

# **Bow Lights**



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# From the Bridge, by Cdr Dave Simons, AP

I can already predict that this is going to be a great year for our Raleigh Sail & Power Squadron! BE A PART OF SOMETHING GREAT!

Our Spring 2007 edition of the Boat Smart course has just completed. This class had over 70 students, which makes it the biggest class since the first year that North Carolina limited the operation of motor-driven vessels by young people. A great vote of thanks goes to SEO Wilbur Chapman and to the instructors. A big thank-you is also in order for all of the RSPS members who volunteered to help our Membership Growth Chair, Jennifer Smith, with the successful completion of the last night of the class. A good number of these students will become new members, which means we will be having a significant number of students in the up-coming Seamanship class and the other classes we will be offering this year. This complicates an interesting dilemma we must deal with every year. That dilemma is finding places to have those classes. Any suggestions or ideas for such facilities would be greatly appreciated.

I do not remember, in my 17 years as a RSPS member, having the wedding of a RSPS member occur. This year changes that as we have 3 weddings of RSPS members! Ginny Russell and Al Springer were married on 7 April on board their sailboat, Double Bells, at George Town, Exuma. Sherri Ivey and George Homme' will be married on 2 June at the NC Aquarium located in Pine Knoll Shores. Then Cynthia Nesnow and Kevin Piver will be married in September at Fearrington Village near Chapel Hill. Our best wishes go to one and all.

Our first cruise of this Squadron Year is about to occur as I write this article. By the time you read this article, it will have happened. The dates are 27-29 April and the port is New Bern. Jennifer Smith is the member in charge (cruise director?) and has almost 30 people signed up to participate so far. This is great! She has several activities planned and will tell us all about how it went in the June edition of the Bowlights. Other things happening in May include the Water Fest for the students of the Wake County School System, National Safe Boating Week, and our Slow Boat Cruise to Cape Lookout and the surrounding area. Details about all of these events will be presented at the May Membership Meeting. Also, all RSPS members are invited to attend a Commander's Picnic planned for 22 July. More details will be provided as we get closer to the event.

Last month I addressed our intent to move to electronic distribution for the Bowlights. We have moved closer to making this change for RSPS, but we are moving very carefully. Communications is critically important in our organization and we certainly don't want to have any of our members suddenly stop receiving the Bowlights. We will ensure that those who prefer to continue receiving the Bowlights can do so. Our target is to make this effective with the July edition.

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### **ET CETERA**

#### Boating Safety by P/C Charles A. Miller, JN

At this time of year, we boaters start thinking seriously about getting our boats in shape for the upcoming boating season. We check the condition of our boats and begin to do all those things necessary to get ready for the first cruise of the season. As we perform our spring preparation, let's not forget to keep safety in mind. Make sure you have at least the minimum required safety equipment on board. The following equipment is required to meet the federal and state requirements:

- One approved Type I, II or III Personal Flotation Device (PFD) for each person on board or being towed on water skis, etc.
- Every vessel less than 39.4 ft (12 meters) in length must carry an efficient sound producing device. Every vessel 39.4 ft (12 meters) or larger in length must carry a whistle and a bell. The whistle must be audible for 1/2 nautical mile. The mouth of the bell must be at least 7.87 inches (200mm) in diameter.
- Must carry approved visual distress signals for both daytime and night-time use.
- One B-I type approved hand portable fire extinguisher is required for boats less than 26 feet. Two B-I type **OR** one B-II type approved portable fire extinguishers are
- required for boats between 26 and 40 feet. Three B-I type **OR** one B-I type **PLUS** one B-II type approved portable fire extinguishers are required for boats between 40 and 65 feet.
- At least two ventilation ducts capable of efficiently ventilating every closed compartment that
  contains a gasoline engine and/or tank, except those having permanently installed tanks which
  vent outside of the boat and which contain no unprotected electrical devices. Engine
  compartments containing a gasoline engine with a cranking motor are additionally required to
  contain power operated exhaust blowers which can be controlled from the instrument panel.
- One approved backfire flame arrestor device on each carburetor of all gasoline engines installed after April 25, 1940, except outboard motors.
- In North Carolina, vessel engines with open air exhausts and the capacity to operate at more than 4000 RPM must have effective muffling equipment installed on each exhaust manifold stack. Excepted are licensed commercial fishing boats.

