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The Newsletter of the Durham Sail and Power Squadron - A Unit of the United States Power Squadrons

Commander's Message

Cdr Fred Cooke, P

A number of us have just recently returned from the D27 Fall Conference in Greenville. It was a fun weekend visiting and sharing ideas with our colleagues throughout the state while conducting the business of the district and USPS. I strongly



encourage bridge members to attend these events. In addition to the parties and the opportunity to connect with old friends, the casual atmosphere provides a forum for discussing challenges and brainstorming solutions to the issues that all squadrons are facing these days. I sensed a growing desire for squadrons

to work together and "share the load", especially in the areas of education and vessel safety checks -- the mainstays of what USPS provides for the boating public. After all, we are a fellowship organization devoted to the advancement of safe boating and the education of its members.

USPS HQ has hired a new Marketing Director, Tammy Brown, and has separated marketing and public relations in an effort to achieve better focus within each area. Pressuring individual squadrons to increase membership at the local level, while important, is not enough. As an organization we need to make people aware of what we stand for and what we offer -- great fellowship, meaningful public service, and world class education. I am encouraged by what I heard and sincerely hope that we all share in the desire to promote the mission of USPS.

Fall is now upon us, and there is much to do to keep us busy for the next few months -- several member

meetings, our annual meeting, nomination of the 2014 Bridge, Christmas party, and Change of Watch. Look for a list of upcoming events in this newsletter, and mark your calendars.

Merit Mark recommendations are due to Lt. Joanna George by October 15, so please forward the necessary information in a timely manner.

Fall is a beautiful time to be on the water, so enjoy the weather and be safe.

Monthly Member Meeting Oct. 10

Don Watkins, owner of Triangle Boat Tours on Lake Jordan, will be speaking at our meeting on October 10th. Arrive at 1830 at Bennett Pointe Grill to order off the menu. The meeting will begin at 1900. There will be plenty of time for questions.

Don will share about his first-hand experience as charter yacht crew in the British Virgin Islands and beyond, and then bringing that charter experience to Jordan Lake in Apex, NC.

Owners Don & Heidi Watkins, were in professional yachting aboard 50-120 foot sailing and motor yachts, private and charter, in 40+ countries around the world prior to relocating to North Carolina.

www.TriangleBoatTours.com

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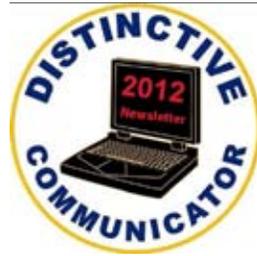
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Birthdays in October

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P/C Tilo Alt, JN Oct 14

William Taylor, P Oct 19

Jonathan Smith, p Oct 26

P/C Paula Schubert, AP Oct 30



Upcoming Events

- Oct 10 Monthly Member Meeting, Bennett Pointe Grill, 1900**
- Oct 14 Inst. Re-Cert, McMannen UMC**
- Oct 24-26 Ghost Walk, New Bern**
- Oct 28 Weather Seminar, McMannen**
- Dec 14 Adopt-A-Shoreline, Jordan Lake**
- Dec TBA DSPS Holiday Party**
- Jan 4 District Training, Raleigh**
- Jan 11 DSPS Change of Watch, Croasdaile**
- Jan 26 USPS Annual Meeting Begins, Jacksonville, FL**
- Feb 6-9 Boat Show, Raleigh Convention Center**

Monthly Member Meetings

The remaining monthly member meetings for 2013 are scheduled for October 10, and November 14 at Bennett Pointe Grill. The November meeting will be our Annual Meeting and election of officers.

The October meeting will be held on Thursday, October 10 beginning at 1830 at Bennett Pointe Grill. The speaker will be Don Watkins, owner of Triangle Boat Tours on Lake Jordan.

