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## A View from the Bridge

### Simplicity

As I approach my second try at being Commander of the Charlotte Power Squadron, aka America's Boating Club-Charlotte, it appears to me that we are at a water-shed moment in our history. As of this date (Dec 23) we have no nominees for Executive Officer or Administrative Officer. There is no one ready to step into the job of Commander for next year and I can understand why. When I was Commander of District 27, I helped three Squadrons take the 7.3.3 waiver and the overwhelming reason was that these squadrons could not find someone to take on the responsibility of being Commander. It is a time consuming and expensive job.

This present year we have had the good fortune to have Cdr Marvin Chaney SN as our leader and he has done a marvelous job, not only did he run our Squadron without an Admin Officer, but he did the majority of work planning the District Rendezvous. On top of that he got us a new set of Squadron by-laws. Congratulations Marvin- Job well done.

As we look to the future, the core activities which support our non-profit mission are in place. We still have ABC classes, the Children's Outing, Co-op charting, VSCs and the Boat Show. For all those involved, please accept our appreciation and sincere gratitude for your hard work in these areas.

As I look at my new term as Commander, I have to be honest, there is no way that I can do the job of three people. And besides that, no one else will sign up for this job if they are faced with the same challenge. So, I propose that we begin simplifying the administration of this Squadron. I will be working with the Executive Committee on how to do this asking for their ideas. I want your ideas too. Where can we cut out what we do not need? How can we spread the work around to lessen the burden on future Commanders. Please let me know what you think by email: [path201@gmail.com](mailto:path201@gmail.com).

And finally. I wish you each a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Be warm and be safe.

Respectfully submitted, P/D/C Pat Hakanson SN

### Change of Watch 28 January 2023

Our annual Change of Watch to celebrate the squadron year and install the new slate of officers elected at the annual meeting will be held Saturday evening, 28 January 2023 at the Sonesta Charlotte Executive Park Hotel, 5700 Westpark Drive, Charlotte NC 28217. Executive Officer D/Lt/C Bill Beers, JN-IN will be the D27 representative helping to install the officers.

This is our chance to recognize the accomplishments of the squadron and present annual awards as well as install new officers. We will have a table representing our activities over the year. Please bring a photo (several if you have them) to combine with others to give us a look back at a successful squadron year.

Price is \$48.00 per person, which includes a buffet dinner and desserts. There will also be a cash bar. An invitation requiring an RSVP by 18 January 2023 will be sent soon. Mark your calendar – you don't want to miss this!

### Annual Meeting 9 January 2023 at John's Family Restaurant

Please plan to join us for our membership meeting on 9 January 2023 at John's Family Restaurant, 2002 Westinghouse Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28273. Come at 6PM for dinner (closer to 6PM the better); the annual meeting will start around 7PM. Our program for the meeting will be presented by Hank and Rosanne Bateman on their recent trip to see the Oberammergau Passion Play. The rest of the meeting will be our formal election of new officers for 2023-2024 and the annual reports by each of the departments to the membership. We will also have sign-up sheets for shifts at our booth at the MidAtlantic Boat Show (Feb 9-12). Plan to join us for this important meeting.

Cdr Marvin Chaney, Jr SN

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As we travel through this time, please watch your e-mails and check the Calendar of events on the website for updates



## CHARLOTTE POWER SQUADRON

A Unit of United States Power Squadrons  
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District 27

Chartered 10 April 1961

### 2022 BRIDGE OFFICERS

Commander	Cdr. Marvin Chaney, Jr SN
Educational Ofcr	Lt/C Brevard S. Myers, Jr, SN-ACN
Executive Officer	P/D/C Patricia Hakanson, SN
Admin. Officer	
Secretary	Lt/C Henry W. Bateman, JN
Treasurer	P/Lt/C Mary D. Chaney, JN
Immediate P/C	P/C Charles Ibach, III SN-ACN

### 2022 MEMBERS AT-LARGE

Lt. George W. Davis, AP	P/C Douglas Drum, Sr., AP
P/C Will G. Granger, P-IN	Lt. Patricia Mencil, S
P/C John P. Moore, AP-IN	Lt. Rose D. Samonds
Stf/C Paula F. Stewart, AP	P/C David M. Stewart, AP

