



View from the Bridge: Nautical naming tests humor, vocabulary

By Lt/C Rose Samonds

Boat naming has been around for thousands of years. It started when sailors named their vessels after deities and saints in the hopes of good fortune and smooth sailing. Names were chosen very carefully since the wrong name meant the difference between a safe voyage or being lost at sea.

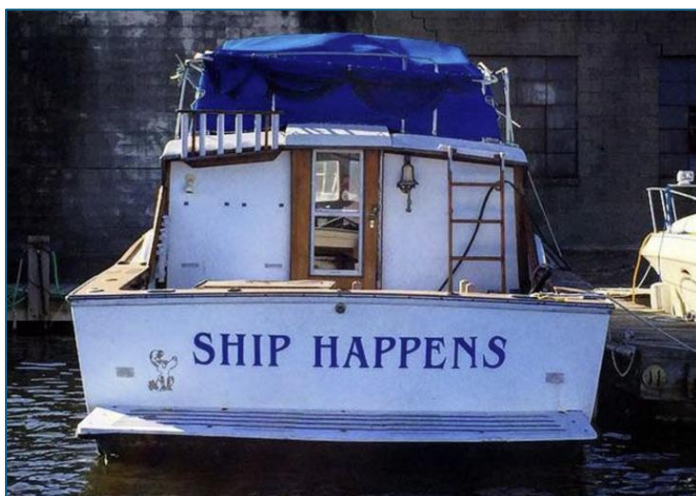
As any seasoned mariner knows, the naming of a boat is not a task to be undertaken lightly. For centuries, sailors have believed that the spirit of a vessel is encapsulated within its name, and such a moniker must be chosen with care. However, in the modern era, boat names have become a means to showcase the personality, wit or interests of the owner. I found this “Ship Happens” photo, which reminded me of P/C Marvin Chaney’s mantra during his tenure as Commander last year.



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It's said to be bad luck to rename your boat. Legend has it that the name of every single vessel is recorded in the Ledger of the Deep and is known personally to Poseidon (Greek) or Neptune (Roman), gods of the sea. Changing that name without their approval is said to bring bad luck.

A clever name can go a long way toward bringing smiles into your world. Let's delve into the sea of creativity and wit that characterized the boat-naming scene in 2023.



Let's look at a few:

1. SeaDuction – A witty play on words, combining “sea” and “seduction.”
2. Knot on Call – A clever nod to the maritime term “knot,” and a hint at the owner's desire for peace.

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3. Aquaholic – Perfect for those who can't get enough of the water.
4. Breaking Wake – Inspired by the famous TV show "Breaking Bad," with a nautical twist.
5. Sailor's Delight – A nod to the age-old saying, "Red sky at night, sailor's delight."
6. Nauti Buoy – A pun-tastic name that always gets a smile.
7. The Godfather – An amusing salute to the classic film "The Godfather."
8. Yachtzee – A playful spin on the popular dice game Yahtzee.
9. Seas the Day – An aquatic take on the Latin aphorism "Carpe Diem."
10. Buoys in the Hood – A fun, urban-themed boat name.
11. Unsinkable II – A humorous, yet hopeful title.



It's a little hard to see but the name of this yacht is SeaDuction.

12. Knot Working – A great name for a retirement boat.
13. Ship for Brains – Self-deprecating humor at its finest.
14. Buoyancy Operetta – For those who appreciate both the water and a good musical.
15. Liquid Asset – A clever name for business-minded mariners.
16. What's Up Dock? – A playful homage to the classic Looney Tunes catchphrase.
17. Fishful Thinking – Ideal for those who love to cast a line.
18. Ship Happens – A stoic, tongue-in-cheek nod to life's unpredictability.
19. Life Aquatic – A tribute to Wes Anderson's cult film.
20. Fanta-Sea – Where the ocean meets imagination.
21. Anchors Aweigh – A classic name with a timeless appeal.

