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Upcoming Events:

Monday, May 6
CLSPS ExComm Meeting
Morgans Restaurant
Dinner: 1745; Mtg: 1900

Depart/Return on a
**Cruise to Beaufort Music
Festival** which is held Friday-
Saturday, May 10-11

Monday, May 20
CLSPS Dinner Meeting
The Flame Restaurant.
5PM: Social Hour
6PM: Dinner
7PM: Meeting
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Monday, June 3
CLSPS ExComm Meeting
Morgans Restaurant
Dinner: 1745; Mtg: 1900

Depart/Return on your own
Cruise to Ocracoke Island for
the Ocracoke Festival which is
held Friday-Sunday, June 6-7



CLSPS Blessing of the Fleet April 27, 2013



Reverend Jeff Sockwell places a wreath in the Trent River



Cdr Moore & Commodore Hartman of the NBYC

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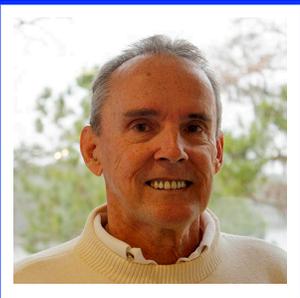
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Commander's Report

Cdr Lloyd Moore, JN



Jane and I attended the District 27 Spring Council and Conference and Change of Watch in Raleigh. Our Squadron received recognition in several areas for our efforts for last year, thanks to P/C Jim Starr and his Bridge. We received the “Doing It Right” (DIR) award, that recognizes those squadrons which achieve a high score for the 20 areas measured.

We also received the communications award for both the web site and our newsletter. Thanks to Marty Warner, Richard Tobacco and Scott Shermeyer for their efforts in producing these high-quality publications.

Congratulations to Rob Thompson, who has received the Educational Achievement Award, also known as the Senior Navigator Award. Rob has passed all the Advanced Grade courses, and all the Elective Courses. Well done, Rob!

Larry Lovvorn’s team of Vessel Examiners have been hard at work providing Vessel Safety Checks at boat launch ramps and marinas. If you haven’t yet had your boat inspected this year, contact Larry or one of the other VE’s listed in the back of the Outlook to arrange an inspection. There’s no excuse – even if you’re not sure you’ve got all the required equipment on board, or may have expired flares, we can still perform the inspection, with no penalty to you. If the USCG or the Wildlife Officer finds you don’t comply, you’ll be liable for a citation and a possible fine.

Thanks to Karl Lichty and Rhys Evans for a successful Blessing of the Fleet ceremony at the New Bern Grand Marina. We were joined by members of the New Bern Yacht Club, and had a total of eleven boats. The weather was perfect, and Reverend Jeff Sockwell of the West New Bern Presbyterian Church gave the invocation and then bestowed a blessing on each vessel. We were also honored by a color guard from MCAS Cherry point.

District 27 will be putting on a 3-day Leadership Development seminar in Raleigh on June 20 – 22 in Raleigh. These seminars are usually offered at a USPS National meeting; they address the challenges of membership, effective committee meetings and operations training. Additional information on registration will be available in the May edition of the D/27 Bitts.

In 2009, D/27 joined D/5, comprising a large portion of the Chesapeake Bay, in a joint Rendezvous in Cape Charles, VA. This summer, we’ll be doing it again, from 8-11 August. The Rendezvous will be held at the newly-renamed Kings Creek Marina (formerly Bay Creek Marina). See the February Bitts (at www.uspsd27.org/) for details, and updates in the May edition.

**Executive
Officer
Lt/C Wayne
Fretwell, P**



First, I would like to thank those members who have offered their services to the club in various areas within my domain:

Bill Gewain in several areas.

Bud Ellis and Kevin Pimm to assist in boat shows.

Jim Starr has taken the lead position in Coop Charting and will be assisted by Lloyd Moore who will conduct a training seminar for those you wish to assist in this year's efforts to be sure navigational aids are as they are shown on charts.

