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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**June 20-22 2008**

D/27 Rendezvous

Ramada Hotel

Lake Wylie, SC

**September 3-8  
2008**

USPS Gov. BD.

Detroit, Michigan

**October 31-Nov 2**

D/27 Fall C/C

Atlantic Beach

Sheraton Hotel

**January 16-18  
2009**

D/27 Winter

Council

Raleigh-Durham

Airport Hotel

**March 27-29 2009**

D/27 Annual

Meeting

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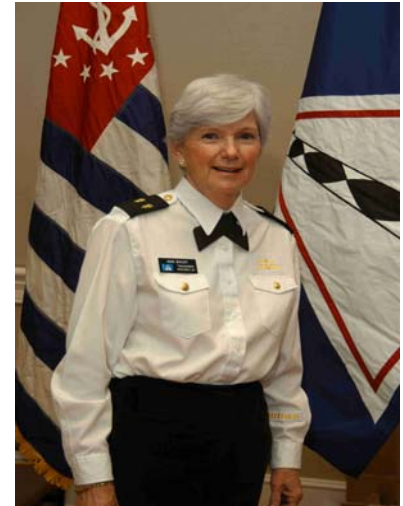
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No. Raleigh Hilton

## D/C Message Ann Bailey, AP

From your Newsletters I see everyone is up and running with the 2008/09 year! Rendezvous and shake down cruises have taken place already. Education courses are under way and I see lots of Enthusiasm in your meetings and you are having fun with your yard sales even if it is hard work. This is all very exciting to me!!! I especially like that several squadrons are getting together for rendezvous. You have about six weeks to practice your Bean Bag Baseball before you get to take on the District Bridge Officers at the D/27 Rendezvous 21<sup>st</sup> June, practice well we will be ready!!!

The District Bridge met weekend of 25-27 April and discussed plans that are really exciting. Speakers for our District Meeting are going to be terrific. Will let you know about them just as soon as we get confirmed but you will not want to miss a single District Meeting this year. Also, we are planning some special breakout sessions. Of course we will continue the Education breakout sessions and keep you up to date on our continuing Education Pro-



grams. We will present the membership presentation recommended by USPS at the Fall Council/Conference, Atlantic Beach. At the 20-22 June Rendezvous at Lake Wyle our Education Department is going to present the Boat Operators Certification program hoping to whet your appetite to complete this program.

Its dues paying time for the majority of us even if we are on the HQAB so don't forget to send your dues to Headquarters or pay on line. The biggest problem we have is the turnover of our membership. Member Retention is important. Boaters are just naturally a friendly bunch, I have seen this as I have cruised over the years. Use this friendliness to welcome new members and include them in our group so that retention will not be a problem. Can you imagine where we could be in num-

bers if we could just keep one half of the members we lose each year? I know you are making all new members welcome by sending them a newsletter right away, inviting to meeting, greeting and spending some time talking with when they attend meetings and including them in plans of the Squadron. On the District level we are going to be paying special attention not only to new members that attends but also first timer that attend a District function. We want to make every member feel especially welcome at all meetings.

I hope you have your calendars marked for the D/27 Rendezvous 20-22 June at Lake Wylie. You will find the registration form and schedule in this issue. Send them in right away we want you to attend. Let's have FUN!!!

Also mark your calendars for the Fall Council/Conference 31 Oct – 2 Nov. Sheraton Hotel, Atlantic Beach, NC. There are lots to do and see on the Crystal Coast. We are planning a terrific meeting plus there is going to be lots of fun starting with a Halloween Party on Friday night. Come on Down!!!!

I am excited about being your District Commander this year, Bridge Officers are very supportive and we are ready, willing and able to help in anyway possible just let us know!! This year is going to be a banner year in District 27 United States Power Squadrons.

**BOATING IS FUN**

**LET US SHOW YOU HOW!**

**U + ENTHUSIASM = SUCCESS!!**



**2008 PIRATES PARTY  
& CHANGE OF WATCH**

## District Educational Officer D/Lt/C Ray Travis, SN

### Update

#### Boater Operator Certification

It has been requested to have a BOC presentation at the rendezvous at Lake Wiley June 21 2008. I am not going to be able to make the rendezvous but hope to have a presentation presented to the general membership. It will probably be about 20+ minutes. The information will bring every one up to date on the requirements needed for this program. This is a very exciting program and it is in everyone's interest to think about becoming certified in one or all three categories.

