



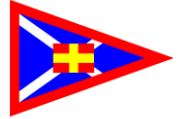
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ROCKY MOUNT POWER SQUADRON

THE COASTAL PLAINS SIGNAL

May 2018



Commander Linda (Bug) K. Joyner, S

C I have just returned from Las Vegas, the temperature there was in the 100s. I saw many beautiful things such as the Grand Canyon and many crazy things, too insane to mention! I also just completed my first Spartan Sprint in Washington DC. It is a 3+ mile race with 22 obstacles. So if I am walking like a stiff penguin, you will know why.

The rendezvous in Oriental with the Tar River squadron was quite a lot of fun. We participated in a corn hole competition, a poker run and beer tasting at New Village Brewery. Ernie Marshburn won first place in the poker run. Ernie and Lorraine won the corn hole competition. It was a fierce battle but Harry made sure all the rules were followed. The river keepers took about 20 people out on kayaks for a relaxing paddle on the Neuse. The food was excellent. Everyone that attended enjoyed themselves.

We have some changes that have occurred in the squadron and we will work through these as the strong team that we are. We also have several events coming up very quickly. I have registered our Ready, Set, Wear It Campaign with the National Safe Boating Council. We will have our event during the Down East Youth and Adult Bass Fishing Tournament sponsored for the Williford School. We should have a good turnout with all the children and bass boaters. I hope we can get our squadron's event in the Ensign. This event is on May 19, 2018 at the Tar River Reservoir.

The District 27 Rendezvous is scheduled for June 8 and 9 in New Bern, NC. There are many exciting activities scheduled for the rendezvous. There will be a downtown New Bern Art walk for all the art lovers. Our sponsors have scheduled a tour of the CABO/Hatteras Boat Manufacturing Plant. I truly enjoyed that when we participated a few years ago. The boats are magnificent and the tour was very informative. There will be competitions such as corn hole, bocce, croquet, racket ball and conch blowing. Boat loads of fun are in store!

The summer is here and boating season is at hand. Take time to get your boat in ship shape and have a vessel safety check done. Safety is very important out on the water but begins with your boat being in the right condition with all the proper tools.

I look forward to spending time with everyone enjoying these activities!

Take care and give someone a smile today!

Commander Linda Joyner (bug), S



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RMPS Calendar 2018

18-19 May Tar River Reservoir	Down East Youth and Adult Fishing Tour.	12-19 August Marriott City Center Minneapolis, MN	USPS Governing Board
08-09 June New Bern, NC	D27 Rendezvous	1800 Monday 13 August	RMPS Bridge Meeting El Jimador, Rocky Mount, NC
1800 Monday 11 June	RMPS Bridge Meeting El Jimador, Rocky Mount, NC	1800 Monday 10 September	RMPS Bridge Meeting El Jimador, Rocky Mount, NC
1800 Monday 25 July	RMPS Family Night Ribeyes, Nashville, NC	1800 Monday 08 October	RMPS Bridge Meeting El Jimador, Rocky Mount, NC
1800 Monday 09 July	RMPS Bridge Meeting El Jimador, Rocky Mount, NC	19-20 October	D27 Fall Council/Conference Hilton Doubletree Atlantic Beach, NC



VESSEL SAFETY CHECK

P/C Christopher E. Payne, AP

Chair VSC Committee

Call any of our Vessel Examiners to get your Free Vessel Safety Check today. We have plenty of VSC decals on hand. You can even prepare ahead of time by performing your own pre-VSC online at www.safetyseal.net by clicking on "Virtual Vessel Safety Check".

Thanks Chris

Contact me at 252 641-1233 or cepsmpcs@aol.com
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Oriental Cruise and Rendezvous: April 27-29, 2018

Tar River and Rocky Mount Power Squadrons

By P/C Lorraine B. Ryan, P

Twenty-five members of the Tar River Sail and Power Squadron and Rocky Mount Power Squadron had the most beautiful weather in Oriental for their first joint squadron venture. Actually, there were also members from the Pamlico, Raleigh and Caper Lookout squadrons. *Miss Margaret*, LM and Margaret's boat motored to Oriental from Morehead City. It was the spot to be on Friday night for hors d'oeuvres and drinks.

Activities were planned for everyone throughout the weekend. For those staying at the Oriental Marina and Inn the movie, *Operation Petticoat*, played on the deck Friday night after everyone bent their elbows on *Miss Margaret*. All attendees received a "goodie" bag, which had a map with locations for the Poker Run (organized by Meg Cooke), a bottle of water, candies and information about Oriental. There were eight locations around town to pick a card and try to get the best poker hand and win. Of course, many of the locations were shops that had an array of enticing articles of clothing, cards and food. You were allowed to visit during the day as long as you presented your hand back at the Inn later that afternoon.

A 9:00 am get-together at the Oriental Museum was a treasure trove of information. Ben Reed arranged the event and we had a personal guide who explained some of the memorabilia. There were photos, items recovered from the waters around Oriental, which included artifacts from the steamship, "Oriental", for which the town was named. A jukebox, WW II and old school memorabilia and even an Indian dugout canoe were some of the many items. A must see for anyone visiting the quaint town.