### Secretary DEPARTMENT STAFF

Asst. SEC Lt. Rose Samonds

### SIDE LIGHTS STAFF

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## Calendar of Events

### Education, Civic Service,

### Friendship & Fun

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR EVENT UPDATES

NRD means "No Rain Date"

#### January 2023

9 Annual Mtg – John's Family Rest – 1800 2000  
16 ExCom – Jocks & Jills – 1800 Diner 1900 Meeting  
28 COW – Sonesta Charlotte – 1700 - 2000

#### February 2023

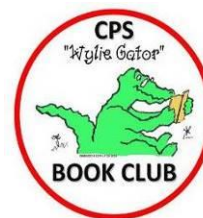
No Membership Mtg  
9-12 MidAtlantic Boat Show – Charlotte Convention Ctr  
20 ExCom - TBA  
24 Side Lights Articles Due – Bridge Message (Treasurer)  
19-26 National Annual Meeting – Orlando, FL

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#### \* Meeting Location Addresses

Jocks & Jills – 4109 S. Stream Blvd. Charlotte, NC  
John's Family Restaurant - 2002 Westinghouse Blvd. Charlotte, NC  
Lake Wylie Marina – 310 Blucher Circle Lake Wylie, SC  
Merit Mark Point (MMP) – (Squadron Lk Wylie, SC property)  
See Roster, Pg A17 for directions  
Red Fez Club – 16600 Red Fez Club Road, Charlotte  
Reflection Pointe Club House – 1305 Reflection Pointe Blvd. Belmont, NC  
Sonesta Charlotte – 5700 Westpark Dr. Charlotte, NC  
Trio-Charlotte – 10709 McMullen Crk Prkwy, Charlotte, NC

Notice!! Locations are subject to change! Any location revisions and/ or meeting date revisions will be either published in the *Side Lights* or sent to you by email.



2022 Wylie Gator Book Club  
Date and Time TBA



## Happy January Birthdays

P/C, Henry Bateman, JN  
 P/C Mary Cele Brooks, AP  
 Louis G. Cosentine P  
 Joseph G. Maher, AP  
 Lt. Patricia Mencil S  
 Thomas J. Monza  
 P/D/C George H. Rogers, AP  
 P/Lt/C Samuel S. Sanford, JN

## Happy February Birthdays

P/Lt/C Barbara Bartell, S  
 Meghan C. Cahill  
 Viviana Camacho  
 P/Lt/C Tony J. Esposito, S  
 Lisa Ishee  
 P/C John A. King, II AP  
 Stephen P. McCart, Sr.  
 Brittany P. Osmond  
 Dwight T. Pruitt  
 Clyde Swain

## Charlotte Power Squadron 2023-2024 Nominees

Nominations for the Charlotte Power Squadron Bridge Officers, Executive Committee Members at Large and noted committees for the year 2023-2024 have been made and were published per our bylaws. We will be voting on these nominations at our Annual Meeting on 9 January 2023. Please plan to attend.

### BRIDGE OFFICERS

- Commander: Lt/C Patricia Hakanson, SN
- Executive Ofc:
- Educational Ofc: Lt/C Brevard Myers, SN-ACN
- Administrative Ofc:
- Secretary: Lt Rose Samonds
- Treasurer: P/Lt/C Mary Chaney, JN
- Immediate P/C: Cdr Marvin Chaney, Jr., SN

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS AT LARGE

- Lt. George Davis, AP
- P/C Douglas Drum, Sr, AP
- P/C Will Granger, P-IN
- David Johnson
- Lt. Pat Mencil, S
- P/C John P. Moore, AP-IN
- P/C David Stewart, AP
- Stf/C Paula Stewart, AP

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- P/C John P. Moore, AP-IN (1)
- P/C Charles R. Ibach, III, SN-ACN (2)
- Cdr Marvin Chaney, Jr., SN (3)

### RULES COMMITTEE

- P/C Ronald Eveson, P (1)
- P/R/C John Rodgers, SN-CN (2)
- Cdr Marvin Chaney, Jr., SN (3)

### AUDIT COMMITTEE

- Stf/C Paula Stewart, AP (1)
- P/R/C John Rodgers, SN-CN (2)
- P/C Mary Cele Brooks, AP (3)

Presented by: the Nominating Committee

### CHECK OUT THE 2022-2023 ONLINE CALENDAR



The Calendar for the 2022-2023 squadron year was approved at the Executive Committee (ExCom) meeting on February 21. Our action-packed year is coming to a close!! The calendar is constantly being updated – the latest update just last week. Check out the calendar posted on the squadron's website at:

<https://www.usps.org/localusps/charlotte>.

