbecued chicken, baked beans, coleslaw, chips and tea. Adult beverages are BYOB. Tickets are \$10.00 each. The chickens have been interviewed, individually selected and are now being fattened and pampered for the occasion. The secret sauce which was once used by Lumbee Indians on dove and quail is fermenting in the springhouse and beanmyster Bateman has the bean sauce simmering on the wood stove.

Cooking will start at about noon. Lawn games will start about 1500 and attitude adjustment will start at 1600. If you like, bring a hors d'oeuvre or dessert to share. Dinner will be served at 1700 and a good time will be had by all.

See you there
P/R/C John J. Rodgers, SN-CN

NATIONAL REORGANIZATION

A national Ad Hoc Reorganization Committee is working on plans for restructuring ABC/USPS. All members of America's Boating Club/United States Power Squadrons are going to be invited to a series of virtual Town Hall Meetings to help plan for the future. ABC/USPS wants to give everybody the opportunity to participate in the process. The first meeting was scheduled for 8 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday 29 March but others will be forthcoming in the series. The Town Hall Meetings will be your chance to help craft our future. Watch your email and the home page of the member's website (<https://www.usps.org/memb-home>) for more information on the town hall schedules and how to connect to the virtual meetings.

CHECK OUT THE 2022-2023 ONLINE CALENDAR



The Calendar for the 2022-2023 squadron year was approved at the Executive Committee (ExCom) meeting on February 21. We have an ACTION-PACKED year planned!! Check out the calendar posted on the squadron's website at:

<https://www.usps.org/localusps/charlotte>.

Mark your own calendars to make sure you don't miss one of the great events we have planned. Stay tuned to *Side Lights*, your email, and our website for updates.

If there is something you think members would enjoy or think we should do that you don't see on the calendar? Please call me or email me with your ideas.

Cdr Marvin Chaney Jr, SN

ABC-CHARLOTTE IS HOST FOR THE D27 RENDEZVOUS



Mark it on your calendars --- June 24 and June 25 --- we are going to be the host squadron for the annual District 27 Rendezvous. This will be the first time in 2 years that the District has been able to hold the event because of the pandemic. There will be a reception on Friday night, games and boat rides at the Red Fez club on Saturday, and a reception Saturday night. The receptions will be held at hotels/restaurants in the up-and-coming Kingsley area of Fort Mill, SC. Watch for more information in the *Side Lights*, our website, the D27 newsletter *BITTS* and website, and your email.

Need a New Name Tag



Need a new name tag? Please contact Paula Stewart for details and pricing. Call or text: 704-214-1244; Email: pfstewart@carolina.rr.com.
Deadline for ordering is April 7.



Happy April Birthdays

P/D/C Patricia W. Hakanson, SN
P/C. Charles R. Ibach, III, SN-ACN
Mr. William K. Mencil, S

CPS FUNDRAISING NEWS 2022

Thanks to everyone who participated in our "50/50" Fundraiser at our membership meeting on March 7. We once again sold raffle tickets for a "kitty" (with the winner keeping half and the other half being donated to the Squadron).

The winners for March were Sandy and Jack Moore. Congratulations, Sandy and Jack!!

We will also have Autobell gift cards for sale. The cost is \$20.00 per card and our squadron gets \$10.00 for each card sold. Everyone loves a clean car!!

Please stay safe and healthy! Hope to see everyone at the next membership meeting on April 4.

Stf/C Paula F. Stewart, AP
Fundraising Chair

New Fire Extinguisher Regulations and New Labeling for Vessels

New fire extinguisher regulations go into effect April 20, 2022. These new regulations may mean that many of our vessels will not be complying with the rules after April 20th, 2022. There are also some traps that I will help guide you through.

