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ROCKY MOUNT POWER SQUADRON

THE COASTAL PLAINS SIGNAL

September 2017



Commander Barbara Ann Bruner, P

I hoped everyone has enjoyed the summer, along with any vacations that you have taken. Fall is almost at our back door waiting to make an entrance. However, there is still time for some great boating. If you have the chance to go, go and make sure that you have all your safety equipment with you.

We have just returned from our district Rendezvous that was held in Wilmington, NC, on Aug. 25-26th. It turned out to be a beautiful weekend.

On Friday night we had a Meet & Greet with wonderful hors d'oeuvre, which they came around to serve you, and a cash bar. After that was over, we headed out on the boat dock where the boats that were there had dessert and drinks ready for all of us. That was very nice!

Saturday we had started the day with the Flag Ceremony aboard the USS North Carolina. Quite impressive, and everything ran smooth.

Our afternoon activities consisted of a Corn Hole tournament and a Conch Blowing contest. Both of these activities are always fun to watch and all had a good time.

Last but not least, we had two dinner boats for dinner. One seating was at 5:00 and the other was at 7:00. Our dinner was a Caribbean buffet with Jerk Chicken, Caribbean style Pork, fruit and vegetables, and of course a cash bar. The boat ride lasted 2 hours. The whole weekend turned out to be great.

Our next meeting will be our family night on September 25th at 1800, at Rib Eyes in Nashville. D/Lt/C Grey Shay, JN will be our speaker on Geodetic surveys. Please plan to attend to hear this informative speaker.

Our D-27 District Fall Council/Conference will be held Oct 20-22 at the Double Tree Suites in Durham, NC. Hope to see you all there.

Sincerely,

Cdr. Barbara A. Bruner





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RMPS Calendar 2017-2018

1800 Monday 25 September	RMPS Family Night Ribeyes Steakhouse, Nashville, NC	1800 Friday 08 December	RMPS Xmas Party & Annual Meeting Myrtle Grove Plantation
1800 Monday 09 October	RMPS Bridge Meeting El Jimador, Rocky Mount, NC	1800 Monday 11 December	RMPS Bridge Meeting El Jimador, Rocky Mount, NC
20-23 Oct.	D/27 Fall Council/Conference Double Tree Suites by Hilton Durham, NC	20 January	D27 Annual Training Resurrection Lutheran Church Cary, NC
1800 Monday 13 November	RMPS Bridge Meeting El Jimador, Rocky Mount, NC	18-25 February	USPS Annual Meeting Orlando, FL

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

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If you would like to become a Vessel Examiner.



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Primary Area of Safety

Rocky Mount, Beaufort
Tarboro, Hertford, Edenton
Nashville, Rocky Mount

. Education Report

Instead of becoming a statistic, learn how to avoid an accident. The United States Power Squadrons Americas Boating Course is the most comprehensive safe boating course available. Before and after the recent hurricane events on our coast, two fishermen went missing and a sport fishing boat capsized inside one of our inlets. As to what happened, no one really knows. Two offshore rescues. How do you relay a message to the boating public on the importance of how to recognize whether it may be adverse weather conditions, opposing wind and current, and other contributing factors in determining a go or no go decision.

Being a fisherman as well as a boater, I would spend hundreds of dollars a year and never even think of purchasing a Personal Locator Beacon. A small price to pay compared to the cost of a new rod and reel loaded with the state of the art fishing line. I currently own one, it is attached to my Personal Floatation Device and it will work whether you are on land or at sea. Have you ever thought about when something happens, for instance you are in the process of capsizing, will you have time to press the little red button on the DSC radio. You cannot put a price tag on your life!

Back to relaying a message to the public. When the United States Coast Guard interviews the victims of a successful rescue, whether it be a grounding or not, they will post a comment such as lack of charts or lack of updated charts or it could be a weather related, or the size of the boat and a small craft warning. Media coverage gets the attention of the public in coastal areas. Why not take it another step go state wide, maybe getting the attention of loved ones will spark some interest in insisting boaters in the household take a boating class.

SEO Rocky Mount Power Squadron
D/1Lt Robert H 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.*

Welcome to Membership Beyond Boating at BeyondBoating.org



Welcome to Membership Beyond Boating

United States Power Squadrons® invites you to go beyond boating—with our brand new website at BeyondBoating.org. Beyond Boating reflects our brand promise: Membership That Delivers Beyond Boating.

A team of staff and volunteers developed the fully responsive, accessible website in conjunction with [R+M Agency](#), a marketing and brand experience agency in Cary, North Carolina.

The goals behind the development of the new public-facing website include growing membership, increasing renewals, engaging and energizing members, creating diversity and meeting accessibility standards.

The new site embodies and reflects our brand promise to bring you unsurpassed education, community service and a membership built by boaters, for boaters.

