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From the Bridge By Lt/C Ann T. Bailey, AP

May brings warm days and cool nights— perfect boating weather. By now everyone has his boat out of winter storage and is spending hours getting it ready for the season. Replaced all those things that were giving problems last fall and put off until this spring. I would like to remind you about one very important but often forgotten item for your boat—your fire extinguisher. Be sure and check those inspection tickets, and be sure they are up to date. If you have traveled the ICW and seen all those burned out hulls along the shore, you know the importance of this. A little fire on land is a big, big problem on the water!

May is a very busy month for the Raleigh Sail & Power Squadron. On 3 – 5 May we will be at Atlantic Beach for the annual Tom Smiley Cooperative Charting Cruise to check out the accuracy of our adopted chart, Chart Number 11545. Our Chairman, P/D/Lt/C David Trogdon, SN, has a fun, productive weekend planned for us. Our membership meeting will be held on 7 May at the Clarion Hotel (formerly the Holiday Inn) in downtown Raleigh. A public service event is Water Fest to be held 7, 8, and 9 May; we will see approximately 5,000 school children plus adults during those three days. The USPS Spring Governing Board will be held at the Adams Mark Hotel, Houston, Texas, 15-19 May. For those members not going to Houston there will be a sail/motor cruise from Oriental to the mouth of South River where a raft up for a potluck supper is planned, and I am sure there will be a few refreshments prior to supper. National Safe Boating Week is 18-24 May. With the help of Lt Jim Davis, Public Relations Chairman, we should get some good press coverage for our Safe Boating Week events. To round out the month of May the Morehead City to Thunderbolt, Georgia powerboat cruise gets underway on 24 May returning 2 June. Good luck and lots of fun!

Our spring boating class under the direction of Lt/C Ed Deyo, Class Chairman, and Lt/C Lou Gale, our Squadron Educational Officer, was very successful. There were 88 people in the course of which 80 passed the examination and 10 have

joined the squadron at this printing. All new members of RS&PS have come on board at a great time to get involved. Do join as many of our activities as time will permit. Our Member Involvement Chairman will be contacting you soon concerning our New Members Party and Program on 11 June. All who have not attended one of these gatherings may look forward to a good time plus an informative evening. If you have attended, you know how much fun we have at these gathering. If you have not attended, I encourage you to come no matter how long you have been a member. If you have attended, come again.

May is just the beginning of our boating season and RS&PS events. The D/27 Spring Council in Greensboro on 7 and 8 June, the D/27 Rendezvous in Edenton on 26 and 27 July plus on the water cruises that Lt/C Ed Deyo has told you about and our membership meetings promise to be fun with good food and programs. Please check the yearbook for the 2002 calendar, and keep checking the Bow Lights and our website for updates. Looking forward to a great summer!

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SEO N Sight

By Lt/C Louis J. Gale, SN

FLASH! FLASH! The Federal Government has mandated that all children under 13 years of age must wear a life jacket (PFD) while on a boat. The exceptions are if the child is in the cabin or if the boat is not “under way”. This rule applies in NC, since it has no State rule to this affect. SC already has a State rule for children under 12 years of age. In either state, the US Coast Guard and Wildlife Officers etc. will be enforcing this rule. So please be aware.

Raleigh Sail & Power Squadron took many honors at the Charlotte District 27 Change of Watch: Thanks go to the hard work of Chris Heybroek and the many instructors. We won the Tom Smiley Award for First Place in Educational Excellence among the 19 squadrons of District 27. There is a complicated formula based on squadron size, number of courses offered and number of students completing a course. Each course has a weighting factor. Seamanship 1, Piloting 2, Advanced Piloting 3, Junior Navigator 4, Navigator, 5, and completing all courses 5. Elective Courses have a weight of 1, except Instructor Qualification, which has a weight of 2. This is third time Raleigh has won in thirty years.

In addition, in a program instituted by Past SEO and Past DEO David Trogdon, SN called “You Win-You Win”, Raleigh members walked off with 4 prizes. Every member in the District who completed a course last year in a particular course is eligible for drawing for a prize in that course. Ed Oeters’s name was drawn from Engine Maintenance completions and won a battery-operated real time clock radio that gets its signal from WWV and is updated every minute. Crowell Bowers won a multi-tool for passing Marine Electronics. Arthur Lee Hubert won an insulated half-gallon drink bottle. Chris Heybroek won an insulated 17.5 gallon soft case cooler.

