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## *View from the Bridge:* We all need to follow Merit Mark Point rules

By P/C Jack Moore AP-IN

Well, here it is the start of another summer with outdoor fun, boating and, of course, the opportunity to use our great place on Lake Wylie, Merit Mark Point. Our facility is there for all members and their guests to use 24/7.

Don't forget though, there are several rules for the use of Merit Mark Point. These rules are posted in the picnic shelter. A few rules that need to be in everyone's mind while using Merit Mark Point include:

- If you bring any adult beverages to Merit Mark Point, **DO NOT** leave any of these beverages in the refrigerator or on our property.
- If a member has guests, the member must always be present when their guests are on our property. There is also a rule that requires any member who is going to have an event with more than 15 members or guests attending needs to coordinate with the Executive Committee beforehand. This is not an approval process but a coordination process, so we don't have two events simultaneously.
- Also, what you bring to the facility you need to clean up and take out with you. We do not have a dedicated group to clean up the facility after members hold an event. Be sure the restrooms are left clean for future guests and all doors are shut properly.
- **ENSURE WHEN YOU LEAVE THE GATE IS PROPERLY LOCKED AND SECURED!**
- Please take a few minutes next time you are Merit Mark Point and review all the rules. The list is short, but the rules are very important.

If a member wants to have an event, **please contact our commander or me so we can post the event on our website calendar.** We try to keep this calendar very current so all members will know the status of Merit Mark Point, plus other squadron activities. Our most recent squadron activity, the annual Children's Outing at the Red Fez Club was a very good success. I believe the count I was told was between 325 and 370 people.



Jack Moore

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Another new activity was a joint event Poker Run with MarineMax. Everyone that participated said they enjoyed the day and had a lot of fun. This also gave us the opportunity to meet some other boaters and introduce them to America's Boating Club-Charlotte.

With the start of summer, we hope any member of the squadron will take advantage of our free Vessel Safety Check program. Anyone who would like to have VSC, please contact our Commander or me (Jack Moore at 908- 625-1268) and we will get one scheduled for you at your convenience. If you have any friends with boats, please pass along our contact information so we can support them with a VSC also.

Our upcoming events are all on our calendar. Specifically, be aware of the Commander Luncheon at MarineMax, our scheduled rendezvous at the coast and of course our annual Christmas party. Please visit our website regularly to see new additions to our calendar and the use of Merit Mark Point.

At the present time, Commander Bo Ibach and Educational Officer Brevard Myers are trying to schedule another ABC3 Basic Boating Class, but the details are not finalized as of this date. This will be shown in our calendar, and members will be notified by email from our Commander.

I hope everyone has a very safe and enjoyable summer whether boating on our area's lakes or just enjoying the great outdoors.

*Jack Moore is immediate past commander of America's Boating Club-Charlotte.*

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## Happy Birthdays!

### July

Doug Drum, Branden and Declan Cahill, Ron Eveson, Ron Helms, Charles Jenkin, Cynthia Jenkin, Bud Katter, Lori Myers, Al Parker, Tiny Riddle, David Samonds, Clyde Starr, Robin Turner

### August

Amy Bilbao, Luke Gehringer, Terry Maher, Mary Lynn Kindberg, Pat Rodgers, Parnpal Singh, Charles Thomas, Kelly Townsend

## Calendar of Events for July and August 2025

### July 2025

**No General Membership Meeting in July**

Day	Event	Time	Location/Details
1	Rock-On Rowing (women's rowing)	10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Pat Hakanson's home
8	Rock-On Rowing (women's rowing)	10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Pat Hakanson's home
12	Commander's Luncheon	12 p.m.-2:30 p.m.	MarineMax Lake Wylie Marina
15	Wylie Gator Rowing (men and women)	10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Pat Hakanson's home
21	ABC-CLT ExCom Meeting	6 p.m. dinner; 7 p.m. meeting	Jocks & Jills
22	Make up day for rowing	10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Pat Hakanson's home
26	America's Boating Course	8:45 a.m.-6 p.m.	MarineMax Lake Wylie Marina

### August 2025

**General Membership Meeting is August 25, which counts as September meeting.**

Day	Event	Time	Location/Details
5	Rock-On Rowing (women's rowing)	10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Pat Hakanson's home
12	Rock-On Rowing (women's rowing)	10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Pat Hakanson's home
18	ABC-CLT ExCom Meeting	6 p.m. dinner; 7 p.m. meeting	Jocks & Jills
19	Wylie Gator Rowing (men and women)	10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Pat Hakanson's home
25	General Membership Meeting	6 a.m.-8 p.m.	Jocks & Jills
26	Make up day for rowing	10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Pat Hakanson's home

**Jocks & Jills** – 4109 South Stream Boulevard, Charlotte  
**MarineMax Lake Wylie Marina** – 310 Blucher Circle, Lake Wylie, S.C.  
**Pat Hakanson's home** – 6812 Old Ridge Road, Waxhaw





The chilly weather didn't stop the kids and others from enjoying Lake Wylie at the 2025 Children's Outing.