22. Peer Pressure – For the boat that was purchased after too much persuasion from friends.
23. Oar Else – A humorous take on a popular phrase.
24. Yeah Buoy – Enthusiasm, nautical style.
25. Aye Aye, Captain – For those who've always dreamed of commanding their vessel.
26. Vitamin Sea – A healing dose of ocean breeze and salty air.
27. Dock Holiday – A fantastic pun for lovers of classic Westerns.
28. Boaty McBoatface – Inspired by the famous internet poll from 2016.
29. Reel Time – The ideal moniker for serious fishing enthusiasts.
30. Passing Wind – A clever, yet cheeky name for sailors.
31. Off the Hook – Perfect for those who enjoy living life free of worries.
32. Serenity Now – A nod to the classic "Seinfeld" episode.
33. Purr-seidon – A fun name for cat lovers who also love the sea.
34. Sail la Vie – A breezy, nautical twist on the French phrase "C'est la vie."
35. Loan Ranger – For the boat that was a significant investment.
36. Bow Movement – A toilet humor-inspired pun for the high seas.
37. Kraken Up – Ideal for lovers of marine mythology with a sense of humor.
38. Whiskey Business – An amusing moniker for fans of fine spirits.
39. Oceans 11 – For the owner who loves classic heist movies.
40. Eggs-ta Sea – An egg-cellent choice for those who love a good pun.
41. Gravy Boat – Perfect for food lovers everywhere.
42. Pier Review – A playful choice for the scholarly sailor.
43. Bow and Stern – A no-nonsense name for straightforward mariners.

44. It's About Time – For those who finally achieved their dream of owning a boat.
45. Neverland – A magical name for fans of Peter Pan.
46. Lady of the Lake – A mystical name referencing Arthurian legend.
47. Unsinkable Molly Brown – A historical name, with a touch of grit.
48. Sails Call – For the mariners who answer the call of the open sea.
49. Feeling Nauti – A playful name with a salty twist.
50. Gone With the Wind – A classic name for the romantics at sea.

Boat Names – How Do You Choose?

Here are a some guidelines.

The name should be two or three words max.

It should be short enough to fit on the transom and still be easy to read.

The name should be easy to communicate over a VHF radio.

It can't be anything that might be used to ask for help on the water (i.e. Man Overboard).

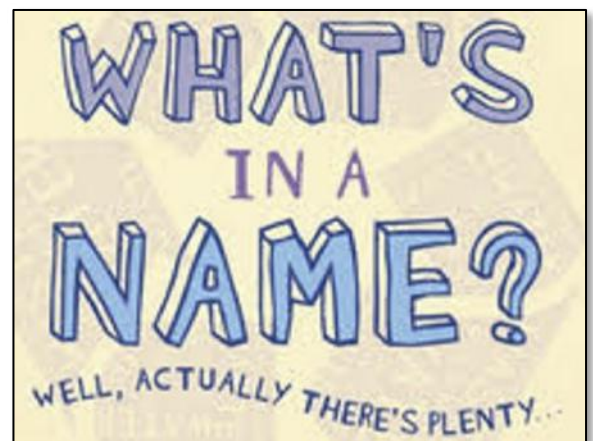
The name shouldn't use racist, sexist or profane language. Keep it classy.

If it's something you'd be embarrassed to say over the radio you won't want it to be your primary identity at the marina or out on the water.

When it comes down to it, naming a boat is a personal choice. Our boat was delivered around Thanksgiving so, when we named it, we felt the most appropriate name for it would be "Giving Thanks."

I hope you enjoyed this look into boat naming. Until next time, may you have, Fair winds and following seas.

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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.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the next membership meeting on August 26.

