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A View from the Bridge

March 6th Meeting: Shake, Rattle and Roll

At our next Membership Meeting we will have some fun and some serious talk. We will have an open mic so that we can hear from each and all who attend. The purpose of this meeting is to talk about our future and ask for some ideas to enhance our current programs.

To get you thinking ahead here are some questions to consider:

- 1- What do you think we should do for our Rendezvous?
We only had 7 attend last year, yet there is still a strong desire among a few to do Co-op charting. What about joining the District 27 Rendezvous in Washington, NC?
- 2- What can we do for Membership Meeting programs?
Some are tired of speakers. Do you have any fun ideas to suggest?
- 3- What about outings? A wine tasting trip, our beer tasting trip?
- 4- What can we do to attract Millennials? Kayakers? Small craft?
- 5- What do you think about our future? Here are some scenarios.
 - a. Attract kayakers and paddle boarders by building storage racks at MMP and tell them that they can have free storage and access to Lake Wylie if they join our club. We could require them to sign a contract and take 'PaddleSmart' to get the free storage.
 - b. Get a grant for a floating kayak dock with rails for MMP, teach Paddle Smart at MMP.
 - c. Continue as we are and downsize gracefully.
 - d. Sell MMP, put the money in a bank account and fund our membership meetings, events and charity projects.
- 6- What do you think of only having an online version of our Roster in pdf so that it can be printable?

- 7- What do you think about our traditions?
 - a. Awards?
 - b. Uniforms?

So please think about these questions and bring a senior joke (or two) and you will be rewarded with a candy bar.

Remember, our March 6th Membership meeting will be at John's Family Restaurant on Westinghouse Blvd.

From your new Squadron Commander
Pat Hakanson, SN

6 March 2023 Meeting at John's Family Restaurant

Please plan to join us for our membership meeting on 6 March 2023 at John's Family Restaurant, 2002 Westinghouse Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28273. Come at 6PM for dinner (closer to 6PM the better).

Cdr Pat Hakanson, SN

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CHARLOTTE POWER SQUADRON

A Unit of United States Power Squadrons
Sail and Power Boating

District 27

Chartered 10 April 1961

2023 BRIDGE OFFICERS

Commander	Cdr Patricia Hakanson, SN
Educational Ofcr	Lt/C Brevard S. Myers, Jr, SN-ACN
Executive Officer	
Admin. Officer	
Secretary	Lt/C Rose Samonds
Treasurer	P/Lt/C Mary D. Chaney, JN
Immediate P/C	P/C Marvin Chaney, Jr SN

2023 MEMBERS AT-LARGE

Lt. George W. Davis, AP	P/C Douglas Drum, Sr., AP
P/C Will G. Granger, P-IN	Lt. David M. Johnson
Lt. Patricia Mencil, S	P/C John P. Moore, AP-IN
P/C David M. Stewart, AP	P/D/C Paula F. Stewart, AP

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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

Calendar of Events

Education, Civic Service,

Friendship & Fun

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR EVENT UPDATES

NRD means "No Rain Date"

March 2023

6 **Membership Mtg** – John's Family Rest. – 1800-2000
 17-19 **D27 Change of Watch** – New Bern, NC
 20 **ExCom – Jock's and Jill's** – 1800 Diner 1900 Meeting
 24 **Side Lights Articles Due** – TBD Admin

April 2023

1 **Spring Cleanup** – MMP – 0900 – 1400
 3 **Membership Mtg** – John's Family Rest. – 1800-2000
 15 **Chicken Q** – MMP – 1500 – 1900
 17 **ExCom – Jock's and Jill's** – 1800 Diner 1900 Meeting
 18 **Wylie Gator Rowing Club** – Cdr Hakanson's House – 1000
 21 **Side Lights Articles Due** – Education Officer
 22 **ABC Class** – Lake Wylie Marina 0845 - 1730
 24 **Wylie Gator Book Club** – TBA