## Children's Outing brings Squadrons together

By Charles "Bo" Ibach III ACN-SN

For 2025, we, the members of the Charlotte Power Squadron and members of America's Boating Club of the Catawba, held our annual Children's Outing for deserving children at the Red Fez Club on Lake Wylie.

We entertained more than 300 children and their

### Photos by members of America's Boating Club of the Catawba

families and chaperones for a wonderful day on the lake with boat rides, swimming, fishing games and food—lots of food.

Although the water temperature was a bit chilly (74 degrees), it didn't seem to deter a lot of them from getting in and splashing about.



Fishing is one of several activities at the Children's Outing.



More than 300 children, family members and sponsors participated.

We had 10 boats available for rides and judging by the lines, that was one of the most sought-after activities for the day. Many thanks to Shaun Haycock, Pat Mencil, Sean Morris, Brevard Myers and myself for providing the boats from Charlotte! Catawba had 5 boats as well.

Sean Morris went the extra mile by renting a pontoon boat to give the kids and chaperons rides. All told 22 members of America's Boating Club-Charlotte and many members of ABC of the Catawba helped at the event.

There were groups from several agencies including the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Charlotte, The Salvation Army of Greater Charlotte, Thompsons Children's Home and Boys & Girls Club of Greater Gaston.

Additionally, many thanks to our sponsors, Publix Supermarkets, Pink Portables, Dockmasters, Wendy's, Front Street Capital and Renaissance Foundation. And especially thank you to our members who were there both on

land and water as well as the members of America's Boating Club of the Catawba. All in all, everything worked out very well.

ABC of the Catawba also provided the lifeguards, bounce house, snow cones, Wendy's breakfast sandwiches and volunteer shirts and hats. They also arranged for NC Wildlife to be there with their boat, Steel Creek Fire Department to be there with a truck and a boat. The lifeguards came from Camp Thunderbird.

*Bo Ibach is Commander of America's Boating Club-Charlotte.*

## D/27 Rendezvous gets important Charlotte contributions

**By P/C Marvin Chaney SN**

District 27 of America's Boating Club held its 2025 Rendezvous in New Bern June 13-14 with more than 50 members in attendance.

Cape Lookout was the host squadron and did a great job. P/C Pat Hakanson SN, P/C Marvin Chaney SN and P/Lt/C Mary Chaney JN attended from Charlotte. We had a great time seeing friends from across the district.

Pat brought a cross stitch that she had done to display as a part of the crafts exhibit (over 60,000 stitches!).



Photo by Marvin Chaney

**Greg Shay made a presentation on Geodetic Marker Recovery.**

There was a raffle for donated items from New Bern vendors and donations from D/27 members. Pat, Marvin and Mary all won items that they had bid on -- Pat won 2!

As one of the activities, P/D/C Greg Shay JN-ACN made a

presentation on Geodetic Marker Recovery. Lt Bob Burget AP-IN then presented a "treasure map" of downtown New Bern with several markers that had not been recovered in a while, with a challenge to go find them. Marvin set out and recovered three of the markers and beat everyone to submitting a report to receive credit for the finds.

D/27 Commander Connie Shay S thanked D/27 members and others who attended and helped with the District Rendezvous.

"What a fun weekend with attendance at 57 with 10 out of the 12 squadrons attending (including) Twila Nahama SN D/26 and with some rendezvous first timers Michael and Silvia Kelly of Shallotte River," she wrote in an email to participants. "Their dog also shared a weekend with us."

*Marvin Chaney is ABC-Charlotte Webmaster.*



Photo by Marvin Chaney

**Here's one of the geodetic markers that was found.**

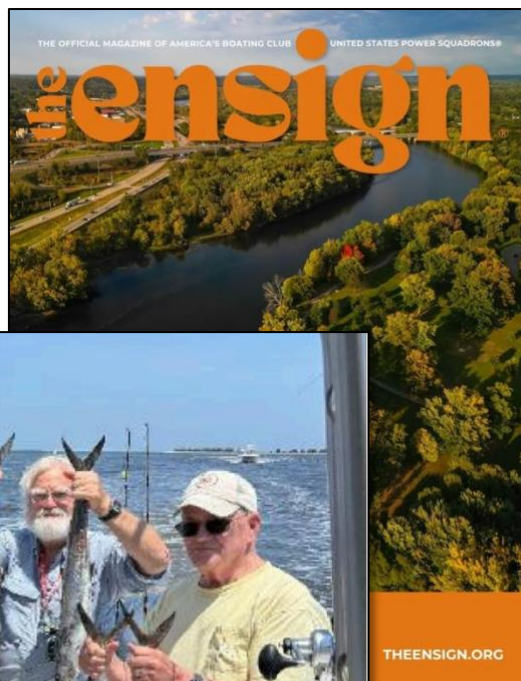


## ABC-Charlotte's King goes national with fishing story

An article written for *Side Lights* by P/C John King II AP has been picked up by *The Ensign*, the America's Boating Club magazine.