#### Chapman Award

The deadline for the nominees to be submitted to me for the prestige award is June 30, 2008. I need them by that time because it takes time to read every packet and have a final person selected. I hope to receive one from every squadron. I know there is a great instructor in your squadron and deserves his/her name submitted. So you, the SEOs and Cdrs., please canvas your instructors and submit the name to me.

#### Nav 08 Beta

This new Navigation beta course has begun and there has been great interest in D27.

The students taking this will find it to be a great course that brings them into the real world of navigation. The second part and cruise will put you in the navigator's seat and teach you how to navigate with the latest software used by USCG and Commercial vessels. Will keep you posted how the students progress.



#### Fall Council/Conference

Lets start Thinking about the Fall Council/Conference in Atlantic Beach October 31, 2008. I have been advised it will be a good one hosted by the Fort Macon Sail & Power Squadron. I'll have all the latest updates and information from the education department.

The SEOs will continually receive all the latest news and updates from National.



## District Executive Officer D/Lt/C Jerry Hall, AP

Spring is finally here and the boating season has begun. A good way to start the season is to have your boat inspected to see if it carries all the required safety equipment. You can contact any of the District's Vessel Safety Examiners (VSEs) for the inspection. Of special note for all of you who trailer your boat, and information that VSEs will be passing along, is that North Carolina law enforcement officers are now paying close attention to the towing vehicle weight class. The allowable gross weight of the towing vehicle, which includes the weight of the vehicle plus any amount hauled or pulled, is determined by the class of license plate on the vehicle. The vehicle gross weight shown on the registration card must be sufficiently large to include the weight of the vehicle and anything it hauls or pulls. In most cases this will require a "weighted" license plate that will increase the allowable gross vehicle weight. If you have questions on this contact the District VSE Chairman, Bill Halkovich (halko@atmc.net), or the NC Department of Motor Vehicles.

Safe Boating Week is May 17 – 21. The theme this year is to educate the boating community about life jacket wear and the options that are available when it comes to comfortable

and lightweight jackets. When you are on your boat, especially during that week, wear your life jacket. VSEs will begin wearing inflatable life jackets when doing vessel safety checks in the near future. The object is to demonstrate to the public that there are comfortable and easy to wear life jackets available. In addition, during Safe Boating Week, the Wilmington based National Weather Service will be broadcasting boating safety messages on the VHS weather channels. This is an effort of the Marine Forecast Advisory Committee of the NWS in Wilmington. Several Power Squadrons in D26 and D27 along with the Coast Guard and its Auxiliary and commercial fishermen make up that committee.

As you gear up to do your public boating courses remember that you may be able to recoup up to 50% of the advertising costs associated with them. The Cooperative Advertising program can take many forms. However the main focus of squadron and district advertising/promotion should be the Boating courses and promoting the squadron and USPS image. If you have questions about this program and what might be covered contact the District PRO, Lt/C John "JB" Bagby ([jbagby@embarqmail.com](mailto:jbagby@embarqmail.com)).



I look forward to seeing all of you at our rendezvous at Lake Wylie, 20 - 22 June. Looking at the schedule of events (found on the D27 web page under "2008 Rendezvous") it appears this will be one to remember – Margaritaville, poker, BBQ, conch blowing, and beanbag baseball; what more could we wish for? I fully expect the current champs of beanbag baseball – the District Bridge – will be thoroughly tested.



C/C Maynard & Sarah McCurry

## **District Administrative Officer D/Lt/C Jamie McCurry, AP**

### **National Flag Lieutenant James (Jamie) McCurry, AP Elected to D/27 Bridge**

Jamie McCurry, AP is no stranger to many USPS members having served as an aide to five Chief Commanders. Jamie's first position on the National level was in 1996 as an aide assigned to the National Secretary. He continued in this position for two National Secretary's. In 2002 he became the aide assigned to the National Administrative Officer and in 2204 the aide assigned to the National Executive Officer. He is a life member with 31 merit marks.

Jamie joined USPS in 1975 with the Raleigh Power Squadron, District 27. He served the Raleigh Power Squadron as Administrative Officer for two terms and as Executive Officer before becoming the Squadron Commander in 1980. Jamie remained active with the Raleigh Squadron representing the Squadron at the District level as the Squadron Nominating Committee representative for several terms and on the District Audit Committee for three years. Upon retiring from a National Computer Manufacturer Jamie and his wife Sarah retired and moved to the North Carolina coast joining the Shallotte River Sail and Power Squadron. He has served as the Shallotte River Sail and Power



Squadron Nominating Representative at the District level and as the Squadron Membership Committee Chairman at the local level.



