



## Charlotte

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# A View from the Bridge

### Welcome to 2024

I certainly hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and overall, a very safe and happy holiday season. My message will be quite short but wanted to introduce myself for those who may not know me, and I look forward to meeting and making new friends and Power Squadron Members.

The first quarter of this year (+/- a week) we have a number of very important activities. The very first item I hope everyone will take the time and visit our new website. P/C Marvin Chaney. SN has done more than an outstanding job getting us a new website that is easy to navigate, easy to access and will be a huge benefit to all our members. It also provides a terrific point of access for the general boating public. In our March general membership meeting, P/C Marvin Chaney will present a special program on the website content, how to log in, the many sections and where to find information that we all need from time to time. It will also be extremely helpful for our members to be able to direct any public person where and how to look to find out more about our organization. Please make sure you plan to come to this meeting.

Our past commander has been instrumental in successfully conducting a fund-raising campaign to help us refurbish one of our docks at Merit Mark Point. When refurbished we will be able to continue our pursuit started by P/C Pat Hakanson,SN to include new members of the kayaking boating community into our organization and provide safe access to the lake from our docks. We plan to provide secure storage at our Merit Mark facility for member's kayaks. We have received our construction permit from Duke Lake Services and are waiting for the special lumber to arrive so we can schedule some workdays to accomplish our retrofit of the dock.

The annual Mid-Atlantic Boat show is coming up in the second week of February, which we have always participated in. This activity is extremely important to our Squadron as we present ourselves to the boating public and have been quite successful in finding new members and getting good participation signing up for our ABC classes that will be held shortly after the boat show (refer to our calendar for specific dates and locations on our new web site).

In April we plan on having a program at our general membership meeting be presented by our Educational Officer, Lt/C Brevard Meyers, SN-ACN explaining the new charting procedures by NOAA and the options we have to avail ourselves of up-to-date charts.

In May we have our annual Children's Outing which we have been instrumental in organizing and holding for 59 years. In that entire time span we have had to cancel the outing only twice due to Covid.

In closing, please follow our activities in Side Lights and on our new website which has our Squadron calendar (it will be updated continuously) as we have many more squadron activities throughout the 2024 year.

P/C John "Jack" P. Moore, Jr, AP-IN

### 8 January 2024 Annual Meeting John's Family Restaurant

Please plan to join us for our membership meeting on 8 January 2024 at John's Family Restaurant, 2002 Westinghouse Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28273. Come at 6PM for dinner (closer to 6PM the better); the annual meeting will start around 7PM. We will have a formal election of new officers for 2024-2025 and the annual reports by each of the departments to the membership. We will also have sign-up sheets for shifts at our booth at the MidAtlantic Boat Show (Feb 8-11). Plan to join us for this important meeting.

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## CHARLOTTE POWER SQUADRON

A Unit of United States Power Squadrons  
Sail and Power Boating

District 27

Chartered 10 April 1961

### 2023 BRIDGE OFFICERS

Commander Cdr Patricia Hakanson, SN  
 Educational Ofcr Lt/C Brevard S. Myers, Jr, SN-ACN  
 Executive Officer  
 Admin. Officer  
 Secretary Lt/C Rose Samonds  
 Treasurer P/Lt/C Mary D. Chaney, JN  
 Immediate P/C P/C Marvin Chaney, Jr SN

### 2023 MEMBERS AT-LARGE

Lt. George W. Davis, AP P/C Douglas Drum, Sr., AP  
 P/C Will G. Granger, P-IN P/Stf/C Charles Ibach, III, SN-ACN  
 Lt. Patricia Mencil, S P/C John P. Moore, AP-IN  
 P/C David M. Stewart, AP P/D/C Paula F. Stewart, AP

### SIDE LIGHTS STAFF

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As we travel through this time, please watch your e-mails and check the Calendar of events on the website for updates

## Calender of Events

### Education, Civic Service,

### Friendship & Fun

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR EVENT UPDATES  
NRD means "No Rain Date"

#### Jan 2024

8 Membership Mtg - John's Family Rest. - 1800 2000 Meeting  
 15 ExCom - Jocks & Jills - 1800 Diner 1900 Meeting  
 20 MMPt Dock Repair - 1000-1500  
 27 Change of Watch - 1700-2000

