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## Upcoming Events:

Thursday, March 6  
**CLSPS ExComm Meeting**  
Morgan's Restaurant  
Dinner: 1745; Mtg: 1900

Monday, March 17  
**CLSPS Dinner Meeting**  
The Flame Restaurant.  
5PM: Social Hour  
6PM: Dinner  
7PM: Meeting  
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Friday-Sunday, March 21-23  
**D/27 Spring Council/  
Conference and Change of  
Watch**  
New Bern Double Tree Hotel  
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Saturday, March 29  
**Land Cruise: NC Aquarium**  
Pine Knoll Shores, NC  
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Monday, April 7  
**CLSPS ExComm Meeting**  
Morgan's Restaurant  
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Fri-Sun, April 11-13  
**Overnight Cruise to Hancock  
Creek Yacht Club**  
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## CLSPS Change of Watch 2014



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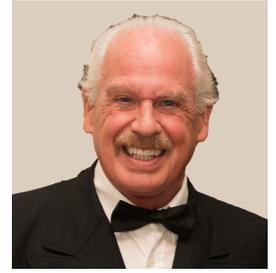
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## Commander's Report

Cdr Wayne Fretwell, P



First, I would like to give a brief report on the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Annual Meeting in Jacksonville, FL. All attendees from CLSPS (Elaine and I, Lloyd and Jane Moore, and Rob and Diana Thompson) departed New Bern ahead of the winter storm and made it to Jacksonville without incident.

**Thursday** we registered for the conference, and as first timers, and as a voting delegate. Then Elaine and I attended a first timers social. We all attended the new life member awards reception and dinner where our own Lloyd Moore received his life membership—qualifying by having earned 25 merit marks.

**Friday**, after the Keynote speaker, Robert Macomber, gave a very enthusiastic and interesting speech on the history of the Power Squadron beginning in 1913, we attended several seminars learning more about squadron activities and DB2000—the national data base of members as well as a presentation on our new website. Friday evening we all attended a hospitality party and lighted boat parade with fireworks before going to dinner at an Irish Pub with a large group of D27 squadron members.

**Saturday** was the annual meeting with presentation of awards and election of new officers and bridge. Among our awards, D27 was recognized as number one in civic service and for 100% of our commanders submitting a Doing It Right report. The night ended with a Mardi Gras reception and dinner dance.

**Now, for my vision of our new year.** We want this to be a year of **FUN** so we have planned at least one event per month—see calendar for the year at our website: <http://clsps.org/>. To make this a FUN and **SUCCESSFUL** year I developed the acronym **CRIPP**—standing for Communication, Reporting, Involvement, Publicity, and Parliamentary Procedure. I will mention each briefly and then at meetings and future Outlook articles you will be given more details on each.

**Communication** can be defined as the transfer of an idea from one person's mind to the mind of another. If written information is sent out but no one reads it or if words are spoken and no one listens then there has been no communication. If information is heard or read but not understood the way it was intended, then no communication has occurred. We will seek to communicate with you, the members, but we also need you to communicate with us.

**Reporting** what you did on a squadron activity in a report will not only let others know what you did but will enable others in the future to accomplish goals much easier.

**Involvement** in squadron activities is a duty of all members as well as helping others become involved.

**Publicity** is important not only to let the membership know about activities but to inform the public of all The United States Power Squadron and CLSPS in particular have to offer.

**Parliamentary Procedure** will insure that meetings are conducted in an orderly and businesslike manner so that meetings flow smoothly and efficiently.

## Executive Officer

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The PR and facility outreach is finally paying off. Jim Scheer reports that the seminars are beginning to have a backlog of attendees and plans are in development to repeat several seminars that were offered early in the schedule and had to be cancelled due to lack of enrollment.

Lloyd Moore called to joyfully report he has 21 students in the ABC Course and that Garber United Methodist Church Learning Center is the best facility he has ever had the privilege to teach in.

This past Sunday the Sun Journal published our Seamanship Course with a quarter page complete description. The Piloting Course has been submitted to the paper and will be published in mid-March for an April 1<sup>st</sup> start.

The Change of Watch article is under review and waiting for pictures. I plan to submit it to the Sun Journal later this week, so be on the lookout. Watch for continued publications on all our major activities throughout this year.

I just received a Safe Boating Week Resource Guide with lots of handouts we can distribute to the boating public before, during and after Safe Boating Week, which is May 17<sup>th</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Our membership meeting will be held on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March at the Flame. The evening's schedule includes:

- 5:00 PM – Social with cash bar.
- 5:45 PM – Salads and Rolls served.
- 6:00 to 7:00 PM – Dinner Served
- 7:00 to 9:00 PM – Meeting

The guest speaker for the evening will be John Cole from NOAA. His presentation will include sources available for determining local weather and boating conditions, typical weather patterns affecting our area, and insight on what to look for while out on the water.

