

THE BULLHORN

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Commander's Message

Cdr Fred Cooke, P

The weather is warm enough to finally think about putting your boats in the water. In fact, I was fishing at the coast a few weeks ago and took mine out for a while to shake the dust off. There weren't many



others on the water that day, but Memorial Day weekend is right around the corner and I am reminded of the number of crazies that clog the waterways and jeopardize not only themselves, but those around them as well. So let's set the example by practicing what we preach in terms of boating preparedness and

safety. National Safe Boating Week is May 12-18, and our squadron is planning to conduct Vessel Safety Checks at Falls Lake and Lake Gaston. Read more about our planned events in this newsletter and volunteer to help out with literature distribution, set up, take down, and general promotion of DSPS. Contact XO Beth Haskell if you can help out. Ron Mosley is also looking into the possibility of offering a compact ABC course spanning two evenings either the week of May 12-18 or the week after.

Our first social event of the season was this past Saturday, April 27 at Jordan Lake, to be followed by our day cruise and co op charting outing at the coast on July 27, the joint outing with the Raleigh Sail and Power Squadron at Jordan Lake is scheduled on August 3, and the District 27 Rendezvous at Cape Charles, VA will be held August 8-11. This is fun stuff so remember to mark your calendars for some DSPS events as you plan your summer.

Our next Monthly Member Meeting is scheduled for May 9 at Bennett Pointe Grill, and A/O Ann McKenzie has arranged for a special presentation with Officer Seth Reinhart of the NC Wildlife Commission.

See you on the water!

Kudos to our Members

Congratulations are extended to Ron Mosley and Frank Schubert for having achieved JN status following their recent exam.

Congratulations also go out to Daniel Caswell, Fred Cooke, Ben Edkins, Ken Krebs, Eric Lytle, Ann McKenzie, Jonathan Smith, William Taylor, Judy Whitesell, and Graham Whitesell who successfully completed the Piloting Class taught by Coffield Knight and have been awarded the grade of P.



*Members of the recent Piloting Class
taught by Coffield Knight*

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Ken Krebs, P	May 14
1/Lt Michael Donaghy, AP	May 22
Mark Mason, AP	May 22
Lt. Doug Campbell, AP	May 26
Robert Webster, JN	May 31



Upcoming Events

May 9	Monthly Member Meeting, 1830, Bennett Pointe Grill
May 18-24	National Safe Boating Week
May 18	VSC - Lake Gaston and Falls Lake
Jun 20-22	District Leadership Training
Jul 27	Day Cruise/Co-op Charting
Aug 3	Jordan Lake Cookout with RSPS
Aug 8-11	D/27 & D/5 Rendezvous, Cape Charles, VA

Next Monthly Member Meeting on May 9.

Our next Monthly Member Meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 9** at Bennett Pointe Grill. Meet at 1830 to order from the menu and the program will begin at 1900.

Officer Seth Reinhart with the NC Wildlife Commission will discuss boating laws and provide us with some real life examples of NC Wildlife on the water.

Other member meetings are scheduled for June 13, September 12, October 10, and November 14. There are no monthly meetings in July or August.

We hope to see you at these meetings to keep updated on Squadron activities and listen to informative speakers!

Safe Boating Week

Lt/C Beth Haskell, JN

April is drawing to a close and May is right around the corner, with Safe Boating Week right in the middle. DSPS will be participating in Safe Boating Week by conducting Vessel Safety Checks at both Lake Gaston and Falls Lake. Michael Donaghy, our Vessel Safety Chairman, will be handling Lake Gaston on Saturday, May 18 and Bev and Leon Hudgins will be at Rollingview Marina, 3940 Falls Lake Road, on Saturday, May 18, from 0900 to 1200.

Bev and Leon would love to have you come out and help hand out materials and direct boaters to them so they can inspect the boats. After that, we can all head over and join up with USCG Auxiliary at the Highway 50 Ramp at Falls Lake at 1300 to participate in the “Ready, Set, Wear It!” Life Jacket World Record Day. Bring your life jacket and get counted. Last year there were 3,933 participants, primarily in North America. Let’s see if we can make it higher this year! This event is to educate the public about life jacket wear and safe boating, activities near and dear to our heart.

For questions about the “Ready, Set, Wear It!” Life Jacket World Record Day, contact: Gary Jessup at gjessup@juno.com

For questions about Vessel Safety Checks, contact me at bethandmark@mac.com



Ed Dept Scuttlebutt

P/C Ronald Mosley, JN

When things are a little slow, officers who are often required to write articles for their Squadron newsletter may resort to discussion of nautical terms.



As a case in point, you might ask where the term scuttlebutt came from. If you quickly “Google” the term, you will find several explanations for the meaning of scuttlebutt. Aside from being part of the name of numerous boating publications, retail outlets, and restaurants, the most commonly given meaning and origin is usually similar to the definition given in Wikipedia (online): “Scuttlebutt in slang usage means rumor or gossip, deriving from the nautical term for the cask used to serve water (or, later, a water fountain). The term corresponds to the colloquial concept of a water cooler in an office setting, which at times becomes the focus of congregation and casual discussion. Water for immediate consumption on a sailing ship was conventionally stored in a scuttled butt: a butt (cask) which had been scuttled by making a hole in it so the water could be withdrawn. Since sailors exchanged gossip when they gathered at the scuttlebutt for a drink of water, scuttlebutt became Navy slang for gossip or rumors.”

Lt. Bill Hempel, Senior Feature Writer for the Marketing/Public Relations Committee of the United States Power Squadrons®, offers a slightly different origin of the term Scuttlebutt. “The term to intentionally sink a ship is to scuttle the ship. On early ships, water was held in a vessel called a hogshead or butt. Thus anytime sailors gathered around the butt for a drink of water, they would share rumors, and rumors were said to have the potential to destroy or scuttle a ship or fleet. This is how the term scuttlebutt came into existence.”