Remember to file a Float Plan before you go out on that first Spring 'shake-down' cruise.

Have fun and be safe. Hope to see you on the water.

#### Nautical Trivia by P/C Tom Taylor, AP

#### Below are the answers to the trivia questions in the April Bow Lights:

- 1) What is a "killick"? A small anchor. A fouled "killick" is the substantive badge of non-commissioned officers in the Royal Navy. The badge signifies that here is an able seaman skilled to cope with the awkward job of dealing with a fouled anchor.
- 2) What is a "cunningham"? A "cunningham" is a type of downhaul used on a Bermuda rigged sailboat to change the shape of a sail.
- 3) What are "ratlines"? "Ratlines" are lengths of thin line tied between the shrouds of a sailing ship to form a ladder. They are found on square rigged ships whose crews must go aloft to furl the square sails, but may also be present on larger fore-and-aft rigged vessels in order to make repairs or conduct a lookout from a higher position.

#### Below are a few more questions for you to ponder:

- 1) What is a "bumpkin"?
- 2) What does "piping the side" mean?
- 3) What is a "kelson"?

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# Education

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#### Advanced Grade Classes:

See web for latest update: http://www.rsps.org

#### Seamanship (S)

Date: April 26, 2007 - Thursday Nights

Location: DOT Building, 1 S Wilmington St, Raleigh Instructor: Wilbur Chapman, (919) 418-0764

Email: chapmanw@bellsouth.net

#### Piloting (P)

Date: Fall 2007 Location: TBD Instructor: Lynn Dail Email: dail.lynn@epa.gov

#### Advanced Piloting (AP)

Date: April 25, 2007

Time: Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

Location: Glenwood Place, 3700 National Drive,

Raleigh

Instructor: George Malindzak, (919) 870-1834

Email: polaris6@bellsouth.net

#### Junior Navigation (JN)

Date: Fall 2007

Location: Suite 201 of Venture III on Centennial

Campus

Instructor: John McLendon, (919) 829-6313

Email: <a href="mailto:postmasters@bellsouth.net">postmasters@bellsouth.net</a>

#### Junior Navigation (JN) Workshop

Date: In progress – Monday Nights

Location: Suite 201 of Venture III on Centennial

Campus

Instructor: Ralph Daniels at ralph.daniels@spirent.com

#### Navigation (N)

Date: Fall 2007 Location: TBD

Instructor: Ed Deyo (919) 467-6691,

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#### **Elective Grade Classes:**

See web for latest update: <a href="http://www.rsps.org">http://www.rsps.org</a>
Interested in a class? Call the instructor and let him know you want to sign up.

#### **Engine Maintenance**

Date: January 2008 Location: TBD

Instructor: Glenn Faurot (919) 233-9853

Email: <a href="mailto:glennfaurot@hotmail.com">glennfaurot@hotmail.com</a>

#### Weather

Date: January 2008

Instructor: Tom Taylor (919) 266-1860

Email: tomt@ncleg.net

#### **Cruise Planning**

Date: February 26, 2007

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Suite 201 of Venture III on Centennial Campus

Instructor: Bob Belvin (919) 846 2846

Email: bobbel22@aol.com.

#### Sail

Date: September 10, 2007 Time: Mondays at 7:00pm

Location: 2008 Sterling Silver Dr. Apex Instructor: Michael Dykstra (919) 387-8483

Email: Michael dykstra@ncsu.edu

#### **Marine Electronics**

Date: September 5, 2007 Time: Wednesdays at 7:00pm

Location: Millbrook Masonic Lodge, 2400 New Hope

Church Rd, Raleigh

Instructor: Burt Pearson (919) 496-2865

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#### **Instructor Development**

Date: June, 2007 Location: Call Larry

Instructor: Larry Stockett (919) 788-0300

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#### **USCG Captain's License Workshop**

Date: Summer, 2007 If interested contact: Stefan Ufer 919 247-7696, Email: sufer@email.unc.edu

Or

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## Education

#### SEO Update, by Lt/C Wilbur Chapman, JN

It's not too late if you act now!

