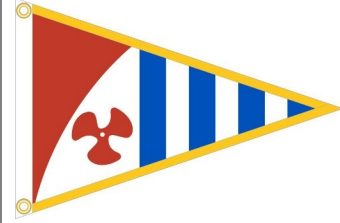


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May 2011

Well, Boating Season has begun. We had a great trip to Wilmington for the Azalea Festival with four boats participating. The weather unfortunately was a bit on the chilly side.

Your squadron continues to grow in membership with four new members, Felicia Speed, Helen Zawilla and George & Janice Cordi, being sworn in at the April meeting. Six additional new members, Henry & Pam Pulkowski, Jerry & Teresa Williams, Chris Williams and Liane Williams, will be sworn in at a later date.

May promises to be a lot of fun with our Cookout at Osprey Marina planned for May 21st. Don't forget to stop by the DOPEY for some after picnic fellowship and a beverage with Mary Lou and me.

Our educational activities continue. We have completed an ABC Course for CCU Marine Studies Graduate Students, and we are wrapping up our Seamanship Course soon.

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We are now a little over half way through our operating year and beginning to think of who will be volunteering to step up to a leadership role for the new year in November. It's only through our members volunteering to take on leadership roles can we continue to grow and meet our goal and fulfill our mission. So, think about how you can help and contribute to our success. Contact P/C Bob Roseman and let him know your ideas/plans.

Happy and Safe Boating!

Rich G

EXECUTIVE OFFICER**Lt/C Ken Payne, P**

Preparations are still underway for the joint participation in the Memorial Day parade by Long Bay and North Strand squadrons. We are still looking for a boat and trailer to represent our squadron, so please contact either myself or Colleen Carter with any solutions. We are also looking for volunteers to participate in the parade. It should be a day to remember. The date of the parade is May 28th, and it will run from 27th Avenue North to 8th Avenue North with John McCain as our Grand Marshal. Expectations are for a large turnout. So plan on attending, and show that USPS also demonstrates its appreciation for our military.

Mark your calendars for the D26 Fall Conference at North Strand on October 7th – 9th. We have some fun activities in the works that everyone will enjoy. There is more to come as we finalize our contributions to the event, but it promises to be fun for all. If you have not received your vessel safety check this year, make sure to get it scheduled with Ed Rubick as soon as possible to ensure that you enjoy a safe 2011 boating season.

As I mentioned at our dinner meeting, our Co-op Charting Chairman, George Rast, is looking for volunteers to assist with on-the-water verification of navigational aids. This is a vital part of our squadron's responsibilities to the community and to the overall safety of boating. More details will follow regarding specific needs, but go ahead and contact George to volunteer your services, and safe boating to all.

Ken

ADMINISTRATION OFFICER:**Lt/C Gloria Roseman, S**

The April Dinner Meeting at TBonz was attended by 44 people. Our member Dr. Ed Weimer, Dermatologist, gave a very interesting and important presentation about skin cancer – what to look for and how to protect ourselves out in the sun. George and Janice Cordi, Helen Zawila and Felicia Speed were sworn in as members, and we welcomed them to Long Bay. Carol Reilly won \$46 in our 50/50 raffle. Our name tag prize of a \$25 gift card to TBonz was won by George Rast.

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May 21st (Sat.) – Our luncheon meeting will be held at Osprey Marina, 8400 Osprey Rd., Myrtle Beach at 3:00 pm. This will be a fundraiser for our Squadron – that’s why we are setting a cost of \$15 per person, and \$7 for children 12 and under – and asking members to bring a side dish to share. As a guide, if your **last name begins with A-M, please bring a side dish of potato, pasta or vegetable.** If your **last name begins with N-Z, please bring an appetizer or dessert.** **Please remember to bring a serving utensil if one is required.** Everyone will receive one-half of a BBQ Chicken (you may want to bring a “doggie bag” with you in case you don’t finish all of your chicken). Tea and water will be provided, and you may bring anything else you wish to drink, including alcoholic beverages.