Primary Regulation Changes:

- 1) Disposable (non-rechargeable) fire extinguishers must not be more than 12 years old according to the date of manufacture stamped on the cylinder. Remove any extinguishers not meeting this requirement from the vessel.
- 2) New Labeling. - The labeling is not actually new. The USCG has dropped the B-I, B-II labeling and adopted the UL classification already being used and already on your extinguishers. See the new labeling and requirements for fire extinguishers listed below from the BoatUS Foundation:

NEW: Vessel Length and Fire Extinguisher Type Table

Vessel Length	No Fixed System	With approved Fixed Systems
Less than 26'	1 B-1/5-B/10-B	0
26' to less than 40'	2 B-1/5-B/10-B or 1 B-II/20-B	1 B-1/5-B/10-B
40' to 65'	3 B-1/5-B/10-B or 1 B-II/20-B and 1 B-1/5-B/10-B	2 B-1/5-B/10-B or 1 B-II/20-B

Goes into effect April 20, 2022

Trap #1 - Rechargeable extinguishers must be serviced/maintained and tagged annually by a qualified technician. (Fixed systems are typically this type.) Most of us use a USCG Approved B-I (10-B rated) fire extinguisher. Why use a rechargeable fire extinguisher when a disposable one is good for 12 years after the manufacture date. Source: USCGBoating.org, FAQ about fire extinguisher requirements, Question #13, Answer #13: "The date of manufacturing on a rechargeable fire extinguisher is printed on the label of the bottle. The first National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) certified inspection is due one year from the date of manufacturing and the bottle tag must indicate this inspection. A rechargeable does not need to be removed from service after 12 years, but it instead must be maintained annually by a technician."

Trap #2 - Be sure your extinguisher or replacement is what you think it is. Do not assume your fire extinguisher is good or in serviceable and working order. Do not be caught with an out-of-date rechargeable unit. Disposable and rechargeable fire extinguishers also look very similar. At Lowes, all the fire extinguishers (First Alert brand) with a 10-B:C rating were Rechargeable. At Home Depot, all the fire extinguishers (Kidde brand) with a 10-B:C rating

were Disposable.) I had to pull these new fire extinguishers out of a new box to determine which type I was holding. One indicator is to read the label about what to do with it after it is discharged (even with a little discharge) or the gauge is not in the operating area. If it has "recharge" as an option, it is rechargeable. Otherwise it is a disposable and you need to remove it from service and dispose of it. (Do not leave it on the boat.).

Summary - None of the web sites below tell the whole story efficiently or effectively. In a nut shell:

- USGC has adopted the existing UL fire extinguisher ratings. (no more B-I, B-II) 5-B or 20-B units required. (ex. B-10 meets the 5-B requirement). Extinguisher must still be "USCG Approved".
- Rechargeable units typically are not limited to the 12 year service life. However, disposable (non-rechargeable) units make the most economic sense for the recreational boater.
- Units must be inspected (Rechargeable unit requires annual certified inspection.)
- Disposable units to be removed from service after 12 years based on the manufacture date (on bottom of cylinder).
- Units must be in Good and Serviceable working condition.

Rechargeable units need annual inspection and tag by a certified person. I am buying a disposable, non-rechargeable extinguisher units for less than \$20 to avoid having an annual service/tag made each year. (Typically 10-B:C or 1A:B-10:C rated)

Lt/C Brevard S. Myers, Jr., SN-ACN
Squadron Educational Officer
Vessel Safety Examiner
Helpful links:



<https://www.boatus.org/fire-extinguishers/>
<https://uscgboating.org/recreational-boaters/fire-extinguisher-faq.php>

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/10/22/2021-22578/fire-protection-for-recreational-vessels#sectno-reference-175.320>

<https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-46/chapter-I/subchapter-M/part-142/subpart-B/section-142.240>

JOIN US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Did you know that ABC-Charlotte has both Facebook and Instagram accounts? Well, we do!!! Follow us and "like us" to keep up with what is happening and promote the squadron in the online world.

 facebook.com/AmericasBoatingClubCharlotte
 instagram.com/charlottepowersquadron

Boat Humor

The President invites the Pope to lunch on a boat. The Pope accepted and during lunch, a puff of wind blew the pontiff's hat off, right into the water. It floated off about 50 feet, then the wind died down and it just floated in place. The crew and the Secret Service were scrambling to launch a boat to go get it, when The President waved them off, saying, "Never mind boys, I'll get it." Then The President climbed over the side of the yacht, walked on the water to the hat, picked it up, walked back on the water, climbed into the yacht, and handed the Pope his hat. The crew was speechless. The security team and the Pope's entourage were speechless. No one knew what to say, not even the Pope. But that afternoon, ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN, MSNBC reported: "THE PRESIDENT CAN'T SWIM"

There are 3 guys on a boat with 4 cigarettes but have nothing to light them with. So they throw a cigarette overboard and the boat becomes a cigarette lighter.