**Advanced Piloting** started April 25 – contact George Malindzak 919-870-1834, polaris6@bellsouth.net

**Seamanship** started April 26 – contact Wilbur Chapman 919-418-0764 <a href="mailto:chapmanw@bellsouth.net">chapmanw@bellsouth.net</a>

#### USPS "U"

You have probably heard or read about USPS University. This is an expansion of the education available to members. If you thought you had taken all the education that USPS has to offer, think again, there is more!

USPS "U" starts with the solid foundation of the existing Advanced and Elective Grade Courses. Building on that foundation there are now 4 new Seminars with more to come this year and even more next year. Then add to that Skills Certification and you have **Boat Operator Certifications**.

There will eventually be 4 levels of certification: Inland Navigator, Coastal Navigator, Advanced Coastal Navigator and Offshore Navigator Certification. For a powerpoint presentation that gives an overview of the various levels see:

http://www.usps.org/national/eddept/files/boc\_presentation\_ann\_mtg\_03-16-07.ppt

**Inland Navigator Certification** is the first level and is being offered in 2007. To qualify you must complete Seamanship, Engine Maintenance and Marine Electronics 101. If you haven't taken those see the Education listings for the next class.

Additionally you must take 4 Seminars: Using a GPS, Using VHF/DSC Marine Radio, How to Read a Chart and On Board Weather Forecasting. These are each only 2 hr seminars and they can be waved if you have taken related Advanced or Elective Grade Courses. For example you don't need to take On Board Weather Forecasting if you have completed the Weather course. If you are interested in any of these Seminars, they will be taught in June. Check out the rsps web site for the latest.

The next step will be Skills Certification. There will be Region and District certifiers. And there is a waver process based on your level of boating experience.

I know that there are some of you who have already completed all of the necessary education and are ready for the Skills Certification. I have not yet received the forms necessary for those but if you will let me know you are interested I will put your name on the list and contact you as soon as I have something.

For more information contact your friendly local SEO.

#### Take a course, Teach a course, call me!



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# Membership

#### Dues Renewal Time by Lt/C Luis Lopez, S

Renewal dues notices have been sent out for RSPS members that have been members for more than a year or two. The renewal dues are due by June 1 for these longer term members. For the 2007-08 dues year, there will be a slight increase in dues for those persons who have single membership, or those that have additional active members. The new rate for single members will be \$68.60, an increase of \$1.80. For additional active members, the new rate will be \$51.80, an increase of \$0.90.

For those members who have additional family members, the new rate will be \$18.80. This is an increase of \$8.85. The new rate for junior members is \$2.00, a decrease of \$2.00, assuming an active member and at least a family member are paying dues.

The new rate for USPS dues is essentially a "household" rate. After 2 members are paid for, any number of additional household family members can be added without additional USPS dues. The only extra cost is \$2.00 per member for Squadron dues, if they are family members or junior members.

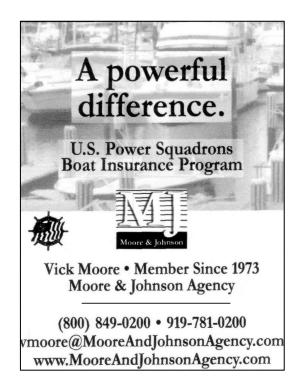
The difference between an additional active member and a family member is that family members can not vote or hold office. Family members do not have to pass a boating safety class, but they can take any of the boating courses taught by the squadron.

For those members that have joined recently, your dues will be due in the month that you joined, or anniversary billing.

Again this year, you can pay your dues via the internet, using a credit card, or by mail using a credit card, or by sending in a check. Instructions for using the internet will be included with the notice for the dues.

If you have any questions about dues, please do not hesitate to contact me by e-mail; at <a href="mailto:lopezlf@yahoo.com">lopezlf@yahoo.com</a>, 919-790-9030.





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# Meetings

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#### May Membership Meeting

The May Membership Meeting will be held at the Knights of Columbus building near the corner of New Hope and New Bern in northeast Raleigh. The meal will be an awesome Italian Night Special! The meal will be catered by Grand Street Pizza and we will be having home baked lasagna, ziti, Italian sausage and peppers, and salad. The chef prepares all sauces from scratch.... PLUS homemade cheesecake baked by his mom (no kidding). This is truly going to be a culinary delight.

