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Upcoming Events:

Monday, March 5
CLSPS ExComm Meeting
Morgans Restaurant
Dinner: 1745; Mtg: 1900

March 23-25
District 27 Change of Watch
New Bern, NC Hilton
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Morgans Restaurant
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Saturday, May 12
Blessing of the Fleet
Persimmons/Galley Marina
1100-1400
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2012 CLSPS Change of Watch



D27 Cdr McCulley swears in Cdr Jim Starr



P/C Tobacco & Cdr Starr

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**Commander's
Report**

Cdr Jim Starr, JN



The 2012 CLSPS Bridge – what's the program?

I'm delighted with the Bridge, Committee chairs, and Excomm members that have agreed to lead the Cape Lookout Sail & Power Squadron this year. What can you, the CLSPS membership, expect from us? We'll enhance and expand the programs from our past leadership team in the following ways:

We won't focus on membership.

I know this seems a little strange, since our membership is declining and the District and National organizations put a lot of emphasis on it. But even though membership is an issue for the Squadron, we're going to focus on the areas what we do, not how many of us are doing it. We're going to try to be the best we can be at fellowship/education/community service, and trust that that will draw the members we need. That said, John Knauth, our new Membership Chair, will reel in any potential members who swim by.

We will focus on public recognition.

It's true – nobody knows about CLSPS! We plan to really ramp up publicity about the activities we undertake and the education and community service opportunities we offer. Make sure you forward pictures and write-ups to Bill Ash and Dick Ewan, who handle our relationship with the media. A higher public profile will lead to new members. It's an easy sell!

We'll deliver education for both members and the public.

We will continue to encourage CLSPS members to move up the educational ladder, but we will also make a concerted effort to offer key educational opportunities to non-members. Our SEO Jim Scheer is announcing a public seminar program elsewhere in this issue. This program has a community service component (educate the public in boating safety and boating skill development), provides easy access for both members and non members to key information, and will raise our public profile. (Continued next page)

On the water activities will be prominent.

Lloyd Moore and Jake Jacobsen have put together a great first cut at the CLSPS Cruise Schedule for this year. We need to encourage each other to get on our boats and spend time on the water together enjoying the fellowship that comes from sharing great boating destinations and experiences. Our educational program will evolve this year, and begin to include on-the water experiences to augment classroom study.

We'll have a robust social program.

Our most popular activities are our dinners and potluck get-togethers. AO Jenny Dark has a strong series of social get-togethers that builds on what XO Rhys Evans achieved over the last two years. Look forward to great dinner and great speakers, and maybe some non-standard CLSPS outings.

Our community service profile will increase.

Larry Lovvorn leads our Vessel Safety Check (VSC) program. Our goal is dramatically increase, once again, the number of watercraft we examine for safety equipment and safety issues. We have a number of new VSC examiners so far this year; there are more needed. Contact Larry if you're interested. And get your boat inspected! Look for Richard Tobacco to once again lead a CLSPS contingent in supporting Bike MS, another CLSPS Chilifest to support the Junior Naval ROTC sailing program, and an expanded safety-oriented Poster Contest in the New Bern schools.

Seems like a lot going on. But we're a large, diverse organization with our fingers into many important areas. I'm looking forward to a great 2012!



D/Lt/C Harold O'Briant, next D27 Cdr



**Education
Department**
Lt/C Jim Scheer, SN



- Boating on Rivers, Locks and Lakes
- Emergencies on Board
- How to Use a Chart
- Knots, Bends and Hitches
- Marine RADAR
- Mastering the Rules of the Road
- Partner in Command
- Sail Trim and Rig Tuning

At this time, the Seamanship and Navigation courses have been completed, and the, Piloting course is near completion. For those of you who have not yet taken these courses, they will be offered again, beginning in late March. Those who finished Seamanship should consider taking Piloting, and vice versa. Also, if you are missing either of these, it is a good time to catch up. After these courses have been repeated, we will be offering Advanced Piloting, which is the next course in the series. Watch for specific dates in the Outlook, and on the web. Please call me or Bob to indicate your desire to attend. We have already heard from a couple students.