The BoatSmart Course completed: Three BoatSmart exams were held to accommodate those taking advantage of the school break. This netted 75 passes and no failures, out of 90 registrants. Many thanks to Ed and Bunie Deyo, the instructors, and the helpers. The registrations showed that the boat shows brought in 41% students, friends were responsible for 40%, the Internet 12%, no answer 10%, News & Observer 5%, with family, USPS HQ, US Coast Guard, and a boat dealer coming in with a smaller percentage. These don’t add up to 100% because some marked two answers.

America’s Boating Course: This professionally developed course is designed to aid those in remote locations, and those who can’t make our scheduled classes. It is computer based with Internet and CD-ROM help. The Course can be purchased on-line at www.AmericasBoatingCourse.com for \$34.95. The squadron may also sell them. The student must also obtain a copy of *North Carolina Vessel Operator’s Guide* to be able to study and answer the NC State’s questions. P/C Devohn Rhame, AP has graciously agreed to be the contact person, Lrhamed@worldnet.att.net. So when you are contacted by anyone who wants an immediate course and/or who can’t attend our scheduled classes, remember this important option. USPS HQ is forwarding names to two District 27 coordinators who in turn are already forwarding them to Devohn.

Engine Maintenance Exam: Congratulations to Nathaniel Brockman, Bunie and Ed Deyo, Herbert Vogt, and Gary Zeller on passing Engine Maintenance Exam. John Ayers was the instructor.

The Seamanship Class is underway. Results in next issue.

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May Membership Meeting

By Lt/C Ed Deyo, AP

San Juan Island, Washington, is also known as the Pig War Island. Conflicts between British and Americans came to a head in the so-called Pig War of 1859, resulting in a joint military occupation that lasted 12 years. The conflict began when an American settler in San Juan shot and killed a hog belonging to Bellevue Farm, which supported the Hudson's Bay Co.'s fur trapping operations. Fortunately, all this happened many many years before David Simons went to the San Juan Islands on vacation. David will entertain us with slides and stories about his cruise in the islands.

San Juan has been compared as the Virgin Islands of the North. There are a number of islands that are relatively close together and a substantial charter fleet of boats available. The May membership meeting will be held on May 7, 2002, at the Clarion Hotel State Capital, 320 Hillsborough Street, Raleigh, in the restaurant at the top of the hotel. Many of

you will recognize this hotel as the old round Holiday Inn on Hillsborough Street.

Yes, we are auditioning another spot to have our regular monthly meeting. The particulars are:

Date : May 7, 2002
 Time: 18:30 for the social period and 1900 for meeting and meal
 Menu: Buffet with London broil and Chicken Breast
 Cost: \$14.00 per person
 Location: Clarion Hotel State Capital
 320 Hillsborough Street, Raleigh, NC
 Program: A cruise in the San Juan Islands, Washington, by David Simons

We will be in the main dining room and adjacent to the hotel bar. The hotel has valet parking for those that are interested.

South River Cruise

By Lt/C Ed Deyo, AP

The South River Cruise has been characterized as a smooze and snooze trip. The primary purpose is to get on the water, visit with our friends, and enjoy some good food. South River is an idyllic setting with fairly wide banks. It is mostly in a natural state with occasional visits by pods of dolphins. It is an excellent anchorage provided a south wind is not blowing.

May 18 & 19 will see a lazy rendezvous at South River. South River is located about 5-6 nm southeast of Oriental, NC, on the southern shores of the Neuse River. After enjoying most of the day on the water at your own pace, we will raft up in South River, and enjoy each others company and hamburgers, hot dogs, etc grilled in the open air. Remember to bring a dish to share with the others on Saturday night. The next morning, but not too early, we will enjoy on the

water activities (sailing, fishing, etc) and return to our marinas.

The entrance day mark (FI G 2.5s 15ft 4m "1") at the mouth of South River is located approximately 34° 59.383' N and 76° 35.417' W. We will meet in South River past the Hardy River entrance into to South River at approximately 34°57.751'N and 76° 35.002'W. I plan to be at this location starting at about 1600 to 1630. If all goes well and I get the new flag halyard up, I will be flying the USPS and RSPS flags on Island Dreaming, a 38 ft white Morgan sailboat.