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

Executive Office Happenings

Lt/C Beth Haskell, JN

Almost 200 Hours

Over the past 9 months, we have had 18 members who have given almost 200 total hours of their time



for Durham Sail and Power Squadron's activities that fall under the Executive Office. Of our approximate 50 members, 18 members have taken the time to work on behalf of DSPS to help fulfill our civic service mission in the following activities:

The Winter Boat show at the Convention Center in Raleigh; UNC TV Festival; The Adopt-A-Shoreline cleanup at Jordan Lake; Vessel Safety Checks for Safe Boating Week; The 100th USPS Celebration Picnic at Jordan Lake; and the Fall Boat Show at the State Fairgrounds. Thank you to all of you who have helped in these activities in various ways, ranging from bringing boats, to answering phones, to picking up trash, to handing out materials, to preparing articles and brochures. Thank you to: Paula Schubert, Frank Schubert, Beth Haskell, Doug Campbell, Rhett George, Joanna George, Ron Mosley, Fred Cooke, Charlie Hayne, Leon Hudgins, Bev Hudgins, Mark Haskell, Ann McKenzie, Eric Lytle, Mimi Chitty, Don Chitty, Michael Donaghy, Janet Estabrooks, and Wayne Estabrooks.

I hope that the rest of our membership will consider joining the 18, and see what you can do to help out in the future.

Upcoming activities include:

14 December 2013, Adopt-A-Shoreline at Jordan Lake. For more information, contact James D. Frei at (919) 819-4229 or jdfrei@stormwatergroup.com

6-9 February 2014, Boat Show at the Convention Center in Raleigh.

Ed Dept Scuttlebutt

P/C Ronald Mosley, JN

Well summer has come and gone. I hope everyone had an outstanding summer of boating fun. As many of you have heard by now, we unfortunately had to cancel the fall ABC boating course because



no students registered for the class. However, there can be a silver lining to this dark cloud. Since we have reserved the teaching space for 9 weeks lets make good use of it by offering one or more seminars for the membership. I am including a short synopsis about the seminars

below. I am also sending an email to all members with additional information about the seminars. Replying to my email is probably the easiest way to respond with your desires. The classes could meet on any Monday night October 7 through November 11, 2013 from 7:00PM-9:00PM at McMannen United Methodist Church, 4102 Neal Road, Durham. Most of these seminars could be covered in one session. Consequently, we could have more than one seminar during our reserved time. However, we need to move quickly to get the classes scheduled and order materials. If we do manage to schedule one or more seminars, non-members would be welcome to attend. Have your friends contact me to register.

The few students I have heard from expressed a desire to start the Advanced Piloting Class later in the fall. There will be more information in my next communication.

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.

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Below are listed 24 Seminars that have been developed by the United States Power Squadrons for presentation to both members and the public.

- Advanced Powerboat Handling
- Anchoring
- Boat Handling under Power
- Boating on Rivers, Locks and Lakes
- Crossing Borders
- Emergencies on Board
- Fuel and Boating
- How to Use a Chart
- Hurricanes and Boats
- Knots, Bends and Hitches
- Man Overboard
- Marine RADAR
- Mariner's Compass
- Mastering the Rules of the Road
- Paddle Smart
- Partner in Command
- Practical On The Water Training
- Sail Trim and Rig Tuning
- Tides and Currents
- Trailering Your Boat
- Using GPS
- Using VHF & VHF/DSC Marine Radio

These seminars have been developed with similar quality as the regular USPS courses with excellent slides for presentation. Although I urge you to buy the materials in order to obtain the full benefit from the class, there will be no charge for members who choose not to order the materials. To help you choose seminars that are appropriate for you, I am providing some summary information for several seminars that I recommend.

Partner in Command

This seminar provides an introduction to boating for crew members who need basic information and who may or may not have taken a boating course. It is designed to provide essential information one may require to assist a skipper in the safe operation of a recreational boat. Included in the seminar are actions in response to emergencies. This seminar includes a text. A Knot Board will be useful to practice tying knots.

Using GPS

One of the most popular seminars is “Using GPS”. GPS has become a common tool for navigation. However using GPS on the water is distinctly different from a moving map display in your car. This seminar explains the principles of waypoint navigation which you will use. It then shows you how to relate the GPS to your charts which provide essential information about what is around you. You’ll also get some tips for choosing a GPS if you don’t currently own one.

