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Commander's Message

Cdr Fred Cooke, P

Day Cruise Redux

Once again Murphy's Law raised its ugly head, and we were forced to reschedule the day cruise for later this fall. But all was not lost. Nine DSPS members spent a great weekend at the beach with seven members participating in three hours of co-op charting on Saturday morning. We shared some fun meals with P/D/C Harold O'Briant and his wife Bobbie and D27 D/C Bob Howd and his wife Sandie who graciously



opened up their homes to house a number of our group. Joe and Sandy Donaghy went out fishing with me Friday afternoon, and we brought back a few dinner-sized Spanish Mackerels. I'll keep you posted on plans to reschedule the cruise portion of the outing to Oriental.

The summer is halfway over, and we have a full slate of activities planned for the remainder of the year. Beth Haskell and Ann McKenzie have worked hard to set up our Jordan Lake outing with RSPS on Saturday, August 3, and we had around 23 DSPS members and three Durham Fire Department personnel on hand. After that is the D27 Rendezvous at Cape Charles, VA on August 8-11. And XO Beth Haskell needs volunteers to work the boat show at the state fairgrounds the weekend of August 16-18. What a great opportunity to showcase our squadron and promote upcoming courses. Ron Mosley has scheduled an ABC course beginning September 16 and running Monday nights through November 11.

Of course, we are constantly reminded of the responsibility we have to operate our watercraft safely. How tragic that a bride-to-be and her future husband's best man were killed in a boating accident on the Hudson River on Sunday while on a nighttime pleasure cruise. Danger lurks where you least expect it, whether it be a dimly lit barge or unmarked shoaling after a big storm. So, as always, be safe and set the example for others when you are out on the water.

Smallest International Bridge

Photo by P/C Mark Haskell, AP



While visiting the Thousand Islands area of Lake Ontario last month we passed a pair of islands connected by a foot bridge. Both private, one island is in New York, USA and the other in Ontario, Canada.

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Birthdays in August

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P/Lt/C Mike Moorman, JN	Aug 3
Janet Estabrooks	Aug 4
Rob Shoaf	Aug 8
Lt/C Beth Haskell, JN	Aug 13
Susan Caudill	Aug 21
Graham Whitesell, P	Aug 28



Upcoming Events

- Aug 8-11 D/27 & D/5 Rendezvous, Cape Charles, VA**
- Aug 16-18 Fall Boat Show, Raleigh**
- Aug 22 ExCom Meeting, 1900**
- Sep 1-8 USPS Governing Board, San Antonio**
- Sep 12 Monthly Member Meeting, Bennett Pointe Grill, 1830**
- Sep 27-28 D/27 Fall Council/Conference, Greenville**
- Jan 11 DSPS Change of Watch, Croasdaile**

Remaining Monthly Member Meetings

The remaining monthly member meetings for 2013 are scheduled for September 12, October 10, and November 14 at Bennett Pointe Grill. There will be no monthly meeting in August. The November meeting will be our Annual Meeting and election of officers.

The September meeting will be held on Thursday, September 12 beginning at 1830 at Bennett Pointe Grill. The speaker is TBA but hopes are for Tom Jones with the Wake-Falls Mobile Marine.

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

Executive Office Happenings

Lt/C Beth Haskell, JN

I hope that you all had a great time at USPS's 100th anniversary party and picnic with Raleigh at Jordan Lake. It was a fun way to kick off August activities.



Our next joint activity is a chance for you to shop for a new boat or boat supplies and help the Durham and Raleigh squadrons out by taking a shift or two at the Carolina Fall Boat Show at the NC State Fairgrounds, 16-18 August. The show hours are:

Friday, August 16	12:00pm - 8:00pm
Saturday, August 17	10:00am - 7:00pm
Sunday, August 18	11:00am - 5:00pm

I will be taking the first shift on Friday at noon.

Let me know at bethandmark@mac.com which day and roughly the time of day you want to work a shift, and I will confirm the time slot with Raleigh and get back to you. As always, if you work a shift, you get into the show for free.

Come on out and have a good time talking about boating safety and USPS and DSPS activities.



<http://carolinafallboatshow.com/>

Ed Dept Scuttlebutt

P/C Ronald Mosley, JN

Greetings from the Education Department!

The summer is winding down and fall is fast approaching, so it is time to start thinking about new fall courses. The fall ABC course is scheduled to begin Monday night on September 16, 2013 from 7:00PM-9:00PM at McMannen United Methodist Church, 4102 Neal Road, Durham. The course will end on November 11. There is a



\$50 dollar fee to cover expenses including books and course supplies. Please tell your friends about the course and encourage them to attend. Ask them to contact me for information and to register via email or phone at the address and number below.

Advanced Piloting will begin somewhat later than the ABC course. It will probably carry over the holiday season much like the last Piloting class. Interested students please give me some feedback about the appropriate time to start this class. Ten students completed the last Piloting class ending April 1 and I am looking forward to seeing all of them in the new AP class. There are 2 additional P's in the Squadron that are very welcome to join us in the new AP class.

We probably will wait for a new group of ABC graduates before offering a new Seamanship class.

