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From the Editor

For over two years I have had the pleasure of serving as the Editor of the **Inland Seafarer**. I took great pleasure in serving in this position. It was a Learning process from the beginning. Thanks to the previous editor Gail De-tample for a great template to follow.

Having served for 27 years in America's Boating Club, I reflect on many activities, Educational Programs, Vessel Safety Checks and Co-Op Charting on the Carolina Coast and Lake Norman. The friendship of many current and past members will be remembered.

It saddens me to see this great organization slowly fall. It has served the boating community well for over 100 years providing excellent educational programs and seminars.

Fair Winds and Following Seas.

P/C Richard Todd, JN

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Lin and I want to wish you and your families a very Happy New Year.

I am sad that our America's Boating Club of Lake Norman (originally Lake Norman Sail and Power Squadron) had to make the difficult but necessary decision to end the operations after approximately 45 years of service of our Squadron and to the Lake Norman area boating public.

We should be thankful and appreciative for our members through the many years of service for their accomplishments in continuing to try to meet the goals of Education, Vessel Safety examinations, On the Water Boating Events, Co-Op Charting, Social Gathering Lunches and Civic related activities.

To those of you who have supported me and the Squadron, I thank you all for what you have done. Your guidance, insight and cooperation has gotten us through many obstacles this year. You have become good friends and colleagues to me and Linda this past year and appreciate your efforts to our Squadron.

Hopefully in the coming years we can again gather to socialize if any person wants to volunteer to initiate and invite fellow boaters for a cruise, have a lunch or support our area boating public in some safe manner, we can then again all join in on the fun.

I hope your new year brings Peace, Joy and Happiness to all.

Thanks for what you have done.
Steve Stuart



2011 Co-op Charting



2012 Beaufort, NC



On the road to Savannah Georgia



Sunrise
Cruise
on Lake
Norman



Lunch
Bunch

Good
drink
and
good
food.



Launching at
Richmond Hill
Georgia for the
Dolphin Project



Sea Scouts



Youth Day on Lake Norman



Dolphin Project



Change of Watch
aboard the Lady of
the Lake

Photo's by Hal Bloom
& Richard Todd

Memories from the past





A note from a past member

The State of NC did notify us that we should receive some funding for special projects. The amount stated was \$100,000 but we haven't received the funds yet so hopefully it will be that amount. We intend to use this to further boater education, upgrade ATON's and support things like PFD give-away. The projects will be decided by the Commissioners in the near future. Please let me know what you think the Lake Norman Power Squadron could do in the area of boater education. It may be possible for us to sponsor classes that would be at no cost to the students. Let me know what you would propose and I'll get it on the list of potential projects.

All good things must come to an end and that includes the LNSPS. Times have changed the family dynamics have changed and there is just too much competition for those diminishing leisure hours. The USPS and especially the LNSPS has done so much for the boating community with very little if any recognition from the outside.

When I think back about my short time with the LNSPS, I remember first of all those boating classes. That was what attracted me to the organization but once I decided to join, it was the wonderful times spent doing Co-Op Charting and the other squadron activities. The opportunity to learn from the vast knowledge base of the USPS memberships that is something that you don't see in the recruiting brochures.

Submitted by:
Morris Sample
Executive Director



While the LNSPS may be dissolving, the legacy it leaves behind in the form of safe and educated boaters will live on. There are many of our neighbors who owe a great deal to the squadron and that is something that will continue to be remembered and something of which all squadron members past and present can be proud.

To all current LNSPS members your watch has ended, you are relieved of your duties.

Respectively submitted,

Bob Yannacci



Photo by
Hal Bloom

Help! I'm in Bellhaven!!

Who Ya Gonna Call??

EMERGENCY

HELP



In case of an emergency, DIAL 911 on your mobile phone from anywhere on the lake.

County Emergency Services

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Catawba County [828-464-3112](tel:828-464-3112)

Cornelius Police [704-892-7773](tel:704-892-7773)

Iredell County [704-878-3100](tel:704-878-3100)

Lincoln County [704-735-8202](tel:704-735-8202)

Mecklenburg County [704-943-6200](tel:704-943-6200)

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P/R/C 's Al & Carolyn Parker, SN

Past Rear Commander

Albert Parker, SN

This is a very sad day for me! In 1972 after acquiring a new boat , planning a trip to the Bahamas, we need more education.