Mark your own calendars to make sure you don't miss one of the great events we have planned. Stay tuned to *Side Lights*, your email, and our website for updates.

If there is something you think members would enjoy or think we should do that you don't see on the calendar? Please call or email the Commander with your ideas.

Some exciting events that are coming that you will want to make sure you attend are:

- Annual Meeting / Elections (January 9)
- Change of Watch (January 28)
- MidAtlantic Boat Show (February 9 – 12)



## Christmas Party 2022

We held our annual Christmas Party on Saturday 10 December 2022 at the clubhouse in Reflection Pointe, Belmont. Forty-four (44) people attended, which was a great response!! We had fun catching up with new members and existing members we hadn't seen in a while. Nautically themed "*T'was the Night Before Christmas*" poems and even a gingerbread house decorated the space; these complemented the already fantastic decorations put up in the clubhouse by the neighborhood. While we did have background holiday music, we had a surprise special treat when Amelia Myers serenaded us on her violin with "*O Christmas Tree*". Everyone brought delicious appetizers, side dishes and desserts to go with the ham and turkey. Leftover turkey and ham not taken home by attendees was donated to the Dorothy Days Soup Kitchen in Rock Hill, SC.

Thanks goes to Pat Mencil who arranged for the venue and did a yeoman's job getting supplies, setting up all the tables, and helping attendees with their dishes. Paula Stewart handled the RSVPs. Mary and Marvin Chaney helped Pat with the initial setup. Marshall Bain arrived with a new donation for the squadron – a speaker and wireless microphone that we can use for future meetings. Cleanup was a breeze since Ken Elkins, Warren Francois, David and Rose Samonds, and Jack Moore stayed and helped clean up and put things away – I don't have a list of all that helped out but if I missed you, a big thankyou to all of you as well.

Enjoy several snapshots from the event.

Happy Holidays!

Cdr Marvin Chaney, Jr SN



Cake  
Photo by Cdr Marvin Chaney, Jr, SN



Gingerbread House w/Yardarm  
Photo by Cdr Marvin Chaney, Jr, SN



Cdr. Marvin Chaney, Jr, SN & P/Lt/C Mary Chaney, JN  
Photo by P/C Will Granger, P-IN



The Davis Family (Pam, E.J., Betty, and Lt George Davis AP) with P/C Doug Drum, AP  
Photo by Cdr Marvin Chaney, Jr, SN

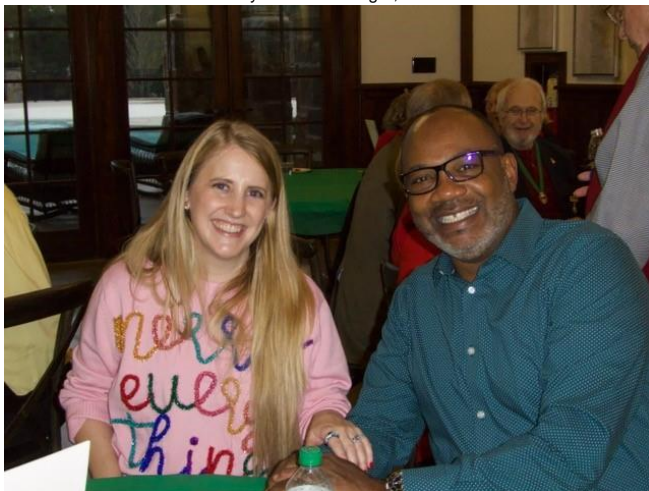




P/C Doug Drum, Sr AP & Mary Drum  
Photo by P/C Will Granger, P-IN



P/C Jack Moore Jr., AP-IN & Sandy Moore  
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Kate Mead & Clyde Swain  
Photo by P/C Will Granger, P-IN