South River Entrance is approximately 5.3 nautical miles from the Oriental entrance channel marker (FI G 4s 15ft 4m "1") on a course of 107° true.

Water Fest 2002

By Lt/C Ann T. Bailey, AP

Water Fest—an event for Wake County school children sponsored by the City of Raleigh—will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 7, 8, and 9 May 2002. Events demonstrated to children will be water-related issues including water safety, water conservation, and water supply. Last year there were about 5,000 children, 250 classroom teachers, and at least a 1,000 adult chaperones. The event will be held outdoors at the Waste Treatment Plant on Battle Bridge Road in Southeast Raleigh.

Members of Raleigh Sail and Power Squadron will be talking with the children and interested adults about the importance of life jackets, their use, and how to put them on prop-

erly. Also we will be stressing water safety. For the feature attraction we will display a personal watercraft (PWC) and let the children have a "ride" on dry land. We will stamp their programs, which make them eligible to operate the dunking booth for prizes. We will all have fun while teaching safety to a captive audience.

The hours are 0900 to 1300. After 1300 the volunteers from the squadron will be served a box lunch for our efforts. Exhibitors are furnished a Water Fest tee shirt to wear. This is a perfect opportunity for Raleigh Sail and Power Squadron to contribute to boating safety. Many thanks to all of our volunteers who make our participation possible!

New Members Meeting

By Lt/C Ed Deyo, Jr., AP

RSPS is planning a New Members Party to welcome recent members. The event is scheduled for June 11, 2002, at Tommy and Alice Dunn's residence at 5100 Deer Creek Trail, Raleigh.

The purpose of the meeting will be to explain to the new members how RSPS works and what we are trying to accomplish. Enough of the background of the organization

will be given to enable the members to know who to call when they need something.

All the information to be given out will be tempered with one of those famous RSPS wine and cheese soirees. All of the new members will receive invitations with maps to the Dunn's residence.

Have you seen our web site Lately?

By Lt Ralph Daniels, P

The Raleigh Sail and Power Squadron has a web site at <http://www.usps.org/localusps/raleigh/>. Please use and reference it often and mail all your comments to the new webmaster at Ralph.Daniels@spirentcom.com. I would like each member to answer the following questions to help me better help you by offering what you need vs what you don't need.

- 1) Have you seen or used our web site before today?
- 2) Why do you use our web site? Bow Lights? Meeting Location and time? Contact info?
- 3) What would you like to see added to our web site?
- 4) What would you like to see remain on our web site?
- 5) What would you like seen removed from our web site?

Did you know you can do the following:

- 1) Download the "Bow Lights"
- 2) Look up email and addresses of the bridge
- 3) Check on our course schedules
- 4) Check on our meeting schedules, locations and times
- 5) Get detailed info on all our upcoming cruises
- 6) Links to other boat sites
- 7) Information and links on co-op charting

My goal is to update and change the web site weekly to make it interesting and useful to you. Check it out. Check it out often. Use it. Any changes / edits / corrections requested can be posted normally by end of business day, except when on the cruise to Savannah!

District 27 Spring Council

By Lt/C Ed Deyo, Jr., AP

Mark your calendars now for 7-8 June 2002 to attend the District 27 Spring Council, which will be held at the Greensboro Marriott Downtown. Friday, 7 June between 1800 and 2000 cocktails and heavy hors d'oeuvres are planned at the First Union Plaza. On Saturday, 8 June the council will get underway at 0830. Two tours are planned for nonmembers plus some interesting places to have lunch. One tour is to Replacements Ltd, and the other is to the Greensboro Historical Museum, which is located two blocks from the Marriott. The Members' Luncheon and guest speaker will be held at the Marriott. The Greensboro Squadron is known as the fun squadron of D/27. Therefore expect a good weekend with lots of excitement.

At this meeting reports from the USPS Spring Governing Board will be given plus plans for the year from the D/27 Bridge Officers. If you are unable to go up Friday, consider

driving up on Saturday morning and attending the council. This is a great way to learn more about USPS and what our organization is all about.

