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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**March 25-27 2011**

D/27 Annual  
Meeting

Courtyard Marriott  
Carolina Beach, NC

**June 17-19 2011**

D/27 Rendezvous  
Grace Harbour

**September 12-17**

National USPS  
Greensboro, NC

**Sept 30-Oct 2 2011**

D/27 Fall C/C  
Marriott Hotel  
Winston-Salem, NC



## D/C Message James R. McCurry, AP

CHANGE. Sometimes adapting to change is difficult. This is the time of the year that we in USPS go through change. The Change of Watch for most squadrons in District 27 has come and gone. It has been one of reflection on the year that the members have contributed to your squadron's success. It is a promise to build upon that success in the coming year.

The National Annual Meeting in Disney's Coronado Springs – Lake Buena Vista, Florida was a great time to renew friendships and focus on the USPS direction for the New Year. Membership, the message is clear - read about it in the Ensign Winter 2011 Edition. V/C Robert Baldrige, SN our National Administrative Officer's article entitled "Our time is now" is on page 4 please read- the time is NOW. National is also trying to improve communication at the member level and as such has put all members on Sail Angle. You can choose to remove your self from this tool, but before you do I hope that you will try it. It has the potential to get National and District news to you quicker as well as giving your squadron a tool to improve communication with members and committees. The Treasurer has highlighted the need for completing the IRS Form 990, do not put your squadron's tax-exempt status in jeopardy, make sure the squadron has filed. Our insurance coverage was also highlighted. This insurance sets us apart from all others as it covers our members on the water activity. District will have a seminar on this topic – stay tune.

On the District level it has been a pleasure for Sarah and I to attend many of the squadron's Change of Watch. Seeing the fun that the squadrons have is refreshing and inspiring. New friendships have been made and old friendships renewed. To those that we could not attend our thoughts have been with you. Going back to basics, self-education, civic service, and fraternal boating, does make a difference - you have proven it.

The District Council/Conference Change is Watch is coming all too quickly. Save the date 25-27 March 2011 at the Marriott Courtyard in Carolina Beach. Come see how your district goes back to basics with fraternal boating. Another date to save is 14-17 September 2011. This is the date for the National Fall Governing Board in Greensboro, NC. Please help by coming to this National Meeting and help showcase District 27 as the best District in USPS. Another must for this meeting is for all squadrons in District 27 to be represented in the Administrative Leadership Development Seminar. It is here; it is now; it is your chance to improve your skills.

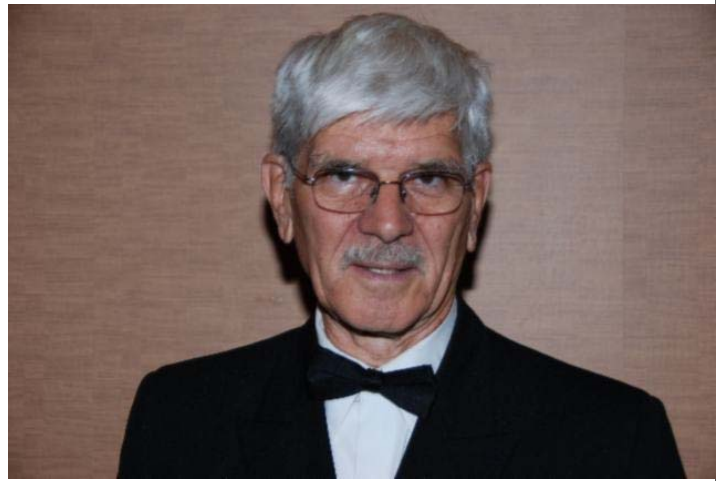
It seems like yesterday that I took the helm of District 27 and yet the District year is fast coming to a close. I had the honor of recommending sixty-one members for a merit mark. Thank you to these members and to the many members that earned a merit mark at the squadron level. If you did not earn a merit mark, I thank you for being a member and I encourage you to get involved, teach a class, help with the public boating class, become a vessel safety examiner, do some co-op charting, assist with your squadron meetings. To those that earned a merit mark you have been the reason that your District has had a successful year. The Bridge and I thank you! See you in Carolina Beach!