P/R/C John J. Rodgers, SN-CN & Pat Rodgers, AP  
Photo by P/C Will Granger, P-IN



P/C Will Granger, P-IN, Kathryn Granger, P/C Dan Bartell, P/Lt/C Barbara Bartell, &  
P/C Pat Hakanson, SN  
Photo by Cdr Marvin Chaney, Jr, SN



Lt. Pat Mencil, S, P/C Pat Hakanson, SN & P/C Ken Elkins, JN  
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P/Stf/C Charles Ibach, II, SN-ACN & Donna Ibach  
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P/C Marshall Bain, AP  
Photo by P/C Will Granger, P-IN



P/C Brevard Myers, Jr, SN-ACN, Lori Myers, Amelia Myers & Mary Myers  
Photo by P/C Will Granger, P-IN



P/C Hank Bateman, JN & P/C Rosanne Bateman P  
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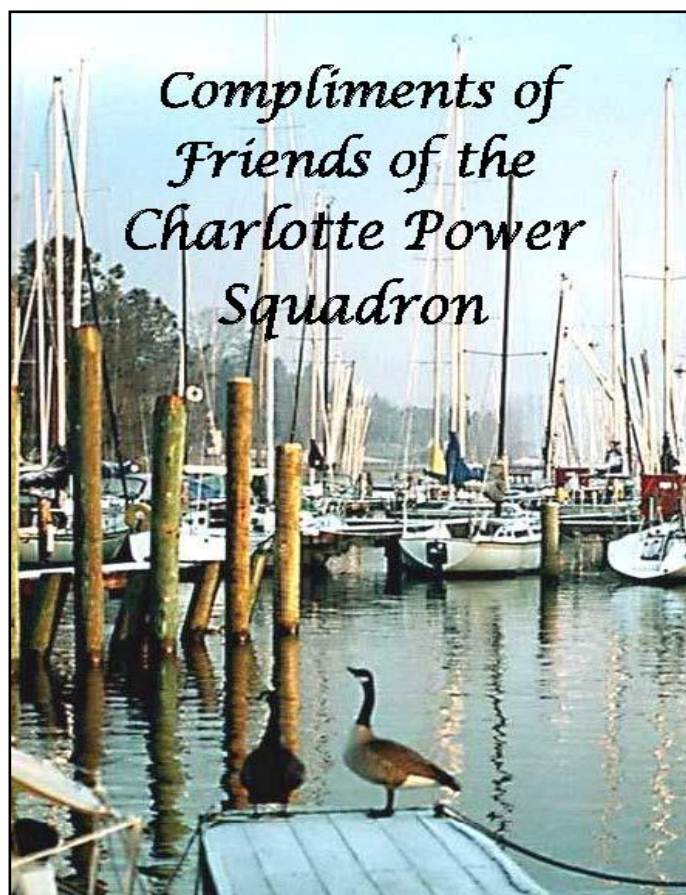
Below are the remaining items that we have  
for sale in our Ship's Store

- 1 - Khaki baseball cap
- 2 - Red baseball caps \*\*
- 6 - Blue baseball caps
- 1 - Khaki bucket hat (size-small)
- 1 - Men's white short-sleeve golf shirt (size-med) \*\*
- 1 - Sweat shirt-light grey (size-3 XL)
- 1 - Fleece vest-navy (size-XL) \*\*
- 1 - Men's jean shirt-long sleeve (size-XL)
- 1 - Women's jean shirt-short sleeve (size-med)
- 1 - Navy jacket (size 2XL)

\*\* Old burgee-no gold border

Contact David or Paula Stewart, Co-Supply Officers, if  
you are interested in any of these items. Prices are  
negotiable or make us an offer.

In the future, we will NOT be maintaining an inventory,  
but any item you have (shirt, blouse, bag, hat, etc.)  
CAN be embroidered with the Charlotte Power  
Squadron logo. Please see David or Paula for details.



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