**District Secretary****D/Lt/C David Osmolski, AP**

No scheduled report from District Secretary this issue.

**Assistant secretary's Biography:**

Harold W. O'Briant, Jr. AP

I am a native of Durham, NC and have been a member of the Durham Sail & Power Squadron for 15 years. I have served as squadron secretary, executive officer and commander. Additionally, I have taught Operations Training, Basic Boating, Seamanship and Piloting and I am a vessel safety examiner. I also hold a USCG 100-ton Master's license.

I have been boating for about fifty years. In the early years I would beg, borrow, and even occasionally, steal boat rides. My first official boat was a kayak, which I put together as a kit, in 1972. I still have it. My wife of four years, Lt. Bobbie Hill, AP and I currently have a W. C. Hyatt 53' motor yacht, *Twilight Time*, homeported in Beaufort, NC. We enjoy cruising the coastal waters of North Carolina, the southeastern United States and The Bahamas.

Professionally, I spent 35 years in designing and installing electronic security, environmental automation, home theater, electric gate and telephone systems in cus-



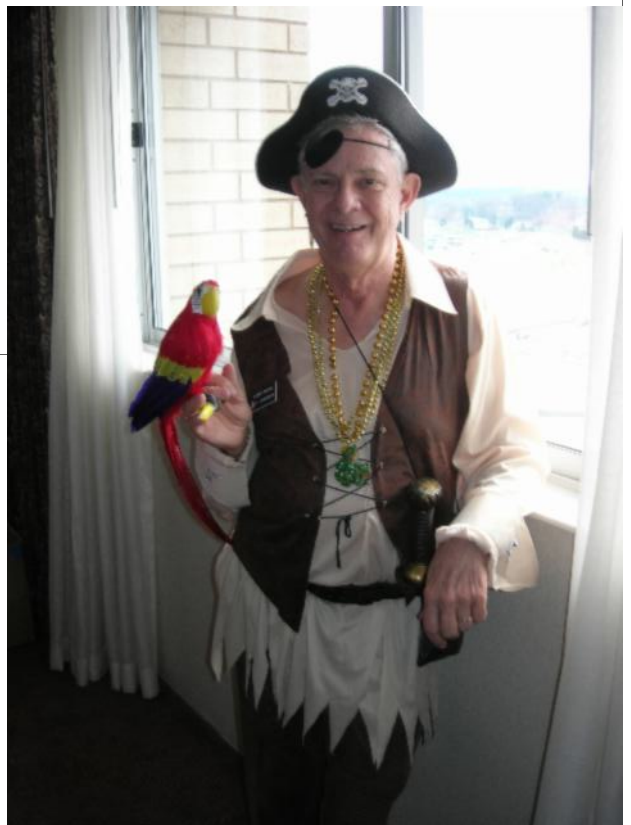
tom homes in North Carolina. Prior to that I was a writer for a North Carolina newspaper for a couple of years following a tour of duty in 1967-68 with the U. S. Navy Seabees in Vietnam, by invitation only from Uncle Sam.



# District Treasurer

# D/Lt/C Lloyd Moore, JN

No report at this time!  
See you at the D27  
Rendezvous



## D27 2008 Rendezvous

20 – 22 June 2008

Come, join us in fun & games and fellowship at our Annual District Rendezvous. Each year the Bridge seeks to bring this fun time event to new and different sites to the benefit of all local squadrons. This year the events will be at Lake Wylie, a man made lake that borders both North & South Carolina. The original lake was rather small, formed in 1904 when first dammed for hydro-electric power. The dam, destroyed by storm and flood in 1916, was rebuilt larger and stronger forming the lake we have today.

Your hosts this year, Catawba & Charlotte Squadrons, have planned an affordable and fun filled weekend. Capitalizing on the successes of the past and adding a new twist or two, we look forward to a great turnout and lasting memories.

Our Base of Operations will be the Ramada Inn & Conference Center, see the Registration Form for phone and room block numbers. Your prepaid event tickets will be available at the Member Registration Table in the hotel Atrium Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. Refer to the Schedule of Events for the exact times.

Friday evening there will be a Cocktail Reception with hors d'oeuvres and cash bars in the hotel atrium. A time to catch up with old friends and make new ones, tell a few tall tales of harrowing experiences and of fish that seem to grow a little more with each telling.

