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Upcoming Events:

Saturday, Sunday, September 9, 10
Bike MS Volunteers
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Monday, September 11, 1900
CLSPS ExComm Mtg
Christ Episcopal Church Library in
the Parish Hall Bldg
Pre-Dinner: Capt Ratty's 1730

Monday, September 18
September Dinner Meeting
The Chelsea
1700 — Social Hour
1800 — Dinner
1900 — Meeting
Speaker: Annalee Ash, New Bern
Grand Marina

Wednesday, September 27
**Advanced Piloting Course
Begins**
Craven Community College
See Educ Off Article page 4

Saturday, Sunday, October 14, 15
New Bern Mum Fest
Booth Volunteers Needed

Wednesday, October 18
Grady-White Factory Tour
Greenville, NC

Friday-Sunday, October 20-23
District 27 Fall Council/Conf
Durham, NC. For Registration:
<http://uspsd27.org/calendar.htm>

Saturday, October 28, and
Saturday/Sunday, November 4, 5
America's Boating Course
Craven Community College
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Future Events:

Cravin' Wine Tasting — October date tbd
Parker Boat Tour Morehead City limit 7 — date tbd
Visit Hobucken Coast Guard Station — date tbd

CLSPS July 17 Dinner Meeting



Cdr Pat Hardee of Fort Macon Sail and Power Squadron attended our July dinner.

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Commander's Report

Cdr Lloyd Moore, JN



While we always think of July and August as prime boating season, that's not always the case here in North Carolina. Hot, humid weather, with thunderstorms almost every day has been the norm for this summer.

The planned cruise to Cape Lookout was a good example: Jane and I were the only ones bold enough to attempt the trip. We got as far as the Newport River, but very strong SW winds and forecast of more thunderstorms changed our plans, and we turned back and ended up in River Dunes marina, sheltered from the storms, and with shore power available to keep the A/C running.

Our plans to cruise aboard Liberty to Wilmington for the D/27 Rendezvous were also modified by the forecast of daily thunderstorms, and hot and humid weather. As I write this, the two potential tropical storms that threaten our coast would have made the trip back this week very "exciting."

There's a lesson to be heeded by these two examples, and that is that no matter how disappointed you may be that your boating plans are thwarted by the weather, it can't compare to the problems you could face if you ignore the forecast, or overestimate your ability to handle adverse conditions.

Several upcoming activities are good opportunities to earn your merit mark for this year. In September, we will assist at the MS Bike-a-thon, on the 9th and 10th. Contact Richard Tobacco to sign up.

In October, we will have a booth at Mumfest, and will need members to help at the booth. Jane Moore is coordinating this activity, and the details are in her column in this newsletter.

We've scheduled the Fall ABC class to start two weeks after Mumfest, October 28 and November 4. See Lt/C Jim Starr's article for details, and contact Jim if you can help out with the class.

The District 27 Fall Conference will be convened in Durham, NC on October 20 – 21 at the Doubletree Suites. You'll need to make reservations by Sept 19.

Cdr Moore is the CLSPS interim Port Captain. He is the point of contact for Local Knowledge in our boating area

Executive Officer

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The District 27 Rendezvous in Wilmington on August 25 and 26 was a delightful event with a reception on Friday evening, drop-in on the docks at members vessels hosted by Cape Fear S&PS. On Saturday morning, under beautiful clear skies, we had a flag raising ceremony aboard the Battleship North Carolina. There was a corn hole competition and conch blowing contest during the morning and, in the afternoon, we had a great dinner cruise aboard a power catamaran from Wilmington Water Tours with other D27 Squadron members from North Carolina.

The next D27 event is the fall conference at the Doubletree Suites by Hilton, Durham, NC on October 20-22, 2017. Ben Casey will be the guest speaker, topic "On NC Waters: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow. Reservations by 9/19/17.

P/C Richard Tobacco is still in need of Squadron members to volunteer for the upcoming MS Bike race on September 9 and 10. Please check your calendar and send Richard an email rtobacco@suddenlink.net or call 252 649-0975 if you are available for several hours that weekend.