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

Calendar of Events June & July 2024

June 2024

Day	Event	Time	Location/Details
No General Membership meeting in June			
17	ABC-CLT ExCom Meeting	6 p.m. dinner; 7 p.m. meeting	Jocks & Jills
18	Wylie Gator Rowing Club	10 a.m.-3 p.m.	Pat Hakanson home
21	<i>Side Lights</i> article due	View from the Bridge	Assistant Secretary
24	Wylie Gator Book Club: Stampede/Castner	6 p.m. dinner; 7 p.m. meeting	Jocks & Jills
29	Vessel Safety Checks	10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Buster Boyd Landing

July 2024

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Buster Boyd Landing – Blucher Circle, Lake Wylie, S.C.
Jocks & Jills – 4109 South Stream Boulevard, Charlotte
John’s Family Restaurant – 2002 Westinghouse Boulevard, Charlotte
MarineMax Lake Wylie Marina – 310 Blucher Circle, Lake Wylie, S.C.
Merit Mark Point (MMP) – 4892 Power Squadron Lane, York, S.C.
Pat Hakanson home -- 6812 Old Ridge Road, Waxhaw

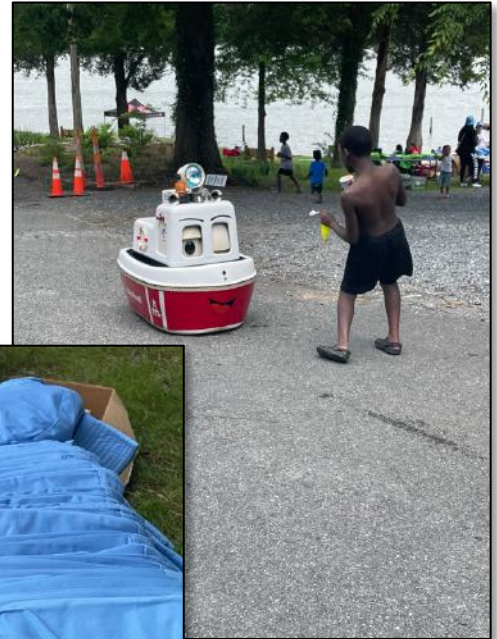


Happy June Birthdays

Valerie Cahill
 Guynn Francis
 Stacy Haycock
 Michael Ibach
 Eric Jockers
 Rose Samonds

2024 Children's Outing photos

Photos by Marshall Bain, Warren Francois and Ken Elkins



Offshore fishing sometimes frustrating but always fun

By P/C John A. King II AP

Editor's note: For years now, P/C John King II has invited a group of America's Boating Club-Charlotte members to fish over the Memorial Day weekend, staying at his Oak Island vacation home and fishing from Carolina Starr, his 32-foot twin-engine Boston Whaler. Usually, the trips are a marvel of efficiency and fun: catch fish, cook fish, eat fish. Other times the trips are an exercise in dealing with the unplanned but they are always fun.

This year we had four current members and two former members in attendance. They were (alphabetically) David Cruse, Jay Cruse, Doug Drum, Charles Ibach, John King and Brevard Myers.

I guess before I tell any more about the trip, I should talk a little about the meaning of BOAT, although most of you probably have

heard. BOAT is Break Out Another Thousand. I went down towards the end of April to service both motors. I changed the oil in the V6s both port and starboard. Then I changed the lower unit gear oil in the port and when I went to drain the starboard lower unit gear oil, some water came out mixed with the gear oil. At that point I decided it was time to take it to the shop.

When I went to raise the motor to put the prop back on, trim-and-tilt oil was coming out of the top of the right lift arm. Yes, it is shop time. They were not able to get to it until the following week. They started with the trim and tilt arm. They had one in stock so that was a quick repair. Not! When they tested it, now that the right arm is good the left started leaking. They had to order the another one.

Well, while they waited for that to come in, they pressure treated my lower unit and found three seals leaking and replaced them. Good news no damage to the unit so the seals will complete the repair. After the new arm came in they put it on. No leak but now you can really hear how worn the lift motor is, so that will have to be replaced in the near future. The cost of that motor and several hours labor will make that an expensive repair.

