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Cape Fear Sail & Power Squadron

CFSPS Membership Meeting
25 September 2017
Bluewater Grill, Wrightsville Beach

Our speaker will be Lt Tom Tilmon of the Wilmington Police Department (WPD). He is in charge of the WPD Downtown Task Force which includes the mounted Police as well as the WPD Police Boat. He will be predominately speaking about the Police boat and its capabilities/missions.


6:00 p.m. Social
7:00 p.m. General Membership Meeting
7:30 p.m. Lt Tom Tilmom (WPD)
No Fee

Please remember to make reservations downstairs in the Bluewater Grill restaurant, if you would like to have dinner there.

No food is allowed upstairs in the meeting room.

Next Monthly Meeting
Monday, 26 Sept
Bluewater Grill
(see invitation to right)
Commander’s Team Report
Cdr Abe Walston, P

D27 Rendezvous
What a great weekend with our friends from D27 and many other Squadrons around the state. The D27 Rendezvous was well attended with 110 total attendees and 31 from CFS&PS. The weekend began with a lively Friday afternoon welcome reception at the Wilmington Hilton Riverside with the new USCG NC Sector Commander, Captain Bion Stewart and his wife, Sandy, as our special guests. The reception was followed by a drop-in cocktail party at the Hilton docks. This event was hosted by the CFS&PS that included ten boats offering desserts and a variety of beverages. The Cocktail party offered a great time to mix with friends, meet some new people, and just have a good time. The traditional Flag ceremony was held on the fantail of the USS North Carolina. P/D/C Dave Parsons, SN served as Master of Ceremonies and P/R/C Jamie McCurry, AP served as Officer of the Day and the large crowd was treated to a flawless execution of the Flag Ceremony. After the Flag Ceremony, everyone returned to the Hilton for the corn hole competition, the traditional conch blowing contest, and sight-seeing in downtown Wilmington. On Saturday evening, attendees were treated to a delicious Caribbean themed dinner cruise on the Cape Fear River provided by Wilmington Water Tours. Good weather, good fellowship, and excellent food made for a very enjoyable conclusion to the weekend.

CPR Class
Susan Giesler of First Hands CPR gave an excellent CPR class that included basic CPR, Heimlich Maneuver, First Aid, and use of an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED). Susan’s presentation was professional and very thorough and after the training, the class felt confident that they would be able to successfully perform CPR should the occasion arise.

The class was attended (L to R) by Carol Walston, Cdr Abe Walston, P, Lt Richard Pagan, S, Robbie Buckles, Don Lee, S, Lt Lori Spencer, P, and Lt Leo Spencer, P.

The Chapman Award was submitted for Lt/C Ed LoBalbo, SN and is the only Chapman Award submission for District 27.

Tips for Safe Boating with Kids
1. Wear a proper fitting life jacket
2. Inform all riders of the rules of the road (feet flat on deck, no hanging over the rail or sitting on the bow, and other precautions depending on weather conditions)
3. Use plenty of suntan lotion
4. Drink lots of water or other hydrating liquids
5. Be aware of sea sickness. Dramamine can’t be taken until age 12, so use some homegrown remedies such as peppermint, ginger ale, wrist bands, and face the direction of travel when riding
6. Warn kids of specific dangers on the boat such as falling hatch covers, etc.
7. Let kids be a part of operating the boat, if feasible, and it can add to the fun

EXCOM Meeting
It was decided that if we can get ten volunteers, we will enter Carolina Beach Christmas Parade. We will be providing safety patrols for the Dragon Boat Regatta in Carolina Beach on 15-16 September 2017. We agreed to fund our ad in SENCLAND MOAA newsletter for the coming year ($200).
Executive Officer's Team Report and Personalized Message
Lt/C Ed LoBalbo, SN

We need your help! As of 11 September, our Vessel Safety Check (VSC) program under the Co-Chair leadership of P/Lt/C Tom Bello, AP and Lt Richard Pagan, P have completed 337 vessel exams with a passing rate of 72% or 242 boats. What an accomplishment! We still have a few more weeks to chase the Squadron’s all-time record of 373 exams performed in 2007, but we need some help. If everyone would check their neighborhoods and friends, we may find enough boats to get us over the required shortfall. If you know of a boat needing a VSC, please send an email to vscwilmington@gmail.com or call me at 910 398-8686. Your help will make the difference and propel us to a new record.