The speaker for the evening will be Al Pendergrass, from Gypsy Divers, Inc. Since we have some many of our members going to exotic places, and available dives sights locally, his program should provide the emphasis to learn to SCUBA dive.

DATE: Tuesday, May 1

**TIME:** Social 1830, Meeting 1900

PROGRAM: Al Pendergrass, Gypsy Divers

**LOCATION:** Knights of Columbus

Raleigh, NC

**MENU:** Italian Night Special!

**COST:** \$16.50 per person,

children under 12 free

**UNIFORM:** Team Casual

#### Executive Committee Meetings:

The Executive Committee meetings are generally for bridge members and committee chairs, but all are welcome. The meetings will normally be the Monday before the membership meeting. Please try to call Carolyn Simons' ahead so proper refreshments can be ordered.

**Location:** Dave and Carolyn Simons' House

2117 Cowper Drive, Raleigh, NC

**Time:** 7:00pm

**Dates**: Apr 30<sup>th</sup>, Jun 4<sup>th</sup>, Jul 9<sup>th</sup>

Directions: I-440 to Wade; Exit toward

downtown; Left on Oberlin Road; Right on Fairview at next light; Left on Cowper; 5<sup>th</sup> House on

Left.

#### June Membership Meeting

The June Membership Meeting will be held at the Knights of Columbus building near the corner of New Hope and New Bern in northeast Raleigh. Since the weather is getting quite warm, we will have a cooler, lighter meal catered by Sweet Tomatoes to make you feel cool on a hot summer night. The meal will consist of Tuna Salad Teragon, Chicken Wonton Salad, 2 Cold Pasta Salads, Macaroni & Cheese, Baked Potatoes & Toppings, Assorted Muffins (Chocolate, Blueberry, Corn Bread), Chocolate Chip Cookies, Tea & Lemonade.

The speaker for the evening will be Beth Thomas, NC Division of Ferries. Since North Carolina has one of the larger ferry systems in the country, and we see them as we boat, it will be interesting to hear about this alternative to bridges.

DATE: Tuesday, June 5

**TIME:** Social 1830, Meeting 1900

**PROGRAM:** Beth Thomas, NC Ferry Division

**LOCATION:** Knights of Columbus

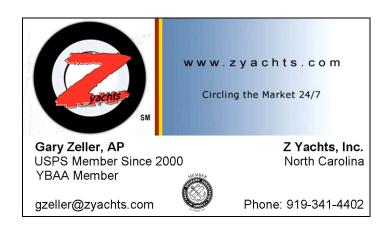
Raleigh, NC

**MENU:** Cool Summer Special!

**COST:** \$11.00 per person,

children under 12 free

UNIFORM: Team Casual



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# **Boating**

#### June Lake Cruise to Clarksville Virginia By Lt/C Luis Lopez, S

The June Kerr Lake cruise is less than a month away. This year, the plan is (weather permitting) to camp out on June 8<sup>th</sup> and June 9<sup>th</sup> at the JC Cooper campground at Satterwhite Point. For those not into tent camping, there are many rental properties on Kerr Lake including 2 cabins at Satterwhite marina. On Saturday morning, the campers and non-campers will meet at a designated site at Satterwhite marina around 10:30 AM (6470 Satterwhite Point Rd. Henderson NC 27537 Phone (252) 430-1300). From there we will travel to Clarksville, Virginia. The trip is about 25 miles one way so we should be there in time for lunch. There are several restaurants within walking distance from the public docks. These include Subway (434) 374-2052, Cooper's Landing Inn & Traveler's Tavern (434) 374-2866 <a href="http://www.cooperslandinginn.com/">http://www.cooperslandinginn.com/</a>, Gino's Italian Restaurant (434) 374-9600, Great Wall Restaurant (434) 374-9719, I'll Be Dipped & Diner (434) 374-2340, Main Street Grill (434) 374-5600, McDonald's (434) 374-0198, Pizza Pub (434) 374-2080, The Lamplighter Restaurant & Lounge (434) 374-0230, The Pink Giraffe (434) 374-4220, and the Mariposa Cafe (434) 374-4646.

