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Upcoming Events:

Saturday, January 7
D/27 Training Meeting
NC State Univ. Club, Raleigh

Monday, January 9
CLSPS ExComm Meeting
Morgans Restaurant
Dinner: 1745; Mtg: 1900

Monday, January 16
CLSPS Annual Dinner Meeting
The Flame, See page 9
1700: Social Hour
1800: Dinner
1900: Meeting

January 25-29
USPS National Meeting
Jacksonville, FL

Saturday, February 18
CLSPS Change Of Watch
The Flame, 5:30PM

New Bern Christmas Flotilla



Woolly Bear



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**Commander's
Report**

Cdr Richard J. Tobacco, JN



Commanders Flotsam and Jetsam

Flotsam is salvage found floating on the waves and jetsam that which has been deliberately thrown overboard.

Change of Watch: February 18th

What a rush: the year is coming to an end, holiday partying is almost over, and my tour as Commander will be over in February. Adding to the rush is a February trip to Saint Martin where we, along with another couple, will be chartering a catamaran. None of us has sailed a catamaran and we look forward to that as exploring a new sailing area. We do plan to be back for the change of watch and I hope you will plan to attend. Please put the date on your calendar now.

Again this year I want to invite all past commanders, regardless of squadron, to join in the entrance parade. Leading a squadron is a time-consuming duty and all who have led should be honored. Rob Thompson will again provide music for our listening and dancing pleasure

CLSPS Annual Meeting January 16th

Our next dinner meeting is also an annual meeting – a meeting where the squadron votes on the nominated Bridge Officers and Executive Committee members. Our squadron is blessed with many talented people – people who have held leadership roles in business. I know and deeply respect these candidates and I hope you will attend to vote them in.

The new nominees have been attending the executive committee meetings and they along with the officers ‘stepping-up’ bring new ideas. One of the ideas: one lucky dinner meeting attendee will be the precipitant of a \$25 Ships Store gift certificate. Diana Thompson brings a great selection of CLSPS gear to these meetings enabling you to redeem that evening. This prize is just another reason to attend – sign up today.

Volunteers Needed

Our organization, like many others today, is constantly searching for volunteers to work on the many committees that keep the squadron going. Volunteering can be a very rewarding experience as it allows you to get to know and befriend new people. If you are new to the squadron, it is a quick way to become part of CLSPS.

Membership & Membership Involvement are very important positions that need to be filled, but we also need instructors, vessel inspectors, event writers, cooperative charters, new-member mentors, etc. We can match your involvement to your skills and preferences. Please volunteer – you’ll be glad you did.

**Executive
Officer**
Lt/C Jim Starr, SN



**Administration
Officer**
Lt/C Rhys Evans, AP



Happy New Year!

Cape Lookout Sail & Power Squadron had a great holiday season. For the New Bern Christmas Flotilla, the Comfort Suites provided a great vantage point for this year's parade of lighted boats. The food, drink, and fellowship were excellent. The Woolly Bear had a nice CLSPS turnout in Oriental. The Oriental Marina & Inn provided excellent accommodations for the pre-and post-parade cocktail party. The parade was the kind Oriental was famous for, and the decorated boats in the marina provided a nice backdrop. The Toucan Grill delivered a great holiday meal. Thanks to the Tobaccos for organizing the Flotilla party, and the Leahys for making the arrangements in Oriental.

Rather than a long article this month, I thought you might like to see a fast-paced slide show from these two events. Recapture the feeling if you were there; if you weren't, check out what you missed.

To see the slide show (< 2 ½ minutes long), click [here](#). If clicking doesn't work for some reason, copy the URL:

<http://video214.com/play/Jquhjh8Dxf9mFE0W9vCh8w/s/dark>

and paste it into your browser. You'll have your choice of 360p resolution (best for viewing in the window that opens in your browser), or 720pHD resolution (best for full-screen playback). Once the slide show window opens, click on 360p or 720pHD to change the resolution. Click on the icon to the right of the resolution setting to switch to full-screen. **ENJOY!**

Happy Holidays!

