



# Side Lights

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## View from the Bridge

### Sound carries over water but for 10 miles?

By Mary Chaney

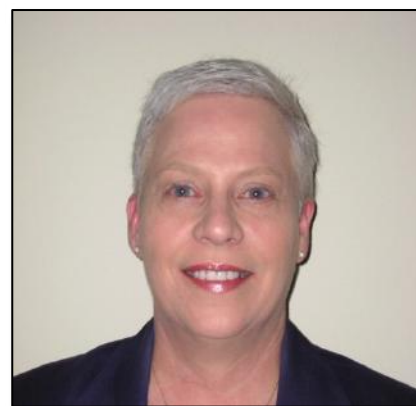
For this month's bridge message, I decided to recount a personal boating anecdote. Many of you may recall an earlier bridge message where I explained how Marvin and I came to own our 1987 Beneteau First 235 sailboat, "M&Ms." We still own her 38 years later. Following is a remembrance of an outing we made on our sailboat one morning many years ago on Lake Norman.

When Marvin and I were both working full time, we mostly used our sailboat on weekends. We headed out one morning and were pleasantly surprised to see that there were very few boats out. We felt like we had the lake to ourselves. The wind was favorable, and we were on an upwind track that kept us tacking quite often. As was usually the case, Marvin was at the helm. My job, as crew, was to adjust the blocks on either side as needed for him to trim the jib.

Marvin and I were only a few feet apart from each other so should have been able to carry on a conversation at normal tones. I guess he thought with all the activity tacking back and forth that he needed to speak louder. I told him I could hear him fine, so he did not need to speak louder. "Besides, voices carry over water," I quipped. He said he thought that was an old wives' tale and there was nothing to that saying.

Well, I could not resist. I pointed over the bow towards another boat that was the length of multiple football fields away from us and said, "You see that other boat out there?" He looked where I was pointing. I continued, "I just heard the woman ask her husband if he'd like another cup of coffee." Marvin was skeptical and teased me as making that up.

We continued sailing for a while. As it turns out, the other boat was another sailboat and was on a track to pass us on our port side. When the boat got closer, we could see that there was indeed a man and a woman on the boat. As they got abreast of us, we waved a greeting, and they raised their coffee cups to us. Marvin's jaw opened wide, and he chuckled and nodded an acknowledgment to me.



P/Lt/C Mary D. Chaney JN

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A Google search result of how far sound carries over water suggested that under perfect conditions sound can carry quite a distance, with a documented case of a human voice heard for over 10 miles on still water at night. So be careful out there, voices do carry over water.

*P/Lt/C Mary D. Chaney JN is ABC-Charlotte Treasurer.*

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## Happy Birthdays!

### October

Warren François, Kathryn Granger, David Stewart,  
James Cahill, Richard Reighhart

## Calendar of Events for October 2025

<u>Day</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location/Details</u>
6	ABC-CLT General Membership Meeting	1 p.m.-3 p.m.	Trio Restaurant
7	Rock-On Rowing (women's rowing)	9:15 a.m.-1 p.m.	Pat Hakanson's home
11	District 27, USPS Fall Council/Conference	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Virtual Meeting
14	Rock-On Rowing (women's rowing)	9:15 a.m.-1 p.m.	Pat Hakanson's home
15	ABC-CLT ExCom Meeting	6 p.m. dinner; 7 p.m. meeting	Jocks & Jills
18	Fall Barbecue Clean-Up Day	10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Merit Mark Point
21	Wylie Gator Rowing (men and women)	10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Pat Hakanson's home
24	Deadline for View from the Bridge column	5 p.m.	Administrative Officer
25	ABC-CLT Fall Barbecue	4 p.m.-7 p.m.	Merit Mark Point
28	Rock-On Rowing makeup day	9:15 a.m.-1 p.m.	Pat Hakanson's home

**Pat Hakanson's home** – 6812 Old Ridge Road, Waxhaw

**Jocks & Jills** – 4109 South Stream Boulevard, Charlotte

**Merit Mark Point (MMP)** – 4892 Power Squadron Lane, York, S.C.

**Trio Restaurant** – 10700 McMullen Creek Parkway, Charlotte

## Coastal Rendezvous enjoys perfect September weekend

**By Charles “Bo” Ibach**

September 18-21, we enjoyed a perfect weekend at the coast of North Carolina, specifically at Southport and Oak Island.

On Friday a group of us, including Lt/C Brevard S. Myers Jr. SN-ACN, Lt/C Warren François, P/C Ken Elkins JN, P/R/C John J. Rodgers SN-CN, Pat Rodgers AP, P/C Marvin Chaney Jr. SN, Donna and me, took our two boats out on the Intercoastal Waterway to observe and verify the status of aids to navigation and bridges. Brevard's boat traveled up the Cape Fear River area and my boat went down the ICW as far as Ocean Isle Beach. This is our contribution to the Cooperative Charting Program.

Then later that day, we all gathered, along with P/C Jack Moore AP-IN, golfers Lt. Pat Mencil S and Pat P/D/C Pat W. Hakanson SN, David Cruz and his wife Cindy, and P/Lt/C Mary D. Chaney JN, at the Oak Island home of P/C John A. King II AP and Connie King for a delicious Frogmore Stew done by our own Brevard. We even watched Warren catch a flounder off John and Connie's dock, which was released. It's a shame that the season had just ended because it was a keeper size.

