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Coastal Rendezvous of the Past

There was a time when D/27s Coastal Rendezvous would draw a large crowd to “Power Squadron Spit” out the Beaufort Inlet on the Outer Banks. We would play competitive games among the Squadrons, picnic and have a good time. While Charlotte struggled to win conventional awards in membership and education along with recognition during the regular meetings because most of the awards were based upon percent improvement (based upon local Squadron membership) and CPS was one of the largest Squadrons in D/27. So, it was obvious that the road to glory was through inter-Squadron competition.

One CPS team that excelled was the Conch Blowing Team. We started out as individual conch blowers and noted the various different tones each conch made. A search was made for four conchs of different tones and we were able to play (very) simple songs. Our best and favorite was “Mary Had A Little Lamb”. Next came straw hats, blue sashes, and a conductor. Maestro Bud Katter lead our team to deserved glory several years in a row until other Squadrons complained about our success and D/27 leadership outlawed Charlotte from competing.

Our team consisted of Bud Katter as Maestro, Rosanne and Hank Bateman, TK Moore, and John Rodgers.

P/C Henry “Hank” Bateman, JN



P/C Brevard S. Myers, SN-CAN & Lt. George W. Davis, AP
Examine their areas of responsibility for charting



28 August 2023 Meeting at John’s Family Restaurant

The speaker will be Cdr Pat Hakanson doing a Power Point story on The Vasa. This is a Swedish sailing ship that sank in Stockholm harbor and is now on display in a museum there.

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The opinions expressed in the articles of this publication are those of the writers and are not necessarily those of the Charlotte Power Squadron or the United States Power Squadrons.

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"

Aug 2023

26 VSC – Buster Boyd Bridge – 1000 - 1400
 27-S4 National Governing Board – Kansas City, Mo.
 28 Membership Mtg - John's Family Rest. - 1800 2000 Meeting

Sept 2023

11 Wylie Gator Book Club – Jock & Jills - 1800
 18 ExCom – Jock's & Jill's – 1800 Diner 1900 Meeting
 23 Catawba S&P Children's Outing – Camp Thunderbird
 22 Side Lights Article Due – Bridge Message Secretary
 28-O1 Squadron Rendezvous – Little River, SC

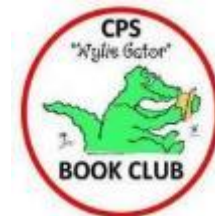
Oct 2023

2 Membership Mtg - John's Family Rest. - 1800 2000 Meeting
 7 Catawba RiverSweep – Catawba River
 14 Fall Clean Up – MMP – 0900 - 1400
 16 ExCom – TBD – 1800 Diner 1900 Meeting
 17 Wylie Gator Rowing Club – 1000 – Cane Creek Park
 21 Annual Fall BBQ – MMP – 0900 - 1900
 27 Side Lights Article Due – Bridge Message TBD
 27–29 D27 Fall Conference – Fort Mill, SC
 28-O1 Squadron Rendezvous – Little River, SC

* Meeting Location Addresses

Cane Creek Park – 5213 Harkey Rd. Waxhaw, NC
 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
 September 11 -Jock & Jills - 1800

2023 Charlotte Power Squadron Rendezvous and Co-op Charting Event

This year our Charlotte Power Squadron Rendezvous will be in Little River/North Myrtle Beach, SC from Thursday, September 28 to Sunday, October 1st.

For New Members, What is a Rendezvous?

A 'Rendezvous' in the US Power Squadrons is an event where we gather together with our boats for fun and enjoyment. For our event, we generally trailer our boats to the coast on Thursday. On Friday, we have a Co-op charting event where each boat checks out various navigational aids to see if they are misplaced or missing. After doing so, reports are created and sent to USPS. You can participate even if you do not have a boat by joining one that is there. Saturday is a rain date for the Co-op Charting event or open for boating fun, shopping, or other activities of your choice.

Where will the event be held this year?

This year we will not have enough people to reserve a block of hotel rooms at a discount price so, you are on your own to find and reserve your own hotel room. There is a wide variation in price and accommodations. Some have breakfast included and some do not, so check out their website before making your reservations. Also, be aware that prices may change from those listed below.

The boat owners will be staying at the Quality Inn & Suites, 1601 Hwy 17 North, North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582, basic room with two queen beds for two adults: \$107.00 plus tax and fees.

The closest boat ramp is the Johnny Causey Boat ramp which enters the ICW.

Below is a list of other hotels in the area:

The Sleep Inn, 909 Hwy 17, Little River, SC 29566, basic room with two queen beds for two adults: \$101.00 plus tax and fees.

Holiday Inn Express, 722 Hwy 17, Little River, SC 29566, basic room with two queen beds for two adults : \$148.00 plus tax and fees

Hampton Inn, 2112 Little River Neck Road, North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582, basic room with two queen beds for two adults : \$149.00 plus tax and fees.

