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CLSPS Website: <http://www.clsps.org>

Upcoming Events:

Monday, March 2, 1900
CLSPS ExComm Meeting
Christ Episcopal Church Library
in the Parish Hall Bldg
Meet for dinner at Chelsea, 1730

Friday, March 13, 0900
Operations Training
At the Reasons: 2131 Neuse
Cliffs Circle, New Bern

Monday, March 16
Monthly Dinner Meeting
The Chelsea Restaurant
5 PM – Social Hour
6 PM – Dinner
7 PM – Meeting

Friday–Sunday, March 20–22
**D27 Spring 2015 Council/
Conference**
North Raleigh Hilton Hotel
For further details go to:
[http://uspsd27.org/
calendar.htm](http://uspsd27.org/calendar.htm)

Monday, April 6, 1900
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Change of Watch, February 21, 2015



**D27 Commander Burt Pearson congratulates
Cdr Mike McCulley**



Hosts: P/C's June & Bill Reasons

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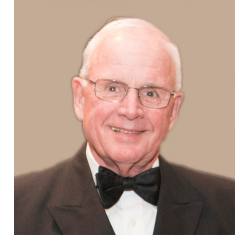
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**Commander's
Report**

Cdr Mike McCulley, JN



This is my first Outlook article since being installed as your Commander for 2015. As many of you know, this will be my second tour commanding Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron. I feel honored to be elected to this position again and look forward to the year ahead.

First, I want to thank all of those who took part in organizing and conducting the Change of Watch dinner and ceremony last Saturday. Carolyn and I thoroughly enjoyed the evening. After I was sworn in by District Commander Burt Pearson, I asked the members present what they think we as a squadron should be concentrating on this year. There were several good comments. But, the one that hit home with me is the observation by one of your fellow members about the disappointing attendance at the Change of Watch. Poor attendance at our functions has been an ever-increasing problem in CLSPS and a trend that I hope we'll be able to turn around this year.

Your Executive Committee will be meeting on March 2nd. The primary business will be to plan the squadron calendar for 2015 with an emphasis on making our meetings and other events more attractive to everyone. I strongly encourage you to offer suggestions to me or any member of the Bridge. And I assure you that we will seriously consider all of them and present those that are feasible to the membership for approval.

One change that has already been made by your previous Bridge is to hold our bi-monthly meetings at the Chelsea Restaurant instead of the Flame. Also, the Executive Committee will be meeting in the Christ Episcopal Church 1st floor library instead of Morgan's upstairs dining room. We all joined USPS for the same reasons – boating, civic service and fellowship.

See you at the next meeting!

Executive Officer

Lt/C Jim Reynolds, P



With just starting on my new duties as Executive Officer, I have a couple of projects that are getting kicked off. First I wanted to mention that for those of you that are involved with vessel inspections or if you would like to get involved, Larry Lovvorn has announced that he will be having the 2015 Planning Meeting on March 20th. For more details, please contact Larry at ahoylovv@gmail.com.

The other item that I am getting started with is the initial planning for the Blessing of the Fleet. More specific information will be forthcoming, but volunteers to help in this, one of our major undertakings for the year, would be greatly appreciated. Please contact me if you can help make this year's Blessing of the Fleet another successful event."



Donald Geiling receives the "Slack Captain" award from Commander Fretwell

Education Officer

P/C Richard Tobacco, JN



As the newly inducted Education Officer, I am suggesting you take on new learning challenges. Some research indicates that learning new skills, such as a new language, playing an instrument, or mentally demanding tasks such as photography can do the most to sharpen the brain. The investment in pushing your brain to the limit can pay off in increased brain power. The old adage, "Use it, or lose it," may have meant muscle tone or body strength, but it seems that it also can apply to our all-important brains.

No, I am not suggesting you take up photography, I am suggesting you avail yourselves of some of the educational courses we offer. You may never require the skill of celestial navigation, but wouldn't it be satisfying to understand the underlying principles and be able to tell friends and family you took and passed the course.

A quick overview of Grade of our membership:

Senior Navigator -10,
Navigator - 2,
Junior Navigator - 9,
Advanced Pilot - 19,
Pilot - 28,
Seamanship - 10,
no grade - 40.

