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## A View from the Bridge

**The Coastal Rendezvous and Cooperating Charting Event this September near Beaufort, NC** offer a culturally rich in history opportunity to share with each other. How much do you really know about our North Carolina southern Outer Banks and Crystal Coast?

This area may be the reason that I joined the Power Squadron. My family visited this area and Ocracoke many times when I was young. My dad first put me overboard at the jetty at Cape Lookout to skin dive. This jetty has much marine life including an occasional spiny lobster typical of Florida. The area offers world class scuba diving due to numerous wrecks. Many of the wrecks are due to German submarines sinking ships off our coast during World War II. To also get to some fishing spots, I needed to improve my navigation skills. This area has shallow, inland sounds and the waters off the coast have shoals extending out of sight of land. The Power Squadron courses that I completed helped me personally enjoy and share this area of the coastal Carolinas with family and friends.

It is a little bit longer trek to travel to the Morehead City Beaufort area than some of the trips we take but it can be one of the most rewarding areas for its history, museums, beaches, boating/fishing and just plain fun. We have visited this area as a Squadron many times - District Rendezvous, Cooperative Charting trip with our Coastal Rendezvous and even a fall boat camping trip. Our last visit as a group was in 2014.



Located along the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway and also having a deep port, this area has attracted sailors for centuries. Some of the first non-native inhabitants were the wild horses, possibly from wrecked ships along the coast. These animals still roam Shackleford banks and Carrot Island across from Beaufort, NC. With commerce moving along our coast pirates scavenged a living along our coast. The ship, Queen Anne's Revenge, believed to be that of the pirate known as Blackbeard, was found beneath the waves of Beaufort Inlet in 1996. Civil

war history can also be found at Fort Macon overlooking that same Beaufort Inlet.

Thriving whaling and fishing communities existed along Shackleford Banks. Seventy-five families lived there at Diamond City, Belle's Island, Wade's Shore, Whale Creek and the Mullet Pond. The tough life of living on an island with strong storms and mosquitoes tested the toughest people. Due to hurricanes in the late 1800's, these communities dissolved away with people moving to Harkers Island, Beaufort, "the Promised Land" at Morehead City, and Salter Path along Bogue sound.

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### 2 May 2022 Membership Meeting

Our next membership meeting will be May 2, 2022 at Jocks and Jills. Jocks and Jills is at 4109 S. Stream Blvd. Charlotte, NC. Get Google Map direction on our website. Come at 1800 (6 PM) for dinner; our meeting will begin at 1900 (7 PM). "Nautical Pub Trivia" will be the program with P/D/C Pat Hakanson. The Rosters will be at the May meeting to hand out. Come get yours.

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District 27

Chartered 10 April 1961

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## Calendar of Events

### Education, Civic Service,

### Friendship & Fun

#### WATCH THIS SPACE FOR EVENT UPDATES

NRD means "No Rain Date"

#### May 2022

2 **Membership Mtg** – Jocks and Jills – 1800-2000  
16 **ExCom – Open Kitchen** – 1800 Diner 1900 Meeting  
21 **Children's 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

#### July 2022

4 **No Membership Meeting**  
9 **Cdr's Picnic** – Merit Mark Point – 1000 - 1500  
16 **ABC Class** – VLK or LWM - 0830 – 1730  
16 **Lunch on the Lake** BYOFB – MMP 1000 – 1400  
18 **ExCom – Open Kitchen** – 1800 Diner 1900 Meeting  
23 **Lunch on the Lake** BYOFB – MMP 1000 – 1400  
30 **Lunch on the Lake** BYOFB – MMP 1000 – 1400

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#### \* 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 June 28, 2022**  
**Open Kitchen 1800**

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A hurricane in the 1930s separated what is now Shackleford Banks from the area where the Cape Lookout Lighthouse (completed 1859) is located and created Barden Inlet.