La Quinta Inn by Wyndham, 1601 US Hwy 17, North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582, basic room with two queen beds for two adults: \$144.00 plus tax and fees.

Sure Stay Hotel by Best Western, 1591 Hwy 17, North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582, basic room with two queen beds for two adults: \$117.67 plus tax and fees.

Event Activities

For information on how and when you can join a boat for the Co-op Charting event, contact Bo Ibach or Brevard Myers.

On Friday or Saturday evening we hope to share appetizers with the North Strand Sail and Power Squadron. Details to follow. Afterwards you may attend the restaurant of your choice.

Other Activities of your choice (make your own reservations)

Kayak: J&L Kayak tours and rentals, 5295 Heritage Dr., North Myrtle Beach, SC starting at \$39.55, <https://www.jandlkayaking.com/>

Golf: Eagle Nest Golf Club, 401 Eagle Nest Ave, Little River, SC, \$55.00 for 18 holes. <https://eaglenestgolfclub.com/>

Miniature golf: Tribal Island Mini Golf, 901 Hwy 17, Little River, SC
Black Pearl Mini Golf, 614 Sea Mountain Hwy, Unit A, North Myrtle Beach, SC
Mutiny Bay Miniature Golf, 301 Hwy 17 S, North Myrtle Beach, SC

Dinner theatre: Pirates Voyage, 8901 B Hwy 17 Business, Myrtle Beach, SC, starting at \$69.99. <https://piratesvoyage.com/>

Cruise: Dolphin Adventure Cruise, 9945 Nance Street, Calabash, NC, adult price \$33.00
<https://calabashfishingfleet.com/dolphin-adventure/>

Swimming: at Cherry Grove Beach

Shopping: Barefoot Landing, 4898 Hwy 17 S, North Myrtle Beach, SC <https://www.bflanding.com/>
Tanger Outlets, 10835 Kings Hwy, Myrtle Beach, SC
<https://www.tanger.com/myrtlebeach17>

CPS FUNDRAISING NEWS 2023

Hope everyone has enjoyed their summer! Personally, I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming membership meeting 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!

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

WELCOME ABOARD

Please join me in welcoming our newest members!

** Cynthia and Charles Jenkin **

They are from Charlotte, NC and are the owners of "Serenity Now", a 26 ft power boat. Be sure to introduce yourself to them at our next membership meeting!

David Stewart
Membership Chair



Happy September Birthdays

P/C Daniel T. Bartell, SN-ACN
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 Ms. Evelyn T. Johnson, AP
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The Civil War Wrecks of Lockwood Folly Inlet

Photo By Mark Sternbach

The remains of Blockaders and Blockade Runners litter the Cape Fear Coast. These wrecks attest to the ferocity of our nation's only internal conflict. There have been several highly publicized incidents lately involving local boaters striking the unmarked remains of a Civil War wreck in Lockwood Folly Inlet. These incidents have damaged several vessels and caused the indirect loss of one life, thus bringing this topic to the forefront.

It is the USS Iron Age, a Union Blockader, that according to locals is the wreck that is causing most of the problems. In order to understand the wreck of the Iron Age, we have to look at the entire story. It is the story of the Elizabeth, the Bendigo and the Iron Age. Together they are forever wrapped in the sands of Lockwood Folly Inlet.

The Blockade Runner Elizabeth on her 8th run through the blockade was the first to meet her fate in Lockwood Folly. The 216 foot, 623 ton sidewheel steamer left Nassau on September 19, 1863, bound for the port of Wilmington carrying general cargo consisting of mostly steel and saltpeter. On September 26, twelve miles from Fort Caswell and aground and in trouble, she was set afire by her Captain to avoid capture.

The Blockade Runner Bendigo cleared the port of Wilmington around December 11, 1863, bound for Nassau. They were no doubt feeling confident in their abilities to evade the Union forces after completing her second successful trip through the Federal

lines surrounding the Cape Fear Coast. The Bendigo, a 178 ton, iron-hulled paddle wheeler (thought to be originally named Milly), was 162 feet long, 20.1 feet wide, and 10.9 feet high.

Once in Nassau and reloaded for the return trip, she set sail again for the Carolina coast. Arriving south of the main Cape Fear River channel near Lockwood Folly, she proceeded up the beach sighting what she thought was a Federal Blockader. Following the tactics of the day, the Bendigo attempted to run between the Blockader and the beach and in doing so ran hard aground. What the Captain of the Bendigo thought was a Federal Blockader was really the Blockade Runner Elizabeth.

Along with the help of local Confederates, her crew worked through the day and into the night offloading the precious cargo from her holds. The Captain of the Bendigo, having saved the precious cargo, set fire to the stricken ship and abandoned her for the safety of the confederate lines. USS Fahkee, along with the Blockaders Fort Jackson, Iron Age, Montgomery and Daylight, set out to haul the stricken vessel off the shoal.

