

# THE BULLHORN



## June 2011 - Celebrating 50 Years

The Newsletter of the Durham Sail and Power Squadron - A Unit of the United States Power Squadrons

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### Commander's Message

*Cdr Joe Donaghy, SN*

#### Lake Gaston Boating Activity – June 4th

Fellow members, it has been since March that we have met, one cancellation due to the untimely passing of P/C Andy Bond, and the other due to the unforeseen evening closing of Rudinos.



Fear not! June 4<sup>th</sup> is right around the corner and it is time for the Lake Gaston boating activity and picnic at our place. If you haven't come in the past, why don't you think of coming out to this fun filled event. We'd like to see you.

For those interested in taking a seminar, we will have one on Marine Radar that runs from 9:30 – 11:30 in the morning. The seminar is free, unless you want to buy the book (and it's a nice book), then it's \$25. Right now I have one extra student kit, so first come, first served. **Please let me know via e-mail or phone no later than the evening of June 1 if you plan to attend the seminar and/or picnic. My email is [jdonaghy@nc.rr.com](mailto:jdonaghy@nc.rr.com) and my phone number is 919-469-0941.**

We have boats for sailing, motoring, skiing and tubing, but if you'd like to bring your own boat, my next door neighbor has willingly offered to let us use his ramp once again. Please let me know if you will be bringing a watercraft at the above e-mail or give me a call.

Since everyone arrives at different times, you will be on your own for lunch, so come prepared for

that. For dinner, which will be around the 5-5:30 time frame, the squadron will supply the Angus beef hamburgers and Hebrew National hot dogs, and all the condiments.

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share and your drinks. We do enjoy those dishes that everyone brings! We do have more refrigerator space this year (the old fridge from last year is now down in the garage).

We have a decent number of chairs, but you may want to bring some of your own.

We'll also have some non-strenuous outdoor games for those so inclined

Most importantly come early and stay late. The lake is 34 miles long and ½ to 1 ½ miles wide, so it will take you all day to explore it and participate in all the activities. Arrive anytime from 9:15 in the morning on.

Be sure to bring towels and suntan lotion (the non-staining kind) and lather up since old man Sol will hopefully be out strong.

Again, please let us know if you will be coming and the number in your party so we can be sure to have enough burgers and dogs at the ready.

From our house in Cary near the Umstead Park on North Harrison it takes about 1 hour and 25 minutes to get there. If you're coming from Durham it will be a little less.

***Directions to our house are located on Page 5.***

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## Birthdays in June

Lt/C Fred Cooke, S	Jun 8
Mary Mosley	Jun 12
Klaus Ford,P	Jun 16
Benjamin Edkins, S	Jun 17
Betty Alt, SN	Jun 20
Melodie Parrish	Jun 21



## Upcoming Events

<b>May 30</b>	<b>Memorial Day</b>
<b>Jun 4</b>	<b>DSPS Gaston Lake Outing and Radar Seminar</b>
<b>Jun 17-19</b>	<b>D/27 Rendezvous, Oriental</b>
<b>Jun 23</b>	<b>Ex Com Meeting, Pomodoro's, 1900</b>
<b>Aug 19-21</b>	<b>Fall Boat Show and Sale, State Fair Grounds</b>
<b>Aug 20</b>	<b>DSPS Fall Jordan Lake Cookout, Shelter #1</b>
<b>Aug 25</b>	<b>Ex Com Meeting, Pomodoro's, 1900</b>
<b>Sep 8</b>	<b>DSPS Member Meeting, Pomodoro's, 1830</b>
<b>Sep 12-17</b>	<b>National USPS Governing Board, Sheraton 4 Seasons, Greensboro</b>
<b>Sep 30- Oct 2</b>	<b>D/27 Fall C/C, Marriott, Winston-Salem</b>

## Marine RADAR

At our Gaston Lake outing a Marine Radar Seminar will be presented from 0930 - 1130.

This seminar covers how radar functions, radar selection, operation of the radar under various conditions including setting of controls, display interpretation, basic navigation, and collision avoidance using radar. The seminar is free of charge, however, if you want the book, the cost is \$25.

The kit includes The Radar Book written by Kevin Monahan (\$25 retail) and Student Notes with copies of slides.

Please let Cdr Joe Donaghy know if you plan on attending the seminar.

# Mayo Lake Safe Boating Day

Lt/C Leon Hudgins, JN

We have been invited to participate in the Mayo Lake 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Boating Day June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011. This year's theme is Boat Safety.



What a great opportunity for DSPS to collaborate with the Person County Parks and Recreation Department to promote the mission of safe boating to the local recreational boating community.