Most of you have seen our publicity efforts for our monthly membership meetings. Kudos to all of the PRO team for their outstanding work. Please join me in extending credit to Lt Shelby Battle, P, P/C Mark Stacy, AP, Kathy Spada, P/C Nita Neumeister, AP and myself for a job well done. On the subject of publicity, I want to acknowledge SEO Ned Rhodes, SN and ASEO Meg Morrison, JN for their help on the StarNews ‘News & Notes’ articles for our hugely successful ABC program.

Lt Mike Cramer, S, our Boat Show Chair, led efforts for the Wilmington Boat Show on Friday and Saturday, 8-9 September. He has reported that it was his most successful Boat Show since he’s been leading it. Thank you to all of the volunteers who manned our booth. Please see Lt Cramer’s separate article.

Again, I would like to encourage you to visit the Squadron’s Facebook page. Lt Jean Stacy, S has been doing a great job in improving our social media cyber presence on Facebook. Of course feel free to post your comments and stories.

From the water or near the shoreline . . .

Education Officer’s Report
Lt/C Ned W. Rhodes, SN

America’s Boating Course
We had a great year in 2017 for the America’s Boating Course (ABC) with a total of 148 students passing the class. This included 64 students on 18 February 18, 38 students on 20 May, and 46 students on 26 August. The feedback received consistently indicates it is a great course with excellent instructors, and “don’t change a thing.” Most students say it all comes together for them on the optional 4-hour On-The-Water teaching cruise in partnership with Wilmington Water Tours. We look forward to new classes in February, May, and August of 2018. Many thanks to Registrar Lt Arleen Rhodes for all her behind-the-scenes work on behalf of ABC.

Our Assistant Education Officer 1/Lt Meg Morrison, JN has done an excellent job of organizing the ABC and the On-The-Water sessions for 2017, and I congratulate her on a successful year and the high attendance. We have a great bunch of instructors that step up to make all of our classes successful. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to the Squadron.

I have been hard at work planning for the Fall and Winter semesters of classes and here is what I have come up with:

Classes
Sail started 12 September with 18 students in class. Our Lead Instructor Ed Kreul, AP has gathered a set of instructors to keep the class interesting and fun.

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Our **Weather** class starts 25 October and Lead Instructor Lt/C Rick Sorrenti, AP always makes this a fun and informative class. We are hoping for a dozen students – more information on how to register is on the Squadron website in the Education section.

With our Lead Instructor Lt David Munnikhuysen, SN back from his vacation, we are scheduling our popular **Partner-in-Command** class for two nights (3 & 5 October) at Inlet Watch Marina. The class is informal and geared toward the 1st Mate and how to handle emergency situations. Registration is open now on the Squadron website.

For the Winter semester, I have **Engine Maintenance, Seamanship, Piloting and Advanced Piloting** on the schedule – more on these later in the year.

If you are interested in becoming an Instructor with the Education Department, please let me know. If there is enough interest, we’ll schedule an Instructor Development class.

If you have any questions, contact me at educationofficer@capefearsailandpowersquadron.org or buy me a drink at the next Squadron meeting and you will have my full attention.

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**Administrative Officer’s Report**

**Lt/C Bob Smith, S**

**Boating Activities**

The Picnic Day Cruise at Masonboro Channel is **Wednesday, 20 September.** Lt David Munnikhuysen, SN is the captain.

The last cruise of the year is the Hardy Souls Cruise to the Wilmington City Docks, **Friday, 3-5 November.** Lt Steve Thompson, S and Sue Thompson, S are the cruise captains. The flyer with registration information will be distributed later.

**Meetings & Programs**

Meetings and Programs Chair Lt Lia Spark, P, has lined up District Lt Tom Tilmon of the Wilmington Police Department to speak at our **25 September Membership Meeting** at Bluewater Grill. Lt Tilmon heads up the Department’s Downtown Task Force which includes the Wilmington Police Boat about which he will be speaking.

Our **23 October Membership Meeting** will feature an Oktoberfest at Ironclad Brewery on North 2nd Street in downtown Wilmington. Just like last year’s popular Oktoberfest, authentic German food will be provided by the German Cafe. Lt Spark will be sending out further details and sign-up information soon.

The Annual Veterans Day Luncheon will be held **Saturday, 11 November** at the Battleship **USS North Carolina.** We are still expecting to have it in the Ward Room aboard the Battleship, though there is a slim chance that ongoing construction around the Battleship itself might force us to move it into the Visitor Center Auditorium. Again, Lt Spark will be sending out further details and sign-up information as the date approaches.