We will be eating inside an enclosed area, so we will stay dry in case of rain. You may bring lawn chairs to sit outside if you like, and we encourage young people attending to bring any lawn games that they enjoy. Also, Cdr. Rich and Mary Lou invite everyone attending to come to their boat, “Dopey”, for an after dinner drink following the picnic.

IMPORTANT – If you plan to attend, you MUST RSVP by Mon. May 16th. **The chickens have to be pre-ordered, and if you show up without making a reservation, there will be no meal reserved for you. When you RSVP, please let your tel-net rep know what side dish you are going to bring.** This way we can coordinate the menu and avoid too many duplications of dishes. Thank you for your assistance with helping us to plan this event!

SAVE THE DATE – Tues. June 14th – Dinner Meeting at Magnolia’s Restaurant, 2605 N. Ocean Blvd., Myrtle Beach. Meteorologist Ed Piotrowski will give a presentation on hurricanes.

May “Fore’n’Aft” Treasurer’s input:

- Recently there have been some questions about membership meeting meal expenses. As I mentioned previously, the amount you pay for the meal to LBPS is essentially the amount the restaurant charges. This is done to encourage maximum member participation. As a point of clarification, at the restaurant you may see the listed price for your meal lower than the LBPS price. The reason for this is that the LBPS price includes taxes and tips. In Myrtle Beach, this equates to 11.5% tax and the 18% gratuity charged for large groups.
- FYI. Membership dues are, by far, the largest source of operating revenue for the Squadron. Your annual dues are distributed: 63% to USPS National, 29% to our Squadron and 8% to our District (District 26) .

For those who were not able to attend the dinner meeting, allow me to reiterate the good news. I did receive the “road use tax” rebate check from the State of North Carolina. There are twelve states that rebate the road use tax to boaters for gasoline purchased at marinas. In some states, diesel fuel is also eligible. Save your receipts if you intend to file for a refund.

Sean

Towing and Boating Safety P/D/C William F. Mullin, AP

Sooner or later every boater runs into a towing situation. The only question being, "Is you the 'tow-ee'? Or, am y'all the 'tow-er'?" There is a profound difference between the two situations. In the "tow-ee" condition you are either stuck aground, sinking or dead in the water for whatever reason. In the case of the potential "tow-er", you most likely just happened upon some poor unfortunate fellow boater with a problem. Depending upon the problem, you have some decisions to make (and probably, pretty soon).

Let's look at the "tow-ee" problem first. We'll begin with running aground. We've covered that here a couple of times before, so we won't bore you with a lot of details. If you've run aground on a relatively soft bottom and show no signs of leakage from hull damage, SIT TIGHT until you've completely assessed the problem. If you ran aground at low water and high water is expected soon, you will probably just float off. However, if you ran hard aground at high water, you will need help at getting going. The best advice here is to get on the VHF radio and call a commercial towing service. They'll get you off with a minimum of damage to your boat.

We'll continue with that "sinking feeling". Uh! Oh! The boat is slowing and getting deeper in the water. Quick like a bunny—check the bilges! Then just as quickly—look around. Is there a convenient spot to temporarily park this boat in shallow water close to shore? If so, head for that spot **RIGHT NOW!** Boating here along the AICW*, there is usually a parking spot that isn't too awful. Out in the Atlantic is another matter. In that case, make absolutely certain everyone aboard has a life preserver on, and get on the radio to call for help. Finally, the engine quit and you're drifting. How come? Are you out of fuel? Did something fall off? Determine the cause as soon as you can. Do not forget to check that temperamental neutral safety switch on the gearshift control, and then trace the wires to the engine. Take a peek at any fuel filters — they may be clogged. (You DO have spare filters on board, don't you?) When all else fails, use the radio to talk to your pre-paid towing service (or the USCG).