We invite your help and participation in this event to make it fun as well as successful. Opportunity for

boating, education, and vessel safety checks will be available. DSPS will have a booth providing safety information as well as several boats on exhibit. Several members will be available to do vessel safety checks.

The Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a fishing tournament with prizes for youth. So come on out, bring a lunch, your favorite boat or not, and plan to have a good time. Events will start 10A and finish up 2P. However, if we are on the water having a good time, we can stay as long as we like. Please contact Lt/C Leon Hudgins, JN at [leonbev1@frontier.com](mailto:leonbev1@frontier.com) or 919/451-5646 if you can participate.

## Memorial Day History

Memorial Day was originally called Decoration Day and is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service.

Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, and was first observed on 30 May 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery.

We give our thanks and respect to those who have given their ultimate sacrifice for us.

# National Safe Boating Week

May 21-27, 2011

Lt/C Leon Hudgins, JN

Each year the USPS joins the National Safe Boating Council in setting aside a week to promote the safety of recreational boating education and outreach. Once again this week has come and gone, but not without Durham Sail and Power Squadron participating in the effort. As we have done for many years we set up an impressive exhibit at Northgate Mall on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. Information was readily available to the public in the form of pamphlets and brochures on varied topics including State and Federal regulations, PFD's, weather, radio, GPS, Homeland Security Waterway Watch, and vessel safety checks. What attracted people to the exhibit were two boats, a center console power boat



made available by Water World in Durham, and an antique Barbour boat made available by one of our members. As people showed interest in these boats, our members hosting the exhibit were able to discuss with them safety issues and upcoming classes. Treats in the form of activity books and lifesaver candy were provided to children.

Special thanks and appreciation go to Northgate Mall and Water World of Durham for their help in making this a successful event. As you shop for personal and boating needs, please support these businesses. Special kudos to those members who helped setup, tear down and stand watch for this safety exhibit. These members include: Cdr Joe Donaghy, SN, Lt/C Leon Hudgins, JN, P/C Bev Hudgins, JN, P/C Paula Schubert, AP, Lt/C Frank Schubert, AP, P/C Ron Mosley, AP.

**Do you have articles of interest you'd like to see in upcoming Bullhorns? Contact Paula Schubert at [dspsbullhorn@gmail.com](mailto:dspsbullhorn@gmail.com) with your ideas.**

## Compass from USPS

by Lt/C Frank V. Schubert, AP

The United States Power Squadrons has two fine publications. One you are well aware of, as you receive “The Ensign” magazine in the mail, or you should be. However, a second possibly not so well known publication is “Compass”. This publication is free which is delivered by e-Mail if you subscribe to it. To do this, go to the web page:



<http://www.usps.org/newpublic2/compass.html>

and provide your name, and e-Mail address and you will receive an e-Mail with the latest copy of Compass each month.

This online publication has three small articles about various marine related subjects. For example, for the month of May 2011, there are three articles presented. “Weathering the Storm” which points out many good ideas about dangers of summer thunderstorms and provides many tips on things to do and not do to protect yourself, your boat, and your crew. “Trouble-free trailering” provides tips on caring for a trailer to provide a satisfying boating experience. And finally “Get your gaze on”, is a small article which talks about navigational astronomy.

One other thing I would like to point out is the “Mastering Marlinspike” column that is presented in each issue. This column has been present since the beginning of 2010. Compass has been available since 2007, although it was not until 2010 that it was published once a month. In fact, starting with January 2010, the format of “Compass” was significantly changed. Prior to that, it was published bimonthly.

The “Mastering Marlinspike” column presents one knot each month with a very descriptive web page which shows how to tie the knot. Photographs are included. Currently there are seventeen knots described. Good information to know if you are going to do much boating.

## Google Doodles

Lt/C Frank Schubert, AP

If you have ever been to the Google Website to search for something on the internet, then you are probably pretty familiar with the standard Google Logo which looks like:



However occasionally, if you have been there you will be greeted by something different, such as:



or maybe:



Google has been in the habit of replacing the standard Google Logo on special days with a Logo that represents whatever might be celebrated that day. For example, the second logo above, with the bouquet replacing the second letter G appeared on June 2, 2010 in honor of Valentines Day in Brazil. The last one that says Topeka was for April 1, 2010 in honor of April Fools Day.

