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View from the Bridge:

Busy year awaits Squadron in 2025

By D/Lt/C Charles "Bo" Ibach III SN-ACN

Well, here we go again. If you've read your December Side Lights, you know that I'm coming back to take the reins of our Squadron for another term, if the membership approves.

Our Change of Watch will be at the Shore Club at Tega Cay (same as last year) on January 25, 2025. There I will once again assume the role of Commander. This will be my fourth time. (Yes, I'm deviating from my usual plan of serving as Commander once every 10 years.)

Hopefully we'll plan on having another enjoyable year and boating season.

The annual Mid-Atlantic Boat Show in Charlotte will be February 6-9. Unfortunately, this coincides with the National Annual Meeting in Orlando, and I have to attend that not only for Charlotte but also for District 27 of United States Power Squadrons and National Co-op Charting Committee.

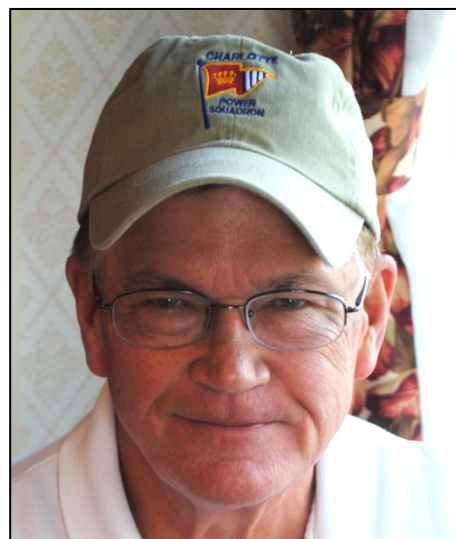
Please, please reach out to soon-to-be Past Commander Jack Moore and volunteer your time to be at the boat show to help solicit new students for our upcoming America's Boating Classes at MarineMax Lake Wylie. These classes will be held this year on April 12 and May 17. Remember that these classes and the boat show are great sources for new Squadron members.

Also in April will be our annual Chicken-Q at Merit Mark Point. Then in May, our annual Children's Outing at the Red Fez Club is scheduled for May 31. Please note that this is the Saturday after Memorial Day instead of the Saturday before. Hopefully the weather will be a bit warmer by then.

Please watch the calendars on our website, www.charlotteboating.org, and here in *Side Lights* to keep up with the activities that we are planning. For one, we need to schedule our Coastal Rendezvous in Southport, which we had to cancel in 2024 due to all the flooding in the area. The date of the Rendezvous hasn't been scheduled, though.

Also, the D-27 Rendezvous will be in New Bern in early June; more on that later.

Lastly, stay tuned for announcements on monthly meetings. We're looking into holding them at various



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places and scheduling sessions during lunch instead of dinner. We're trying to create some variety and improve social time. I realize that this won't work for some but hopefully will work better for some others that haven't been able to attend in the past. Other Squadrons in D-27 are doing similar gatherings with great success.

So, again thank you for having me lead our Squadron once again! I hope that we'll have a very successful year. And thank goodness, there will be no COVID issues that were present in my last tenure.

D/Lt/C Charles "Bo" Ibach III SN-ACN is District Administrative officer and has been nominated as ABC-Charlotte Commander for 2025.

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Calendar of Events January & February 2025

January 2025

Day	Event	Time	Location/Details
6	ABC-CLT Annual Meeting	6 p.m. dinner; 7 p.m. meeting	Jocks & Jills
20	ABC-CLT ExCom Meeting	6 p.m. dinner; 7 p.m. meeting	Jocks & Jills
25	ABC-CLT Change of Watch	4:30 p.m. appetizers; 5:30 p.m. dinner; 6:30 p.m. program	Shore Club at Tega Cay

February 2025

3	ABC-CLT General Membership Meeting	6 p.m. dinner; 7 p.m. meeting	Jocks & Jills
5-9	USPS Annual Meeting	Check schedule	Orlando, Fla.
6-9	Mid-Atlantic Boat Show	Please sign up to volunteer at the booth	Charlotte Convention Center
17	ABC-CLT ExCom Meeting	6 p.m. dinner; 7 p.m. meeting	Jocks & Jills

Jocks & Jills – 4109 South Stream Boulevard, Charlotte
MarineMax Lake Wylie Marina – 310 Blucher Circle, Lake Wylie, S.C.
Charlotte Convention Center – 501 South College Street, Charlotte
Shore Club at Tega Cay – 15083 Molokai Drive, Tega Cay, S.C.



