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ROCKY MOUNT POWER SQUADRON

THE COASTAL PLAINS SIGNAL

September 2016



Commander Linda ("Bug") K. Joyner, S

The Rocky Mount Power Squadron had a wonderful rendezvous at LM and Margaret's home at Beaufort, NC on 23 July. Their home is right on Taylor's Creek with a wonderful view of Carrot Island. Lorraine and I arrived just in time for a boat ride with Ashley, Will, Cameron and their friend. We rode to a shallow area off the tip of Carrot Island. We enjoyed some time in the sun and water. The day was perfect for our little outing with the grand kids. Will and Ashely are very skilled boat Captain and first mate. Perhaps new USPS members in the near future.

Later we went back and rode with LM, Matt, Harry and Phil on the Miss Margaret. Sally decided to take it easy and spend time with Margaret and Meg. The Miss Margaret is a beautiful boat. We especially loved the blue upholstery. On our trip, we saw one boater being stopped by a Wildlife agent. He had himself stretched across the boats for communication purposes. It was quite a sight. Not sure if they got a ticket but it did cause our Captain LM to be a bit more cautious. We picked up Robert and Barbara in Beaufort and headed back to the house.

We enjoyed hotdogs and hamburgers with lots of tasty side dishes including Sally's famous coleslaw. Matt and Harry introduced us to a wonderful sauce made just for Yuengling Brats as an appetizer. I need to get the recipe, it was delicious. Margaret made some tomatoes with garlic salt on them, yum-yum. We ate our dinner on the back porch.

After dinner, it was time to sit on the balcony and enjoy the view. The horse family was enjoying their evening on the shore of Carrot Island. Matt and Harry pointed out many landmarks from the balcony. The rendezvous was a great family time. Margaret, LM, Meg, Harry and Matt were gracious hosts to all of us.

This is the way it is with the Rocky Mount Power Squadron, we are a boating organization but first we are a family. I look forward to many other gatherings like this.

Phil, Sally, Robert and Barbara made the trip to Pittsburgh for the Governing Board meeting. We shall hear all the news at the next bridge meeting. Check the calendar for upcoming events.

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RMPS Calendar 2016

9-10 September	Leadership Development Beaufort, SC	1800 Monday 14 November	RMPS Bridge Meeting Texas Steakhouse, Rocky Mount
1800 Monday 12 September	RMPS Bridge Meeting Texas Steakhouse, Rocky Mount	1800 Saturday 03 December	Christmas Party/Annual Meeting Myrtle Grove Plantation Macclesfield, NC
1800 Monday 26 September	RMPS Family Night with Ondra & Nelson Texas Steakhouse, Rocky Mount	1800 Monday 12 December	RMPS Bridge Meeting Texas Steakhouse, Rocky Mount
1800 Monday 10 October	RMPS Bridge Meeting Texas Steakhouse, Rocky Mount	05-06 January	Leadership Development Ramada Hotel Raleigh, NC
14-16 October	D27 Fall Council/Conference Embassy Suites Airport Greensboro, NC	07 January	D27 Training Day Raleigh, NC
06 November	Past Commander's Pig Picking	1800 Monday 09 January	RMPS Bridge Meeting Texas Steakhouse, Rocky Mount



VESSEL SAFETY CHECK

P/C Christopher E. Payne, AP

Chair VSC Committee

Call any of our Vessel Examiners to get your Free Vessel Safety Check today. We have plenty of VSC decals on hand. You can even prepare ahead of time by performing your own pre-VSC online at www.safetyseal.net by clicking on "Virtual Vessel Safety Check".

Thanks Chris

Contact me at 252 641-1233 or cepsmpcs@aol.com if you would like to become a Vessel Examiner.

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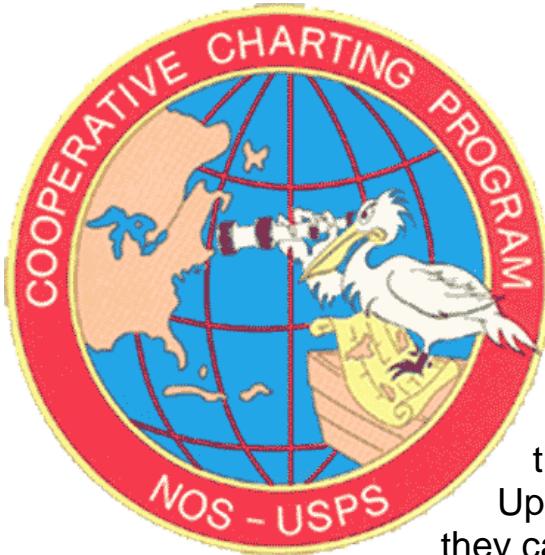
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 Tarboro, Hertford, Edenton
 Nashville, Rocky Mount



Cooperative Charting

Cooperative Charting Committee Chair Stf/C Phillip A. Benson, JN

I attended the meeting of the National Cooperative Charting Meeting Committee in Pittsburgh recently.