Mark your calendars.

CLSPS January Dinner Meeting.

This is our Annual Meeting where the Squadron votes for our next Bridge. Please try to attend this important meeting!

Our speakers are Kathie and Doug King. They completed "America's Great Loop" a few years ago and have developed a wonderful presentation of their adventure.

CLSPS Change Of Watch

This year's Change of Watch will be held on Saturday, February 18, at the Flame Banquet Center, beginning at 5:30. Please mark your calendar now, and look for your invitation within the next two weeks.



The Outlook and other great information are available at the CLSPS website:

<http://www.clsps.org>

Education
Department
Lt/C Jim Scheer, SN



Happy Holidays from this end, too. I had an eventful week, medically speaking, but back on the mend, and feeling great.

I know the picture isn't CLSPS-related, but I'm in charge of selecting pictures, so.....here's a scene from the Cove City Christmas Parade.



The Seamanship class is still scheduled. We're pulling a class list together (kinda late, I'd say.) The books and materials are \$49 for Seamanship. This is at the River Bend Town Hall, (35 degrees, 04.37 minutes N latitude, 077 degrees, 08.91 minutes West longitude) beginning (Wednesday) 11 January 7-9 PM for 8-10 weeks, (can't remember exactly.)

We are also scheduling Piloting to begin (Thursday) 26 January at the Fairfield Harbour Activities Bldg, Room 3 (35 degrees, 04.33 minutes N latitude, 076 degrees, 57.36 minutes West longitude) for 10 weeks, 7-9 PM. The books, etc. for Piloting are \$66.

There are a lot of new CLSPS members, since these courses were last offered, so we expect a good response. I'd say you could get two courses out of the

way, if you thought you could manage. Let me know.

Please let Bob Boyack (rboyack@embarqmail.com, 252-633-5108, or me, jim.scheer@gtri.gatech.edu, 252-876-3733 know if you would like to join the class in Seamanship, and/or Piloting and/or and other class in the winter or spring. Of course, we can't have all the courses running all the time, so we need some guidance regarding which courses to schedule next, based on your desires.

I will close with a renewed wish that each of you has a Happy New Year, filled with all you desire.

Sunshine Lady

Linda Tobacco, AP



The Sunshine Lady sent a card to Jim Scheer wishing him well. The week before Christmas Jim went to the Emergency Room with chest pains. The next day he had a cardiac catheter in place with stents implanted to open a 90-95% blockage. The day after that the docs decided he needed a pacemaker, and implanted one. He is home and feeling well.

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Membership Chair

Pamela Leahy, P
& Bob Leahy



We shared wonderful December activities with fellow squadron members and guests. The top-floor Comfort Suites offered an awesome view of the decorated New Bern Christmas Flotilla. The next weekend was Woolly Bear Cruise in Oriental, including a fun Christmas Parade, followed by our social gathering and delicious dinner at Toucan Grill. These activities gave us another opportunity to share munchies, and our members' cooking talents continue to excel.

Our January 16 Cape Lookout Sail & Power Squadron dinner meeting will feature a program by Kathie&Doug King on their "Great Loop" trip in their beautiful tugboat-style Sundowner-36 WINNIE W. I've had the pleasure of seeing this presentation, and it's very entertaining, interesting, and informative. The Flame venue is very accommodating, food is delicious, cost is a reasonable \$22/pp inclusive. Please join us, encourage fellow squadron members to attend, and bring guests! This will be a great presentation to share with others.

Please greet our new member Gary Todd at upcoming squadron gatherings. Welcome aboard, Gary!

On another note of a less exciting flavor, it's been almost two years since Bob and I took on the responsibilities of Membership and Member Involvement and it has been a fun and rewarding experience. We've spent many hours working with the greatest group of people on the ExComm, helping with the planning of events and recruiting new members. But, sadly we must move on to other assignments in our lives. Hurricane Irene hit us hard at home

and business, and we're certainly ready to see 2011 in our rear-view mirror. We look forward to sharing all that we have learned over the past two years with whomever steps up to continue these important squadron positions. Our Change-of-Watch in February is fast approaching, so please consider supporting your squadron by volunteering for membership responsibilities.

