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Monthly Newsletter October 2022



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| Nov 9 | Membership Meeting
Ebenezer Park
6:00 Cocktails followed by Dinner |
| Nov 12 | Nivens Creek Landing Cleanup 9 am
Chicken Dinner Picnic
Van Blarcom Home 12 noon |
| Dec 9 | Holiday Party and Elections
Commodore Yacht Club
6:00 Cocktails followed by Dinner |



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From the Helm

Commander's Report Cdr Barbara J. Beers, AP

After the cool start to this morning, I guess we are officially into the fall boating season. We did have great weather however for our inaugural fall children's outing. The children attending had great fun boating, kayaking, swimming, and picnicing. Then there were all the extra treats like the face painting and the terrific "goody bags". Thanks to all our volunteers, squadron members and friends, who made the day a great success.

Catawba members enjoyed another great shrimp boil in October. Again thanks to the cook crew headed by Matt England, meal setup and decorations headed by our admin officer Mary Williams assisted by Joe Fazzari, Peggy, and the Fletchers. Also thanks to everyone who helped with the cleanup. We had a great speaker from Duke Energy. This meeting is what the fun part of club membership is all about.

Bill and I along with Ron and Donna Fletcher enjoyed the fall District 27 meeting last weekend in Cary, NC. It was great to visit with old friends and make a few new ones and the weather was beautiful. We had a terrific speaker Saturday morning from the Bonehenge Whale Center in Beaufort NC. I know everyone there learned so much about whales including the two main classifications, identification of whales, naming individual whales due to their unique identifying marks, sound effects, and the dangers to the whales caused by entrapment, ingestion of pollutants such as plastic, and collisions with boats. Coastal NC is a huge whaling habitat and this was a terrific presentation. Following an Italian buffet lunch we settled in for the business part of the meeting. There was a great town hall meeting prefaced by a message from the chief commander where the main topic of conversation was the bylaw changes adopted at the national Governing Board meeting. The slate for next year's district 27 officers was announced and as most of you know our own Bill Beers is nominated to be the district commander. The evenings on Fri and Sat night were capped off by group dinners at two local restaurants. I hope more of our members will be able to attend future district meetings (especially the spring meeting in March when Bill will be installed).



Barb and Bill at D27 Meeting



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Education Officer Report

D/Lt/C Arthur “Bill” Beers, JN-IN

Barb and I attended the District 27 Fall Council and Conference in Cary, NC and enjoyed meeting up with friends from all over the state of North Carolina. Barb will be sharing some of the details from that meeting so I will not duplicate that information. Unfortunately, I had to cancel the Boating With Confidence Boat Handling Seminar scheduled for this month as I had to prepare for several activities at the District meeting. The seminar will be made up on December 7th. Since these seminars do not need to be taken in any specific order to qualify for completion of the Boat Handling Course the remaining schedule will remain the same. The Anchoring With Assurance seminar will be held as scheduled on November 16th.

Our next America's Boating Course is scheduled for Saturday, November 19th and it looks like we have enough students for this class. There is still room for more students so if you know of anyone who would like to attend, please contact me as soon as possible.

I will be sending out a survey to all members to see what courses and seminars are of interest. The three components of our organization's mission are Fellowship, Civic Service and Boating Education. USPS/America's Boating Club has several courses and seminars to help us meet the third part of our mission. The primary purpose of the America's Boating Course is boating safety. Recently there was a major accident on Lake Wylie. Two speedboats were racing near the Buster Boyd Bridge, and the boat on the right in this photo was hit by the other boat resulting in the death of the operator. It is unknown if alcohol was involved in this accident, but certainly excessive speed



If you know of any boater who has not taken America's Boating Course, please encourage them to take the course and while you are talking to them, invite them to our next meeting. They just may be our newest members.



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WHO: MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS

WHAT: NIVENS CREEK CLEANUP

WHERE: NIVENS CREEK LANDING
898 Nivens Landing Dr.
Tega Cay, SC 29708

WHEN: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER
12th 9:00 – 11:00ish