**Membership**

So far in 2017, Membership Chair Lt Lynn LeBer, S, has welcomed 52 new members into the Squadron: 29 came on board as six-month Trial Members after taking an ABC class, 18 have joined as full paying members, and another 5 are “Cyber Members” who transferred into our squadron. If you add in the 13 “Try-Six” members welcomed by Try-Six Program Administrator P/C Ron Tilmon, SN-CN, we have a grand total of 65 new Squadron members.

We will be scheduling a New Member Reception and Orientation for early October.

**Member Involvement**

All these new members need sponsors, and Membership Involvement Chair Lt Paul Tyndall, P, has run out of volunteers. PLEASE, let Lt Tyndall, Lt LeBer or me know if you are willing to call and/or email a new member to come to our events.

**Operations Training**

P/C Mark Stacy, AP has rescheduled the Operations Training Course at the Inlet Watch Clubhouse to **Thursday 21 September** at 4:30 p.m. As previously mentioned, this is an interactive discussion designed to help new and existing members better understand the inner workings of our Squadron. It will be approximately two hours long, and will cover our Squadron’s Organization, Mission & Objectives, History & Operation, Management, Positions, Ranks and Grades. Again, maybe the best part is that there is no fee or exam!
Sunshine Committee
Lt Jan Hilbert

There must be “something in the water” as this month I sent Get Well cards to three Past Commanders, all of whom spent time in the hospital for various situations. P/C Rich Barnet, P/C Hubert Bordeaux SN and former member, P/C Ken Knuebel are presently recovering from their ordeals. I am sure that other than having been P/Cs, they would have preferred not to share this common thread!

Rosemary Gray cannot boast of having been a P/C (yet!), but nevertheless she had an unexpected stay in the hospital and is also home now as well, and recuperating from surgery. A Get Well card was sent to her with our best wishes.

A Thinking of You card was sent to Beverly Smith to let her know that our prayers and warm thoughts are always with her as she is facing a road of rough spots in her battle with cancer. One can never have too many prayers so please think of Bev when you ‘chat’ with The Lord.

Yet another Past Commander, P/C Nita Neumeister, AP was sent a Sympathy card on the loss of both her dear sister and brother who died within a brief time of each other. Our condolences go out to Nita and her family as they mourn their loss.

Wilmington Boat Show
Lt Mike Cramer, S, Boat Show Chair

This year's Wilmington Boat Show was held downtown at the Convention Center and adjoining Port City Marina on 8-9 September. The event was shortened one day due to potential visit of Hurricane Irma. CPS&PS displayed its boat show booth along the Riverwalk. We had record interest in the squadron and our programs. We documented a record 39 people interested in our education programs, nine interested in vessel safety exams and 16 expressing interest in membership. Judging from conversations at the boat show, there is a lot of interest in boating in our area this year. The boat dealers reported selling boats at the show also.

Thanks to the following squadron members for volunteering their time and making this show a big success: Lt/C Ed LoBalbo, SN, P/C Mark Stacy, AP, P/C Ron Tilmon, SN-CN, Sue VanNote, S, Lt Richard Pagan, S; 1/Lt Meg Morrison, JN, P/D/C Jerry Hall, SN, Otis White, Myra Fogleman, S and Dick Patton, S.

Members Dick Patton, S and Myra Fogleman, S talking to boaters about our future ABC courses.

One of many Squadron banners displayed at the boat show.
**7 October Weenie Roast Moved to Fort Fisher**
**Lt/C Ed LoBalbo, SN**

Our annual Weenie Roast scheduled for 7 October 2017 has been moved to the Fort Fisher State Recreational Park near the NC Aquarium at Fort Fisher. The advantages of this new location over Freeman’s Park (North End) are: modern indoor bathroom facilities, picnic tables and chairs, shade covering, free parking in the parking lot (no need for 4-wheel vehicles or paid parking) and the beach is just a few steps away. We’ll also include a “flare shoot” for those who want to burn expired flares. Please see the new Weenie Roast Flyer posted on the Squadron website and mark your calendars for Saturday 7 October.

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**Charleston and Hilton Head Cruise**
**Lt/C Rick Sorrenti, AP**

Back in January we had about eight families that were really excited about doing this 2-1/2 week cruise. But, as the days and months passed, we ended up with only two boats: *Sea Duck Too*, crewed by Lt Teresa Sorrenti, P, Admiral Riley Sorrenti, D and myself and *Red Sky II*, crewed by Lt Janet Anderson, S and Lt Buck Latapie, S. This proved to be one of the more relaxing cruises of the season. We had stops in Myrtle Beach, Georgetown, Beaufort, with extended stays in Charleston and Hilton Head. In Charleston, we were at Patriot’s Point at Charleston Harbor Marina. This resort provided everything advertised with two pools, spa facilities, water taxi, and van service downtown. From Charleston, we continued our vacation south and enjoyed two days in Beaufort, then on to Harbor Town Marina and Resort at Hilton Head Island. After many miles of biking, swimming, and shopping coupled with some great restaurants, we headed home. North and south transits were highlighted by running on the outside, avoiding those traditional shoaling areas along the ICW at low tide.