Ft Macon S&PS is holding an "Aids to Navigation Cruise" on Saturday 30 September 2017 in Morehead City. Please check their website www.fmsps.org for more details, schedule and reservation form. The event includes a comprehensive review of Aids to Navigation, dinner at the Sanitary Seafood Restaurant, a 2 hour narrated cruise on the Carolina Princess to observe Navigation Aids in daylight and darkness. Price is \$50 per person, \$60 at the door which includes class, meal and cruise.

CLSPS will be hosting a booth at the New Bern Festival Mumfest on October 14 and 15 to promote our Squadron. Please volunteer your time to assist at our booth on either Saturday or Sunday. Contact Jane Moore at

jane.moore@suddenlink.net or 252 637-5547 to select a time. We will have a sign-up sheet at the next dinner meeting at the Chelsea on Monday, 18 September.

Hope to see you there.



**P/D/C Mike & Carolyn McCulley & Cdr
Lloyd & Lt/C Jane Moore aboard
Battleship North Carolina
at D27 Rendezvous**

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Advanced Piloting and ABC classes starting; how to improve your cleat hitches

Advanced Piloting

Our Advanced Piloting course begins September 27 at Craven Community College. The course is a big upgrade from the previous AP course in that it now includes the use of GPS, radar, electronic charting and chart plotters along with traditional techniques for establishing your position and avoiding trouble spots. Even if you took the old AP class, you should consider taking this one because of the additional content.

Go to the CCC website [here](#) to get full information and register.

America's Boating Course (ABC)

Our fall ABC class will start a week later than planned to accommodate several instructor commitments. The new dates are October 28 and November 4 in the classroom with the on-the-water session scheduled for November 5.

Please pass this information on to any new boaters who need a thorough introduction to boating in this area. And if you haven't done a lot of boating lately, the class can be a great refresher, as several of our members found last spring.

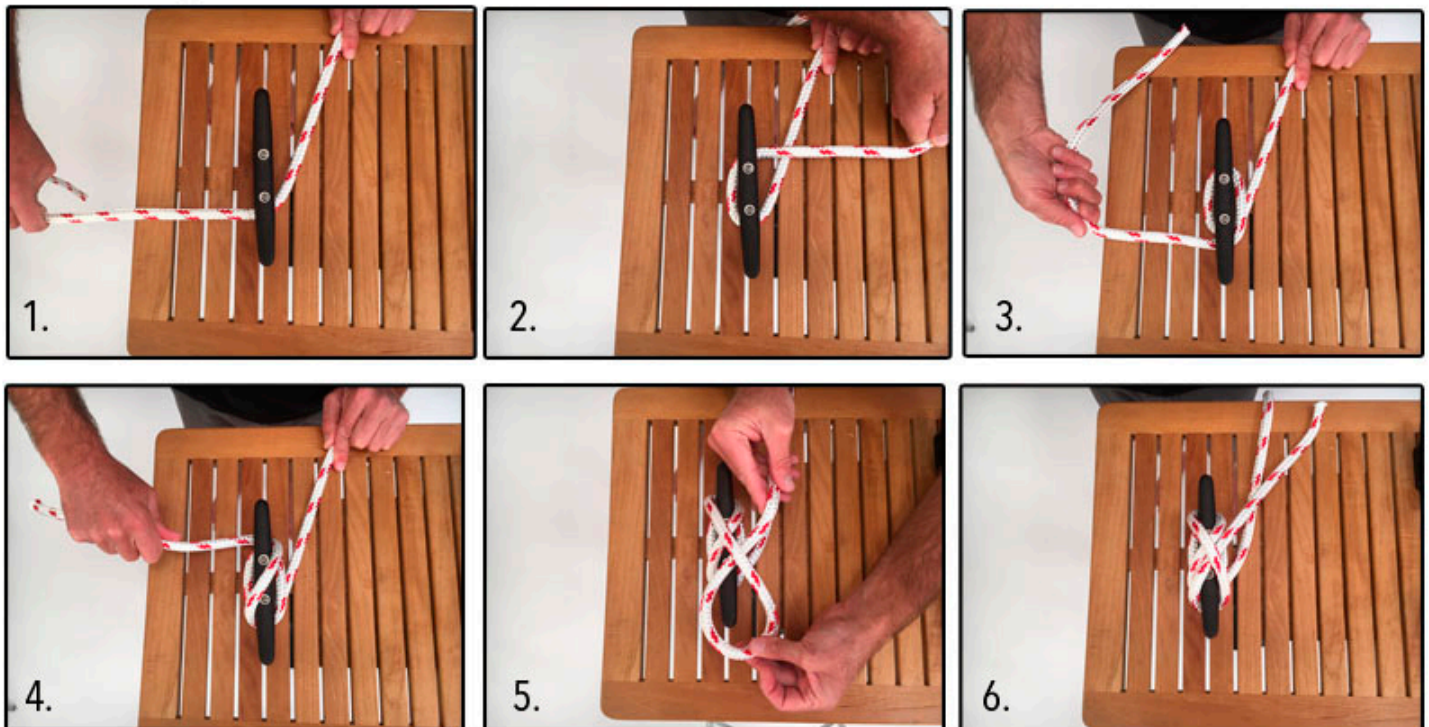
Register [here](#), at the CCC website.

