

# SMOKE SIGNALS



## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Thursday's Too  
March 9 at 6:30 PM**

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**Commander Robert M England, S**

These warm days in late February taunt us with the spring that is just around the corner. Let's hope that the early warmth will not spell doom for the fruit trees, flower buds and all the grandeur that their blossoms bless us with each year around this time.

I feel sorry for the residents in and around Tega Cay. You have been subjected to several raw sewage spills that have polluted the waters in your area. I know that accidents happen but these spills seem to be a little strange given that heavy rain was not the culprit. Hopefully the company responsible for the maintenance of this system will do what is necessary to fix faulty equipment and prevent future leaks, pipe ruptures, and mechanical failures. Water from Lake Wylie and raw sewage don't mix! When it does, we all face uncertainty when we use our boats, jet skies, and other water toys during our down time. Lets all hope this problem will be solved in a timely manner.

I hope all of you have enjoyed a quiet and peaceful winter and that you are ready for a busy spring with the Squadron. Your Bridge has been hard at work planning spring events that you will no want to miss! A new event has been planned for April that will allow us to put our best foot forward to raise monies for the children's outing and the Cancer Society.

We also have been invited to attend a cookout at Merit Mark Point by the Charlotte Power Squadron. We have invited the Charlotte Squadron to attend our Shrimp boil in May. The dates and times for these events will be announced at our March meeting. We also have other surprises for upcoming events so you really should make every attempt to attend our next meeting!

Our Executive Officer David Kaylor has arranged a great location for our next meeting and I know the food will be excellent. The details for this location are discussed later in this publication. David has also arranged for a great speaker and this topic will be of interest to all. This will be a new location for us and I look forward to seeing all of you soon! Till then, safe boating to all!

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- 2 Mar EXCOM  
Diane Woods Office  
6:30 pm
- 9 Mar General Membership Meeting  
Thursdays Too  
Rock Hill  
6:30 pm
- 25-27 Mar D/27 COW  
Carolina Beach, NC
- 6 Apr EXCOM  
Diane Woods Office  
6:30 pm
- 9 Apr Yard Sale  
Oakland Baptist Church  
Rock Hill  
7:00 am
- 13 Apr General Membership Meeting  
Captain Steve's  
6:30 pm
- 16 Apr Adopt-A-Landing/VSC  
Niven's Creek/Big Allison Creek  
9:00 am

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY****March**

- 2 Doug Kirkland  
4 Dennis L'Hommedieu  
10 Matt England  
10 Will Jordan  
15 John Klein  
19 Monk Case  
26 Sarah Cholewinski  
28 David Kaylor  
28 Gene Stutz



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will be sent about April 1, 2011**

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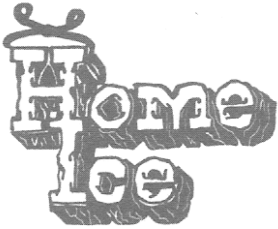
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## **YARD SALE STUFF IS NEEDED**

### **Lt Leigh Van Blarcom, S**

OK everyone, it's time to increase our treasury in a quick few hours. We need you to start asking neighbors, friends, and fellow workers to help us with donations. Tell them about the Children's Outing and how the money helps with getting clowns, lifeguards, food etc for this wonderful event. All donors get a tax form just like donating to Goodwill. We'll take everything but clothing.

The tentative date for the Yard Sale is Saturday, April 9 at the at Rock Hill's Oakland Baptist Church parking lot on the corner of Ebenezer and Oakland down the street from Winthrop University.

For questions, concerns or pick up, contact Leigh Van Blarcom at 548-5362 or [leighvan1780@comporium.net](mailto:leighvan1780@comporium.net).

## **EDUCATION REPORT**

### **P/C Gene Stutz, SN**

America's Boating Course (ABC) was offered on 5 Feb 2011 with 7 students, 4 adults and 3 teens. All 7 passed the test at the end of the day.

The Seamanship Course was completed. Attendees included four members and two non-members. One non-member did not pass the exam.

Piloting is going on Tuesday nights at Driving 911 with 7 students. If anyone else wants to join the class, you can make up the classes missed and join the Pilot-ing class. Contact Will Jordan.

We will hold a 2-3 hour Weather Seminar in March or April. Contact Jim VanBlarcom.

## **CHARLOTTE POWER SQUADRON**

### **ANNUAL CHICKEN-Q**

All members of the Catawba Squadron are invited to join the Charlotte Squadron on April 9 at our annual Chicken-Q at Merit Mark Point.

