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A View from the Bridge

When I was working (ugh) I was an industrial salesman selling specialty chemical and biotech products that required a lot of discussion with customers to determine their need and efficacy for the customer. I learned to take control of conversations to learn as much as possible about the customer's needs and to suggest the best product. All that technique and thoroughness has no correlation with the task of being your Squadron Secretary.

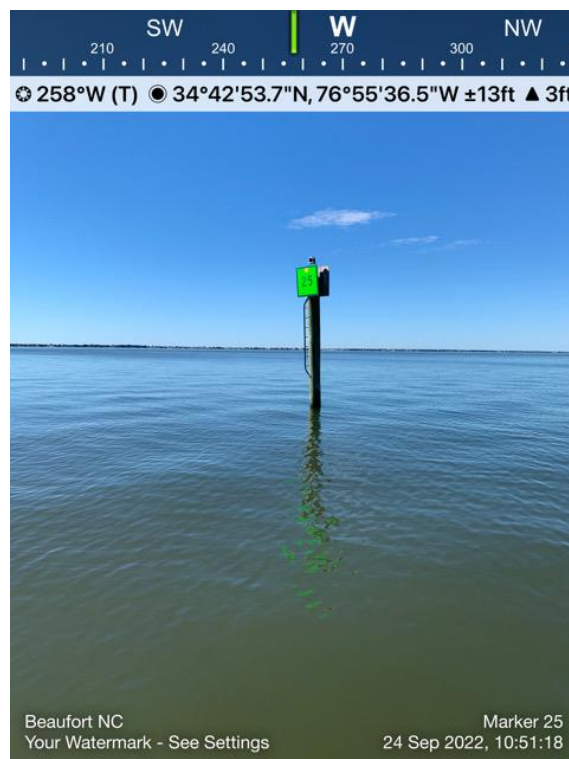
Many of you do not attend ExCom Meetings and sadly quite a few of you do not regularly attend Squadron Monthly Membership Meetings. So, I feel a real burden to try to get as many accurate details as possible into the minutes so that you will be adequately informed about what is going on in Charlotte Power Squadron. Have you heard the expression "herding cats"? Well, in many ways that is the environment that sometimes exists during fast and occasionally emotional meeting discussions.

I invite you to read your ExCom and Meeting Minutes when they are published. The probability that you will know more about Squadron activities will greatly increase and you might find that there are fun things happening about which you are unaware but may be interested in participating.

Note that all our minutes are proofed and approved by Commander Chaney before you have a chance to read them so you know that they are correct, otherwise they are returned to me as many times as it takes to make them perfect. Around my house we refer to Commander Chaney as "The Eye of Sauron".

So, read your minutes. Or better yet, come to an ExCom or Membership meeting. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the show. They are actually kinda fun (unless you have to take the minutes).

Fraternally
Hank Bateman



Marker 25 Beaufort, NC via Solocator

3 OCTOBER 2022 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Our next membership meeting will be 3 October 2022. 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). Cindy White of the Belmont Rowing Center will be our speaker.

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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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Sail and Power Boating

District 27

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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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Calender of Events

Education, Civic Service,

Friendship & Fun

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR EVENT UPDATES

NRD means "No Rain Date"

October 2022

1 **RiverSweep** – Catawba River (cancelled)
3 **Membership Mtg** – John's Family Rest – 1800 2000
14-15 **D27 Fall Conference** – Cary, NC
17 **ExCom – Open Kitchen** – 1800 Diner 1900 Meeting
22 **Fall Cleanup** - MMP
24 **Wylie Gator Book Club** - Open Kitchen - 1800
28 **Side Lights Articles Due** – TBD (Admin)
29 **Annual BBQ** – MMP – 1600 - 1900

November 2022

7 **Membership Mtg** – John's Family Rest – 1800 2000
21 **ExCom – Open Kitchen** – 1800 Diner 1900 Meeting
25 **Side Lights Articles Due** – Bridge Message (Education)