## District Educational Officer D/Lt/C George Malindzak, SN

### BRUNSWICK PARTNERSHIP

The USPS recently reached agreement with Brunswick Corporation, the world's largest marine manufacturer. This agreement authorizes squadrons to conduct a variety of boater education classes in Brunswick dealer facilities. Pilot programs have been launched in several locations – The fundamental idea behind this partnership is to draw more people into the dealerships. Brunswick has presented the USPS to their dealers, as their preferred training organization. Their dealers can become USPS members and have the opportunity to sell selected USPS products to their customers. The real advantage of this relationship is to have USPS instructors conduct courses and seminars within their facilities. This brings boaters into the dealership who otherwise might not do so on their own. While the pilot programs thus far with limited success, efforts to step up the activity of this program activity will be an important priority for this next year. While the Brunswick corporate staff and USPS National staff have reached an agreement, the most important step now is for the local squadrons and districts to connect with their respective Brunswick Dealers. In the coming year we will be receiving a list of Brunswick Dealers with whom you may elect to contact.



### BOC PROGRAM

Nearly 500 participants have started the Inland Navigator (IN) program, the first of the four-level program, since it began. The second level Coastal Navigator (CN), was released in the beta form in the Fall 2010. The new CN kit is expected to be available at Headquarters sometime around the last week in February 2011. The kit will include the CN Guide Book, the CN Passport and a hand-bearing compass. The cost of the kit will include the cost of certification and any endorsements requested at the time of the initial certification request, and will be \$40.00.

Recently, the new training program for IN and CN certified trainers (formerly known as Master Certifiers) will have been completed in the Pacific Northwest. A similar program will be conducted in the Beaufort, SC area, the first weekend of March 2011. In this later session, three (of the 12 selected) candidates from D27 will be participating (Clay Helms, Rocky Mount, Tom Pender, Pamlico, and George Malindzak, Raleigh). Training in other regions will follow shortly thereafter in the Spring 2011 (as weather permits). Following training, these certifiers will be authorized and available to take you out on the water for your OTW certification. Please note those who are correctly Advanced Certifiers still have to be again certified by one of the Certifier Trainers.

The next two BOC levels (Advanced Coastal and Offshore Navigator) are now in development and no introduction date has been announced.

### NEW HQ800 SYSTEM

The new HQ-800 system is up and running. It allows squadrons to enter not only boating courses and seminar information, but all other USPS class offerings. A student will be able to search for any USPS offerings. Course completions, form ED27s, and student biographical data (ED26) will be reported automatically to HQ and to the appropriate States when a class is finished. SEOs and DEOs will be able to verify all submittals and look at past classes and student data. All students in any class, will enrolled in the USPS University and be issued a certificate number that can be used to order exams and for keeping track of their course and seminar completions. Student date entry will be by on-line registration or local class chairman input. The

database will interface with the Boating Course Assistant (BCA) to print wallet cards and certificates. Finally, the new system will allow squadrons that wish to grant the complimentary six-month membership to a graduating student of ABC-3 to do it with no additional data entry on their part.

## NEW EDUCATIONAL MODELS

Extensive and intensive discussions took place at the USPS Annual Meeting regarding our current and proposed future educational models. Currently, we are primarily classroom-oriented; future plans call for a transition to online-internet-based and interactive teaching models. These models are to be supplemented with personal instructor participation via the webinar. Smartphones, ipods and ipads are expected to dictate the focus on teaching and presentation of USPS educational materials in the future. The University of West Florida is already involved in a cooperative arrangement with the USPS for the presentation and credit for all of our USPS courses.

## USCG and USCG–Aux Partners

Our relationship with the USCG and USCG-AUX is stronger than ever. The USCG and the USCG-Aux members are anxious to take some of our advanced courses, like JN and N. As a consequence, we have been urged to treat any of the USCG or USCG -Aux as members. This translates into inviting them to meetings and charging them members prices for our courses.

## ID CERTIFICATION AND RECERTIFICATION

In a short period of time, all USPS instructors will be required to be ID certified before they can teach a USPS course. This requirement stems from the policy that opened all USPS courses to the public. One of the conditions for USPS insurance coverage is that courses taught by USPS instructors will be certified. Hence, very soon, the USPS Board of Directors (BOD) will act on a resolution to require all USPS instructors to be ID Certified. If an instructor has never been ID certified, he/she will be required to take and complete the USPS ID course. Current instructors can be re-certified by attending and completing the ID Recertification seminar. Pending approval of the BOD, is another recertification policy that will now allow members who have completed the old Instructor Qualification (IQ) course, and have been actively teaching during the past 24 months to be recertified upon completion of the Instructor Recertification seminar.