It is apparent that most of you have yet to reach the limit of educational courses that are available. Ok, you may not need the mental challenge. But, would you like a reduction of boat insurance cost that most reputable companies provide? Yes, insurance costs can go down with each USPS course successfully completed! (They also can go down with a Vessel Safety Check.)

Contact me about a course you want to have scheduled. Classes in Seamanship and Junior Navigation may be scheduled soon.

**Administrative
Officer**
Lt/C Neal Byrne



As we approach the 2015 boating season here in Eastern North Carolina, "boating safety" is the primary responsibility of all boaters. As members of the Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron our focus will be on providing information and training through a number of programs designed to promote safe boating. To that end, as Commander McCulley, JN mentioned at the change of watch dinner, our success will be enhanced through more Power Squadron Member participation.

At this time, there is a need for a few volunteers to assist the Squadron at our Membership meetings and other social events with setup and check-in. Also, I would like to form a programs committee to help work through the process of acquiring and arranging successful presentations during all Squadron functions.

Please call me or e-mail me if you wish to participate. It will be fun and rewarding to help re-energize our Squadron through participation.

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Vessel Safety Check Program



The VSE team is having their kickoff meeting in early March and will be ready to begin checking YOUR vessel. So give us a call soon and we will come to your house, the driveway, a marina, a boat ramp, or any other location convenient to make sure you are ready for the boating season.

Remember, we can assist you in being ready to have a safe, enjoyable boating season.



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Linda Tobacco, AP



A card was sent to Floyd Quiesnberry, who is recovering from pneumonia

A Sympathy card was sent to Peter Pagnutti's wife, Helen

A Thank You card was sent to The Emerald at Greenbrier for the COW.

Booster Club is back for 2015

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

Operations Training

June Reasons will conduct Operations Training Friday, March 13, at her home, 2131 Neuse Cliffs Circle, at 0900. This training is highly recommended for all members of the Bridge, but anyone is encouraged to attend—you'll learn a lot about CLSPS Operations! Let her know if you'd like to attend—637-6685.



New Commander, Mike McCulley

New Password for Members Pages

February 3, for the Members Pages on the Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron's website.

Please note the new Password, effective

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

<http://www.clsp.org>

P/C William J. Ash,

SN, H



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P/C WILLIAM J. ASH SN, H

“P/C, I remember where we first met. It was, ... wait, I’ll ask you if you remember where our wakes first crossed?” Horatio appeared a bit nervous or disturbed by something. It was unusual for him to be bothered by events developing around him.

“I do remember. In a rather dense fog in waters on the south side of Long Island, my SV *Jolly Tar* came up on a barely visible H.M.S. *Nonsuch* which you commanded. It has been a number of decades since that chance meeting and, to be more specific, it happened in Big Seatuck Cove. Incidentally, Horatio, you appear a bit fidgety tonight. Are you a bit out of sorts? Eaten a bad oyster somewhere? You are not your old self. We have some fine physicians in the area. I’ll be glad to help you in whatever way.”

“No, no P/C. It’s nothing like that. I am a bit out of sorts, more mental than typically physiological. I’ve been thinking about the Change of Watch which you asked me to attend the other night. I enjoyed myself very much. And I thank you and Lady Gwen for inviting me to come along. The food was well prepared and, I might add, the chef must have given you what remained on the steer. I’ve never seen a steak as large as the one you got. You must have taken most of it home for two additional meals.

“On a serious note, however, I was surprised how few persons attended. Perhaps there was a rash of illnesses, but I rather think members just stayed away because it is our changing times, or perhaps the members are getting old and don’t have the energy or the money to attend. I don’t care to see attendances dwindle. It may give the impression of a persisting

problem which needs identification and a solution. I don’t wish to be critical, you understand, but I thought I should mention it.”

“Horatio, it’s the same for many squadrons. Young persons are tied to their professions, costs for child sitters have risen, meals cost more. There are all sorts of reasons for persons not wishing to participate. On a positive note, however, our squadron always takes aim at increasing membership; the Executive Committee may soon address the declining numbers actively participating in squadron functions. Remember, my good friend, the organization is largely composed of older persons who retired some years ago. It may be a chore for them to get out on a cold winter’s night. There may be pain in ‘them there’ joints. Things will get sorted out. Don’t you worry! Geez, I can hardly feel my feet.