#### Feb 2024

No Membership Mtg  
 3 - 10 USPS National Meeting - Orlando Florida  
 8 - 11 Mid-Atlantic Boat Show  
 19 ExCom - Jocks & Jills - 1800 Diner 1900 Meeting  
 23 Side Lights Article Due - Bridge Message Treasurer  
 26 Wylie Gator Book Club - Jocks & Jills - 1800

#### Mar 2024

4 Membership Mtg - John's Family Rest. - 1800 2000 Meeting  
 15 - 17 D/27 Spring Conf & COW - Wilmington, NC  
 18 ExCom - Jocks & Jills - 1800 Diner 1900 Meeting  
 22 Side Lights Article Due - Bridge Message Admin

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 \* Meeting Location Addresses

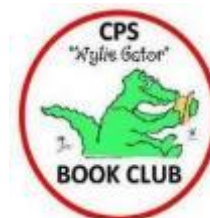
Cane Creek Park - 5213 Harkey Rd. Waxhaw, NC  
 Jocks & Jills - 4109 S. Stream Blvd. Charlotte, NC  
 John's Family Restaurant - 2002 Westinghouse Blvd.  
 Charlotte, NC

Lake Wylie Marina - 310 Blucher Circle Lake Wylie, SC  
 Merit Mark Point (MMP) - (Squadron Lk Wylie, SC property)  
 See Roster, Pg A17 for directions.

Red Fez Club - 16600 Red Fez Club Road, Charlotte  
 Reflection Pointe Club House - 1305 Reflection Pointe Blvd.  
 Belmont, NC

The Shore Club - 15083 Molokai Dr. Tega Cay, SC 29708

Notice!! Locations are subject to change! Any location revisions and/or meeting date revisions will be either published in the *Side Lights* or sent to you by email.



2024 Wylie Gator Book Club  
 Feb 26, 2024 Jocks & Jills 1800



## *Happy January Birthdays*

P/C Henry (Hank) Bateman, JN  
 P/C Mary Cele Brooks, AP,  
 Mr. Louis G. Cosentine, P  
 Mr. Joseph G. Maher, AP  
 Mr. Thomas J. Monza  
 P/D/C George H. Rogers, Sr, AP

## *Happy February Birthdays*

P/Lt/C Barbara Bartell, S  
 Meaghan C. Cahill  
 Ms Lisa Ishee  
 P/C John A. King, II, AP  
 Lt. Patricia Mencil, S  
 Ms. Brittany P. Osmond  
 Mr. Dwight T. Pruitt

### **CPS FUNDRAISING NEWS 2023**

Thanks to everyone who has participated in our "50/50" Fundraisers at our membership meetings this year. We appreciate you all!!

Please plan to join in the fun again at the Annual Meeting to be held on January 8, 2024, at John's Family Restaurant.

**PLEASE NOTE:** We have plenty of Auto Bell gift cards for sale. The cost is \$20.00 per card and our squadron gets \$10.00 for each card sold. Please see me at our next meeting or activity to purchase yours. Thank you for your support.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Annual Meeting on January 8.

P/D/C Paula F. Stewart, AP  
 Fundraising Chair



### **Letter from the editor**

Hello CPS. Well, this is my last Side Lights that I will be creating. P/C Ken Elkins, JN will be the Side Lights editor going forward. I am looking forward to enjoying his work on Side Lights.

I have been the Side Lights editor since the September 2006 issue. I have thoroughly enjoyed this job for the last 17 1/2 years. I have also enjoyed the other jobs that I have had during this time: webmaster, sending out email blasts, Merit Mark Chair, and roster. I will continue as Merit Mark Chair, but the time has come for me to relinquish the rest. Things at home have changed. Katie's disabilities and seizures makes taking care of her more difficult and keeping her at home is our priority. I feel I am not able to do the job I used to do in these areas. Boating is still a big part of me even though I am spending a lot less time on the water than before. Charlotte Power Squadron has been a great experience for me and my family, I look forward to times ahead here.

Boating has been great for our family. Katie enjoys the ride and playing in the cabin. Will has had some great times coop charting, helping at the Children's Outing as well as all he did in the Sea Scouts. Connie has been changed from a land lover to loving being out on the water, well lake and ICW YES! Cape Fear River and Ocean is NO!

We have all loved and enjoyed Charlotte Power Squadron and looking forward to the years to come. We are looking forward to being at a few more events.

