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A View from the Bridge

D/27 Rendezvous A Great Success!!



This picture captures the last second topple that cinched the team competition for Team 9.

ABC-Charlotte hosted the D/27 Rendezvous at the Red Fez Club on Lake Wylie, and the Cambria Hotel and Carolina Ale House in the Kingsley area of Fort Mill over the June 24-25 weekend. It was a great success. Eight different squadrons from the district were represented, with 32 attending the Friday night reception, 45 attending the picnic on Saturday, and 29 attending the farewell reception on Saturday night. If you couldn't make it, you really missed a fantastic event.

We had several fun games at the picnic, with individual and team competitions. Mary Chaney and Pat Rodgers shared the award for the Brain Teaser that was created by JJ Rodgers. Jamie McCurry from Shallotte River (the D/C's spouse) won Corn Hole hosted by Mary Cele Brooks. Lloyd Moore won the Raingutter Regatta Sailing bracketed competition hosted by Mary Chaney. Bo Ibach won the PFD Line Toss hosted by Jamie and D/C Sarah McCurry. Dan Bartell designed our Knot Tying Game, and unfortunately couldn't be there to host the game, but Brevard Myers soldiered on as host using all the

materials that Dan had created; he actually also won the game (timed by someone else).

The majority of people attending the picnic participated in the game competitions and were grouped in teams consisting of 4 members – typically themselves, two people from the Charlotte Squadron, and a member from some other squadron (so three squadrons were represented on each team). Spouses / guests were not placed on the same teams to keep peace in the family. Twelve different teams competed. There was a team playoff with the two teams having the highest scores, using a Giant Jenga game to break the tie. Team 9, consisting of Bo Ibach, Rose Samonds, Kathy Wrenn (from the Cape Fear squadron), and Marvin Chaney won the competition after Ernie Marshburn (from Tar River) from Team 3 was the last to try to pull out a block and caused the tower to topple. Team 3 members were Mary Cele Brooks, Ernie Marshburn (Tar River), Jane Moore (Cape Lookout), and Brevard Myers.

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Fabulous Team Competition Prize

29 August 2022 Membership Meeting

Our next membership meeting will be 29 August 2022. This will be our combined August and September Meeting. Place John's Family Restaurant, 2002 Westinghouse Blvd in Charlotte. Come at 1800 (6 PM) for dinner; our meeting will begin at 1900 (7 PM). John Searby with the Catawba River Keeper will present our program.

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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.)

The opinions expressed in the articles of this publication are those of the writers and are not necessarily those of the Charlotte Power Squadron or the United States Power squadrons.

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

Calender of Events

Education, Civic Service, Friendship & Fun

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR EVENT UPDATES

NRD means "No Rain Date"

July 2022

- 4 No Membership Meeting
- 9 Cdr's Picnic Merit Mark Point 1000 1500
- **16 ABC Class LWM** 0830 1730
- 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

August 2022

- 6 On the water event Catawba Queen 1300-1500
- 13 Lunch on the Lake MMP 1000 1400
- 15 ExCom Open Kitchen 1800 Diner 1900 Meeting
- **20** Lunch on the Lake MMP 1000 1400
- 22 Wylie Gator Book Club Open Kitchen 1800
- 26 Side Lights Articles Due Exec Officer
- 29 Combined Aug Sept Meeting John's Family

Restaurant – 1800-2000 **September 2022**

11-18 National Gov Brd - Raleigh, NC

19 ExCom - Open Kitchen - 1800 Diner 1900 Meeting

22-25 Coop Charting/Rendezvous - Beaufort, NC

23 Side Lights Articles Due – secretary

23 Member Event Cleanup – MMP – TBD

24 Member Event – MMP – Privette

* Meeting Location Addresses

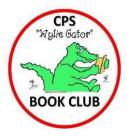
Jocks & Jills – 4109 S. Stream Blvd. Charlotte, NC John's Family Restaurant - 2002 Westinghouse Blvd. Charlotte. NC

Lake Wylie Marina – 310 Blucher Circle Lake Wylie, SC Merit Mark Point (MMP) – (Squadron Lk Wylie, SC property)

See Roster, Pg A17 for directions

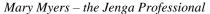
Open Kitchen Restaurant – 1318 W Morehead Street Clt Red Fez Club – 16600 Red Fez Club Road Charlotte Reflection Pointe Club House – 1305 Reflection Pointe Blvd. Belmont, NC

Sonesta Charlotte – 5700 Westpark Dr. Charlotte, NC **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 August 22, 2022 Open Kitchen 1800