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**District 27 Rendezvous**
**Lt/C Rick Sorrenti, AP**

Beautiful crystal-clear skies provided for a great weekend with CFS&PS co-hosting the annual D27 Rendezvous with the Charlotte Squadron in downtown Wilmington. It was a fun weekend with plenty of socializing on Friday night and our 11 boats hosting desserts on the docks behind the Hilton Hotel. The weekend was highlighted by two wonderful dinner cruises provided by Wilmington Water Tours and Bon Appetit on Saturday. My thanks to P/C Mary Jo Worcester, S, P/C Nita Neumeister, AP, Lt/C Ned Rhodes, SN, and Cdr Abe Walston, P for their help in making our participation such a success.

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Attending dinner aboard Wilmington Water Tours: Lt Teresa Sorrenti, P, Lt/C Ned Rhodes, SN, Lt Arleen Rhodes, Lt Buck Latapie, S and Lt Janet Anderson, S
Monitoring the Carolina Beach Dragon Boat Regatta
P/C Mark Stacy, AP

The Cape Fear Sail & Power Squadron was chosen to monitor the boats at the 5th Annual Carolina Beach Dragon Boat Regatta on 15-16 September. Proceeds from this event went directly to benefit Step Up for Soldiers and their programs providing volunteer services for renovations, recreation and recognition for recently disabled Veterans. Racing was on a 300m race course between the shores of the Carolina Beach Yacht Basin from Federal Point Yacht Club to Gibby’s Dock & Dine restaurant. Nineteen community teams along with some from the area’s region raced in several heats. The Whaler captained by Lt/C Ned Rhodes, SN and crewed by P/C Mark Stacy, AP patrolled the Friday practices and the Saturday races. They monitored for the safety of approximately 400 paddlers on the dragon boats. Luckily, we did not have to provide throwable PFDs since no boats capsized. However, one of the paddlers broke an oar so The Whaler went to secure a replaceable oar to save the race! Our logo was placed on their website, Facebook page and on their T-shirts for our contribution to their event (links below).


The Whaler with Lt/C Ned Rhodes, SN and P/C Mark Stacy, AP

Drone shot courtesy of Cloud View Photography

Just a few of the 19 boats that participated on a beautiful Saturday afternoon...everyone deserved to win!!
The Squadron is very fortunate to have members that are willing to step forward and take responsibility for its activities during the year beginning after the Change of Watch. They will be elected during the Annual Meeting and inducted during the Change of Watch ceremony both on 15 December. The current Nominating Committee, consisting of P/C Ben Van Etten, AP, P/C Rich Barnet, SN, P/C Mark Stacy, AP, P/C Nita Neumeister, AP, Lt Francine Roche, S, and Lt Mary Ellen Simmons, P have finished canvassing the Squadron for members interested in leadership and responsible positions and have nominated the following:

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#### 2018 Officer Candidates

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Eco-friendly boating

7 ways to be environmentally conscious on the water

Most boaters want to enjoy the open waves in ways that won’t harm fragile marine ecosystems. Below are a few tips to make your next boat trip both fun and environmentally conscious.

- Check for leaks or damage to the boat.
- Ensure bilges are clean and dry. Address leaks or pump overflow.
- Clean and grease electrical systems, and make sure nothing is frayed or worn.
- Make sure the propeller is working properly. A damaged propeller requires more fuel and costs more to operate. (Check your impeller if you have a jet drive.)
- Fill the gas tank before you leave.
- If you have a glass-bottomed boat, give the glass a good waxing. This prevents the buildup of debris and other detritus on the glass and reduces the need for harmful chemicals when cleaning the boat afterward.
- Check for leaks in the gear case, and ensure the oil is not contaminated.

Follow these commonsense tips to ensure a healthy, safe trip for all. You can find more eco-friendly boating tips in the publication of the United States Power Squadrons® Compass. Volume 11, No. 9—John Hawthorne

Don’t forget to look for new members at our meetings and welcome them into the CFS&PS! For information on new members or sponsors contact:

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