



Commander:

Cdr David McMahon, AP
(919) 870-5661
commander@rsps.org

Executive Officer:

Lt/C Kevin Lyon, JN
(919) 562-0597
executiveofficer@rsps.org

Education Officer:

Lt/C George Malindzak, SN
(919) 870-1834
educationofficer@rsps.org

Administrative Officer:

Lt/C Greg Shay, AP
(919) 387-9876
administrativeofficer@rsps.org

Secretary:

Lt/C Stefan Ufer, AP
(919) 247-7696
secretary@rsps.org

Treasurer:

Lt/C Barry W Wilder
(919) 266-2059
treasurer@rsps.org

Immediate P/C:

P/C Wilbur Chapman, SN
(919) 848-9182
pastcommander@rsps.org

Bow Lights Editor:

Lt Luis Lopez, P
(919) 790-0903
editor@rsps.org

Website:

www.rsps.org

Index:

[Upcoming Events](#) 2
[Meetings](#) 3
[Education](#) 5
[District News](#) 8
[Other News](#) 9
[Flea Market](#) 11
[Birthdays](#) 12

From the Bridge by Cdr. David C. McMahon, AP

My term of office is nearly over and now I want to thank our 2011 Bridge and Executive Committee and all the various committees for their support, respect and confidence afforded me serving as your commander during the past year. Many meaningful projects were accomplished this past year that greatly benefited Raleigh Sail and Power Squadron, and could not have occurred without the effort of many dedicated volunteers. The success of the Squadron, in part, results from the leadership of the Bridge and Excom. All our members should consider becoming a Bridge or Excom or Committee member for the 2013 year to continue the success we have enjoyed for 53 years. My vision for the Squadron at the Change of Watch last year was for more member involvement in squadron activities. I believe that goal was achieved as demonstrated by the 49 Merit Marks earned by our members.

Our upcoming Change of Watch will occur on March 2 at the Wake County Shrine Club with a dinner buffet prepared by our own P/C Bobby Glover. Please plan on attending our main gala event and support our new Commander and Bridge.

In closing I sincerely appreciate the opportunity, privilege and honor of serving our squadron as your commander for 2011.



Upcoming Events

February 2012

3 - 5	Power and Sailboat Show	Raleigh Convention Center	Details
6	Executive Committee Meeting	McMahon's Home	Details
7	February Annual Meeting and Election of Officers	Knights of Columbus	Details
13	Powerful Ladies Luncheon	Village Grill	Details
21	Weather Seminar	TBA	Details
23	Instructor Development	Deyo Home	Details
-24	Mardi Gras Costume Ball (Cancelled)	Wake County Shrine Club	Details
25	Operations Training Course	Greg Shay's Home	Details
27	Executive Committee Meeting	McMahon's Home	Details
28	America's Boating Course - 3	American Red Cross Building	Details

March 2012

2	March Membership Meeting	Wake County Shrine Club	Details
12	Powerful Ladies Luncheon	TBA	Details
17	Raleigh St. Patrick's Day Parade	Moore Square	Details
23 - 25	District 27 Change of Watch	Hilton New Bern / Riverfront	Details
26	Sail	Dykstra Home	Details

April 2012

2	Executive Committee Meeting	Kevin Lyon's Home	Details
3	April Membership Meeting	TBA	Details
9	Powerful Ladies Luncheon	TBA	Details
28 - 29	Kick Off Cruise	South River	Details
30	Executive Committee Meeting	Kevin Lyon's Home	Details

May 2012

1	May Membership Meeting	TBA	Details
3	RSPS Cruise to D27 Rendezvous	Little River	Details
4 - 6	District 27 Rendezvous	Little River	Details
12	Lake Cruise	TBA	Details
14	Powerful Ladies Luncheon	TBA	Details
19 - 25	National Safe Boating Week		Details
19	BOC/OTW Training	Falls Lake	Details
25 - 2	Slow Boat Cruise	Ocracoke, Manteo	Details

Cruises

Education

Social Events

Membership Meetings

D27 - USPS

Meetings

Administrative Officer: Lt/C Greg D. Shay, AP, administrativeofficer@rsps.org or (919) 387-9876

Programs: Lt Brent Friedenber, P, brent.friedenber@gmail.com or (919) 781-2468

Meetings: Lt Tom Steingraber, is103a@yahoo.com or (252)303-0081

RSPS Annual Meeting

Please come support your squadron for what will surely be an informative evening and one to enjoy with friends and guests. Included in the evenings events are the officer's annual reports regarding the years activities and state of affairs, the election of new officers for 2012-2013, and two videos - one during the social hour for those who just enjoy cruising our scenic Carolina waters, and one later which our boating "navigators" especially should find interesting.

Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2012

Time: Social hour – 1830
Meeting hour – 1900

Location: Knights of Columbus
4301 Columbus Drive
Raleigh, NC 27604

Menu: Roast pork loin with cornbread stuffing and pan gravy. Chicken Franchise..chix cutlet dipped in egg batter and sauted, rice pilaf. Finished with orange butter. Fresh veggie medley Traditional Caesar salad Dessert, beverages, etc. (provided by Kyle's Catering Creations)

Cost: \$20.00 (\$18.00 if paid in advance)

March Membership Meeting

53rd Annual Change of Watch will be held at the Wake County Shrine Club. This will be the traditional time to honor the current Bridge and elected Officers and install the new Bridge and elected Officers.

Date: Friday, March 2, 2012

Time: Social hour – 1830
Meeting hour – 1900

Location: Wake County Shrine Club
6015 Lead Mine Rd.
Raleigh, NC 27612-6413
(919) 848-3494
<http://www.wakecountyshrineclub.org/>

Menu: Dinner Buffet prepared by our own P/C Bobby Glover.

Cost: \$38.00 by prepay with check or PayPal.

Please send checks by February 24 to:
Bonnie Millis
RSPS Assistant Treasurer
1312 Medfield Road
Raleigh, NC 27607

Powerful Ladies Lunch

Date: Monday, February 13, 2012

Time: 12:00 PM

Monday, January 9 brought eight members of the RSPS Powerful Ladies together for a delicious luncheon at the Cheesecake Factory in Crabtree Mall. We thank Kay Stockett for organizing this monthly gathering. Wonderful food, excellent service, and lively conversation started off the New Year on a happy note. Those who could not join us were certainly missed, and we hope that everyone will be able to come to our next culinary adventure.

We take turns organizing luncheon out, and invite you to join in the fun of sharing new or favorite eateries. On Monday, February 13, 2012 at 12:00 o'clock the ladies will be meeting for lunch at the Village Grill, Lafayette Village, 8470 Honeycutt Road in Raleigh, phone number 919-890-5340. Look for their menu at their web site, www.villagegrillraleigh.com. We hope to attain seats in their semi-private dining room with fireplace.

I will be making reservations soon, and it would be very helpful if anyone wishing to come to lunch let me know as soon as possible. You may reach me by email at mmpearson@embarqmail.com, or by home phone, 919-496-2865.

Thank you for your prompt reply; hope to see you there.

Meetings

Come celebrate and support your new Executive Committee at the

Raleigh Sail and Power Squadron

53rd Annual Change of Watch

Friday, March 2, 2012

Social time at 6:30 pm, Dinner at 7:00 pm.

Wake County Shrine Club

6015 Lead Mine Rd

Raleigh, NC 27612



\$38 per person in advance

RSVP by February 24, 2012

[Via PayPal or email click here](#)

(http://www.rsps.org/monthly.Meeting.php?arg_meeting_id=16)

Or through the www.rsps.org calendar page

Or to

1st Lt Bonnie A Millis

1312 Medfield Rd

Raleigh, NC 27607

Dinner Buffet prepared by our own P/C Bobby Glover

Education

Education Officer: Lt/C George Malindzak, SN, educationofficer@rsps.org or (919) 870-1834

Assistant Education Officer: 1st. Lt Crowell Bowers N, in2sailn@aol.com or (919) 326-5942

See RSPS website for latest updates. Interested in a class? Call the instructor and tell him know.