The story centers around a trouble-filled fishing trip to King's Oak Island vacation home and how the six participants prevailed to enjoy the 2024 Memorial Day weekend.

Check out the original piece written for the June 2024 edition of *Side Lights*. The Ensign's version is published in the summer 2025 edition of the magazine. The first page is pictured here.



JUSTIN HOLLAND



## BOATING GONE BAD

### Annual fishing trip runs into obstacles

BY JOHN A. KING II

▲ THE FISHERMEN FROM  
MEMORIAL DAY 2024  
WITH THEIR CATCHES

► To prepare for my 2024 Memorial Day weekend fishing trip with friends, I went to Oak Island at the end of April to service both motors on my 32-foot twin-engine 2005 Boston Whaler, *Carolina Starr*. I changed the oil in the port and starboard V-6 engines. When I drained the starboard lower unit gear oil, there was water in it. That's when I decided it was time to take my boat to the shop.

When I raised the motor to put the prop back on, trim-and-tilt oil was leaking from the top of the right lift arm. Yes, it was definitely shop time.

The shop couldn't get to my boat until the following week. They had one trim-and-tilt arm in stock, which meant it would be a quick repair—not! After they replaced the right arm, the left started leaking, so they had to order another one.

While waiting for the new arm to arrive, they pressure-treated my lower unit and replaced three leaking seals. Good news: There was no damage to the unit, so the seals would complete the repair.

## Commander announces third boating course for 2025

**By Cdr. Charles “Bo” Ibach III SN-ACN**

Fellow members, I hope that you're enjoying your summer so far despite the heat. A few comments on upcoming events for America's Boating Club-Charlotte (Charlotte Power Squadron)

### July

On July 12, our annual Commander's Picnic will be a bit different in part due to the heat and possible weather issues. We'll be at MarineMax showroom and holding the Commander's Luncheon in conjunction with MarineMax. They have contributed \$400 towards this event and hopefully will be having some of their customers to attend, giving us a great opportunity to see if some of them might want to join our club.

We've also invited Catawba to join us and it's possible that District Commander Connie Shay S will join us as well. This is a drop in, so she shouldn't feel obligated to stay the entire time. It will start at 12 and go to about 2:30. We're having catered barbecue with all the fixings. Water and Tea provided. You can bring your own beer and wine.

July 26, our next America's Boating Course will be held at MarineMax. We'll start at 8:45 a.m. and go to about 6 p.m. We will not be providing lunch this time so it would be nice to have some extra help to go out with those in attendance to discuss the values of membership in Charlotte.

Not sure of the date in July yet, but we hope to join up with Catawba for a raft up in Torrence Creek (yes, very close to my house) to watch the ski show on a Friday night. Last year, Ray Williams cooked hotdogs on his boat and shared with everyone. I will have Bodacious there so plenty of room for anyone who might want to attend. Last year we were the primary boat that others rafted up to. Stay tuned to further details.

### August:

Besides the usual calendar events for either July or August, we have very little planned for August.

But on August 25, our next Squadron meeting will be at Jocks and Jills in the evening. Dinner at 6 p.m. and program at 7. We will be entertained by Marvin and Mary Chaney on their fantastic trip to New Zealand and the region. Please plan to attend as this should be a most fascinating presentation.

In October, we'll go back to having lunch in another nice place for a time of socializing.

Lastly, please don't forget to sign up with the Hampton Inn in Southport for our annual Coastal Rendezvous on September 18-21. A room rate of \$115/night. which is so much better than their normal rate. Thanks to Will Granger for arranging this.

We'll also be fed by Educational Officer Brevard Myers SN-ACN on Friday night at P/C John King's home on Oak Island with a Low Country Boil. We'll be going out on the Intercoastal Waterway (weather permitting) on Friday to survey Aids to Navigation and marinas.

This event is a great social time plus we'll be joined by members of Southport Squadron. Let's have a really great turnout this year.

*Bo Ibach is commander of America's Boating Club-Charlotte.*



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Commander Bo at sea in 2009

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

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- Ken Elkins and Joann Infante
- John and Connie King
- Paula and David Stewart
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