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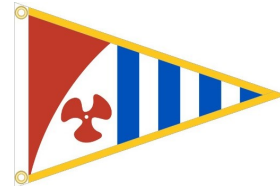
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What an awesome time!! For those of you that were at the Poker Run know exactly what I'm talking about. The weather was perfect, the participation was excellent, and it was great to see everyone working together to make it a success. I can't thank Rhonda Hardee enough for the many hours she put into insuring it went off without a hitch. We had a lot of positive feedback and a few suggestions from the participants for our next one. Again, thank you to EVERYONE that volunteered their time. If you helped in anyway with the Poker Run, please send me an email with the number of hours volunteered, to include travel time, for submission towards your Merit Mark. Remember, you only need 10 hours of volunteer time to earn a Merit Mark!

Our next **Bridge/Executive Committee meeting** will be on Tuesday, **August 7**, at 6:30 p.m., at the Murrells Inlet Community Center, located at 4450 Murrells Inlet Rd., Murrells Inlet. All members are invited to attend. The next boating activity will be the **Cox Ferry Raft-up** on Saturday, **August 25**. Please contact Rhonda Hardee, our Boating Activities Chairperson, to sign-up or for more information.

We have had some members express an interest in helping with the 2019 D/26 Spring Conference. It will be held **March 8-10, 2019**, at the Crown Reef Beach Resort in Myrtle Beach. Again, I know its seven months away, but we can't wait until the last minute. Since this is the first time hosting the conference for many of us, I would like to match-up our experienced members with our first timers on the committees. An example of some of the committees are: Finance, Public Relations, Hospitality Room, Silent Auction, Meals (Friday and Saturday), and Entertainment. Please let me know if there is a particular committee or event you would like to help with. This would be an excellent way to earn your Merit Mark for 2019!

Just a reminder that we continue to look for fresh ideas and new talent. Do you enjoy computer work? Maybe you'd like to be our web master. How about taking pictures? You can serve as a photographer on one of our cruises or at a public function. Do you like to write? Why not share a boating experience by writing an article for the Fore 'n Aft. How about making sure your charts are accurate by participating in the Co-Op Charting Program? These are just a few ways to get involved without being on the Executive Committee (Bridge). Always remember, the more you put into it, the more you will get out of it. *LBPS is successful and moving forward because of its dedicated and enthusiastic members.*

I mentioned earlier about Merit Mark submissions. Please email your ***time spent and type of activity*** for ANY Long Bay Power Squadron function to me to insure you get credit when it comes time for Merit Mark submission. ***Times should also include time spent preparing for a squadron activity.*** All it takes is 10 hours to earn your Merit Mark! I will start to compile the recommendations for Merit Marks at the beginning of September.

If you have any questions, concerns, or recommendations, I can be reached at: 843-668-4267 (H) or 724-875-1042 (C) or at davedubarr@hotmail.com.

Thank you everyone for all you are doing!



As your Long Bay "Sunshine Lady", I would like to send a bit of sunshine to anyone in our Squadron who could use some cheering up. In order for me to do this I need your help. Please let me know if you hear of someone in need.

Mary Lou Gienopie, mlgienopie@yahoo.com



*Administrative Officer
Lt/C Deidre Laser*

FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Hope everyone is enjoying their summer and had a good time on the Poker Run. As a reminder, we do not have dinner meetings in July or August. Our next business meeting will be held at T- Bonz at 1169 Seaboard, Myrtle Beach, SC, near Coastal Grand Mall on 11 September 2018, beginning at 1800. I will be making a presentation on the Great Lakes. And then looking further ahead, our October business meeting will be held on 9 October 2018 at Damons Grill at 2985 S Ocean Blvd, Myrtle Beach. Our speaker will be retired naval officer Craig Elliott.

Even though Gary and I enjoy vacationing in a cooler climate, we miss all of you, and can't wait to see everyone upon our return.

Deidre Laser
Administrative Officer
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Surf Water promotions is a new signs and banners, etc. Check out their website at www.surfwaterpromotions.com or check their Facebook page. Any questions you may have regarding items available, minimum quantities or cost contact Starr Schaker at 843-215-6123

The USPS Mission

*To Promote Recreational Boating Safety Through
Education and Civic Activities While Providing
Fellowship for our Members.*



Education Officer Lt/C Donald Nicholas

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Weather Course Starting 9/10/2018

The safety and comfort of those who venture out-on-the water have always been weather dependent. In the weather course students will become keener observers of the weather, but weather observations only have meaning in the context of the basic principles of meteorology — the science of the atmosphere.

The course focuses on how weather systems form, behave, move, and interact with one another and reflects the availability of all sorts of weather reports and forecasts on the Internet. “Weather 2012” is a general weather course benefiting those sitting in their living rooms, as much as those standing behind the helm.

NOAA and its National Weather Service have recognized the major contribution that USPS makes in weather education for recreational boaters. The recognition took the form of USPS (and all its districts and squadrons) being designated a “Weather-Ready Nation Ambassador™.”

This course will be offered starting Monday 10 September, 2018 at the South Fire Station # 3 located off Harrellson Blvd. at 2108 S Kings Hwy, Myrtle Beach SC 29577.