We will gather about 1600 (4 PM) for socializing and then have dinner around 1800 (6 PM). The cost is \$8.00 per plate but it is all you can eat. Dinner will include a half chicken, baked beans (special recipe), slaw, rolls and tea. There will be \$1 beer available as well.

This is a wonderful time to socialize and enjoy the beauty of Merit Mark Point and the lake. This event marks the beginning of our boating season.

I believe that most know how to get to MMP by water. First cove on the left as you go into Beaver Dam Creek. But for those who would want to come by car (most do), here's how! You're on 274 either coming from Rock Hill or from Lake Wylie. If from Rock Hill, just beyond the entrance to the Catawba Nuclear Plant, you come to Liberty Hill Road, turn right. Come down Liberty Hill to Willow Breeze Lane on left, turn left and come to our drive labeled Power Squadron Rd.

If coming from Lake Wylie, go through Five Points (where 49 heads off to York). Go about a mile and a half where you'll see the Bethel Volunteer Fire Department on your left. Liberty Hill Rd. is just beyond and you turn left, then follow the directions above. Be careful because with widening of 274, it's a bit harder to see the landmarks than before.

Please advise Cdr. England if you plan to attend so he can then advise us. I assure that there will be plenty of food and lots of great socializing as well. Hope you all can come!

Sincerely,

Cdr. Charles "Bo" Ibach III, JN

## DISTINCTIVE COMMUNICATOR AWARD

The USPS Communications Committee has selected Catawba Squadron's website and Smoke Signals as recipients of the 2010 Distinctive Communicator Award.

If you have not visited our website, you should do so today. It contains useful and informative material for new, old and prospective members.



## NEW FUEL COULD CREATE DAN- GER TO BOATERS

The gasoline at the pump might be fine for your new car but harmful to your boat engine. The Environmental Protection Agency recently decided to allow gasoline to have 15 percent ethanol, up from 10 percent. The new blend is approved for 2001 and newer model cars and trucks - but not boats. BoatUS said the problem comes when ethanol - a strong solvent - contacts marine fuel systems and engines not equipped to withstand the corrosion.

Boat engines are exposed when owners stop at filling stations to fill their tow vehicles and boats from the same pump. Pumps dispensing E15 should be marked clearly, but not all boaters are not aware of their fuel choice.

Boaters have two choices for avoiding problems on the water and costly repair bills. First, use marina gas docks that sell ethanol safe for marine engines. Second, have the fuel lines and connections replaced with alcohol-resistant parts. Most marine engine warranties, according to BoatUS, do not cover the use of E15 fuel. For more information, visit [boatus.com](http://boatus.com).

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## BOATS FOR SALE

### 1992 Bayliner Capri Bowrider

I/O drive with a 4.3 liter GMC engine, s 17' 10" long. Includes a trailer, compass, radio (AM/FM), depth finder, life jackets, anchor and a Bimini top. The boat has been stored in a garage for the last 13 years when not on the lake. Very good condition.

Asking \$2900. OBO.

Call Karl at 803-548-4950



### 1995 26 ' River Cruiser Pontoon

150 HP Mercury outboard, AM/FM radio, Bimini top and a hardtop, Lowrance model LMS-350A, seat covers and full boat cover, Porta potty enclosure, two batteries and on-board battery charger. Needs some minor work. Boat is on Lake Wylie.

\$8000. or reasonable offer.

Call Jack at 803-547-6523.



**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP  
MEETING**

March 9 6:30 PM  
Thursday's Too  
147 Herlong Avenue  
Rock Hill

For our March meeting, we are returning to a place we used a few years back. Thursday's Too has a separate room or meetings.

For your meal, you will have a choice of three entrees plus a vegetable, potato, salad and dessert. The cost will be \$10.00 plus tax and tip. Drinks are separate.

The speaker will be John Wendel, a meteorologist from WCSC-TV, channel 36, in Charlotte. His topic will be the weather and how it pertains to boating.

Please notify Tony Carroll if you plan to attend. You can reach Tony at 803-831-1829 or [ynottdc@yahoo.com](mailto:ynottdc@yahoo.com).