Many people wonder why the Cape Lookout lighthouse has the diamond shape and yet Diamond Shoals are located off Cape Hatteras. Diamond City would be another guess, but that community located near the now Barden Inlet, was named for the Cape Lookout lighthouse diamond pattern. The diamonds on the lighthouse also have a certain alignment. The centers of the black diamonds are aligned north-south and the centers of the white diamonds are aligned east-west. So, depending on which diamonds you see, you have a relative direction from the lighthouse.

The area from Portsmouth Island, south to Cape Lookout and west along Shackleford Banks to Beaufort Inlet is the Cape Lookout National Seashore. We hope to be able to arrange over the water trips to Shackleford Banks and to the Cape Lookout area. There are open passenger ferries that run to both of these locations. (Take your foul weather gear.) We also have our own boats which may make the trek. The Coast Guard has removed a portion of the buoys that marked the channel from Harkers Island to Barden Inlet due to severe shoaling. However, the ferry service is still going to the cape. We might have a new DEWDA (Draft Exceeds Water Depth Available) award given this year. In good weather a direct route from Beaufort Inlet through the open ocean is possible.

Either way, the commander is excited that about choosing this location because of the attractions in the area, good seafood available, and planned socials. (He might want me to cook shrimp for everyone also.)

Area attractions include:

- Cape Lookout National Seashore - <https://www.nps.gov/cal/index.htm>
- NC Maritime Museum Beaufort
- Fort Macon - Civil War Fort (with coastal education center and bookstore) - Atlantic Beach
- NC Aquarium Pine at Pine Knoll Shores
- Core Sound Waterfowl Museum - Harkers Island

Before our visit, please see the "NC Maritime Museums" on YouTube for seminars and videos on these selective topics:

Cape Lookout, US Life-Saving Service in Carteret County, NC Historic Whale fishery of Shackleford Banks, Exploring Shackleford Banks, Graveyard of the Atlantic, NC Whales, Bottlenose Dolphin in NC, Sea Turtles in NC, Shrimping in NC, NC Boats Past & Present, Shipwrecks, Pirates, Fisheries, Surfing, Artifacts

Did you know? -

- 1) The District 27 Rendezvous was once held exclusively at Cape Lookout.
- 2) The spit of land at the north west side of Cape Lookout is known as Power Squadron Spit.
- 3) There is a plaque in the Cape Lookout light keepers house museum that states:



THIS PLAQUE WAS PRESENTED TO  
THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
BY THE COMMANDER OF DISTRICT 27  
OF THE UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS  
TO COMMEMORATE THE NAMING OF THAT PORTION  
OF CAPE LOOKOUT BEARING 270  
AND LYING 2800 YARDS  
FROM THE LIGHTHOUSE  
AS POWER SQUADRON SPIT  
HONORING THOSE MEMBERS  
OF DISTRICT 27  
WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE  
COOPERATIVE CHARTING PROGRAM  
OF  
THE NATIONAL OCEAN SURVEY  
1971

As you can see from our photos (next Page) from our last trip to Cape Lookout in 2014, this is a fantastic, unique place on our coast. Since there are no rivers nearby, and proximity to the Gulf Stream, the beaches are some of the prettiest around with bottom sand reflecting through clear waters free of silt. We welcome all members to participate whether they have a boat they want to bring, learn about coastal navigation aboard someone else's boat, or just have a fun ride.

PWCs are allowed at Cape Lookout National Seashore with some restrictions.

The Commander and his committees are working on a place to stay, socials, recommended restaurants and attractions that may be of interest. We hope you can join fellow squadron members this September to create more memories. Stay tuned for more details.

**If you have questions or would like to join us on this trip, please let the commander or myself know so that we can include you in our plans.**

Lt/C Brevard S. Myers, Jr., SN-ACN  
Squadron Educational Officer  
Squadron Cooperative Charting Chairman





Looking towards Power Squadron Spit



P/C King 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 of 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 King looks on

## 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](https://www.facebook.com/AmericasBoatingClubCharlotte)

 [instagram.com/charlottepowersquadron](https://www.instagram.com/charlottepowersquadron)



Power Squadron Spit



CPS boats await our return

## 2022 Annual Children's Outing

Well, finally, we're about to resume holding our Annual Children's Outing at the Red Fez Club this coming May 21<sup>st</sup>. We'll start receiving guests around 9 AM and the outing will go to about 2:30 or so, giving us plenty of time to cleanup afterwards.