America's Boating Course - 3

Date: February 28, 2012

Location: American Red Cross Building
100 N. Peartree Ln.
Raleigh, NC 27610

Contact: Tom Taylor

Email: tomtaylor3@yahoo.com

Seamanship

Date: TBD

Location: Paula Mizell's office at GXS
3200 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 204
Raleigh, NC 27604

Contact: George Malindzak (919) 870-1834

Email: educationofficer@rsps.org

Piloting

Date: TBD

Location: TBD

Contact: Lynn Dail (919) 636-5855

Email: sailorlynn@yahoo.com

Advanced Piloting

Date: TBD

Location: TBD

Contact: George Malindzak (919) 870-1834

Email: educationofficer@rsps.org

Junior Navigation

Date: TBD

Location: TBD

Contact: George Malindzak (919) 870-1834

Email: educationofficer@rsps.org

Navigation

Date: TBD

Location: 105 Bethenia Place
Cary, NC

Contact: Ed Deyo (919) 467-6691

Email: edeyo1@nc.rr.com

Engine Maintenance

Date: In Progress

Location: Resurrection Lutheran School, Cary

Contact: Glenn Faurot (919) 233-9853

Email: glennfaurot@hotmail.com

Weather

Date: TBD

Location: National Weather Service Office
1005 Capability Dr.
Raleigh, NC 17606

Contact: Tom Taylor

Email: tomtaylor3@yahoo.com

Sail

Date: March 26, 2012

Location: Michael's House

Contact: Michael Dykstra (919) 387-8483

Email: michael_dykstra@ncsu.edu

Marine Electronics

Date: September 12, 2012

Location: TBD

Contact: Burt Pearson (919) 496-2865

Email: opportunity@embarqmail.com

Cruise Planning

Date: TBD

Location: TBD

Contact: TBD

Email: TBD

Instructor Development

Date: February 23, 2012

Location: 105 Bethenia Place
Cary, NC

Contact: Bunie Deyo (919) 467-6691

Email: bdeyo@nc.rr.com

Operations Training Course

Date: February 25, 2012

Location: 216 Kilbreck Dr.
Cary, NC 27511

Contact: Wilbur Chapman (910) 790-8598

Email: chapmanw@bellsouth.net

Education



Raleigh Sail and Power Squadron



BOATING EDUCATION

Raleigh's boating club the Raleigh Sail and Power Squadron holds many boating related courses throughout the year. ALL courses are open to the public as well as members.

Safe Boating Course

Our ABC3 boating course is NASBLA approved and meets NC requirements for operating a power boat on the waters of the state.

Topics covered are, safe boat handling, rules of the road, trailering, handling lines and ropes to name a few. Our new course includes a practical exercise with actual **hands on exercises dock side.**

A course will begin in February, 2012 shortly after the boat show.

Seamanship

Our Seamanship course expands on the basic safety course. It covers basic concepts in more depth with additional topics. There is an optional hands-on **On The Water** component with this course.

Topics covered are, docking and undocking, anchoring, slow and high speed boat handling maneuvers, effects of winds and waves and radio communications. Safety concepts are covered in depth such as collision avoidance, man over board and right of way.

Other course offerings this spring

Sail

Our Sail course was created to serve the needs of novice and experienced sailors as well as the non sailor for basic skills and knowledge.

The course covers, basic design and nomenclature, rigging, safety and sail processes. The physical forces of sailing and techniques are covered. Dependent on the weather, our sailing instructor takes the class on his boat for a day to put some of your learnings to the test.

Other courses

Piloting, learning to read charts and plan routes

Advanced Piloting, advanced topics which include compensating for tides and currents

Navigation, learn how to find your way when electronics fail with tried and true traditional methods using a sextant with the sun and stars.

Marine Electronics, VHF radios, gps chartplotters, managing on board power consumption

Marine Engine Maintenance, this covers basic engine and boat systems.

If you want to get out of the class room or computer for your boating education, the US Power Squadron is offering reasonably priced hands on, in the boat, on the water exercises. Give us a try.

All courses are reasonably priced; most are under \$100.00, including books, with discounts if you're a member of the club.

For more information please send an email to educationofficer@rsps.org

Education

Boat Operator Certification

By P/C Burt Pearson, SN

What is Boat Operator Certification, or BOC? BOC is a system of seminars, educational classes and skills demonstrations to confirm the ability of a USPS Member to handle boats of different sizes, in different water types, and under different weather conditions. When a member completes a level of competence, he/she receives a certificate that is widely accepted. This can be helpful in reducing boat insurance premiums; assist in renting boats; and allows a member to say with confidence that they can handle a boat within certain guidelines.