**2011 COW**



Commander England & D/27 EO Mike McCulley



D/27 Executive Officer Mike McCulley



**District 27 Annual Meeting/COW**

**25-27 March, 2011**

**Courtyard Marriott Carolina Beach**

**100 Charlotte Avenue**

**Carolina Beach, NC 28428**

Room Rate: \$109.00 plus taxes Reservations: 910-458-2030 – Direct #

Ask for “USPS District 27” room block CUTOFF DATE: 9 March 2011

**EVENTS;**

Friday 25 March: Dinner Cruise and Dance

Step aboard the Royal Winner Princess II to embark on a 2 hour

Dinner & Dance Cruise. YOU WILL WALK STRAIGHT ON. The cruise is along the Cape Fear River with dancing after dinner. The menu will be Carolina BBQ & chicken with sides, Coffee, tea and cake for desert, and a cash bar.

Saturday 26 March: Coffee

Spouse’s coffee for those who would like to attend. There is no charge for this, but we do need to know attendance numbers.

Saturday 26 March: Lunch

Soup, salad & potato bar, a selection of cookies to have for desert. Coffee, tea provided.

Saturday 26 March: COW Banquet

Choice of Chicken Tuscany or Grilled Salmon, garden salad, warm rolls, Chef’s selection of Starch, vegetable and desert. Coffee and tea will be included.

DETACH AND SEND

Rank, Name, Grade

Spouse or 2<sup>nd</sup> member

Squadron Name

Email Address

***On September 25, 2011 the District Conference gave permission to charge a fee for those who are NOT attending any of the ticketed events to help pay for meeting rooms. For those who buy tickets, the fee is included in the ticket price. \$8.00 X \_\_\_\_***

Friday - Royal Winner Princess II Cruise \$39.00 X \_\_\_\_

Saturday – Spouse’s Coffee NO CHARGE Need attendance number \_\_\_\_

Saturday – Lunch \$18.00 X \_\_\_\_

Saturday – COW Banquet Chicken Tuscany \$39.00 X \_\_\_\_

Grilled Salmon \$39.00 X \_\_\_\_

New Member since July 2009 \_\_\_\_ 1<sup>st</sup> Time District Meeting \_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: D/27 COW 2011 Mail check and completed form to:

Marlene Halkovitch, 6691 Roberta Rd SW, Ocean Isle Beach, NC 28469. Event registrations must be received by Monday, 14 March, 2011.

**District 27 Annual Meeting & Change of Watch**

**25-27 March, 2011**

**Courtyard Marriott Carolina Beach**

**Carolina Beach, NC**

**FRIDAY – 25 MARCH UNIFORM – UNIFORM CASUAL, SQUADRON SHIRT**

1400 – 1730 MEMBER & VOTER REGISTRATION L

1400 -- 1430 D/27 BRIDGE MEETING

1430 – 1600 D/27 BRIDGEAIDE/AIDES MEETING

1600 – 1645 COMMANDER'S RECEPTION NEW MEMBER & 1st TIMERS

1645 – 1800 P/D/C RECEPTION

1830 - 2045 BOARD CRUISE SHIP FOR DINNER & CRUISE

**SATURDAY – 26 MARCH UNIFORM CASUAL, SQUADRON SHIRT**

0730 – 0930 MEMBER & VOTER REGISTRATION

0830 – 1000 Spouse Coffee

0800 – 0900 MEETING CONVENES

**COUNCIL MEETING**

INVOCATION D/Lt Alec Wrenn, SN

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Cdr Hugh Hayes, P

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS D/F/Lt Ernie Marshburn, SN

REPORTS – Nominations, Budget

0900 – 0930 CONFERENCE CONVENES

GUEST SPEAKER — CAPT Anthony Popiel

0930 – 1015 CHIEF COMMANDER'S REP TOWN HALL MEETING — R/C Howard Yoas, SN

1030 - 1115 BREAKOUT SESSIONS

COMMANDERS/ EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

MARINE RADAR SEMINAR — D/1st/Lt Tom Penders, JN

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Closed)

RULES (Closed)

1125 – 1205 CONFERENCE REPORTS

BUDGET

NOMINATIONS – election of 2011-2012 Bridge

1230 – 1345 MEMBERS LUNCHEON & AWARD PROGRAM

**RECESS CONFERENCE**

1350 - 1530 Planning (Closed)

1350 - 1600 OPEN SESSIONS

N Club – Marine Radar Seminar – P/D/C Don Dunlap, SN

USPS On The Water Insurance e—D/Lt/C George Malindzak, SN

**1700 – 1800 CHANGE OF WATCH RECEPTION UNIFORM A WITH BOW TIE OR APPROPRIATE ATTIRE**

1800 – 2200 COW BANQUET

**SUNDAY – 27 MARCH**

0900 – 1000 COOPERATIVE CHARTING - P/C Phillip A. Benson, JN

## 2011 Bridge

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