As in the past, we're working in conjunction with Catawba Sail and Power Squadron. I can tell you that they've got new folks involved and have been very aggressive in their efforts to recruit participation and supplies. They've managed to gain an in with Lays Products and have the chips covered. We of course have a nice donation from Publix that will cover the drinks, hotdogs and burgers. Flowers Bakery will be providing the bread and Wendy's the condiments and paper products. I've also established a new relationship with Pink Portables who is donating two porta-potties and we're getting two more at a very reasonable rate. Lastly, Dockmasters, a premiere dock builder on Lake Wylie, has picked up the tab for the Red Fez Club. Catawba is also going to provide a string back pack to all the children in attendance. A nice remembrance of their day on the lake.

All we need now is participation by our membership, both on the water and off to help ensure that all the guests have one fantastic day on the lake. So please plan to be there about 8:30 or so to get setup and then enjoy all the smiling faces that we expect.

Thanks in advance and see you May 21.

P/C Charles "Bo" Ibach III, SN-ACN  
Chairman – Children's Outing



## *Happy May Birthdays*

Mr. Buce P. Banberry  
 Mr. Brian Chambers  
 Ms. Dianne A. Garrison  
 Mr. Harry Hamonds  
 Ms. Joann Infante  
 Mr. William Ishee  
 P/C Brevard S. Myers, SN-ACN  
 P/D/C Carol E. Smith  
 Mr. Delmar S. Spivey  
 Mr. Larry W. Whitesides

## Predicted Log Contest and Training

Enjoy two days at Merit Mark Point on Lake Wylie - Predicted log training and competition day.

**What is a Predicted Log Contest?** - The Predicted Log Contest pits your navigation knowledge and skippering skills against the clock. We do this as a friendly competition amongst ourselves and also in competition for the **"Pride of Lake Wylie"** trophy with the Catawba Sail and Power Squadron. Three lowest scores in each squadron are used to determine who gets the trophy.

**Predicted Log Training** - Training / Review for the Predicted Log Contest is **Sunday, June 5th at 1100 hrs.** (11:00 a.m.) at Merit Mark Point. No experience is necessary as we will have some of us ready to help and explain how to do it. Bring a lake chart/map, calculator, dividers, pencil, eraser, paper and whatever else you feel you may need for navigation.

Basically, the competition deals with Speed, Time, and Distance. ( $60 \times D = S \times T$ ) How closely can you predetermine the time it will take to travel each leg of a course to specified locations? Compare that **predicted time** to the **actual time** recorded doing the actual run of the course in a boat with an observer/timekeeper. The distance is measured off a chart. Speed is up to the operator/competitor but the only speed reference instrument allowed during the competition is a tachometer. (No GPS or speedometer allowed.) Time is calculated.

The score keeper tabulates how close your **predicted time** was to the **actual time** observed on each leg and calculates a single total error. The person and squadron with the lowest error are declared the winners of the competition.

**Predicted Log Competition** - Competition is the following Saturday, **June 11th, Starting at 0900**, (9:00 a.m.) Competition ends in the early afternoon so get there early. This activity is available to all members with or without a boat. If you do not

have a boat, other members usually have their boats available to share.

Note that we need three (3) competitors from our squadron to compete in this competition or we may forfeit our chance to win back "The Pride of Wylie" trophy.

Competing against yourself and comparing your skills to those of other boaters is a fun, friendly competition that hones your boat-handling skills learned in our basic navigation classes.

Lt/C Brevard S. Myers, Jr., SN-ACN

## CPS FUNDRAISING NEWS 2022

Thanks to everyone who participated in our "50/50" Fundraiser at our Chicken Q on April 9 at Merit Mark Point on Lake Wylie. 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 this time were Clyde Swain and Kate Mead. Clyde and Kate graciously donated their winnings back to the squadron. Congratulations, Clyde and Kate, and thank you!!

