

THE BULLHORN



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The Newsletter of the Durham Sail and Power Squadron - A Unit of the United States Power Squadrons

Commander's Message

Cdr Fred Cooke, P

National Safe Boating Week is meant to be a great way to kick off what will be a fun and safe summer on the water. As an organization and as a local squadron we provide safety demonstrations, conduct



free vessel safety checks, teach courses and seminars, and staff information booths in a concerted effort to raise awareness of common safety issues and ask boaters to pay extra attention to their safety behaviors. Even the most experienced boaters fall victim to boating accidents. As a case in point you may have

read in the news this past Memorial Day weekend of a tragic boating accident that occurred on High Rock Lake in Davidson County, NC. A family was leisurely drifting on the lake aboard a pontoon boat when a speedboat with four people aboard rammed them at high speed. According to reports the driver of the speedboat failed to see the pontoon boat in time to take corrective action. A three year old boy and his pregnant mother were killed, and others on the pontoon boat seriously injured. It took several hours to recover the mother's body. **NOBODY WAS WEARING A LIFE JACKET.**

I want to thank Bev and Leon Hudgins, and Michael Donaghy for their diligence and dedication in conducting vessel safety checks over the weekend. Your efforts are appreciated. And thanks to XO Beth Haskell for coordinating the activity. Folks, we could use a few more safety examiners in our squadron to share the load and expand our efforts to make

boating safer in our community. Look for more on this elsewhere in the newsletter.

District Leadership Development Training is scheduled for June 20-22 in Raleigh. This is a great opportunity to prepare for future bridge positions at both the squadron and district levels for those of you on the current bridge and those who aspire to help out in the future. Planning and teaching classes, planning social events, and performing community service takes both time and effort, and these seminars are useful in helping you develop the necessary skills to succeed.

We have some fun events just around the corner as you make your plans for the summer. Plan to spend a weekend at the coast in July as we host our second annual day cruise from Beaufort to Oriental. Plans are in the works to join forces with some of our Ft. Macon friends and get everyone aboard a vessel on July 27 for the beautiful ride up the ICW and across the river to Oriental for some food and frolic. We had a great time last year (with a slight weather glitch) and look to involve even more of our members this year. The plan also includes some co op charting on Sunday morning. Details are in the planning stages, but please let Ann McKenzie know if you are interested. We will talk more about this at our next member meeting.

Also mark your calendars for our fall/summer outing at Jordan Lake on August 3. We will be joining forces with Raleigh Sail and Power Squadron for a great day of food and water fun. Finally, don't forget the District 27/District 5 Rendezvous being held this August 8-11 in Cape Charles, VA. More details on all of these activities will be forthcoming.

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Birthdays in June

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Jun 8

Mary Mosley

Jun 12

Klaus Ford, P

Jun 16

Ben Edkins, P

Jun 17

Elizabeth Alt, SN

Jun 20

Melodie Parrish

Jun 21



Upcoming Events

**Jun 13 Monthly Member Meeting, 1830,
Bennett Pointe Grill**

Jun 20-22 District Leadership Training

Jul 27-28 Day Cruise/Co-op Charting

Aug 3 Jordan Lake Cookout with RSPS

**Aug 8-11 D/27 & D/5 Rendezvous, Cape
Charles, VA**

Aug 16-18 Fall Boat Show

Sep 27-28 D/27 Fall Council/Conference

Next Monthly Member Meeting on June 13.

Our next Monthly Member Meeting will be held on **Thursday, June 13** at Bennett Pointe Grill. Meet at 1830 to order from the menu and the program will begin at 1900.

Tom Jones, from Wake-Falls Marine will be providing us with information about preparing your boat for the new boating season. In addition he will discuss launching, loading and trailering.

Other member meetings are scheduled for September 12, October 10, and November 14. **There are no monthly meetings in July or August.**

We hope to see you at these meetings to keep updated on Squadron activities and listen to informative speakers!

Safe Boating Week

Lt/C Beth Haskell, JN

On May 8, the Governor signed a proclamation declaring May 18-24, 2013 as Safe Boating Week (for a link to the Governor's proclamation visit <http://www.governor.nc.gov/sites/default/files/orders-and-proclamations/20130516/Safe%20Boating%20Week0001.pdf>).



DSPS helped observe this week by conducting Vessel Safety Checks. 1st/Lt Michael Donaghy was

located at Lake Gaston and P/C Beverly and P/Lt/C Leon Hudgins were at Falls Lake, with Lt/C Beth Haskell assisting in handing out literature to adults and stickers to the kids.



Bev and Leon got four boats checked before the predicted storms rolled in and ended the activity before noon.

Upcoming we have the Fall Boat show

at the NC State Fairgrounds 16-18 August. As always, enjoy the show on the squadron by simply working the squadron booth for a few hours. Let me know if you are interested. We will be joining with Raleigh Sail and Power Squadron at this event.



Have a fun and safe summer boating season.

Member Meeting and Other Opportunities

Lt/C Ann McKenzie, P

Please join us for our upcoming member meeting June 13th at Bennett Pointe Grill. Tom Jones, from Wake-



Falls Marine will be providing us with information about preparing your boat for the new boating season, including battery preparation, how to successfully start your boat after its been sitting, and how to test your fuel system for water and what to do if you

find water. In addition he will discuss the dos and don'ts about launching and loading. The last item will concern boat trailer maintenance. Tom spoke to our group last year and everyone loved the information. This meeting will be well worth your time.

The next event is July 27-28 our day cruise from Beaufort to Oriental and our co-op charting. This is a valuable service to the Coast Guard. Please let me know if you plan to attend. I will have a list of suggested motels in the area.