For hotel reservations call the Marriott at 336-379-8000. The room rate is \$79.00 plus tax, single or double. When you call the Marriott, be sure to mention that you are a member of District 27, United States Power Squadrons in order to get the rate of \$79.00 plus tax. The cutoff date is 14 May 2002 to receive this price. For the Friday cocktail party (cash bar) the cost is \$18.00 per person and the Saturday Members' Lunch is \$12.00 per person.

Make your check for these activities payable to D/27 Spring Council and mail it to Lt Kendra Bulla, P, 611 Meade Drive, Greensboro, NC 27410 to arrive by 24 May 2002. You will be glad you attended!

P/C Richard S. Downs, AP

Raleigh Sail and Power Squadron has lost a leader and friend. Past Commander Richard S. Down, AP passed from this life on 1 April 2002, after a courageous struggle with cancer of several vital organs.

An active member of our organization since 1969, Dick has served in many capacities and rose to command our squadron in 1997.

Most of us recall Dick's willingness to take on any challenge presented by our motto of "Safe Boating through Education". This included instruction, coaching of students and organization of classes. He was an active participant in our

marine chart correction program in cooperation with the National Ocean Survey.

Dick's educational background and business responsibilities made him a leader in computer support of our programs, working at the local, district and national levels. He was a graduate of North Carolina State University and a "quarter century" plus employee of IBM.

He will be sorely missed by his shipmates, and we are all the better for having known him. We extend our sympathy to his surviving Mother, two sisters and a brother.

P/R/C Louis Joseph Gale, SN

P/R/C Louis Joseph Gale, SN died Sunday evening 07 April 2002 at his residence. Surviving are his wife of 53 years, Louise T. Gale; sons, Chris Gale of Reidsville and Dan Gale and his wife, Liz of Raleigh; daughter, Fran Clark and her husband, Larry of Raleigh; five grandchildren, Ben, Sam, and Megan Gale and Aly and Katy Clark.

At the time of his death, Lou was serving as SEO of the Raleigh Sail and Power Squadron, continuing his long-term commitment to the Power Squadrons and education. Lou had previously served as Raleigh's SEO, XO and Commander before becoming District 27's Education Officer. Lou served for many years on the National Marine Electronics Committee and held the post of Rear

Commander in charge of that committee. Lou earned 29 Merit Marks in service to the Power Squadron.

Lou enthusiastically taught Marine Electronics and other courses for the Raleigh Sail and Power Squadron for many years. He also participated in many cruises and other squadron activities; most notably the October Fishing Rendezvous where he was a perennial winner of the grand prize.

We are all saddened by Lou's passing and will miss him greatly. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Raphael Catholic Church, Spreading Our Wings Fund, 5801 Falls of Neuse Road, Raleigh, NC 27609.

Distict 27 Rendezvous

By P/D/C Larry Stockett, JN

The District 27 Rendezvous will be held on 26 and 27 July at Edenton, NC. The host squadron is the Pamlico Sail and Power Squadron: they promise an event filled weekend. Activities for Friday, 26 July include trolley tours of historic Edenton, tour of Albermarle Boat Company, guided kayak nature tour, golf, and the Commander's cocktail party at the Lord Proprietor's Inn. Saturday activities include waterfront activities, an outstanding luncheon, and luncheon music provided by the Tree Huggers Blue Grass Band. A Reservation Form for these activities is located elsewhere in this newsletter.

A block of 40 rooms has been reserved at the Travel Host Inn in Edenton for the nights of Friday, 26 July and Saturday, 27 July. The room rates are \$47.45 plus tax for a double and \$42.45 plus tax for a single. A continental breakfast is included. To reserve a room, call the Inn at 252-482-2017. When you call, mention that you are a member of District

27 United States Power Squadron in order to get the above quoted rates. The block of rooms will be held until 26 June 2002. A credit card may be used to guarantee the reservation. Cancellations must be made by 1800 on Thursday, 25 July to avoid a charge. Check-in time is 1400, and checkout time is 1100.

See you at the rendezvous!

District 27 Rendezvous Cruise:

If anyone is interested in going to the Rendezvous in Edenton, NC on 25 - 29 July (via the ICW and Albemarle Sound) please give me a call - maybe we can cruise up there together. Spend Thursday night and Sunday night in Belhaven, Friday and Saturday nights in Edenton - about 335 statute miles round trip from Morehead City. Sounds like fun to me.