I did meet Russ Proctor, who is the Navigation Services Division Chief and our new coordinator of the program. He made a presentation to the group on the reporting of Chart Discrepancies, Coast Pilot Updates and Depth Surveys. It was significant to me that they can now accept depth surveys as long as the depth wiz file is compressed and the file has a ".zip" extension. There are forms available and procedures available for reporting Chart Discrepancies, Depth Surveys and Coast Pilot Updates. If anyone has a need for these please contact me at bensonphil028@gmail.com.

I intend to test out the depth survey reporting process as soon as I finish the repairs to Miss Ann. Apparently, she had a problem with the #6 cylinder valves, that I believe was caused by blockage of a cooling passage in the head. I currently have the head off the engine and I am in the process of reseating the valves.

Mr. Proctor also informed us that he has created a draft of a new Memorandum of Understanding and is sending that to R/C Dianne Julum, JN_IN for her review. This is good news for the future and indicates their intent to continue the program and work with us to adapt to the changes that are needed.

There still is no system for tracking reports submitted and NOAA has only committed to providing this data at the end of the year.

Please Remember

Problems with Aids to Navigation (ATON) should not be reported to NOAA, however, they should always be reported to the Coast Guard.

I expect very few nautical cooperative charting awards to be earned this year, however, there will be awards from the Geodetic program, which has seen a huge increase in participation. As this program has developed we continue to work on ways to improve it and maintain the integrity of the program. The Area Representatives have been reassigned to increase the number of reviewers and speed the processing of reports. There will be some changes to the reporting requirements, including photo requirements, photo file names and lat/lon format. These changes will be documented in detail and be posted on the national web site when they are to be implemented.

Education Report

Barbara and I had the opportunity to attend the United States Power Squadron Fall Governing Board Meeting in Pittsburg, PA. 24 August through 28 August 2016.

I attended the Educational Meeting and Committee Meetings. To see Items of interest see the August Currents on the National Educational Web Site at <http://www.usps.org/national/eddept/>.

National Educational Officer V/C Craig Fraser, SN stressed value in the amount squadrons charge for Courses and Seminars in reference to Non-Members. Research has shown by charging \$65 to \$165.00 for Courses and \$40.00 to \$45.00 for Seminars the public is more apt to take them because of their value. We should take advantage of Social Media to let more people know who you are. Food for thought: start up a public relation team, develop a Demo to promote your squadron's America Boating Course, Social Activities, and Boating Activities.

The trivia question for July pertained to the federal Regulations.

Question? Which side of the Demarcation line does the Inland rules apply as well as the International rules?

Answer: Inside for the Inland, Outside for the International.

While out on the water be patient, use defensively tactics.

SEO Lt/C Robert Bruner AP

USPS PLEDGE

*"I do solemnly pledge to:
Abide by the bylaws of the United States
Power Squadrons;
Promote high standards of navigation and
seamanship;
Maintain my boat and operate it legally;
Render assistance whenever possible;
And conduct myself in a manner that will
add prestige, honor, and respect to the
United States Power Squadrons.*

Summer Fun In Beaufort

By P/C Lorraine B. Ryan, P

Margaret and L.M. graciously opened the “Barnes” summer homestead, which is on the water in Beaufort, to members of the Rocky Mount Power Squadron on Saturday 23 July.

Sally and Phil, Barbara and Robert and Bug and Lorraine enjoyed a beautiful, hot day on the water, in the water, on the porch, on the patio and in the cool house. Bug and Lorraine arrived early enough to travel out with two of their grandchildren, Ashley and Will and their two friends in the *small* boat where they anchored off Carrot Island and played corn hole, walked the island, got cool in the water, or just read a book. After arriving back, it was time for L.M. to take us out in the *big* boat, Miss Margaret. The river was full of boats all the way down to Morehead City where we picked up Barbara and Robert. We saw one boat get stopped by NC Wildlife but don’t know why since we didn’t stick around.

More socializing and elbow bending with both Margaret and L.M.’s daughter, Meg, her husband, Harry and L.M.’s son Matt. Matt brought us to a BBQ dinner on the patio. Hamburgers and hot dogs with an appetizer of bratwurst dipped in Meg’s special sauce, yummy. Salads and desserts were made by all and were quickly eaten. All in all, it was a wonderful, hot, sunny day with good food, good wine and good friends.

The following pictures were provided by Linda Joyner and Margaret Barnes.