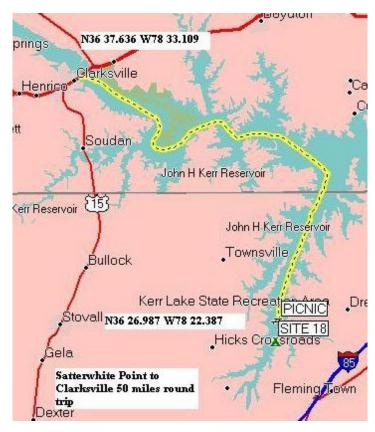
The following web sites contain information about Satterwhite Point State Park, Kerr Lake, Satterwhite Point Marina, and Clarksville.

http://ils.unc.edu/parkproject/visit/kela/home.html (this has information on the camping)

http://www.kerrlake.com/

http://www.satterwhitept.com/

http://www.clarksvilleva.com/



If you are interested in participating on this cruise/and or camping event please let me know so that I can plan accordingly. If you are interested but do not have a lake boat, let me know and I will try to find you a ride. If you plan to go and have extra room on your boat, please let me know how much room and what expenses you expect passengers to split with you. I can be reached at (919) 790-0903 during the evenings or at <a href="mailto:lopezlf@yahoo.com">lopezlf@yahoo.com</a>.

Looking forward to seeing you in the campground and on Kerr Lake!

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# Boating

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Lt/C Luis Lopez, S, Phone 919-790-0903, Email: lopezlf@yahoo.com

#### **Memorial Day Cruise**

Venue: Cape Lookout Date: May 25 – May 28 Coordinator: Burt Pearson Phone: 919-496-2865

Email: pearson@touchnc.net

#### **Slow Boat Cruise**

Venue: Cape Lookout & Beyond Date: May 26 – Jun 03 Coordinator: Ed Deyo Phone: 919-467-6691 Email: edeyo1@nc.rr.com

#### **Kerr Lake Cruise**

Venue: Kerr Lake
Date: Jun 08 –Jun 10
Coordinator: Luis Lopez
Phone: 919-790-0903
Email: JopezIf@yahoo.com

#### D27 Cruise

Venue: Ocracoke, New Bern, etc Date: Jun 18 – Jun 22 Coordinator: Ralph Daniels Phone: 919-795-9374 Email: ralph.daniels@spirentcom.com

# Cape Lookout Rendezvous and Slow Boat Cruise By Lt/C Burt Pearson, AP

Now is the time to mark your calendar and start planning for the Cape Lookout Rendezvous. The main event will take place on Sunday, May 27, and Monday, May 28, Memorial Day, with a raft up in Cape Lookout bight. However, activities will start as early as Friday, May 24, with some boats docking at Morehead City Yacht Basin, 252-726-6862, and staying until Sunday morning. This allows time for shopping and sightseeing in Morehead City, only a short walk from the slips, and time for sitting around having fellowship and of course, snacking and wetting the whistle. Generally, there are enough people around, whether by boat or by car, for the group to dine together Friday and Saturday nights.

Some boats, primarily sailboats, go out to Cape Lookout on Saturday, and make it a longer weekend. While rafted up, there can be anywhere from 5 to 11 boats rafted together at any given time. There is time for beachcombing, visiting the lighthouse, and just relaxing and enjoying life and boating.

There are plans for the sailboats to leave Cape Lookout and venture further on a Slow Boat Cruise. Look for the article by Ed Deyo about this adventure.

If you are planning to participate in any part of this weekend, or want more information, please contact Burt Pearson at <a href="mailto:pearson@touchnc.net">pearson@touchnc.net</a> or 919-496-2865. We really would like to know who is going to be where so that we can insure that everyone is part of the activities, and who that we should be looking for when we get somewhere.