Devohn Rhame - 847-0923

D/27 Council, Conference and Change of Watch

By Lt/C Ann T. Bailey, AP

The District 27 Council, Conference and Change of Watch was held 15-17 March at the Hilton University Place, Charlotte. RS&PS had good representation for the conference. At the council on Saturday morning the 2002 budget was accepted with a \$10 assessment for the district.

During the conference our national representative, V/C Doug Kerr, SN National Treasurer delivered a message from C/C Ted Smith, SN. Just a few highlights were: he thanked all those members in D27 that help at headquarters and quite a few were from RS&PS. The Strategic Plan Implementation planning will be completed in Houston and the Plan will be put in effect. One of the goals of USPS is for a 3% annual growth in membership. Those members who dropped in the last five years will be contacted and given a chance to re-new. America's Boating Course is on sale at many retail outlets and all squadrons will be getting calls from people who want to take the exam. There has been a reorganization of national committees to cut cost but will not affect the squadrons. There is a new weather course, named The Weather Course, Chart Smart is available now. Anyone who can help sell ads for The Ensign should contact R/C Joyce Shaw AP. There will be more youth activities such as the poster contest. Will continue to stress the VSC program, the USPS Insurance is offering a 3% discount for anyone passing the VSC course. 1-2 June is VCS Day this year. He encouraged everyone to attend the Governing Board in Houston, Texas 15-19 May 2002.

Other reports were D/Lt/C Gary Jessup thanked Lt Ed Oeters for a job very well done publishing the Carolina Bitts 2001. The Spring Council meeting will be held in Greensboro at the Marriott Downtown, 6-8 June 2002. A fun weekend is promised by the Greensboro Squadron, reservations need to be made by 14 May. The D/27 Rendezvous will be 26-27 July in Edenton. Rooms are being held at the Travel Host Inn until 26 June and a few at the Lord Proprietor's Inn that need to be reserved immediately. The Pamplico Squadron promises a great, fun weekend in Edenton.

New Officers were installed and will be reported in the Carolina Bitts. Lt/C Lou Gale received several Education Awards for RS&PS.

P/D/C Carol Smith awarded the OUTSTANDING SQUADRON for 2001 to RS&PS. This award is the discretion of the D/C to give to the Squadron that he feels has performed outstanding efforts to perform and live up to the high expectation of USPS. We are to be complemented for the overall job for last year with all of the Education Awards and this Outstanding award.

District meetings are a fun way to meet members with common interest and enjoy the fellowship of USPS.

ExCom Meetings


Please note the date and location of the upcoming Executive Committee meetings. All members are invited to attend.

1930 Wednesday, 8 May 2002
12320 Lockhart Ln, Raleigh, NC

1930 Wednesday, 5 June 2002
12320 Lockhart Ln, Raleigh, NC

1930 Wednesday, 10 July 2002
12320 Lockhart Ln, Raleigh, NC

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Max's Trip South and Back

By Cdr Doug Kendrick, AP

When I last wrote we had just arrived in St. Augustine, FL. We had a nice visit there, saw some historic buildings and had a very good meal. This city deserves more time than we have allowed, only a day and one-half. St. Augustine saw a historic moment on the trip: we stowed the ski jackets, gloves, hats and electric heater under the forward berth. Goodbye cold weather!

From St. Augustine we cruised to Daytona Beach, skipping a stop at Marineland, as we wanted to pick-up some time in case the rear air conditioner needed further attention.

At Daytona Beach we stayed at the Halifax Harbor Marina, a very large, well organized, and efficiently run marina. This marina has an on-site West Marine store. We were at the tail end of motorcycle week in Daytona so there was lots of noise from motorcycles crossing the nearby bridge, but otherwise it was pleasant.

From Daytona we cruised to Harbortown Marina in Merritt Island, FL on the Canaveral Barge Canal. It rained for about one hour mid-day today so we put up all of the "canvas" and were not delayed. Kevin Jones, a NC native who now lives in the Orlando area, keeps his boat here and we met to take on his gear for a meeting in Nassau in a week or so. Kevin provided transportation so we made a shopping trip that reminded me of a scene from the movie "The Perfect Storm" when the men are buying supplies for their trip. They filled many carts, we filled only one, but the attitude was the same: better get it now.

