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January 2009

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 17-22 2009

USPS Annual
meeting

Anaheim, CA

March 27-29 2009

D/27 Annual
Meeting & COW
No. Raleigh Hilton

July 24-25 2009

D/27 & D/5
Rendezvous
Cape Charles, VA

September 9-13 2009

USPS GB
Kansas City

September 25-26 2009

Fall C/C New Bern

January 15-16 2010

Winter training
Durham

February 2-7 2010

USPS

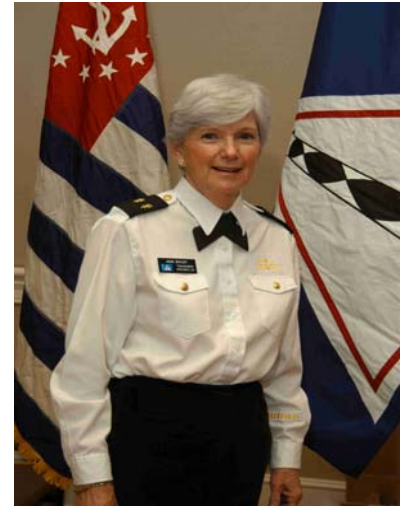
Orlando, FLA

March 26-27 2010

Annual meeting COW
Wilmington

D/C Message Ann Bailey, AP

We had a very successful year 2008/09. You worked hard to offer the education classes that your Squadron members wanted, offered the Boating course several times to the public as well as seminars. You are continuing to make our waterways safer for all to enjoy. Job well done! You had a lot of fun with fellow members on the water and off. You had interesting speakers for your meeting. Some of you had fund raising events and had fun doing it. And I see from newsletters you are planning a very active year for 2009/10. District Officers attended the USPS Governing Board in Detroit and reported back to you the changes that are happening within our Organization. We will do the same for the Annual Meeting in a few weeks.



The week of 16-22nd February the USPS Annual Meeting is being held in Anaheim, California. Several of the District 27 Officers are planning to attend. One of the events that will happen at the Annual Meeting is Expo on Friday the 20th. Each National Committee will have an exhibit and will explain what they do and offer suggestions on how they can help you. There are outside vendors from the boating industry that are paying for space to bring information, offer savings on products, etc. Be sure and watch the Member Benefit web site for more interesting information on offers to you as USPS member. If you would like to be on the member benefits mailing list go to: <http://www.usps.org/mailman/listinfo/memberbenefits>.

Squadron Commander, please send me or give to a member in your Squadron attending the meeting in Anaheim your alternate voting card or e-mail me your permission to vote for you. List your name, Squadron name, date and just that I have your permission to vote for you.
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With this I will be able to pick up your voting card and vote. Many thanks!

Reminder Merit Mark information started 1 January for the year 2009. Please keep your list on going.

Please continue to work to get new members in your Squadron and use the new talent that you acquire give these new members something to do, let them know you want them in your Squadron.

I have enjoyed being your District Commander this year and I thank you for giving me the opportunity. Please see all the Fun and Educational Events that the Raleigh Squadron and the District Bridge has planned for you at the District 27 Council/Conference, Change of Watch on 27-29 March. We have an excellent Hotel, North Raleigh Hilton, 3415 Wake Forest Rd, 27609. To highlight just a few of the events, we are having a BOC Workshop on Friday 27th 10-2 at USPS Headquarters in the conference room, 1504 Blue Ridge Road, 27607. We are offering Tour of Headquarters Friday afternoon, Cruising aboard the SS RALEIGH on Friday night good food, good fellowship. Saturday there is a coffee for spouses, a tour of the NC Art Museum on Blue Ridge Rd or shopping. Lunch is at the Museum, one of the best restaurants in the Raleigh area. Saturday evening a wonderful banquet honoring our new commander is being held. Our Officer of the Deck is P/N/F/L Glenn Daughtridge, AP, I promise you fun! And Sunday morning the Coop Charting Workshop will be very informative. The meeting will offer a very interesting speaker, breakout sessions, a fine awards luncheon, and the installation of our 2009/10 District Officers. Details of these events, registration form and agenda are in this issue. Make your plans now to attend. The deadline for Hotel reservations is 25 February and for the meeting 16 March. Look forward to seeing you there.

Moving on to next year I will be chairing the District Nominating Committee, will be in touch with you for the committee to fill District positions, be thinking about what you would like to do in the District and send me your resume.

See you in Raleigh for the District 27 Council/Conference/Change of Watch 27-29 March!