John is the Warning Coordination Meteorologist and works out of the Newport/Morehead City National Weather Service Forecast Office. He received his bachelor's degree from Florida State. He is on the road quite a bit keeping up with local officials and Emergency Managers. He provides Severe Weather Spotter Training, Hurricane Seminars, School Presentations, and Boating Weather classes.

Also, we are looking to include one of the local military base's Color Guard as part of our Blessing of the Fleet festivities on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. If anyone has a point of contact that might be of help at one of the local bases please let me know, I can be reached at [jim\\_352@msn.com](mailto:jim_352@msn.com).

## Sunshine Lady

Linda Tobacco, AP

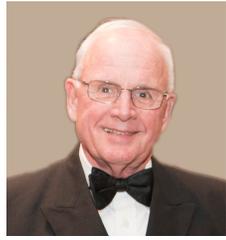


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**We were lucky this month and as far as I know, thankfully, our group is staying healthy!**

Education  
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JN



The class ended up with 20 very enthusiastic students, including a couple and their two teen age daughters. One thing I learned from this experience is that getting articles about our public classes in the Sun Journal is a very effective method of notifying potential students. It's also a recruitment method we definitely will continue to use.

If you have ever heard the term “Baptism by Fire”, you have a fairly good idea what my first week as SEO of Cape Lookout Sail & Power Squadron has been like while coordinating the first class of America’s Boating Course (ABC) that Past Commander Lloyd Moore is teaching on Tuesday evenings. It wasn’t really that bad, but the experience pointed out to me that Murphy’s Law (“If anything can go wrong, it will”) is alive and well.

My predecessor Jim Scheer and his wife were leaving town on Monday, and since I had not yet taken possession of all the education materials, he gave me 11 ABC course textbooks. Based on average class attendance of about 8 students the past few years, this was thought to be more than enough.

What no one anticipated was the effectiveness of two short articles about the class that were submitted by Roger Brown to the Sun Journal. Although response to the first article a week earlier was minimal, a few phone calls began coming in Saturday after the second article appeared and the calls continued until just a few hours before the class began. By Monday afternoon, it was apparent that I didn’t have enough textbooks. I left a message on Jim’s cell phone but decided I needed a backup source if I couldn’t access his book supply. I called the Ft Macon Squadron’s SEO and arranged to borrow a dozen books from him. However, on Tuesday, I learned that the Scheers had a friend staying at their home, so I arranged to drive there and get the additional textbooks Tuesday afternoon.



## Vessel Safety Check Program

### Spring is for Boating

The weather is getting warmer, the flowers are blooming, and boaters are salivating about getting back on the water. Since we are all boaters it is time to reflect on the safety of your boat and you as the captain. Have you checked all your safety equipment? Have you cleaned your backfire flame arrester? How about your PFD's? We will be glad to help you make this check and as a reward we'll give you a Coast Guard Vessel Safety Check decal if all is in order. Give us a call, and remember we do house calls as well as marina calls. The list of our excited examiners are elsewhere in this excellent publication. **Call today!**

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

## Safety Tips

### Randy Troutman, United Marine Underwriters

The use of E10 Ethanol in fuel has been a subject of concern for years. Many tests and studies have been conducted, but few conclusions drawn. One thing is clear; E10 Ethanol is here to stay.

Most manufacturers have found ways to handle the E10 Ethanol blend. Recent concern is the push for E15 Ethanol. Test reports regarding E15 have indicated it will create problems that manufacturers are not certain they can overcome.

The suggestion of using straight R90 gasoline has its problems. Vessels that have run on Ethanol should not switch to R90. After extended use of E10, strong odor of gasoline fumes has been noted when fueling automobiles with straight R90. Gasoline fumes that accumulate in the bottom of a boat's bilge create a danger of explosion.

E10 Ethanol causes deterioration of rubber fuel lines as well as gaskets. It is important to renew the old practice of running your blower at least five minutes before you start your engine. Do not depend on fume detectors; they can fail.

If your boat was built before 1990 and your rubber fuel lines are soft or brittle, it is suggested you replace them with the Coast Guard approved J1527USCG type A2 or A1-15 flexible fuel lines.

Coast Guard approved, non-metallic fuel hoses must be date stamped by the manufacturer. When examining your fuel line, look for the date stamp and replace if expired.

