

# *2010 D27 Rendezvous*

The 2010 D27 Rendezvous is set for June 11-13, with activities centered at Pecan Grove Marina in Oriental. The rendezvous encourages us to do what we are all about, boating!

We will have activities on site, and the quaint village of Oriental is a nice walk across the bridge. There are 5 creeks that will provide excellent canoeing or kayaking excursions, and the Neuse River for fishing and sailing and completing your on-the-water requirements for Inland BOC. Of course we will have the old standards such as bean bag baseball and potato canon shooting and conch blowing.

## **Registration for the Rendezvous:**

The Registration Form has 4 sections: (1)-Registration to let us know that you will be there and provides space to select meals; (2)-Slip reservations for your boat; (3)-Sign up for Boat Operator Certification On-the-Water-Training; and (4)-Sign up for kayaking tour. All registration forms need to be received no later than May 26 and should be mailed to the address shown on the form.

Registration at Pecan Grove Marina will be in the building that houses the restrooms and showers. Follow the signs from the dock or the road.

## **Meals and Social Hours:**

Meals for the District Rendezvous include a Friday night pig picking prepared by DEO George Malindzak and his wife Marianne, complete with all the things that go with a pig picking. If you have not been privileged to indulge on George's barbeque, you have missed something.

Saturday lunch will be on your own. There are several restaurants in Oriental within walking distance, about 3/4 miles, and several others within another couple of miles. Lunch on your boat may be a real option.

Dinner Saturday night will be prepared and served by the Oriental Rotary Club and will be a Shrimp Boil, with side dishes shown on the agenda. Barbequed chicken will be available for those persons that can not eat or do not like shrimp. Please select your choice on the registration form.

To keep things simple, we will not have a cash bar at the Rendezvous. Since all boats will be on the same dock, we encourage everyone to wander up and down the dock, converse with each other, and share something simple with each other. Remember, you will be eating a meal shortly thereafter. Also, this is a time to show off your boat or yacht.

## **On the water housing:**

**Note: All slip reservations will be handled with the Registration Form. Please do not call the Marina.**

We will have 44 brand new slips at Pecan Grove Marina available at a low rate of \$1.00 per foot per night including electricity and water. The restroom and shower facilities are first class and should permit use with little to no waiting. The rendezvous will make a good cruise for your squadron and sharing extra sleeping quarters with members without boats adds to the fun of cruising and the rendezvous.

All slip reservation requests and payment should be included with your registration form.

The marina can accommodate boats up to 50 feet in length, but can not accommodate catamarans. Power is available at 30 amps and 50 amps. Please select your choice of power requirements. The marina will be available for docking on Thursday, June 10, but there are no District Activities planned for Thursday.

The Pecan Grove Marina channel entrance is on your port side as you approach the bridge. The outer RED marker is at 35° 01.303'N, 076° 42.025'W. This is a long straight channel with a sharp turn to starboard near the shore followed by a sharp turn to port. Continue ahead keeping the slips abutting the land on your port until you

reach the new docks. There will be balloons on the pilings marking the new dock and slips. Call on Channel 16, and switch to Channel 72 for assistance and guidance to your slip.

### **Boat Operator Certification:**

There will be several activities relating to the Boat Operators Certification (BOC) program, some of which are good for general knowledge and experience. We plan to have an area where you can actually fire an aerial flare gun and ignite a handheld flare. If you have outdated flares, this is a good way to use them instead of throwing them away sometime. We plan to have fire extinguisher training to provide hands on experience in putting out a fire.

The On the Water portion of the BOC requires that you register ahead of time so that we can schedule a time for everyone.

### **Kayaking:**

The area around Oriental has 5 creeks that will provide an excellent opportunity to kayak in protected waters and provide beautiful scenery. Kayaks are available for rent at Oriental at Paddle Pamlico @ (252) 249-1850. Please remember that it is your responsibility to transport a rental kayak to the launching point. E-mails will provide coordination and maps to the launching point will be provided at Registration location

### **Off the water housing:**

Non-boat housing is available but limited. Listed below is some information for lodging. If you are not arriving by boat, it will pay to *plan ahead* and make your reservation while rooms are available. Please mention D27 USPS when reserving a room or suite at the Oriental Marina Motel.

The Oriental Marina Motel is holding 2-2br suites, two different sleeping arrangements, 11-1br Suites with King size beds and 3-1br with 2 queen size beds, until March 1. Rates will not be available until after the first of the year, but you can see current rates on the website at. [www.orientalmarina.com](http://www.orientalmarina.com).

There are several B & B's close by, The Cartwright House @ [thecartwrighthouse.com](http://thecartwrighthouse.com); the Captains Quarters, @ [thecaptainsquarters.us](http://thecaptainsquarters.us); the Inn at Oriental @ [innatoriental.com](http://innatoriental.com); plus the River Neuse Suites @ [riverneuserentals.com](http://riverneuserentals.com), plus the Lazy River Cottages, 252-249-2261, are adjacent to Pecan Grove.

Mark your calendars and start planning for the 2010 D27 Rendezvous in Oriental now!