## ABC-3 INTERNET COURSEWARE

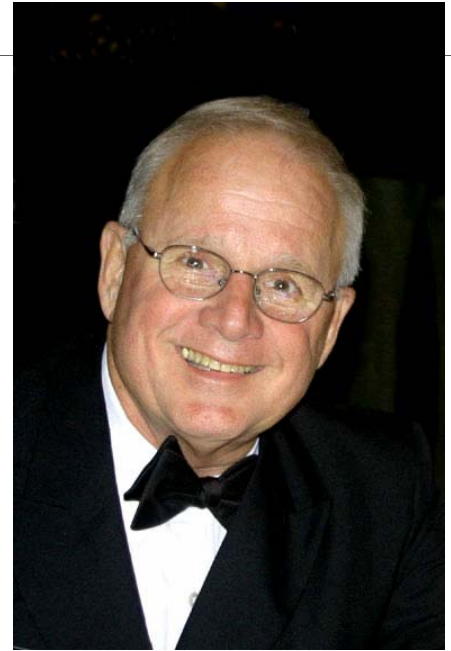
The online courseware for the ABC is being revisited by Atlantic Web Works to meet new State and NAS-BLA standards. The new courseware requires that a student not be able to simply move to end the course and take the test. Each slide must complete its narration or presentation before proceeding to the next slide. Each section chapter must be completed in sequence. At the end of each chapter, there is a quiz that must be passed before proceeding to the next chapter. In total, there will be six quizzes in the course, a practice exam and a timed final exam to recognize course complete. The minimum time to go through all the slides is 3 ½ hours. This will make it more difficult for people to cheat on the test. Many states are no longer providing free slide courses because of budget constraints.

## Educational Department Organization/Reorganization

Robert Sweet will continue to serve as the NEO for the forthcoming year. Two ANEOs have been appointed: Gene Molteni and Bob Palmer will serve in that capacity for perhaps the next three years. Yours truly will serve as the St/C for the Educational Department for the next three years.

**CONGRATULATIONS GEORGE!!!**

## District Executive Officer      D/Lt/C Mike McCulley, JN



Carolyn and I recently returned from attending the US Power Squadron's National meeting at Disney Resorts in Lake Buena Vista, Florida. This was our third National Meeting and proved to be as much, if not more, interesting and enjoyable than the first two. This article will summarize topics covered in the District Commanders/District Executive Officers closed session that I thought were very informative.

### Cooperating Agreement with Brunswick Corporation

The featured speaker for both the D/C & D/XO Meeting and also the General Meeting on Saturday morning was Dustan E. McCoy, Chairman and CEO of Brunswick Corp. You may recall that I reported a year ago that USPS had entered into an agreement with Brunswick to provide operator training through participating dealers. The program has had minimal participation so far. Mr. McCoy encouraged USPS districts and squadrons to contact the dealers and begin the process of offering on-site boating education. His talk on Saturday began with an eye-opening description of the downturn of boaters in the U.S. over the past 20 years, which, of course, not only affects Brunswick's bottom line, but also the membership level in USPS as well as the USCG Auxiliary. He encourages USPS to "reach out" to the Auxiliary and pointed out that the Auxiliary does not have insurance to cover on-the-water training. He advised USPS to encourage the Auxiliary to take USPS courses with a price reduction. This effort could help USPS and Brunswick to serve the 40 million boaters in the U.S. Although USPS and USCG Auxiliary have different missions (Auxiliary does patrols – USPS doesn't), their education program has slipped lately and this is an area where USPS can help them. He suggested that one way to break the ice is for USPS to join with the Auxiliary in conducting Vessel Safety Checks.

### Participation of Squadron Commanders at District Conferences

Vice Commander John Alter expressed his concern that the number of Squadron Commanders participating in District Conferences is decreasing. He emphasized that the National Headquarters takes the participation of Commanders in the conferences seriously and **expects** them to attend. He directed the District Commanders and Executive Officers to encourage them to do so because it's important that they know what's going on at both the District and National levels and that they take part in decisions at the District level.

V/C Alter also mentioned that USPS has a problem with name recognition on its web site. The acronym "USPS" is exactly like the US Postal Service, which causes problems. A new acronym probably should be created for web use.

### "Doing It Right" Award

A considerable number of squadrons did not submit a report for this award last year. Even if there are minimal numbers to report, squadrons should still submit the report because the District will be recognized for 100% participation. The top 3 Districts that have shown membership growth will be recognized. Each District has a representative who will forward the membership information to the chairpersons. National has suggested that Districts consider requiring monthly reports from Squadron Commanders indicating how many members they have. This will provide more timely information and make the annual report easier to tabulate.

To enhance retention of new members, Commanders should follow the B.A.R.S method (Belong, Achieve, Recognize, and Status) which means to find small tasks for new members to do, but not overwhelm them, and to thank them for serving and recognize their work at a meeting.