U + ENTHUSIASM = SUCCESS



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

A workshop is planned for those interested in becoming a Certifier

In the Boat Operator Certification program

The Time: is 1000-1400 on Friday March 27, 2009, during the D27 COW.

The workshop:

Cost: \$10.00 (covers cost of material and workshop)

Location: will be at the conference room at USPS Headquarters in Raleigh, NC

SEOs you need to find out how many in your squadron is interested in becoming certifiers.

Do not confuse this with getting certified as an Inland Navigator.

Have the Nominees go to the education home page on the National web site. Click on the BOC link, scroll down and locate the ED-C5 Certifier Nomination form, print a copy and fill it out. SEOs need to fill out the nominator information

Submit it to the Asst. Regional Certifier: via snail mail or scan & email

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Please let Lt/C George Malindzak , SN (polaris6@nc.rr.com) or D/Lt/C Ray Travis, SN (captbligh@roadrunner.com) know the number of people submitting the form and planning to attend the workshop

Lt/C George Malindzak, SN, our new incoming DEO, is working hard to get D27 involved in this program. Let's give all the help and support he needs.

UN Resolution 40 will require all Nations to certify recreational boats up to 65'

The time is coming for all recreational boaters even in North Carolina to have a license or some form of certification.

USPS is trying hard to have a program in place that will satisfy this requirement.

Let's get to work and have fun with it.



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

Winter is here and the Change of Watch season is upon us. This is a good time to look at progress we have made and to focus on the upcoming year.

Specific to the Executive Department, the District made good use of the co-operative advertising funds available at National. The Squadrons in the District collected all but a few dollars of the money allocated to defray advertising costs. The new Bridges will need to remember that these funds are available and make use of them.

In the Co-Op Charting program, we are somewhat behind the pace in submitting reports that we have had in the past. We have until the end of March to submit reports so there is still time to do so. We urge all of you to consider attending an upcoming workshop that will be held at the Atlantic Marine Center, Norfolk, VA, on May 1 and 2. The workshop will feature a dual track training approach. One track will emphasize the traditional cooperative charting activities and the second will emphasize depth surveys. Both will cover planning, data gathering requirements, data collection, and submission of a report using CCWeb (Cooperative Charting Website). For the traditional cooperative charting activities, the workshop will cover all of the tasks required for updates to Coast Pilot books, nautical charts, small craft charts and facility updates. For those who want a more involved and hands-on experience in using Depth-wiz and entering the data in CCWeb, the Depth-wiz track will be on route planning, actually running the route in a boat (weather permitting) recording the data, and preparing the data for successful submission using CCWeb. The District Co-Op Charting Chairman accompanied eleven members of the District representing seven squadrons to a similar workshop last May and all felt that it was very worthwhile. You are all encouraged to register and attend the May workshop this year.



The District's 136 Vessel Examiners performed 1603 Vessel Safety Checks during this year. Although this total is a few short of the number performed last year, it was a very good year. This program offers a great opportunity for us to interact with skippers on safety issues. In addition, late last year we were provided inflatable life vests to wear during examinations to promote their use and to illustrate that comfortable, easy-to-wear life preservers are now available. New Bridges will need to encourage this excellent service and avenue for meeting a broad segment of the boating public.

The District Safety Officer reports that all squadrons have submitted their safety reports. We very much appreciate your efforts. Also, it is not too early to begin thinking about Safe Boating Week this year. It will be the week of May 16 – 22. For planning purposes we will have a Safety breakout session on Safe Boating and Safe Boating Week at our Spring Council/Conference in March. Hope to see you all there.

Keep in mind the District Council/Conference and COW coming up March 27 – 29 at the North Raleigh Hilton. Beginning on Friday at 10 o'clock with a BOC Workshop going through the Cooperative Charting Workshop at 9 o'clock on Sunday morning the weekend will be full of activities of interest to everyone. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

Also, looking ahead, the District Rendezvous should be quite an adventure and a lot of fun this year. It will be held jointly with District 5 (the District just north of us that surrounds the Chesapeake Bay) at Cape Charles Virginia. The rendezvous will be July 23 – 26. Visit the rendezvous web site at http://members.cox.net/summer_rendezvous_2009/index.htm. The site contains contact information, photos of the area, information on the area and activities planned. Start making your plans now to join us in Cape Charles this summer.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the people who worked in the Executive Department this year. All of your hard work made this a successful year. Thank you!

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

The District year is coming to a close. I hope all will attend the Change of Watch in Raleigh 27-29 March. This event is shaping up to be a great ending and a wonderful start for District 27. The great rendezvous at Lake Wiley, a good boating season, and a well attended Fall Council/Conference and a very good Winter Council proved that D/27 is alive and well.



