



# Scuttlebutt

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For News that Can't Wait!

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**Lots of Activities Coming Up!**

*Lt/C Gene Alligood*

## **PSPS/CLYC MARINE PYROTECHNICS SEMINAR**

Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> is the date in Bath at the NC State Docks at Harding's Landing, 13:00 Hrs. Ed Galston and Robert Stanley will discuss proper use of flares for pleasure boating. We will have live demos using out-of-date flares contributed by PSPS members. Bring your out-of-date flares to the docks. We've invited Cypress Landing Yacht Club to join us. After the demo, we will move to the park at Bonner's Point for a picnic luncheon of brats and hot dogs. You can come by boat or car, and some boats will over-night at the docks.

## **PSPS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

July 15, 18:00 at WYCC. Speakers will be Dr. Jay Walsh and Dr. Sid Mitri of ECU Department of Geology addressing the "Possible effects of the Gulf oil spill on the Carolina Coast" and "Long term effects of Oil spills". Please make out your checks, for \$17.00 per person, to PSPS and send to: G. R. Alligood, 311 Potomac Drive, Chocowinity, NC 27817. Be sure to include your choice of chicken or salmon.

## **CRUISE SCHEDULE**

Cypress Landing Yacht Club has scheduled a "Raft Up" at Indian Island for July 22, 2010 with a continuing cruise to River Dunes on Friday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> & Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup> returning Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. PSPS members are being invited to attend. We will have hors d' oeuvres and cocktails at Indian Island; sail boats will race to Indian Island and return home on Friday morning. Some small fast boats will return home on Thursday evening. Cabin boats will continue to River Dunes for a Cabana Bar party on the docks and a cook out on Friday evening. We will have dinner in the restaurant on Saturday evening. Should be a fun week-end.

**Oriental cruise** is scheduled for October 8 – 10.

## **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

A "Power Boat Poker Run" is planned for July 28, 2010 by Cypress Landing Yacht Club, followed by a cook out. PSPS members will probably be invited to participate. Approximately 50% of the PSPS membership resides at Cypress Landing and participates in CLYC activities; so, it makes good sense to have some joint ventures. Let me know your feelings in this regard.

We are considering a Moss Landing Dock Party for August; let me know your feelings. Since our last report, I have visited Camp Hardee and Camp Bonner (now Camp Bodee) to explore possible boating activities utilizing their facilities. We are not welcome there during the summer camp season. *That's all folks - for now!*

## Commander's Report

*Cdr. Tom Miller, S*

I am sure the forecast for more heat won't discourage hearty souls from participating in the outing at Bath this Wednesday, July 14th.

The July Membership Meeting on the next night, Thursday the 15th at WYCC, will feature experts discussing the potential for damage to our coastline from the BP blowout. Details of both events have been emailed and are posted on our web site.

As you travel near the Washington waterfront, wave at the young sailors of the Little Washington Sailing Club. One of them is on "scholarship" from PSPS. Bill Sykes, who spoke to us about the plans for the waterfront, has been leading the charge to improve usage and safety of the Washington harbor and waterfront areas. Preliminary plans were unveiled recently. Money from Grants is in hand, and will be used to add 12 new slips on the A and B docks. That project should be completed for the 2011 season. Further projects include a permanent Dock Master's structure, including bath and shower facilities, a new bathroom facility at the far east end on the Festival Park grounds, and numerous new slips from the Chamber office eastward toward the Estuarium. Now all we need is some open restaurants, shops and people living in the second floors in developed downtown buildings!

I have always thought that the Rowing Club building just east of A dock would be a terrific PSPS Clubhouse. Well, I'll continue to dream while I'm on the water headed for Bath.

See you soon, Tom

## Co-Op Charting

Tom Penders has commitments from nine people and three boats for the Co-Op Charting project. He plans to proceed once the weather moderates a bit and will set a specific date for the survey of the depths in Broad Creek at that time. Tom is still looking for one more shallow draft boat and three additional people to round out the team for the survey activity.

The Co-Op Charting Program is an alliance between the United States Power Squadrons and the information collected by participating squadrons allows the Coastal Survey Office of National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to correct errors which have accumulated over years of changing bathymetry on their nautical charts. If you are willing to help, please contact Tom Penders at or by phone at 252-945-8745.

## Boat Operator's Certification

The new Boat Operator's Certification Program (BOC) was developed by USPS to certify USPS members in recreational boating proficiency. Currently there are four levels of BOC.PS. To earn certification, boaters are required to complete USPS courses and seminars for each level, as well as on-water demonstrations of skills and, in some cases, completion of non-USPS seminars or programs.

Certification is only for non-commercial operation of boats under 65 Ft LOA.

The four levels of certification are: Inland Navigator, Coastal Navigator, Advanced Coastal Navigator, and Off-Shore Navigator

Each candidate will receive a BOC Passport to record their progress. When the requirements have been met for a given level of certification, the member submits the BOC Passport to receive a certificate.

If you would like to continue your boating education and become certified, contact : P/D/Lt/C Larry Colwell, SN, at 252-975-2550 or P/Stf/C Don Dunlap, SN at 252-974-7791.