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Upcoming Events:

Monday, April 6, 1900

CLSPS ExComm Meeting

Christ Episcopal Church
Library in the Parish Hall Bldg
Meet for dinner at Chelsea,
1730

Saturday, April 11, 3-6PM

Pot Luck Social

Red Sail Park
803 Helm Dr, Fairfield Harbor

Saturday, May 2, 0900

Little Sweep

Lawson's Creek Park

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Blessing of the Fleet

Persimmons Waterfront
Restaurant

Monday, May 18

Monthly Dinner Meeting

The Chelsea Restaurant

5 PM - Social Hour

6 PM - Dinner

7 PM - Meeting

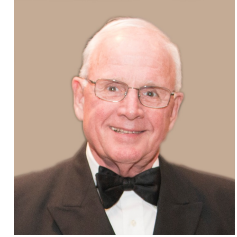
**Lloyd & Jane Moore attended
the USPS National Meeting in January.
Here they are at the Banquet.**



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**Commander's
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I'll begin this month's Outlook article by thanking Jim Reynolds, Neal Byrne, Lloyd and Jane Moore and others who helped with planning and hosting the Dinner Meeting at the Chelsea on March 16th. It was very well organized and enjoyable. David Fort, Past Flotilla Commander and Vice Division Commander, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary gave a very interesting presentation. Nicole, who has worked there for many years, did a great job serving all of us with help from only one very pleasant young man. The dinner was great. Chris Hoveland came up at least once to make sure things were going smoothly. We welcomed new member Paul Manganaro and his wife.

On Friday the 13th, Bill Reasons gave a very enjoyable and informative Operations Training class with lunch provided by June. Finally, I'd be remiss if I didn't thank Rob and Diana Thompson for their faithful service in bringing Ship's Store items for display and sale to all our events. I hope that more of you will join us at our next meeting on May 18th for an evening with friends and a good meal in a very pleasant setting, as well as other events, such as the upcoming potluck at Red Sail Park and the Blessing of the Fleet on May 9th.

Carolyn and I split the weekend of March 21st & 22nd attending part of the District 27 Conference in Raleigh and visiting our son and his family in Wilmington for a pig roasting they hosted in their back yard on Saturday afternoon. The District Conference began with a fun "Tailgate" Party on Friday evening at a nearby restaurant, where we had wine and hors d'oeuvres on the porch and front lawn of the restaurant and dinner inside. Following are a few topics covered at the Conference on Saturday morning:

1. Advertising our classes, especially the ABC Course, on the Internet is the key to recruiting students. Advertising through TV and newspapers is also effective.
2. To make name tags more cost effective, it was suggested that unit officers begin using name tags that have just their name and squadron. I can relate to that. I must have at least 10 name tags that are unusable because they have a past office or rank on them. Also, use the USPS logo and, if space is available, the squadron burgee image as Cape Lookout SPS currently does. The emphasis appears to be giving the USPS logo more public exposure.
3. It was suggested that squadrons consider giving Honorary Membership to speakers for 6 months or a year. Local colleges are a good resource for teachers as well as speakers.

A question was raised about whether USPS squadrons should belong to local civic organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce. It was also suggested that units consider having a Facebook page to get more publicity. One caution is that if a squadron does have a Facebook page, images of anyone under the age of 18 should not be posted.

Education Officer

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Instructors Needed



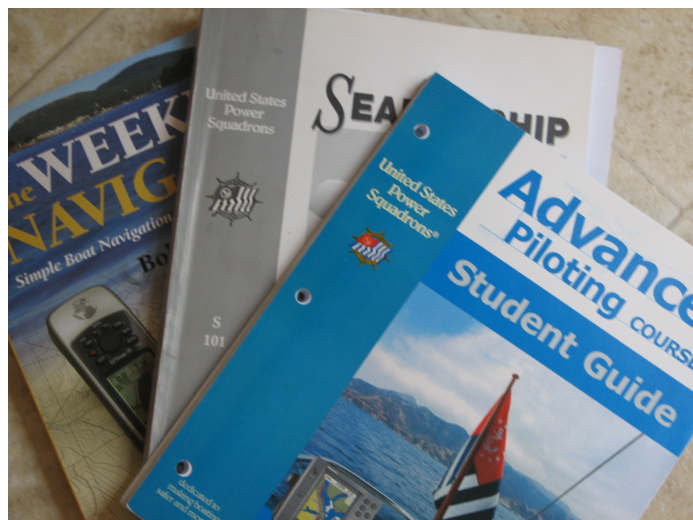
What distinguishes the United States Power Squadrons from other organizations is, in part, the excellent boating education we provide. Recall, education is

one of the three sides of our 'triangle', making it a very important part of our charter. Having taken USPS courses here and in Raleigh, I know that new-member recruitment depends to a great extent on the quality of class instruction.