In the Administrative Department we have worked and played to insure the health and well being of the District. Although membership is down slightly, retention efforts are beginning to show promise; but each and every one of us needs to continue to help our squadrons grow and maintain members. Don't just socialize with your old boating buddies, introduce yourself to the new member. Make them feel welcome, get them involved; help them help your squadron. The Meeting Committee provided great locations and well coordinated meetings. Youth activities produced another winner for D/27 and Leadership Development was a highlight at the Winter Council.

The next few weeks will be busy with Squadron Changes Of Watch. Please attend and thank the outgoing bridge for their service, and support those leaders that will lead you in the coming year. Your squadron is only as strong as its members.

If you missed the Winter Council you missed some good information that helps each of us provide the leadership to our organization. Leadership – What works for you? Share it with others. After Squadrons COW and the National Annual Meeting; District 27 will come to Raleigh. We have a great D/27 Change of Watch scheduled with many activities, and a great speaker, John Malatak, Chief, Program Operations Branch Boating Safety Division Department of Homeland Security U.S. Coast Guard Office of Auxiliary & Boating Safety. John is no stranger to USPS. He is a USPS member and I am sure you will enjoy his program - Safe Boating is Fun. See you in Raleigh.



District Secretary

D/Lt/C David Osmolski, AP

Beginnings and endings as far as the eye can see... this is what is happening in D/27! Come to think of it, this is what happens EVERY year in D/27 and in most of the Squadrons and Districts making up USPS.

We are ushering out the old Bridge and welcoming the new one.

Sometimes the new Bridge looks kind of familiar. More and more we are seeing Bridge positions re-cycled by past Bridge members. While this could be a reflection of the changing demographic and a result of membership dropping precipitously, it could also mean that we are not paying enough attention to those new members testing the USPS "waters."



We just finished up our Winter Council and Training Session in Durham. Out of the 90 members attending this meeting, there were at least 20 who did not hold some rank. This means that 22% of the attendees came looking for something. I daresay some came looking for a nice social weekend indoors. It was cold as a well-diggers belt buckle that weekend. I can say without doubt they had a good time socially. I certainly did.

I am hoping they came looking for something more, however. I am hoping they came to participate in the training sessions. There was a training session for each Squadron Bridge position. While I don't know for sure, I hope each of these folks have some interest in holding a Bridge position in the future.

Both last year and this year, there were some tense moments wondering if all the 20 Squadrons in D/27 would have a Bridge. Some of them had certain positions on the Bridge without an officer. Happily ALL 20 Squadrons, both years, have had Commanders. BUT there are gaps; there is arm-twisting; there is uncertainty in every Squadron. The Bridge positions look daunting; and only a masochist wants to serve on the Nominating Committee. Bridge positions require us to devote some of our precious free time. To sell this kind of commitment isn't easy.

There is a way to at least let newcomers get an inside look at the workings of the Squadron Bridge. That way is to invite new members to serve as an At-Large Member. There will be some who will be put off by the level of commitment of a Bridge position, but in this way, those who were teetering on the brink between yes and no will have had a real look at what goes on. Inclusion into the "Inner Circle" sometimes is enough to have them decide to accept. Actually seeing how much or how little is needed to perform the tasks of a Bridge position can influence a member to commit.

Bridge Officers, as much as you want to visit with your old friends at meetings, you have to give this up. Visit with the new folks. If it is a dinner meeting, sit and break bread with the new members. While you are at it, suggest they take the next class being offered. Better yet, tell them you want to see them in the next class.

Then, when the beginnings and the endings come around again, you can tell them you want to see them serve as an At-Large Member. Who knows? Maybe it will be a good beginning.

District Treasurer

D/Lt/C Lloyd Moore, JN

District income and expenses continue to be close to the budgeted amount through the end of the calendar year. District dues assessments are slightly lower than budgeted, but assessments for new members, along with the HQ Anniversary Billing for the remainder of the year is expected to make up most of the difference. Invoices for squadrons with new members are sent quarterly by the District Treasurer. Expenses are below budgeted amounts for this period, as most expenses are incurred in the latter part of the fiscal year.



As of 31 December, the District had a balance of \$18,007.18 in the checking account and a total of \$61,574.19 in savings.