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!!

Hope to see everyone at the next membership meeting on May 2.

Stf/C Paula F. Stewart, AP  
 Fundraising Chair



Raingutter Regatta Sailing® at the ChickenQ

## D27 Rendezvous Is Coming!! Help Wanted!!



We are the host squadron for the first D27 Rendezvous in three years. It is going to be held at the Red Fez Club on Lake Wylie and at 2 other venues in the Kingsley area in Fort Mill, SC. We want to make sure that Charlotte makes D27 proud by hosting a great, fun time.

The details and the registration forms for the event are at the end of this issue.

Many people have already volunteered to help with specific tasks related to the Rendezvous (thanks to all), but we still have some roles that we need to fill to make certain that the event is a success.

Here are the key roles we still need to fill:

- **50/50 Lead(s)** - Sell 50 / 50 "raffle" tickets during Friday registration as people arrive, the Friday night reception, and the main picnic event on Saturday, and then announce the winner Saturday afternoon near the close of events at the Red Fez Club. We have a person to do this on Friday night; we need another person to do it on Saturday. In a 50/50 "raffle", the winner is determined via a drawing; the winner and D27 will split the pot of monies raised via the ticket sales (the D27 portion helps to fund the Rendezvous)
- **Leads for Games** – We have 6 different games with various individual and team competitions planned for Saturday. We need 6 people to help; we currently have 3 volunteers, so we need 3 more. In this role you will help set up a game, help participants do the activities, and track scores via a simple process. Games planned include corn hole, ladder ball, knot tying (2 basic knots), dock line / life line toss, a brain teaser, and "Raingutter Regatta Sailing" (if you came to the ChickenQ or if you are a parent/grandparent of a Cub Scout, you know what this is). We have one additional game to serve as the final competition for the two highest scoring teams to determine the winner, but this one is a secret for now!! Prizes will be awarded.
- **Game Providers** – we are looking for members that have "industrial strength" versions of two games – corn hole and ladder ball – to provide their equipment for the games. We have a "flimsy plastic" version of these available, but would want to use other equipment if we can get it. We have the materials / equipment for the 4 other games and a source for the final "secret" game.

If you can help with any of the above, please email Marvin Chaney email, or call his cell. Feel free to give him a call at the cell number to cover any questions you may have.

Even if you can't volunteer, please plan to come and support the events. You'll have a great time plus meet fellow boaters from other squadrons across D27.

## Is Your Information Current?

We are in the electronic age. More and more, information from National and ABC-Charlotte is communicated to members via some electronic means. To make certain that you receive all important communications, plus receive publications such as our newsletter *Side Lights* and the National magazine *The Ensign*, make sure that your information is current, especially email address.

To find out what information National has, log into the USPS member site using this link [USPS Member Login](#) and perform the following:

- After logging in, select "Info Center" at the top of the page
- Scroll down until you see "My Info" on the left side of the page and press the "+"
- When the list expands, select "My Personal Profile"

This will display what National currently has as your vital data. If you see something that isn't correct, you can update it yourself. Generally, all fields that look like ☒ Yes ☐ No or are surrounded in a box like this  can be changed. Key in your changes, double check what you have entered, then press the "Update" button just below "Home Port" and the data will be saved. If you see something that is not correct and you can't update it, or you have trouble making the update yourself, contact John King for assistance.

## Join the Next Town Hall on USPS Reorganization

The next virtual Town Hall on the progress of reorganization of USPS is going to be Wednesday May 4 at 8PM EDT. This is an opportunity for you to provide input on these changes, what you want, and how you think services can be delivered. This is also an opportunity to join the effort since implementation teams are being assembled now. If you have questions for the participants, please email them to [ABCclub.Reorganization@gmail.com](mailto:ABCclub.Reorganization@gmail.com) before the Town Hall event. Questions on the topics presented during the Town Hall will be answered after the presentation if emailed to [ABCclub.Reorganization@gmail.com](mailto:ABCclub.Reorganization@gmail.com). This email address will be monitored during the Town Hall.

