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## The Outlook



**Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron, District 27**

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### Upcoming Events:

Fri-Sun, 9-11 October  
**D/27 Fall Council/Conference**  
Charlotte, NC

Sat-Sun, 10, 11 October  
**Mum Fest CLSPS Booth**

Saturday, 24 October, 1-4 PM  
**Pot Luck Picnic**  
Red Sail Park, Fairfield Harbour

Monday, 2 November, 5:30  
**CLSPS ExComm Meeting**  
Christ Episcopal Church Library  
in the Parish Hall Bldg

Saturday, 7 November, 10 AM  
**Fall Colors Cruise to  
Pollocksville** See Article page 7

Sunday-Sunday, 8-22 November  
**Star Flyer Cruise Barbados-  
Panama Canal**

Monday, 16 November  
**CLSPS November Dinner Meeting**

Saturday, 5 December  
**New Bern Christmas Flotilla**  
Persimmons Restaurant

Saturday, 12 December  
**Spirit of Christmas @ Oriental**  
Dinner & Silo Restaurant

Friday, 18 December, 1600  
**CLSPS Christmas Pot Luck  
Diner and Social**  
Cherry Point MCAS Hancock  
Lodge

### September Dinner Meeting



**Speaker Erik Farrell, from the Queen Anne's Revenge  
Conservation Lab at ECU, With Cdr McCulley**



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transferring in  
from the  
Sewanhaka Sail &  
Power Squadron in  
New York**

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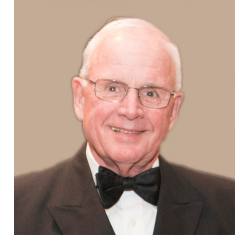
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**Commander's  
Report**

Cdr Mike McCulley, JN



**Fellow Cape Lookout SPS Members:**

Carolyn and I attended the District 27 Conference in Charlotte this past weekend. It was both enjoyable and informative. I very much appreciated the fact that fellow CLSPS members Bill and June Reasons and Lloyd and Jane Moore were there also. The morning session on Saturday consisted of two excellent presentations. First, we learned about a seafarer's decoding of ancient Irish Symbols dating between 3200BC and 3101BC. Later Capt. Joe Dibella gave us a presentation on a now 65 year old boat named Cricket II that was used to study and catch sharks as well as giant bluefish, some of the first instances of offshore sport fishing beginning back in the 1950s. The afternoon session was highlighted by an open discussion with Vice Commander Gary Cheney, the National Representative, and Past Chief Commander John Alter.

Here are some important events coming up over the next few months which are open to all USPS members as well as unit officers:

Winter Training in Raleigh on January 9, 2016.

National Meeting in Orlando, Florida during the week of February 14-21, 2016

D27 Spring Conference at the Doubletree Hotel, Atlantic Beach, March 18-19, 2016. A Friday evening reception will be held at the Maritime Museum in Beaufort.

D27 Summer Rendezvous in Washington, NC, June 17-18, 2016.

An important issue has surfaced in that our Nominating Committee has not been able to get volunteers to be nominated for the positions of Squadron Executive Officer, Squadron Education Officer and Squadron Assistant Education Officer. The Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Jim Starr, will soon be sending a letter to you about this issue. Please think about the consequences of our being unable to fill these important positions and consider helping us next year as an officer.



Executive  
Officer

Lt/C Jim Reynolds P



CLSPS Booth at 2015 New Bern  
Mum Fest

CLSPS members “manned” our Mum Fest  
Booth on a cloudy, but mostly dry weekend.

Bill Gewain



Neal Byrne & Tiki Warner



Neal Byrne setting up the  
CLSPS Mum Fest Booth



## Vessel Safety Check Program

**2015 resulted in the highest number of vessel Safety Checks done by the team from CLSPS.**

### Here is the count for this year:

Neal Byrne	12
Jim Dugan	10
Dick Ewan	12
Bill Gewain	52
Larry Lovvorn	79
Lloyd Moore	33
Owen Smith	133
Rob Thompson	10
Don Oltz	1

Are you in this count?

For a grand total of **342 checks** – well done to the team! resulted in the highest number of vessel Safety Checks done by the team from CLSPS.

