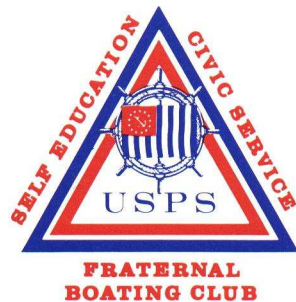


## What is USPS?

Organized in 1914, USPS is a non profit, educational organization dedicated to making boating safer and more enjoyable by teaching classes in seamanship, navigation and related subjects. Our members are boating families who contribute to their communities by promoting safe boating through education. We enjoy participating with our fellow members on the water and in the classroom. USPS has nearly 40,000 members organized into over 400 squadrons across the country and in some US territories. USPS is America's largest non-profit boating organization and has been honored by three US presidents for its civic contributions.

## What are the activities of USPS?

Each squadron's activities involve the three primary objectives of USPS: community service, continuing education, and enjoying the friendship and camaraderie of our fellow members.



## DSPS Calendar

	<u>January</u>
28	Piloting Course begins all classes at McMannen UMC running for 10 weeks each Monday
	<u>February</u>
7-10	Raleigh Convention Center Boat Show
13	DSPS Member Meeting Bennett Pointe Grill & Bar, Durham
18	Spring ABC Boating Course Begins all classes at McMannen UMC running for 9 weeks each Monday
	<u>March</u>
14	DSPS Member Meeting
22-23	D/27 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Change of Watch North Raleigh Hilton
24	The UNC TV Telethon – Volunteer Party
	<u>April</u>
6	Clean Lake Jordan (Adopt a Shore)
8	Piloting Course Exams Due
11	DSPS Member Meeting – Bennett
15	Spring ABC Boating Course Final
27	Spring Jordan Lake Cookout
	<u>May</u>
9	DSPS Member Meeting – Bennett
12-18	National Safe Boating Week
18	Vessel Safety Checks
	<u>June</u>
13	DSPS Member Meeting – Bennett
20-22	USPS Leadership Training Classes
	<u>July</u>
27	Day Cruise and Co-op Charting
	<u>August</u>
3	Fall Lake Jordan Cookout with RSPS
8-11	D/27 & D5 Rendezvous Cape Charles
16-18	Carolina Fall Boat Show-Fairgrounds
	<u>September</u>
12	DSPS Member Meeting – Bennett
16	Fall ABC Boating Course begins
	<u>October</u>
10	DSPS Member Meeting – Bennett
11-13	D/27 Fall Council
	<u>November</u>
14	DSPS Member Meeting – Bennett
24-26	New Bern Annual Ghost Walk
	<u>December</u>
6	DSPS Christmas Party TBD
14	Clean Lake Jordan (Adopt a Shore)
	<u>January 2014</u>
4	D/27 Officer Training
4	DSPS Change of Watch

# Durham Sail & Power Squadron



The Durham Sail & Power Squadron (DSPS) is a unit of the United States Power Squadrons (USPS), and celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2011.

Learn more about DSPS at:

<http://www.usps.org/durham>

## Education

Available to members of DSPS:

### USPS Classes

- Seamanship
- Piloting
- Advanced Piloting
- Junior Navigation
- Navigation
- Cruise Planning
- Engine Maintenance
- Marine Electronics
- Sail
- Weather
- Instructor Development

### USPS Seminars

- Advanced Powerboat Handling
- Anchoring
- Basic Coastal Navigation
- Basic Weather and Forecasting
- Boat Handling under Power
- Boating on Rivers, Locks, and Lakes
- Emergencies on Board
- Fuel and Boating
- How to Use a Chart
- Hurricanes and Boats
- Knots, Bends, and Hitches
- Marine RADAR
- Mariner's Compass
- Mastering the Rules of the Road
- Paddle Smart
- Partner in Command
- Practical On The Water Training
- Tides and Currents
- Trailing Your Boat
- Using GPS
- Using VHF & VHF/DSC Marine Radio

For information about the ABC Course offered to the Public e-Mail:

[RonMosley@Frontier.com](mailto:RonMosley@Frontier.com)

## Service

What community and civic service does DSPS perform?

DSPS offers boating safety courses on a regular basis to boaters in our community. These courses are open to the public and there is no age limit for participants. Successfully completing a USPS boating safety course meets the educational requirements for boat operation in all states.

In a cooperative program with the US Coast Guard Auxiliary, certified squadron members conduct free courtesy Vessel Safety Checks of boats

at the request of their owners. To learn more about this program, and how to get your boat checked, call:

919-783-0861 or e-Mail:

[Michael@MichaelDonaghy.com](mailto:Michael@MichaelDonaghy.com)

We help the National Ocean Service keep nautical charts accurate by reporting chart corrections. We call this Co-op Charting, and it usually involves a weekend of activities at the coast.

We volunteer at UNC-TV Festival, in support of Public Television, and to promote DSPS.



## Fun

DSPS members usually meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month for dinner and an informative program. Most meetings are held at Bennett Pointe Bar and Grill in Durham. Past programs have featured Claiborne Young, Diver's Alert Network, local television weather forecasters, long distance cruisers, and NOAA forecasters.

Many of the Civic Service Activities are social and boating events.

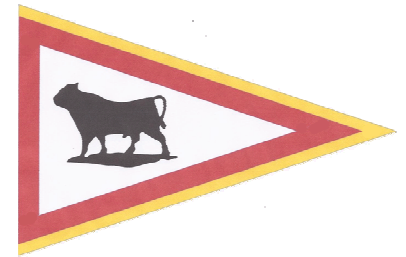
Picnics at local lakes

Parties at Lake Gaston

Coastal Rendezvous

District and National meetings and activities

Charter adventures



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