Here's how to join (this information is also shown on the Member home page of the USPS site):

- 1) To join online for Video and Screen Sharing, go to: [Town Hall Online Link](#)
- 2) To have the meeting chair call you, go to: [Town Hall Chair Call](#)
- 3) To join by phone with one tap mobile dialing: +14254366377,,834882
- 4) If you have trouble connecting: Text 'Call Me' to (425) 436-6377 to receive a call back; then dial 834882 to join the meeting. If you missed the first Town Hall, check out this link to the presentation: [First Reorganization Town Hall](#)



## 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 date of manufacture? 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)

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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>

## National Safe Boating Week Is May 21-27, 2022



National Safe Boating Week will be held from May 21-27, 2022, reminding all boaters to brush up on boating safety skills and prepare for the boating season. This observance week is the annual kick-off of the Safe Boating Campaign, a global awareness effort that encourages boaters to make the most of their boating adventure by

being responsible.

"The best boating experience is safe boating," said Yvonne Pentz, communications director of the National Safe Boating Council, a nonprofit dedicated to helping create a safe boating experience for all boaters and the lead organization of the Safe Boating Campaign. "Have fun on the water, make memories with your family and friends – all while boating responsibly."

Check out information on the Safe Boating Campaign and associated activities by going to this link: [Safe Boating Week 2022](https://www.usps.org/localusps/charlotte).

## 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.

## 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



# *Compliments of Friends of the Charlotte Power Squadron*



## **SHIP'S STORE**

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

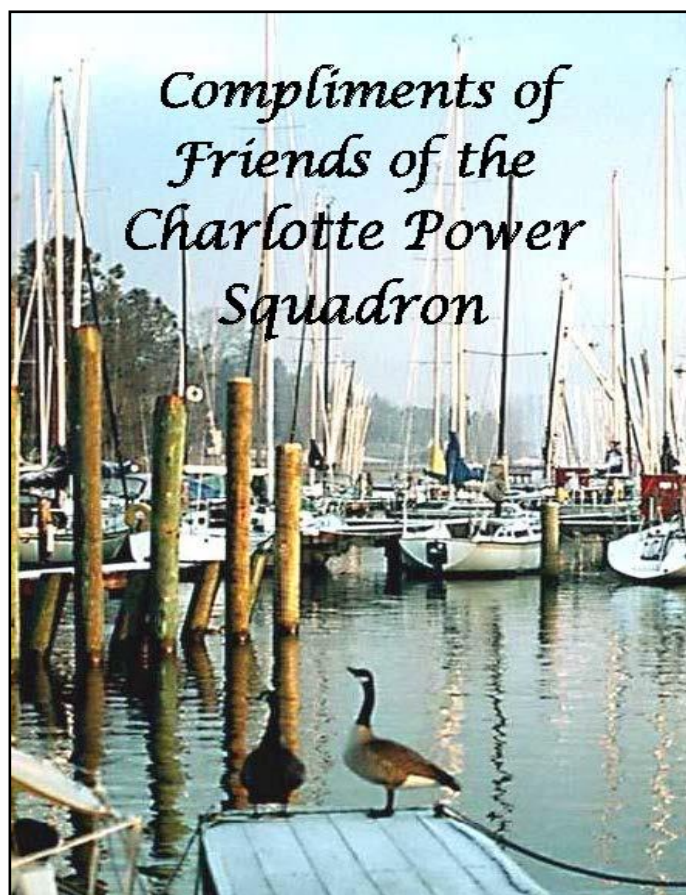
- 1-Khaki baseball cap
- 2- Red baseball caps \*\*
- 6-Blue baseball caps
- 1- Khaki bucket hat (size-small)
- 1- Men's white short-sleeve golf shirt (size-med) \*\*
- 1- Sweat shirt-light grey (size-3 XL)
- 1- Fleece vest-navy (size-XL) \*\*
- 1- Men's jean shirt-long sleeve (size-XL)
- 1-Women's jean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

David: 704 718 6287 Paula: 704 214 1244

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.