## District Administrative Officer

### D/LT/C Harold W. O'Briant, AP

What an incredibly active time for District 27 and our 20 Squadrons. We are in the middle of Changes of Watch, we just returned from the USPS National meeting in Orlando and next month we have the District Change of Watch in Carolina Beach.

Members of District 27 were among more than 700 USPS members in attendance at the general meetings in Orlando the first week of February. We heard about the new membership designations and the ABC3 six months free membership effort. Both are designed to increase membership within USPS. You will be hearing more detailed information regarding this soon. Membership, this year, will again be "Job 1". Data this year has indicated the downward turn in membership has leveled and possibly is increasing. This was most welcomed news.

USPS Leadership Development unveiled the new DXO/SXO Leadership Development seminars designed for executive officers on the squadron and district level. For those of you unable to attend, this seminar and the DAO/SAO Leadership Development seminar are scheduled for the USPS Governing Board meeting in Greensboro in September. **If you are a member of a squadron or district bridge, you must take these seminars to be prepared for the leadership you pledge at your change of watch to provide. While it is true this is a volunteer organization, we owe it to our members to provide the best leadership possible and this unified leadership can only evolve through training offered by the Districts of USPS.**



Another event in Orlando was the national judging of the posters in the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Boarman Youth Poster Contest. In January, 21 posters were submitted for District judging at the annual District training session in Raleigh.

In Raleigh, in the 6 – 8 age group, Frankie Borkowski won First Place; Sarah Compeggie won Second Place and Charlie Acorn took Third Place. All three entries were submitted by New River Sail & Power Squadron

The District winners in the 9 – 11 age group in Raleigh were Madi Eyster, First Place; Austin Mashburn, Second Place; and Sam Hunt, Third Place. Again, all the winning posters in this age group were submitted by New River Sail & Power Squadron.

In the 12 – 14 age group, Natalie Manke won First Place and Sabrina Carraway won Second Place. Fort Macon Sail & Power Squadron submitted both posters. Natalie Reed took Third Place with her poster submitted by New River Sail & Power Squadron.

In Orlando, District 27 submitted the three First Place district winners for National judging and won 2nd Place in the 9 – 11 age group nationally and 2nd Place in the 12 – 14 age group nationally. The 9 – 11 age group entry was by Madi Eyster, submitted by New River Sail & Power Squadron. The 12 – 14 age group entry was by Natalie Manke, and submitted by Forth Macon Sail & Power Squadron.

The District appreciates the efforts of all the entrants and urges all Squadrons to support this program. Information concerning this contest can be found at [www.usps.org](http://www.usps.org) under the site index and Youth Programs.

Certificates and trophies for the entrants and winners at the District and National levels will be presented to the New River Sail & Power and the Fort Macon Sail & Power squadrons, respectively, at the upcoming District Annual Meeting and Change of Watch weekend in Carolina Beach.

One of the benefits of attending District or National meetings is the opportunity to meet and talk with members of other Squadrons and Districts. For every question about anything regarding USPS, there was someone from some Squadron or District who had faced the same question and with a successful resolution.

Please make every effort to attend the District 27 Annual Meeting and Change of Watch in March in Carolina Beach and the USPS National Governing Board meeting in Greensboro in September. All eyes in USPS will be on us in September.

Finally, please mark your calendars for the Spring Rendezvous the weekend of June 17-19 at River Dunes near Oriental, NC. This will be a fun weekend with lots of food and activities. Watch for information on the updated District website and at the Annual Meeting and Change of Watch in Carolina Beach next month. Slips for those staying aboard boats will be available at River Dunes Marina. Slips can be reserved only by calling the River Dunes Dockmaster J. C. Cappelman at 800-348-7618 or 252-249-4908. Rooms will be at a premium for this event. The closest rooms will be in Oriental. There are Bed and Breakfasts located in Oriental which can be Googled. The two popular motels in Oriental are the Oriental Marina & Inn @ 252-249-1818 and the River Neuse Suites @ 252-249-1404.

## District Secretary

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

Once again the Winter Training session held at the NC State University Club in Raleigh was a success. The sessions were extended to allow for lengthy Q and A periods. I believe it is question and answer sessions that make training sessions most successful. There was a huge turnout, and everyone got to watch the snow squalls while we ate lunch. Fortunately the roads were clear and dry on the way home.

The Annual Meeting in Orlando had much to offer. There were quite a few things reported by outgoing National Secretary, Dave Hinders, SN.

Changes were made in the Operations Manual regarding Public Contact, Flag and Etiquette as well as the changes in membership classes as was passed at the Fall Governing Board in Bellevue, WA.