On the surface, these two scenarios both seem rather plausible. However, being a loyal Squadron member,

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Boating Safety Education Required in More States

P/C Charles D. Hayne, S

The efforts of USPS and its allied groups have finally come to fruition in Virginia. the General Assembly



has established a boating safety education compliance requirement for all who navigate Virginia waters. Owners of boats, watercrafts, motorboats, regardless of age will be required to complete and pass an approved boating safety education course.

In response to the increasing numbers of recreational boaters and the escalating number of boating accident, this requirement received heavy support from members of the Assembly. The impetus for the safety course is due in great measure to the level of importance that USPS and the US Coast Guard have been giving to the measure for a number of years. The USPS, through its public Boating class, and the US Coast Guard through its Boating Safely course and NASBLA through its hefty support of the boating organizations laid the foundation for the education requirement.

The nationally acclaimed USPS “Boating Course” and its companion ABS approved “About Boating Safely” offered by the Coast Guard form the basis of the required courses. Either will meet the requirements of the new Virginia legislation.

Recreational boaters will be afforded an introductory period to conform to the law, but ultimately all who intend to use Virginia waters will have to have a boating safety card showing successful completion of the education course. Don’t wait until the last minute. Even if you do not intend to extend your boating experience to Virginia waters, the subjects of the boating education courses contain valuable information useful to all recreational waterborne endeavors.ago. It’s that important!

Editors Note Regarding Virginia's Law: As of July 1, 2012, all PWC operators age 14 and

older and motorboat operators 30 and younger must complete a boating safety course. This is the next phase-in of the Education Compliance Requirement for all Virginia boaters. Beginning **July 1, 2013**, all motorboat operators ages 40 and younger need to take a boating safety course.

PWC Age Restriction: No person under the age of 14 may operate a PWC. Those operators 14 and 15 MUST show proof of completing an approved and accepted boating safety course either in a classroom or online. The challenge exam or other provisions of the Education Compliance Requirement do not meet the requirements of the age restriction law.

Source: <http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/boating/education/requirement/>



Cdr. Fred Cooke attaching the Durham Sail and Power Squadron Battle Ribbon to the USPS 100th Anniversary Flag during the D/27 Change of Watch in March.

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I need to find a way to rationalize that the Squadron is correct, so I take the following position. While a cask (butt) with a hole in it could be considered scuttled, it would not be very useful for holding the water. It would be useful for that purpose only if the hole had been plugged with a removal plug. In this case, I would not consider it a "scuttled butt." Therefore the Squadrons' explanation seems more plausible.

The latest Piloting Class finished on April 1. All 10 students completed the exam and are waiting for the results from headquarters. We hope to soon have 10 new members with grade of "P". The candidates are: Fred Cooke, Benjamin Edkins, Ken Krebs, Eric Lytle, Ann McKenzie, Jonathan Smith, William (Buddy) Taylor, and Graham and Judy Whitesell.

All members who are interested in taking Advanced Piloting, please give me some feedback on the preferred time to schedule the class. The likely time will be after the upcoming boating season.

During the upcoming Safe Boating Week, we are planning a special 8 hour session of the ABC³ course. It will be held from 6:00 to 10:00 PM on Wednesday, May 15 and Thursday, May 16 at the McMannen United Methodist Church, 4102 Neal Road, Durham, NC 27705. We will need to feed the students dinner on-site. If you have any friends who have been waiting for the short dose of this course, please urge them to contact me or Fred Cooke for further information. I will be contacting some instructors about the class. We will also need some extra help with the exam on that Wednesday night.

As always, if you have an interest in taking a course, please let me know. Send me an email (RonMosley@Frontier.com) or give me a call (919-489-8468) to discuss the courses and your desired time to take the classes. Some lead time will be required to arrange instructors and meeting locations. Any of the courses can also be self studied.

Your Mother Doesn't Live Here

P/C Beverly Hudgins, JN

How many of you have seen these words (Your Mother Doesn't Live Here) posted at a workplace or in a dorm room, etc.? Perhaps signs like this should be posted along the shorelines of boat ramps and other outdoor areas. When I was a girl, I was taught trash etiquette. Somehow my parents made me believe that if I threw trash out the car window or just dropped it on the ground, something bad would happen to me. I got the same message about dropping cigarette butts on the ground. Obviously not everybody got this same message. If they had, there wouldn't be a need to do Adopt-a-shoreline cleanups.

On Saturday, April 6, Leon and I joined up with several members from RSPS to help pick up trash along the Beaver Creek shoreline at Jordan Lake. We met at 1000 near the north end of the bridge across the road from the south entrance to Ebenezer Church Recreational Area ramp. In just two hours, Leon and I picked up four big garbage bags full of trash, mostly plastic bags and bottles, cigarette butts, Styrofoam containers, plastic utensils, etc. We came across a few abandoned flip flops as well as about 24 2oz glass bottles full of liquor. It seems like somebody didn't read the "No Alcohol" sign and must have trashed them when the Wildlife Ranger showed up. Naughty, naughty!!!

RSPS has adopted this shoreline with a commitment to clean up three times a year. The next times will be in August and December, dates and times to be determined. Be on the lookout and plan to help out.



First Class Mail

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5	6	7	8	9 Monthly Member Meeting, BP Grill	10	11
12 Mother's Day	13	14	15	16	17	18 Safe Boating Week Begins Armed Forces Day
19 Safe Boating Week	20	21	22	23	24	25 Full Moon
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