Richard Tobacco has taken on Bike MS assisted by Steven Dark.

You should know by now that Larry Lovvorn is the lead in Vessel Safety Exams and gives this update:

"Our count so far this year is 105 completed VSC of which 100 were satisfactory and 5 were failures. A failure can count as 2 VSE once the vessel is re-inspected. So far 6 of our team have turned in completed VSC forms."

If you are willing to offer your services to your squadron in any way, let me know at 288-4653 or waynief@hotmail.com.

May 18-24 is National Boating Safety Week (NBSW). If you have not already had your vessel examined by one of our examiners, you should contact one of the examiners listed in this newsletter to be sure you meet all the required safety standards including but not limited to PFD's, sound producing devices, distress signals, fire extinguishers, ventilation, and flame arrestors as required for your boat size and type.

As a part of NBSW the mayor's office has agreed that the mayor will sign the following proclamation:

WHEREAS May 18-24 is national Boating Safety Week, and

WHEREAS New Bern is a boating community, and

WHEREAS Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron promotes boating safety and education,

THEREFORE, I, Mayor Lee Bettis Jr, along with CLSPS proclaim May 18-24 as Safe Boating Week in New Ber

I hope to get a picture of the signing in the Sun Journal along with information regarding our education and VSE programs. Larry has agreed to hold a VSE program at Lawson's Landing during the week.

You may want to take the safe boating quiz from the USCG at <http://www.saltwatersportsman.com/boatingsafety/safety-quiz>. There are some video scenes presented with alternative video responses to choose from as an interesting part of the quiz.

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<http://www.clsps.org>

Education
Department
Lt/C Jim Scheer, SN



As I prepare this month's "input", I am in Ankara, Turkey, teaching in the 3-day Basic Radar Concepts short course. This has been quite an education, for me as well as for the students. Several items stick in my mind as I try to formulate this article. They are summarized below.

The trip to Turkey took 30 hours. That's not bad considering I chose the day on which Lufthansa went on strike. I got a visa in Germany as well as Turkey. The passport is beginning to fill up.

The hotel is about the nicest I have ever used. I'd say 28 star. It is the Hotel Bilkent at the Bilkent University, one of the most prestigious Universities in Turkey. (At least the web says this is so.)

The breakfast is free at the hotel. It is a typical European breakfast buffet, complete with an omelet/egg station. It is a large meal, should last all day. Also, the lunch is free at STM (the company). This is also a hot meal, soup/meat/veg/salad/dessert. If, after all that, I need dinner, I pay for dinner.

All the transportation I NEED is supplied by the company for which I am working (teaching); from and to the airport, and to and from work every day. If I have enough energy to get out at night, I pay for the taxi.

The lectures go slowly, because of 1) speaking slowly, so they (the Turkish students) understand me, 2) they tend to get into private discussions during the lectures, and 3) there are many questions. They are in no hurry to return from breaks, so breaks tend to stretch out. 4) The day starts at 0930, *or so*, and ends *before* 1800, so they can get out the door and catch transportation home.

The first day started late because the course organizers took me first to the Ankara police station to get a residence permit. This is the reason for having to bring four (4) pictures of

myself. The police station does not open until 0800. (If you intend to rob a gas station, do so before 0800 ;>}) (That may be worth while, as gas is on the order of \$10/ gallon).

That is about all there is to say this month about the education program except for an experience that Jill and Rudy Ficken might want to relate in the future.

Well, I have some time to go GeoCaching, so I'll do so. None of my friends have a cache from Turkey.

OH! One more thing. No Turkish magic carpets on this trip. The Lufthansa strike has ended.

As always, if you need to contact someone in the education department, we are listed in last-month's Outlook.