Probably the biggest task addressed by the Secretary's Department was the launch and organization of the newly formed Communications Committee. The Ensign Committee, the IT Committee and the Publications Committee were merged into the Communications Committee a year ago. The reorganization and assignment of monitors to all the Districts and Squadrons went quite smoothly. The newsletters are now monitored more objectively with a standardized scoring form. Websites too are scrutinized and where help is needed suggestions are made.

Communication is changing too. Sail Angle, USPS's primary network is now the communication means of choice. Members are encouraged to develop a "page". E-mail communication, "webinars" and friend circles can all be done. While Sail Angle is similar to Facebook, the primary membership is made up of USPS members, and is therefore more secure.

We have been asked to encourage all members in D/27 to join Sail Angle and to use it as their primary means of communication within USPS. Tutorials on how to use Sail Angle are available on the USPS Website.

Merit Marks are now being sent electronically to recipients. This is saving large amounts of money in both materials and postage costs.

Personal information can be updated by an individual on the USPS website. If your telephone number or rank has changed, you can change it yourself. Simply click on "log on" under Member Stuff. Then click on "Manage Profile" on the left side of the page.

Finally, a new, completely revised edition of "How to Fly Flags" is available from the Ship's Store.



## THANKS FOR YOUR SERVICE



## District Treasurer

**D/Lt/C David E. Parsons, AP**

Had a very interesting trip to Orlando for the National Annual Meeting and managed to pick up a few tidbits of information from the various meetings I attended. As you know National is making a change to the Membership categories and to the dues structure. During the meetings I found that there is a lot of misconceptions and misunderstanding surrounding this topic. Hopefully, I can shed a few words that may help to clarify and hopefully not muddy the waters, (pardon the pun) any further.

The National By-laws which are now available on the web-site have been updated to show the new levels of MEMBERSHIP. They are: ACTIVE; APPRENTICE; CORPORATE; HONORARY. The dues structure for National is: ACTIVE; FAMILY that's all, nothing more. ACTIVE will have a National dues of \$39.00 plus District and Squadron dues and will be billed on the members anniversary date, as it presently is. FAMILY will have National dues of \$58.50 plus District and Squadron dues. These dues will not change until the 2013 dues year.

Now, District 27 as of the time of this writing has not made any decisions on increasing the \$10 dues we currently pay. The Budget Committee will be making a recommendation on this and I suspect it will be a topic of discussion at our Spring Council/COW at Carolina Beach.

**On-the-Water Insurance:** This covers all on water activity that a squadron might have, USPS Class, Program or event approved by the District or Squadron. The boat(s) must be covered under a separate private policy and must be under command of a USPS member during the activity. The National Treasurer Web-site can provide a Certificate of Coverage, Insurance Summary of Coverage and a copy of the certificate should be available during the day(s) of the event. If there are any questions or concerns Ms. Mary Diaz at 1-800-262-8911 can assist you.

Treasurer's should keep in mind that the IRS 990 must be submitted on an annual basis. With the COW's for the squadron's taking place recently this may have a tendency to fall through the cracks and not be done. Attention to this is absolutely necessary. We were told that there is a squadron that is being assessed \$200 penalty per day for not filing this document since 2006. It can become costly if not done. Also, TR-1 needs to be completed and filed with National Headquarters. Please send me a copy of the IRS acceptance of your filing for the District records as well. The e-postcard can be filed with the IRS at the following web-site: <http://epostcard.form990.org>

Lastly, please let me know if there has been a change in your squadron Treasurer position, so that I have the correct contact information to send the New Member Assessment Invoices.