At our farewell reception, D/C Sarah McCurry commented that she had a lot of fun and felt that the rendezvous was the best she had attended. This was all due to the planning and super execution of all the ABC-Charlotte members that made this happen. I would like to specifically thank the following:

- Mary Chaney and Pat Mencel -- Registration
- Will and Kathryn Granger Friday night decorating and ticket collection
- Ken Elkins 50/50 ticket sales (together with Dianne Marshburn of Tar River they sold \$439!!)
- JJ and Pat Rodgers Saturday Night reception ticket collection
- Bo Ibach, Ken Elkins, Pat and Bill Mencel, George and Betty Davis – boat rides
- Bo Ibach and Pat Hakanson food acquisition (Pat made the coleslaw and potato salad)
- Rose Samonds drinks setup and service
- Jack Moore ticket collection at the picnic and individual / team scoring for the games
- Ron Helms and Gerald Privette bringing the grill and grilling the burgers and dogs
- JJ Rodgers invocations at opening ceremonies and lunch
- Marshal Bain AV system and background music (Ernie Marshburn also provided a play list)
- Paula and David Stewart, Doug Drum, Pat Rodgers, Pat Hakanson --- food service
- Mary Chaney, Brevard Myers, Mary Cele Brooks, JJ Rodgers, D/C Sarah and Jamie McCurry (Shallotte) – game hosts
- Dan Bartell design of and materials for the knot tying game
- Lots of the above set up / clean up at the Red Fez

Great Job Charlotte!!! A big round of applause and thanks. A few pictures are attached – many more will be shared when the D/27 photographer shares them.



Commander's Picnic

Come to the Commander's Picnic

The annual Commander's Picnic, which is held to thank all squadron members for all you do to make us a successful organization, will be held Saturday, July 9 from 10 AM to 3 PM at Merit Mark Point. Bring your floats, canoes, kayaks, boats, jet skis, lawn games, board games, etc. to enjoy the day. Plans are to have Vessel Safety Checks available during this time if you need to have your boat checked out. The *Ida Sarafina*, Pat Hakanson's boat that members have been rowing for a while, may make an appearance.

Mary and I will supply the entrée of either chicken kabobs or bratwurst, one side, and a couple flavors of home-made ice cream. Please feel free to bring your favorite side dish or a dessert that pairs with ice cream.

A formal invitation recently went out via email. Please RSVP to the email, or call me, by Wednesday July 6 so that I can make sure to have enough food for us all.

Looking forward to a great day on the lake.

Cdr Marvin Chaney, Jr SN



Happy July Birthdays

Mr. Brendan Cahill
Mr. Declan Cahill
Mr. Jonathan Cruse
P/C Douglas Drum, AP
P/C Ronald Eveson, P
Mr. Donald Griffith, S
Mr. Ronald Helms
Ms. Meghan Ibach
Ms. Denise Myers
P/R/C Albert Parker, SN
P/C David Samonds, P
Ms. Beth Schwenzfeier, S
P/C Clyde Starr, SN
Ms. Lucile Wagner

Happy August Birthdays

Mr. Jonathan Ibach Mr. William King Ms. Terry Maher Ms. Patricia Rodgers, AP Mr. CharlesThomas, P

CPS FUNDRAISING NEWS 2022

Thanks to everyone who participated in our "50/50" Fundraiser at our membership meeting on June 6. We once again sold raffle tickets for a "kitty" (with the winner keeping half and the other half being donated to the Squadron).

The winner for June was Brevard Myers. Congratulations, Brevard!! He graciously donated some of his winnings back to the squadron. Thank you, Brevard!

We also have plenty of Autobell Car Wash gift cards for sale. The cost is \$20.00 per card and our squadron gets \$10.00 for each card sold. Please feel free to call, text or email me if you need cards over the summer. Arrangements can be made to get them to you. They will also be available at the Commander's Picnic in July.

Please stay safe and healthy! Hope to see everyone at the next membership meeting on August 29.

Stf/C Paula F. Stewart, AP Fundraising Chair

Coastal Rendezvous in Morehead City / Beaufort NC Sept 22-25



Our annual coastal rendezvous and co-operative charting activities are planned for Morehead City / Beaufort NC on September 22-25. Our primary co-op activities will be on Friday; Brevard Myers is planning out what areas we will be reviewing. We are planning other activities for the weekend, so stay tuned to your email.

We have two courtesy blocks of hotel rooms. Both are on the water. You may now call and make reservations with the information below.

