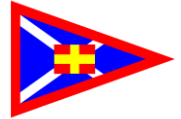




ROCKY MOUNT POWER SQUADRON

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Commander Linda (Bug) K. Joyner, S



We had a very interesting family night with D/Lt/C Pat Hakanson, SN from the Charlotte Power Squadron. Pat told us all about her Maritime Vacation! It was wonderful how Pat presented her photographs and all the many bits of information that was shared. She shared an entertaining bit of poetry relating to power squadron in the tune of "you might be a (redneck) member of the United States Power Squadron if". It

was very clever. Pat visited several maritime places in Norway, London and Portsmouth. She will be back at a later date to tell us about the glue and stitch boats she is building. You will not want to miss out on this event.

There are several upcoming events for the squadron. In August, we will have a rendezvous at the Holiday Island home of Chris and Cathy Payne. There will be a low country boil and several activities to participate in. The USPS Governing Board will be held in Minneapolis on August 12-19. Our squadron will have a Bridge meeting on August 13.

It has been a hot summer so far. Many of our members have been traveling on holiday and others for work. There has been much in the news on boat accidents and drownings. This is unfortunate that these type events occur. Boating education is an important value of America's Boating Club.

As part of America's Boating Club, we have the common goal of promoting boating education and knowledge.

Thank you all for all that you do to promote boat safety and education. With training and knowledge, boating can be fun and safe!

It takes each of us to make a difference for all of us.

"Jackie Mutcheson"

Commander Linda bug Joyner, S

RMPS Calendar 2018/2019

11 August	Holiday Island Rendezvous	1800 Monday 08 October	RMPS Bridge Meeting El Jimador, Rocky Mount, NC
12-19 August	USPS Governing Board Marriott City Center Minneapolis, MN	19-20 October	D27 Fall Council/Conference Hilton Doubletree Atlantic Beach, NC
1800 Monday 13 August	RMPS Bridge Meeting El Jimador, Rocky Mount, NC	12 January	D27 Training Meeting Cary Resurrection Lutheran Cary, NC
1800 Monday 10 September	RMPS Bridge Meeting El Jimador, Rocky Mount, NC	17-23 February	USPS Spring Annual Meeting Orlando, FL

VESSEL SAFETY CHECK

P/C Christopher E. Payne, AP

Chair VSC Committee



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Thanks Chris

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A European Vacation

By Lorraine B. Ryan, P

D/Lt/C Pat Hakanson, SN, District Executive Officer from the Charlotte Power Squadron kept everyone in the audience mesmerized by her presentation at the Rocky Mount Power Squadron's Family Night on Monday, June 25th at Ribeye's restaurant in Nashville. She spent a month traveling in Norway, London and Portsmouth, England in the summer of 2017.

Pat served as a missionary for many years and as a result met many and diverse people in her travels and in her work. One of those people was living and working in Norway and invited Pat to visit and see the country. Her base was in Bergen, which is one of the largest cities in Norway. Her host suggested that she take the "Norway in a Nutshell" tour, which gave you travels on a train, a bus and a boat. Bergen is known as the Gateway to the Fjords of Norway and Pat saw the narrow fjords firsthand. She witnessed the steep mountainsides and snow topped mountains that even still have glaciers.

Pat also has a passion for museums, which she visited in London. The National Maritime Museum in Greenwich is where the Greenwich Prime Meridian or longitude of zero degrees was established in 1884. The British Museum in London houses some 8 million works of human history art and culture while the British War Museum was intended to record the civil and military war effort and sacrifice of Britain and [its Empire](#) during the [First World War](#). It has since expanded to include all conflicts in which British or Commonwealth forces have been involved since 1914. Churchill's War Rooms in London comprises the *Cabinet War Rooms*, a historic underground complex that housed a British government command center throughout the [Second World War](#), and the *Churchill Museum*, a biographical museum exploring the life of British statesman [Winston Churchill](#). The Albert and Victoria Museum has art objects from throughout the world, even the South Seas when Captain Cook returned with many objects and lastly the London Canal Museum is self-explanatory and displays information about the history of London's canals.

Pat is a National Park fanatic here in the United States and she is a member of the Passport to Your National Parks program. Although she has not seen all 417 National Parks yet, she has visited 169 of them and is planning to hit a few on her way to and from the Governing Board meeting in Minneapolis this August. Her National Park Passport will be stamped many times.

We hope to have Pat visit the Rocky Mount Power Squadron again in the near future after she completes building her two "Stitch and Glue" rowboats. What? You can ask your questions when she returns in 2019!

The following pictures of D/Lt/C Pat Hakanson, SN were provided by Cdr Linda K. Joyner, S



Holiday Island Rendezvous

By Lorraine B. Ryan, P

The Memorial Day Rendezvous that was postponed is happening on Saturday, August 11th at Cathy and Chris's home at 126 Pirates Landing in Holiday Island, Hertford, NC.

We will be having a Low Country Boil, expertly prepared by Cathy and Chris. They will be purchasing all of the seafood, sausage, potatoes and corn needed for this delicious recipe. Therefore, we need to have a headcount prior to the event so they purchase enough. The cost of the boil will be divided by the number of guests so please call or email Cathy/Chris @yesdear516@aol.com or 252-813-1188 by August 6th so they can purchase enough food (especially the seafood). They have a new seafood store that just opened close by and they know the owners. You know that it is going to be fresh!

Please bring an appetizer, salad or dessert to go along with our boil and your own beverage to drink.

For those with a little adventure in your life, we will be having a scavenger hunt around Holiday Island. It will not be difficult and you can use your car to get around but you will have to get out once or twice to "find" things.

Looking forward to fun with friends and good eating!

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.

A Message from the Chief

Many of you are aware of the video going around that shows an adult putting a [child's] life jacket on his granddaughter, taking her into a swimming pool and demonstrating what happened when the child was allowed to float on her back. Your USPS Bridge is aware of the video and would like you all to consider the following when you are asked for your thoughts on the video.

USPS is a leading advocate that all recreational boaters should wear life jackets. This is especially true for children! States have differing laws regarding children and life jackets. Regardless of what your state's laws are, we believe that all children should always wear life jackets when on recreational boats or on the dock. We are not advocates of any particular brand of life jacket as long as it is USCG approved and is appropriate for the individual who will wear it and the conditions for which it will be used. Please consider the following:

1. It's important that children always wear life jackets when on or around the water.
2. Life jackets must always be USCG approved.
3. The life jacket must be appropriately sized for the specific child.
 - a. An adult's life jacket is inappropriate for children.
 - b. The size ratings on the life jacket should correspond to the size/weight of the child.
 - c. Regardless of the size rating on the life jacket, be sure the child's head and arms cannot slip through the openings for head and arms.
4. When the life jacket is put on the child, all belts and ties should be properly secured.
5. If the child is old enough, s/he must be able to put on his/her own life jacket.
6. Children on boats or in and around the water should always be properly supervised by one or more adults.
7. All life jackets should be periodically inspected to ensure that they're in good, serviceable condition.
8. All life jackets should be tested in calm shallow waters under controlled conditions.
9. If you have any doubts as to whether a specific life jacket is the right one for your child, check with the manufacturer and the USCG.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of C. Gary Cheney Sr. in cursive script.

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