Hope to see everyone at the Spring Council/COW at Carolina Beach March 25-27

**Safe Boating to ALL**



# Agenda District 27 Annual Meeting & Change of Watch

25-27 March, 2011

## Courtyard Marriott Carolina Beach

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
<b>FRIDAY – 25 MARCH</b>		UNIFORM – CASUAL, SQUADRON SHIRT	
1300 – 1730	<u>MEMBER &amp; VOTER REGISTRATION</u>	Lobby	Shalotte River Squadron
1400 - 1430	<u>D/27 BRIDGE MEETING</u>	D/C's suite	District Bridge
1430 – 1600	<u>D/27 BRIDGE/Aides Meeting</u>	D/C's suite	District Bridge
1600 – 1645	<u>COMMANDER'S RECEPTION</u> <u>NEW MEMBER &amp; 1<sup>st</sup> TIMER</u>	D/C's suite	District Bridge
1645 – 1800	<u>P/D/C RECEPTION/Host Squadron</u>	D/C's suite	District Bridge
1830 - 2045	<u>BOARD CRUISE SHIP</u>	The Winner Cruise Boat Dock	Shalotte River Squadron
<b>SATURDAY – 26 MARCH</b>		UNIFORM CASUAL, SQUADRON SHIRT	
0730 – 0930	<u>MEMBER &amp; VOTER REGISTRATION</u>	Lobby	Shalotte River Squadron
0815 – 1000	<u>Spouse Coffee</u>	D/C's suite	Shalotte River Squadron
0800 – 0900	<u>MEETING CONVENES</u> <u>Council Meeting</u> Invocation Pledge of Allegiance Introduction of Guests Reports – Nominations, Budget	Cape Fear	D/C Jamie McCurry, AP  D/Lt Alec Wrenn, SN Cdr Hugh Hayes, P D/F/Lt Ernie Marshburn, SN
0900 – 0930	<u>CONFERENCE CONVENES</u> Introduction of Guest Speaker,	Cape Fear	D/Lt/C Harold O'Briant, AP CAPT Anthony Popiel D/C Jamie McCurry, AP R/C Howard Yoas, SN
0930 – 1015	Chief Commander's Rep. Town Hall Meeting	Cape Fear	
1030 - 1115	<u>BREAKOUT SESSIONS</u> Commanders/Executive Officers  Marine Radar Seminar Nominating Committee (Closed) Rules (Closed)	Cape Fear  Cape Lookout D/C's suite Cape Point	D/C Jamie McCurry, AP D/Lt/C Mike McCulley, JN D/1st/Lt Tom Penders, JN P/D/C Jerry Hall, SN P/D/C Ben Reed, JN D/C Jamie McCurry, AP
1125 – 1205	Conference Reports Budget Nominations – election of 2011-2012 Bridge	Cape Fear	
1230 – 1345	<u>MEMBERS LUNCHEON &amp; AWARD PROGRAM</u> Recess Conference	Cape Point	Shalotte River Squadron
1350 - 1530	Planning (Closed)	D/C's suite	P/D/C Ann Bailey, AP
1350 - 1600	<u>OPEN SESSIONS</u> N Club – Computer Aided Charting USPS On The Water Insurance	Cape Point Cape Lookout	P/D/C Don Dunlap, SN D/Lt/C George Malindzak, SN
1700 – 1800	<u>CHANGE OF WATCH RECEPTION</u> Cash Bar	UNIFORM A WITH BOW TIE OR APPROPRIATE EVENING ATTIRE Outside Cape Ballroom	
1800 – 2200	<u>COW BANQUET</u> Dinner and Awards, etc Announcements Adjourn Conference and/or Council	Cape Ballroom	D/C Jamie McCurry, AP  D/C Mike McCulley, JN
<b>SUNDAY – 27 MARCH</b>			
0900 – 1000	<u>COOPERATIVE CHARTING</u>	D/C's suite	P/C Phillip A. Benson, JN



District 27 Annual Meeting/COW  
 25-27 March, 2011  
 Courtyard Marriott Carolina Beach  
 100 Charlotte Avenue  
 Carolina Beach, NC 28428

Room Rate: \$109.00 plus taxes      Reservations: 910-458-2030 – Direct #  
 Ask for "USPS District 27" room block      CUTOFF DATE: 9 March 2011

EVENTS;

Friday 25 March: Dinner Cruise and Dance

Step aboard the Royal Winner Princess II to embark on a 2 hour  
 Dinner & Dance Cruise. YOU WILL WALK STRAIGHT ON. The cruise is along the  
 Cape Fear River with dancing after dinner. The menu will be Carolina BBQ & chicken  
 with sides, Coffee, tea and cake for desert, and a cash bar.

Saturday 26 March: Coffee

Spouse's coffee for those who would like to attend. There is no charge for this,  
 but we do need to know attendance numbers.

Saturday 26 March: Lunch

Soup, salad & potato bar, a selection of cookies to have for desert. Coffee, tea provided.

Saturday 26 March: COW Banquet

Choice of Chicken Tuscany or Grilled Salmon, garden salad, warm rolls, Chef's selection of  
 Starch, vegetable and desert. Coffee and tea will be included.