Happy New Year to All!

Pamela and Bob

Proposed Bridge Officers for 2012

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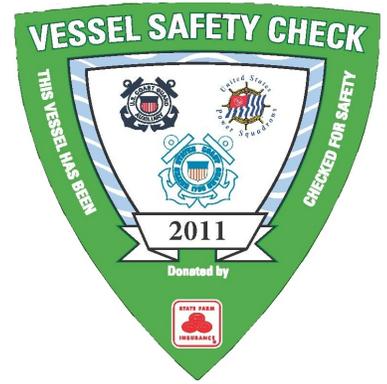


January

Ellis Jr, Glover L. -- 1 January
Fleckenstein, James A. -- 4 January
Lind, Eric -- 5 January
Long Bonnie Lou -- 9 January
Gewain, William J, -- 11 January
Marr, Donald W. -- 12 January
Boyack, Carol A. -- 17 January
Scheer, James A. -- 17 January
Hawkins, Paul P. -- 19 January
Kuerner, Brenda -- 19 January
Warner II, Roger M. -- 19 January
Knauth, John A. -- 25 January
Seymour, Phil A. -- 27 January



Vessel Safety Examiners



Last year our team of 12 examiners did 282 Vessel Safety Checks of all types of water borne craft, ranging from canoes to motor yachts and large sailboats. Doing these exams is fun and you get to see a lot of very interesting craft and can get some ideas for your own boat.

There is room for more persons to become involved and if there is enough interest I will conduct a training session to acquaint people with the important items that we look for, and to help prepare for the prerequisite exam that must be passed before one can become an examiner. This session will be held in late January/early February at a convenient time. I may be reached on 252 672-5200 or by email at ahoylovv@cconnect.net. Larry Lovvorn



Public Relations Officer

P/C William J. Ash,
SN, H



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P/C WILLIAM J. ASH, SN, H

Our weather is too good to be true. With temperatures buzzing in the 50's through the 70's I felt it was downright justifiable to open the doors and let the cabin get rid of autumn's bad breath. A change of air is always good for the Jolly Tar. In fact, I like to keep the doors open throughout the winter to keep condensation to a minimum.

While day-dreaming, as I do rather frequently, I heard the calls of a coxswain keeping time for a boat full of oarsmen. It was Horatio coming to pay homage for the New Year. He stepped from his hefty craft onto the pier at the yacht club and made his way to where I was trying to clear my head. "Happy New Year, P/C. I wish you and the members of Cape Lookout the very best for 2012."

"And the same to you, Captain," I replied. "I'm happy you will be with us for another year. Some day you will have to tell me what you are doing with your time."

"Mostly paperwork which drives me up the foremast. I'd rather be in battle, but I realize that men get hurt with all that. No, I should not complain just now.

"Let me call your attention to an article I read in the library downtown. It deals with a woman, and not a young one mind you, who some years ago learned celestial navigation. She had a great desire to teach the subject. Eventually, she met Eben Whitcomb, owner of the Maine coasting schooner, Harvey Gamage. Eben picked her to crew and teach the subject on the Gamage. Moreover, she wrote a book entitled, Celestial Navigation. Does any of this ring a bell?"

"It sure does. Back when the snows were whiter, I met Eben and arranged to charter the Gamage for university course work at sea. It was a wild idea that took hold as the Seamester program. It was one of the better ideas I've had in life. Unfortunately, I was unable to follow it along because of my main academic commitments. Others did and the program became very successful. Then I left for Kuwait where other wild things happened.

"It was in Kuwait that I began my formal training in celestial navigation, taking a self-induced belt of JN and ultimately taking my sights and passing the final exam back in the States. Bill Reasons, many years later, presented me the opportunity to pass the N course. But, back to Eben and the schooner.