So Carolyn , our son Alan and I enrolled in the Charlotte USPS boating class. After 16 weeks I was invited to join and did.

Women could not be members! In 1975 several members from the Lake Norman area felt it would be good to have a squadron up here, so with Tommy Whiteside's leadership we went to work. In 1976 we became a division of the Charlotte squadron.

After meeting USPS' many requirements we were chartered in mid 1977, with Tommy Whiteside as commander, Charlie Thompson as Executive Officer.

And I As SEO. Carolyn who still couldn't join, was named and served as editor of The Inland Seafarer (I still have all 4 years of her copies).

We grew over the years to over 175 members. In October 1982 women were admitted to membership by USPS. Carolyn joined.

The next week. She won a merit mark that year(1 of 12 in USPS) and In 1984 she served as Lake Norman's Commander.

Looking back at the squadron---we provided quality boating education to thousands, safety inspections for thousands and provided lake experience to thousands of young people, built and maintained the lake marker system for many years and the list goes on.

USPS was an important part of our lives. We both served in many positions at Squadron, District, and National. I have 50 years membership and 49 merit marks. Carolyn had 37 years and earned 37 merit marks. We enjoyed our work and the social life provided by the squadron, as well as the many friends we developed all over the country. I'm still a member of a National committee.

As I said in the beginning, IT'S A VERY SAD DAY FOR ME!

P/R/C Albert Parker, SN

I was sad to learn that the squadron had made the unpleasant but necessary decision to end operations after nearly 45 years of existence. Clearly the world of boating has changed over the last 100+ years and the role once filled by USPS has been fulfilled elsewhere in today's world of instant satisfaction, on-line learning, boat sharing clubs and access to resources. Nonetheless I was fortunate and proud to be a USPS member for over 20 years (first in Vermont and then in NC) benefiting from its education programs which facilitated securing my USCG Master's License and SN grade. More important however were the friendships made along the way.

In reflecting on the stellar history of the Lake Norman Squadron my first thought and thank you goes to those 60 charter members who on July 26, 1977 established the charter of the Lake Norman Sail & Power Squadron. Sadly, most have crossed the bar but we are fortunate to still have two members with us today, P/R/C Albert (Al) P. Parker, SN who provides the guidance into the role and activities at District and National Levels. Also another Charter member is P/C Carroll Rempe, AP.

One activity these members took on was the charting, planning, fabrication and installation of the initial Aids to Navigation (ATON) system which to this day guides boaters in safe passage throughout the lake. Fortunately, this work is archived in a great book available online or in better book stores is **"Images of America - Around Lake Norman"** by Cindy Jacobs. It is published in paperback format by Arcadia Publishing. There is an entire chapter (5) titled "Who's Minding the Lake?" which records those early boaters and organizations who made contributions to safe boating on the lake. There are pictures and stories including P/C Tommy Whiteside, Charlie Thompson, Rich Williams, and P/R/C Carolyn Parker, SN. It also shows a well filled classroom of ABC students. Today we still support that maintenance of this fine infrastructure with formal semi-annual surveys and frequent exception reporting. I will continue to lead this work going forward. We have 6 boats and crews active in this work.

Here's a cover photo of the book.

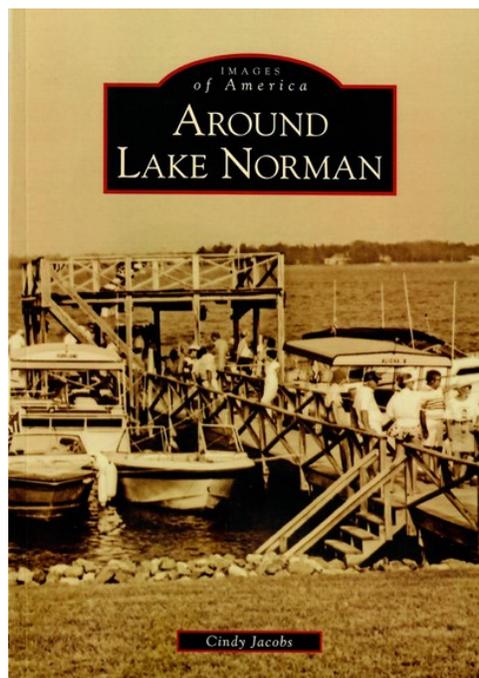
So, in closing, I won't let the passage of time lessen my thanks and appreciation of the vision of our 60 charter members. Instead, I dwell on the memories of the good times, good friends, and great boating.