December 2022

5 **No Membership Mtg**
10 **Sqn Christmas Party – Reflection Point** – 1600 1900
23 **Side Lights Articles Due** – Bridge Message (Incoming CDR)

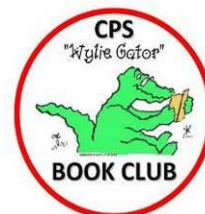
* Meeting Location Addresses

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



Pirate Invasion Beaufort

Coastal Rendezvous Morehead City / Beaufort

Seven brave members from the squadron headed to Morehead City on Thursday September 22. Little did we know that 25 knot winds would keep us from doing our on-the-water work on Friday. But Brevard Myers and David Johnson braved it and did some initial scouting out on the water, making it to Cape Lookout, and did some fishing. Marvin and Mary Chaney, and Bo Ibach instead still did co-op activities but by land, doing 10+ marina surveys around the Morehead City and Beaufort area. Friday night, we held a mini-reception indoors; Ken Elkins and Joann Infante generously let us use their hotel suite for the event. We were joined by P/C/C Ernie Marshburn and his wife Diane, and Cdr Bob Howd of Fort Macon/Crystal Coast and his wife Sandra. We all went to the Red Fish Grill for a great dinner on the Morehead City waterfront.

Both boats went out on Saturday, doing on-the-water nautical ATON confirmations; one boat headed toward Swansboro and the other headed up the ICW. These teams should definitely get enough points to get Charlotte and themselves on the honor roll! Ken and Brevard were able to briefly attend an outing hosted by the Fort Macon/Crystal Coast squadron since it was on their Saturday track. The other boat with Marvin, Mary, David and Bo headed to Swansboro.

Morehead City and Beaufort were quite busy over the weekend with the Cape Lookout Shootout mackerel fishing tournament weighing in their catches right down the street from one of our hotels, and the Pirate Invasion in Beaufort. Both cities are great places to visit.

The group had a great time; we all wish that more of you could have joined us; make plans to come to the next one. We hope you enjoy several pictures, including an example of an ATON verification photo using Solocator.

Cdr. Marvin Chaney, SN



Cape Lookout Light House

Coop Charting Morehead City / Beaufort

On Friday the winds were blowing from the mid-teens to the mid 20s with gusts around 30 mph. Not a good Coop Charting Day. The winds were from the north and the coastline protected us from the wind and swells from the hurricane. So new member David Johnson and myself hit the water for a trip to Cape Lookout.

Surprisingly there were not any swells as you can see the picture pointed out the stern of my boat. Only on the beach and at the shallows just inside Beaufort Inlet there were breaking waves. (None in the inlet.) All the others thought we were crazy to put the boat in the water. We had no problem.

While on the Neuse River on Saturday, I offered to move our lunch destination from Oriental to Ocracoke since we were only 40 miles and 2 hours away. (I would have Ken back by 5 pm.) Ken said NO! After lunch at the most popular eating establishment on the waterfront in Oriental, we joined up with the Crystal Coast Power Squadron (Ft. Macon Squadron) for a member gathering and dinner (more food) on the south shores of the Neuse.

We had to leave early so Ken was back by 5 and cocktail time.

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



Checking ATONs on P/C Myer's Boat



Happy October Birthdays

Mr. James R. Cahill
 Mr. Louis G. Cosentine P
 P/C Carl A. Foesch, AP
 Mr. Warra G. Francois
 Ms. Kathryn S Granger
 Mr. Troy B. Grier
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 Mr. Robert H. Wagner, S



Miss MMP 2017

Fall Barbecue

Saturday, October 29th
 Merit Mark Point
 Lake Wylie
 (Note date change.)

Son of a Gun, it's Q time again. Fall is here, it's getting cooler and we are in for some great Carolina weather and some great barbecue. This will be the 22nd annual fall barbeque which has been dedicated to our good friend and Past Commander **T. K. Moore**. T. K. was the driving force behind our acquisition of Merit Mark Point and was our Barbecue Master for many years. TK along with our Squire McGinn organized our first barbecue in 1979 so this is actually our 42nd year.