We are also going to offer several seminars. These are two-hour presentations on specialized topics listed below. We will be offering from 6 to 8 of these starting late march, including:

**Using GPS and
Using VHF & VHF/DSC Marine Radio.**

The others will be drawn from the following:

- Advanced Powerboat Handling
- Anchoring
- Basic Coastal Navigation
- Boat Handling under Power

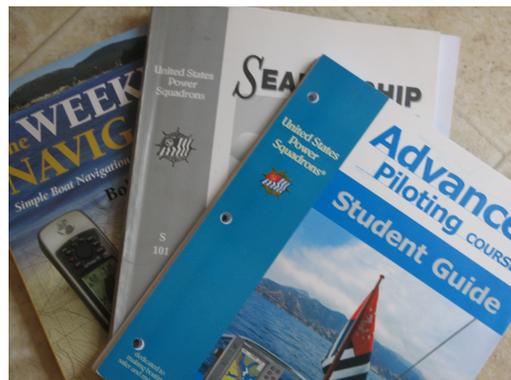
Practical On The Water Training will be presented later. We realize there are several other courses, as listed last month, however, these are the ones we feel would have the most interest. Please contact me or Bob to indicate the desire to attend. We will select the ones with the most initial interest, so get your preferences in.

In fact, if there is one of particular interest to you, and if you have some friends who would like to join you, offer us suggestions regarding which seminars to offer first.

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Bob Boyack can be reached at 252-633-5108, or rboyack@embarqmail.com.

Don't be afraid to speak up.



The Outlook and other great information are available at the CLSPS website:
<http://www.clsp.org>

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Sunshine Lady
Linda Tobacco, AP



Our February 18 Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron Change of Watch was a memorable evening. Dinner was delicious and the program was well organizedand so much fun! I appreciate all the coordination and planning it took for such an important event. We're off to a great start!

I am privileged to serve as your Administrative Officer. It is an honor to have been elected for this position and to be working with such professional bridge officers. Since I have been attending meetings and getting to know my fellow officers and members, I am continually impressed with the wealth of knowledge, sincerity and enthusiasm dedicated to promoting the objectives of this organization.

We have all joined the squadron because we share a common love and appreciation for boating, and we want to continually expand our knowledge and skills. I hope that between great meetings off the water (with motivating guest speakers) and on the water adventures, we all will make the effort to participate and grow individually and as a squadron. I look forward to seeing what you have to contribute to our group!



The Sunshine Lady sent a card to Floyd Quisenberry. Floyd is mending from a knee replacement

Blessing of the Fleet

Blessing of the Fleet this year will be expanded over previous years and promises to be quite meaningful and enjoyable. Please mark your calendar for May 12, 2012 at 1100 at Persimmons Restaurant and Galley Marina. We have invited all the boating community of the New Bern area to share in the Blessing of the Fleet ceremony and to join us for lunch and camaraderie. We feel this is a great way to start the boating season and look forward to seeing you at this event. Please check our web site www.clsp.org for details. We will update the site when information is available.

If you would care to help with this event please contact P/C Richard B. Ewan, AP, ebr813@suddenlink.net or 635 9933.

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Cooperative Charting

When we report chart problems and corrections to NOAA, we're performing a service that benefits all boaters, and helps

NOAA keep our charts up-to-date. We haven't been very active in this important activity lately, and I'd like to change that.

If I'm out on my boat, and I notice a problem with a navigation aid, such as a missing reflector board, light not working properly, or perhaps the aid itself is missing, I report it immediately to the USCG, and then fill out a co-op charting form (online).

This year we'll be scheduling a one-day co-op charting cruise in our local area to get interested members out on the water checking our charted aids and landmarks against what we find on the water.

During a tour of NOAA facilities in Norfolk, VA, NOAA technicians told us they like to see corrections that note the accurate (GPS) location of anything on the chart that is marked PA, "Position Approximate."

There are many on our local chart, 11552, and we'll concentrate on getting GPS fixes for these items. There are pilings and other hazards to navigation marked PA, and we'll try to find them all.

The USPS web site has a lot of information about Cooperative Charting, including the reporting tool, CCWEB. There will also be a training session on the newest version of CCWEB at the District 27 Change of Watch, here in New Bern on March 25.

The cruise will be scheduled for some time in May. More details on the Co-op Charting cruise will be in the next Outlook.