DETACH AND SEND

Rank, Name, Grade	Spouse or 2 <sup>nd</sup> member
Squadron Name	Email Address

*On September 25, 2011 the District Conference gave permission to charge a fee for those who are NOT attending any of the ticketed events to help pay for meeting rooms. For those who buy tickets, the fee is included in the ticket price.*

	\$8.00 X ____
Friday - Royal Winner Princess II Cruise	\$39.00 X ____
Saturday – Spouse's Coffee NO CHARGE      Need attendance number	____
Saturday – Lunch	\$18.00 X ____
Saturday – COW Banquet      Chicken Tuscany	\$39.00 X ____
	Grilled Salmon      \$39.00 X ____
New Member since July 2009 ____      1 <sup>st</sup> Time District Meeting ____	Total ____

Please make checks payable to: D/27 COW 2011      Mail check and completed form to:  
 Marlene Halkovitch, 6691 Roberta Rd SW, Ocean Isle Beach, NC 28469. Event registrations must be  
 received by Monday, 14 March, 2011.

## CHIEF COMMANDERS REPRESENTATIVE SPRING C/C

### R/C Howard Yoas, SN

R/C Yoas joined USPS in 1968, realizing the need for more education after experiencing rough waters in his 16 ft. open boat. He transferred to the Austin PS in 1970. At the squadron level he has served as Commander and later advanced to District 21 Commander.



Howard is an SN and his most recent teaching assignment is On the Water Training course. At the National level, Howard served three years on the Cooperative Charting Committee advancing to Chairman. Howard now serves as Chairman of the Committee on Nominations.

Professionally, Howard spent 25 years in the design and management of large construction projects such as power plants, dams, converting oil fields to gas storage facilities. He attended the U of TX in Austin majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

Howard has two grown children and three grandchildren. In 2003, he became engaged to Mary J. Pierpont SN, a USPS family friend for 30 years. He has now gained and enjoys 2 more children and 4 grandchildren. Mary and Howard spend part of their time at home on Lake Travis enjoying family, USPS friends, boating and jet skiing on the lake. Part of their time is spent at their Dallas home keeping up with the grandchildren's activities there. The rest of the time, they enjoy traveling around the USA, abroad for pleasure and working on USPS projects or at the ranch tending goats and longhorn cattle. Proof of travel is that Howard's 250 diesel truck has over 300,000 miles logged!

Mary is an SN, a certified instructor, secretary of the National Meetings Committee and entertainment procurer for the Social Activities Committee. She is a graduate of the University of Connecticut and has her master's in special education. Mary spent 20 years loving her job teaching children. She enjoys her grandchildren in Austin and Dallas, loves to travel, and treasures her Power Squadron friends and activities!

Howard has many nautical miles under his belt having boated in the Atlantic, Pacific, down the Mississippi River, Canadian Rideau Canal, Caribbean, and San Juan Islands. Currently the most used boats are a 25' Sea Ray and 4 jet skis. The 25' makes a wave for the grandkids to jump on the jet skis!

# DISTRICT 27 ANNUAL RENDEZVOUS

June 17-19, 2011

Attention District 27 members! The annual district rendezvous is scheduled to take place at Grace Harbor, River Dunes 5 miles east of Oriental, N.C. on June 17-19, 2011. This a beautiful site with many amenities that will make our weekend very pleasurable, including a swimming pool and air conditioned exercise and bath rooms. The rendezvous will be hosted by the Fort Macon Sail & Power Squadron. You can see photos and get contact information on the River Dunes web site: <http://www.riverdunes.com/>

General plans are as follows:

A Happy Hour will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Friday evening and a light, informal buffet supper will follow. Both will take place under a tent next to the Harbor Club. A Continental Breakfast will be available on Saturday morning between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. in the Harbor Clubhouse. We will have a Flag Ceremony at 9:00 a.m. followed by activities the rest of the morning. Lunch will consist of cold cuts and sandwich makings after which there will be more activities. A Commander's Reception will be held in his on-site cottage from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday. A Buffet Dinner in the Harbor Clubhouse will follow at 7:00 p.m. Note: A collared shirt is required in the Harbor Club and Blue Jeans are not permitted. We will gather under the tent after dinner for fellowship both Friday and Saturday. A Cash Bar will be available both evenings prior to and during dinner. You will not be able to use a credit card at the bar. So, please bring sufficient money.

Watch for the Registration Form which will be published soon. All meals will be catered by River Dunes. When you register, you will have to select which meals you and your guest(s) will attend and pay for them when you register. Tickets will be issued when you arrive. When registering, you will be asked to tell us if you are coming by boat or vehicle. If you are coming by boat, you must also call River Dunes Marina to reserve your slip. If you are driving and need a room, you can arrange for one in Oriental. Read the Administrative Officer's article in this Bitts for more details on that.

Hope to see many of you there.