For boats that are laid-up, most manufacturers agree fuel tanks should be filled to approximately 90 to 95% of capacity which leaves room for temperature expansion. A good marine grade stabilizer should be added.

Run your engines and generators then shut off the fuel supply and run to a dry stop. Be sure to change water separators and fuel filters. There could be water in the containers that may freeze and crack.

Do not cover your fuel vents while in lay-up. Fumes can build up in the bilge creating an explosion hazard.

## Cruising by Land and Water

### Land

We have added land excursions to better include members who no longer have a boat. Generally we will rendezvous in New Bern at 10 am to form carpools that will travel to our destination. After the tour, we will have a late lunch before returning. Because group excursions are more fun, we will cancel any event with less than eight (8) scheduled attendees. The first excursion is Saturday March 29<sup>th</sup> to the NC Aquarium.

### Water

Our first 2014 boating adventure is a Saturday April 12<sup>th</sup> 'shakedown' cruise to Hancock Creek Marina. The marina has undergone significant upgrades since our last visit. The marina can accommodate boats up to 45' and 7' drafts. The Hancock Yacht Club has graciously opened up their facilities for our use. We are planning a potluck, bring your own beverage and a dish to share. There will be a gas-grill available for burning your favorite protein dish. Land cruisers are welcome but, because it is on Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, drivers have to be cleared prior to arrival. Owen Smith, the dock master at Hancock Marina will assist with those procedures. Owen strongly suggests carpooling because only the driver will have to be cleared ahead of time, and the fewer, the easier it will be. Those arriving by water will not need clearance.

Boaters can arrive **Friday** afternoon, or Saturday morning, and participate in pre-potluck events, that include a 'Blind Dink' race Saturday.

The complete cruise listing, with event details, is on our website calendar (<http://clsps.org/calendar.html>). (Click on calendar event.)

### **Booster Club is back!**

After a few years absence, The Booster Club has returned. We all know we pay a fair amount of dues to the USPS, but only about \$17 of that comes back to Cape Lookout. To help build up our bank account we are asking donations to our Booster Club--\$10 minimum, but \$20 recommended per person. Help us out at the next Dinner Meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### **CLSPS 2014 Booster Club Members**

Lloyd Moore	Jane Moore
Bill Reasons	June Reasons
Marty Warner	Tiki Warner

P/C William J. Ash,  
SN, H



## TOO MANY ISSUES P/C WILLIAM J. ASH, SN, H

Hornblower was out to sea on HMS Lydia with orders from the Admiralty to make ready for battle. Against whom should he be making ready? I have no idea. In actual fact, it's a bloody good thing Horatio is away from me for some days as a number of issues have arisen at Waldhaus Ash and elsewhere causing my personality to revert to something viper-like.

For one, the painting of the cabin top and decks of the Jolly Tar is presently in limbo. The sanding preps were completed in November 2013 but not a drop of paint has made its way topsides. The painter and I blame the winter weather with three snowstorms and buckets of rain to keep everything wet. With drier weather, energized persons involved with painting and a great deal of luck, I predict I'll get out on the mighty Trent before the snow flies next winter. I have not been out on the local waters since 2012. # \$ % \* & !!

Next, my main beef is the change in the technology surrounding the use of my new computer with Windows 7. My old computer's hard drive with Windows XP crashed three weeks ago. What might this have to do with the workings of the Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron? I knew you would ask this. Well, I'll tell you what it has to do with the workings of the Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron. # \$ % \* & !!

The gentleman who looks after my computer problems informed me the hard drive on the old XP computer blew an ethereal gasket and lost my navigation stuff for reducing celestial bodies. Also going 'woosh' is Data Base 2000. This after P/R/C William E. Reasons spent considerable time installing it for me. I do not need all this suffering. Moreover, add to this

the matter of retrieving this very document from the bowels of the hard drive resulting in my obtaining a miniaturized red-lettered and underlined document that no editor would accept. Jimmy Durante would have said, "What a revolting development this 'toined' out to be." # \$ % \* & !!

Then the powder-room adventure occurred which almost brought tears. The equipment plugged for no apparent reason. The question arose, "Did I throw some of the computer into the head in sheer frustration?" I don't remember doing so; however, I've become rather forgetful. After countless tries to wash the obstruction clear of the pipes and not getting my hand caught, I heard a hollow 'clink' and the system worked once again. What was it? # \$ % \* & !!

Presently, with my new Windows 7, and bundling with Suddenlink, I'm not able to retrieve or send e-mail. I know I have close to 1,000 incoming messages, and, mind you, I have not been able to send out anything. Question! Will the editor of the Outlook get this manuscript by the deadline? Will he even care if he does not receive it in time for the presses to roll? I don't need all these issues. # \$ % \* & !!