The first level of BOC is Inland Navigator (IN), which primarily covers educational classes and or seminars that might be useful on lakes, rivers, or coastal inland waters; demonstrate on-the-water handling skills in 14 to 23' boats; and the use of a fire extinguisher. There is a Basic BOC Seminar that explains BOC, including the educational requirements and the levels of certification. This seminar has to be taken before you can be certified.

The Basic BOC Seminar will be given on Tuesday, February 21, starting at 7pm and last about 2 hours. It will be given at Resurrection Lutheran School in Cary (Kildare Farm Rd & Lochmere Drive). We have some of our members who have performed the on-the-water skills of IN, but have not taken this seminar and they are encouraged to take this seminar now. If you have the desire to become certified, or just curious, please come to this Basic BOC Seminar.

To assist a member in keeping up with what is required, there is a Passport kit that includes a Passport to document completion of each requirement; a useful book on power boat handling; and other information related to BOC. The kit cost is \$40. If you do not have a Passport kit, please bring a check for \$40 as we will have the Passport kits for sale at this meeting. This purchase of this kit is required before you can be certified.

BOC is an exciting program and a learning experience. It is for all types of boaters. The first level of IN is required before you can proceed to the next level of certification. Now is a good time to get started while it is still too cold to do much outside at night, and will help prepare you for the on-the-water skills demonstrations scheduled for Saturday, May 19.

Please contact me at opportunity@embarqmail.com with questions or confirm that you will be present.

Operations Training

By P/C Wilbur Chapman, SN

- How did the USPS come to be?
- How is the organization structured?
- Who does what and why?
- Where does RSPS fit into USPS?
- How can I get more involved?
- Why should I want to get more involved?

Come learn more on Sat, Feb 25, 09:00 – 3:00 at the home of Greg and Connie Shay, 216 Kilbreck Drive in Cary.

If you are planning to come, please contact Wilbur Chapman at 919-815-9103 or chapmanw@bellsouth.net.