The celebration of the 200<sup>th</sup> birthday of noted German Composer, Robert Schumann on June 8, 2010 was done with the logo:



For many years, going back to at least 1998, Google has been replacing the logo in celebration of various events around the world. Many of which are quite exotic and have rarely been heard of by most of the world, such as the birthday of Sunthorn Phu a poet from Thailand who passed away in 1855, or maybe the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the LEGO® brick. One of the more interesting events, in terms of the logo that appeared, was the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the old Pac-Man™ video game on May 21, 2010. This doodle actually had programming behind it and after displaying the web page, the logo actually became a functional game which you could play.

If you are interested in more about the history of the Google Doodle, or would like to see what Doodles have appeared over the years, you can go to the following website to learn more: <http://www.google.com/logos/index.html> Enjoy!

# **Directions to the Donaghy's House at Lake Gaston - June 4, 2011**

## **Six Pound Creek - 147 Stillwater Trail, Warren County, NC**

### **Phone Numbers:**

Lake Gaston:252-257-2026

NOTE: GSM cell coverage is not available, and CDMA digital & analog cell coverage is scattered in Warren County. Once leaving state maintained roads, cell networks are generally unreachable.

### **From Cary, NC**

- Take I-40 West to Miami Blvd, Exit #281 (RTP)
- RT onto Miami Blvd towards US-70
- LEFT onto US-70 W
- Exit US-70 onto I-85 North

### **From Durham, NC**

Take I-85 North

### **From I-85 (South of NC/VA line)**

- Take I-85N to Oine Rd (Exit 229)
- RT onto Oine Rd. Go ~50 ft to Beaverdam Rd (SR 1213)
- LEFT onto Beaverdam Rd (NOTE: At Heaven Rd, Beaverdam is renamed to Michael's Quarry Rd). Go 3.4 MI until US-1.
- LEFT onto US-1. Go 0.5 MI to Wise-Five-Forks (SR 1305/1306; Pay Jay's Gas & stone church).
- RT onto Wise-Five-Forks. Go 8.0 MI to Five-Forks (only has 4 forks)
- HARD LEFT onto Lynch Rd (SR 1335) and go 1.6 MI where pavement ends.

### **From "Pavement Ends"**

- Go short distance (~50 FT) on gravel and take 1st RT onto a single-lane paved road (Stillwater Trail; labeled)
- Go 0.2 MI down a winding road to the second house on left.
- Make LEFT onto 2nd driveway/house. The driveway is immediately after the utility pole at the beginning of this field. The driveway is the only driveway paved all the way from the street to a house on this road.NOTE: There will be an open field with an elaborate "storage shed" behind 3rd house.

### **From NW Raleigh, NC**

- Take NC-50 from Raleigh to Creedmoor

•In Creedmoor, take US-15 N to I-85 N (I-85 Exit 202) Alternatively, in Creedmoor, you may take NC-56 W to I-85N (I-85 Exit 191); Follow above directions.

### **From N or NE Raleigh, NC (via US-401 - scenic)**

- Take US-401 N to Lousiburg, and then to Warrenton
- In Warrenton, turn RT onto BUS US-158 (2nd or 3rd stoplight & is opposite courthouse).
- Go past Macon and make LEFT onto SR 1335 (If you go past the Halifax Electric complex, you've gone too far. This is less than 1 MI after Macon.
- Take SR 1335 to Five Forks (only 4 roads) and take the middle fork onto Lynch Rd (SR1335).
- Go on Lynch Rd for 1.6 MI until pavement ends; follow above directions

### **From N Raleigh, NC (via US-1 – non-scenic)**

- Take US-1 N to Henderson (4 lane divided HWY)
- US-1 N merges onto I-85 N. Return Trip: From I-85 S, Exit onto US-1 S via LEFT EXIT Ramp #218
- Follow above directions once on I-85 N.

### **From I-85 (North of NC/VA line)**

- After crossing NC/VA line, take 1st exit #233 (US-1).
- Head SOUTH on US-1 to the town of Wise (Speed limit reduced to 35MPH)
- LEFT onto Wise-Five-Forks. (NOTE: Stone church and Pay Jay's Gas will be on left). Go 8.0 MI to Five-Forks (only has 4 forks)
- HARD LEFT onto Lynch Rd (SR 1335) and go 1.6 MI where pavement ends; follow above directions.

### **MAP**

Go to the attached link and print the map if you need to:

<http://www.donaghy.org/lake/>

### **By Water**

2nd cove in from main lake on Six Pound Creek  
Six Pound Creek is located on Lake Gaston between Mile Markers 15 & 16  
Lat + Long: 36-31.934 N, 78-3.556 W

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**The next DSPS Member Event is on June 4th at Joe and Sandy Donaghy's, at Lake Gaston.**

# JUNE 2011

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