My husband told me I could choose the name he'd paint on the back of his new boat with the condition it be a nautical theme. So, I named it... For Sail.

I bought a sail for my boat on Amazon the other day. Today it dawned on me that it's not the right size so I called to cancel. They said it's too late. That sail has shipped.

I told my gf that I had a crush on Beyonce. And she said to me "Whatever floats your boat." And I said "No that's **Buoyancy**"



P/C holding up an Amber Jack while P/C Drum looks on

Carolina Starr Memorial Day Open

We have a fishing trip planned for Memorial Day weekend at Oak Island, NC. We still have room for one more person. We will be traveling down on Friday May 27, 2022 and fishing on Saturday and Sunday and will return home on Monday May 30, 2022. We will be staying at my house on the ICW of Oak Island. We will be charting a boat out of Holden on Saturday May 28, 2022 and fishing out my boat on Sunday May 29, 2022. The cost is around \$700 to \$750 depending on the price of gas at the time. If Interested contact P/C John A. King, II, AP by phone or e-mail.



P/C Myers holds up a King while P/C looks on



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SHIP'S STORE

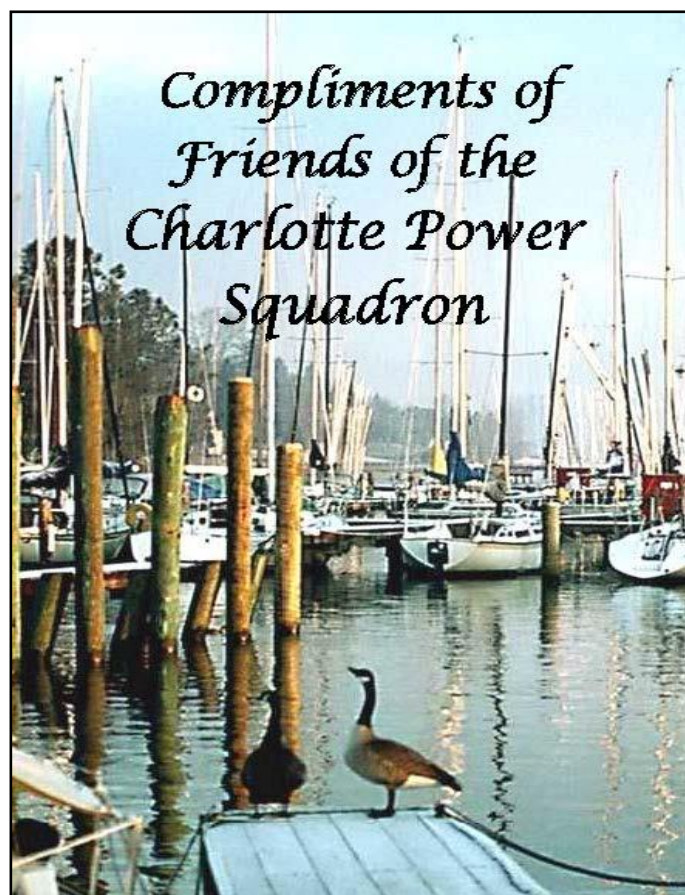
below are the remaining items that we have
for sale in our Ship's Store

- 1-Khaki baseball cap
- 2- Red baseball caps **
- 6-Blue baseball caps
- 1- Khaki bucket hat (size-small)
- 1- Men's white short-sleeve golf shirt (size-med) **
- 1- Sweat shirt-light grey (size-3 XL)
- 1- Fleece vest-navy (size-XL) **
- 1- Men's jean shirt-long sleeve (size-XL)
- 1-Women's jean shirt-short sleeve (size-med)
- 1- Navy jacket (size 2XL)

** Old burgee-no gold border

Contact David or Paula Stewart, Co-Supply Officers, if
you are interested in any of these items. Prices are
negotiable or make us an offer.

In the future, we will NOT be maintaining an inventory,
but any item you have (shirt, blouse, bag, hat, etc.)
CAN be embroidered with the Charlotte Power
Squadron logo. Please see David or Paula for details.



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