- Bask Hotel (Wyndham Property)
 - 814 Shepard St, Morehead City, NC 28557
 - Rate is \$147 per night reserve by August 23
 - Continental breakfast included
 - In downtown and walking distance to shops / restaurants / city docks and park
 - Quick trip to Beaufort
 - Call 252-499-9200 and identify yourself with the ABC Rendezvous Group and have a special rate
- Hampton Inn (Hilton Property)
 - 4035 Arendell Street, Morehead City, NC 28557
 - Rate is \$129 per night reserve by August 24
 - Breakfast included
 - Will likely be "Co-Op Central" have meeting room for free Friday AM
 - Better location for boat / trailer parking
 - Call 252-240-2300 and reference group code ABC, or using the link below:

https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=MORNCHX&groupCode=CHHABC&arrivaldate=2022-09-22&departuredate=2022-09-25&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT

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.

Some exciting events that are coming that you will want to make sure you attend are:

- A tour around Lake Norman on the Catawba Queen (August 6)
- Coastal Rendezvous in Morehead City / Beaufort NC (September 22-25)

Cdr Marvin Chaney Jr, SN

Frying Pan Shoals Light Tower is a decommissioned lighthouse located on the Frying Pan Shoals approximately 39 miles southeast of Southport, North Carolina, and 32 miles from Bald Head Island, North Carolina.

Height: 79'
Opened: 1966
Automated: 1979
Constructed: 1964-66
Foundation: Steel
Deactivated: 2003

Have Great Ideas to Help USPS of the Future?

National is asking for help to support the Ad Hoc Committee on Reorganization in shaping the future of our organization. A Club Advisory Group is being formed to allow clubs to review and provide feedback on the reorganization implementation plans being developed by the national departments under the supervision of our vice commanders. National is looking for volunteers to support the four focus areas listed below:

- Education
- Marketing / Membership / Member Retention
- Boating and Social
- Communications

Ideally, they would like a broad cross-section of our organization represented in these groups, including large and small clubs as well as healthy and struggling clubs.

The Club Advisory Groups charter is to:

- Review, understand and provide feedback on the February 2022 Reorganization Plan (see the March 29 and May 4 Town Hall presentations to obtain additional background)
- Be a sounding board for the national committees as they develop their implementation plans to support the recommended changes
- Communicate progress to club commanders

If you are interested in joining the Club Advisory Group, please let me know and I will email the following information to Myles Gee:

- Name and contact
- Which of the four areas would you like to serve? (Education, Membership, Boating and Social, Communication)
- Current position
- Mini-resume USPS history, professional history, etc.

Cdr Marvin Chaney, Jr SN



Beaufort, NC

Beaufort is a town in and the county seat of Carteret County, North Carolina, United States. Established in 1713 and incorporated in 1723, Beaufort is the fourth oldest town in North Carolina. On February 1, 2012, Beaufort was ranked as "America's Coolest Small Town" by readers of Budget Travel Magazine.



Cape Lookout Lighthouse Near Beaufort



Shackleford Banks Wild Horse



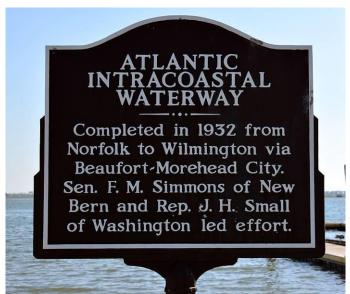
Water Front

Morehead City

Morehead City is a port town in Carteret County, North Carolina, United States. The population was 8,661 at the 2010 census. Morehead City celebrated the 150th anniversary of its founding on May 5, 2007. It forms part of the Crystal Coast.



Morehead City Waterfront



Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway



Morehead City Water View

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

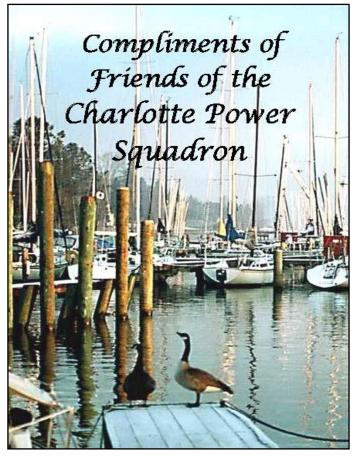
- 1 Khaki baseball cap
- 2 Red baseball caps **
- 6 Blue baseball caps
- 1 Khaki bucket hat (size-small)
- 1 Men's white short-sleeve golf shirt (size-med) **
- 1 Sweat shirt-light grey (size-3 XL)
- 1 Fleece vest-navy (size-XL) **
- 1 Men's jean shirt-long sleeve (size-XL)
- 1 Women's jean shirt-short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



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Merit Mark Point September 2000