Queen Anne's Revenge Conservation Laboratory

By P/C Lorraine B. Ryan, P

Kim Kenyon, QAR Conservator and Field Director at the Queen Anne's Revenge Lab at the ECU West Campus in Greenville was our RMPS Family Night speaker at a full house at the Texas Steak House in Rocky Mount on Monday 22 August.

Nineteen members and guests enjoyed an informative and interesting Power Point presentation. Kim was our personal tour guide when we toured the QAR lab prior to the District 27 Washington Rendezvous in June. Her slide show began with a map of the underwater site which shows areas that have and have not been excavated. She then explained the history of Blackbeard's ship which was originally a 200 ton French vessel (*La Concorde*) loaded with cargo and slaves from Africa. Edward Teach (Blackbeard) added additional cannon and renamed her *Queen Anne's Revenge*. The name may have come from the War of the Spanish Succession, known in the Americas as Queen Anne's War, in which Blackbeard had served in the Royal Navy, or possibly from sympathy for Queen Anne, the last Stuart monarch. Blackbeard sailed this ship from the west coast of Africa to the Caribbean, attacking British, Dutch, and Portuguese merchant ships along the way.



Shortly after blockading Charleston harbor in May 1718, and refusing to accept the Governor's offer of a pardon, Blackbeard ran *Queen Anne's Revenge* aground while entering Beaufort Inlet. Some suggest Blackbeard deliberately grounded the ship as an excuse to disperse the crew. Shortly afterward, Blackbeard did surrender and accepted a royal pardon for himself and his remaining crewmen from Governor Charles Eden at Bath, North Carolina. However, he eventually returned to piracy and was killed in combat in November 1718.

Intersal Inc., a private research firm, discovered the wreck which was just believed to be *Queen Anne's Revenge* (QAR) on November 21, 1996. The shipwreck lies in 28 feet of water about one mile offshore of Fort Macon State Park. More than 400,000 artifacts have been recovered thus far with about 250,000 of them cannon shot. Because of the research on the artifacts discovered, it has been determined that the ship is the QAR.

After artifacts are brought to the surface and delivered to the QAR Lab, they are documented, and placed into holding tanks with a solution to prevent the items from deteriorating. Kim's slides showed us many of the items that have been brought to the surface. Glass beads, nails, ceramic shards, pewter fragments, ship ballast, anchors, cannons, cannon balls, wine glass stems, medical items such as a syringe, nesting weights (to measure medicine), sword guards, bar shots, iron bolts, shackles and even grenades. The conservators use air scribes, about the size of a dentist drill, to remove the concretion, which is a solid mass of mineral deposits growing on the items. After all of the concretion is removed from a metal artifact, the item has to be placed back into a solution where electrodes are attached to remove the soluble salts in the metal. It might take as much as a year using electrolysis to remove the salts. A solution is then placed on the metal items so that they will not rust. The official repository of these items is the Maritime Museum in Beaufort with some items in the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum, the NC Museum of History and the Smithsonian.

For those that missed our June tour, there are tours on the first Tuesday of every month at 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. Reservations are required. A Saturday event is planned for Saturday 19 November, again with reservations required. You may contact Kim at the QAR Lab at 252-744-6721 or email her at kimberly.kenyon@ncder.gov. Also, check out their website: www.qaronline.org.

September News From National

USPS Governing Board Meeting 2016

The 2016 Governing Board Meeting, held in Pittsburgh, concluded on Saturday 27 August. By all accounts it was a successful meeting. Besides the department and committee meetings available on Thursday, there were a number of seminars offered on Friday. These included but were not limited to: Squadron Growth – Finding What Works, Instructor Development, and SERAT Does It All on the Water. The official meeting attendance on Saturday was 405. Many of these members and their guests enjoyed the abundant sightseeing opportunities around Pittsburgh, including cruises on the 3 rivers, rides on the famous Incline Cable Cars, and for some a Pirates baseball game. The hotel was conveniently located with a variety of restaurants within a few blocks.

Some of the actions at the meeting included:

- The Finance Committee proposed a motion to increase dues \$2.00, effective date 1 December 2016. This would set the dues rate for a regular active member at \$53.00, family units headed by a regular active at \$79.50, and family units headed by a life member or a sustaining member at \$26.50. This motion passed.
- Announcement by the Member Benefits Committee of 2 new benefits:
 - VSP – Individual Vision Care. This is a national not-for-profit vision care company
 - Wyndham Hotel Group – 20% savings on their variety of hotel chains
For further information on these programs and a complete list of Member Benefits, go to the Member Home Page on the National Website, click on the Site Index, then Member Benefits.