Cleat Hitch Improvements

The cleat hitch is a fundamental knot for boaters, and one we teach in all our ABC and Seamanship classes. Annapolis Performance Sailing recently posted a short video demonstrating some potential shortcomings in the hitch as we teach it (referred to in the video as the Half Wrap Cleat Hitch). There are preferred alternatives depending on security, line diameter, and cleat size. I think this is essential knowledge.

You should check out the video (and other material) [here](#).

The Full Wrap Cleat Hitch



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Hope everyone has had an enjoyable 2017 summer. Lots of CLSPS members were away in August but 16 members and guests got together August 22 for a pleasant evening social dinner at the Sake Sushi Grill BBQ & Bar in New Bern.

It was a first time visit to the newly opened restaurant for almost everyone and the consensus was that it was an excellent choice. Those of you who missed it may want to visit Sake when you get a chance.

Our next dinner meeting is Monday, September 18, 2017 at The Chelsea - 1700 Social Hour and 1800 Dinner. Our Speaker is Annalee M. Ash on the Grand Marina of New Bern. Reservation and menu selection form is in the outlook and also on the CLSPS calendar.

The following are some of the upcoming planned events and activities.

Events:

CLSPS Support for the Bike MS New Bern fundraising cycle event September 9 – 10. Lots of work goes into supporting this ride, and volunteers and help is needed. Please contact Richard Tobacco or Jane Moore if you can help.

Grady White Factory Tour Greenville – October 18 10:00 am Tour with Luncheon to follow at Winslow's. Let Paul Manganaro know if you plan to attend.

Cravin' Wine Tasting – October date tbd

Parker Boat Tour Morehead City limit 7 – date tbd

Visit Hobucken Coast Guard Station – date tbd

Shameless repeat message: It is a LOT of work to put events, courses and boating activities together without support from squadron members. Attendance at squadron events and social gatherings helps support the squadron and provides you an opportunity to see friends, and meet other members.

Please give some thought and see if you can't make space on your calendar to get the full

benefit of being a CLSPS member. Boating and squadron membership requires active involvement and like other efforts in life, active involvement enriches and fulfills you in ways you may not otherwise get to experience.

All of the CLSPS committees welcome new participants so if you think you might want to participate on one of them just contact the committee chair or one of the bridge members. Even if you only have limited time available, your help is important and appreciated. Another good way for members to help the squadron is to simply just talk to friends, neighbors or acquaintances about CLSPS. If you have suggestions for guest speakers, events, boating activities or educational courses, please let us know.

Look forward to seeing everyone soon.



Lt/C Jane Moore & Carolyn McCulley at Sake Sushi Grill



CLSPS at Sake Sushi Grill



Merit Mark ??????