Over the next several days they tried with earnest to pull the stricken Bendigo from the sand. On their final attempt, both the Montgomery and the Iron Age were found to be aground. Concluding that the Bendigo could not be pulled free, the Union forces opened fire on it and soon the machinery and hull were riddled with shot holes. The Montgomery soon came free, but the Iron Age was there to stay. The following morning at 4:00 am, Lt. Commander Edward Stone applied the torch and at 5:40 am the fire reached the forward magazine and the Iron Age blew up.

Today there are at least four Civil War wrecks in Lockwood Folly Inlet. The Blockade Runner Elizabeth, the Blockade Runner Bendigo, and the Blockade Runner Ranger are all owned by the State of North Carolina and listed in the National Register as part of an archeological district. The USS Iron Age is entitled to sovereign immunity. It is owned by the U.S. Government, Department of the Navy, and it is listed in the National Register as part of an archeological district.

It seems that the Iron Age is the main wreck that is causing the most problems today. Reports are that the Elizabeth is west of the current channel and is visible at low tide. The Iron Age is to the southeast of the Elizabeth, and the Bendigo is northwest of the Elizabeth.

Keep in mind that these wrecks are LARGE, around 200 feet long, so they cover quite a large area. Lockwood Folly Inlet is a shallow inlet at the best of times. Throw in a low tide and a Civil War wreck or two and this is trouble in the making.

If you do not know the positive location of these wrecks, proceed through this area at idle speed, watching the waterline in front of the boat. In muddy water these wrecks, if lurking just below the surface, should show as a dark area in the water. This is also a case for "local knowledge." Any of the local marinas or tackle shops should be able to pin point the area of concern so that you know where to be on the lookout.

p.s. I bet the flounder fishing around those wrecks is very good! Captain Dave Tilley is a contributing writer who also is a head boat and charter boat operator from Carolina Beach

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Merit Mark Point Rules July 2023

Merit Mark Point (MMPt) is Charlotte Power Squadron's (CPS) property on Lake Wylie. Use of MMPt is a privilege for members, family members and guests. Unless otherwise notified, MMPt is available for use 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Following the Rules as stated will make MMPt a cleaner, safer place to enjoy with friends and family. Please adhere to these rules to make MMPt fun for all. Those found to have not adhered to these rules, as determined by the Executive Committee, may have the privilege to use MMPt revoked.

Who Can Use Merit Mark Point?

Members: Members are those in good standing of any class of membership within CPS. Current classifications of membership include active, active w/family, associate, life/emeritus, life/emeritus w/family, apprentice/sea scout.

Family:

Family includes individuals living under the same roof of a Member. This includes family that are part of a family-type membership as well as others under the same roof, such as students away at school but still considering the primary Member's residence as home, or those younger than age 12 since they are not considered Members.

Guests:

Guests include individuals not considered Members or Family and that accompany a Member when visiting MMPt. All Guests must be accompanied by a Member in good standing or be attending a CPS-sponsored event to use the facilities.

ABC-Charlotte-sponsored Activities

Events approved by the Executive Committee and published on the squadron's calendar (e.g., fall and spring BBQs) are open to all Members, and Family / Guests of Members. Member-specific Activities Members in good standing may hold events that are primarily for their benefit and not the benefit of the squadron at large (e.g., birthday parties, receptions, etc.). To avoid conflicting large events, the Member holding the event must communicate the purpose of the event and date(s) to the Executive Committee prior to the event if fifteen (15) or more people are expected to attend the event. The Executive Committee reserves the right to reject any proposed event at MMPt that they deem inappropriate. The event should be noted and published in the squadron calendar so all Members are informed. The Member holding the event should understand that this does not provide exclusive rights to the facility for the date. Members not specifically involved with the member-specific event should respect the purpose of the event and strive not to interfere with the activities while using MMPt.

Groups Other than Charlotte Power Squadron

MMPt is not to be used by any group other than CPS unless prior approval is obtained from the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee should consider any and all risks / benefits / consistency with the squadron's non-profit purpose prior to approving use of MMPt for any such group. The Executive Committee should appoint a member(s) to be present during any such event.



Boy Scout Troop 91 and Sea Scout Ship 91
Work on the path from the Shelter to the Bath House
For William King's Eagle Project under
Under the supervision of P/R/C John J. Rodgers, SN-CN

Merit Mark Point Rules July 2023

Steps to Follow when Using Merit Mark Point

1. **GATE** – The gate should always be locked when leaving. The CPS lock should be snapped shut through the hasp of the REA lock to allow access to the electric company to perform meter reading activities.

