

# SMOKE SIGNALS



*DON'T MISS*

**October General Membership**

**Commodore Yacht Club**

**October 12**

**6:00PM**

**Menu: Steak or Chicken**



**Commander Robert M England, P**

## *A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER*

Now that the summer heat is gone we can now attack those fall projects we have put off for too long. We are all guilty at some point in our lives of procrastination. This is not a bad thing but it can become a bad habit. Excuses can sometimes take charge of our lives and help us forget the important things we should be doing. This habit can worm its way into our family life, business work ethics, and our social lifestyles. This last area is what concerns me as your commander. We all have many varied interests and activities that fill our days with challenges, adventure, and excitement. It is important that each of you as members of the Catawba Sail and Power Squadron keep focus on current and upcoming Squadron activities. We ALL must be active in maintaining and improving our status as a leader in boating safety education and promoting proper usage of our waterways. We will only survive as a squadron if you will do your part when asked. We will soon be planning our new Bridge for 2012. We need members to step forward to be willing to become our next leaders. If you are asked to serve will you step forward or will you be a procrastinator?

If you did not attend the September meeting you missed a great report from the Catawba River Keeper on current events and projects that affect our waterway. There was a lively question and answer segment after his presentation with lots of great information being shared about Catawba River happenings. David Kaylor did a great job in planning our meeting, meal, and speaker!

Our next meeting is our big event to bring guests to show what a great organization and group of people we are! The Commodore Yacht Club will be the location and guest will eat free. There will be rib eye steaks, baked potato, salad, and desert. A rumor is going around that Norma England will bring her famous pickled shrimp for pre-meal snacks! So contact your friends and get them to this meeting. You joined The Power Squadron for a reason. Pass it on!

Football season is in full swing and local teams are off to a great start. The Panthers have even won a game recently. Carolina and Clemson will both be tested this weekend. I hope your team is living up to your expectations. The lake level is low due to a Duke Power Co. miscalculation on the amount of rain that would fall from the recent hurricane that went up the East Coast. Recent rains have helped but levels are still below normal. I mention this only to remind all of you to be careful when on the waterway. May you all be safe and healthy!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### October

5	Pam Morrell
5	Anne Oates
12	Marcia Greco
22	Tony Carroll
22	Anna L'Hommedieu
23	George Persons



## ANNUAL MEETING CHRISTMAS PARTY

The date for this gala event has not been set. The EXCOM will select the date and location at their meeting this week.

Watch for details in you mail box.

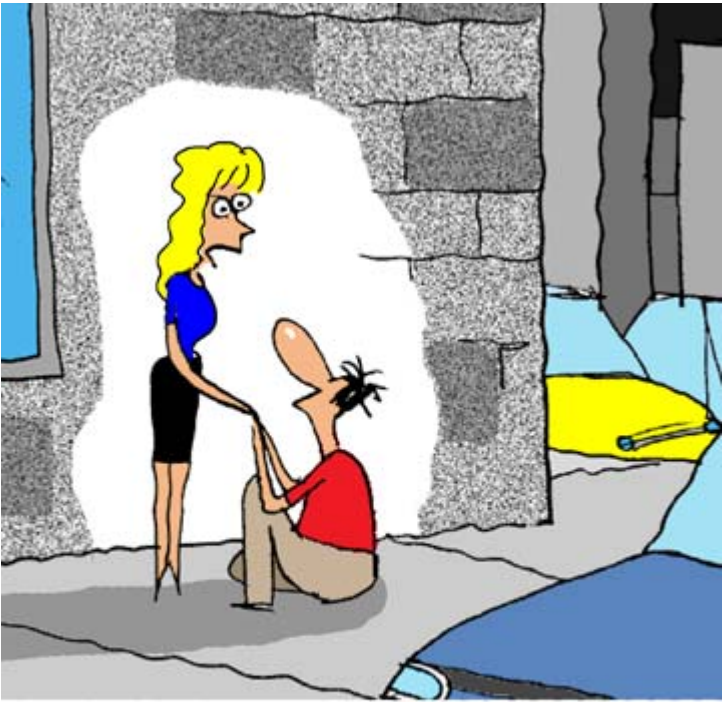
## COMING UP

- 5 Oct EXCOM  
Diane Woods' Office  
6:30 pm
- 12 Oct General Membership Meeting  
Commodore Yacht Club  
6:00 pm
- 2 Nov EXCOM  
Diane Woods' Office  
6:30 pm
- 9 Nov General Membership Meeting  
Pier 51 Restaurant  
Rock Hill
- 7 Dec EXCOM  
Diane Woods' Office  
6:30 pm

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*“Usually when a man gets on his knees, he has something romantic to ask, not ask if I’ll help him winterize his boat.”*

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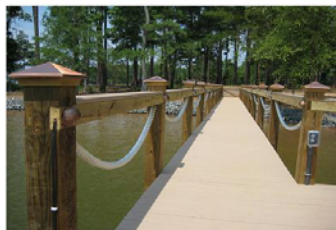


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Does everyone have a name tag? If not, contact me and I will order one for you. We now have burgees in stock.

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2 large white ladies shirts - \$15  
6 men's red squadron hats - \$5  
3 women's white visors - \$5  
6 Burgees - \$25

These name tags have been received and will be available at the October meeting.