P/C John A> King, II, AP

### Change of Watch

## America's Boating Club Charlotte COME ONE, COME ALL!



You are hereby invited to make a reservation for your seat at the annual America's Boating Club Charlotte's Change of Watch Banquet

The Change of Watch will be held at the  
**The Shore Club**  
**15083 Molokai Drive**  
**Tega Cay, SC 29708**

The banquet will be on **Saturday**  
**27 January 2024**

Reception from **1700** to 1800 - Dinner from **1800** to 1900 – Program at **1900**

Price is \$44.00 per person, which includes appetizers, buffet dinner and dessert.

The Shore Club bar is available for beer, wine, and spirits. (Alcoholic beverages NOT included in the above price.)

USPS uniform, or Blazer & tie, or suitable attire

**Please fill out the reservation form and return it with your payment no later than 18 January 2024.** (Checks payable to Charlotte Power Squadron)

Mail Reservation and Payment to:  
P/D/C Paula F. Stewart, AP  
2301 Kendrick Estates Dr.  
Gastonia, NC 28056

Please list names of those attending:

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### Charlotte Power Squadron

#### Officers Positions 2024-25

Commander P/C Jack Moore, AP-IN  
Executive Officer open  
Administrative Officer P/C David Samonds, P  
Educational Officer Lt/C Brevard Myers, SN-ACN  
Secretary Lt/C Rose Samonds  
Asst. Secretary Pat Mencil, S  
Treasurer P/Lt/C Mary Chaney, JN

#### Members At Large Executive Committee Members

##### Positions 2024-25

P/C Marvin Chaney Jr, SN. P/C Doug Drum, AP  
P/C Will Granger, P-IN. P/D/C Paula Stewart, AP P/C  
David Stewart, AP P/C Charles Ibach, SN-ACN  
Pat Mencil, S Warren Francois (New)  
As Past Commander Automatically on Executive Committee  
P/D/C Patricia Hakanson, SN

#### Audit Committee

P/C Ron Eveson, P (New) P/C Dan Bartell, SN-ACN (New)

#### Nominating Committee

P/C Will Granger, P-IN (New)

#### Rules Committee

Members we Miss



P/C Carl A. Foesch, AP  
Pictured with Carl is P/C John P. Moore, Jr., AP-IN



P/D/C William C. Bodmer, JN and Son Chris Bodmer  
Photo bombed by: P/C Brevard S. Myers, Jr. SN-ACN



P/Lt/C Donald G. Joyce, AP  
Picture with Donald is his wife Carmel Joyce



P/C T.K. Moore, Jr., AP  
Pictured with T.K. is his wife Kathie Moore



P/D/Lt/C David H. Osmolski, SN-CN

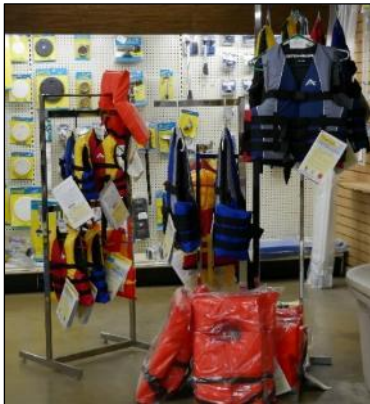


P/C Paul A. Standridge  
Pictured with Paul is his wife Ann Standridge

## America's Boating Channel™ Understanding Life Jacket Labels

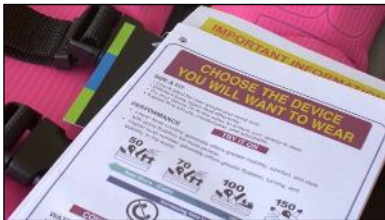
Let's start the year by getting our life jackets ready for the 2024 boating season. If you cleaned and inspected your life jackets before storing them for winter storage, you should know how many need to be replaced. Which brings us to our topic of life jacket labels. You may be unaware of the new labeling system if you have not purchased a life jacket recently. Type I, II, III and IV labeling was removed by the U.S. Coast Guard from the Code of Federal Regulations in 2014, but it is taking several years for the legacy designations to be phased out.

To help boaters understand the current labeling system, Season Four of America's Boating Channel offers the video "[Life Jacket Labels](#)" in which you are introduced to the simplified labels that contain less writing and more icons.



Regardless of your age or experience level, data shows that life jackets save lives. So don't hesitate to replace older life jackets. America's Boating Channel also produced a sequel entitled "[New Label Benefits](#)" that covers the advantages of the new life jacket labeling system. In this video, viewers learn

how to interpret label icons. Also featured are tips for selecting the right life jacket for your intended on-the-water activity.