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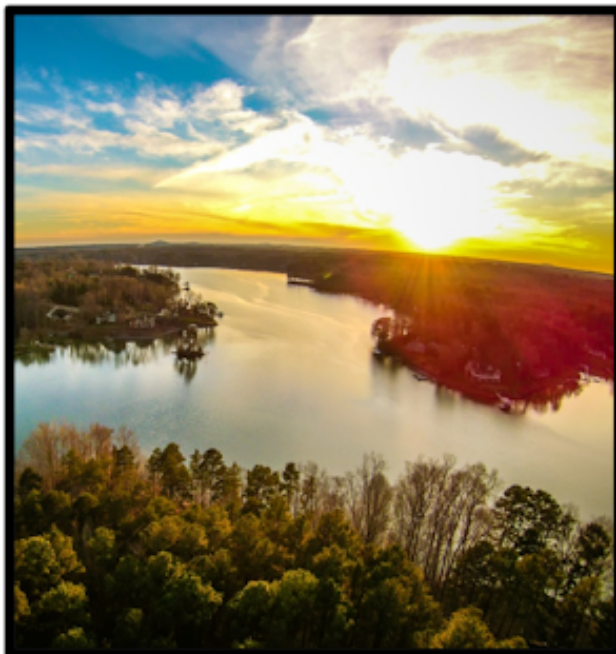
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WHO: MEMBERS AND GUESTS

WHAT: MONTHLY MEETING
CATERED BY FAMOUS DAVE'S
BBQ - COST IS \$20 per person

WHERE: EBENEZER PARK
SHELTER 6 (ENTRANCE FEES
HAVE BEEN WAIVED FOR US)
4490 BOATSHORE ROAD
ROCK HILL, SC 29732

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER
9th, 6:00 p.m.

RSVP TO MARY WILLIAMS AT
MARYSWILLIAMS58@YAHOO.COM
BY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6th 5:00 P.M.

GUEST SPEAKER: TOM DISSINGTON, MANAGER OF THE 1900 ACRE
PARK CATAWBA BEND PRESERVE TO GIVE AN OVERVIEW OF
WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE NEW PARK IT'LL BE AMAZING!!!!

MENU: Pulled Pork, Briskit, mac 'n cheese, cole
slaw, side salad, buns and 'nana puddin', iced
tea, water and sodas

Note, if you want something other than BBQ
you will need to bring it yourself. Just let Mary
know so you don't get charged.



Executive Officer Report

Lt/C Ray Williams, S

America's Boating Club of the Catawba Brings Joy to Underserved Children in York County



It was a beautiful Fall Day on Lake Wylie. Children and their families gathered from all over York County to enjoy another "Day On The Lake" Children's Outing put on by America's Boating Club of the Catawba! This is the second event this year of a long tradition of providing a fun day of swimming, fishing, kayaking, archery, barbecuing and BOATING!!!

Over 100 children came to spend the day at the premier YMCA Camp Thunderbird on Lake Wylie. The agencies represented were Fostering the Families, Family Promise, Clover School District, Rock Hill Boys and Girls Club and Children's Attention Home.

The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources set up a display for the kids to learn about the fur of various indigenous animals. Charlotte Fire Station Number 38 put on a show by spraying water from their water cannons. Wendy Hope and her team set up a facepainting station which the kids enjoyed. Youngsters and their parents had a blast jumping on to the inflatable "Blob" from a 20 foot tower and then swimming to shore.

Event attendees were treated to a delicious picnic lunch cooked up by Major Robbie Robbins of the Salvation Army. The Major also brought a crew along with him to help teach the kids to fish.

The MAIN ACTIVITY was of course our members taking the kids out for boat rides! For most of the guests it was their first-time riding in a boat! After a quick review on safe boating procedures and proper fitting of PFDs off they went! You could hear the passengers squeal with delight as the boats picked up speed! "Go Faster, Faster!"

The impact the Children's Outing had on children and their families is amazing! The parents, in particular, were grateful to have been able to bring their families to fabulous Camp Thunderbird for the day and to our Club for providing this life changing experience!

MANY, MANY THANKS to all of our Boating Club Volunteers and their friends who made this event happen! Also, thanks to Allison Love, County Council, Jen Webber, our photographer and the following organizations: River Hills Women's Club, River Hills/Lake Wylie Lion's Club, the Salvation Army, and the LDS Church! Additional support came from Lake Wylie Wendy's, Ziggy Ice and Flowers Bakery. Our community came through again! It's absolutely amazing!!!

Fun at Camp Thunderbird



More Fun at Camp Thunderbird



And still MORE Fun at
Camp Thunderbird



Camp Thunderbird
Photos:
Jennifer Webber
JENation Photography

Safety Officer Report

Lt Shawn Lynaugh, P

Safe Boating Tips



No matter your boating experience, following a standard “routine” when boating will help you stay safe while on the water. This “routine” includes 10 basic safety tips (previously published by Discover Boating) to utilize during your trip preparation and rules to follow while on the water.