## Getting Ready for Spring 2016

As you begin to put the boat away, or keep it ready for immediate use, review the following for safe cruising:

### Requirements

- Display of numbers - NC registration and/or documentation number
- Registration/documentation
- Personal flotation devices (PFD)
- Visual distress Signals (VDS)
- Fire extinguishers
- Ventilation (gas powered)
- Backfire Flame Control (gas powered)
- Navigation Lights
- Pollution Placard (our examiners can give you one)
- MARPOL Trash Placard (our examiners can give you one)
- Marine Sanitation Devices
- Navigation Rules (for all vessels over 39.4 feet or 12 meters)
- Sate and or local requirements
- Deck Free of Hazards. Clean Bilge
- Electrical – Fuel Systems
- Galley – Heating Systems.

### Recommended Items:

- Marine Radio
- Dewatering Device & Backup
- Mounted Fire Extinguishers
- Anchor and Line for Area
- First Aid d Kit and PIW Kits
- Inland Visual Distress Signals
- Capacity/Certificate of Compliance
- other areas of awareness:
  - Accident reporting – owner responsibility
  - Offshore operations
  - Nautical charts/navigation aids
  - Survival tips/first aid
  - Fueling/fuel management
  - Float plan/weather and sea conditions
  - Insurance considerations
  - Boating checklist
  - Safe boating classes
  - Maritime domain awareness

Remember – the USPS Vessel Safety Examiners are always willing to meet with you and give you advice and/or the necessary supporting material so just give us a call



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## District 27 Fall Council/Conference, Charlotte, NC



**All 20 Squadrons of District 27 received a Cooperative Charting Award.  
Our Commander is wearing red.**



**Lloyd & Jane Moore, June &  
Bill Reasons, D/27 Cdr  
Dave Parsons, and Carolyn  
& Mike McCulley attended  
the Council/Conference**

**D/27 Cdr Dave Parsons and CLSPS Cdr  
Mike McCulley**



## 2015 Merit Marks

A Merit Mark is awarded by the USPS Chief Commander to a member that has given substantial effort and service to benefit the Squadron. Only ONE merit mark may be given per year to a member no matter how extensive the contribution.

Nominees should be sent to me with a short narrative of service provided. Simply baking a cake is NOT enough to receive a mark; but it is a contributing factor when all contributions are added up.

Remember this is the only “pay” you get for being a member of USPS. Contributions include efforts and service done for the Squadron, District and National organization.

Please do not wait until the last minute for submissions. **Close out date is October 25.**

## Booster Club

Only a small portion (about \$17) of our dues to USPS is returned to the Cape Lookout Squadron. We need help keeping our books in the Black. Please contribute to the Booster Club. Any amount is helpful, but \$10 per person is a suggested amount.

### CLSPS 2015 Booster Club Members

Wayne & Elaine Fretwell  
Mike & Carolyn McCulley  
Lloyd & Jane Moore  
Rob & Diana Thompson  
Bill & June Reasons  
Dick & Catherine Ewan  
Marty & Tiki Warner  
Neal & Valerie Byrne  
Richard & Linda Tobacco  
Al & Ginny Springer

**Happy Birthday  
to the Following  
Members**



## October

**Quisenberry, Floyd M. — 1 October**  
**Johnson, Andrew L. — 2 October**  
**Springer, Allan M. — 2 October**  
**Wharey, Paul Webster — 8 October**  
**Kammer, Paul A. — 13 October**  
**Stevens, James E. — 18 October**  
**Peterson, Jonathan Jay — 31 October**

**Bike-MS Support**  
**Saturday & Sunday September 12 & 13**





## Test Your Inflatable Life Jackets!

I'm currently teaching the ABC class, and when I got to the section on Life Jackets, I demonstrated several different types.

Jane and I each have a SOSPENDERS offshore model, and I brought Jane's to the class. I noticed there was some corrosion on the CO2 cylinder, so I decided to inflate it and replace the cylinder.

To my surprise, and horror, when the bladder inflated, one of the seams failed.

I've been testing these, probably not often enough, using the manual tube to blow it up, so I didn't have to replace the \$25 - \$35 re-arming kit. I'm rethinking this procedure.

Admittedly, these life jackets are about 10 years old, but still, it never occurred to me that it could fail.

I tested my inflatable, and it operated as designed and the bladder held. It's the same age as the one that failed, however, and we've replaced both with new ones. I plan to test-inflate these yearly, as recommended, and I think using the CO2 cartridge every three years would be prudent.

Thankfully, Jane wasn't overboard when the life jacket failed.

Lloyd Moore

## CLSPS Pot Luck Picnic at Red Sail Park

The CLSPS will have a Pot Luck Picnic on **October 24 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM** at the Red Sail Park in Fairfield Harbour. Ed and Sue Gagnon plan to bring "Ed's Famous Baked Beans."