"The Harvey Gamage and Eben played important roles in my quest for nautical knowledge. Unfortunately, I never had the good fortune of meeting Dorothy LaFond who came long after me.

"Incidentally, Horatio, I sailed on that schooner off our east coast and all through the Virgin Islands and to Puerto Rico. Presently, I wish to bone up on navigation. Let's hope this year is a bit more forgiving."

Horatio and I retired, by carriage, to Waldhaus Ash and enjoyed an evening of backgammon.

I'm a bit befuddled by the changes in the N course, I must admit. Speaking with friends engaged in the technical aspects of sight reduction and all its rights and privileges, I've come away with the impression the experts at the top are going in the wrong direction. One goes to sea needing to navigate. He/she will use the GPS, BVD.s and whatever to move from point A to point B. Pffft, the electrons give out, as expected. Now what? They'd better know basic celestial navigation!!! USPS navigation courses are ebbing towards electronics. Why not go the other way? Towards the basics of celestial seems logical. If you disagree, dial me at the following number: [252/635/1047](tel:2526351047).

"P/C, you rascal, let's have another go at the backgammon board. I feel lucky."

Junes Jokes

P/C June Reasons, P



TIDBITS OF WISDOM

- 1) Love is grand.
Divorce is a Hundred Grand.
- 2) I am in Shape.
Round IS a shape.
- 3) Time may be a Great Healer,
But it's a lousy Beautician.
- 4) Conscience is what hurts,
When everything else feels Good.
- 5) Even if you're on the right Track,
You'll get run over if you just sit there.
- 6) Politicians and diapers have one thing in
common.
They should both be changed
frequently for the same reason.
- 7) An Optimist thinks this is the best
possible world.
The pessimist fears this is true.
- 8) There will always be death & taxes.
However, death doesn't get worse each
year.
- 9) In 2 days tomorrow will be yesterday.
- 10) I am not overweight.
I am a nutritional underachiever.
- 11) I plan on living forever.
So far, So good.
- 12) Practice safe eating.
Use condiments.
- 13) A day without sunshine is like-night.
- 14) It's frustrating when you know all the
answers,
But nobody bothers to ask you the
questions.
- 15) The real art of conversation is not to say
the right thing at the right time,
But to leave unsaid the wrong thing at
the tempting moments.
- 16) Brain cells come & go,
But Fat cells live forever.
- 17) Age doesn't always bring wisdom,
Sometimes it comes alone.
- 18) Life not only begins at 40,
It also begins to show.



Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron
January Annual Dinner Meeting



The Flame Restaurant -- Monday, 16 January 2012
1700--Social Hour 1800--Dinner 1900--Meeting
Speaker--Kathie & Doug King, America's Great Loop

Name: _____

Number attending _____ **X \$22.00 each = Amount enclosed \$** _____

Please send your check prior to Friday, January 13, 2012 to:
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Ship's Store Diana Thompson

With the cooler weather coming, the fleece sleeveless vests and fleece jackets will be sure to make a wonderful gift. Also, the Anniversary Mugs are great to have (and a bargain at \$2.50) when you sit in your cockpit on a cool day with a warm drink.

Knit Shirts: Ladies and men's short sleeve knit shirts are \$30.00. Sizes 2X and 3X sell for \$33.00

They are available in red, white, and navy. Sizes:

Ladies Sm., Med., Lg., X-Lg., and 2X. Ladies shirts have no pockets.

Men's: Sm., Med., Lg., X-Lg., 2X and 3X. We also have men's knit shirts with and without pockets available in both white and navy.

Denim Shirts: Denim cloth shirts come in both short and long sleeves.

They are priced at \$25.00. Sizes--same as above.

Squadron Burgee sells for \$25.00.

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Hats and Visors sell for \$10.00.

Fleece jackets: Men and Women--sizes S, Med, Lg, and XLg sell for \$42.00,
XXLg sells for \$45.00

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Anniversary Mug--\$2.50

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