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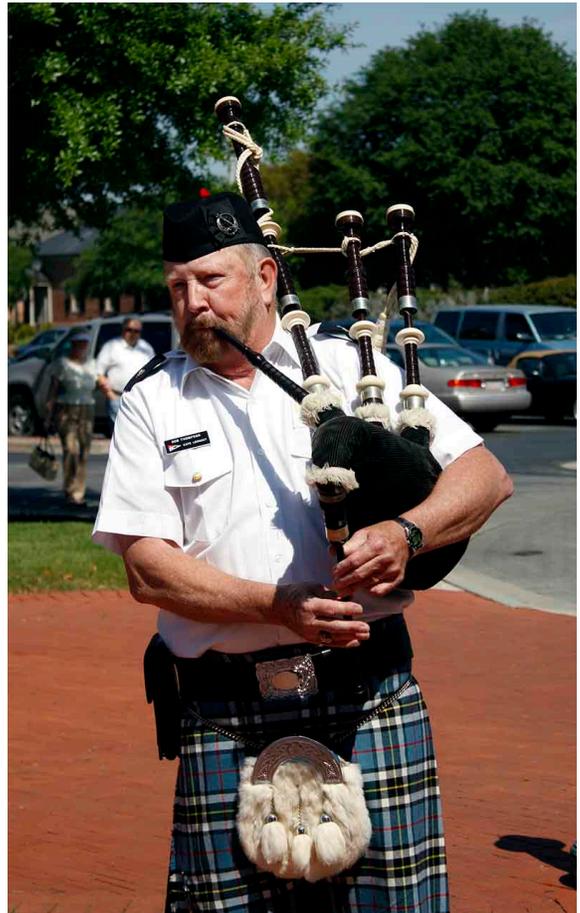


Our next business meeting/dinner is May 20th, the guest speaker will be James Edward White, III, author and historian who will share his research for his upcoming book on the role of General Burnside in North Carolina history.

James Edward White, III is preserving history one story at a time. He has published several books about Portsmouth Island. Jim is the grandson of Lucy Beacham Gilgo, a schoolteacher who came to Portsmouth Island in 1922. There she met and married Tom Gilgo whose family had lived on the island since the early 1800s.

Jim will speak to us about his upcoming book on General Burnside who commanded the Coast Division, or the North Carolina Expeditionary Force—three brigades, which formed the nucleus for his future IX Corp North Carolina. He will share his research on the naval battles he conducted that closed over 80% of the North Carolina sea coast to Confederate shipping for the remainder of the war. Check Jim out at <http://jamesedwardwhite.com/index.html>

Cruises will be discussed at the next Ex Com meeting and an email blast will be sent to the membership with details. Anyone interested in serving as Cruise Captains should respond to me for Karl Lichty's handout on "How To Be a Fabulous Cruise Captain".



Membership
Chair
Lt Penny Pimm, P



WOW, another month gone...good news is that SPRING is finally here, and we'll be out on the water in no time! I hope you enjoyed our great dinner meeting, and interesting speaker from the Land Trust. I also hope that you took a few minutes to meet our newest members from the ABC Boating Class. I'd like to remind you how it felt to be a new member, with a poem I got from our special gal, June Reasons:

I'M A NEW MEMBER

I see you at the meetings,
But you never say hello.
You're busy all the time you're there,
With those you already know.
I sit amongst the members,
And yet I'm a lonesome guy.
The new ones are as strange as I
But you old members pass me by.
But, darn it, you folks asked us in,
And talk of fellowship.
You could just step across the room,
But you've never made the trip.
Why can't you nod and say hello,
Or stop and shake my hand?
THEN go sit among your friends?
Now THAT I'd understand.
I'll be at your next meeting
Perhaps a nice time to spend.
Do you think you could introduce yourself?
I want to be your friend!

Cdr Bill Ford, JN Great South Bay NY
Squadron 8/97 #

I'd also like to encourage all members to volunteer. Remember, this is **OUR** squadron, and **we** get out of it, what **we** put in to it. Personally, I have enjoyed all the time Kevin & I spent on the cruises, with BikeMS, Mumfest, and so many other activities we've done. We've met so many super nice people,

and made some very close, and I'm sure, lasting friends.





