

FROM THE COMMANDER'S HELM



Cdr Frank Pope, JN

After what seems like a long time of cold and early darkness, Spring has finally arrived. Daylight savings time is also here giving us more daylight to do the important stuff like boating, fishing and cleaning our boats to get ready for the oncoming boating season. Most boaters seem to hibernate in the winter which really makes it nice for those of us who don't because the ICW and the entrances out to the ocean are pretty much void of boats making much more relaxed outings where we don't have to dodge PWCs, crab pots and credit card captains. They will all be back soon.

I wanted to thank everyone who attended the March meeting and especially those that participated in the open discussion around what you would like your club to do in 2023. We got great feedback and we will do everything we can to make it happen. What we are short of and desperately in need of is more participation in leading and attending these events that you have asked for. Your XCOM members are really stepping up, but we can't do it without you.

District 26 held their Change of Watch and business meeting in Greenville, SC last weekend and we got to get some great ideas from the other clubs in SC and Ga. Our own Rich Norris was elected to the best district job...*PAST* District Commander. It was a great weekend to socialize, learn and thank Rich for all his hard work as our D26 Commander for the past year. District events are an excellent opportunity to meet other clubs and go boating in different places. The next District Cruise and Rendezvous is coming up at Lake Murray (Columbia, SC area). This event is just around boating and no business meetings. Check it out and plan to attend.



Lt/C John Cattuna, SN -CN

Educational Officer's Briefing

On March 28th we had a Knots, Bends, and Hitches seminar with 6 people attending. A make up class for this for those that had a schedule conflict will be scheduled in the near future.

On March 29th we had a Co-Op Charting training session to indoctrinate interested members on how the program works. We had 9 people attend that class and we will schedule a make up in the near future for those that could not attend.

Future courses include:

Boat Handling (Seamanship) class is available at the clearance price of \$15.00 for members and \$45.00 for nonmembers. This course picks up where the ABC course leaves off, reinforcing and going further in depth on many of the boat handling topics covered in the ABC course making it a logical step for both people new to boating and experienced boaters as well.

The Seamanship manual has 6 chapters covering the following topics:

- (1) Rules of the Road: A Practical Approach,
- (2) Confidence in Docking and Undocking: Slow-Speed Maneuvering,
- (3) Boating with Confidence: Handling Your Boat Underway,
- (4) Anchoring with Assurance: Don't Get Carried Away,
- (5) Emergencies on Board: Preparation for Handling Common Problems, and
- (6) Knots and Line Handling: The Knots You Need to Know.

Our Next ABC class is scheduled for June 17th

- The Marine Navigation (Piloting) class will start on July 11th. This is the latest edition (Jan 2023) of this course. The new course covers electronic navigation and paper charts. Additionally, the new course teaches both inland and coastal navigation.

REMINDERS

Bob and Mary Lickfeld *Changing Latitudes* starts the 2023 Great Loop

Bob and Mary Lickfeld will be moving their boat *Changing Latitudes* from their home port in Murrells Inlet to MBYC on Monday (April 3). They will leave MBYC Tuesday morning to begin their year long (or more?) completion of the Great Loop.

We are getting a group together to go out to an early farewell dinner with them and would love to have you join us. If interested, please let John Cattuna know so we can determine size of the group and get a reservation close by.

John can be contacted by email at jacattuna@hotmail.com or text at 704.8079536.

NORTH STRAND MEMBERSHIP MEETING APRIL 10 VFW, LITTLE RIVER

Our April meeting is going to be .



Please bring a side, salad or dessert to share.
Ham will be provided.



Roger	Bonner	15
Florence	Clark	19
Douglas	Thomas	22
Denise	Lenzo	25
Craig	Huber	28



March Happy Hour

Charlie & Valerie Weede, Chris & Elaine Noonan, Kathy Franklin, Terri Azar, Doug Thomas at Brisket - .



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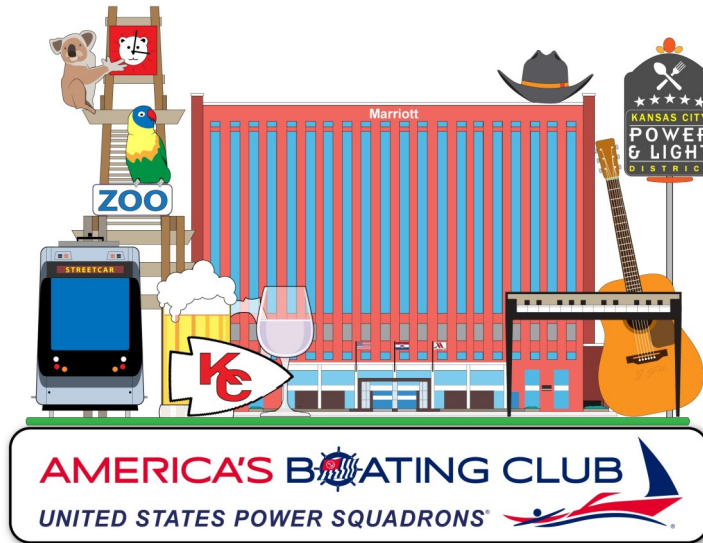
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USPS National News



Fall Governing Board
August 27 - September 4, 2023
Kansas City, Missouri

DISTRICT 26 NEWS

2023

Cruise & Rendezvous

When: May 19–21, 2023

Where: Flotilla Island,
2390 Johnson Marina Rd, Chapin, SC
29036

Hosted by: Lake Murray Power Squadron

Early planning includes a simple cookout on Friday evening at Lake Murray's Island/ Clubhouse followed by a short evening boat cruise. On Saturday, boating activities include a scavenger hunt and a raft up; dinner will be back at the island. Enjoy a farewell breakfast on the island on Sunday before you head back to your home port.

Stay tuned for more details as planning advances.



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NORTH STRAND SAIL & POWER SQUADRON
Calendar of Events
2023

APRIL

April 06	12:00 PM	X-Com Meeting – Hickory Tavern
April 10	5:00 PM	Monthly Membership Meeting
April 19	3:30 PM	Heritage Shores Cleanup
April 19	5:00 PM	Happy Hour -Dirty Don's Oyster Bar & Grill
April 22	10:30 AM	Big "M" Cruise

MAY

May 08	5:00 PM	Monthly Membership Meeting
May 17	3:30 PM	Heritage Shores Cleanup
May 17	5:00 PM	Happy Hour – Coopers Tavern
May 21	5:00 PM	Pelican's Baseball Game

JUNE

June 10	1:00 PM	Picnic – NMB Park and Sports Center
June 12	5:00 PM	Monthly Membership Meeting
June 21	3:30 PM	Heritage Shores Cleanup
June 21	5:00 PM	Happy Hour –Patio's Tiki Bar & Grill

JULY

July 10	5:00 PM	Monthly Membership Meeting
July 14	6:00 PM	RigaTony's Murder Mystery Dinner Show
July 19	3:30 PM	Heritage Shores Cleanup
July 19	5:00 PM	Happy Hour – Grumpy Monk

AUGUST

Aug 05	11:00 AM	Trailer Boat Rendezvous @ Lake Waccamaw
Aug 14	5:00 PM	Monthly Membership Meeting
Aug 16	3:30 PM	Heritage Shores Cleanup
Aug 16	5:00 PM	Happy Hour – Oyster Rock Waterfront Seafood

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB
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 BRIDGE
 2023-2024

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These dates may change over time and additional events added.
 Please see the online [Squadron Calendar](#) for all current events.