In October I distributed sales tax refunds from the NC Dept of Revenue totaling more than \$1,914.10 to the nine squadrons that participated in the NC Sales Tax Rebate program for the first half of 2008. Several squadrons submit their own refund request, but any squadrons that have not been taking advantage of this program are missing out on receiving the refunds you are entitled to. All that's required is that you keep a record of all taxable purchases made by the squadron, and send the information to the District Treasurer twice a year. I've been advised by the District Law Officer that I should also receive copies of all receipts and invoices. These must be retained for 3 years. The spreadsheet and the printable form is available on the D/27 website. Send the information for the 2nd half of 2008 to me by 1 March 2009.

Many squadrons in the District collect \$1.00 per member for the Education fund as part of the squadron dues. Under the Anniversary Billing plan, Headquarters does not send that dollar to the fund; instead it is deposited in the squadrons account as part of the squadron dues. The squadron treasurers should send a check to the Education Fund.

Don't forget to fill out the IRS Form 990-N (e-Postcard). The e-Postcard is due every year by the 15th day of the 5th month after the close of your tax year. For example, if your tax year ended on December 31, 2008, the e-Postcard is due May 15, 2009. The purpose is to assure the IRS that the organization still exists. Failure to file for three years will result in loss of non-profit status. Filing must be done electronically by visiting the IRS website:

<http://epostcard.form990.org/>.

D/27 COW 2009 HIGHLIGHTS

Boat Operator Certification “BOC” is Coming!

USPS is a Key Part of It!

- BOC Workshop at USPS Headquarters on Friday morning 1000 to 1400
- Registration Required

USPS Headquarters Tour

- Tour USPS Headquarters on Blue Ridge Road starting Friday at 1400
- Small groups, departures are staggered
- Groups will leave every 20 minutes from Hilton

Cruise Aboard the SS RALEIGH on Friday Evening

- One large hospitality room for everyone
- No more smuggling in food and libations and decorations
- Superb cuisine prepared by expert chefs
- This is a CRUISE, so wear what you would wear on a cruise

Docent-Guided Tour of the

North Carolina Museum of Art on Saturday

- The tour is free - lunch \$16
- Transportation leaves hotel front door at 0915
- NCMA construction in progress: no front-door drop-off
- NCMA has requirements pertaining to large groups
- Attendee numbers in advance to ensure docents are available
- Tour starts PROMPTLY at 1000
- Fixed-menu lunch at 1130 (vegetarian also available)

2009 Change of Watch

Going-out Party for Ann and Coming-in Party for Jerry on Saturday

- Elegant banquet
- Uniform A with bow tie or other appropriate attire

Chief Commanders Representative March 2009



R/C Gregory T. Scotten, SN

Greg Scotten of Punta Gorda, Florida served Peace River Sail and Power Squadron for two years each as Executive Officer and Commander. He is active in the squadron's public relations and Executive Committees. Greg currently chairs the Finance Committee, teaches the Public Boating Courses and chairs the Seamanship Committee.

In District 22 he was the DPRO for several years. He has served as the Administrative Officer and Executive Officer, and will be installed as District Commander in 2009.

With a Ph.D. in school curriculum research, he joined the National Curriculum Development and Coordination Committee to assist in developing USPS course revisions. In addition, he began working with the national Marketing and PR Committee to produce TV public service announcements. This led to his being named a liaison between the two units.

Greg is the chief author of PRO.LOG, the on-line electronic book, which can be reached through the Home Page of USPS. It is a complete guide for squadron marketing efforts. Today he serves as the Marketing Committee's Rear Commander and a member of the National Operating Committee.

Greg was principal of Martha's Vineyard Regional High School in Massachusetts for twenty years. The school was selected twice as a National Blue Ribbon School and, as a result, he was chosen as a site examiner for the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program. For his achievements, the U.S. Secretary of Education nominated him as a "Hero of American Education" and the Massachusetts Legislature presented him with a state proclamation.

Greg began boating on New York's Great South Bay when he was fourteen. He trained Boy Scouts in white water canoeing and has since conducted numerous canoe trips on the Delaware River and the waters of northern New England.

Today, he and his wife, Ann, cruise the waters of Southwest Florida on a 32 foot Larsen, "Lionfish". Ann has been the squadron's SEO, Chair of Local Boating Courses and Instructor Development. She is a Staff Commander on the national Instructor Development Committee and is the Executive Officer of the Peace River Sail and Power Squadron. They share five children and twelve grandchildren.