Another question! Do you have similar problems to report? # \$ % \* & ?? Let me know for I do not want to suffer alone. Ah well.....oh, a light has appeared at the end of the tunnel.

Countess Gwen and I thoroughly enjoyed the Change of Watch. We missed it last year because of illness, so we made up for it by laughing more than we have for a long time. We finally got to talk to a boat full of relatively new members and first mates, making the evening one of discovery. Of disappointment was the absence of so many. Could they have been ill? If so, we pray for their recovery.

I was happy to meet the USPS representative from National. My personal conversation with him revealed the positive things he had to say about our Squadron. Apparently we are on the right tack (power boaters should look up the word 'tack'). Oops, wait just a second. I have an incoming phone call.

"Yes? ..... Hornblower!!!! What a pleasure to hear your voice. We've missed you and you missed the Change of Watch. We have a lot of catching up to do. Where are you?"

Charleston. Good fellow. I hope you enjoy the culture of this charming southern city. South Carolina, in general, is a great state. Relax and take in the sigh.....what? Horatio, you say you are in Charleston, West Virginia. That's nowhere near the coast. How did you wind up in West Virginia? You sailed into Miami, got a plane ticket to Charleston while leaving HMS Lydia in the command of Lt. Bush. Yeah, that's fine. Wrong Charleston..... I understand. # \$ %\* &!!"



**MARCH**

- Adams, John H. -- 1 March**
- Collyar, Susan -- 4 March**
- Dark, Jennifer A. -- 4 March**
- Burelle, Timothy N. -- 7 March**
- Somerday, Joanane C. -- 11 March**
- Craft, Latha T. -- 12 March**
- Dark, Steven C. -- 12 March**
- Schneider, James, L. -- 13 March**
- Dail, Asa B. -- 17 March**
- Thompson, Robert B. -- 25 March**



**Bill Reasons, Bill Ash & Jim Scheer**



**Lloyd**



**Wayne & Lloyd**



**June, Lloyd, & Bill**

## Junes Jokes

P/C June Reasons, P



### **These glorious insults are from an era before the English language got boiled down to 4-letter words..**

- A member of Parliament to Disraeli: "Sir, you will either die on the gallows or of some unspeakable disease."

"That depends, Sir," said Disraeli, "whether I embrace your policies or your mistress."

- "He had delusions of adequacy." - Walter Kerr

- "He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire." - Winston Churchill

- "I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure."

Clarence Darrow

- "He has never been known to use a word that might send a reader to the dictionary." -

William Faulkner (about Ernest Hemingway).

- "Thank you for sending me a copy of your book; I'll waste no time reading it." - Moses Hadas

- "I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it." - Mark Twain

- "He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends.." - Oscar Wilde

- "I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play; bring a friend, if you have one." - George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill.

Churchill.

"Cannot possibly attend first night, will attend second ... if there is one." - Winston Churchill, in response.

- "I feel so miserable without you; it's almost like having you here." - Stephen Bishop

- "He is a self-made man and worships his creator." - John Bright

- "I've just learned about his illness. Let's hope it's nothing trivial." - Irvin S. Cobb

- "He is not only dull himself; he is the cause of dullness in others." - Samuel Johnson

- "He is simply a shiver looking for a spine to run up." - Paul Keating

- "In order to avoid being called a flirt, she always yielded easily." - Charles, Count Talleyrand

- "He loves nature in spite of what it did to him." - Forrest Tucker

- "Why do you sit there looking like an envelope without any address on it?" - Mark Twain

- "His mother should have thrown him away and kept the stork." - Mae West

- "Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go." - Oscar Wilde

- "He uses statistics as a drunken man uses lamp-posts... for support rather than illumination." - Andrew Lang (1844-1912)

- "He has Van Gogh's ear for music." - Billy Wilder

- "I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But this wasn't it." - Groucho Marx



**Gary Cheney, USPS Nat'l Admin Off**



**Lady Gwen, Tiki, Sue, & June**



**D/Lt/C David & Carolyn Simons**



**Roger & Mary**



**Lloyd & Jane**



**P/R/C Ann Bailey**



**Wayne & Elaine**



**Kevin & Penny**



## March Dinner Meeting Registration Form

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

Monday, March 17, 2014

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

Please send your check prior to Friday, March 14, 2014 to:

Jim Reynolds  
6002 Brig Court  
New Bern, NC 28560

Please make check payable to CLSPS.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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



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

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

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 email me at [michris@embarqmail.com](mailto: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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