

Coast Guard Searches For One Boat, Tows Another

The U.S. Coast Guard rescued one stricken vessel from an approaching storm and participated in a search for a missing sailboat last week, according to BMCS J.D. Arndt, chief of the USCG station on Oak Island.

At about 2:45 p.m. Friday, the station received a call from the Coast Guard's district office that the 36-foot sailboat "Ephesians" was reported overdue on a trip from Holden Beach to Jacksonville, Fla. The boat was last seen leaving the area last Monday (June 21).

The Oak Island station began a communications search with all local marinas in the area, but was unable to locate the vessel, Arndt said. Later that day the district office called to report that "Ephesians" had been located outside its jurisdiction.

On Sunday at about 3 p.m., the station received a call from the vessel "Lost Cause," reporting that the boat was broken down approximately seven miles off Shallotte Inlet. The station notified its 21-foot quick-response inflatable boat, which was already in the area, to investigate.

The station also issued a Marine Radio Assistance (MAD) broadcast to give commercial towing services an opportunity to assist the stricken boat, but with negative results, Arndt said.

Arriving on the scene, the crew of the 21-footer found that the "Lost Cause" was having problems with its water pump.

"Due to an approaching squall line and ensuing nightfall—circumstances which could possibly cause unsafe conditions, creating an emergency—the 21-footer took the vessel in tow to Calabash," Arndt said.

Rose Tells E-Mail Address

Congressman Charlie Rose, D-7th District, has made public his address under the pilot Constituent Electronic Mail System (CEMS).

Constituents will now be able to contact the congressman over the Internet, the vast computer network which currently connects more than 12 million users worldwide.

Anyone wishing to communicate with Rose via "E-mail" should first send a postcard or letter to his Washington office stating an interest in the program. The letter should include the constituent's Internet address, name and postal address. This process will allow the congressman's staff to identify and electronic mail user as a constituent.

Once a constituent has been identified, the person will send messages to Rose's Internet address:

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As chairman of the Committee on House Administration, Ross initiated the CEMS pilot program earlier this month to "evaluate the potential benefits of electronic mail communication between U.S. citizens and their elected officials," according to a news release.

Six other House members will participate.

Rose spokesman Bob Henshaw said the congressman expects within the next few months to announce the location of computer terminals in 7th District public institutions. These would be available to constituents who do not currently have access to the Internet through private computer equipment, Henshaw said.

The Washington office address is Congressman Charlie Rose, U.S. House of Representatives, 2230 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington DC 20515.

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Shallotte Middle's Owens Slates Aug. 1 Retirement

Mark Owens' 12 years as principal of Shallotte Middle School will end Aug. 1, when he retires with 26 years in education in Brunswick County.

Owens' retirement was accepted earlier this month by the Brunswick County Board of Education.

He was first employed by the county school system in 1967, indicated Personnel Director Ralph Ward. After teaching at Bolivia High School and then Shallotte High School, Owens was named assistant principal of the new West Brunswick High School in 1972. The following year he was named principal of South Brunswick High School, then in 1979 moved to the central

office as assistant superintendent for personnel, a position he held for two years. Owens was appointed Shallotte Middle School principal in 1981 and has held the position ever since.

He had expressed his intent to retire in the 1993-94 school term, but not announced a date. Recently the board named Sandra Robinson, assistant principal at West Brunswick High School, as Owens' successor at Shallotte Middle.

Owens' retirement was one of a number of routine personnel actions approved by the board at its June 21 meeting.

Specialist Todd Parker of South-

port was named a half-time program coordinator. Hired as special education teachers were Arthur Gamble of Quitman, Ga., Union Elementary; Burton Womble of Wilmington, Le-

land Middle; Patricia Orr of Wilmington, Supply Elementary.

Leaves of absence were approved for elementary teachers Arden Gaddy and Jill Hewett.

Bloodmobile Set For June 30

A Bloodmobile visit was scheduled for Wednesday, June 30, from 11 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at Walmart in Shallotte.

"The need for blood remains critical and constant," said Jean Maiwald, Red Cross consultant. "The possibility of blood supplies dropping to critical levels over the Fourth of July can be eliminated if donors will re-

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