Then, they ran the starboard motor to make sure all was repaired. All ran great and it was ready.

So I went down early in the week before the fishing trip and moved the boat back to the house. All is good and ready.

When we arrived on Friday May 24, we put the boat in the water to move it around to the dock. Guess what, the port motor was not operating correctly. We tried everything that we knew to try to get it fixed, but it needed to go back to the shop. So I think we need to change the saying for BOAT to Break Out Another Thousands!

We messed with it again on Saturday morning and decided we didn't have a boat to fish from. We also got a call from David Cruse: He and his son went out fishing that morning and they broke down and had to be towed in. We decided to eat lunch and talk about what to do.



Photo by Justin Holland

The fishermen from Carolina Starr Memorial Day 2024 and their catch.

I called one of the bait stores and asked if they knew a charter boat that wasn't booked for Sunday. Meanwhile, Brevard decided he was going to drive back to Charlotte and return that night by 10pm and bring his boat so we would be able to fish.

We called three charter captains after Brevard headed out to Charlotte. For the first two, we left messages. The third call was answered. He was on a charter but said he was open on Sunday so we booked it.

We called Brevard quickly and he turned around and came back. Luckily, he didn't get very far down the road.

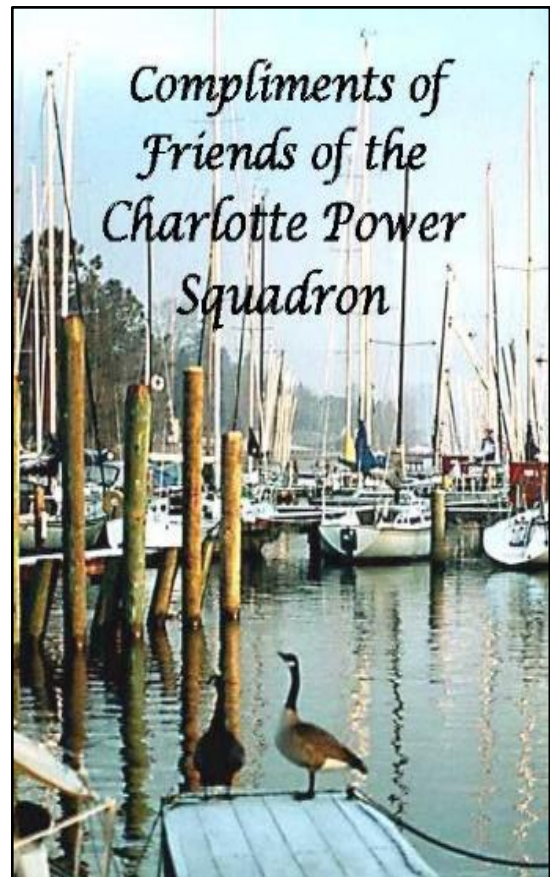
On Sunday we went out on the Angry Pelican with Capt. Mark Greene and Mate Justin Holland. We left out at 6 a.m. and returned at 2 p.m. Mark and Justin both did a great job. We fished at Shark Hole with live bait; Capt. Mark would bump the motors into gear and we would troll very, very slowly.

It wasn't long until we heard that welcome noise of a reel peeling off line and it was on. We ended up keeping 12 king mackerels, letting a cobia that was too small return to grow bigger and hooking something big that Brevard fought for close to an hour before it freed itself. We never saw it but there were several sharks around 8 feet swimming around under the boat that would bite one or two of our catches off before we could get them in so that is what we all guess it was.

The fellowship was great as always, my boat was a big frustration, and the charter was great, a memorable learning experience for us. We will be trying live bait on the next fishing trip (as long as we can catch some). All in all, it was a great trip and fun was had by all.

Our thanks go out to Capt. Mark Greene and mate Justin Holland on the Angry Pelican!

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