Be Weather-Wise: Always check local weather conditions before departure; TV and radio forecasts can be a good source of information, additionally utilize your marine radio on the weather stations. If you notice darkening clouds, volatile and rough changing winds or sudden drops in temperature, play it safe by getting off the water.

Follow a Pre-Departure Checklist: Proper boating safety includes being prepared for any possibility on the water. Following a pre-departure checklist is the best way to make sure no boating safety rules or precautions have been overlooked or forgotten. Things that may be on this checklist may be to review charts of the area you plan to navigate or a reminder to install the plug into your boat prior to launching.

Use Common Sense: One of the most important parts of boating safety is to use your common sense. This means operating at a safe speed at all times (especially in crowded areas), staying alert at all times and steering clear of large vessels and watercraft that can be restricted in their ability to stop or turn. Also, be respectful of buoys and other navigational aids, all of which have been placed there to ensure your own safety.

Designate an Assistant Skipper: Make sure more than one person on board is familiar with all aspects of your boat’s handling, operations, and general boating safety. If the primary navigator is injured or incapacitated in any way, it’s important to make sure someone else can follow the proper boating safety rules to get everyone else back to shore.

Develop a Float Plan: Whether you choose to inform a family member or staff at your local marina, always be sure to let someone else know your float plan. This should include where you’re going and how long you’re going to be gone. Float plans can be found online but should include: name, address, and phone number of the boat captain, name and phone number of all passengers, boat type and registration information, trip itinerary including time leaving the dock and when you are expected to return, and types of communication and signal equipment onboard, such as an Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB) or Personal Locator Beacon (PLB). Ensure you keep the person whom you left your float plan with updated on your status, including when you have returned to the dock. **Make Proper Use of Lifejackets:** Did you know that the majority of drowning victims are the result of boaters not wearing their lifejackets? Make sure that your family and friends aren’t part of this statistic by assigning and fitting each member of your onboard team with a life jacket prior to departure. Wear it!

Avoid Alcohol: Practice boating safety at all times by saving the alcohol for later. The probability of being involved in a boating accident doubles when alcohol is involved and studies have shown that the effects of alcohol are exacerbated by sun and wind.

Safety Officer Report (cont.)

Lt Shawn Lynaugh, P

Learn to Swim: If you're going to be in and around the water, proper boating safety includes knowing how to swim. Local organizations, such as the American Red Cross and others, offer training for all ages and abilities. Check to see what classes are offered in your area.

Take a Boating Course: Beginning boaters and experienced experts alike need to be familiar with the boating safety rules of operation. Boater education requirements vary by state; however, some require validated completion of at least one boating safety course. Regardless of your individual state's requirements, it's always important to be educated and prepared for every circumstance that might arise. You can learn boating safety rules by taking a local community course or online course to help educate yourself.

Consider a Vessel Safety Check: Take advantage of a free vessel safety check from the local Power Squadron, US Coast Guard, or US Coast Guard Auxiliary. They offer boat examinations to verify the presence and condition of certain safety equipment required by state and federal regulations. Catawba Power Squadron has a listing of the Vessel Examiners in the monthly newsletter.

HISTORIC ROCK HILL

Founded in 1852 as a station on the new Charlotte to Columbia railroad, Rock Hill has grown into a booming city. Despite its growth and progress, Rock Hill citizens have carefully preserved many historic homes, public buildings and other buildings. Check out some of these beautiful structures and many more historic sites in and around Rock Hill.

Rock Hill Arts Council Building—1926

Formerly the central Post Office this 1926 building features a dignified design, rich detailing, and a magnificent courtroom. Built of brick, limestone and granite on the site of the city's first Post Office, this building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Episcopal Church of Our Savior—1872

Originally built as a wood frame structure on land purchased from the White family, the Episcopal Church of Our Savior is one of the oldest churches in York County and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The stained glass windows, bell tower, crenelated parapets, corbel buttresses and pointed arches add to the church's European flavor.

The Anderson-Gill House—1898

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Anderson-Gill House is an excellent example of the Queen Anne style of architecture. It was built for John Gary Anderson, founder of the Anderson Motor Company, which produced automobiles in Rock Hill for a number of years. The Anderson family has lived in the house continually since its construction. The house was originally heated by fireplaces only and features a slate roof and thirteen-foot ceilings. Renovated in 1985, many original furnishings are still in use in the home.