Best wishes and Happy New Year to all.

P/C Russ Klein, SN-INC



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704-871-2289

November 29, 2021

Mr. Steven L Stuart, Commander
America's Boarding Club of Lake Norman
P.O. Box 4799
 Mooresville, NC 28117

Re: Thank you for your recent donation!

Dear Mr. Stuart,

On behalf of The Children's Homes of Iredell County, Inc. I would like to thank you for your generous gift of \$2,000.00. This gift will help us provide a wonderful holiday season for our youth in care and continue to provide for their on-going needs. Our youth are away from their families, through no fault of their own, and need the support and love of their community and service providers to continue growing and developing while they await the next step in their lives. Every dollar helps meet our goals of providing positive memories at the holiday season and meeting the youths' goals for reunification, education, independent living, and so forth.

Please consider this letter as a receipt of your contribution. This confirms that no goods or services were received for this contribution, which is completely tax-deductible.

We would love for you to follow us on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/Childrens-Homes-of-Iredell-County-122096337805999>

I warmly thank you again for your gift and support.

Sincerely,

Lisamarie Trivett, MS
Executive Director

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November 29, 2021

Steven L. Stuart, Commander
America's Boating Club of Lake Norman
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Mooresville, NC 28117

Dear Mr. Stuart and America's Boating Club of Lake Norman,

Thank you so much for your generous gift of \$2,500.00 received on November 29, 2021. Families across North Carolina are facing tough times ahead, and with help from friends like you, Children's Hope Alliance will be by their side.

Today, Children's Hope Alliance is serving over 300 children through outpatient therapy programs. Children like Elena, and her father, are benefitting from this service. Elena has always had self-abusive behaviors. As a child she would bang her head against a wall anytime she broke something or was in trouble. Now, as a teen she used razors and picked at her skin. This behavior impacted her whole family, and scared kids at school who were worried about her.

Elena is doing much better with the support of an amazing therapist who understands what it's like to be a teenager in a tumultuous world. We are proud of the work that she has been doing to help herself grow, and her father said she is gaining new friends and starting to fit in again.

Your support of Children's Hope Alliance will help our communities come together and tackle the mental health crisis facing our youth. Thank you for being a part of this change! We remember "Youth Day on Lake Norman" fondly, and thank you for all you've done for the children in our care.

Sincerely,

Sarah G. Gray
Chief Development Officer

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December 7, 2021

Steven Stuart
America's Boating Club of Lake Norman
PO Box 4799
Mooresville, NC 28117

Dear Steven,
Through the thoughtful support of donors like you, we have been serving children in need since 1903. Thank you so much for believing in our cause!

- Because of your support, we are able to continue:
- Providing neighborhood-style care in our foster community
 - Advocating for child victims of abuse
 - Ensuring children who have endured trauma receive the care and support they need to heal

We promise to use your gift wisely, continue reducing child trauma, and keep you informed about important child advocacy issues in North Carolina.

On behalf of the staff and board of Southmountain Children and Family Services, thank you for your contribution and for making children's advocacy a priority with your generous, unrestricted gift in the amount of \$2,500.00 received on December 2, 2021.

Sincerely,

W. Chris Jernigan
Executive Director

*Thank you all
so much!!!
Merry Christmas*

P.S. Find us online at Southmountain.org and on Facebook at facebook.com/somocfs

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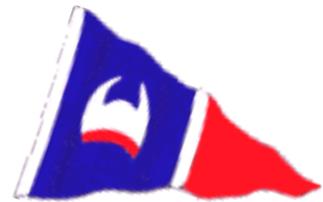


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