District 27 News

District 27 Calendar

D/27 Spring Council/Conference & Change of Watch

Hilton, New Bern, NC
March 23-25, 2012

D/27 Rendezvous

Holiday Inn Express Little River, SC
May 4-5, 2012

D/27 Fall Council/Conference

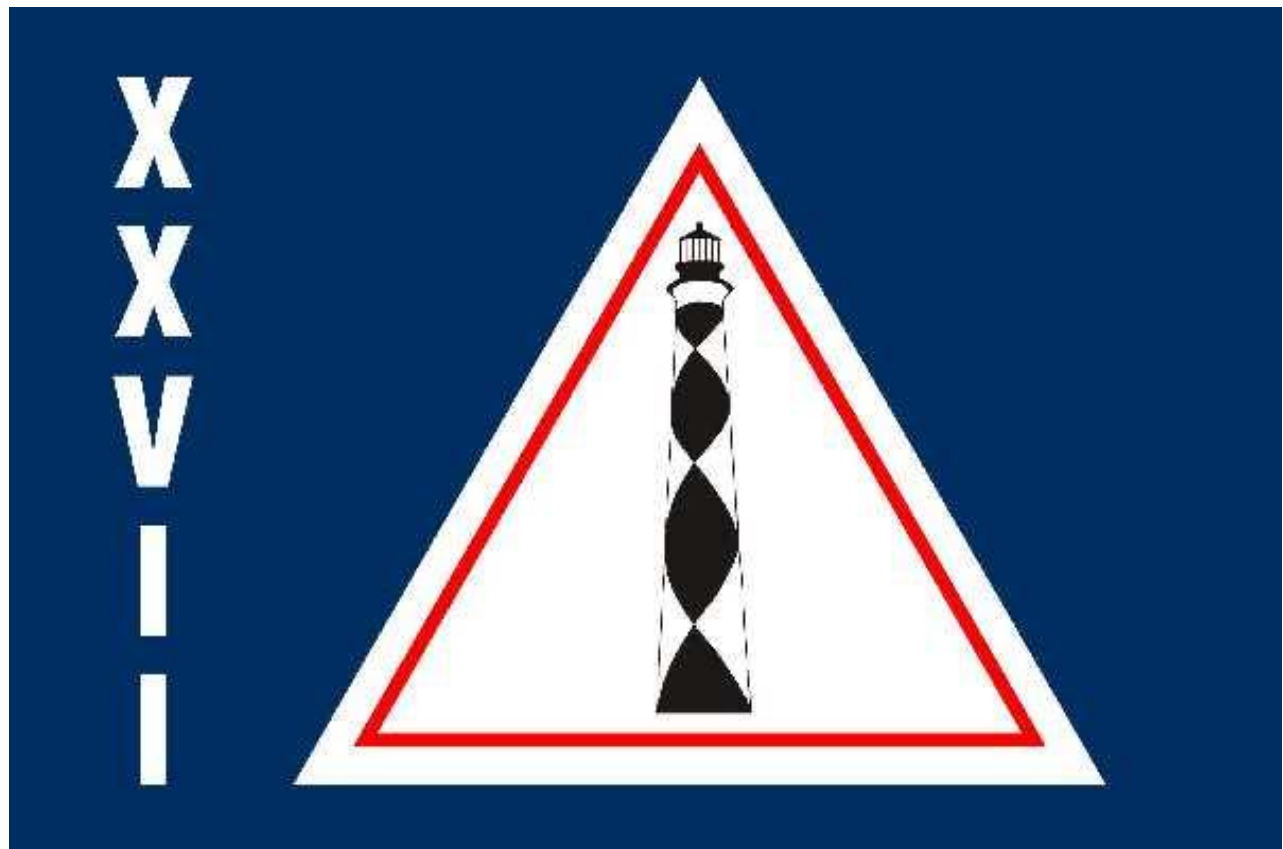
TBD
October 12-14, 2012

D/27 Training

NC State University Club
January 5, 2013

D/27 50th Anniversary

Raleigh, NC
March 29-30, 2013



Other News

RSPS Cruise to 2012 D27 Rendezvous

By P/C Burt Pearson, SN

What is the D27 Rendezvous? What is D27? D27 is District 27 of United States Power Squadrons (USPS), and is a grouping of 20 squadrons located geographically close together; in this case 19 are in North Carolina and 1 in South Carolina. There are 33 Districts in USPS. The D27 Rendezvous is a gathering of members from across the district in an event on the water where members do boating things.

The 2012 D27 Rendezvous will be held on May 4 & 5, at Coquina Bay, Little River South Carolina. The weather should be cooler for the rendezvous than it is July like some of the other rendezvous. This early time also provides cheaper rates before the "season" starts at the beach. There will be games, and of course, food and cocktail time, and other activities. The D27 Rendezvous will be a lot of fun, as it always is. Whether you drive all the way or go part way by boat, put this on your calendar and make plans to go. Be on the lookout for more details about this rendezvous.

There are 3 marinas inside Coquina Bay, one of which is Myrtle Beach Yacht Club, which has been a favorite stopover for RSPS cruises to Southern destinations. Coquina Bay is about 45nm from Carolina Beach and about 100nm from Swansboro. Almost everyone is familiar with driving to Myrtle Beach. For persons with trailer boats, Carolina Beach State Park is readily accessible by land vehicle, and is less than 45nm from Coquina Bay. Using the state park as a starting point will provide a broad boating experience as the trip starts on the Intracoastal Waterway, ICW, albeit in a large body of water, as it runs into the Cape Fear River channel, and the markers change, then back to the mostly protected ICW, on down to Coquina Bay. Now that the old Sunset Beach pontoon bridge is gone, there are no bridges that cause any clearance and waiting problems.

This is an opportunity for a variety of boats to take a fairly short trip, even boats that do not have sleeping facilities. There is a Holiday Inn Express, within walking distance, adjacent to Coquina Bay. The motel will be the central point for the rendezvous. This will also allow boaters to take additional crew members along since there will be a place for them to stay. There are also other launch ramps at Southport (Oak Island) and Sunset Harbor and Holden Beach. But the trip from Carolina Beach State Park will provide a variety of boating that will be educational and enjoyable.

To make this a more enjoyable trip, the RSPS plan is to be on the water on Thursday, May 3, and return on Sunday May 5. If you plan to boat, please contact me at opportunity@embarqmail.com so that I can put together a list of who is leaving from where. It will be nice to have a flotilla arriving at Coquina Bay, and having a group travel together helps anyone that may be relatively new to traveling the ICW, and is fun. So, members with large or medium or small size boats, plan to join together for a cruise and fun.

Other News

How do you know when it's almost boating season...

By Lt/C Kevin Lyon, JN

The spring boat show has come to town!!!