**District 27 ANNUAL MEETING/COW
27 – 29 March, 2009**

North Raleigh Hilton –Raleigh, NC

Room Rate: \$99.00 plus taxes Reservations: Call 1-800-445-8667 or use website
Ask for "United States Power Squadrons District 27" room block Cutoff date is February 25, 2009

FRIDAY- 27 March

- 1000 – 1400 BOC Workshop - USPS Headquarters – 1504 Blue Ridge Rd, 27607
- 1400 – 1600 USPS Headquarters Tour – Leaving hotel times to be staggered
- 1300 – 1800 Member and Voter Registration
- 1600 – 1645 New Member, 1st Timer & Squadron Commander Reception – D/C Suite
- 1645 – 1745 P/D/C Reception – D/C Suite
- 1800 – 2200 CRUISING on the SS RALEIGH Party – Dress for your favorite event on a cruise!

SATURDAY - 28 March - Uniform of the Day: Uniform F

- 0730 – 0930 Member and Voter Registration
- 0815 – 1000 Spouses Coffee Hosted by Raleigh Sail & Power Squadron – D/C Suite
- 0915 – 1300 Spouses Tour of N. C. Museum of Art, Lunch and Shopping
- 0830 – 1200 Council/Conference Meeting Convenes, Program and Breakout Sessions
- 1200 – 1320 Members' Luncheon (advance registration required)
- 1330 – 1345 Meeting Reconvenes
- 1345 – 1445 Town Hall Meeting with National Representative
- 1445 – 1530 Installation of Officers, Reports and Adjournment
- 1530 – 1600 Announcements and Recess
- 1800 – 1900 Cash Bar
- 1900 - District 27 Change-of-Watch Banquet – Uniform A or Suitable attire

SUNDAY - 29 MARCH

- 0900 – 1000 Cooperative Charting

DETACH AND SEND

District 27 Annual Meeting/COW - Registration Form

	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	
Rank, Name & Grade	BOC Workshop	Tour USPS Hdqtrs No Charge Number Attending	Spouses Coffee No Charge Number Attending	NC Art Museum tour	Lunch Menu TBA	Banquet Menu TBA
Spouse or 2 nd member Rank, Name & Grade	USPS Hdqtrs Material and Instructor Cost	Cruise the SS Raleigh Party		Lunch menu Chicken Breast Tapenade w/ prosciutto		
Squadron Name	Qty _____	Qty _____		Qty _____	Qty _____	Qty _____
Email Address	@ <u>\$10.00</u>	@ <u>\$24.00</u>		@ <u>\$16.00</u>	@ <u>\$18.00</u>	@ <u>\$38.00</u>
New Member since July 2007 <input type="checkbox"/> _____ 1 st Timer District Meeting <input type="checkbox"/> _____					Total \$	

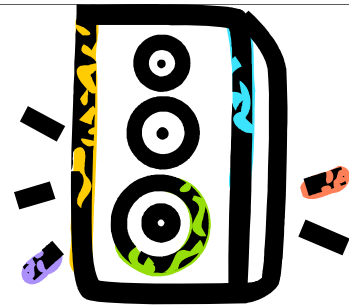
Please make checks payable to: D27 COW 2009. Mail Check with completed form to:
Kevin Lyon, 204 Melksham Rd, Wake Forest, NC 27587 Phone: 919 562-0597
Event Reservations Must Be Received by Monday, March 16, 2009. No additions to NCAM tour may be made after this date. Any reservations received after that time will be honored if there is cancellation space available. Cancellation will be refunded only if tickets can be resold. Thank you for being prompt!

Today is not too early!

Agenda
District 27 Annual Meeting & Change of Watch
March 27-29, 2009
North Raleigh Hilton – Raleigh, NC
Hosted By: Raleigh Squadron

