



## LONG BAY POWER SQUADRON HOSTS D/26 SPRING CONFERENCE 2019 AT THE BEACH!

The USPS District 26 Spring 2019 Conference will be hosted by Long Bay Power Squadron March 8 – 10, 2019 at *beautiful* Myrtle Beach, SC. D/26 members are invited to attend. Spring Conference 2019 features great accommodations and delicious meals, enjoyable activities, and new learning and skill-building experiences.

**Here are just a few highlights of the Conference:**

### **RELAXING ACCOMMODATIONS:**

The Crown Reef Resort ([www.crownreef.com](http://www.crownreef.com)) in Myrtle Beach is headquarters for D/26 Spring Conference 2019. Long Bay has reserved a block of **Oceanfront** rooms for the conference. Members may contact the hotel at 800-291-6598 or visit the hotel website to make their room reservations.

### **RECREATION:**

Myrtle Beach and the surrounding Grand Strand area are full of fun attractions, golf, dining, shopping and so much more! With a variety of shows and attractions geared towards all ages, there is so much to do in Myrtle Beach. Explore the Myrtle Beach area and make your Conference plans by visiting the Crown Reef Hotel website [www.crownreef.com/area-information/](http://www.crownreef.com/area-information/)

### **MEALS and ENTERTAINMENT:**

- Friday evening

For members arriving on Friday evening, meals are on your own. You can choose from a wide variety of dining options that are within a short walking or driving distance from the hotel. For additional information about restaurant options, visit [www.crownreef.com/area-information/](http://www.crownreef.com/area-information/)

- Saturday Lunch will feature a Chef's Deli Salad or Herbed Grilled Chicken.

- Saturday Dinner will offer a selection of entrées including Breast of Chicken Bruschetta, Prime Rib or Shrimp Scampi. Saturday Evening entertainment features comedian Brian T. Shirley of Charleston, SC.



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### EDUCATION and SKILL BUILDING:

D/26 Spring Conference 2019 is proud to present a selection of learning opportunities for USPS members. \*Each Squadron is encouraged to send at least one delegate to the 3-hour **On-the-Water Co-op Charting** seminar and one delegate to the 3-hour **Geodetic Survey exercise**. Attendees at these seminars will be instructed on how to teach these skills to the members back at their local squadrons. This is a great way to transfer knowledge and build capacity at the district and local levels.

**Spring Conference SARS Rollout Overview:** This Microsoft Access-based system allows squadrons to track both boating activities and attendance at land events. Various reports can be generated any time with the click of a button including a year's end boating activities report and a report of all member activities throughout the year. The SARS software along with the SARS User Manual (in PDF format) will be available and we urge attendees to bring their Windows 7 – 10 operating system computers. During the seminar attendees will install the system and configure it for their individual squadron. Examples of entering land events and boating activities will be covered and attendees are welcome to bring squadron events to enter into their systems.

**For members' planning purposes, the Conference schedule to date is shown in the two tables below:**

### Friday, March 8, 2019

	Meeting Room 1		Meeting Room 2		Meeting Room 3
1230 -1400					Active Shooter Presentation
	Co-op Charting Workshop*		Geodetic Survey Workshop*		
1400 - 1430	Planning		Planning		
1430 - 1500	Travel to water	America's Boating Club Naming Guidelines Seminar	Travel to search area	DB2000 Open Forum	SEO - Squadron Cross Pollination Workshop
1500 - 1600	On the Water Inspection		Find/inspect Markers		
1600 - 1630	Return to classroom		Return to classroom		
1630 - 1700	Formulating Reports		Formulating Reports		



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**Saturday, March 9, 2019**

	Meeting Room 1	Meeting Room 2	Meeting Room 3
0900 - 1000	Squadron Activities Reporting System (SARS) Rollout		
1000 - 1100		USPS Web Site Navigation	
1100 - 1200			
1330 - 1700	Conference		

**More details will follow! For more information, contact Rhonda Hardee at [hardee@sccoast.net](mailto:hardee@sccoast.net).**