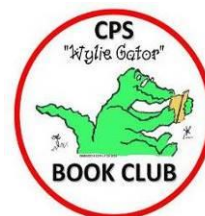
May 2023

1 **Membership Mtg** – John's Family Rest. – 1800-2000
 6 **Predicted Log Practice** – MMP - 1000
 13 **ABC Class** – Victory Lane Carting - 0845 - 1730
 15 **ExCom – TBD** – 1800 Diner 1900 Meeting
 20 **Children's Outing** – Red Fez Club – 0900-1500
 21-27 **Safe Boating Week** – TBD
 23 **Wylie Gator Rowing Club** – Cdr Hakanson's House – 1000
 26 **Side Lights Articles Due** – Commander

* 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.
Red Fez Club – 16600 Red Fez Club Road, Charlotte
Reflection Pointe Club House – 1305 Reflection Pointe Blvd. Belmont, 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.



2023 Wylie Gator Book Club
24 April 2023 TBA

Commander's Annual Report

TO: ABC-Charlotte, Charlotte Power Squadron
DATE: 9 January 2023

ABC-Charlotte has had a very good squadron year. We accomplished the goals set at the COW to "Make Ship Happen – Friendship, Membership, Stewardship." Throughout the year we were able to:

- Hold 8 membership meetings with a variety of programs
- Hold 11 ExCom meetings
- Search for and evaluate three restaurants as standard membership meeting locations
- Host a booth at the Mid Atlantic Boat Show without partnering with other squadrons
- Send representatives to both D27 Council / Conferences and both National Meetings
- Teach 4 ABC classes, instructing 55 students
- Through transfers, reinstatements, and new members gained via ABC classes, increase membership from 89 to at one point 102
- Represent our squadron in the Waxhaw July 4 parade
- Hold our annual Chicken-Q and Fall BBQ events at Merit Mark Point
- Hold a very successful Children's Outing with Catawba Sail and Power Squadron, with over 300 children and counselors in attendance
- Host the D27 Rendezvous, declared by the D/C as one of the best
- Have fun at the Commander's Picnic
- Celebrate the holidays at a very successful Christmas Party
- Try out new events, like Lunch at the Lake at Merit Mark Point, the Catawba Queen cruise, and rowing on the Executive Officer's boat
- Perform co-operative charting at the Morehead City Coastal Rendezvous, 7 earning honor roll
- Restart the Predicted Log contest
- Communicate via emails, 10 issues of the Side Lights and the Roster
- Successfully raise money via 50/50's and AutoBell card sales
- Revise a new set of bylaws, the first revision since 2003, with Life Members gracefully agreeing to pay squadron dues avoiding a dues increase
- Have 41 members earn Merit Marks, with three people reaching Life or Emeritus status
- Update our financial reporting and end the year with a surplus over our planned budget
- Unfortunately lose 3 members that crossed the bar

As Commander, I attended/led all except three of the events mentioned above (the May membership meeting, the Waxhaw Parade, and 1 Lunch at the Lake) and led the D27 Rendezvous effort. I would like to thank my Bridge, all the committee chairs and my wife Mary for a job well done. It was my pleasure and honor to serve as the Commander.

Respectfully submitted:

Cdr. Marvin Chaney, Jr SN
America's Boating Club - Charlotte

Education Officer's Annual Report

TO: ABC-Charlotte, Charlotte Power Squadron
DATE: 9 January 2023

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as the Squadron Education Officer (SEO) of America's Boating Club - Charlotte for this past year. With most in person educational previously slowed down due to Covid-19, we did have a further increase in educational activities this year.

This year the Education Department:

- Modified and relaxed Covid protocol implemented earlier and conducted the ABC classes in North and South Carolina.
- Scheduled and conducted four (4) ABC classes. One class was conducted at Victory Lanes Karting in north Charlotte to access students in northern Mecklenburg County previously served by Lake Norman Sail and Power Squadron. The other three classes were conducted at MarineMax Hall Marine Lake Wylie.
- A total of **55 students** took these one-day classes with 50 students successfully completing the course. Class size ranged from a low of 6 students to a high of 26 students. Students that successfully completed the course by South Carolina protocol have their names entered into the SC Department of Natural Resources data base and are eligible for a SC DNR issued Boating Education Card.
- Students passing our course this year exceeded the 39 students that passed last year.

