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I joined Charlotte Power Squadron in 1989. Right from the start, the existing members got me involved. Two of the members I met early on were George and Effie Rogers. This meeting set in motion a life-long friendship with them and the entire family.

I went on my first geodetic marker recovery expedition, organized in the streets of Gastonia and Belmont, right down from George and Effie’s house.

I was recruited to be the incoming Administrative Officer in 1992 when George was going to be CPS Commander. George, Carol Smith and Charlie Higgins helped me out — the new guy with no clue. When we had the COW, George presented me with a walnut plaque he had made himself as a gift for my service; it hangs on my study wall.

When I became Commander in 1994, we had a unique hospitality suite at a D27 meeting. We commemorated the “birth” of the Southport squadron with the suite decorated as a delivery room complete with a fender making a guest appearance as the new “baby” squadron. George and Effie helped pull this off.

George became D27 Commander in 1999; Mary and I were his aides and worked closely with him and Effie. They gave us an amateur telescope as a gift for our service; we still have it to this day.

My very favorite squadron outing was a trip from Little Washington across the Pamlico to Ocracoke to Manteo, Wanchese and back through alligator alley to Belhaven. I forget the year. George, Effie, George Jr. and P/C Brevard Myers SN-ACN were on the trip. We got to perfect our navigation skills (given we were out of sight of land for a short time and no GPS), fix errant trailer tires, deal with broken steering, and brave heavy wave action to switch boats for visits to the head — quite the education but terrific fun.

I’ve run into George multiple times at Merit Mark Point, doing some mission to build something, repair something, clean up something. It was generally with a group of the members, with George as mentor, working together but still having a good time.

George Jr. (J.R.) and I have been on multiple trips up and down the Intercoastal Waterway in his boats, from the NC/VA line to St. Augustine in Florida. I met his future wife, Sandy, for the first time on one of these trips. I gave her a thorough dowsing after taking a wave too tightly; she’s never forgotten it.

Each time I ran into George Sr., his greeting was always “What have you been up to?” And he genuinely wanted to know.

George and Effie were very involved at their church, which he helped to build, including preparing and seeing meals delivered. Mary and I collected plastic containers that could be used to support this effort. Periodic deliveries of a huge bag of containers to their house provided a great excuse just to catch up.

“Join for the education, stay for the friends.” It’s not just a marketing phrase; it’s for real.

Marvin Chaney is secretary of America’s Boating Club-Charlotte.



George Rogers Sr. at the 2022 ABC-Charlotte Christmas Party.



George at an ABC-Charlotte Change of Watch.



Effie and George at the 2016 ABC-Charlotte Christmas Party.



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Calendar of Events for July and August 2026

Date	Event	Time	Location/Details
No General Membership meeting in July			
July 4 Independence Day			
7/7	Wylie Gator Rowing Club	10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Pat Hakanson's home
7/8	Weather for Boaters Seminar	6 p.m.-8 p.m.	MarineMax Lake Wylie Marina
7/11	Commander's Luncheon	12 p.m.-2 p.m.	MarineMax Lake Wylie Marina
7/10	Work day to install new flag pole	10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Merit Mark Point
7/14	Wylie Gator Rowing Club	10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Pat Hakanson's home
7/18	America's Boating Course	8:45 a.m.-5:30 p.m.	MarineMax Lake Wylie Marina
7/20	ABC-Charlotte Executive Committee Meeting	5 p.m.	Jocks & Jills
7/21	Wylie Gator Rowing Club	10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Pat Hakanson's home
7/28	Wylie Gator Rowing Club make-up day	10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Pat Hakanson's home
August 2026			
8/4	Wylie Gator Rowing Club	10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Pat Hakanson's home
8/11	Wylie Gator Rowing Club	10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Pat Hakanson's home
8/15	Private Party: Gerald Privette	All Day	Merit Mark Point
8/17	ABC-Charlotte ExComm meeting	5 p.m.-7p.m.	Jocks & Jills
8/18	Wylie Gator Rowing Club	10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Pat Hakanson's home
8/21	View from the Bridge article due	Commander	To Side Lights editor

8/25	Wylie Gator Rowing Club make-up day	10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Pat Hakanson's home
8/31	September ABC-Charlotte General Membership meeting	TBA	TBA

Locations:

AmberJack Seafood & Steaks Restaurant – 4253 South New Hope Road, Gastonia

Buster Boyd Landing – Blucher Circle next to Papa Docks Shore Club, 3990 Charlotte Highway, Lake Wylie, S.C.

Pat Hakanson's house – 6812 Old Ridge Road, Waxhaw

Jocks & Jills – 4109 South Stream Boulevard, Charlotte

MarineMax Lake Wylie Marina – 310 Blucher Circle, Lake Wylie, S.C.

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

Red Fez Shrine Club – 16600 Red Fez Club Road, Charlotte



July

Brendan Cahill, Declan Cahill, Brady Conetta, Doug Drum, Ron Everson, Ron Helms, Michael Ingold, Lori Myers, Tiny Riddle and Clyde Starr

August

Max Conetta, Terry J. Maher, Pat Rodgers, Parmpal Singh, Charles L.C. Thomas III and Kelly L. Townsend

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