

SMOKE SIGNALS



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Commander Robert M England, S

The weather people all say that Fall is here at last but I do not believe them. It is still too hot! So you be the judge in this matter. Speaking of judges, it is good news for the Catawba Basin that an agreement has been reached concerning the plan for Concord/Cabarrus area to pump water out of our Basin for their use. They tried to make an end run to pump water through Mecklenburg County to tie in with their water system. They were trying to save a lot of money by doing this. They are supposed to pump water out of the Yadkin Basin. They had no permits in hand nor did they contact the proper agencies before they tried to tie in to the Mecklenburg system. Seems they had a tie in station near the county line so they tried to sneak this past everyone! The person assigned by the courts to settle this dispute ruled that Concord/Cabarrus had to first draw water from the Yadkin Basin. They can draw from our basin if they can not get the needed water from their own area. They also saw a reduction to the amount of water they can pump from our basin. It is 1/3 the previously announced amount of 33 million gallons per day. And a drought protection clause reduces this amount even more to protect the Catawba Basin. This is a win for our side! There are still law suits about water rights along the river and between states. It is believed that these remaining suits can be settled out of court. We can thank Henry McMaster, our River Keeper and our local and state politicians for this victory. What's fair is fair, they got this one right!

October is shaping up to be a busy month for our squadron. We have a boating class on Saturday, the 2nd. We also have our landing cleanup the same day. Rumor has it that a great feast will be had at the Commodore Yacht Club on the evening of the 13th. This is a great time of year to get more involved with your Squadron. Bring a guest to the meeting. There is no better time to show off our Squadron, its members, and accomplishments to your friends. Show and tell them why you joined the squadron and why you stay a member. We always have a blast at our October membership drive meeting. Now won't you feel silly if you are not there!

November will be here sooner than you think. Time to look for items for the world famous White Elephant Sale held at our November general meeting. The bidding gets rowdy at times, Col. Jim keeps the crowd under control, and Jack and Linda love to spend money!

This years event looks to be a great night of fun for all! Hope to see everyone soon! Cool Weather and safe boating to all!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 2 Oct ABC (Boating Course)
York County Library—Baxter
9:15am—5:00 pm
- 2 Oct Adopt-A-Landing/RiverSweep
Niven's Creek/ Allison Creek
9:00 am
- 13 Oct General Membership Meeting
Commodore Yacht Club
6:30 pm
- 30 Oct Tega Cay Fall Festival
Adjacent to Wal-Mart Parking Lot
9:00 am
- 3 Nov EXCOM
Diane Woods' Office
6:30 pm
- 11 Nov General Membership Meeting
Pier 51 Restaurant
Mt Gallant Rd Rock Hill
6:30 pm
- 13 Nov Predicted Log
Merit Mark Park
9:00 AM

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

October

- 5 Pam Morrell
5 Annie Oates
22 Tony Carroll
22 Anna L'Hommedieu
23 George Persons



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States Power Squadrons.*

The next issue of the Smoke Signals will be sent about November 1, 2010.

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LAKE CLUB MARINA
Rock Hill, SC

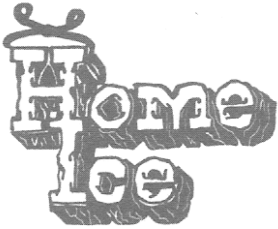
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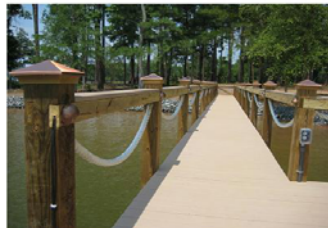
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EDUCATION REPORT

P/C Gene Stutz, SN

America's Boating Course

Our next course will be held on 2 Oct 2010. The class will start at 9:15 am and go until about 5:00 pm. The cost is \$30 per person and includes lunch. If two people want to share a manual, the cost for the second person is \$8 to cover lunch. Encourage your friends to take the course and learn that safe boating is fun, we'll show you how!!