Ostrow Textile Mills—1881

Built in 1881 by A. D. Holler for A. E. Hutchinson and James M. Ivy, the Rock Hill Cotton Factory was the first textile mill to open in Rock Hill. Later owned by Hamilton Carhartt, who also began the Red River Mills outside of Rock Hill, the business was renamed the Hamilton Carhartt Cotton Mills and later Carhartt Overall Company. Ostrow Textile Mills currently occupies a section of the historic mill and the modern brick infill portion. Pie's Discount Warehouse is located in the south section of the historic mill complex. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Courtesy of Pam Morell

Administrative Officer Report

Lt/C Mary Williams, S

FUN TIMES AT THE ANNUAL SHRIMP BOIL ON LAKE WYLIE!!!



Well Chef Matt and his team of helpers did it again! They served up another of their famous, delicious shrimp boils at the Commodore Yacht Club. Many of our members claim it is the BEST Shrimp Boil they've ever had, "Even better than what they get at the Coast!"

Thirty members came to the October Membership meeting to enjoy an evening of Fun, Food and education.

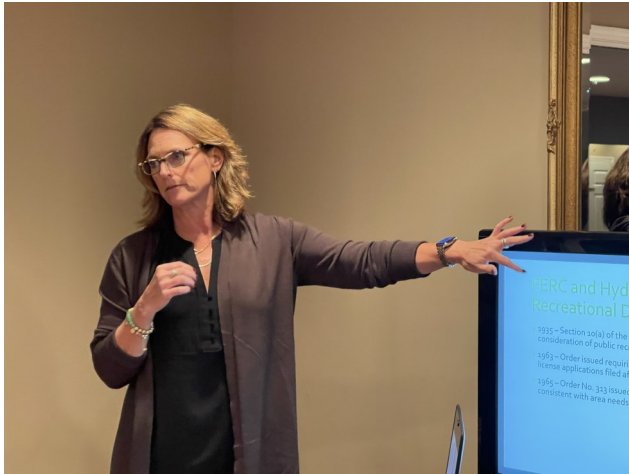
Christy Churchill, Recreation and Park Director, presented information on the park improvements for Allison Creek and South Point on the Lake. She also provided updates on the Great Falls project which will open soon. These new/upgraded venues are going to be amazing attractions for us locals! Perhaps we can enjoy them during the week because they are going to attract a lot more folks to recreate on our water.

Exciting things are happening with our Club and our Lake. Stay tuned and come on out and spend time with lake-minded folks like you! Mary won the 50-50 raffle and, act surprised... donated the winnings back to our Club! WHOOP WHOOP!!! (more photos on page 13).

SIGN UP!!!! OPERATION RIVERSWEEP REVISED

AT NIVENS CREEK, NOVEMBER 12 TH

Our Club is sponsoring one of our 3 cleanups at the Creek. T-shirts from RiverSweep will be provided. Contact Jim Van Blarcom to volunteer NOW jimvan11@comporium.net! The more volunteers, the more we can do! It's mind blowing what you'll find at this landing. What? The top of a bathing suit affixed around a tree? What were they thinking??? Join us for food and fun afterwards at Jim and Leigh VanBlarcom's home on the lake. Our Club will provide fried chicken and fixin's. ALL MEMBERS WELCOME TO THE PARTY!!! Bring your chair.(see flyer on Page 4 for full details).



Top: Jan & Wendy Hope,
Lee Clementi, Ron Fletcher

Middle: Our guest speaker,
Christy Churchill

Bottom: John & Judy Ben-
son, Arik Purpura, Jan Hope.

The Ever Popular Shrimp Boil

Top: The beautiful Pam
Morrell

Middle: Avid Listeners

Bottom: Joe Fazzari and the
lovely, Peggy



Photos:
Mary Williams
and Donna
Fletcher



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Please rejoin our Facebook Page. While many of you may have done so in the past, we have found out that Facebook deleted a lot of members (not just from our Group but many Facebook pages).

It is a private group, just request to join and Mary Williams will accept you. She is doing a great job updating the page with events, photos and interesting information.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Lt/C Lee Clementi

The current Squadron operating account as October 20 is \$6,389 and Children's Fund is \$9,445

October Birthdays

5 Pam Morrell

5 Anne Oates

26 Arik Purpura

November Birthdays

13 Robert Cynowa

15 Elizabeth Allison

24 Wendy Hope



(If we have missed your Birthday, please let the Newsletter Editor know)

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