Just what IS a Merit Mark? USPS Operations Manual, Chapter 16 says: “A “merit mark” is awarded by the chief commander to a member for substantial personal effort in furthering the interest, programs & objectives of USPS....the only official recognition members receive for their efforts.” It is the only pay you get for doing something for your organization. It’s that piece of paper with your name on it and (if you choose to wear a uniform) those little gold bars on the sleeve. It tells the story of your participation. (25 of them makes you a “Lifer” & no more National dues.)

In order to get one, your name and the list of the things you’ve done are submitted to the Chief Commander for approval. In order to get approval, one needs to do **more than an hour or so of work.**

Substantial is the key word. Examples: More than one of these---a stint working at Mumfest or Bike MS booth; teaching a class; arranging venues for meetings; arranging for a social event; chairing a committee; working on a committee; giving or arranging a program; putting together the newsletter or web-site; serving as an officer & doing it’s work - or many other combinations that keep an organization running.

Your Squadron does NOT just Happen! It takes all of its members to run it like a well-oiled machine. (By the Way—attending a general meeting is a privilege and not something earned for a Merit Mark)

The process? The chairman gathers info from officers, committee persons or individual member; reports to the Commander who submits the names to a National representative who reads and gives their approval or rejection and then is forwarded on to the “Top Dog”---the Chief Commander—to sign that little piece of paper.

The merit mark year runs from January to December of each year, but must be submitted by November 1. It’s getting close, folks!

My congratulations to all who have worked hard to get a merit mark and are proud to be recognized. I would LOVE to turn in 100% of our members for approval.

As Star Trek Enterprise Commander Picard says---MAKE IT SO!!!



Vessel Safety Check Program Vessel Safety Team

We have had a very successful year preforming Vessel Safety Checks for vessels in Coastal Carolina. The team has performed **395+** checks this year and the count continues to grow. So when you see one of the team members give them a congratulation for the fine job they have performed this year. And if they have not checked your boat yet, it is not too late!

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

Royal Clipper, April 23, 2018 Cruise from Lisbon to Cannes is Filling Quickly

Are you ready to enjoy the Royal Clipper? Earlier this year 18 of us enjoyed a beautiful European River Cruise, but at the end of the cruise it was agreed that there is nothing like a Clipper Ship!

Plans were quickly put into place for the below group space on the majestic Royal Clipper. We are hoping that you will join us as we set sail on April 23, 2018. Group air space is currently in negotiation with TAP Airways and we are looking at fares under \$1,000 per person! The itinerary would be from New York to Lisbon Portugal and returning from Nice, France. Of course High Country Travel & Tours will assist you in airfare from your home airport to the New York airport.

Call the office at 252-631-1003 or email info@highcountrytraveltours.com to secure your spot.

Feel free to share this announcement with other Power Squadron members and friends.





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Booster Club

Money collected from the Booster Club helps defray the cost of our Dinner Meeting speakers.

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 2017 Booster Club Members

Floyd Quisenberry
Bill & June Reasons
Lloyd & Jane Moore
Jim & Sherrie Starr
Marty & Tiki Warner
Owen & Carolyn Smith
Wayne Fretwell and Elaine Lechner

2017 Bike MS

Nine years ago Cape Lookout Sail & Power Squadron started the tradition of hosting a lunch-stop and a rest-stop for the bicyclists.

This year we will again be hosting the Saturday lunch stop in Ernul and a rest stop in Arapahoe. As a volunteer you will be giving 3-4 hours of your time to help truly appreciative riders. Supporting this event is one of the most rewarding things you can do. Send me an email (rtobacco@suddenlink.net), indicating what day(s) and shift(s) (first or second) you can help out. Once you volunteer, I will provide you with additional information.

To support the event requires more than 400 volunteers. The organizers appreciate the volunteers and treat both riders and volunteers with food and drink Saturday evening after the event. You will be proud to know that you are one of those groups recognized for volunteering.

P/C William J. Ash,
SN, H



THE NAUTICAL WORLD OF.....

P/C WILLIAM J. ASH SN, H

“My word, P/C, I just saw a Bluefish swimming past the kitchen window. Can that be possible?” Hornblower was befuddled by our local summer conditions and might be suffering from neuronal collateral damage. The heat and **humidity** in Trent Woods were challenging the old skipper. The captain figured the atmosphere was enough to sustain a fish.