Seamanship Course

P/C Diane Woods and P/Lt/C Mike Daly are organizing a Seamanship Course. They will contact anyone needing it, including all new members. This is the first "Grade" course and graduation earns you an S after your name.

Piloting Course

After the completion of Seamanship, P/C Will Jordan will be organizing a Piloting Course. This is the second "Grade" course and it will earn you a P.

Weather Seminar (mini course)

P/C Jim Van Blarcom is planning a Weather Seminar later in the Fall.

Advanced Piloting (AP) Course

P/C Gene Stutz will be planning an AP Course late this year/early next year.

Junior Navigation (JN) Course

Catawba and the Charlotte Squadron are planning a joint JN Course, Details will be announced at a later date.

For information on any of these courses, contact me at genestutz@bellsouth.net or 803-831-8252.

OCTOBER SOCIAL MEETING

Commodore Yacht Club

October 13, 2010

6:30 PM

Our next meeting is our annual recruitment dinner at the Commodore Yacht club hosted by Tony Carroll who is a member of our squadron and the Commodore Yacht Club. Commander England will prepare a great meal. Bring a dessert or appetizer if you wish.

You are invited to bring prospective members so they can meet our members and learn about what the Power squadron is and what we do. There is no charge for guests. Members will be charged \$10.00.

If you need directions, please call Jim Van Blarcom at 803-548-5362 or Jack Stevenson at 803-547-6523.

If you would like to go by boat, we will have boats available at the Tega Cay Marina and will depart at 6:00pm. Please let Jim or Jack know if you want to go by boat.

NOVEMBER SOCIAL MEETING

Pier 51, Rock Hill

November 11, 2010

6:30 PM

Our annual nautical auction is coming up on Thursday, Nov. 11, 2010. This is the meeting where you bring your unwanted nautical items, knick-knacks, and stuff you bought at the last auction and a full wallet to buy new stuff that you can't live without. Last year we auctioned off many treasures—who knows, some may be available again this year. Who knows what treasures this year's auction will bring. We need you and your contributions. Remember, this money goes into our Education Fund.

The meeting will take place at Pier 51, 3921 Mt. Gallant Road, Rock Hill, SC. The fun will start at 1830 (6:30 PM).

ADOPT-A-LANDING**October 2, 9:00 AM****Lt Mary Jo Barreto, P**

Fall is upon us and it is time for the 9th Annual Lake Wylie River Sweep. We will have people at Nivens Creek Landing and at Allison Creek Landing at 9:00 am to pick up trash. If you can bring your boat, especially pontoons, to help pick up trash along the shoreline, please contact Lake Wylie RiverSweep. They need boats and boat captains. The website for RiverSweep is www.catawbariverkeeper.org When you get to the website, there is a bar on the left side. Find the Lake Wylie RiverSweep and click on the link to get to the correct page.

If you will be helping at Nivens Creek and would like a t-shirt – please email me or call me with your size by Friday, October 1st. at mbarreto@comporium.net or 803 370-1328. For those at Allison Creek Landing – I think they have shirts there.

See you on the 2nd!!!!

Information from the Catawba Riverkeeper is in the next column.

NEW MEMBER

Please welcome our newest member Johnnie Helms.

Johnnie and his wife Betsey reside at 29042 Snapper Point in Tega Cay.

RIVERSWEEP**Saturday, October 2, 2010****9AM—12 Noon with after party**

Join friends, neighbors and co-workers for the annual Clean Up of Lake Wylie.

Volunteer one morning out of the year to care for this beautiful lake and the area's inlets, creeks and coves.

Just report to one of the following locations (listed on website) by 9 AM and we'll get you started!

You'll receive trash bags, work gloves, water, a RiverSweep T-shirt and an area to work.

No boat needed to participate, but if you do have a boat, please consider bringing it and being a boat captain.

Don't forget your sunscreen, hat and sturdy shoes. Prepare to get dirty!