As SEO I performed the following duties:

- Attended and gave reports at most Squadron Membership meetings and monthly Executive Committee meetings.
- Processed orders for educational materials for the planned ABC classes.
- Performed clerical duties and taught at our ABC classes.
- Authored two bridge messages for Side Lights

In addition to performing my duties as SEO, I attended/participated in or will attend/participate in by the end of the organization year, the following events:

- America's Boating Club - Charlotte - 2022 Annual Meeting / Change of Watch
- America's Boating Club - National Annual Meeting - Ponte Verda, Fla
- America's Boating Club - District 27 Annual Meeting - Cary, NC
- Participated At the District 27 Rendezvous - Lake Wylie and headed a Geodetic Marker Recovery outing during that same event.
- Summer, lunch and get-together at Merit Mark Point
- BBQs at Merit Mark Point
- Helped with clean-up and repairs at Merit Mark Point
- Helped organize and participated in the Cooperative Charting event at Morehead City and Beaufort, NC. (Boating events such as this one provide a fun boating activity which also provide on-the water educational opportunities.)
- Wrote two additional articles for Side Lights. - One about the Cooperative Charting area and history around Morehead City. The other about the newly revised fire extinguisher regulations.
- America's Boating Club - Charlotte 2023 Change of Watch

I would like to thank the following individuals for serving in various capacities for the Education Department:

- P/C Charles R. ("Bo") Ibach, III, SN-ACN – Chief Instructor and Co-Chairman of ABC Course.
- Cdr Marvin Chaney, Jr., SN - Technical Preparations and Planning - Supplies and food for the ABC class.
- P/C Jack Moore, Jr., AP-IN, - For ABC class support
- Others not mentioned specifically who have invested their time and efforts towards the squadron's educational objectives.

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I thank my fellow members for the opportunity, and for the honor, of serving as the Squadron Educational Officer for America's Boating Club – Charlotte.

Respectfully submitted,

Lt/C Brevard S. Myers, Jr., SN-ACN
America's Boating Club - Charlotte
Squadron Educational Officer

Secretary's Annual Report

To: TO: ABC-Charlotte, Charlotte Power Squadron

DATE: 9 January 2023

Squadron year 2022 - 2023 marks my 4th and final year as Squadron Secretary. During this year I missed three meetings, Fortunately Assistant Secretary Rose Samonds and P/C Jack Moore were able to cover the meetings with accurate and detailed notes. These notes were formalized and entered into the CPS Secretary's archives following acceptance by the Executive Committee.

All meetings (membership and ExCom) are archived digitally. Prior to acceptance and distribution, each document is sent to the individual ExCom members for review and ultimately final approval by our Commander. Typically the minutes are formally accepted at the subsequent meeting and then as previously mentioned are digitally archived.

Although governed by Robert's Rules, we do not typically follow RR protocols and there have been extremely few actual motions during the year. Consequently our meeting minutes read more like a diary than a formal business record.

Squadron Publications such as Side Lights and the Roster are produced and distributed by John King. On behalf of all members, I wish to thank John King for his commanding communication skills and for distribution of minutes, composition of Side Lights and the Roster. It is a tremendous amount of work which benefits the Squadron and our members enormously. Also a thank you to Rose Samonds and P/C Jack Moore for their "stand-by" positions as "Assistant Secretary".

Submitted:

Lt/C H. W. Bateman, JN
America's Boating Club - Charlotte
Squadron Secretary

Treasurer's Annual Report

To: America's Boating Club - Charlotte Membership

Date: 9 January 2023

RE: Annual Report - Treasurer's Department

• Attended all Membership meetings except for October 2022 and all Executive Committee meetings. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Treasurer of America's Boating Club - Charlotte for this past year. In my capacity as Treasurer, I have performed the following duties:
Committee meetings held during my tenure as Treasurer during 2022

- Processed all dues collections, for both new and recurring members.
- Collected and deposited all monies received by the organization.

