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A View from the Bridge

Summer of Fun

As we look ahead to the summer I am excited about the events we have planned for our members, families and friends. As boaters we want to get out onto the water and have fun, fun, fun!!!! Think about inviting neighbors and boating friends who might want to join our squadron.

Please save the following dates:

Saturday June 17- 'Learn the Lake-Scavenger Hunt' at Merit Mark Point

Saturday July 22- 'Small Craft Picnic Party' at Cane Creek Park in Union County

Saturday August 19-To be determined-suggestions requested

Learn the Lake Scavenger Hunt Saturday June 17 from 2pm to 5pm

Our fun on Lake Wylie will start at 2pm at Merit Mark Point on Beaver Dam Creek. You will be given instructions on what to find on Lake Wylie and in the process discover many things you did not know were there. At 5pm everyone will gather at Merit Mark Point to evaluate answers and the winners will be awarded a prize!!!

We will then share supper together as free burgers will be served. Please bring a side dish and or dessert to share with the rest of the group. Sweet and unsweet tea will also be available. BYOB.

For the Scavenger Hunt please bring: your boat, a map of Lake Wylie (available at West Marine), life jackets, GPS, VHF radio or Smart phone and binoculars. If you do not own a boat, ride with a friend.

An RSVP is requested to: Cdr Pat at pat201@gmail.com

Small Craft Picnic Party Saturday July 22nd from 11am to 5pm

At Cane Creek Park in Union County on July 22nd we will have a different kind of fun. You may trailer your boat, bring your canoe,

SUP or kayak. You may also rent a canoe, kayak or pedal boat, first come, first served. Cdr Pat will also bring the Wylie Gator row boat for you to see and try. Besides boating, you can fish (with the proper license), hike, swim or play miniature golf. It will be a great day of fun with more details forthcoming.

From your Commander Pat

Congratulations P/R/C Donald Osmond, SN



P/R/C Donald Osmond, SN

Congratulations to P/R/C Donald Osmond for earning Senior Navigator.

Attention: Executive Committee Members

We will be meeting at a different location for the June Executive Committee Meeting. (See below.) Same times: 1800-Dinner; 1900-Meeting. The Shore Club 15038 Molokai Dr. Tega Cay, SC 29708

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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

Calender of Events

Education, Civic Service,

Friendship & Fun

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR EVENT UPDATES

NRD means "No Rain Date"

June 2023

3 Predicted Log – MMP - 1000
5 No Membership Mtg
17 Scavenger Hunt – MMP
19 ExCom – The Shore Club – 1800 Diner 1900 Meeting
26 Wylie Gator Book Club – TBA - 1800

July 2023

1 VSC Check – Buster Boyd Bridge Ramp - 1000
3 No Membership Mtg
8 Commander's Picnic – MMP – 1100-1500
17 ExCom – Jock's & Jill's – 1800 Diner 1900 Meeting
18 Wylie Gator Rowing Club – Cdr Hakanson's House – 1000
22 Squadron Event - TBD

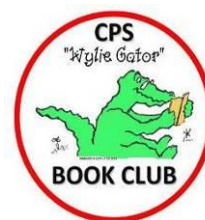
Aug 2023

12 OBX Fishing – Outer Banks – Sign up with Ken Elkins
18 Side Lights Article Due – Bridge Message TBD
19 Squadron Event - TBD
21 ExCom – Jock's & Jill's – 1800 Diner 1900 Meeting
22 Wylie Gator Rowing Club – Cdr Hakanson's House - 1000
26 VSC – Buster Boyd Bridge – 1000 - 1400
27-S4 National Governing Board – Kansas City, Mo.
28 Membership Mtg - John's Family Rest. - 1800 Diner 1900 Meeting

* 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
The Shore Club -15083 Molokai Dr. Tega Cay, SC 29708

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.



2023 Wylie Gator Book Club
26 June 2023 TBA

CPS FUNDRAISING NEWS 2023

Thanks to everyone who participated in our "50/50" Fundraiser at our membership meetings on May 1 at John's Family Restaurant. We once again sold raffle tickets for a "kitty" (with the winner keeping half and the other half being donated to the Squadron).

The winner for May was Dan Bartell. Congratulations, Dan! Please plan to join in the fun at our next membership meeting to be held on August 28, 2023, at John's Family Restaurant.

We still have plenty of Auto Bell gift cards for sale. The cost is \$20.00 per card and our squadron gets \$10.00 for each card sold. Everyone loves a clean car!! Please see me at our next meeting or activity to purchase yours. Also, if you prefer that I mail them to you, I can do that, too. Just let me know. Thank you for your support!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the next membership meeting.

P/D/C Paula F. Stewart, AP
Fundraising Chair



Fish offshore with your ABC-Charlotte friends

By P/C Ken Elkins JN
America's Boating Club-Charlotte

Here's your chance to fish offshore in the beautiful blue waters of the Gulf Stream.