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
FRIDAY - 27 MARCH			
1000 – 1400	<u>BOC WORKSHOP</u>	USPS Headquarters	Lt/C Ray Fedele, SN
1300 – 1800	<u>MEMBER & VOTER REGISTRATION</u>	Capital Registration	D/1st/Lt Harold O'Briant, AP Raleigh Squadron
1400 – 1550	<u>D/27 BRIDGE MEETING</u>	D/C Suite	
1400 – 1600	<u>HEADQUARTERS TOUR STARTS</u>	Meet Lobby Hotel	
1600 – 1645	<u>NEW MEMBER & 1ST TIMER, COMMANDER'S RECEPTION</u>	D/C Suite	District Bridge
1645 – 1745	<u>P/D/C RECEPTION</u>	D/C Suite	District Bridge
1800 – 2000	<u>CRUISING ON THE SS RALEIGH PARTY</u> Casual Cruising Attire	Salon D & E	Raleigh Squadron
SATURDAY – 28 MARCH			
0730 – 0930	<u>MEMBER & VOTER REGISTRATION</u>	UNIFORM F Capital Registration	D/1st/Lt Harold O'Briant, AP Raleigh Squadron Raleigh Squadron
0815 – 1000	<u>Spouse Coffee</u>	D/C Suite	
0915 – 1300	<u>Spouse Tour of NC Museum of Art – must be at museum at 1000</u>		
0830 – 0900	<u>MEETING CONVENES</u> <u>Council Meeting</u> Invocation Pledge of Allegiance Introduction of Guests	Salon F & G	D/Lt Alec Wren, N Cdr Burt Pearson, SN D/F/Lt Larry Stockett, JN
0900 – 0930	<u>Conference</u> Introduction of Guest Speaker, John Malatak Chief, Program Operations Branch Boating Safety Div. Dept. of Homeland Security, US Coast Guard	Salon F & G	D/Lt/C Jamie McCurry, AP
0930 – 1030	<u>BREAKOUT SESSIONS</u> Squadron Cdr & XO Administrative Officer Secretary/Treasurer – joint Nominating Committee (CLOSED)	Salon F & G Dogwood Judicial Sandalwood	D/Lt/C Jerry Hall, SN P/C Mike McCulley, AP D/Lt/C David Osmolski, AP D/Lt/C Lloyd Moore, JN P/D/C Mack Gordy, Jr, AP
1045 – 1145	<u>BREAKOUT SESSIONS</u> Chairing Nominating Committee Safety on Board and Safe Boating Wk Educational Planning Committee (CLOSED)	Judicial Dogwood Salon F & G Sandalwood	P/D/C Mack Gordy, Jr., AP D/Lt Louise Manke D/Lt/C Ray Travis, SN SEO George Malindzak, SN P/D/C Tom Helms, SN
1200 – 1320	<u>MEMBERS LUNCHEON & AWARD PROGRAM</u>	Salon C, D & E	Tickets collected at door
1330 – 1345	<u>MEETING RECONVENES</u> Reports: General Committees Standing Committees	Salon F & G	
1345 – 1445	<u>TOWN HALL MEETING National Representative</u>	Salon F & G	R/C Gregory Scotten, SN
1445 – 1530	Installation of 2009/2010 Officers	Salon F & G	R/C Gregory Scotten, SN
1530 – 1600	Announcements	Salon F & G	D/C Jerry Hall, SN
1615 – 1700	<u>MEETING RECESSES</u> <u>N CLUB</u>	Salon F & G	P/D/C D. Blankenbeckler, SN
1800 – 1900	<u>CASH BAR RECEPTION</u>	Salon C, D & E	
1900 – 2200	<u>CHANGE OF WATCH BANQUET</u> Uniform A with bow tie or other appropriate attire	Salon C, D & E	Tickets collected at door
SUNDAY – 29 MARCH			
0900 – 1000	<u>COOPERATIVE CHARTING</u>	Dogwood	P/D/C D. Blankenbeckler, SN

Register early for best seats



John Michael Malatak

Keynote Speaker District 27 Change of Watch

28 March 2009

John M. Malatak serves as Chief, Program Operations for the United States Coast Guard, Headquarters, and Washington, DC. As Chief of the Program Operations Branch he is responsible to ensure total coordination and collaboration to all organizations, states, territories and federal agencies relating to all matters pertaining to recreational boating safety, small vessel security measures, education, funding, and implementation, communications and awareness programs. He is also responsible for all technical, educational, systematic and fiscal matters. Prior to his assignment with the U. S. Coast Guard he held various educational, technical and management positions within the American Red Cross.

Mr. Malatak holds a B.S. Degree from Georgia Southern University and a M.B.A. from the University of Tennessee. He holds various honors and awards from several organizations. A few of his accomplishments are: recipient of the American Red Cross Lifesaving Award of Merit, signed by President of the United States, Jimmy Carter, awarded for saving the life of another individual; 1999 recipient of the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators Special Recognition Award; 2001 national recipient of the prestigious “Chapman Safety Award”, presented by Motor Boating Magazine and the United States Power Squadrons.

Mr. Malatak is an active member of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 25-10 (Past Commander), Fredericksburg, VA; and the United States Power Squadrons, Mid-Potomac Power Squadron (Past Commander). He is an Advanced Pilot with Educational Proficiency in the United States Power Squadrons. He actively teaches various boating safety specialty courses such as: Weather, Piloting, Advanced Piloting, Coastal Navigation, Communications, GPS, Search and Rescue, and Patrols. He is an authorized Instructor Trainer in Lifeguard Training, Water Safety, Swimming, Canoeing, Sailing, as well as First Aid and CPR.

He currently serves as the Coast Guard Representative to such prestigious Boards and Committee’s as the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators, National Water Safety Congress, United States Power Squadrons, National Safe Boating Council, and the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Operations Committee.