On August 3rd, we will join the Raleigh Squadron for a Lake Jordan outing. I have invited the Durham Fire Department Rescue to bring their Zodiac boats again. I am waiting to hear from them. It was a fun experience to ride in the Zodiac and hear their stories.

August 8-11 is the D27/D5 Rendezvous in Cape Charles, Va. It should be a great event as always.

I hope you plan to join us, especially new members or those we have not seen for awhile. These water events are a wonderful source of camaraderie with fellow boaters.

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Our next member dinner meeting will be at Bennett Pointe Grille on Thursday, June 13. Ann Mckenzie has arranged for Tom Jones (no ladies, not THAT Tom Jones) with Wake-Falls Marine to visit with us. He was an extremely popular speaker last year, and you can find out what he'll be talking about in this issue of the Bullhorn.

See you on the water.

Online Partner in Command Seminar Available

USPS has introduced *Partner in Command*, the first of many new online seminars and courses from the most trusted name in recreational boating education.



Do you know someone who wants to become more confident with anchoring, docking, signaling, handling emergencies, first aid and

more? Partner in Command provides essential information about how to safely operate a boat. Students will:

- get an in-depth introduction to boating
- understand anchoring, docking and navigation
- be able to assist during bad weather and onboard emergencies
- enjoy fully interactive learning from the comfort of home

Forward this information and encourage your friends and family to sign up today for this comprehensive introduction to boating. Go to: <http://www.usps.org/edonline/> for registration information.

More online courses are coming soon!

We Need Vessel Examiners

The Durham Sail and Power Squadron has a need for additional Vessel Safety Examiners.

Any USPS member who is at least 18 years old may become a VE by attending a training session, passing a proctored open-book test, and performing five VSCs under the supervision of a certified Vessel Examiner (either USPS or USCGA). The open-book test may also be taken online at <http://safetyseal.net/usps-ve-test.htm>. A VE will retain certification by performing a minimum of five VSCs per year. Additional information regarding VE certification and other responsibilities is in the Vessel Safety Check Manual.

When the prospective VE passes the online exam they receive an email confirming they passed. He/she provides a copy of the confirming email to the VSC Chair. Paper Exam - The exam monitor provides a document certifying that the prospective VE has passed the exam. He/she provides a copy of the confirming document to the VSC Chair.



Then, when they complete their five mentored VSCs (the mentor is responsible for reporting these completions to the Chair) the VSC Chair submits the VSC-2 Certified Vessel Examiners Form to headquarters via email, fax or mail. Headquarters will then add them to the database of certified VEs.

1st/Lt Michael Donaghy, our ASEO and VSC Chair, outlined a link for us to check out. Please Read The Below Manual: http://www.uscg.mil/directives/cim/16000-16999/CIM_16796_8.pdf

If interested in taking the test or finding out additional information, please contact Michael via email at: michael@donaghy.org.

Districts 5 and 27
Crossing Paths Reunion Rendezvous
8-11 August 2013
Bay Creek Marina and Resort, Cape Charles, Virginia

Accommodations

Bay Creek Marina – 1-757-331-8640

Slip rental \$2.50 per ft per day, 30 amp - \$8.00 pd, 50 amp - \$12.00 pd
Individual must call to make slip arrangements

Hotel Cape Charles – 235 Mason Ave, Cape Charles, Va 1-757-695-3854

Beautiful ultra-modern rooms, \$3.5 million renovation completed last year. Only 16 rooms available, includes complimentary light breakfast and Wi-Fi.

Bay Creek Resort – www.baycreekresort.com or **1-757-331-8750** or **1-757-331-8756** (Skya Church). Various size homes within walking distance to the marina. Web site has information and pictures of the homes. Groups can pair up to rent these lovely homes. There may be a discount option if USPS rent enough of these homes through the Bay Creek Resort Rental Property.

Shore Stay Suites – www.shorestaysuites.com or **1-757-331-4090**

This all suite hotel is located on Highway 13 only 3 miles from Cape Charles business area. Each suite has a full kitchen with full size appliances.

Bed and Breakfast

Bay Haven Inn at Cape Charles – 403 Tazewell Ave, Cape Charles 1-757-331-2838

www.bayhaveninnbnb.com

The Baywood B&B – 31400 Latimers Bluff Rd, Cape Charles 1-209-4406

www.thebaywood.com

Cape Charles House B&B – 645 Tazewell Ave, Cape Charles 1-757-331-4920

www.capecharleshouse.com

Chesapeake Bay View B&B – 212 Bay Ave, Cape Charles 1-757-331-2087

www.chesapeakebayview.com

Fig Street Inn – 711 Tazewell Ave, Cape Charles 1-757-331-3133

www.figstreetinn.com

Sea Gate B&B – 9 Tazewell Ave, Cape Charles 1-757-331-2206

www.seagatebb.com

Campgrounds

Cherrystone Family Camping Resort – 1511 Townfield Dr, Cape Charles 1-757-331-3063

www.cherrystoneva.com This camping resort offers tent sites, RV sites, cottages, cabins and on-site trailers to rent.

Kiptopeke State Park – 3540 Kiptopeke Dr, Cape Charles 1-800-933 PARK or 1-757-331-2267

www.dcr.virginia.gov/parks/kiptopek.htm

This camping park is located about 10 miles from Bay Creek Marina.

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 June 13th at Bennett Pointe Grill beginning at 1830.**

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9	10	11	12	13 Monthly Member Meeting, BP Grill	14 Flag Day	15
16 Father's Day	17	18	19	20	21 Summer Begins	22
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