In cooperation with the Matthews NC Fishing Club, America's Boating Club-Charlotte will be traveling to the South Nags Head area of the Outer Banks to charter a sportfisher and captain August 12-15. Cost is about \$1,000 per fisher, less if more attend.

For that you get three nights' lodging at one of America's pristine beach and fishing vacation destinations, a day of fishing on Capt. Benjie Stansky's 54-foot Sea Note, maybe a day of instruction on surf fishing by MNCFC's expert and truck transportation to and from. That's not to mention the collegiality of traveling with your squadron buddies. (OK I did mention it.)

ABC-Charlotte started these trips in 2012. The highlight occurred in 2013 when Bruce Banbury pulled in a 195-pound bluefin tuna. We've taken some time off for Covid and windy weather but now we're back. Here's the schedule of events:

- Saturday, August 12: Leave the Charlotte area via fishing trucks at about 6 a.m.
- Sunday, August 13: Leave Oregon Inlet Fishing Center at 5 a.m. and cruise about an hour until we reach the Gulf Stream about 40 miles out of port. We return to the marina at about 5 p.m. and discuss who will clean the fish. (In case you're wondering, we had the large bluefin professionally carved up.)
- Monday, August 14: Surf fishing probably near the Hatteras Lighthouse if we can all fit on MNCFC's J.C. Honeycutt's fishing truck. Standing on this peninsula of land with 300 degrees of water around you is interesting.
- Tuesday, August 15: Pack up all the fish (maybe) and the memories (definitely) and drive back to the Charlotte area. Now here's all the caveats:
 - The trip is subject to fair offshore weather and could be canceled at the last minute, which has happened to our group in the past.



- We have four fishers who are eager to go but we need at least one more to make it affordable for the others.
- This is the first time we've tried summer fishing at OBX. The other trips have been in the winter when the tuna is running and when the rates are lower. So it will be more expensive than past trips. I suspect we will go after Mahi Mahi, wahoo and other warm-water fish.
- Housing is a roll of the dice. We wait until evening before the trip to book a house in the Nags Head area because the trip could be canceled at the last minute due to poor weather. However, in the six trips we've not had to camp on the beach a single time, although an overnight in Outer Banks Motel is as close to beach sleeping as you would want to get.

So if I haven't scared you away, call or text Ken Elkins (704-995-4328) with your questions and sign up for the trip.

We're planning to have a blast.

2023 Children's Outing

Well, another Children's Outing is under our belts. Thanks to those from Charlotte who were there to help make the day a meaningful one for these children.

Unfortunately due to chilly temperatures and somewhat threatening skies (never rained), a good number of invited guests didn't show up. We reminded everyone invited that this is always a rain/shine event and they can at least come for the food. But even with that we had 225 guests with 84 adults and 141 children. A lot of those who came were in a family which is the reason there is a higher number of adults.

Because the lake temperature was a bit cold (73 degrees), boat rides were the plan of the day. I made a 6 runs during the day. We had 6 boats from Charlotte and I would especially like to thank each, Pat Mencil, David Johnson, the Leeks, and new members, Shaun Haycock and Eric Jockers. Giving boat rides is what the outing is most about.

Additionally, thanks to all those from Catawba Sail and Power Squadron for their hard work and support! They provided the life guards, the bounce house, the snow cone truck, boats, food handling and serving (as did Rose Sammonds and the Stewarts). They also got the ice and were the primary force cleaning up the Red Fez Club after the event was over. Also they gave us Volunteer Shirts with the sponsors (most of them) listed on the back and flags for our boats.

I will be sending thank you notes to all those that provided support for the event that I had contact with, Dockmasters, Flowers Bakery, Publix Supermarkets, Pink Portables, the Red Fez Club and to those who gave a monetary donation to our Children's Outing fund.

Lastly, our next Children's Outing will be MAY 18, 2024. Please be proactive and mark your future calendars with this date so there are no conflicts. We need as many hands on deck as we can. Catawba had 24 plus boats.