On Wednesday we left Harbortown for points south. That is when our troubles began. About two miles from Harbortown we opened the throttles and the Starboard engine revved-up but no propulsion. We had one engine to drive MAX and the wind was really strong. I turned around and headed back to a nearby run-down marina to tie-up to their fuel dock. The canal is far too narrow to consider anchoring and some very large, wide barges come through from time to time.

I couldn't contact the run-down marina on VHF radio so we approached the pier with wind at our back, one engine operating and concrete bridge abutments nearby at the end of the fuel dock pier. The pier was really in poor shape and there were no cleats, only two very small low pilings to grab, then the bridge abutments loomed. No one was on the pier or nearby to help us. Ann did a wonderful job of snagging the aft "piling" and then ran forward and roped the forward one. The aft piling was so low that we were in danger of our line slipping off, but it held.

Ann saw some people in the parking lot and hollered "HELP!" They came and helped us get tied more securely. Here our luck improved. One of the people who helped knew that ZF (the manufacturer of our transmissions) was located at

Harbortown Marina. He called ZF for us and a ZF technician came out to see what happened.

The ZF technician checked for simple things first. Initially things looked hopeful because the transmission fluid was clean, no grit, and not "burned." Things became ominous when we found no oil pressure from the pump. Pulling the pump revealed that a key had sheared and ruined the pump and the shaft that drives it. Now we are in big trouble!

The ZF technician drove back to Harbortown Marina while Ann and I idled back on one engine. We were apprehensive because the marina has a small opening from the canal with rocks on each side. Worse of all, the wind is blowing 30 knots or so down the canal and across the marina entrance. The marina didn't/wouldn't send anyone to help us in but the ZF technician was at the marina bulkhead and grabbed our lines so we tied-up with relatively little drama. Unfortunately, the marina wouldn't allow us to stay there. Later the marina people came by in a Boston Whaler and helped us move to last night's slip. This was a trip with lots of white knuckles and a good bit of fending-off. We finally got MAX into the slip and safely tied.

We called our insurance company, USPS Boat Insurance, and were told to do nothing until their adjuster contacted us. That may be 48 hours from our call! It appears that nothing will happen until Monday. The boat must be hauled to remove the transmission because it is a "V" drive and the shaft passes through the transmission. In the tradition of "when life hands you lemons, make lemonade" we are renting a car on Thursday and becoming tourists (with the cell phone turned-on).

We visited the Kennedy Space Center, Merritt Island Wildlife Refuge, Cocoa Beach and other nearby attractions, then spent Friday night with Kevin and Vickie Jones. On Saturday we drove to Palm Beach Gardens to visit friends from Massachusetts days, and on Sunday went fishing with Kevin and Vickie Jones, catching one fish. At least the weather was nice.

MAX was hauled on Monday morning at 0830, but the marina wouldn't block the boat until they disposed of all their dry-stack business, so no work started until about 1200. Do you get the idea this marina is hard to get along with? ZF removed the transmission on Tuesday, but broke a bolt on the turbocharger. They took the turbo to a machine shop in Orlando and kept on installing a new transmission. ZF opened-up the broken transmission and the failure was not the result of grounding so no insurance claim. This wasn't a surprise as the prop showed no damage or polishing when the boat was hauled. This one is for Doug to pay.

Continued next month.

Course Schedule

Seamanship

Date: In progress

Location: 3304 Glen Royal Rd, Raleigh

Instructor: P/C Lloyd Moore, JN (861-6750 or 846-3458)

Instructor: Donald Miller, P (838-9111)

Piloting

Date: Early September 2002

Location: To be determined

Instructor: To be determined

Advanced Piloting

Date: Early September 2002

Location: To be determined

Instructor: To be determined

Junior Navigation

Date: In progress; 4 students

Location: Shrine Club, 6015 Leadmine Rd., Raleigh

Instructor: P/C Bobby Glover, N & Russell Gray, SN

Phone: (919) 557-3663 or (919) 848-3494

Next class: September 2002

Navigation

Date: In progress; 4 students

Instructor: P/C Robert Browning, SN

Phone: (919) 833-5372 or (919) 834-1441

Next class: September 2002

Sail

Date: Fall 2002; Need 2 students minimum.