“Also, there came signs of spring which ought to make you happy. I’ll be getting the *Jolly Tar* inspected any day now. And, I’m ready to tackle the brightwork bit-by-bit. I can’t be in a hurry. I just have to pace myself, be comfortable, have a light refreshment now and then and watch progress happen. I must strip the rubrails, the sliding hatch cover and the seats in the cockpit. No easy task for me now, but it will get done.

“But it must be finished by the pollen season. I say this every year when pollen is over everything. It is a classic case of reproductive overkill. A pollen grain for vegetative reproduction is the equivalent of a sperm cell for animal reproduction. The oaks and pines seem very wasteful; all the pollen you see has never fertilized a single thing.

“Back to boats. Another item needs attention. Ever notice how filthy the cabin gets over the winter. Where does all the dirt come from? You would think the boat being in the water would be exempt from all this. Out comes the detergent, the rags, a bit of light refreshment now and then, and before you know it, the job is finished. Or is it?”

“P/C, you are buckling with age. Hire a youngster to help and have more time for yourself for light refreshment. In fact, let’s have some now. Cheers to you all”

June's Jokes

P/C June Reasons, P



I tried to catch some fog. I mist.
When chemists die, they barium.
Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.
A soldier who survived mustard gas and
pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.
I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid.
He says he can stop any time.
How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.
I stayed up all night to see where the sun
went. Then it dawned on me.
This girl said she recognized me from the
vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.
I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I
can't put it down.
I did a theatrical performance about puns. It
was a play on words .
They told me I had type A blood, but it was a
type-O.
This dyslexic man walks into a bra ...
I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew
on me.
When you get a bladder infection, urine
trouble.
What does a clock do when it's hungry? It
goes back four seconds..
I wondered why the baseball was getting
bigger. Then it hit me!
Broken pencils are pointless.
What do you call a dinosaur with an
extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.
England has no kidney bank, but it does
have a Liverpool ..
I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.
I dropped out of communism class because
of lousy Marx.
All the toilets in London police stations have
been stolen. Police say they have nothing to go
on.
I took the job at a bakery because I kneaded
dough.

Velcro - what a rip off.
Cartoonist found dead in home. Details are
sketchy.

**Happy Birthday
to the Following
Members**



March

Adams, John H. — 1 March
Collyar, Susan — 4 March
Dark, Jennifer A. — 4 March
Burelle, Timothy N. — 7 March
Moore, Christine M. — 7 March
Somerday, Joanne 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



P/C Wayne & Elaine Fretwell

March Bi-Monthly Dinner Meeting — Monday, March 16, 2015

Registration Form

The Chelsea Restaurant, 335 Middle Street, New Bern

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

Our Presenter is David Fort, Past Flotilla Commander and Vice Division Commander with the Coast Guard Auxiliary. After his presentation, he will take questions.

Meal Choices: ☐ Chicken Bruschetta with Rice Pilaf and Sauteed Green Beans
☐ Beef Tenderloin Shoulder with Cabernet Demi Glaze, Garlic Smashed Potatoes and Sauteed Green Beans
☐ Shrimp and Grits

** All include Mixed Green Salad with House Vinaigrette, Dinner Rolls with Butter, Iced Tea, Coffee, or Water, as well as Chocolate Tuxedo Cake for desert.

The cost is \$23.50 per person, Tax and Tip included. Make your check payable to CLSPS.

Send your Registration Form with meal choices and check prior to **Wednesday, March 11, 2015** to:

Neal Byrne, 6115 Castleton Ct., New Bern, NC 28560

The reason for the advance payment and the meal choice is that the Chelsea needs a head count in advance to be ready.

Name(s): _____

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

Awards at COW



Bill Gewain: Senior Member (5 Years)



Richard Tobacco: Member of the Year
Linda: Senior Member (5 years)



Lloyd & Jane Moore: "Right Hand Man"

"Right Hand Woman"

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.

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 X-Lg 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.

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. If you send an email and I do not contact you in a timely manner, please call me as it might not have gone through.



D/C Burt & Margaret Pearson

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New Officers with their Ensigns

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