2. **ROAD AND PARKING** – Park in a manner that would leave as much space as possible for others to park. Do not leave cars parked for an extended period of time at the bottom of the hill near the Cook House or the Phoenix Shelter; please drive to these areas, unload or load any materials required, and then move the vehicle back to the parking area at the top of the hill.

3. **BATHROOM FACILITY** – During the winter season, the water is turned off for MMPt. If you need to use the toilet during this period, please plan ahead to have access to other facilities.

4. **TRASH** – Trashcans with trash bags are provided for CPS events. When visiting MMPt privately, please take your trash with you as no trash pick-up is provided. Make every attempt to separate trash and recyclables.

5. **THE DAVE OSMOLSKI COOK HOUSE** – The large hooded grill in the cook house is meant to be used for CPS events. A small gas grill in the picnic shelter is available for member use. Please notify CPS leadership if the gas is getting low.

6. **REFRIGERATOR** – Do not leave food or alcohol in the refrigerator. Make sure the refrigerator doors are closed when you leave.

7. **DOCKS** – Please keep the following in mind: a. During CPS events, the docks are primarily used for docking boats. Please reserve the large slips for the larger boats. b. When entering or leaving the docks by boat, maintain a no-wake idle speed. c. Water skiing is not allowed from the docks. d. Non-swimmers are required to wear life jackets when on the docks. e. Cooking is not allowed on the docks, but is allowed in galleys aboard boats. f. Fishing is allowed with a valid SC fishing license. g. Do not tie up boats for any longer than an event. Longer term or permanent storage of a boat on the docks or anywhere on the MMPt property (whether or not on a trailer) is not permitted.

8. **THE PHOENIX PICNIC SHELTER** -- Members and guests enjoy using the Phoenix Shelter for socializing. Please take care of this shelter by: a. Using the gas grill at the front edge of the floor area b. When leaving make sure all fires and grills are out, the refrigerator doors are closed, counters are wiped off, grills are clean, trash is collected and removed, and all lights and fans are off.

9 **KAYAK / CANOE / PADDLEBOARD LAUNCH** – Please only use the launch for human-powered craft. Prepare your craft away from the launch, and then move away from the launch quickly after launching / retrieving your craft to allow access by others.

10. **NOISE AND RESPECT FOR NEIGHBORS** – MMPt is now surrounded by permanent residences. Please avoid noise levels which may disturb our neighbors; refrain from any loud activities after 9 PM.

From the Commander and Charlotte Power Squadron Executive Committee,

Whether for Squadron events, family events or outings, please use our Merit Mark Point property respectfully, leaving it safe and clean for others to use.



Cdr. Patricia W. Hakanson, SN readies her vessel
For a fun day on the water!

Compliments of Friends of the Charlotte Power Squadron



SHIP'S STORE

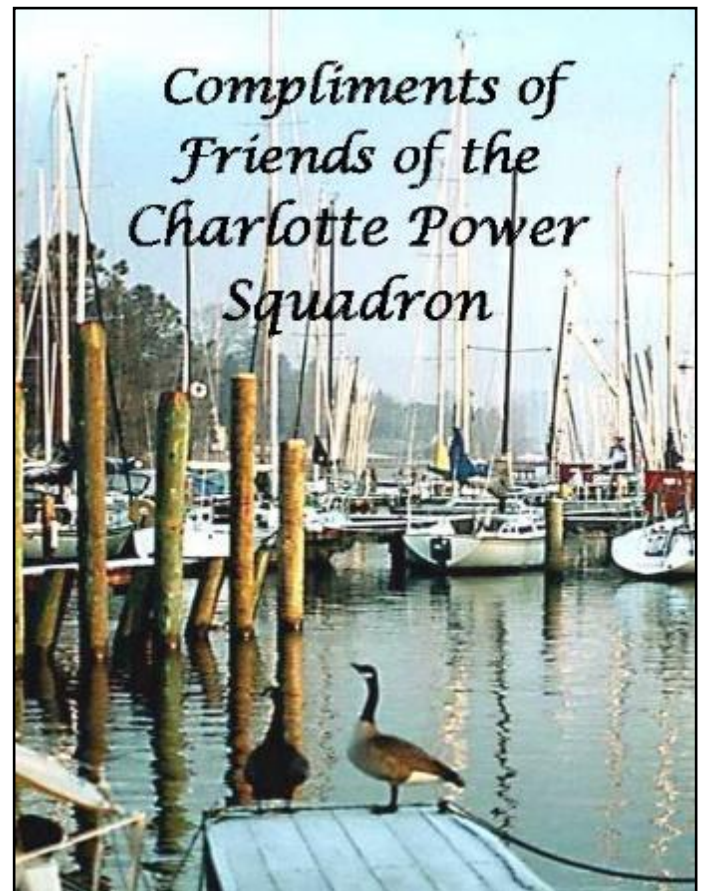
Below are the remaining items that we have
for sale in our Ship's Store

- 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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