The location will be Merit Mark Point, our facility on Lake Wylie. The date will not be the traditional first Saturday after the first Monday in November but on the last Saturday in October. The menu will consist of pork barbecue, beans, slaw and all the fixings. Cooking will start at about 0900 and will continue all day. Come for a while, or all day and give us a hand with the preparations or just stand around and give advice.

Attitude adjustment will start at 1600. (That's 4:00 pm for those of you who haven't taken Piloting) Please bring your own adult beverages and, if you like, your favorite hors d'oeuvre or desert to share. We will serve the meal at about 1700. Come on out and enjoy the wonderful fall weather at the lake.

The price is only \$10.00 per person or two for the bargain price of \$21.50. We will be selling tickets at the October meeting so bring some cash or a check. If you can't make the meeting, drop me an e-mail so we will know that you are coming and will be able to save some 'que for you.

See you there

P/C John J. Rodgers, SN-CN
 Senior Apprentice Pig Cooker

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!! It is constantly being updated. 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:

- Annual BBQ MMP (October 22)
- Squadron Christmas Party Reflections Point Club House (December 10)

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

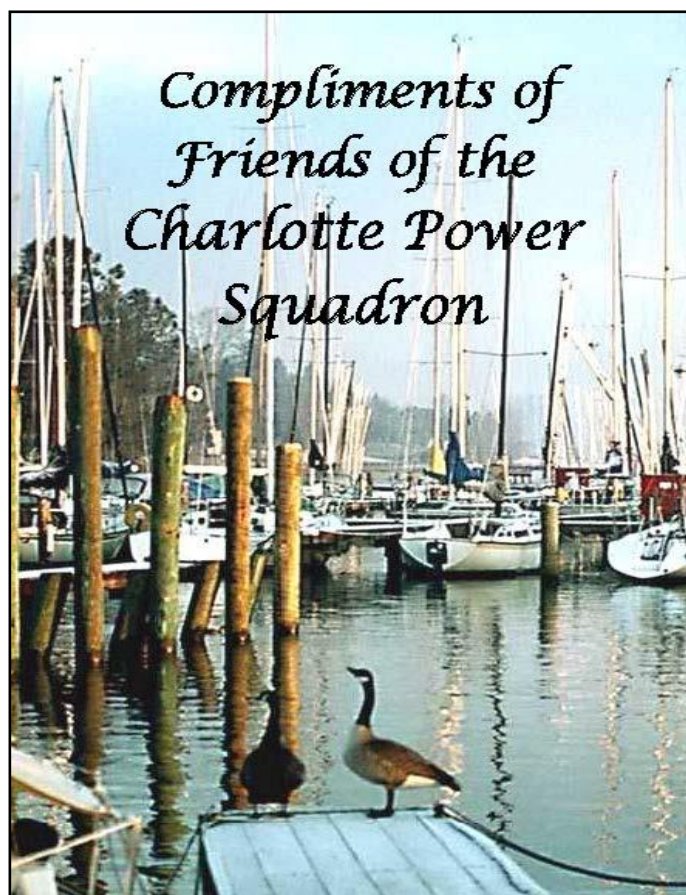
- 1 - Khaki baseball cap
- 2 - Red baseball caps **
- 6 - Blue baseball caps
- 1 - Khaki bucket hat (size-small)
- 1 - Men's white short-sleeve golf shirt (size-med) **
- 1 - Sweat shirt-light grey (size-3 XL)
- 1 - Fleece vest-navy (size-XL) **
- 1 - Men's jean shirt-long sleeve (size-XL)
- 1 - Women's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



Charlotte Power Squadron



P/C Henry W Bateman, JN, Ms. Mary Drum and P/C Will G. Granger, P-IN 2016