# D27 RENDEZVOUS

## JUNE 24-25, 2022



Ready for some **in-person** fun on beautiful Lake Wylie, SC? Make sure you plan to come to the 2022 edition of the D27 Rendezvous, hosted by America's Boating Club - Charlotte. We've made the center of activities Fort Mill, SC, away from most of the Charlotte traffic and in an up-and-coming fun location.



### FRIDAY

Kick back after the drive from home and get in the spirit of the weekend.

- Welcome Reception w/light hors d'oeuvres
- Cash Bar
- Dinner on your own in one of the Kingsley area's Top Restaurants

### SATURDAY AM (RED FEZ CLUB)

Take a short drive and visit a fantastic unique lake-front facility with unmatched ambiance and beautiful lake surrounds for the area.

- Opening Ceremonies
- Lawn Game Competition
- Boat Rides
- Picnic Lunch

### MID-DAY/AFTERNOON SATURDAY

- Give to the Community Through Service Activities
  - Geodetic Marker Recovery Walk
  - Vessel Safety Checks
- Take some Self-Guided Excursions
  - Visit the home of a Guinness World Record holder
  - Stroll through Botanical Gardens
  - Shop 'til you Drop at Premium Outlets



### NIGHTTIME SATURDAY

Relax after a busy day in a casual atmosphere by the water

- Reception w/heavy hors d'oeuvres
- Cash Bar
- Dinner on your own (if you could possibly eat anything else)



# D27 RENDEZVOUS ON LAKE WYLIE, SC

## JUNE 24-25, 2022

### Reservation Form



#### Special Rate Hotels

Cambria Fort Mill: \$119 per night, block closes 5/24, ph: 877-424-6423  
 Courtyard Marriott Kingsley: \$129 per night, block closes 6/3, ph: 844-205-7427  
 See separate hotel information and instructions flyer

#### Attendees

Rank	First	Last	Grade	Cert. No.
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Address		City	State	Zip
Phone	Email Address		Squadron	

#### Weekend Facilities and Activities Fee (each attendee)

\$8 X  = \$

#### Friday June 24, Cambria Hotel, 340 Amistead Avenue, Fort Mill, SC 29708

(private reception in comfortable room with outdoor patio access near the pool)

Reception with light hors d'oeuvres and cash bar  
 (Planned menu includes seasonal fruit and cheese, caprese skewers,  
 mini quiches, and BBQ meat balls)

By May 27 \$21  
 May 28 – June 6 \$24 X  = \$

#### Saturday June 25, Red Fez Club, 16600 Red Fez Club Road, Charlotte, NC 28278

(beautiful lake-front picnic location on Lake Wylie)

Opening Ceremonies, Games, Boat Rides,  
 Relaxing (bring your own lawn chairs if you wish),  
 Swimming, Fishing (if you have NC License – bring your gear),  
 Picnic Lunch (hot dogs, hamburgers, cheese, lettuce, tomato, onions, relish,  
 condiments, chili, cookie, soft drinks)

By May 27 \$18  
 May 28 – June 6 \$20 X  = \$

#### Excursions

I will attend one of these activities

- Geodetic Survey .....
- Vessel Safety Checks .....
- Self-Guided Excursions .....

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#### Saturday June 25, Carolina Ale House, 1342 Broadcloth Street, Fort Mill, SC 29715

(a mere 100-yard walk from the Courtyard Marriott in the Kingsley Complex)

Reception with heavy hors d'oeuvres and cash bar in a waterside location  
 (Planned menu includes salad, chicken wings & fingers with sauces, shrimp,  
 build-your-own nachos, spinach dip, brownie bites)

by May 27 \$26  
 May 28 – June 6 \$30 X  = \$

Week End Total

\$

Make check payable to: District 27. Please send form and payment to:  
 P/Lt/C Mary D. Chaney, JN, 2014 Links View Drive, Fort Mill, SC 29707  
**Final Registration Deadline Monday June 6, 2022**