#### Lake Gaston Cruise

Venue: Lake Gaston
Date: July 07
Coordinator: Bill Dunlap
Phone: 919-870-2980
Email: lopezlf@yahoo.com

#### **Long Summer Cruise**

Venue: Jamestown, VA
Date: July 28 - Aug 05
Coordinator: Bobby Glover
Phone: 919-557-3663
E-mail: bglover@nc.rr.com

#### Jordan Lake Cruise

Venue: Jordan Lake (August

Meeting)
Date: August 4

Coordinator: Tom Taylor Phone: 919-266-1860 E-mail: tomt@ncleg.net

#### **All Boats Cruise**

Venue: Pamlico Sound Date: Aug 24-Aug26 Coordinator: Bobby Glover Phone: 919-557-3663 E-mail: bglover@nc.rr.com

#### Southern Carolina

Venue: Somewhere South Date: Sep 13 – Sep 16 Coordinator: TBD Phone: TBD

Email: TBD

#### Big Sweep

Venue: Falls Lake/Cape Lookout

Date: Oct 06 Coordinator: TBD Phone: TBD Email: TBD

#### **Pirate Cruise**

Venue: South River Date: Nov 03-Nov 04 Coordinator: TBD Phone: TBD Email: TBD Page 9 – Bow Lights May 2007

# **Boating**

# Slow Boat Cruise by P/C Ed Deyo, JN

Boating season is almost upon us. Plan now to come with us to lazily explore the coastal North Carolina waters. The first few days of this cruise has been combined with the Memorial Day cruise to Beaufort/Morehead City (starts May 25) and then to Cape Lookout. That portion of the cruise has been a favorite for several years. It is structured so you can easily take part in a portion of it and you have a choice of tying up or anchoring.

After the Memorial Day cruises comes to an end on Monday, (May 28) I plan to remain at anchor and wave goodbye to those members that have to go back to work. If you have never been in that position you should try it, it feels kind of decadent.

The next morning, Tuesday, bright and not so early, we plan to pull the anchor and head back toward the Neuse River. In what should be a half day trip, (more or less) we will arrive at South River. We will again drop anchor and party the night away.

Wednesday morning, (May 30) we will slide out of the anchorage fairly early and sail to Ocracoke Island. Accommodations are available at the Anchorage Marina and the Park Service Docks. The rates are quite different, but you get showers and a swimming pool with the more expensive facilities. Let me know if you want to go to Ocracoke and stay at the Anchorage Marina and I will see about reserving some slots. Email me at <a href="mailto:edeyo1@nc.rr.com">edeyo1@nc.rr.com</a> or call me at 467-6691 to let me know you need a space. The Park Service docks are first come, first parked. They do not accept reservations.

We will stay two or three days at Ocracoke depending on what the group wants to do. We have the option of going to Dowry Creek Marina or Blackbeard's old home, Bath.

On Saturday or Sunday we will return to our marinas.

#### WATER FEST 2007 By Lt/C Bill Dunlap, AP

If you love kids and lifejackets, boy do I have the opportunity for you. RSPS will have a booth at the 2007 City of Raleigh Water Fest. Water Fest is an annual festival put on by the City of Raleigh to educate school age children about Water. Our reason for being there is to educate the children about safety on the water; namely wearing your correctly sized life jacket. Water Fest will take place Tues, May 8 through Thursday, May 10 at the Neuse River Wastewater Treatment Plant. Our booth will consist of a display of the different types of life jackets and a short presentation for each class that comes by. All volunteers will receive lunch and a T-shirt. We need at least 3 volunteers for each day but would love to have more. If you are interested in volunteering, please call me at 919-870-2980 or via email bill.dunlap@forbo.com.

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## **District and National**

#### D/27 Rendezvous Time

Tie a string around your finger. It will remind you to call the Sheraton New Bern Hotel and Marina at (252) 638-3585 or (800) 326-3745 to make your room or dockage reservation for the **22-24 June 2007 D/27 Rendezvous**. Ask for the D/27 block of rooms to get the special rate. New Bern is a neat waterfront town with lots of history and hospitality.

Start off Friday morning with a Hatteras Yachts Factory Tour. Wear <u>flat</u> shoes that cover your feet (no sandals or flip-flops). Friday afternoon hop on the guided Trolley Tour through historic New Bern with some fun stops including one at the birthplace of Pepsi. Friday evening D/27 will be hosting a cocktail party at Farmer's Market, which is just around the corner from the Sheraton. A Shrimp-a-roo will follow (shrimp, chicken <u>and</u> sausage with all the extras). Then, get ready for a karaoke contest with Ken Link as emcee. There is a rumor going around that D/27 Bridge has a <u>special</u> karaoke presentation! Bring your own music or choose from something that will be available.