Take a look, and tell us what you think!

[Tell us what you think about beyondboating.org](http://beyondboating.org)

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The Joy of Geodetics

By P/C Lorraine B. Ryan, P

Do you enjoy a good scavenger hunt, finding lost treasure, the excitement of discovery – or just performing a valuable public service while enjoying a fun-to-do off-water activity? If yes, participation in the Geodetic Marker Recovery Program may be just the thing for you. In his presentation, D/Lt/C Greg Shay, JN-CAN will discuss several aspects of this program including the USPS/NOAA partnership, the Geodetic Survey, the what and why of markers, types of markers, where they are placed, equipment recommendations, and how to find them. He will also share some interesting personal marker recoveries.

Join us at Ribeyes Steakhouse in Nashville on Monday, September 25th at 6:00 pm for this interesting presentation. Bring a friend along too!



Connie and D/Lt/C Greg D. Shay, JN-ACN

Wilmington Rendezvous

by P/C Lorraine B. Ryan, P

What a fabulous weekend everyone had who attended the District 27 Rendezvous in Wilmington. Over 100 members attended the event at the Riverside Hilton, which included eight boats moored on the docks directly in front of the Hilton.

Bug and I traveled to Wilmington early as I has scheduled a morning Segway ride through the Historic District and down on the waterfront. Bug had never been on one before, but after a quick lesson in the parking lot, she caught on quickly although Richard, our guide said that he had to watch her since she could be a little reckless!

We saw the twin Sears catalog homes, the oldest home built in Wilmington that had ballast stones from sailing ships used as the foundation and heard a “story” about how hush puppies were made and named. One of the historic brick homes had a smaller brick structure behind it. Our guide explained that it could have been used as a kitchen and while they were cooking, the aroma brought the packs of dogs that roamed the town at the time. In order to save the food from being eaten by the dogs, the cook would make small balls of corn meal and fry them in grease. They would then throw the balls to the dogs and yell “Hush Puppies”.

A welcoming reception was held Friday night with a delicious array of hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Afterwards the moored boats invited all to visit their boats and munch on some desserts. Bug and I walked downtown as we heard about a concert with the *Abby Road* group. It was packed and yes, we sang all of the old Beatles songs all night long!

Saturday morning brought us across the river to the USS North Carolina for a flag raising ceremony, which was the best venue ever. Bug and I managed to visit all levels of the ship before we had to leave. For those that wanted to stay close to the hotel, a corn hole tournament and conch blowing contest were held. Instead, Bug and I visited the Museum of the Bizarre, the Hemp Pharmacy, the Vintage Marketplace and the Cape Fear Museum. We had the early dinner cruise on the Cape Fear River with a delicious Caribbean buffet and wonderful views all around.

Most people staying at the Hilton left early on Sunday morning but Bug and I had to get our last experience in the number 1 city in the US with the highest opioid overdose rate. Therefore, we went on a horse drawn carriage tour around town. The horses are rescue horses from the Amish Country who cannot work as a team plowing fields or are too old.

What a life they have now, working a couple of days and then resting on a nearby farm. We should all be so lucky in our later lives!

The pictures on the following two pages were from the D27 Rendezvous in Wilmington, NC and were provided by D/1Lt Robert H Bruner, AP and P/C Lorraine B. Ryan, P.



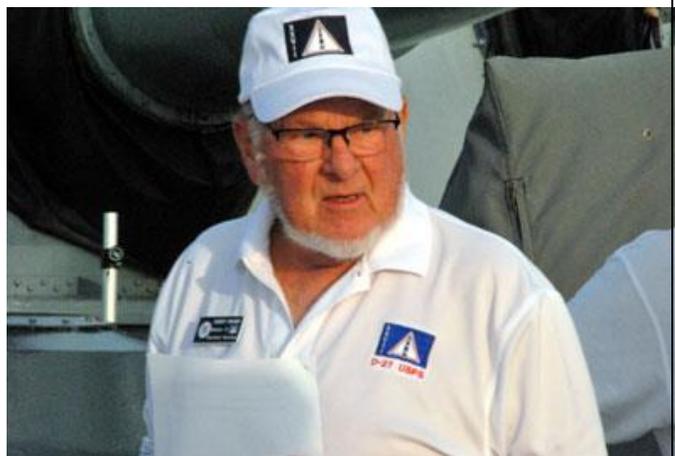
The USS North Carolina



The USPS Ensign flying on the USS North Carolina



The D27 flag flying on the USS North Carolina



D/1Lt Robert H Bruner, AP lining up personnel For The Flag Ceremony.



RMPS Cdr Barbara Ann Bruner saluting the flags.



P/C Lorraine B. Ryan, P with her plate on the dinner cruise.