Lloyd Moore, Co-Op Charting Chairman



Vessel Safety Check Program Vessel Safety Team

The VSC team had their kickoff for the 2012 season on February 18th at Captain Ratty's and laid out plans for the boating season. We welcome the following who are in the process of becoming VSE pending completion of the exam and practical applications:

Bill Gewain
Jenny Dark
Kurt Weinheimer
Rob Thompson
Steve Dark

We now have 17 VSE and welcome more. Please contact Larry Lovvorn if you have any interest in joining our team!

Please see any of the VSE located in the list in the Outlook to arrange a Safety Check of your vessel be in power, sail, jet ski, canoe or other paddle craft.

Larry Lovvorn [252 672-5200](tel:2526725200) or ahoylovv@cconnect.net. (that's 2 V's in the address)



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TRY SOME MARLINSPIKE P/C WILLIAM J. ASH, SN, H

“P/C, the Change of Watch was truly an event to remember. Those who planned it should be awarded a prize of some sort.” Hornblower had been to many Changes since teaming with me for over twenty years, and this may have been his favorite. We both enjoyed it immensely.

“One thing, old chap. Why was everybody picking on you? You were targeted the moment you first walked in the door. I felt sorry for Lady Gwen. Thank goodness she is a strong lady.”

“I suspect I deserved everything thrown at me. After all, I’ve had a rough tongue a time or two. My head was bloody but unbowed. Horatio, I must admit I’d be hurt if nobody paid attention to my faults. I’ve been on center stage for much of my life. I can deal with it. Secretly, hush, I can tell you, though, I’ll be looking for opportunities where I may return their favors.”

Throughout my entire ‘career’ in USPS I have formed innumerable friend-ships and shared countless laughs with colleagues serving in the organization. Unfortunately, I now know a relatively small number of new members who have entered the Squadron in the past couple of years. Medical issues have, to some degree, dented my armor, but they have subsided somewhat which could put me back in the general swing of things.

“Horatio, you and I have encouraged members, over the past twenty or more years, to take courses presented by the Squadron. The courses are both elective and advanced grade. Also, there are opportunities to take self-study supplementary offerings.

“Over the years I developed an interest in marlinspike seamanship. I wove a small rug out of some old discarded 5/8” halyard from

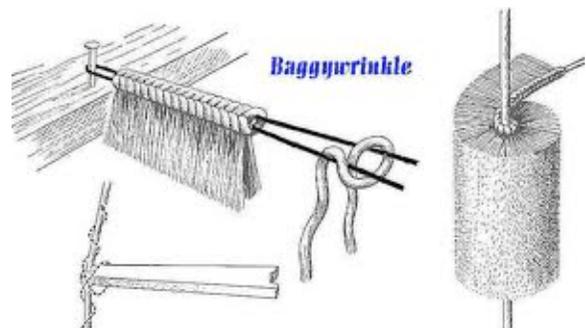
a Maine coasting schooner. Also, I got the biggest kick out of making a ‘monkey fist’ on a line used for heaving to a person on a pier to help tie up. Great piece of work, it was. I remember my very first try at heaving the line to a friend. I must have been under the influence of too much ‘gabapentin’ and heaved the monkey fist a good ten yards short of its objective. Unfortunately I, on a sailing vessel, was throwing to a power boater on the wharf. Not a good show.”

“I’ll give you credit for a great job of making baggy-wrinkles. I wonder how many of those power boaters know what they are? And also, P/C, the decorative marlinspike work on the tiller of the Jolly Tar awards you a tip of the hat.”

“Thanks for the compliment, good sir. Let me get back to you before I lose the thought. I got the greatest kick out of making ‘Turk’s head’ bracelets. I taught my progeny to make them when we lived in Kuwait. I found out later they were making them for classmates and charging a price. There were Turk’s head bracelets all over the country before we left. The same design can be used for making flat coasters. I challenge my Squadron colleagues to try their hands at making ornamental knots instead of watching UNC play Duke at basketball.

“Navigational astronomy is another supplementary offering which is fun and rather educational. It takes a bit of study, and I just remembered a Squadron member showing a group of us, at our Friday Kaffee Klatsch, a newfangled hand held computer which shows the celestial bodies in whatever direction one points. It’s absolutely amazing. Learning made painless.”