Vessel Safety Check Program

Got Yours?

Our Vessel Safety team has been hard at work at marinas, boat ramps (in very cold weather!) and at homes. Have we been to do your boat to make sure you are ready for the boating season? If not give one of the team listed in the Sprocket? We are flexible in arranging a convenient time.

Have a Safe Boating Season in 2013

<p>Happy Birthday to the Following Members</p>	
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May

- Beery, Ellen S. -- May 7
- Lichty, R. Karl -- May 7
- Evans, Rhys G. -- May 17
- O'Brien, Patrick F. -- May 17
- Pagnutti, Peter -- May 17
- Scheer, Ruby S. -- May 19
- Pagnutti, Helen -- May 23
- Wharey, Sheryl P. -- May 24
- Long, Robert Earl -- May 25
- Pimm, Penny P. -- May 27
- Hale Jr., Henry S. -- May 29



Do You Own a Federally Documented Vessel?

BoatU.S. reports: The U.S. Coast Guard is proposing to charge an annual fee of \$26.00 for the renewal of certificates of documentation for recreational boats. While the Coast Guard charges to issue new certificates of documentation for boats, currently there is no charge for annual renewal.

This fee will only apply if your boat is federally documented and would be in addition to any state registration fees. For current information on federal vessel documentation, visit the [United States Coast Guard Documentation Center](http://www.uscg.gov/DocumentationCenter).

We encourage you to share your thoughts with the Coast Guard on this proposal before **May 3rd, 2013**, by going to [http://www.regulations.gov/#!](http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=USCG-2010-0990)

Please forward this email to fellow boaters with documented vessels. If you have any additional questions, please contact BoatU.S. Government Affairs at GovtAffairs@BoatUS.com.



P/C William J. Ash,
SN, H



SPOTTING A NEW UFO

P/C WILLIAM J. ASH, SN, H

Last August, while traveling from Rochester, N.Y. to Charlotte, N.C., I had the distinct pleasure, with great surprise, to view an honest to goodness flying saucer. I wrote about this in an earlier edition. I think. I had no doubts about it being real, but friends have looked at me askance when I bring up the subject. I saw a UFO, I really did.

I'm seated in the Captain's cabin on H.M.S. *Lydia* swinging at anchor in the lower Neuse near Cherry Point Marine Air Station.

"Horatio, can you spare a minute? I have a story to tell you. You'll enjoy it, I know." The good captain was studying charts of the North Atlantic, perhaps in preparation for a sail back home. I hope he's not going as I enjoy his company aboard his frigate and at my manor house.

"What is it, P/C? I'm a busy man; this better be good." Good? Well, I thought it was different. Astronomic sightings would be of interest to the captain.

"Horatio, I'll give you the entire story, from beginning to the end. You, being a clever man with instruments of navigation, will appreciate my frustrations of last Sunday night." I'd better make this one good.

"It had just gotten dark. There was a layer or two of radiation fog high up in the huge oak trees south of *Waldhaus Ash*. I had stepped outdoors for a breath of cool, fresh air. Not a breeze to stir the dogwoods, not a sound from the herds of dogs kept by their owners. The evening was a bit different. I could not explain what it was, but something was amiss. Then I realized the distant sky held a form I had never seen before.

"Horatio, it was orange-red in appearance and appeared to be a large Planet Mars. Only, it

was about twice the size of our planetary friend. I was dumbstruck. It didn't seem to move, or maybe just a little. It may have been my imagination. But there it was.

"Could it be a UFO just hovering way out to the south of me? Tiny dots of color were present around its perimeter. It definitely was from outer space.

"I called two neighbors, one to my west, the second was east of me. Yes, they had spotted the same body the night before.

"What do you make of it, I asked?"

One said it was something on top of a tower to the south. I said there were no high towers to the south. The other fellow offered the same suggestion and received my same reply. "I'll figure it out," I promised both.