We need to expand and strengthen our cadre of instructors. Teachers, like students, have obligations that prevent them from always being available. Often this makes it difficult to schedule a course over consecutive weeks. Volunteer as an instructor to initially back-up and fill-in when conflicts arise. You will find teaching rewarding – I do.

Cape Lookout offers three types of courses, 'core' boating instruction, electives, and seminars. Core courses, ABC3 – celestial navigation, require instructors to take Instructor Development, but electives and seminars do not. Teaching assistants to help students grasp presented materials are also needed. Contact rtobacco@suddenlink.net and we will work out how you can best assist our current instructors.

Currently there is a Seamanship class being taught by Kurt Weinheimer – four students are enrolled. America's Boating Course³ is scheduled to be held at Garber Methodist Church, beginning April 22. If you know a new boaters who could benefit from this introductory course, please encourage them to take it. Classrooms are large, come with them and get involved in teaching.



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The boating season is off to a running start. Larry Lovvern hosted the Vessel Safety Examiner kick off sit down meeting. Since the meeting, there have been many Vessel Safety checks completed. If your boat does not have a 2015 Vessel Safety Check decal, now is a great time to contact one of the examiners any of whom will be happy to schedule your Safety Check.

In May, our bi-monthly membership meeting will be held on Monday, May 18, 2015 at the Chelsea Restaurant in New Bern. An RSVP flyer will follow soon, but just a preliminary heads up; our speaker will be District 27 Lieutenant Bill Beers. He will talk to us about the "Sea Scout" program and how our Squadron can help support the program as well as other scouting programs that we can support. More information will follow soon.

This year on Saturday, May 9, 2015, we will hold the annual "Blessing of the Fleet" ceremony. Soon we will be e-mailing a flyer and registration form. The ceremony will be held dockside at Persimmons Restaurant and it will be well attended so please watch for the registration form and return it as soon as possible. Here is a partial list of last year's attendees by boat name:

Irish Wake - Power Boat
Muse - Power Boat
La Bonnie Vie - Cruiser
LuSea - Power Boat
Nan Sea T - Power Boat
Allegria - Power Boat
Liberty - Sail Boat
Moderation - Cruiser
Cashalot - Sail Boat
Hakuna Matata - Trawler
Quest - Cruiser
River Mist - Cruiser
Forever - Power Boat
Fancy Free - Cruiser
Vesper - Sail Boat

R & R - Trawler
Escapade - Cruiser
Windy City - Sail Boat
Maura Betta - Cruiser
Jus-4-Fun - Cruiser
Changes in Attitude - Sail Boat
Blue Thunder - Sail Boat

There is still a need for a few volunteers to assist with various duties on the day of the ceremony. If you can help out please contact me or Jim Reynolds, our Squadron Executive Officer who is spearheading this event.

Subject to change, we expect to make the rain date the very next Saturday, which would be May 16th. Hopefully we will not need the rain date. As a reminder, watch your e-mail for the flyer and registration form which will contain the details of the day's itinerary.



Vessel Safety Check Program

The boating season for 2015 has begun! The Vessel Safety Check Team has had our kickoff and begun checking vessels for safety items. We are available to come to your house, your marina, boat ramp, or anywhere else you might want to meet. All you have to do is call and make arrangements. Our names are elsewhere in the Outlook so just give us a call. Do we keep the Wildlife officers or the USCG from stopping your boat? No, but when they see the sticker on your port side they will know that you have gone the extra step to make sure you are ready to be on the water. We can also counsel you on boating matters if you are a new boat owner. Remember, we do sail, power, PWC, kayaks, canoes, and just about everything that floats, except we are not ready for paddle boards yet. So what are you waiting for?