- Paid all standard/recurring debts of the organization as well as other debts as presented and approved by the Executive Committee
- Maintained the financial records of the organization.
- Reconciled all monthly bank statements.
- Submitted the Sales and Use Tax Reports to the N.C. Department of Revenue
- Presented financial reports at each meeting.
- Prepared appropriate IRS forms as required.

In addition to performing my duties as Treasurer, I attended/participated in or will attend/participate in by the end of the organization year, the following CPS/USPS events:

- America's Boating Club – Charlotte 2022 Change of Watch on 29 Jan 2022
- 2022 Mid Atlantic Boat Show – Worked Booth on 08 Feb 2020
- USPS National Annual Meeting – Sawgrass Marriott Resort, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL from 24-26 Feb 2022
- America's Boating Club – Charlotte ABC3 Class, Lake Wylie Marina on 12 Mar 2022
- District 27 Spring Council/Conference/COW, Hilton Garden Inn, Cary, NC from 18-20 Mar 2022
- America's Boating Club – Charlotte Spring Chicken-Q on 9 Apr 2022
- ABC-Charlotte/Catawba Sail & Power Squadron Annual Children's Outing on 21 May 2022
- America's Boating Club – Charlotte ABC3 Class, Victory Lanes Karting on 4 Jun 2022
- ABC-Charlotte/Catawba Sail & Power Squadron Predicted Log Contest as Scorekeeper on 11 Jun 2022
- District 27 Rendezvous, Fed Fez Club, Charlotte, NC from 24-25 Jun 2022
- America's Boating Club – Charlotte Commander's Picnic on 09 Jul 2022
- Catawba Queen Lake Norman Event on 06 Aug 2022
- Co-hosed with Cdr. Chaney a Lunch on the Lake event on 20 Aug 2022
- USPS Governing Board – Hilton North Raleigh, Raleigh, NC from 16-17 Sep 2022
- America's Boating Club – Charlotte Coastal Rendezvous, Morehead City/Beaufort, NC from 22-25 Sep 2022
- District 27 Fall Council/Conference, Homewood Suites, Cary, NC from 14-15 Oct 2022
- America's Boating Club – Charlotte Fall BBQ on 29 Oct 2022
- America's Boating Club – Charlotte Holiday Party on 10 Dec 2022
- America's Boating Club - Charlotte 2023 Change of Watch on 28 Jan 2023

I would like to thank the following individuals for dutifully serving in various capacities under the Treasurer's Department:

- P/D/C George H. Rogers, Sr., AP – Co-Supply Officer (flags for COW)
- P/D/C Paula F. Stewart, AP, P/C David M. Stewart, AP Co-Supply Officers (all other ship's store inventory)

I thank my fellow members again for the opportunity, and for the honor, of serving as ABC – Charlotte Treasurer this year, and continuing for another year.

Respectfully submitted,
P/Lt/C Mary D. Chaney, JN
Squadron Treasurer



Happy March Birthdays

P/C Rosanne C. Bateman, P
Mr. James D. Holcomb, Sr.
Mrs. Donna W. Ibach
P/Lt/C Debrah S. Osmond
Ms. Kristen Osmond, P
P/C Paul A. Standridge, AP
Mr. William C. Thomas
Mr. Thomas G. Worth, S

Change of Watch 2023

ABC-Charlotte held the 62nd annual Change of Watch on 28 January 2023. We had a great time celebrating the squadron year, presenting awards, and installing the 2023-2024 elected set of officers. R/C Arthur (Bill) Beers, JN-IN, the D27 Executive Officer, presided over the actual Change of Watch. P/C David Samonds, P, the Chairman of the Audit Committee, presented the annual audit report confirming that the financial records are current and accurate for the Squadron fiscal year 2022, which was voted on and accepted by the membership.