Follow the above links or visit <https://www.youtube.com/@AmericasBoatingChannel> to find these and other safe boating videos, which are an excellent tool to help recruit participants to our educational program and to membership. Invite your friends and neighbors to watch, like and subscribe to America's Boating Channel to introduce them to what our organization has to offer.

In addition to YouTube, these professionally produced high-definition safe boating and boater education videos are available via the America's Boating Channel free, on-demand app on Apple TV, Roku or FireTV. [America's Boating Channel™](#) is produced by the United States Power Squadrons® (USPS) under a grant from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund administered by the U.S. Coast Guard.



Regardless of your age or experience level, data shows that life jackets save lives. So don't hesitate to replace older life jackets. America's Boating Channel™ has produced videos to explain the new labeling system, which makes selecting the right life jacket easier. Watching videos like "Life Jacket Labels"

([https://youtu.be/9v1\\_Eed4m90](https://youtu.be/9v1_Eed4m90)) and "New Label Benefits" (<https://youtu.be/MZ3v6JHPVlo>) are an excellent way to understand how to buy the best life jacket for your intended use.

Invite your friends and neighbors to watch, like and subscribe to America's Boating Channel on YouTube as a fun and educational introduction to what our organization has to offer. This video and more also are available via the America's Boating Channel free on-demand app on Apple TV, Roku or FireTV.

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## **SHIP'S STORE**

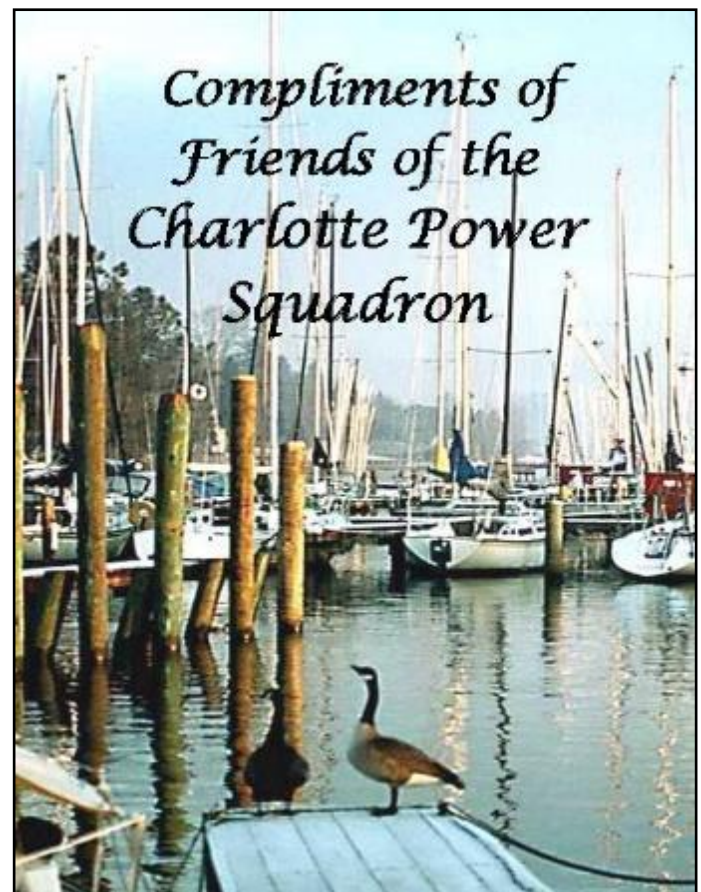
Below are the remaining items that we have  
for sale in our Ship's Store

- 1 - Khaki baseball cap
- 2 - Red baseball caps \*\*
- 4 - Blue baseball caps
- 1 - Khaki bucket hat (size-small)
- 1 - Men's white short-sleeve golf shirt (size-med) \*\*
- 1 - Sweat shirt-light grey (size-3 XL)
- 1 - Men's jean shirt-long sleeve (size-XL)
- 1 - Women's jean shirt-short sleeve (size-med)
- 1 - Navy jacket (size 2XL)

\*\* Old burgee-no gold border

Contact David or Paula Stewart, Co-Supply Officers, if  
you are interested in any of these items. Prices are  
negotiable or make us an offer.

In the future, we will NOT be maintaining an inventory,  
but any item you have (shirt, blouse, bag, hat, etc.)  
CAN be embroidered with the Charlotte Power  
Squadron logo. Please see David or Paula for details.



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