Saturday we will be at the Red Fez Shrine Club facility on the North Carolina shore of Lake Wylie for a day of fun and sun (guaranteed by our squadron weatherman). Lunch will be Spoon's Eastern Carolina Style BBQ favored by many and insisted on by one very particular Past Chief.

Saturday evening brings us back to the Ramada for a Reception with cash bars and Buffet Dinner. The theme is "Margaritaville" and we urge all to dress for the occasion, see the Registration Form for suggestions. No prizes, just a good time.

For further information contact:

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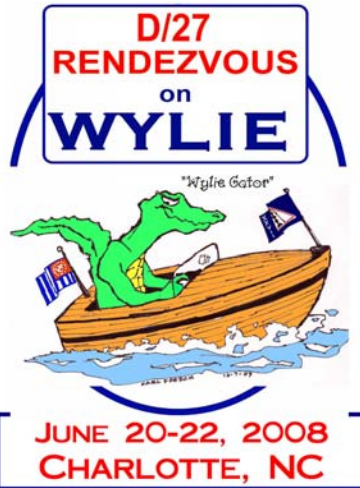
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**D27 2008 Rendezvous June 20-21-22**

**Schedule of Events**



**Friday 20 June: Ramada Inn & Conference Center**

1200-1700 Registration – Atrium  
 1800- Cocktails with Hors d’oeuvres and Cash Bars - Atrium

**Saturday 21 June: Ramada Inn & Conference Center**

0830-1130 Registration – Atrium

**Saturday 21 June: Red Fez Shrine Club - Lake Wylie**

1000-1100 AM Poker Run  
 1000-1100 Beanbag Baseball  
 1100-1145 Conch Blowing Contest  
 1200-1300 Lunch – Eastern Carolina BBQ  
 1330- Boat Operator’s Certification (NEW)  
 1330-1500 Beanbag Baseball Playoffs  
 1400-1500 PM Poker Run  
 1400-1500 Kayak Races (Plan to get wet)



**Saturday 21 June: Ramada Inn & Conference Center**

1800-1900 Reception – Queen Charlotte Ballroom-Cash bars

Theme: Margaritaville

Dress: Key West Flowery Shirt, Flip-Flops, Sun Glasses and Clam Diggers if you still have a pair.

1900- Buffet Dinner-Cash Bars

-----DETACH AND MAIL-----

We plan to participate in the following events:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Squadron</u>
Beanbag Baseball		
AM Poker Run		
Will Bring Boat?	Yes _____ No _____	
PM Poker Run		
Will Bring Boat?	Yes _____ No _____	
Canoe (NEW) Races	Formally Kayak races	

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**Poker Run Note – Participants are urged to bring their own boats**

**REGISTRATION FOR D27 2008 RENDEZVOUS**

**20-22 JUNE 2008**

**Ramada Inn & Conference Center \* 212 W. Woodlawn Rd. Charlotte. NC 28217**

**\$59.00 Single or Double \* Room Block # 21700 \* 704-525-8350 or 800-847-7829**

**Room Registration Cut-off 6 June 2008**

	A	B	C	D	E	
	Friday	Saturday	Saturday	Poker	Poker	Total
_____	Cocktail	Daytime	Banquet	Run	Run	Single
<b>Squadron Name</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Events &amp; Lunch</b>	<b>Dinner</b>	<b>AM</b>	<b>PM</b>	<b>Ticket</b>
_____						
<b>e-mail or phone contact</b>	<b>\$13.00</b>	<b>\$22.00</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>	
<b><u>Rank, Name &amp; Grade</u></b>						
_____						
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**.Total Ticket Price** \_\_\_\_\_

	S	M	L	XL	XXL	XXXL	Total
<b>Commemorative Tee-Shirt \$15.00ea.</b>							<b>T-Shirt \$</b>

**Sizes XXL & XXXL Add \$2.00 ea.** \_\_\_\_\_

**New Member (Joined Since March 06):** \_\_\_\_\_ **1<sup>st</sup> Timer at a District 27 Meeting:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to: D27 Rendezvous 2008**

**Total amount included: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail check & completed form to: P/Lt/C Mary Chaney, JN**  
**7819 New Market Lane**  
**Huntersville, NC 28078-4700**  
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**Event Reservation Must Be Received By Friday, June 13, 2008.**



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