“Did you say, priceless?”



Anti-Chaffing Gear

Cruising with the CLSPS in 2012

The cruising committee (Lloyd Moore & Jake Jacobson) is putting together an exciting schedule of cruises for 2012. We hope to have something that will appeal to all our boaters, no matter what type of boat you have.

Look over the tentative schedule, below, and if you'd like to be in on the

planning, come to the Cruise Planning meeting at noon on Friday, March 23, 2012 at Morgan's restaurant. At the meeting, we'll discuss each cruise's itinerary, and adjust it to suit the druthers of those who are going. Also, think about becoming a Cruise Leader - it's easy and fun.

Date(s)	Destination	Boat types	Notes	Cruise Leader
April 20	Trent R. to Pollocksville	Power (or sailboats with masts <45' and shallow draft)	New spring growth in the wetlands along the Trent, lunch in Pollocksville	Jim Starr
May 12	Paddling cruise; location TBD	Kayaks, canoes	If wanted, we could make kayak rentals & instruction available	Jake Jacobson
May 29-June 3	Ocracoke	Sail or Power	Ocracoke Festival. Festival is June 1-3; get there early to get spot at the National Park docks, or arrive later and anchor in Silver Lake.	Lloyd Moore
June 16	Manteo/Albemarle/Alligator River/Dowry Cr.	Sail or Power	8+ days total. Join/leave cruise anytime.	Andy Johnson (tentative)
June 19	Cape Lookout Shallow Water Cruise	Shallow draft power	Take the inside route from Beaufort for a day trip to Cape Lookout.	Karl Lichty
July 4	New Bern	Sail or Power	Raft up for fireworks off Union Point.	TBD
August or Sept	Cape Lookout	Sail or Power	Miles of beaches and turquoise water. Lighthouse is open for climbing Wed-Sat.	TBD
October	South River	Sail or Power	Explore South River, a great place for an overnight cruise.	TBD
December 8	Oriental	Boats or Land Yachts	Woolly Bear Cruise. A cruise, the Oriental Christmas parade, a party, and a dinner.	TBD

If there's interest, we will also plan a "gunkholers" cruise of local waters, anchoring in places you may have missed, like West Bay, Bay River, Vandemere, Campbell Creek (just north of Hobucken), and Slade Creek (off the Pungo River).

Mark your calendars now!



**Happy Birthday
to the Following
Members**



March

Adams, John H. -- 1 March
Dark, Jennifer A. -- 4 March
Collyar, Susan -- 4 March
Burelle, Timothy N. -- 7 March
Craft, Latha T. -- 12 March
Dark, Steven C. -- 12 March
Conzelman, Mary Austin -- 13 March
Creech, C. David -- 21 March
Thompson, Robert B. -- 25 March



District 27 Change of Watch March 23-25

We will be hosting the 2012 District 27 Change of Watch here in New Bern the weekend of March 23. The event will be centered at the Hilton Hotel. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!!!!!!!!!** Our own Mike McCulley will be retiring as the District Commander and we want to give him a great send off. Cut off date for registration is March 16. There is still room for the Ladies Luncheon

Listed below are some of the things that we need help with. If you feel you can assist "the committee", please feel free to do so. Call or e-mail one of us to let us know what you can do.

- 1) Friday Night social hour. Need snacks—Chips & dip, nuts, crackers & cheese, "Goldfish", "M&M's"
- 2) Saturday Ladies Coffee hour. Need sweet rolls, breads, OJ, etc.
- 3) Registration "Goodie" Bags. We need fillers for the bags. Pencils, pens, pads of paper, "koozies" key chains, emery boards, matches, any small items of this nature.
- 4) DOOR PRIZES. Everyone likes to receive a prize. As many as possible. They do not have to be wrapped. They can be something from your self—or solicited from a favorite store or restaurant. I think all of you can imagine things you might like to get for your boat. Contact marinas, boating supply dealers, repair shops (engine oil, etc). Handmade items are always welcome.
- 5) Then, of course, we need your physical assistance in manning registration, ladies coffee hour, delivering the door prizes, setting up & decorating for the evening meal. **AND** any suggestions you might have for making this a smooth sailing Change of Watch.