Happy birthdays!

January

Hank Bateman, Mary Cele Brooks, Louis Cosentine, Joe Maher, Thomas Monza and George Rogers Sr.

February

Barbara Bartell, Meaghan Cahill, Lisa Ishee, John King, Pat Mencil, Brittany Osmond and Dwight Pruitt

Appreciation for membership fundraising

By P/D/C Paula F. Stewart AP

Thanks to everyone who has participated in our "50/50" Fundraisers at our membership meetings.

Meanwhile, we still have plenty of Auto Bell gift cards for sale. The cost is \$20 per card and our squadron gets \$10 for each card sold.

Everyone loves a clean car! Please see me at our next meeting to purchase yours. Also, if you prefer that I mail them to you, I can do that too. Just let me know. Thank you for your support.

P/D/C Paula F. Stewart AP is America's Boating Club-Charlotte Fundraising Chair.

It's your turn: 2025 slate of officers, committee members

Don't miss out on a chance to vote for a new Bridge and Executive Committee for America's Boating Club-Charlotte. The vote will be taken as an entire slate of nominees at the Annual Meeting held January 6, 2025.

The location of that meeting is set for Jock's & Jills with dinner beginning at 6 p.m. and the meeting at 7 p.m.

Here are your Bridge nominees for 2025:

Commander: D/Lt/C Charles "Bo" Ibach III SN-ACN

Executive Officer: Vacant

Educational Officer: Lt/C Brevard S Myers Jr. SN-ACN

Administrative Officer: Warren Francois

Secretary: Lt/C Rose Samonds

Treasurer: P/Lt/C Mary Chaney JN

Here are your nominees for Executive Committee:

P/C Marvin Chaney Jr. SN

P/C David Stewart AP

P/D/C Paula Stewart AP

Lt Pat Mencil S

P/C William G. Granger P-IN

P/C Dan Bartell SN-ACN

ExCom nominees continued:

Immediate past commander: P/C Jack Moore JN-IN

P/C Doug Drum Sr. AP

Shaun Haycock

Here are your nominees for Nominating Committee:

P/C Jack Moore JN-IN (3 years)

Here are your nominees for Rules Committee:

P/C Marshall Bain AP (3 years)

Here are your nominees for Auditing Committee:

P/C David Stewart AP (2 years)

Tom Wirth (3 years)

Squadron Holiday party celebrated in Belmont

By P/C Ken Elkins JN

America's Boating Club-Charlotte enjoyed a wonderful 2024 holiday party that was attended by 28 members at the Reflection Pointe Clubhouse in Belmont.

Commander Jack Moore JN-IN carved the ham and turkey, and P/C Marvin Chaney SN provided a couple of his signature sweets as Marvin goes through his dessert years after retirement. Other members contributed tasty appetizers, sides and desserts.

During the December 7, 2024, holiday festivities, members of the Squadron Bridge and Executive Committee adjourned to a separate room at the facility to pass the 2025 Budget.

Many thanks to Lt Pat Mencil S for hosting us at her community's beautiful facility, which was complete with Christmas tree and presents beneath.

P/C Ken Elkins JN is editor of Side Lights.



Consider going to America's Boating Club national meeting?

America's Boating Club | United States Power Squadrons Annual Meeting is scheduled for February 5-9, 2025, in Orlando, Fla.

For squadron and district commanders, it's a must-attend. For members, the meeting can be informative, educational and fun. To register and for information, visit

https://www.usps.org/php/reservations_new/meetings.php?mtg_id=48.

Note though that the 2026 Annual Meeting will be held closer to home: Myrtle Beach February 9-16, 2026.



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Annual Meeting
February 5-9, 2025
Orlando, Florida

Fall 2024 Barbecue revisited with photos, financials

Members of America's Boating Club-Charlotte enjoyed the 2024 T.K. Moore Fall Barbecue at Merit Mark Point. About 40 squadron members attended the October 26, 2024, event, enjoying warm and sunny weather.

Squadron Treasurer P/Lt/C Mary D. Chaney JN reports that the squadron earned about \$530 in profit on revenues of about \$800. That includes an \$80 donation and about \$140 in in-kind donations such as barbecue ingredients that were given to the squadron.



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

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America's Boating Club-Charlotte is fortunate to have the following sustaining sponsors:

- Marvin and Mary Chaney
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