As always, if you have an interest in taking a course, please let me know. Send me an email (RonMosley@Frontier.com) or give me a call (919-489-8468) to discuss the courses and your desired time to take the classes. Some lead time will be required to arrange instructors and meeting locations. Any of the courses can also be self studied.

Be a Good Neighbor at the Dock

P/C Charles D. Hayne, S

It's important to the comfortable and friendly use of your dock space that you be aware of those who are berthed on your starboard and your port sides. A



little extra effort to do the right things can make life pleasant in the marina for all. Often we get complacent or lazy at dockside and forget about our dockside neighbors.

First things first: get to know your neighbors. Don't be bashful about saying hello and introducing yourself at the start of the season. It's always easier to be mindful about the persons around you and their property if you know a bit about them. This goes both ways. Use your common sense and learn how to tie up your vessel so that it causes no problems for you or for your neighbors. Look around the marina and see how others have their lines and fenders deployed. Above all, do not allow your excess line to lie on the dock like a wet noodle, causing a tripping hazard. Learn to coil or flemish your loose line. You could be liable if someone tripped and got hurt.

Remember the proper sequence for connecting your AC cord to the dock power box. Turn off the onboard breakers, then turn off the breaker and disconnect the power cord from the dock first. If you were to accidently drop the AC into the water while the onboard and the AC was connected, you might get the biggest shock of your life. Sometimes folks get lazy and just hand it to someone on the dock, or carry it to the dock box to plug it in. Make that a definite no-no.

If you are going to leave your boat after dark, turn off all outside lights that may glare into your neighbor's boat. Turn off or turn down VHF radio or electronics that could get noisy while you are away from your boat.

Check your gray water connections periodically and replace any that are chafed, split or broken. No one

wants to be parked next to a stinkpot. Never have a water tank that is allowed to overflow anywhere on board. Plumb them to overflow overboard. Be sure never to connect a dock water supply to the pressure side of your onboard water supply. If a clamp slips, or a tube separates or splits, there is an unlimited supply of water coming onboard. You may end up commanding a sinking ship.

Take the time to know the How-To's of being a good dock neighbor. It will pay off.

Some Scenes From the August Picnic

Photos by Lt/C Beth Haskell, JN

An article and additional photos from the joint DSPS/RSPS Picnic at Jordan Lake on August 3 will appear in the September issue of The Bullhorn.



Co-Op Charting Excursion

P/C Paula Schubert, AP

Photos by Lt/C Frank Schubert, JN

Although we needed to postpone the day cruise to Oriental on July 27th, nine members of DSPS opted to go to the beach for some co-op charting and camaraderie anyway. (A couple of us just wanted



to get to the other side of that bridge at least once this summer.) Those in attendance were Fred Cooke, Mimi Chitty, Doug Campbell, Joe and Sandy Donaghy, Ron and Mary Mosley, and Frank and Paula Schubert.

Fred went down on Thursday and Joe and Sandy joined him for a little fishing excursion on Friday.

Frank and I arrived a little after 1700 on Friday and settled in at Pine Knoll Shores briefly before heading over to Beaufort to meet the rest of the group at The Old Salt Restaurant and Oyster Bar for dinner. We were joined



by Ft. Macon members, Bob and Sandie Howd, and Harold O'Briant and Bobbie Hill. Thanks to Harold for making the arrangements, the thirteen of us had a private room, good food, outstanding personal service, and even met the chef/owner.



We made arrangements for the next day's activities. Seven of us wanted to participate in co-op charting the next day. Since Fred had the only boat down there, we were divvied up into two groups. Fred wanted to

make sure that everyone on each shift had a role to play in the co-op charting duties.

On Saturday the first shift consisting of Fred, Mimi, Ron and Doug left the Radio Island Marina around



0900 for an hour and a half of co-op charting. The second shift consisting of Fred, Frank, Joe, and Sandy headed out for another hour and a half. Mary and Paula opted for other entertainment that morning.

At 1300 everyone reconvened at The Ruddy Duck Tavern in Morehead City (sans Bob who had District business to attend to). Following great food and a discussion of how things went in the morning, the group broke up and agreed to meet for dinner at the The Monkey Bar in Atlantic Beach. Doug needed to leave to head home on Saturday afternoon so we bid him a safe trip, and Harold and Frank went out to look at a boat for sale. After meeting for dinner, we went our own ways and agreed that it was a great weekend for a get together at the beach!



Many thanks are extended to Bob and Sandie Howd who hosted Mimi, Ron and Mary in their home; Harold O'Briant and Bobbie Hill who hosted Frank and Paula in their home; and Fred Cooke who hosted Joe and Sandy Donaghy in his home.



Hopes are that we will be able to reschedule the cruising part of the trip for later this fall with the Ft. Macon Squadron.

First Class Mail

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**The next DSPS Monthly Member Meeting on Thursday,
September 12 at Bennett Pointe Grill beginning at 1830.**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Jordan Lake Picnic with RSPS
4	5	6	7	8 D/27 and D/5 Rendezvous - Cape Charles, VA	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 Raleigh Boat Show	17
18 Raleigh Boat Show	19	20	21 Full Moon	22 Ex Com Meeting	23	24 Bullhorn Articles Due
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
SEP 1	2 Labor Day	3	4 Rosh Hashanah begins	5	6	7