Cost is \$60 for members and \$90 for non-members. If you haven’t already signed up and wish to do so, please contact Nick Gilliam (nick@gilliam.com) or the instructor, Larry Byrd

More on this Weather Course from education Guru Larry Byrd...

The most talked about subject in the world “WEATHER”. Eleven students have signed up to better understand it and I am trying to put the final touches on this course scheduled to start Monday 10 September at the south end fire station. I will try to get student materials into your hands at least a week prior so we get off to a good start. An agenda will be attached to that material. If you are interested and have not let our SEO know, please do so quickly before student material is ordered. Monday night classes will begin at 1830 and run for 8 or 9 weeks. If you have questions call or email. Larry Byrd – 843-907-2324 – lbyrd4@sc.rr.com





Boating Activities

By Boating Activities Chair - Lt/C Rhonda L. Hardee, JN



Poker Run July 21, 2018

I don't have to tell you how much fun we had at the poker run, because you were there. For the rest of you that missed it, BOY!!! Did you miss it! Four boats made it a weekend by arriving on Friday. Fourteen of us gathered together for an old-fashioned evening meal of roast, potatoes, carrots, green beans, rolls, and... of course, banana pudding. We also had cantaloupe and watermelon. After our bellies were full, we discussed what the weekend would hold, told war stories, and shared knowledge.

Saturday morning came bright and early. Everyone came together to set up and prepare for the masses. The work load is so much lighter when there are 18 people assisting with making the day run smoothly. We were able to set up and enjoy coffee and donuts before the boats and passengers started arriving. The participants came from near and far. We had attendants from Conway, Myrtle Beach, Murrells Inlet, Aynor, Galivants Ferry, Georgetown, Mullins, Dillion, Hemingway, and believe it or not, Darlington. Registration was at Bucksport Marina with the drawing of the first card. After which, the boats went to three anchored boats on the water to get three more cards, and eventually back to Bucksport for the last card. Now let the competition begin.....Who had the best hand? If you were close, you could purchase an additional card to make your hand better for \$5. The excitement that comes with anticipation of pulling that ONE card that you need. Larry Byrd won the best hand. Rick Bray won the worst hand.

We also had a silent auction and 50/50. There was a tent set up for signup for ABC class, membership, and Vessel Safety Checks were preformed. Participants were able to enjoy a discounted meal in Capt. Buck's Port Restaurant and a DJ for dancing.

Do you have any idea what it takes to get 32 boats and 93 people together for a successful poker run? **TEAMWORK!** Thank you for everyone that participated. This huge event would not have been made possible without all of us working together like a freshly oiled machine. At the end of the day, we had a great day and a very successful fundraiser.

Thank you everyone who helped Saturday. Mostly, thank you to my hubby for having patience with me when I was organizing this event.

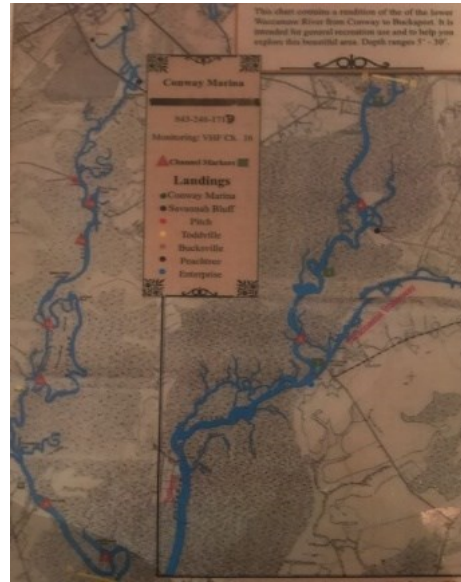
Rhonda Hardee







Commander spent the day making new friends and having lunch with them.....



“Always render assistance when possible”

Raft-up Cox Ferry 11:00 – until Saturday, August 25, 2018

It’s time to beat the heat of summer! After these last two months, it is time to slow down to southern speed. We will have our first raft-up of the summer just to swim, relax, eat, and socialize. Our raft-up will be at Cox Ferry Lake on the Waccamaw River. We will raft in a circle, stern to stern, and swim in the center of the boats. Bring a picnic lunch and floats. Invite all your friends! I have “charts” available for those that are not familiar with the Waccamaw or you may purchase one like above at Osprey Marina. Our river is documented to be “the most beautiful river in America” and yet most of the locals never navigate up her to enjoy the scenery in our own back yard. Watch your bends in the river. She will lead you. If there is question, you can thank the county people of Horry county that made our own Nav aids or just ask one of the many jon boats or pontoons. They will tell you how to get there, or more than likely, lead the way. When the Coast Guard removed the Nav Aids, the Conwayites stepped up to take care of our river. We are proud of her. To RSVP text Rhonda Hardee at 843-902-8653.



Look for signs...stay Right



Stay Right



Red marker



Cleaning debris from our river



BOATING SAFETY = SAFE BOATING

From Executive Officer Gary Laser

Whether you own a large boat that goes offshore or a smaller boat that runs the inland lakes and ICW, you need to take care of it. The following page is a checklist of maintenance that you should perform. Do the best with what you have, and if you need professional help, make sure you do your homework on the service provider you hire.