Limit those sippies and get plenty of sleep so you will be at your best on Saturday for the games/competitions. There will be a boat-maneuvering contest to show off your skills!!! Get your teams ready for the beanbag nautical baseball game. It's lady friendly so hopefully there will be plenty of gals on your team. Do you need any cheerleaders? Let's give the Cape Fear Fog Horns some competition this year in the annual Conch Blowing Contest.

Saturday lunch will be at the Sheraton. Cdr Gordy has a fun luau scheduled for Saturday evening. Get out your best Hawaiian shirts and grass skirts (if you dare!) and get ready to party!

If you haven't been to a rendezvous make plans to be a "First Timer" in New Bern. If you always attend we will look forward to seeing you again. If you are driving or cruising now is the time to make your reservations for a fun weekend. Your commander has the reservation form and additional info.

If you have any questions call or email Sara Epperson at (910) 327-2989 (<a href="mailto:whepper@charter.net">whepper@charter.net</a>) or Dauna Gable at (910) 327-1276 (<a href="mailto:dgable@charter.net">dgable@charter.net</a>).

New Bern, here we come!!! P/Lt/C Dauna Gable, AP New River Sail and Power Squadron

#### **District 27 and National Calendar for 2007-2008**

Jun 22-24, 2007 D/27 Rendezvous New Bern, NC Sept 4-9, 2007 National Fall Governing Board Norfolk, VA Sept 21-23, 2007 D/27 Fall Council Hickory, NC Feb 19-24, 2008 National Annual Meeting & COW Dallas, TX Sept 2-7, 2008 National Fall Governing Board Detroit, MI

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#### <u>REGISTRATION FORM - DISTRICT 27 RENDEZVOUS</u> <u>SHERATON HOTEL & MARINA - NEW BERN, NC - 22-24 JUNE 2007</u>

(252) 638-3585 or (800) 326-3745 - <u>Cutoff Date for Hotel: 23 MAY 2007</u>

<u>Room Rate - \$109.00 plus tax</u>

<b>FRIDAY 22 JUNE:</b>					
1200 - 1700	Registration Desk Open - Sheraton Lobby				
0900 - 1130		Hatteras Yachts Tour – no charge. Meet in Sheraton Lobby at 0815 to carpool.			
	Wear <u>flat</u> shoes that cover your feet (no sandals or	Wear <u>flat</u> shoes that cover your feet (no sandals or flip flops).			
		Two and one-half hour walking tour.			
1330 - 1530	Guided Trolley Tour through historic district with stops at the New Bern Academy Museum, Churchyard of				
1700 - 1800 1815 - 1900	Christ Church, and the Birthplace of Pepsi Cola.				
	Cost: \$13.00 per person. Meet in the Sheraton Lo	bby.			
	New Member Reception – District Commander's Suite				
	D/27 Bridge Cocktail Party at Farmer's Market				
1900 –	Shrimp-a-roo at Farmer's Market includes Shrimp, Chicken <i>and</i> Sausage with extras Cost: \$16.00 per person				
	Karaoke contest to follow dinner.				
SATURDAY 23 JU	NE:				
<del>0930 - 1200</del>	Registration Desk Open - Sheraton Lobby				
1000 - 1100	Beanbag Nautical Baseball				
1100 – 1200	Conch Blowing Contest				
1230 – 1330	Lunch at the Sheraton. Outdoor Cookout, weather permitting				
Cost: \$19.00 per person					
1330 -	Beanbag Nautical Baseball World Series				
	Boat Docking Contest				
1800 -	Cash Bar – Sheraton				
1900 -	Luau – Sheraton Cost: \$25.00 per person				
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Phone:	Squadron:				
E-mail:					

Make checks payable to: D/27 Rendezvous and mail to: P/Lt/C Sara Epperson, P, 1113 Mill Run Road, Sneads Ferry, NC 28460 Reservations must be received by 24 May 2007.

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