## Annual Fall Colors Trent RiverCruise

Karl Lichty will lead the annual New Bern Yacht Club **Fall Colors Cruise** up the Trent River to Pollocksville on **Saturday, November 7th.**

Departure time from Lawson Creek Park (farthest ramp) is 10:00 am, or you can join the flotilla along the river. We should be at the River Bend channel about 10:30. Hail the *LuSea* on channel 16.

This is always a fun day! Bring a **picnic lunch** to enjoy at the shelter next to the Wildlife ramp in Pollocksville.

Please let Karl know if you will participate, [karlkorker@yahoo.com](mailto:karlkorker@yahoo.com), 805/451-8984, so we can be on the lookout for you. Also let us know if you have room in your runabout for members who would like to ride along.

NBYC is inviting the Newcomers-AGN Boaters Group and Cape Lookout Sail & Power Squadron to join in the fun as well.

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P/C William J. Ash,  
SN, H



## **“BY A WIDTH OF A WHEATIES FLAKE”**

**P/C WILLIAM J. ASH SN, H**

“Wyatt looks in, pumps, throws, Musial swings, there’s a groundball to Reese who backhands it to his right, throws off balance to Camelli who scoops it out of the dirt and ‘Stan the Man’ is out at first by a width of a Wheaties flake.” Yup, I can still hear the voice of my penpal, Walter Lanier ‘Red’ Barber sitting up high in the ‘Catbird seat’ in back of home plate at Ebbets Field in Brooklyn, N.Y. It had to be in 1940 or ’41. Red could broadcast a Dodgers game, and without TV, you could visualize exactly what was going on. Stan wasn’t out by much and you could hear (see) how close the play was: “By the width of a Wheaties flake.”

“Horatio, how many times in our lives have we just missed something and benefited by whatever happened? I’m lucky to be alive today because I missed the train by a width of whatever and learned shortly afterwards that my train was in a terrible crash which killed a lot of passengers.”

“My goodness, P/C, I recall cannon balls zipping by my head through battles in which I never wanted to be engaged. I lost pieces of my hat to shrapnel passing within the width of a pencil lead. That’s close. By the way, why are we spending time on widths this morning?”

“I’ll tell you why. I watch the storm, Joaquin, quickly form just southeast of our mainland, and become a category 4 hurricane.

Accuweather kept me informed as weather developed. It has rained here in Trent Woods fairly steadily for a couple of weeks. The ground is wet and soft. If Joaquin had not turned and moved north or northeast, I estimate more than half the mighty oak trees in Trent Woods would be laying on the ground. Houses would be in two, and the sail and power vessels in the area would be demolished. While there are miles involved with this story, leaving us the problem of scale, I believe the hurricane missed us by the width of a meteorological flake.”

“P/C, I know the membership is fairly well aware of the power of major storms and how close or how far they may be from their homes. Why not encourage our women and men to take the Weather course to better understand how weather systems form and behave. How splendid it would be if the Squadron offered this college level course during the next year or two. You have told me how much you enjoyed taking it. Let’s see now, your certificate shows you passed the course on 20 May 1974. 1974! That’s a long time ago, my friend.”

“Yup, and the current weather is changing for the better. The barometer is going up. I know the rains are stopping and the winds are lessening in force. Autumn 2015 will move in and another kind of flake soon will make an appearance. Anyone care to guess what kind? Brrrr.”

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## June's Jokes

P/C June Reasons, P



### WALLY'S LAWS OF BOATING

**Law of Below Decks Repair:** As soon as your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you'll have to pee. The possibility of this occurring is greatest when you are trapped in the engine room.

**Law of Biomechanics:** The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.

**Bilge's Law:** Any tool, nut, bolt or screw, when dropped, will roll to the deepest and least accessible part of the bilge.

**Law of Docking:** The probability of being watched as you completely screw up a landing is directly proportional to how bad your docking is. A corollary to this law states that the worse the docking disaster, the more people will be watching. The inverse of this law dictates that no perfect docking shall ever have anyone in attendance to prove you actually did it.

**Wake's Law:** The percentage probability of being waked is increased by the size of the power boat coming up on you, and further increased by the narrowness of the channel.

**Law of Crossed Legs:** The likelihood of having another boat nearby increases directly with the urgency of your need to pee over the side.