He is married to Jane Williams Malatak, a native of Nashville, TN; has one daughter, Julia, a graduate from the George Mason University School of Business. He and his wife, Jane, live in Aquia Harbour, Virginia.

PLANNED GIFTS BENEFIT USPS

Stf/C Theodore C.. Kontos, SN

Planned Giving is a program of various financial instruments that can be adapted to the needs of each donor. When the “Gift” is properly and correctly set up, it will provide future income for the nonprofit (USPS). This “Gift” is also known as “deferred giving”. “Gifts” can be made by using many types of assets. Most asset contributions are made with cash or appreciated marketable securities. Depending on the donor’s particular circumstances, “Gifts” can also be made using qualified retirement account assets, real estate, insurance policies and even art-work or business interests.

A donor using planned giving techniques has a variety of benefits such as increasing current income for the donor or others. You can also reduce income and/or estate taxes, reduce or avoid capital gains taxes, pass assets on to family members at reduced tax costs and make an important gift to USPS. Think of "Planned Gifts" as leaving a legacy that benefits not only the donor and the donor's family, but also nonprofits (USPS).

“Gifts” designated to the USPS Endowment Fund are invested in an account separate from other assets/investments of USPS. R/C Michael Horowitz, JN explains how these funds are managed by the Finance Committee. “The investment philosophy is very conservative and preservation of the principal is paramount. Currently the investment mix is 75% money market instruments, such as certificates of deposit and money market funds, and 25% in mutual funds with reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. Income from the “Gifts” will be used to fund initiatives that support strategic issues facing our organization.”

You may be wondering how and why you fit into this program; read one member’s prospective. “Now that I (P/C/C Les Johnson, SN) am not on the National Bridge, it has been a source of great satisfaction to be able to talk with more members and be re-involved with my Squadron and District. There is one subject that frequently comes up in conversation when visiting Districts and Squadrons. Members have thought about making “Gifts” to USPS, but they are not sure how the money would be used. Some examples of past “Gifts” include \$40,000 plus to cover mentoring costs to start new squadrons, \$400,000 plus to upgrade and enlarge the headquarters building, \$3,000 plus for a defibrillator for headquarters and national meetings, and lastly a \$500,000 “Gift” was made to the Century Fund.”

All of the above are a few examples of how “Planned Gifts” have helped provide the resources that are needed to best promote boating education. Did you notice that the amount of the “Gifts” vary from small to large? There are additional future projects that are needed. It is easy to ask the Planned Giving Committee for some direction for making a “Gift” you might have in mind. Remember, it is the accumulation of all “Gifts” to the USPS (big and small) that get things accomplished.



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OTHERS BE SAFER
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Crossing Paths At the 2009 Combined D27 / D5 Summer Rendezvous Cruise,
by P/C Ralph Daniels

Attention D27 coastal boaters, please block off the week before the D27/D5 Summer Rendezvous, which is July 24-26, 2009. We are planning a cruise to Cape Charles, VA the sight of the 2009 summer rendezvous. We will have boaters from the Albemarle Sound, Pamlico River, Neuse River, Beaufort, Topsail, and Southport all heading north for the spacious Bay Creek Marina (757-331-8640) at Cape Charles on the beautiful Chesapeake Bay. Plans are still soft on the intermediate stops but we all want to be at Cape Charles on Friday July 24.

Intermediate Stops could include: Beaufort City Docks, Oriental Harbor, Dowry Creek, Alligator River, Ocracoke, Manteo, Coinjock, and Tidewater Marina Norfolk.

We need boats for crew and crew for boats. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about cruising – we will have plenty of experienced cruisers and routes – preprogrammed for most GPS'.

This cruise is for all - power boaters, slow boaters, and Sail Boaters! **JOIN ANY LOCATION ANY TIME!** Food, Drink and fun at each location! For details please see web: www.usps.org/localusps/d27. And Please Call P/C Ralph Daniels @ (919) 795-9374 or Email at ralph.rsps@earthlink.net

More on 2009 District Rendezvous

It is not too early to start planning next summer's boating activities. The Rendezvous this year will be combined with District 5. District 5 is located adjacent to our northern border and encompasses the Chesapeake Bay. The event will be a fun filled time for all; sail boaters, power boaters, boaters that love boating with dinghy, canoes, kayaks, or even land yachts and members that just love being around good friends on the water.