"The Committee" thanks you and we are looking forward to hearing from you **VERY** soon. The Ides of March are upon us!!!!

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23-25 March 2012
D/27 Annual Meeting & Change of Watch
Hilton New Bern/Riverfront Hotel
New Bern, NC

Room Rate: \$119.00 plus taxes Reservations: 252-638-3585
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Facility Fee for each attendee \$ 4.00 x ____ = ____

Friday 23 March:
Reception for all members – NO CHARGE – Number attending ____

Saturday 24 March:
Spouse's Coffee NO CHARGE – Number attending ____

Member Lunch
Marina Club sandwich, desert, tea & coffee \$18.00 x ____ = ____

Ladies Lunch at Lawson's Landing (circle one choice)
Salad w/fruit & nuts, Chicken salad on roll, or Crab Cake wrap \$15.00 x ____ = ____
History Center Tour \$10.00 x ____ = ____

Banquet and cash bar
Pan-Seared Chicken breast w/ Sage Veloute^s \$35.00 x ____ = ____
Grilled Salmon w/Lemon Cream \$35.00 x ____ = ____
Desert, coffee & tea

New Member since January 2011 ____ 1st time at District Meeting ____

Make checks payable to: District 27
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P/C June Reasons, P
2131 Neuse Cliffs Circle
New Bern, NC 28560

Marina reservations should be made directly with the Dock Master, Hilton Marina, 252-658-0155

Taste of Coastal Carolina

9th Annual Taste of Coastal Carolina Sherrie Starr

As many of you know, Jim and I are very active in the Neuse Riverkeeper Foundation. As boaters and water oriented people, here is a great opportunity to have fun, eat well and support a wonderful cause!

The Taste of Coastal Carolina brings independent local restaurants to the New Bern Riverfront Convention Center on March 13 to promote their businesses and introduce attendees to their specialties. This year there will be twenty-nine restaurants in attendance, together serving the equivalent of several full course meals. Attendees move freely about the Convention Center ballroom, sampling the specialties available at each restaurant's station. Wine and beer are available, as are NRF memberships.

There are two levels of tickets. \$30 general admission gets you in the door to try all the food. You have to buy your own drinks. Patron tickets are \$100. For that price you get early

admission so you can visit the restaurants in advance of the crowds, a champagne reception, reserved seating, and free wine and beer at a Patrons-only bar. \$65 of the \$100 is tax deductible. Tickets are available online at www.neuseriver.org, at Harris Teeter, Mitchell Hardware, Cravin' Wine or at the NRF office at 1307 Country Club Rd.

The event is a delicious, high-energy party for 600-700 people. It's a fun night. This is our ninth year.

There have been some recent changes in the organization, namely a new Lower Neuse Riverkeeper. We think you will find these changes positive and that they will have a wonderful impact on the educational and advocacy activities surrounding the Neuse River. This event is also a great opportunity for people to meet our new ED George Matthis and new Lower Neuse Riverkeeper Mitch Blake.

Ship's Store Diana Thompson

Don't forget the Ship's Store for your CLSPS needs. We have wonderful items available. See them at the next Dinner Meeting, or give me a call if you would like to order anything before then. The items we carry are also excellent for gifts.

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.

Pennant magnets are priced at \$5.00. They can be placed on your vehicle or used on the refrigerator.

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.

Fleece Vest: We have it in navy, but it can be ordered in other colors.

Sizes S, Med., Lg., and XLg (Ladies and Mens) sell for \$36.00. XXLg sells for \$40.00.

Anniversary Mug--\$2.50

If anyone has any suggestions for other items to be carried in the Ship's Store, please let me know.

You can contact me at 252-638-2565, or e-mail me at michris@embarqmail.com. If you send an e-mail and I do not contact you in a timely manner, please call me as it might not have gone through.

If you are interested in a current (old logo, not the 50th Anniversary logo) CLSPS knit white or navy short sleeve or denim long sleeve shirt (men's only), they are available for \$15.00.



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Please provide information to the **Editor by the 20th of the month by e-mail** for the next newsletter. Late items will appear in the next issue of the Outlook. Marty Warner-rwarnr4@ec.rr.com

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