Saturday brought about another great day, weather was perfect. Brevard, Ken and Warren all went fishing in Brevard's boat while the Rodgerses and Ibachs went by land to visit five marinas to update the Cruisers' Net database for Co-Op Charting.

A great time was had by all. Thanks to P/C Will Granger P-IN for arranging the hotel reservations at the Hampton Inn. The rooms were excellent and huge.

We missed those who couldn't attend. I encourage you to participate in next year's Rendezvous. After all, we are a Boating Club, aren't we?

*Charles “Bo” Ibach III SN-ACN is commander of America's Boating Club-Charlotte.*

## Coastal Rendezvous on Oak Island at the Blue Crab Shack

**By John A. King II**

Hello, America's Boating Club-Charlotte.

Connie and I were very excited to see all of you on September 19, 2025, at our Beach house on Oak Island during the Coastal Rendezvous/CoOp Charting event. Lt/C Brevard S. Myers Jr. SN-ACN did such a great job on the main course, Frogmore Stew. All the hors d'oeuvres, side dishes and desserts were fantastic.

We had a few awards that were given. P/R/C John J. Rodgers SN-CN received an award for being a squadron member the longest, Lt. Pat Mencil S received an award for being the newest member there. We also had 10 trivia questions, mostly about the Southport and Brunswick Island and a few about USPS and CPS. I think everyone had a good time and enjoyed learning things.

We had a trivia game with 10 questions about Oak Island culture and history. The squadron members and other invitees competed by submitting one entry for each table. The winners were P/Lt/C Mary D. Chaney JN, David and Cindy Cruse and Lt/C Warren François.

We also had a most patriotic, Red White and Blue or most creative costume contest. I got tired and didn't recognize the winner. I would like to announce our winners – P/Lt/C Mary D. Chaney JN and P/C Marvin Chaney Jr. SN! I have prizes for you. At the October meeting, I plan to be there to make that presentation to you both.

Again, Connie and I really enjoyed seeing all of you.

*P/C John A. King II AP is the long-time Side Lights editor and Capt. Connie W. King of Carolina STARR leads the King family.*



## Photos from the 2025 Rendezvous and Co-Op Charting



Night falls as Squadron members prepare for dinner at the Blue Crab Shack.



P/C Marvin Chaney Jr. SN grabs some shrimp from the Rendezvous dinner.



David Crews holds a flounder caught by Lt/C Warren François at the Blue Crab Shack. Yes, it was out of season and was returned to the sea.



Of course, cornhole was played at the ABC-Charlotte Rendezvous dinner.

Photos by P/C Marvin Chaney Jr.  
SN, Lt/C Warren François, D/Lt/C  
Charles "Bo" Ibach III SN-ACN and  
Lt/C Brevard S. Myers Jr. SN-ACN



Sunset over the Intercoastal Waterway during the Rendezvous

## Fall is full of events for Charlotte squadron

**By Charles “Bo” Ibach III**

America's Boating Club-Charlotte has a lot of upcoming fall events:

- October 6 – Luncheon Meeting at Trio Restaurant, 10700 McMullen Creek Pkwy, Charlotte, at 1 p.m.
- October 11 – District 27 Fall Conference – Zoom Meeting. It's 10 a.m.- 1 p.m. Visit <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88303114202?pwd=8gJnzQ8plbPWUa48gbSbxe31z4mio0.1> for details.
- October 18 – Cleanup at MMP plus dock work to replace rotten boards
- October 25 – Fall Barbecue at MMP! Pulled Pork, beans and all the fixins. Cost will be \$10 per plate with seconds available. BYOB; tea and lemonade provided.
- November 3 – Monthly meeting luncheon at AmberJack in Gastonia at 1 p.m.
- December 13 – Annual Christmas Party at Reflection Point Club House. More later on this.
- January 5, 2026 – Annual Meeting at Jocks and Jills
- January 31, 2026 – Our Change of Watch! Details to follow as to location
- February 8-15, 2026 – United States Power Squadrons Annual Meeting in Myrtle Beach. Hope that Charlotte will have a large turnout for this as it will only be there for one year.

USPS Fall Governing Boards will be in Raleigh the next two years. This should make attendance much easier for Charlotte-area members.

Also, plan on attending the District COW in March 2026 as I will be sworn in as the new District Commander. More to come on this!

*Cdr. Charles “Bo” Ibach III SN-ACN is commander of ABC-Charlotte.*

## Be a part of the ABC-Charlotte leadership team

**By Marvin Chaney Jr.**

Ever thought about becoming a part of the leadership team (Bridge, ExCom, a committee) of the squadron?

The America's Boating Club-Charlotte Nominations Committee is working on the slate of officers for 2026. If there is a place you can help us out, let the Nominations Committee know. There is always room for new faces!

*Reach P/C Marvin Chaney Jr. SN, chairman of the Nominations Committee, at [webmaster@charlotteboating.org](mailto:webmaster@charlotteboating.org).*



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John and Connie King on the water    *Drawing by the late Carl Foesch*

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