



District 27 of the United States Power Squadrons®



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Chairman, Government & Partner Relations Committee
United States Power Squadrons

This is an unsolicited District 27 Liaison Officer Report. However, your committee may be glad to hear that the first quarter of 2012 has been an active one for District 27 under P/D/C Mike McCulley, JN who was relieved by D/C Harold O'Briant JN on 24 March. Following initial contact with Sector North Carolina Commander, Capt Anthony Popiel USCG, by D/C O'Briant and me last year, the Cape Fear squadron picked up the initiative when Sector North Carolina moved from Coast Guard Station Fort Macon, Atlantic Beach, NC to Wilmington, NC. They have had Capt Popiel at several functions. He was the speaker at their Veterans Day luncheon in November, and he attended their February 2012 Chili Cook-off with D/C O'Briant.

Fort Macon started the year by inviting USCG Auxiliary Division 20, 5th Southern Region, DCDR Vern Scott and his wife Myra to the Change of Watch. Auxiliary member and R/C Kenneth Link SN made the arrangements, and outgoing Cdr Bruce Brill AP made DCDR Scott an honorary USPS Member for 2012. DCDR Scott addressed the members about areas of mutual interest that the two organizations have with the boating public



Continuing to reach out to the USCG Auxiliary, Fort Macon associate member and P/R/C Elliott Manke JN (left) and P/C "JB" Bagby JN, District 27 Liaison and Homeland Security Officer (right), met with Emerald Isle Flotilla Commander Fred Jelinek, USCG Auxiliary. He is seen here at the USPS boating class and VSC information booth.

They visited each other's information booths, and traded ideas on reaching the boating public at the Emerald Isle NC 2012 St Patrick's Day Festival.



Sector North Carolina Commander, Capt Anthony Popiel USCG, Staff/C Tom Myers USPS, Division Commander Sandra Stewart USCG Aux, and DCAPT Sector NC Jeffrey Stewart Jr. USCG Aux.

D/C Harold O'Briant invited Capt Anthony Popiel USCG, Sector North Carolina Commander (left), to the 24 March 2012 district change of watch in New Bern, NC. Again, with the help of Auxiliary member and P/R/C Kenneth Link SN, invitations were extended to and accepted by Division Commander Sandra Stewart USCG Auxiliary, and DCAPT Sector NC Jeffrey Stewart, Jr., USCG Auxiliary (right), talking with Staff Commander Tom Myers JN, USPS.

While holding back on the involvement of USPS in the Coast Guard's visitation program, District 27 continues to maintain a high level of contact with the United States Coast Guard and the Auxiliary. District 27 will continue to promote a program of cooperation and contact with both organizations at the local level.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John E. Bagby'.

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