The following awards were presented:

- Challenger Memorial Award – Charles R. Ibach, III, SN-ACN
- Top Gun Award – C. Douglas Drum, Sr AP
- Royster H. (Jack) Johnson Award – Charles R. Ibach, III, SN-ACN
- Predicted Log Award – Brevard S. Myers, SN-ACN
- Commander's ("Gold Brick") Award – John P. (Jack) Moore, AP-IN

Three members were added to the Hall of Fame, achieving major membership milestones:

- Life Members (25 Merit Marks): John A. King, II – AP, and Barbara Bartell, S
- Emeritus Member (50 Merit Marks): Albert P. (Al) Parker, SN

Four people were recognized by the Commander for their service to the squadron with Certificates of Appreciation since they are not eligible to receive a Merit Mark:

- Betty Davis
- Clare Leek
- Kate Mead
- Sandy Moore

John King was also recognized for his work on the *Side Lights* which once again has received the Distinctive Communicator Award for Publications from National.

We celebrated the squadron year with a table showing photos of new Hall of Fame members, a photo memorial to the three

members we lost in 2022, the schedule of events with pictures from each of the events, and videos of rowing practice on newly-installed Cdr. Pat Hakanson's boat.

I wish to thank Paula Stewart, Jack Moore, Bo Ibach, Brevard Myers, and Mary Chaney for their efforts making the COW a fun and successful event.

Enjoy several snapshots taken by Mary and Marvin Chaney of the ceremonies.

P/C Marvin Chaney, Jr. SN



P/Stt/C Charles R. Ibach, SN-CAN receives Royster H. (Jack) Johnson Award
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P/C Brevard S. Myers, SN-ACN receives the Predicted Log Award



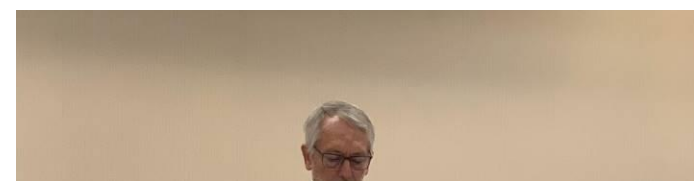
P/C Marvin Chaney, Jr, SN receives his P/C flag and plaque



P/C John P. Moore, AP-IN receives the Commander's ("Gold Brick") Award



New Commander Patricia W. Hakanson, SN delivers her plan for this year



Cdr. Chaney, Jr. SN Leading the Change of Watch



Cdr. Chaney, Jr. SN awards Ms. Sandy Moore with a Certificate of Appreciation

R/C Arthur (Bill) Beers, JN-IN presents Cdr Pat W. Hakanson, SN her Cdr's Pennant



P/C Marvin Chaney, Jr. SN shows his Charlotte Burgee given to him by the Past Commanders



Hall Of Fame

Life Member:

- Receiving this award recognizes that a member has earned 25 merit marks. This achievement comes with an exemption from paying National and District dues. This year, we have two members that have reached this level of service:

- John King
- Barbara Bartell

- Unfortunately, neither could join us tonight, their pictures are on the table; they will be formally recognized at the annual meeting in Orlando



2023 Chicken-Que

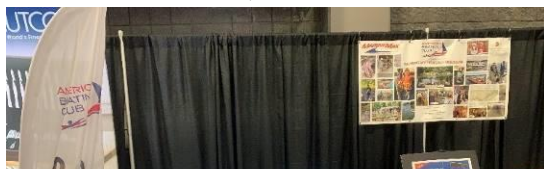
Come one, come all, it's almost time for our annual Chicken-Que at Merit Mark Point. The date is April 15 with Happy Hour beginning around 1600 (4:00 PM for all you landlubbers). Dinner will be about 5 to 5:30. Please plan to bring either a dessert or an appetizer. Pot luck on that and hopefully we won't have a bunch of either one.

Meal will consist of either one leg quarter or one breast quarter, baked beans, slaw, chips. There will be tea but if you prefer a drink with a little bite, please plan to bring your own beer or wine. Cost will be \$10 per plate. Leftover chicken will be sold at 2 pieces for \$10 so plan to take home some as well.

Tickets will be available at either the March or April meeting, or at the door. Remember that this is a valuable fundraiser for our beautiful Merit Mark Point so please, no conflicts, plan to come. And also remember that it is SHINE OR RAIN.