From 9 AM to 12 noon, the Riverkeeper Barge, donated by Edwards Grading, will travel from the Lake Wylie Dam to Buster Boyd Bridge to collect trash from boats.

After 12 noon, come to Buster Boyd Bridge Access to unload boats, barges and trailers. Then, all registered volunteers enjoy a free lunch. Plus, there will be 5 grand prize drawings, live music and exhibits until 3 PM.

For more information call: 704-679-9494

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SAFETY REPORT
P/C Lee Stinson, P
Docking Made Easier

Have you tried to dock your boat, and after positioning it properly, had the line handling go wrong? Have you tied up one end of the boat only to have the other end get away? Or worse, has your boat gotten away?

Why does this happen? Is it the wind, current or the crew? Well, whatever the cause, there is a way to eliminate the foul up. Tie up your boat in the middle first. Although this seems unusual, the method makes sense, because if you secure the middle the bow and stern will stay put also.

This method of docking works especially well when you are docking singlehandedly. To use this method safely, you will need a securely fastened (through-bolted) sturdy cleat and a snubbing line. Then while approaching your mooring, you can complete the normal procedure of getting the lines, fenders and your midship snubbing line ready. Ease your boat into place and get the eye of your snubbing line over the pile or cleat on the pier. Hold the line there and tend it carefully.

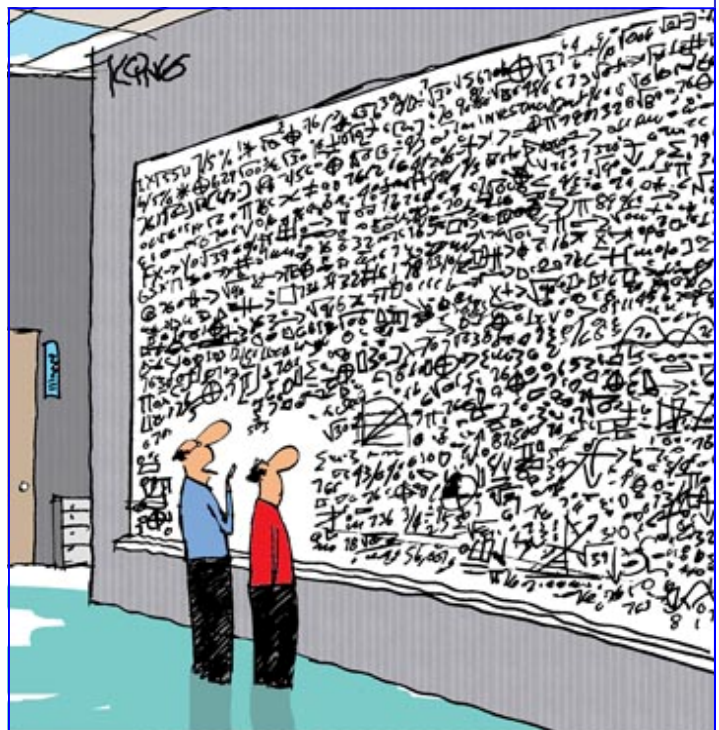
Keep your boat along side the snubber while the usual dock lines are easily positioned and secured. Then stow the snubber since it has done its job, needs a rest and is too short to allow comfortable long term mooring. When a boat is snubbed in place, you have got it made. This method works nicely in reverse when getting underway.

PREDICTED LOG
Merit Mark Park
November 13, 2010
9:00 AM

Catawba Squadron has once again accepted a challenge from the Charlotte Squadron in their effort to regain the Pride of Lake Wylie.

Experience is not required. If you have taken Piloting you should be ready to go. If you haven't, taken the course, Worth will teach you how to prepare for the contest. No preparation is required before the contest other than assembling the materials (pencil, eraser, straight edge, compass and a calculator). We will need boats so if you want to try your skill as a navigator, please call Worth.

If you are interested in participating, contact P/C Worth Parker at worthagency@bellsouth.net or 704-521-6422.



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September General Membership Meeting



2010 Bridge

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