Those interested in a little more physical activity, picked out their kayaks at the boat launch from Sound Rivers, the local River Keepers, who were also sponsoring a fundraiser for their organization. Bill Hines, who took us on a creek cruise at the District 27 Rendezvous several years ago, was our creek guide again. Bug and I went with a tandem kayak just as we did when we cruised down the Neuse River. Approximately 30 boats were in the water traveling and enjoying the birds and wildlife. Donations of \$10 for the kayaks also allowed you a beer at the New Village Brewery in town, the newest place to be seen. A sampler or flight of beers was enjoyed by those who sat on the back patio and listened as the owner explained each beer.

Although this was the first time a joint event was held by these two squadrons, it will not be the last! For those in abstention, too bad you missed it.

The following pictures of the Oriental Rendezvous were provided by P/C Lorraine B. Ryan, P



Clay, Wilma and Bug at the beer tasting.



Bug at the front of the Kayak.



A crab boat cruising Green Creek.



The creek cruise.

USPS PLEDGE

"I do solemnly pledge to:

Abide by the bylaws of the United States

Power Squadrons;

*Promote high standards of navigation and
seamanship;*

Maintain my boat and operate it legally;

Render assistance whenever possible;

*And conduct myself in a manner that will
add prestige, honor, and respect to the*

United States Power Squadrons.

The pictures on the following pages of the Oriental Rendezvous were made available by the Tar River Sail and Power Squadron.







D27 Rendezvous Agenda, New Bern, NC June 8-9, 2018

Host Squadron: Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity Schedule</u>	<u>(\$)</u> See Reg. Form	<u>Location</u>
Friday 8 June 2018	1000 – 1130	Hatteras/CABO Tour (No Cost) Preregister w/CLSPS P/C Lloyd Moore 252 571-2391		110 N. Glenburnie St.
	1400 – 1700	Pick up breakfast/dinner tickets and activities registration CLSPS Virtual Trainer available 50/50 Raffle purchase Free time to explore New Bern		Harrison Center 311 Middle St.
	1700 – 2000	New Bern Art Walk (No Cost)		Downtown
	1800	Reception w/hors d'oeuvres including one Complimentary beverage (No Cost)		Harrison Center 311 Middle St.
	1830	Pulled pork BBQ/Baked Chicken Dinner by Two Chefs (\$) Entertainment by Dee Dricks/Down East Dulcimers		
	1800 – 2100	Youth Poster Contest Judging (all entries due)		
Saturday 9 June 2018	0800 – 1000	Pick up breakfast/dinner tickets and activities registration		Gazebo at Union Point Park
	0830	Lite Buffet Breakfast – Two Chefs Catering (\$) Fresh fruit, Danishes, muffins, coffee		
	0900	Flag Ceremony – Cherry Point Det. 1067, Marine Corps League P/C Rob Thompson, SN Bagpiper Squadron Commanders, members and guests Guest Speaker New Bern Mayor Dana Outlaw		
	1000 – 1300	Games/Activities – Conch Blowing Contest Corn Hole, Croquet, Bocce, Ladder Ball Bring lawn chairs		
	1300	Lunch and Afternoon Activities on your own		See Activities List
	1800	Buffet Dinner and Cash Bar (\$) Mixed green salad, Beef Tenderloin Shoulder w/horseradish sauce, Coral Shrimp Pasta, Rosemary roasted potatoes, vegetable medley, dessert (Please advise of special diet request prior to event Cdr Jane Moore 919 210-6846) 50/50 Raffle drawing, Door Prizes from local merchants		The Chelsea Restaurant 335 Middle St.
Sunday 10 June 2018		A list of churches and service schedules will be available at the registration desk		

See you on 19, 20 October at the D27 Fall Council/Conference, Hilton Doubletree, Atlantic Beach!

D/27 Rendezvous in New Bern, NC

June 8-9, 2018

Reservation Form

Come by boat or car!



Special Rate Hotels

Doubletree by Hilton and BridgePoint Hotel & Marina

(See Hotels & Marinas Sheet for reservation details and other options)

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Friday 8 June 2018: Christ Church Harrison Center, 311 Middle Street

1400 – 1700 Registration and afternoon on your own in New Bern

1800 Reception with hors d'oeuvres including one complimentary wine or beer.

1830 Dinner BBQ/Baked Chicken Dinner by Two Chefs Catering by May 10 \$18.00 x = \$
Entertainment by Dee Dricks and Dulcimer Group Later \$20.00

Saturday 9 June 2018: Union Point Park Gazebo, 210 East Front Street.

0900 Flag Ceremony

Guest speaker New Bern Mayor Dana Outlaw by May 10 \$8.00 x = \$
Light Buffet Breakfast by Two Chefs Catering Later \$10.00

Bring lawn chairs for games/activities (some chairs provided)

1200 Lunch & Afternoon Activities

On your own in New Bern (see Announcement Options)

1800 Dinner at The Chelsea Restaurant, 335 Middle Street by May 10 35.00 x = \$
Buffet and Cash Bar Later \$38.00

Weekend Facilities & Activities Fee \$10.00 x = \$

Week End Total \$

**Make check payable to: District 27. Please send form and payment to:
P/C Connie Shay, 216 Kilbreck Dr., Cary, NC 27511-6342**

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