Promise that the chicken will be moist and meaty. Look forward to seeing a really great turnout.

P/Stf/C Charles "Bo" Ibach III, SN-ACN



Mid Atlantic Boat Show

Again this year, ABC-Charlotte had a booth at the annual Mid Atlantic Boat Show at the Charlotte Convention Center February 9-12. We had over 75 people try out the Boating Skills Virtual Trainer (BSVT) and accumulated between 25-30 references to attend our April and May ABC Classes – a successful show.

Thanks goes to Jack Moore for making all the arrangements; Marvin and Mary Chaney for driving to and from Raleigh to pick up and return the BSVT; Jack Moore, Marvin and Mary Chaney, David Johnson, Ken Elkins and Will Granger for helping to set up and take down the booth; and Jack Moore, Marvin and Mary Chaney, Bo Ibach, Brevard Myers, JJ Rodgers, David and Rose Samonds, David and Paula Stewart, Warren Francois, and Pat Hakanson, for working shifts at the booth throughout the show.

New Email Addresses

The squadron now has a new set of email addresses that can be used to work on squadron business, both within the squadron and with the public. These are tied to the new "domain name" (charlotteboating.org) that the squadron set up in the fall. These email addresses will be in place from year-to-year, making it easier to get in contact with squadron officers and not have to worry about knowing the personal email address of the current officer. Many emails may also be sent to the membership-at-large using these email addresses.

The email addresses are:

- commander@charlotteboating.org
- execofficer@charlotteboating.org
- education@charlotteboating.org
- secretary@charlotteboating.org
- treasurer@charlotteboating.org
- pastcdr@charlotteboating.org
- publications@charlotteboating.org

Be sure to add these email addresses to your contacts lists so that emails don't get blocked or go to your Spam folders; you won't want to miss out on key communications!

P/C 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)

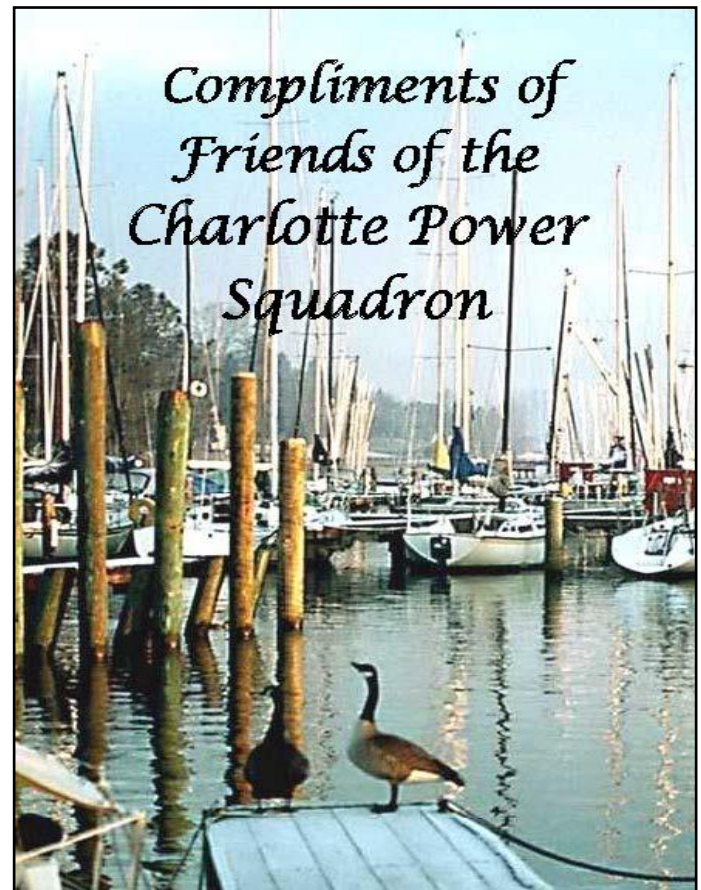
** Old burgee-no gold border

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.



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