## D27 RENDEZVOUS HOTEL INFORMATION



### **Cambria Hotel, 340 Amistead Avenue, Fort Mill, SC 29708**

- Room block June 24-26 at \$119 per night plus tax, breakfast not included
- This hotel is the location of week-end registration and light hors d'oeuvres reception on June 24
- Block closes **5/24/2022**
- To make reservations by phone, call 877-424-6423 and identify yourself as a member of "D27 Rendezvous, United States Power Squadrons"
- To make reservations online, use this link [Cambria D27 Rendezvous](#)
- If you decide to trailer your boat to the rendezvous, this is the hotel with the best boat parking.



### **Courtyard Marriott, 1385 Broadcloth Street, Fort Mill, SC 29715**

- Room block June 24-26 at \$129 per night plus tax, breakfast not included
- This hotel is in the same complex as the location of the Saturday night heavy hors d'oeuvres reception on June 25
- Block closes **06/03/2022**
- To make reservations by phone, call 1-844-205-7427 and identify yourself as a member of "United States Power Squadrons-D27 Rendezvous Group"
- To make reservations online, use this link [Marriott Reservations D27 Rendezvous](#)



## D27 RENDEZVOUS ON LAKE WYLIE, SC JUNE 24-25, 2022



### EVENT AGENDA

#### **Friday June 24, Cambria Hotel, 340 Amistead Avenue, Fort Mill, SC 29708**

(private reception in comfortable room with outdoor patio access near the pool)

- 1500 - 1800 Registration and afternoon on your own
- 1800 - 2000 Reception with light hors d'oeuvres and cash bar
- Dinner on your own (see list of suggested nearby restaurants)

#### **Saturday June 25, Red Fez Club, 16600 Red Fez Club Road, Charlotte, NC 28278**

(beautiful lake-front picnic location on Lake Wylie)

- 0930 Gates Open to Attendees
- 1000 Opening Ceremonies
- 1030 Games, Boat Rides, Relaxing (bring your own lawn chairs if you wish),  
Swimming, Fishing (if you have NC License – bring your gear)
- 1200 Picnic Lunch (burgers, dogs with all the trimmings)
- 1300 Boat Rides continue, Game Contests end
- 1330 Game winner announcements and playoffs, 50/50 winner
- 1400 Excursions Announcements
  - 1430 Geodetic Survey
  - 1430 Vessel Safety Exams
  - 1430 Self-Guided Excursions
- 1445 Closing remarks
- 1500 Events at Red Fez end
- 1700 Excursions end

#### **Saturday June 25, Carolina Ale House, 1342 Broadcloth Street, Fort Mill, SC 29715**

(a mere 100-yard walk from the Courtyard Marriott in the Kingsley Complex)

- 1800 Reception with heavy hors d'oeuvres and cash bar in a waterside location
- 1945 Parting Remarks
- Dinner on your own (see list of suggested nearby restaurants)

#### **What Should I Wear?**

Dress for the entire week-end is casual. Attire with squadron logos is definitely appropriate. Saturday's events at the Red Fez Club are all outside in June, so dress comfortably. There is a covered pavilion to get out of the sun. For those that plan to take advantage of the boat rides on Saturday, please wear deck shoes / non-marring boat shoes if you have them.

#### **Can I Bring My Own Boat?**

Of course! Let us know if you plan to bring yours. There is a public boat launch directly across the lake from the Red Fez Club (within eyesight); note that this is a very busy location during the summer. Two marinas, Sea Tow, and Tow BoatUS are close by that may be able to help if you have issues. Transient slips are not available in this area, so plan to launch/reload your boat from/to the trailer each day. Parking of a trailered boat is easier at the Cambria Hotel; doing this at the Courtyard Marriott would be very difficult.