Maintenance Timeline

	EVERY OUTING	EVERY 20 HRS.	EVERY 50 HRS.	EVERY 100 HRS.	EVERY SEASON BEFORE LAYUP
ENGINE AND DRIVE					
Check engine oil/fill	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Check transom mounting bolts/jack plate bolts (if equipped)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Check propeller and skeg for damage	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Check drive/gearcase for water/burnt lubricant & refill		✓	✓	✓	✓
Treat fuel with decarbonizer		✓	✓	✓	✓
Check engine operating temperature			✓	✓	✓
Check engine for proper operating RPM @ WOT			✓	✓	✓
Check fuel lines for alcohol and UV degradation			✓	✓	✓
Lubricate all grease points				✓	✓
Check power trim/tilt fluid, refill if necessary				✓	✓
Coat electrical w/silicone protectant spray				✓	✓
Have linkage/synchronization checked				✓	✓
Retorque all accessible bolts/fasteners				✓	✓
Touch up paint				✓	✓
Check engine mounts and swivel/steering bracket for excessive play				✓	✓
Replace water pump impeller				✓	✓
Treat fuel with storage conditioner, fog engine, drain/refill oil, replace oil/fuel filters				✓	✓
STEERING SYSTEM					
Check for excessive play/movement	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Check fluid level/check for leaks/bleed system (hydraulic)			✓	✓	✓
Check engine free-play and adjust (dual cable/NFB)			✓	✓	✓
Lubricate all grease points			✓	✓	✓
Check for kinks (hydraulic and mechanical) and/or binding (mechanical)				✓	✓
BOAT: INTERIOR, TOPS, SAFETY GEAR, HULL, HARDWARE					
Check hull for damage; repair if necessary	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Check transom for possible cracking	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Wash hull and deck	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Check registration and inspection to ensure up-to-date	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Check bilge pump and auto switch for proper operation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Check battery(s) for proper charge	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Check all other electrical accessories and systems for proper operation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Check safety gear to ensure up-to-date and in good condition	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Check fire extinguishing systems	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Clean and protect interior		✓	✓	✓	✓
Wax/polish hull and deck			✓	✓	✓
Clean bilge			✓	✓	✓
Check top, cover, etc. for condition, proper storage and clean/protect			✓	✓	✓
Check bow and stern eyes for tightness and secure mounting				✓	✓
Check rub rail for damage and repair if necessary				✓	✓
Check all cleats, rail fittings and deck fittings for tightness and secure mounting				✓	✓
TRAILER					
Check coupler mechanism for proper operation; lubricate w/silicone spray	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Check safety chains for rust, damage	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Check winch and winch strap; check emergency retention chain/strap	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Check tiedowns and tiedown eyes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Check lights, connector and wiring harness for condition and repair if necessary	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Check tires for proper inflation pressure (include spare)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Check wheel bearings for proper grease level, binding, excessive noise		✓	✓	✓	✓
Check suspension for rust, damage, missing bolts; repair if necessary			✓	✓	✓
Check tires for age, weather checking, low/uneven tread (check spare also)			✓	✓	✓
Check wheels for condition			✓	✓	✓
Check boat support bunks/rollers for condition			✓	✓	✓
Check frame for rust; paint if necessary				✓	✓
Repack wheel bearings				✓	✓

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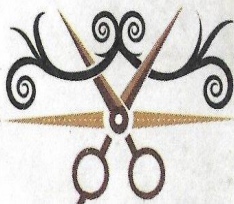
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Long Bay's Monthly Calendar of Events.....

<i>August 2018</i>						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Bridge Meeting 1830 Murrells Inlet Community Center	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	19
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Cox Ferry raft up on Waccamaw
26	27	28	29	31	31	

August Birthdays!

Deidre Laser 8/3	Augustus Little 8/3
Richard Gienopie 8/4	Jessica Avinger 8/9
Joseph Costanzo 8/16	Stanley Gucwa 8/16
Corryn Patterson 8/18	John Kohan 8/21
Carla Booth 8/21	

Who's Who Afloat

Dopey
Rich & Mary Lou Gienopie

The Admiral's Lady
Carla Booth

Jazz Cat
Nick and Mary Gilliam

River Chic
Rhonda & Ricky Hardee

Amy Lynn
Amy and Gus Leftis

Sotally Tober
Stan and Donna Gucwa

Summertime Blues
Steve & Jessica Avinger

Love Me Du
Dave & Joyce DuBarr

Steelin Time
Dee and Gary Laser

Daug House
Susan Stanecki

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Deadline for submitting articles, information, material, news, reports, etc. is the 20th of every month. The deadline for scuttlebutt has been extending to the 21st of every month.

LONG BAY POWER SQUADRON

*Dinner Meeting
No Dinner meeting in August.
See you in September!*

Squadron Policy: Cancellations must be made 48 hours prior to meeting to avoid receiving an invoice. Extenuating circumstances will be considered on an individual basis.

