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A View from the Bridge

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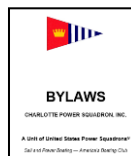
It is common knowledge that for years the Charlotte Power Squadron and our national organization has been faced with two major problems, declining membership and declining income. At every national conference I have attended, this has been a topic of conversation and I am proud of how our leadership has faced these problems head on and adjusted their vision for the future considering the consequences of not doing so. It is not easy for them to propose the changes necessary and face the wind storm of anger by those who can not accept the inevitable change that is coming whether we like it or not.

As a Squadron we need to face these problems as well. Fortunately our membership numbers have increased in recent months but the underlying causes for decline still remain. In the past our model for growth and stability depended on teaching our Advanced courses. We gathered as groups and walked up a ladder taking Seamanship all the way to Navigation. However the newer generations are not interested in attending classes. They want to learn online and our national organization is encouraging them to do so by putting our courses online. I think that is a good thing.

But what are we to do if we are to remain a vibrant and active Squadron? I TRULY BELIEVE THAT THE ANSWER IS IN BOATING ACTIVITIES. It is this belief that has motivated me to build two 26' rowboats in my garage. From the beginning I knew that I could not do this all myself and I had hoped that others in our Squadron would be willing to help. My hope has been more than realized as many have chipped in to build, sand, paint and flip the boats!! What great fun it has been to work together.

The first boat, *Ida Sarafina*, was christened by P/D/C Paula Stewart in August of 2019 and we have now started a rowing program with her. Once again our Squadron members have faithfully shown up to rig, launch and row her. We are all learning together. I am learning how to be a Captain/Coxswain and how to teach new rowers. At present we have 12 interested rowers on the list. So far we have been rowing once a month but soon plan to expand to twice a month. Next year I hope to put out a full schedule of rowing activities.

BYLAWS UPDATE



Our amended Bylaws have been approved by National. The December 2003 version and proposed June 2022 updates have been distributed to the membership. At the August/September meeting on August 29, the membership will vote, and hopefully approve these changes to bring us up-to-date with our current practices. We need a quorum of members to be present for the vote, so please plan to attend our membership meeting.

29 AUGUST 2022 MEMBERSHIP MEETING



Our next membership meeting will be 29 August 2022. This will be our combined August and September Meeting. We will meet at 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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As we travel through this time, please watch your e-mails and check the Calendar of events on the website for updates



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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.)

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Calendar of Events

Education, Civic Service, Friendship & Fun

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR EVENT UPDATES

NRD means "No Rain Date"

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
19 Side Lights Articles Due – Exec Officer
20 Lunch on the Lake – MMP – 1000 – 1400
22 Wylie Gator Book Club - Open Kitchen - 1800
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

October 2022

1 RiverSweep – Catawba River
3 Membership Mtg – John's Family – 1800 2000
14-15 D27 Fall Conference – TBD
15 Fall Cleanup - MMP
17 ExCom – Open Kitchen – 1800 Diner 1900 Meeting
22 Annual BBQ – MMP – 1700 - 2000
24 Wylie Gator Book Club - Open Kitchen - 1800
28 Side Lights Articles Due – TBD (Admin)

* 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 October 24, 2022
Open Kitchen 1800

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In the mean time we have been working on **Hazel Marietta** and I hope that we can christen her at our Fall Bar-B-Que in October. This will give us two boats to row. ☺



The Plan. Besides building together and rowing together what is the plan for these two boats? There are lots of things we can do. On the list of possibilities is group exercise, youth rowing, corporate team building and competition. We have already started advertising by putting Ida Sarafina in the Waxhaw July 4th parade. We have started a partnership with the Belmont Rowing Center and hope to show the boat to the Belmont City Council in October. We have started communicating with the Wishagan Team Rowing group and some day may join them for a regatta. Wouldn't that be fun!!!

The goal for all of this is to attract new members and raise some money for the Squadron besides having a lot of good clean fun.

An Invitation I want you, the members of our Squadron to know that our group of builders and rowers is **NOT** an exclusive sub-club of our Squadron.

Everyone-And I mean everyone is invited to participate in these programs. Maybe you are not able to build or row but others can help too. Hank Bateman was a big help recently when he took photos of us rowing. Brevard Myers and his family served as pirates on our boat in the Waxhaw parade. We will need a web goo-roo to help publicize our activities. And the possibilities go on from there. Please consider what you would like to do to be part of this exciting program.