Let's talk tow ropes, Bunkie. The first rule here is to make sure you have the correct tow rope(s) for *your boat*, and they are neatly stowed so you can use them. If you need a towing harness, make certain you already know how to rig it and attach it. Always use *your own tow rope*. Do NOT depend on the kindness of others. But wait! You are gonna be the "tow-er". Doofus over there on the boat in trouble doesn't have *any* tow ropes. Duh! Now you must decide whether to leave this boat where it is and call for professional help, or to take a chance with your own gear. Go ahead and use your own gear if it's adequate, but make doggone sure you get it back at the end of the tow. Make sure the end tied to Mister Doofus' boat over there is secured properly. Next, make sure *your end* is also secured. Next, and this is crucial! TAKE IT EASY! Start slowly and stay slow. Above all else, make absolutely certain everybody on your boat is a long way away from the tow line. If that daisy breaks, it can decapitate anybody in its path. Finally, make sure you and Doofus have a clear understanding of where you're going and what you're both going to do when you get there.

*AICW = Atlantic IntraCoastal Waterway.

April has been a busy month for the Educational Department. To begin, P/C Larry Byrd, SN completed the training to become a Boat Operators Certification (BOC) Certifier. Now, when Long Bay members want to be certified for inland navigation, Larry is the one to do it. Congratulations, and thank you, Larry!

Instructor recertification: One of the elective courses in the USPS list is Instructor Development (ID). It teaches the special techniques often called for when teaching adults, especially to the public. Those passing ID are certified for four years, after which one must be recertified. USPS has just released a PowerPoint seminar which makes recertification much easier. Long Bay has nine certified instructors and would benefit from more. Who's interested? If you are, phone or write me. We'll work it out. (518-928-2811 or MarcShoobe@aol.com)

Seven Coastal Carolina University graduate students in the College of Natural and Applied Science attended and successfully completed an ABC class taught by Long Bay Power Squadron. It was a one-day course on April 16th. This has become an annual event, beneficial to both CCU and LBPS. Thanks go to the instructors, Larry Byrd, Frank Keiser, Dave Saunders and Rich Gienopie. Thanks, too, to Ed Rubick who pitched in with a helping hand throughout the long day.

By the time you read this I'll be back in New York for the summer.

Marc

One of the many hats I wear is to represent Long Bay with the National Weather Service in Wilmington with other "Mariners" who help the NWS provide the most useable type of weather broadcast and services for boaters. This information was shared in a meeting 22 April. Effective Monday 25 April, marine weather forecast will include "wave detail" as a part of the information broadcast on NOAA weather. As an example: if the forecast read: "Today's wind NE at 10 to 15 knots, Seas 2 to 4 ft." Monday the following would be added: "wave detail... NE waves 3' at 6 seconds & SE waves 2' at 11 seconds."

Wind generated waves are often different from the swell and often some storm off shore will create a third wave source. This new data in greater detail is a result of a wave modeling program used by NWS called "SWAN" (simulated waves near shore). Now boaters will know before venturing out the direction, the height and the period (time from one wave crest to the next) for the seas that day. This model is also very helpful in forecasting the Rip Current risk quoted on weather forecast.

Larry

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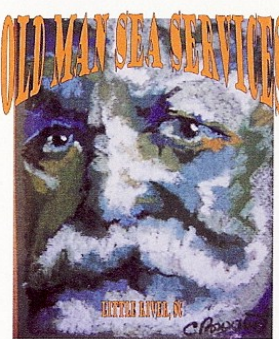
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May 2011 Meeting

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Cost: \$15.00 per person \$7.00 for Children 12 and Under

Program: Long Bay Social and Fundraiser

Speaker: Dr. Ed Weimer, Dermatologist

Entrees: BBQ Chicken Dinner and Assorted Side Dishes and Desserts

Contact: **RSVP to your tel-net rep by May 16th**. If you don't know who that is, contact Charlotte Downey at chadow247@sc.rr.com or 843-215-5083

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