Basic Weather and Forecasting

The safety and comfort of those who venture out-on-the-water have always been weather dependent. This seminar is a must for boaters who have never taken a weather course. The complex subject of weather is presented in a way that is both understandable and useful. Topics include air masses and fronts, winds, storms, clouds and thunderstorms, fog, and forecasting. This seminar contains everything you need to know about recognizing early signs of approaching weather, what the sky, clouds and winds are telling you, anticipating storms, and more.

Basic Coastal Navigation

In this seminar, you will learn practical techniques to plan, navigate, and check your progress on the water. You will develop situational awareness skills using your eyes and navigation tools to quickly point to your position on a chart, and be able to use backup techniques when the electronics become suspect. This seminar will help captain and crew navigate safely and comfortably.

Boating on Rivers, Locks, and Lakes

The United States has over 30,000 miles of improved waterways—some of the finest boating to be found anywhere. The seminar deals with such varied topics as special navigation rules for rivers, the Western Rivers System of buoys and marks, river currents, “reading” a river, jetties and wing dams, the intricacies of locking through, and communicating with lock masters and bridge tenders.

Using VHF & VHF/DSC Marine Radio

VHF radio is the mainstay of coastal communication and essential for emergency communications. Digital Selective Calling (DSC) is rapidly becoming a reality

as more Coast Guard Rescue 21 System operations go live. Currently, the Atlantic, Pacific and Gulf coasts are operational with DSC and all USCG vessels are DSC equipped. DSC vastly simplifies and improves rescue and routine call signaling - making it easier to make a call while the system frees up Channel 16 for essential communications. However, you need to know how to use it. This seminar answers those needs and explains basic VHF operation.

Paddle Smart

According to the National Marine Manufacturers Association, kayaks and canoes accounted for some 54% of new boats sold in 2006 – over 493,000 crafts. Kayaking, canoeing or rowing are enjoyable opportunities to get close to nature, have a great time, and get some quality exercise in the process. This seminar is intended for those about to join the sport and those considering purchasing paddling equipment.

Emergencies on Board

This seminar is designed to prepare the prudent skipper for those unfortunate situations involving accidents and emergencies on board. This seminar includes everything you need to know about preparing for emergencies, dealing with emergencies, and becoming a more comfortable and confident boater.

Advanced Powerboat Handling

This seminar is a three-part series: Close Quarters Maneuvering, How Boats Behave in Seas, and Handling at Sea. The seminar shows you why and how your boat will behave in response to your controls. This seminar contains everything you need to know about making your boat do exactly what you want it to do, understanding your boat, slow speed maneuvering, open-water boat handling, special situations, and more.

How to Use a Chart

Charts provide information essential to your safety afloat. Even with GPS and electronic navigation, the chart is needed to tell you what is around you and between you and your intended destination. A brief introduction to latitude and longitude provides insight to the operation of GPS receivers. In addition to showing you all about your chart, this seminar

walks you through the essentials of laying out a safe course, and the steps to measure a course with the USPS plotter.

Trailing Your Boat

This seminar explains how to select tow vehicles, hitches, and trailers. It also explains how to safely and securely trailer your boat, launch and retrieve it, and how to operate and maintain your trailering equipment. The seminar includes video segments provided by the US Coast Guard and excellent slide notes.

UPDATE

The **“Basic Weather and Forecasting”** seminar has been scheduled at McMannen United Methodist Church, 4102 Neal Road, Durham on Oct 28, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Members may attend at no charge unless they want the course materials (\$26). Please let me know if you will attend so we can plan for the course. Please take advantage of this opportunity to improve and renew our boating skills, as well as an opportunity to fellowship with our fellow members.

There is a possibility of a second seminar on Nov. 11. I have had requests for “Using GPS” and “Emergencies on Board”. If you are interested in one of these classes or another on the list, please let me know.

The other topic I want to raise is re-certification for teaching NASBALA CLASSES (ABC). Beverly Hudgins will present a seminar for re-certification on October 14 from 7:00 – 9:00 PM at McMannen UMC. This class is for people who have previously been certified, but have let their certification lapse. The new certification will last for 4 years.

If there are any members who would like to get involved in teaching the ABC classes, certification is required. Please contact me and express your interest in becoming certified. I will start working on Scheduling an Instructor Development Class. This course is required for initial Certification.