The combined committee is working hard to bring many interesting and fun events for the weekend in Cape Charles, VA. Cape Charles is located about 10 miles north of the northern end of the Chesapeake Bridge Tunnel Complex right on the bay. There will be a Navigation Contest, a Poker Run (for the smaller boats), tours, games, USPS fellowship, and we wouldn't be USPS members if we didn't throw in a little food. We will, of course, be introducing our friends in District 5 to the fun things that have become a part of our rendezvous' – such as conch blowing and bean bag baseball.

Start early to encourage the membership and your friends to plan on attending this new venture. It is a first time that we have combined districts for a summer rendezvous. The committee is working hard to make this a wonderful summer activity. There is a web site dedicated to this rendezvous that shows the location, marina, lodging; lists points of contact and really has an abundance of information. Please check out the web site: http://members.cox.net/summer_rendezvous_2009/index.htm . This rendezvous is what USPS is all about – "FUN – Boating".

If you have questions, please contact one of the District representatives:

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Article 6 of the District Bylaws: Nominations and elections.

Section 6.1 Candidates for elective offices to be voted on at the Spring Conference shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee or by written petition signed by at least 10 active members in good standing from each of at least three squadrons. Such petition shall be sent by first class mail or delivered to the Secretary at least 15 days before the date of the election. At least 10 days before the date of the election, the secretary shall forward the names of those nominated by petition to each member of the Council and to each of the Past District Commanders of the district. Squadron Commanders shall notify the delegates representing their squadrons.

District 27 Nominating Committee

November 3, 2008

DC – Jerry Hall, JN – Cape Fear
DXO – Jamie McCurry, AP – Shallotte River
DEO – George Malindzak, SN – Raleigh
DAO – Mike McCulley, JN – Cape Lookout
DTREAS – Lloyd Moore, JN – Cape Lookout
DSEC – David Osmolski, AP – Charlotte
ADEO – Tom Penders, JN – Pamlico
ATREAS – Tom Taylor, AP – Raleigh
ASEC – Harold O'Briant, AP – Durham
NOM COM – Ann Bailey, AP – Raleigh
RULES COM – Ken Link, JN – Fort Macon
AUDIT COM – Tom Helms, SN – Lake Norman

The following names were also presented as Primary and Alternate members of the 2009-2010 Nominating Committee

Albemarle	Primary: P/C John J. (Jet) Powers, AP Alternate: Lt/C Allen B. Miles, JN
Cape Fear	Primary: P/C Mary Jo Worcester, S Alternate: P/C Francine Hall, AP
Cape Lookout	Primary: P/R/C William E. Reasons, SN Alternate: P/C Donald D. Taylor, AP
Catawba	Primary: P/D/C Melvin L. Roberts, SN Alternate: P/C Joseph F. Murphy, AP
Charlotte	Primary: P/C C. Douglas C. Drum, Sr., P Alternate: P/C David M. Stewart, AP
Durham	Primary: P/C Sandra D. Williams, AP Alternate: P/C Paula B. Schubert, AP
Fayetteville	Primary: P/C Sidney E. Thrash, JN Alternate: Lt Kay C. Thrash, AP
Fort Macon	Primary: P/R/C Kenneth D. Link, JN Alternate: P/C Jack E. Cummins, AP
Goldsboro	Primary: P/C Wilson Mewborn, JN Alternate: P/C Roger P. Casey, Jr., AP
Greensboro	Primary: P/C Robert M. Armfield, AP Alternate: P/D/C Mack L. Gordy, Jr., AP
Kinston	Primary: P/C David L. Miller, AP Alternate: P/C Charles N. (Chip) Athey, Jr., AP
Lake Norman	Primary: P/R/C Carolyn W. Parker, SN Alternate: P/D/C C. Tom Helms, SN
New River	Primary: Lt/C Chris A. Wilk, P Alternate: P/C Paul R. Read, AP
Pamlico	Primary: P/C Frederick M. Kaplan, P Alternate: P/C William J. Waite, S
Raleigh	Primary: P/D/C Lawrence E. Stockett, JN Alternate: P/C Ralph A. Daniels, Jr., AP
Rocky Mount	Primary: P/C Alvin E. Paetzell, AP Alternate: P/C Christopher E. Payne, AP
Shallotte River	Primary: P/C William N. Cox, AP Alternate: P/C Joseph Huber, P
Southport	Primary: Lt/C Larry H. Welch, AP Alternate: P/D/C Douglas L. Jones, JN
Tar River	Primary: P/C/C Ernie G. Marshburn, SN Alternate: P/D/C Benjamin F. Reed, JN
Winston Salem	Primary: P/D/C George J. Ellis, Jr., SN Alternate: P/C Dawn Gaskill, AP

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