Reported by R/C Kathleen Lambert, AP



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District 27 Fall Council/Conference

October 14-16, 2016

Embassy Suites by Hilton
at Greensboro Airport
204 Centreport Drive
Greensboro, NC 27409



You are Invited to a Presentation by:

Speaker: Kevin Duffus

October 15, 2016

10:00 am

Room: Salon D

Kevin Dufus is an award making filmmaker, researcher, author and investigative journalist of historical events.



WAR ZONE

World War II Off North Carolina's Outer Banks



In 1942, the United States suffered one of its worst defeats of WW II, not in Europe or the Pacific, but along the nation's eastern seaboard. Three hundred ninety-seven ships were sunk or damaged and 5,000 people were killed. For six months, 65 U-boats hunted merchant vessels practically unopposed within view of coastal communities. The greatest concentration of these attacks occurred off North Carolina's Outer Banks.

Come hear Kevin share his account of the almost calamitous first engagement between a U-Boat and a U.S. Navy Destroyer near Nags Head.



District 27, United States Power Squadron
2016 Fall Council/Conference
October 14-16, 2016
Embassy Suites by Hilton
Greensboro, N.C. 27409
Phone for reservations: (336) 668-4535 - No later than 9/20/2016

Rank _____ First _____ Last _____ Grade _____ Cert. # _____

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Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____ Squadron: _____

Facility Fee for EACH Attendee **\$ 5.00 (\$8.00 after Sept. 6) x _____ - \$ _____**

Friday 14 October

Tour Triad Park Field of Honor **NO CHARGE** – Number attending _____
➤ Would you be willing to drive? _____ Yes _____ No _____ How many can you transport? _____

Reception 1st Timers PDCS, Aides **NO CHARGE** – Number attending _____

Saturday 15 October:

Spouse's Coffee **NO CHARGE** – Number attending _____

Spouse's Options:

Tour FurnitureLand South **NO CHARGE** – Number attending _____

Greensboro Garden Tour **NO CHARGE** – Number attending _____

Shopping – The Shops at Friendly **NO CHARGE** – Number attending _____

➤ Would you be willing to drive? _____ Yes _____ No _____ How many can you transport? _____

Members Awards Luncheon:

Club Sandwich **\$ 18.00 (\$20.00 after Sept. 6) x _____ - \$ _____**

Dinner Choices:

Potato Encrusted Fish **\$ 35.00 (\$38.00 after Sept. 6) x _____ - \$ _____**

Sautéed Chicken Piccata **\$ 35.00 (\$38.00 after Sept. 6) x _____ - \$ _____**

Total enclosed **\$ _____**

1st time attending District meeting _____

Make checks payable to: District 27

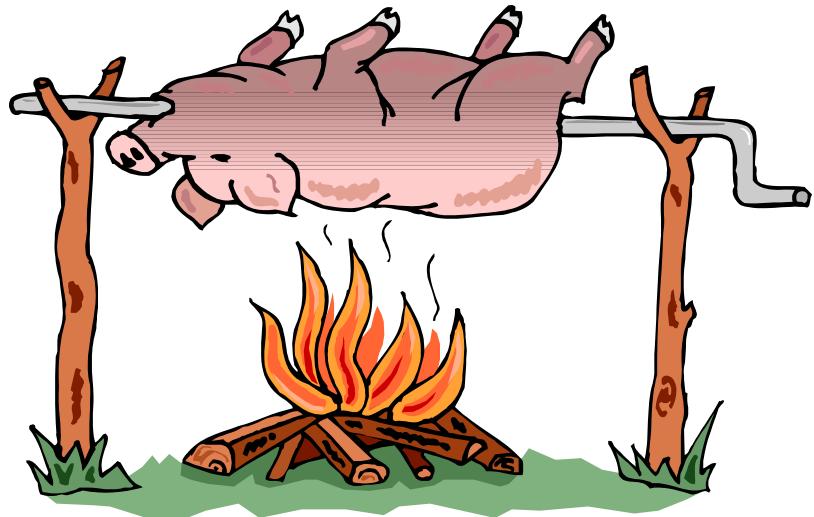
Please send completed form and payment no later than Sept 6, 2016 to:

Lt/C Todd Ring, AP
6605 Stonecroft Drive
Greensboro, NC 27310

**Attention: Current and Past D/27 District and
Squadron Commanders and Guest's**

It's time for the annual RMPS Past Cdr's pig pickin.

11/06/2016 @1600



This year the event will be at Past Cdr. Chris and Past Cdr. Cathy Payne's house located at 400 Speight Ave Tarboro NC 27886.

If you plan on coming please contact either Cathy or myself at one of the following phone numbers before 10/23/2016 so we can get a head count.
Home 252-641-1233 or Chris's cell phone 252-813-1188.

Please bring your drink of choice and any treats you would like to share with your fellow members.



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