Do it today!

Little Sweep

On Saturday, May 2, Craven County will hold "Little Sweep," an opportunity to clean up roadsides, streams, parks and other sites in need.

Please come to Lawson Creek Park in New Bern at 9 AM to participate. At our April meeting at Red Sail Park, we will have bags, gloves and vests available if you would like to select an area in need of attention in your own neighborhood. An hour of your time will help our community.

Please contact Jane Moore 252 637-5547 if you plan to participate.

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
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Neal & Valerie Byrne
Richard & Linda Tobacco
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Membership Benefits

Lloyd Moore

You're probably aware of a few of the benefits of membership in the United States Power Squadrons, like discounts on your boat insurance, membership in SeaTow and BoatUS, but there's a long list of other benefits that can save you a lot of money on many other goods and services.

The list is way too long to show here, but some examples are:

10% - 15% off on motel accommodations,
save up to 25% on car rentals with Avis and Budget,
25% discount on Nobeltec Marine Navigation Software,
25% discount on Weems & Plath ® Nautical Weather instruments, T-Mobile, Office Depot...

The list goes on and on. Take a few minutes to look at the Member Benefits on the USPS Membership website: http://www.usps.org/national/admin_dept/membenefitslist.htm.

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P/C William J. Ash,
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WHIPPINGS AND MACRAME

P/C WILLIAM J. ASH SN, H

“The daffodils are finished, the dogwoods are coming into bloom and the carpenter bees are practicing their threatening advances to keep me from their territories. Spring has sprung, the grass has ris’ and I wonder where the flowers is. It’s time, Horatio. It’s time for us to get on with the simple chores of getting the Jolly Tar ready for the boating season.” We had touched on this topic just recently. The Captain and I were inside the cabin of the catboat looking aft at the rain pouring out of the heavens in alarming quantities. Another day of getting nothing done except for laying plans.

“P/C, don’t get your knickers in a twist. Perfect days are coming; June, July or whenever the pollen and wet spring days are behind us. There is not a thing you can do about global wetting or volcanic-like dumping of pollen all over the newly prepared surfaces. Here, have one of the cucumber sandwiches I prepared for lunch!”

“Cucumber you say. Many thanks, Horatio. One of my favorites. Oh boy! The brightwork on the old girl is in need of ‘touching up’ as I told you just recently. With all the showers I’ve had just one day to sand the sliding hatch cover. Using a tough grit with two sanders, a circular and one for getting into corners, I managed to finish one quarter of the teak cover. One quarter!!! The Sikken Cetol is welded into the teak, but it really needed to come clean. I don’t want to do a terrible job, but this project is going to take many hours. And, of course, there are the seats which need to be stripped of Cetol.

“Dampness got under the Cetol in a number of places and now I can peel it off. The teak needs to dry..... dry I said! But to sand the remainder of the wood will take until next Christmas. Well, little by little. I can’t afford to

get a nick in my twisters. Hmmmm, that doesn’t sound right. Maybe I should seek professional help.” I turned towards Horatio and saw him to be asleep in the V-berth. Must be the company he keeps.

Wow, I’d best go off on a different tack and pretend I’m talking to all Squadron members about a favorite topic of mine which gets little attention in today’s highly technical world. It’s referred to as marlinespike seamanship (MSS). I never hear anyone talk about knots, hitches, cockscombing, dittybags and ropes. Boatyard folks today speak of fiberglass, readymade dock lines all set to use. Instant gratification of nautical needs.

I’ve spent many hours splicing, making rope mats, showing youngsters how to make Turk’s head bracelets, whipping with small stuff and I could go on for an eternity. Eternity? That, quite probably, is an exaggeration but I enjoyed MSS when I had more strength in my fingers and arms. When my family and I were living in Kuwait, many years ago, I taught my son and daughter how to make Turk’s head bracelets and before long I realized the supply of small stuff was diminishing at an alarming rate. Turns out their school friends loved the looks of them and were exchanging Dinars (currency) for the bracelets. Looking back, I could have made a million of them had I opened up a small shop selling fancy nautical items. Another of many missed opportunities in life.