My navigational sparks began to light. Estimate the altitude, estimate its azimuth. Find my celestial plotter, call up the computer version of the daily pages of the *Nautical Almanac* and keeping my cool, solve for the new body if that was possible. I could not find my celestial plotter. Damn! And a new body would not be recorded anywhere in the daily pages. I've discovered a new planet by just stepping out of my back door. It seemed impossible to run into this kind of luck. True story.

"I remembered I had to take the trash to the roadside, so I hurriedly wheeled the wagon with its load down by the mailbox. Once there, I turned to see the colorful tiny sphere much lower on the horizon. Good gracious, it was moving and coming directly towards me. But it had not gotten larger, so that meant it was still miles, maybe a million or more, from me. I figured I could make it back into the house for safety. The object was coming many times the speed of sound. My heart was pounding. This was real adventure."

"Obviously, P/C, you made it back to safety. I was not aware of your celestial concerns, nor have I read of any calamitous events on Canterbury Road. Continue!"

"Captain, I was a bit uneasy as I walked back up the driveway. The object kept getting higher in the sky. It was almost overhead. I was paralytic. There it was, right up there in front of me. My jaw dropped. The power company had installed a brand new light, orange-red, atop the transformer on the pole in my back yard."



Mixed Emotions

As many of you may know, Carol and I will be leaving New Bern and the Cape Lookout Squadron for a new home in Lady Lake, FL. Over the past six years since moving here, we have made many friends in the area and in the Power Squadron. Our decision to relocate was based on family. After my brother's passing and my sister-in-law's move to New York, we decided to be closer to our extended family in Florida.

During my time here I was able to complete my training and achieve a full certificate and become involved in our education department. I am grateful to the dedicated instructors and many others in the squadron that give of their time to make our organization one of the best. Carol and I will be joining the Harris Chain Sail & Power Squadron in the near future and look forward to serving there as well.

We will miss the Cape Lookout Squadron and our many friends but hope if you visit central Florida you will stop by or call. (email – rboyack@embarqmail.com)

Bob & Carol Boyack



Junes Jokes

P/C June Reasons, P



Ratio of an igloo's circumference to its diameter = Eskimo Pi
 2000 pounds of Chinese Soup - Won ton
 1 millionth of a mouthwash = 1 microscope
 Time between slipping on a peel and smacking the pavement - 1 bananosecond
 Weight an evangelist carries with God = 1 billigram
 Time it takes to sail 220 yards at 1 nautical mile per hour = Knotfurlong
 365.25 days of drinking low-calorie beer = 1 Lite year
 16.5 feet in the Twilight Zone = 1 Rod Serling
 Half a large intestine = 1 semicolon
 1,000,000 aches = 1 megahurtz
 Basic unit of laryngitis = 1 hoarsepower
 Shortest distance between two jokes = a straight line
 2000 mockingbirds = two kilomockingbirds
 1 kilogram of falling figs = 1 Fig Newton
 1000 cc's of wet socks = 1 literhosen
 8 nickels = 2 paradigms



CLSPS May Dinner Meeting Registration Form

The Flame Catering & Banquet Center -- 2301 Neuse Blv'd, New Bern

Monday, May 20, 2013

1700--Social Hour 1800--Dinner 1900--Meeting and Members' Activity

Please send your check prior to Friday, May 17, 2013 to:

Roger Brown

3714 Viridian Trace

New Bern, NC 28562

Please make check payable to CLSPS.

Name(s): _____

Number attending _____ x \$22.00 each = Amount enclosed \$ _____

<p>Ship's Store P/C Diana Thompson, AP</p>		
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With the warmer weather upon us, please keep your Ship's Store in mind for new short sleeve shirts, hats and visors. If you have special requests, please don't hesitate to call me (see end of article for contact information).

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.

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NEW ADDRESS:

Please notify Bill Reasons (637-6685 or reasons-usps@suddenlink.net) if you have any changes to the information we have on file such as boat information, e-mail or mailing address, birthdays, telephone number etc.

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-
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