Couple Rescued by Ferry Boat

AP Wire Reports

CEDAR ISLAND, N.C. - The crew of a ferry boat saved a Black Mountain couple from the waters of Pamlico Sound after their sailboat capsized.

A news release from the N.C. Department of Transportation said John and Renee Hoffman were sailing in Big Foot Slough just off Ocracoke when winds suddenly increased, causing the boat to capsize.



The M/V Cedar Island was nearby, and Capt. Steven Goodwin maneuvered the ferry into position to launch its 16-foot rescue boat.

Crew members Glenn Salter and Daniel Smith piloted the rescue boat in 4-5 foot seas and 30-knot winds.

Renee Hoffman said she and her husband were fine until the weather made a drastic change.

“We got into that area just outside the channel to Ocracoke, and the wind and the waves just went chaotic,” she said, adding that the boat was running on its motor and that **both she and her husband were wearing personal flotation devices** when the accident occurred.

Hoffman said a huge wave hit one of the shoals, creating a rogue wave at the same time the wind gusted to 35 knots. The couple thinks the keel was knocked off when the bottom of the boat hit the shoal, meaning they lost the ability to keep their boat upright. A second wave came and knocked the boat over. John Hoffman sent a mayday call which both the U.S. Coast Guard and NC DOT personnel answered.

After about 45 minutes in the water, the ferry crew made its rescue. The Cedar Island had just left the channel, then turned around in the deeper water to return to get the Hoffmans out of the water.

“**We had our emergency equipment ready,**” she said. “We knew it was a dangerous situation. We had the emergency equipment there in case we went into the water, and we knew we were right there at Ocracoke. Somebody was going to come get us.”

PFD Requirement Changes

AP Wire Reports

RALEIGH, N.C. - The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission has made changes to its requirements of life vests.

At the August meeting of the Wildlife Commission, surfboards, tubes, swimming rafts and inflatable toys were exempted from a list of vessels required to carry personal flotation devices (PFDs), also known as life vests.

The Commission determined that requiring PFDs on these types of floating devices did not enhance safety significantly. Prior to the rule change, anyone on such floating devices outside designated swimming areas were required to carry a PFD.

The Commission also clarified the definition of competitive paddle or rowing vessels under boating safety rules. The definition now reads those manually propelled vessels “that are recognized by national and international racing associations for use in competitive racing and in which all occupants row, scull or paddle, with exception of a coxswain, if one is provided, and are not designed to carry any equipment not solely for competitive racing such as racing shells, rowing sculls, racing canoes, and racing kayaks are exempt from requirements for any type of PFD.”

Paddleboards, kayaks, canoes and rowboats are not exempt and must have a PFD accessible for each person onboard.

With Sincere Appreciation

A floral arrangement on behalf of the Durham Sail and Power Squadron was sent to the family of William Norden. We received acknowledgement from Bill's wife, Corrine, which is printed below.



To all,

Thank you for the Funeral Urn. The flowers were beautiful. On Sunday, I placed them in Church in Bill's memory. Bill *always* enjoyed attending the meetings and sharing the wooden boat on the lake and at Northgate. He missed coming to the meetings, and his fond memories of all of you kept him going.

God Bless You,
Corrine Norden



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2014 DSPS Nominations

The following nominations are being put forward for consideration by the Durham Sail and Power Squadron to be elected at the DSPS Annual Meeting on November 14, 2013.

Commander: Lt/C Frank Schubert, JN
Executive Officer: Lt/C Ann McKenzie, P
Administrative Officer: Lt/C Eric Lytle, P
Educational Officer: Lt/C Doug Campbell, AP
Asst. Ed. Officer: P/C Ron Mosley, JN
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Lt Randy Penny, S
Lt K. Coffield Knight, SN

First Class Mail

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**The next DSPS Monthly Member Meeting on Thursday,
 October 10 at Bennett Pointe Grill beginning at 1830.**

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		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 Monthly Member Meeting 1830	11	12
13	14 Instructor Re-Cert Columbus Day	15	16	17	18 Full Moon	19
20	21	22	23	24 Ex Com Meeting	25 Bullhorn Articles Due	26
27	28 Weather Seminar	29	30	31 Halloween	NOV 1	2
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