MSS can be learned quite easily by getting ahold of Hervey Garrett Smith’s wonderfully illustrated text, *The Marlinspike Sailor*. I bought mine 45 years ago and I refer to it every so often. First mates, ‘Now hear this!’ the art of macrame is knotted to MSS and I’m sure your efforts would delight the captain for making the cabin nautically more attractive. I sat there in the cabin whipping the frayed ends of heaving lines and halyards while consuming the crackers, brie and das Weissbier. Horatio need not know about this.



June's Jokes

P/C June Reasons, P



Hervey Garrett Smith
The Marlinspike Sailor

Aunty Acid's "Mug Shots" says:

I think Snow White had the Right idea. She moved in with 7 guys who went to work every day and all she had to do was whistle to get the birds to do her cleaning.

When I get a headache, I take 2 aspirin and keep away from children--just like it says on the bottle.

Age is only a number. Weight is only a number. I've decided that numbers are really starting to tick me off.

Some Days the supply of available swear words is insufficient to meet my demands.

I try to avoid things that make me fat----like scales, mirrors and photographs.

I always offer 2 dinner choices--Take it, or Leave It!

Instead of a sign that says "Do Not Disturb", I need one that says "Already Disturbed, Proceed with Caution".

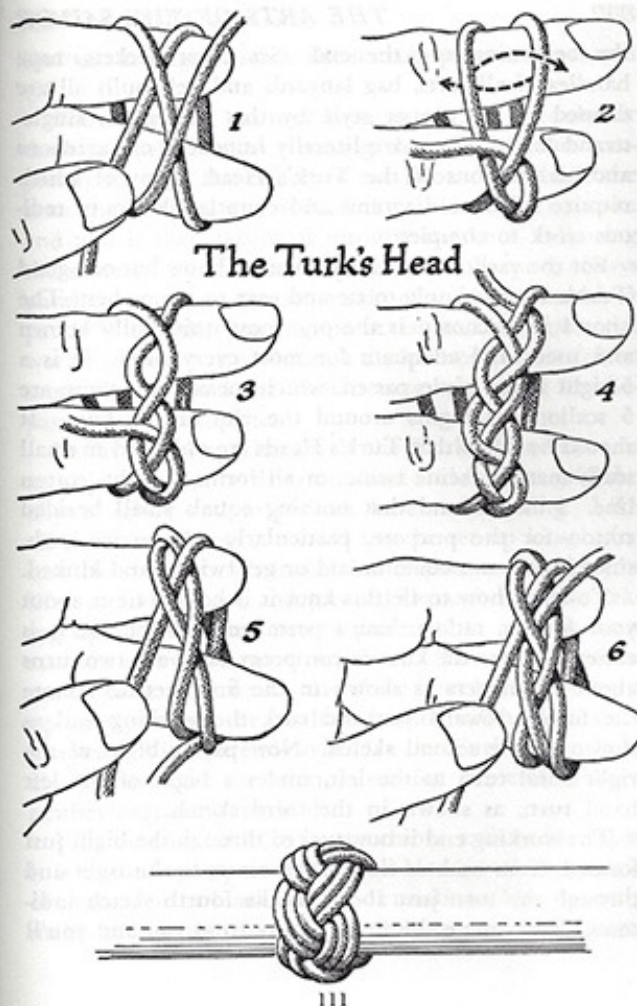
Sometimes I panic and think there's a crazy person in my house. Then I realize it's just me.

**Happy Birthday
to the Following
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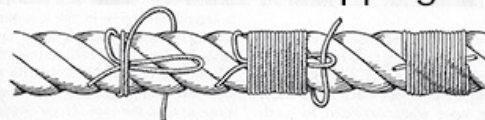


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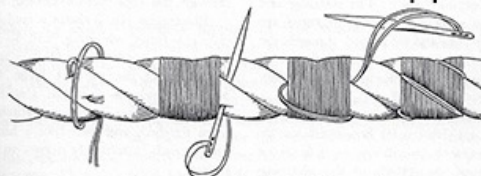
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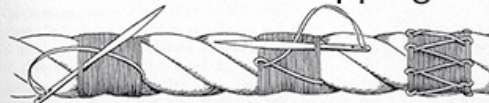
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Palm & Needle Whipping



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Whippings

Blessing of the Fleet 2013/14



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.

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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.

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