Thank you again,
P/Stf/C Charles "Bo" Ibach III, SN-ACN
Children's Outing Chairman



Happy June Birthdays

Ms. Guynn Francis, P
Ms. Stacy Haycock
Mr. Michael Ibach
Mr. Eric Jockers
Lt/C Rose D. Sammonds

America's Boating Channel Launches Seventh Season

"WHY WEARING A LIFE JACKET IS COOL"
Will Be First Video to Premiere

Raleigh, NC, 1 June 2023 – America's Boating Channel™, the U.S. Coast Guard funded boating safety and boater education video service of United States Power Squadrons® (USPS)-America's Boating Club® (ABC), will publicly debut its new season of twelve videos across its smart TV, online, and mobile distribution platforms starting in June. In making the announcement, USPS-ABC Chief Commander Craig Fraser remarked, "We're excited to introduce America's Boating Channel's seventh season of original non-duplicated boating safety and boater education videos. This year's slate of titles reflects a sharpened focus on critical safety considerations, operational guidance, and electronic aids to navigation." The First video in the new series, WHY WEARING A LIFE JACKET IS COOL, will premiere on Fire TV, Roku, and YouTube, as well as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and other social networks at 8 PM EDT on Thursday June 1. WHY WEARING A LIFE JACKET IS COOL asks a series of "What if..." questions about contemporary life jackets. Viewers will learn the benefits of wearing life jackets while underway on boats. Also featured are tips to consider when buying a new life jacket. Every ten days throughout the boating season, America's Boating Channel will launch a new video. Upcoming Season Seven titles include SLIPS, TRIPS, AND FALLS; PARTNER IN COMMAND; DISEMBARKING HAZARDS; BOATING WITH SMALL CHILDREN; ENGINE FAILURE CAUSES & CURES; TOWED SPORTS SAFETY; TYING DOCK LINES; INTRODUCING AIS; MARINE RADIO ETIQUETTE; NAVIGATING LOCKS; and BORDER CROSSING. Smart TV viewers can subscribe to America's Boating Channel for free on Roku and Fire TV. On Roku, viewers can select Store using their Roku remotes, click on Channels, search for Americas Boating Channel, and then add the channel. On FireTV, viewers can go to Apps on their FireTV Main Menu, search for Americas Boating Channel, select Get, and then download the app. Online, the best way to view the videos is to subscribe at no charge to America's Boating Channel on YouTube, About America's Boating Channel. America's Boating Channel™ is produced for United States Power Squadrons® (USPS) by Lafferty Media Partners (LMP) under a grant from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund, administered by the U.S. Coast Guard. The service features professionally produced, high-definition, safe boating and boater education videos, along with boating themed entertainment and informational television programs. America's Boating Channel has been recognized with the National Boating Industry Safety Award as the 2021 Top Marine Media Outlet, and with the 2022 International Boating and Water Safety Summit Communication Award for the top Video Public Service Announcement (PSA) Series. AmericasBoatingChannel.com.

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for sale in our Ship's Store

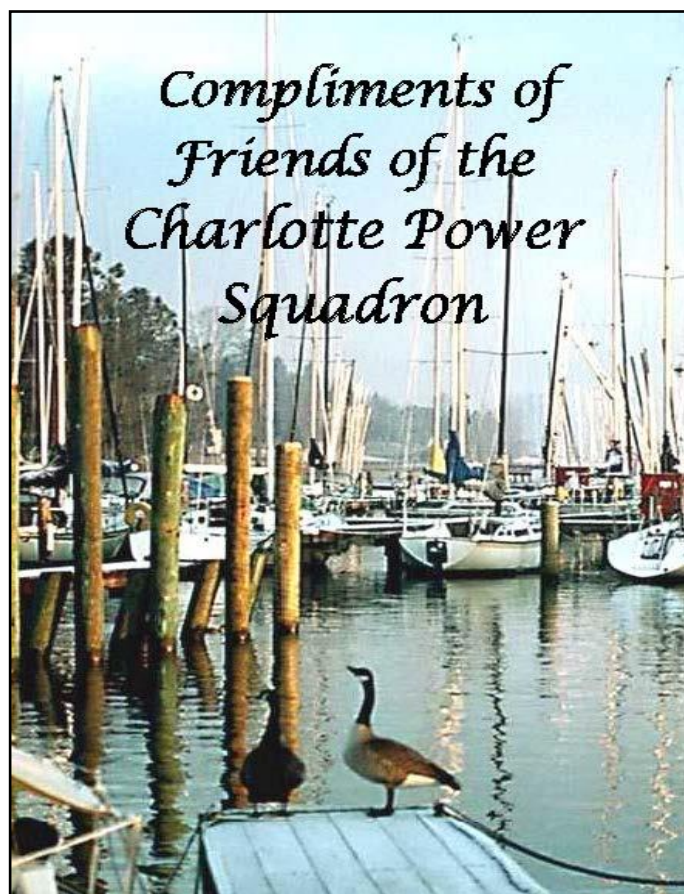
- 1 - Khaki baseball cap
- 2 - Red baseball caps **
- 6 - Blue baseball caps
- 1 - Khaki bucket hat (size-small)
- 1 - Men's white short-sleeve golf shirt (size-med) **
- 1 - Sweat shirt-light grey (size-3 XL)
- 1 - Fleece vest-navy (size-XL) **
- 1 - Men's jean shirt-long sleeve (size-XL)
- 1 - Women's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