## RESTAURANTS / FOOD IN THE KINGSLEY AREA

(RESERVATIONS FOR DINNER ARE ENCOURAGED — THIS IS A POPULAR AREA)



### Baxter Village (4 minutes away and across Hwy 160 from the Cambria Hotel)

- Fish Market
- Ilios (coming soon)
- McAlister's Deli
- The Lucky Duck Gastropub
- Killingtons Restaurant and Pub
- Akahana Asian Bistro
- TCBY
- Starbucks
- Cupcrazed Cakery
- Chocolat Boutique

### Kingsley (same complex as the Courtyard Marriott off Hwy 160)



- Spice Asian Kitchen
- Napa at Kingsley
- Brixx Wood Fired Pizza
- Epic Chophouse
- Corkscrew Wine Shop and Bar
- Taco Molino
- Panera Bread
- Starbucks
- Clean Juice
- Smashburger
- Cold Stone Creamery

### Same Area (All typical chains / fast food)





## D27 RENDEZVOUS EXCURSIONS SATURDAY JUNE 25, 2022



### Excursions Lead by Squadron Personnel

These excursions will be coordinated and lead by squadron personnel. Individuals will need to provide their own transportation (carpooling is encouraged). These excursions will depart from the Red Fez Club.



#### **Geodetic Survey**

Open to Anyone: Check out a few geodetic markers near the Red Fez Club location. Understand how to determine markers to locate, how to find them when you get to the location, and how to report what you found. Will be held based on level of interest from registration forms.

Approximate time: 1430 to 1630



#### **Vessel Safety Check**

Open to Vessel Examiners: Help make Lake Wylie a safer place to boat by conducting Vessel Safety Exams at a local marina and wildlife ramp close to the Red Fez Club location. File reports that count toward your minimum requirements to retain your VE designation. Will be held based on level of interest from registration forms.

Approximate time: 1430 to 1630

### Excursions To Do On Your Own

These are potential activities that you can do on your own (others may be available by the time of the Rendezvous – Check out “Charlotte on the Cheap”). You need to provide your own transportation. Directions and information will be provided. You should plan to complete your excursions by 1700 (5PM) to allow time to return to hotels for the Saturday night reception.



#### **Smell the Roses**

Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden, a Garden for all seasons, provides guests a chance to reconnect with nature. The breathtaking Visitor Pavilion welcomes visitors to 110 acres of spectacular gardens including a children's garden, a conservatory dedicated to the display of tropical plants and orchids, a Dry

Piedmont Prairie, annual and perennial displays, sparkling fountains, walking trails and more.

6500 South New Hope Road, Belmont, NC 28012. \$12.95 for Senior Entrance. 18-20 minute drive from the Red Fez Club (9 miles); 30 minute drive (15 miles) back to hotels.



#### **Shop 'Til You Drop**

Charlotte Premium Outlets® offers 100 designer and name

brand outlet stores including Gap Outlet, Michael Kors, Nike Factory Store and more. Enjoy these exceptional brands and more at savings of 25% to 65% off every day. 5404 New Fashion Way, Charlotte, NC 28278. 20-22 minute drive from the Red Fez Club (10 miles); 23-25 minute drive (10 miles) back to hotels.



#### **Have a Hot Time in Town**

Visit PuckerButt Pepper Company, the home of a Guinness World Record holder. Their “Smokin’ Ed” created the hottest pepper in the world, the Smokin’ Ed’s Carolina Reaper®. They now grow over 100 varieties of peppers and harvest over 100,000 plants each year. Do a “tasting” of one of their many sauces and other items if you dare. 237 Main Street, Downtown Fort Mill, SC 29715. 25-30 minutes (11 miles) from Red Fez Club; 10 minutes (3 miles) from hotels.



#### **Get Tee'd Off**

Try your hand at trendy Topgolf Charlotte - Southwest. Enjoy climate-controlled hitting bays for year-round comfort with HDTVs in every bay and throughout the sports bar and restaurant.

Using complimentary clubs or your own, take aim at the giant outfield targets and the high-tech balls will score themselves. 8024 Savoy Corporate Drive, Charlotte, NC. 18-20 minute drive from Red Fez Club (10 miles); 16-20 minutes (13 miles) from hotels. \$37 per hour.

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