Lt/C Mike McCulley, JN

D27 Executive Officer

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CALENDAR!!  
BRING A FRIEND**

**Report of District 27 Nominating Committee**

**P/D/C Jerry H. Hall, SN, Chairman**

**September 25, 2010**

**Nominations of 2011-2012 D/27 Officers**

<b>District Commander:</b>	<b>Michael D. McCulley, JN</b>	<b>Cape Lookout</b>
<b>Executive Officer:</b>	<b>Harold W. O'Briant, AP</b>	<b>Fort Macon</b>
<b>Educational Officer:</b>	<b>George S. Malindzak, Jr., SN</b>	<b>Raleigh</b>
<b>Administrative Officer:</b>	<b>Robert F. Howd, JN</b>	<b>Fort Macon</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>David E. Parsons, AP</b>	<b>Goldsboro</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>David J. Simons, AP</b>	<b>Raleigh</b>
<b>ADEO :</b>	<b>Thomas M. Penders, SN</b>	<b>Pamlico</b>
<b>Assist Administrative Officer:</b>	<b>Paula B. Schubert, AP</b>	<b>Durham</b>
<b>Assist Treasurer:</b>	<b>Burt H. Pearson III, SN</b>	<b>Raleigh</b>
<b>Assist Secretary:</b>	<b>Paula F. Stewart, P</b>	<b>Charlotte</b>
<b>Nominating Committee Chair:</b>	<b>James R. McCurry, AP</b>	<b>Shalotte River</b>
<b>Audit Committee 3 years</b>	<b>Roger Simmons, SN</b>	<b>Cape Fear</b>
<b>Rules Committee 3 years</b>	<b>James Burns, AP</b>	<b>Albemarle</b>

**Continuing Committee Members (do not need re-nomination)**

**Rules Committee:**

**1 year remaining**                      **Kenneth D. Link, SN**                      **Fort Macon**

**2 years remaining**                      **Wilson Mewborn, SN**                      **Goldsboro**

**Audit Committee:**

**1 year remaining**                      **C. Tom Helms, SN**                      **Lake Norman**

**2 years remaining**                      **Francine Hall, AP**                      **Cape Fear**

**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.



2011-2012 D/27

District Nominating Committee

Squadron Primaries and Alternates

1. Albemarle: Primary: P/C John Powers, AP  
Alternate: Cdr. Allen Miles, JN
2. Cape Fear: Primary: Cdr. Joan Payne, S  
Alternate: P/C Alan Smith, AP
3. Cape Lookout: Primary: P/C June Reasons, P  
Alternate: P/R/C Bill Reasons, SN
4. Catawba: Primary: P/C Eugene Stutz, SN  
Alternate: Lt. Thurston D. Carroll
5. Charlotte: Primary: P/C David M. Stewart, AP  
Alternate: P/C C. Douglas Drum, Sr., P
6. Durham: Primary: P/C Sandra Williams, AP  
Alternate: P/C Beverly Hudgins, JN
7. Fayetteville: Primary: P/C Joanne Seymour, P  
Alternate: P/C William Seymour, P
8. Fort Macon: Primary: R/C Kenneth Link, SN  
Alternate: P/C Thomas D. Myers, JN
9. Goldsboro: Primary: P/C Roger Casey, AP  
Alternate: P/C Wilson Mewborn, SN
10. Greensboro: Primary: P/C Bob Armfield, AP  
Alternate: P/D/C Mack Gordy, AP
11. Kinston: Primary: P/C Chip Athey, P  
Alternate: P/C David Miller, AP
12. Lake Norman: Primary: P/R/C Carolyn Parker, SN  
Alternate: P/D/C Al Parker, SN
13. New River: Primary: P/C Carl Gable, N  
Alternate: P/C Dale Harper, S
14. Pamlico: Primary: P/C Larry Colwell, SN  
Alternate: P/C Joyce Colwell, AP
15. Raleigh: Primary: P/D/C Ann T. Bailey, AP  
Alternate: P/C Ralph Daniels, AP
16. Rocky Mount: Primary: P/C Chris E. Payne, AP  
Alternate: P/C Alvin E. Paetzell, AP
17. Shallotte River: Primary: Lt. Bryon L. Swayer, AP  
Alternate: P/C William N. Cox, AP
18. Southport: Primary: P/D/C Doug Jones, JN  
Alternate: P/Lt/C Larry Welch, AP
19. Tar River: Primary: P/C/C Ernest Marshburn, SN  
Alternate: P/C Dianne Marshburn, AP
20. Winston-Salem: Primary: P/D/C George Ellis, AP  
Alternate: Dawn Gaskill AP

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**D/27 Annual Meeting and Change of Watch**

**March 25th-27th Carolina Beach**

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