Raleigh Convention Center Spring Boat Show...

The squadron will have a booth at the Raleigh convention center boat show on 2 – 5 February, 2012. The tried and true fair ground show has been canceled this spring. This is a longer show than the fair grounds so there are many opportunities to volunteer to work a shift and visit the show. If you sign up to stand watch in our booth you will receive a ticket to the show. You smart and fugal members may be wondering, what's the catch for this free show ticket. Unlike the fair grounds, with ample free parking, there is no free parking in downtown Raleigh. Although you will receive a ticket to the show, you will have to pay for your own parking.

If you would like to stand a watch at the show please contact me at executiveofficer@rsps.org or by phone 919.395.6731. Let me know what day and time you are available and I can work you in the schedule. The show begins Thursday 2 February and runs through Sunday 5 February. The scheduled times are below

Thursday, 2 February 1100 – 2000
Friday, 3 February 1000 – 2000
Saturday, 4 February 1000 – 2000
Sunday, 5 February 1100 – 1700

If you happen to buy a boat at the show, please let the squadron know. We will make sure it receives a proper christening.



Flea Market

For Sale

Hubbell YQ230 50A to 30A Converter
for boat shore power. \$250

Contact Jennifer Smith
(memstang68@yahoo.com or 919-971-5120).



Can you really please the skipper...

A group of Skippers are walking through town looking for crew, when they see a five-story building with a sign that read, "Crew Association: Ship's Crew Available" Since they are without their crews, they decide to go in. The Security Guard, a very salty type, explains to them how it works. "We have five floors. Go up floor by floor and once you find what you are looking for, for crew, you can go there and make a selection. It's easy to decide since each floor has a sign telling you who's inside." Everything seems wonderful, so they start going up and on the first floor the sign reads, "All the crew on this floor are beginners." The skippers laugh, and without hesitation move on to the next floor. The sign on the second floor reads, "All the crew here are experienced, smart but weak." Still, this isn't good enough, so the Skippers continue on up. They reach the third floor and the sign reads, "All the crew here are experienced, smart and strong." They still want to do better, and so, knowing there are still two floors left, they kept going. On the fourth floor, the sign is perfect, "All the crew here are experienced, smart, strong and Former Americas Cup Champions." The Skippers get excited and are about to go in when they realize that there is still one floor left. Wondering what they are missing, they head up to the fifth floor. There they find a sign that reads, "There are no crew here. This floor was built only to prove that there is no way to please a Skipper!"

Humorjokes by bluewatersailing

February Birthdays



Raleigh Sail and Power Squadron
Lt. Luis Lopez P
4820 Arbor Chase Dr.
Raleigh, NC 27616

Send emails to:
editor@rsps.org



**A Boat for Your Lifestyle...
SALT, SKI, DECK & PONTOON**

An advertisement for Chatlee Boat & Marine. The top left features a red and white Stingray speedboat with the "STINGRAY" logo. The top right shows a green and black Tigé speedboat with the "tigé" logo. The bottom left displays a white AquaPatio pontoon boat. The bottom right shows a white Carolina Skiff boat with the "CAROLINA SKIFF" logo. In the center is the "CHATLEE BOAT & MARINE" logo with "SANFORD, NC" below it. To the right of the boat images is an aerial view of the store's "On-Site Test Lake". Below the test lake image are three bullet points: "• 71,000 sq ft of Indoor Showrooms", "• On-Site Financing", and "• A Boat For Every Budget". At the bottom right, it says "Family Owned and Operated for more than 40 years!", "www.chatleeboats.com", and "919.775.7259". At the bottom left, there are logos for Yamaha WaveRunners, Hurricane, SI, NauticStar Boats, South Bay, and Monterey Boats. At the bottom center, the address is "Hwy 1 South - 2615 Jefferson Davis Hwy Sanford, NC 27330".

CHATLEE
OVER 250 BOATS IN STOCK!

On-Site Test Lake

- 71,000 sq ft of Indoor Showrooms
- On-Site Financing
- A Boat For Every Budget

Family Owned and Operated for more than 40 years!

www.chatleeboats.com
919.775.7259

YAMAHA WaveRunners Hurricane SI
NauticStar Boats South Bay MONTEREY BOATS

Hwy 1 South - 2615 Jefferson Davis Hwy
Sanford, NC 27330