Ken Blankenship    Mary Jordan    Lindley Smith    Marcia Greco  
Harry Greco    Dottie Hall    Chris Hall

If you want any of the above items, please contact me at 803-981-5303 or [momrockhill@aol.com](mailto:momrockhill@aol.com).



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**NOVEMBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

The November General Membership Meeting will be at the Pier 51 restaurant in Rock Hill on November 9th. This is our annual White Elephant Sale. Please begin packing up some good stuff for this event. If you bought something last year and you are not using it, bring it back for someone else to use.

Since the auction takes a lot of time, we will not have a speaker.

**RIVERSWEEP**  
**NIVEN'S CREEK/LAKE WYLIE DAM**  
**P/C BARBARA MURPHY, AP**

For those of you who were not there you missed a great experience. The weather was cool and the sky was blue as Dennis L'Hommedieu, Les and Diane Woods, Linda and Jack Stevenson and their neighbor Joyce Clark and Barbara and Joe Murphy all met at Niven's Creek Landing. We met Bill Hall, his daughter Darci and her friend Jourdan Chapman who were fishing at the time and they asked if they could join us in cleaning up the debris at the landing. When we were finished, which took no time with all the help we had, we headed down to the public access at the Lake Wylie Dam. In fact the three folks we met at Niven's Creek also joined us in cleaning up the dam area. In all, we collected 19 very full large plastic bags and one Styrofoam cooler.

We all then went to the Buster Boyd Access Area where we were all given t-shirts and lunch. We were joined there by Doug and Judy Kirkland who had been at the Allison Creek Landing along with Worth Parker.

It was amazing how much trash the barges collected from the clean up areas around the lake.



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**MATT ENGLAND**

**RIVERSWEEP**  
**ALLISON CREEK**  
**P/C WORTH PARKER, AP**

About a week or so prior to 10/01, Matt called me and asked if I would be at Allison Creek, and if I would see that things were handled in the usual fashion. We discussed the fact that the Rivekeeper folks would be there with a large contingent, and there would not be a whole lot for us to actually do, mainly we would just be sharing in the publicity if you will.

Following our September meeting, Doug Kirkland called to let me know that he and Judy would also participate.

Allison Creek was one of the launching pads and collection points, with RiverSweep volunteers, a dumpster, tee shirts, gloves and several dozen kids were roaming like ants.

Doug, Judy, and I each took a bag and began collecting trash. No help was needed in carrying them. Our bag count for the day would be four. That's O.K., in view of the pay. Doug had two bags, he found a beer can bonanza on the hill.

## **DISTRICT 27 FALL CONFERENCE**

### **CDR MATT ENGLAND, P**

Tony Carroll and I attended the D/27 Fall Conference in Winston-Salem, NC this past weekend. The biggest announcement from our District Commander was that our total membership is increasing for the first time in several years. This was welcome news to all Squadron Commanders and other attendees.

We were told that our incoming District Commander for next year is looking forward to attending our Change of Watch in January. Our Squadron was presented with a certificate for our CoOp Charting efforts in 2010. Tony attended a break out session on Administrative Officer training and was pleased with the content of the meeting. The District will have a training session in Raleigh on Jan. 7th. 2012. We are already making plans for Bridge Officers to attend this event. A good time was had by all.

### **The RIVERSWEEP Cleanup Crew**

#### **At Niven's Creek/Lake Wylie Dam**



**ABC CLASSES**  
**P/C GENE STUTZ, SN**

We held a special ABC class for Commodore Yacht Club members on Sept. 24 and had 5 excellent students who all passed with flying colors. They have all been invited to our General Membership Meeting/Cookout on Oct. 12. Our Secretary, Tony Carroll who is a member at Commodore, indicates we may get some new members from the class.

We cancelled the planned 1 Oct ABC class for lack of students. We need all members to promote our classes to their friends, relatives and acquaintances. In addition, October may not be a good month because of full schedules.

We have 4 students taking Seamanship by home study and will have an exam when they are finished. We will see if we have enough interest for Seamanship and Piloting classes this fall. Class managers will contact those eligible.

**OCTOBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**COMMODORE YACHT CLUB**  
**OCTOBER 12**  
**6:00 PM**  
**Lt/C DAVID KAYLOR**

MENU: Steak or Chicken, Baked Potato, Salad, hors d'oeuvres and desert.

Each member may bring a potential member as a guest. Yes we could do this if we worked hard at it and made it a priority. Stop and ask yourself who you know who would be a good member of our squadron. I want each member to stop what you are doing and for five minutes ask yourself who you could invite to a free dinner, interact with really great people who enjoy boating and learn more about boating. Your assignment between now and Monday October 10 is to find just one potential new member you can bring to the meeting.

Our commander will bring us up to date to on his recent weekend in Winston-Salem which should be very informative.

We appreciate both Matt & Norma England for all the work they put into making this a very special event. Thank you both for your efforts.

We want to thank the Commodore Yacht Club, Tony Carroll and Jerry Lathan for affording us the opportunity to utilize this great facility.

In closing let us say we look forward to seeing each and every member next Wednesday along with your potential new member. Have a great week and for us football fans a great weekend and may you be blessed in victory.

Please RSVP to Tony Carroll at [ynottdc@yahoo.com](mailto:ynottdc@yahoo.com) with the number of people and their choice of meal.

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