**Law of Close Encounters:** The probability of meeting someone from your yacht club or marina increases dramatically when you are out on a PWC and going crazy with it.

**Service Department Law:** When you try to prove to a mechanic that a machine won't work, it will. Every Time. The inverse

of this law states that the likelihood of the machine's failing again approaches 100 percent as you board the boat.

**Law of the Anchorage:** At any anchorage, the possibility of you getting a spot close in is inversely proportional to your boat's draft. The possibility is further decreased by the imminence of bad weather and high winds.

**First Beer After Anchoring Law:** As soon as you sit down to a cold drink after anchoring, your boat will begin to drag. This is especially true if you have shut down the engine.

**The Law of 0300:** The likelihood of your boat dragging anchor is greatest at 0300.

**Law of Thunder and Lightning:** The odds of a major thunder and lightning storm occurring are greatest at 0300 if your boat is dragging anchor.

**Murphy's Law of Proximity:** If you & your loved one are the only boat in a beautiful, remote anchorage with a gorgeous sunset coming on, the possibility of a powerboat filled with noisy obnoxious teenagers & PWCs approaches 100 percent.

**Law of Physical Surfaces:** The chance of your smartphone landing on the deck and sliding overboard is directly correlated to the newness and cost of said phone.

**Oliver's Law of Public Speaking:** A VHF will always be keyed open when you least expect it. A corollary to this law dictates that the dumber your remark, the greater the number of people you know will be listening.

Thanks to Wally Moran of the Northern Virginia S&PS. (Reprinted from Sail Magazine)

## November Dinner Meeting Registration Form

Monday, November 16, 2015

The Chelsea, 335 Middle Street, New Bern, NC

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

Our Speaker is Al Fowler

Please send your check, made payable to CLSPS,  
prior to Thursday, November 12, 2015 to:

Lt/C Neal Byrne  
6115 Castleton Court  
New Bern, NC 28560

Dinner will include **Mixed Green Salad with House Vinaigrette, Dinner Rolls with Butter, Iced Tea, Coffee and Water, and Lemon Layer Cake**

### Main Course choices are:

**Balsamic Chicken** with Rice Pilaf and Sautéed House Vegetables

**Salmon Bruschetta** with Rice Pilaf and Sautéed House Vegetables

**Pork Tenderloin** with Teriyaki Ginger Glaze, Garlic Smashed Potatoes and Sautéed House Vegetables

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

Please indicate Dinner Choice:    Chicken \_\_\_\_\_;    Pork \_\_\_\_\_;    Shrimp \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ x \$23.50 each = Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## Cape Lookout Sail & Power Squadron's Dinner Meeting November 16, 2016

Mark your calendar for the November 16th CLSPS Dinner Meeting. Our speaker will be Al Fowler, a Navy pilot.

He will share some of his experiences during his 26 year Naval career, including Antarctic Support and serving as a Hurricane Hunter.





## Ships Store

P/C Diana Thompson,  
AP



Do you need anything from the Ship's Store? What about a new knit shirt? They come in various colors. Ask me and I will show/tell you what is available. Also, we now carry ladies shirts with more of a "v" neck style. There have been requests for this style. See them at the next membership meeting, and see what nice colors they come in. If a burgee is starting to show its age, a new one would probably be most welcome. For any 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, navy, and other colors by request.

Sizes:

Ladies: Sm., Med., Lg., X-Lg., 2X, and 3X.

Men's: Sm., Med., Lg., X-Lg., 2X and 3X.

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

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

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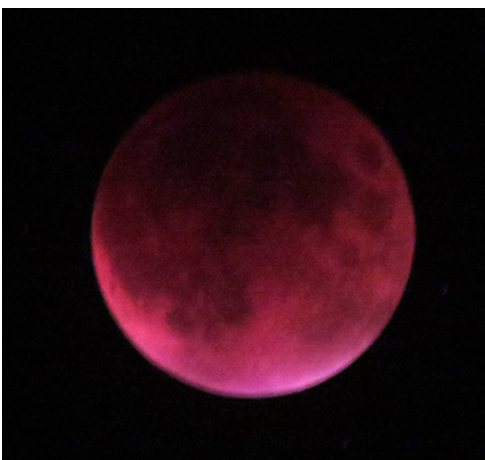
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## Blood Moon

Did you get a chance to see the Total Lunar Eclipse of a Super Moon on September 26/27?

The skies weren't totally clear that night, but here's an amateur photo of the "Blood Moon".

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