Yes, the answer to our future as America's Boating Club-Charlotte is Boating Activities. Besides rowing, maybe we need a kayak adventure group. Or maybe we need more outings to maritime locations. It all works to keep us together and growing. And that is what we really need for the future. Row on!

Submitted by our Executive Officer P/D/C Pat Hakanson SN



CATAWBA QUEEN OUTING

Eight members headed north and took a tour on Lake Norman on August 6 on the Catawba Queen. We had a great time ooh-ing and aah-ing at the houses, having drinks and lunch, and listening to the narration of the Captain during the entire tour. And we confirmed rumors – there ARE actually real aids to navigation on this lake (pictures for our next ABC class)!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy September Birthdays

P/C Ken Ilkins, JN
Ms. Evelyn T. Johnson, AP
P/C George H. Rogers, Jr., P
Stf/C Paula F. Stewart, AP
Ms. Melissa N. Williford

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).

Again, June's winner was Brevard Myers. 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. Arrangements can be made to get them to you. They will also be available at all membership meetings.

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 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. Other activities will be planned for the weekend, so stay tuned to your email.

We have two courtesy blocks of hotel rooms. It's not too late to try to make reservations and beat the deadline. If you don't make a reservation by the deadline, please plan to join us anyway.

- 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 as 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/?cityhcn=MORNCHX&groupCode=CHHABC&arrivaldate=2022-09-22&departuredate=2022-09-25&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>



COMMANDER'S PICNIC

The annual Commander's Picnic was held to thank squadron members for all you do to make us a successful organization Saturday July 9. Over thirty members and family attended, brought great dishes, and had a generally good time. Thanks to Bo Ibach for cooking our unusual chicken kabob and brat menu on our new grill!

LUNCH ON THE LAKE

Ten members attended our second Lunch on the Lake at Merit Mark Point on Saturday August 20. We all had fun seeing each other, having lunch, playing vintage games (Scrabble, Trivial Pursuit, Solitaire), kayaking in the cove, and just generally enjoying each other and the great weather. Rumors were confirmed – the commander did provide a surprise dessert.



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:

- Coastal Rendezvous in Morehead City / Beaufort NC (September 22-25)
- Annual BBQ MMP (October 22)
- Squadron Christmas Party Reflections Point Club House (December 10)

Cdr Marvin Chaney Jr, SN





Merit Mark Point By Air

Photo By
P/Stf/C Charles R. Ibach, III, SN-ACN



Carolina Starr in the Air

Picture by P/C Ken Elins, JN

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)

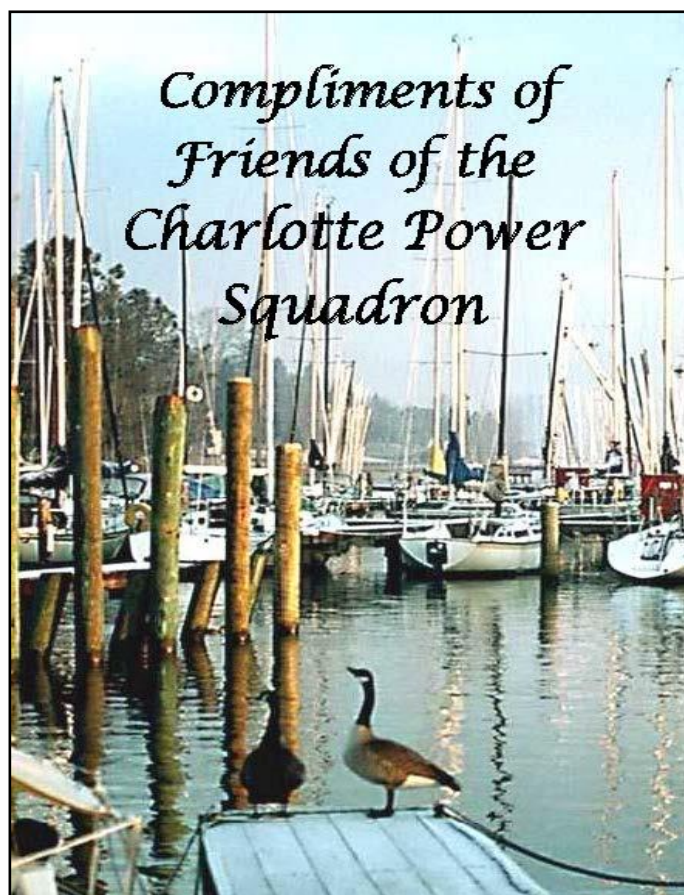
** Old burgee-no gold border

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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