Lorraine and Bug taking a Segway tour.



Lorraine the Hemp Farmacy



Dessert on the docks.



P/C Linda (bug) Joyner, S at the wheel of the USS North Carolina.



A drone flying over the docks.



P/C Lorraine B. Ryan, P at the Museum of the Bizarre



D/27 Fall Council/Conference
 Double Tree Suites by Hilton
 Durham, NC
 October 20-22, 2017



Friday, 20 October

Uniform: Casual – USPS/District/Squadron Shirt

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	EVENT LEADER
1430-1700	Member Registration Voter Registration	Preconvention area Preconvention area	Raleigh Sail & Power Squadron D/1 st Lt Robert Bruner, AP-IN
1430-1700	Silent Auction	Library	Raleigh Sail & Power Squadron
1500-1545	D/27 Bridge Meeting	Durham A	D/C Paula Stewart, AP
1600-1700	Planning Committee (closed)	Suite 402	P/D/C Dave Parsons, JN
1600-1700	Squadron Commanders Meeting (closed)	Durham A	Cdr Lloyd Moore, JN
1700-1800	Member Reception (cash bar)	Lakeside Terrace Tent	D/C Paula Stewart, AP

Dinner on your own (list of area restaurants will be available.)

Saturday, 21 October

Uniform Meeting – USPS/District/Squadron Shirt

Uniform Evening – Blazer w/pocket Insignia or appropriate attire

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	EVENT LEADER
0800-0930	Member Registration Voter Registration Silent Auction	Preconvention area Preconvention area Library	Raleigh Sail & Power Squadron D/1 st Lt Robert Bruner, AP-IN Raleigh Sail & Power Squadron
0800-0900	Nominating Committee (closed)	North Carolina Room	P/D/C Gene Alligood, AP
0900-1100	Spouses Coffee	Suite 402	Raleigh Sail & Power Squadron
0930-1030	“On NC Waters: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow”	North Carolina Room	Ben Casey, MAT
0900-1200	Expo Exhibits (set up 0830)	Preconvention Area	Committee Chairpersons
1130-1300	Members Awards Luncheon	Lakeside Terrace Tent	D/C Paula Stewart, AP
1330-1415	Fall Council/Conference Convenes Pledge of Allegiance Singing of the National Anthem Invocation/Last Horizon Report Introduction P/D/C's & Guests	North Carolina Room	D/C Paula Stewart, AP Cdr. Connie Shay, S P/C Alec Wrenn, SN P/D/C Dave Parsons, JN
1415-1515	Introduction of National Representative Town Hall Meeting		P/D/C Gene Alligood, AP TBD
1515-1630	Fall Council/Conference continues Officer Reports Reports of General Committees Reports of Standing Committees Meeting adjourn		D/C Paula Stewart, AP Committee Chairpersons Committee Chairpersons
After meeting	N Club Meeting	North Carolina Room	Stf/C Robert Howd, JN
1700	Members Reception (cash bar only)	Lakeside Terrace Tent	
1800	Dinner Announcement of Raffle & Silent Auction Winners	Lakeside Terrace Tent	P/C Sandra Howd, AP Raleigh Sail & Power Squadron

Sunday, 22 October

0900-1030	Bridge Meeting	Suite 402	D/C Paula Stewart, AP
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District 27, United States Power Squadrons

2017 Fall Council/Conference

October 20-21, 2017

Doubletree Suites by Hilton

2515 Meridian Parkway Durham NC

Phone for reservations: (919) 361-4660 - No later than 9/19/2017

Host Squadron: Raleigh Sail and Power Squadron



Rank	First	Last	Grade	Cert.#
Rank	First	Last	Grade	Cert.#
Address		City	State	ZIP
Phone	Email Address		Squadron	

Facility Fee for EACH Attendee \$ 5.00 (\$8.00 after 19 Sept) x Number Attending ____ = \$ ____

Friday 20 October:
Reception - Cash Bar \$ 15.00 (\$18.00 after 19 Sept) x Number Attending ____ = \$ ____

Saturday 21 October:
Spouse's Coffee NO CHARGE - Number Attending ____

Saturday 21 October:
Member's Awards Luncheon \$ 18.00 (\$21.00 after 19 Sept) x Number Attending ____ = \$ ____
Deli Plate

Saturday 21 October:
Banquet - Cash Bar \$ 38.00 (43.00 after 19 Sept) x Number Attending ____ = \$ ____
Roasted Pork Loin
Chicken Breast Florentine \$38.00 (\$43.00 after 19 Sept) x Number Attending ____ = \$ ____

Total \$ ____

1st Time Attending a District Meeting ____

Make checks payable to: District 27 or pay online through PayPal [here](#).

Please send completed form and payment no later than 19 Sept 2017 to:

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