Location: To be determined

Instructor: Michael Dykstra, P

Phone: (919) 387-8483(H) or (919) 829-4202(W)

Weather

Date: September 2002

Location: To be determined

Instructor: To be determined

Engine Maintenance

Date: Just completed.

Location: 4509 Gates St, Raleigh

Instructor: John Ayers

Phone: (919) 782-6530

Marine Electronics

Date: September 2002

Location: 6328 Secret Drive., Raleigh

Instructor: P/Lt/C Chris Heybrock, JN

Phone: (919) 848-0448

Cruise Planing

Call Chris Heybroek (848-0448) or Art Hubert (760-6337) if interested. Need 2 students minimum.

Cruising Schedule

If you are interested in one of the listed cruises, please call the cruise coordinator to obtain detailed information. Upcoming cruises will be featured in a longer article in the Bow Lights.

Cooperative Charting

Date: 3 May 2002

Location: Morehead City, NC

Coordinator: P/D/Lt/C David Trogdon, SN

South River Rendezvous

Date: 18 May 2002

Location: Oriental, NC

Coordinator: Lt/C Ed Deyo, Jr., P (467-6691)

Morehead City to Savannah Cruise

Date: 24 May - 2 June 2002

Location: Morehead City, NC to Savannah, GA

Coordinator: P/C Devohn Rhame, P (847-0923)

Cape Lookout Rendezvous

Date: 22-23 June 2002

Location: Cape Lookout, NC

Ocracoke Rendezvous

Date: 18-21 July 2002

Location: Cape Lookout, NC

Morehead City to Edenton, NC

Date: 25-29 July 2002

Location: Morehead City to Edenton, NC

Lake Trailer Cruises

Date: July 2002

Location: To be determined

Boyce Holloman Cruise

Date: 10 August 2002

Location: Falls Lake

Seaye Cruise

Date: 23-25 August 2002

Location: Oriental to New Bern, NC

Beaufort Rendezvous

Date: September 2002

Location: Beaufort, NC

Dan McLaurin Fishing Rendezvous

Date: 4-6 October 2002

Location: Atlantic Beach, NC

D/27 Fall Council Cruise

Date: 11-13 October 2002

Location: Wilmington, NC

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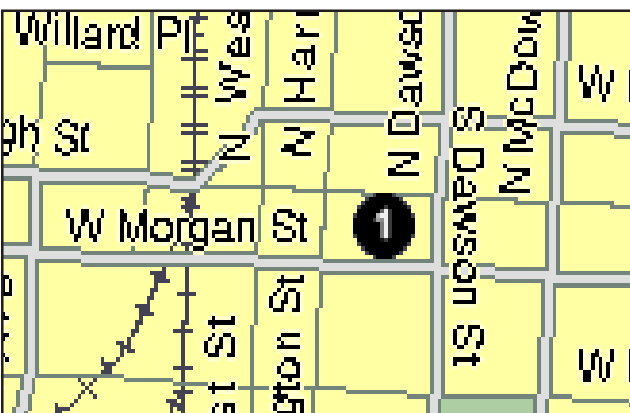



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Upcoming Meetings

Date: 7 May 2002
Event: May Membership Meeting
Place: Clarion (Holiday Inn) State Capital
320 Hillsborough St
Raleigh, NC
Time: 1830 - Social hour
1900 - Start of meeting
Cost: \$14.00
Program: San Juan, Washington
David Simons

Date: 4 June 2002
Event: Membership Meeting
Place: Coachman's Trail Subdivision Clubhouse
11504 Coachman Way, Raleigh, NC
Time: 1830



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May

- 3 - 5 Tom Smiley Co-op Charting Cruise
- 5 "Share the Sail" Cruise
- 7 Membership Meeting
- 7 - 9 WaterFest, Raleigh, NC
- 8 Executive Committee Meeting
- 12 Mother's Day
- 15 - 19 USPS Spring Governing Board
- 17 NC Electric Co-op Safety Day
- 18 - 19 South River Rendezvous
- 18 - 24 National Safe Boating Week
- 24 Savannah Cruise
- 27 Memorial Day

June

- 4 Membership Meeting
- 5 Executive Committee Meeting
- 7 - 8 D/27 Spring Council
- 11 New Members Meeting
- 16 Father's Day
- 22 - 23 Cape Lookout Cruise