“Yes sir, my friend, in this weather anything is possible. I tell you what, let’s take our breakfasts and head up to the balcony, away from the skeeters and I’ll relate the high spots of the recent (May) trip north with the family. I had not been out of town for some time and my progeny thought I should take a relaxing two weeks away. I’m glad I decided to go.

“Visiting the eastern shores of Maryland and Virginia brought back memories of the nautical adventures Family Ash experienced during the extended period of the 50’s through the 80’s. It seems like ages ago. Remember, I once lived on a motor sailer.

“We stopped at yacht clubs, boat yards and restaurants steeped in nautical tradition. I was astounded by all the half-hulls on display everywhere we went. Beautifully carved, varnished, painted and mounted, they brought back times in the history of our nation when wooden sailing vessels were so pleasing to the eye. They had magnificent lines and features so painstakingly lofted by gifted naval architects. Hornblower, I may try carving another half hull, doing it justice, mind you; the visit to the eastern shore shocked me to thinking I can actually do all that once again. You remember I carved a bunch of half hulls many years ago. Some are hanging on the walls in *Waldhaus Ash*.”

“Blimey, P/C, I see them every time I visit. You need not remind me. Let me say, old fellow, your memory seems to be slipping. Of course I know they hang on the walls of *Waldhaus Ash*. You’ve never let me forget, and you did sell a number of them, as I recall.”

“I did indeed, but let me continue. We traveled to New Jersey to visit my son, Jim, the port captain for a fuel transportation company based on Staten Island. The small vessels of the Eastern Shore gave way to enormous fuel barges and their complementary tugs. The magnitude of this industrial complex is beyond any words I have to offer. Dry docks, propellers, hawsers and the gigantic four hundred-foot plus, tug-barge, ships made my stately *Jolly Tar* seem rather insignificant. Everything seemed very large, very sturdy and very expensive.”

“P/C, I’ll bet you found your recent exposure to the maritime industry a real eye opener and reassuring that our nation is served by true professionals. Also, you must have found it truly rewarding the port captain had gotten his nautical start as a member of the Peconic Bay Power Squadron where you had served as Commander. His formal education at New York State Maritime College certainly gave him the credentials (unlimited tonnage license) to command vessels much larger than the family catboat and to participate in the shipping industry of the United States of America. You do realize, old boy, he is part of a magnificent heritage?”

“You bet I do, but I need to correct you about one item.”

“What’s that, P/C?”

“He got his start long before he attended the Maritime College. He learned the basics of boating in the sixteen foot ‘Red Boat’ we had while he was a youngster. Port, starboard, rights of way, horn signals, parts of a boat, life vests; he learned it all in that red boat. So did his siblings. I still recollect Jim and his older brother, Bill, taking the sixteen-footer out for the first time without me. I had no doubts they could do it. I was very proud of them. Let me go on!

“I continued my journey by taking the Cross Sound Ferry from Orient Point, Long Island to New London, Connecticut. I was reminded of the time I was given the opportunity to take the

helm of a high speed ferry across the sound at least twenty five years ago. Imagine how I felt using a short ten-inch stick instead of a romantically sized wheel to steer this modern hydrofoil. Steer it, I did and I added it to my resume. What a thrill. Enough.

“The journey came to the half way mark in Rehoboth, Massachusetts (remember, I had to return to Trent Woods). There my entire family gathered to see William J. Ash III graduate from LaSalle Academy en route to U. Mass. His Dad, my older son Bill, also a graduate of SUNY Maritime recently sold his forty-five foot sailing vessel, a sloop, and for the first time, in many years, is ‘boat-less.’ Tuition at U. Mass. may have been a factor; then again, maybe not. I had many a sail with Bill, in good weather and in the foulest of seas. It was great to be with everyone.

“I really needed that trip, Horatio. It calmed my nerves considerably and it confirmed how things nautical influenced my life.”

“It calmed your nerves, P/C, but what did it do to your weight?”

Good old Horatio. He always looks out for his pal. Quite frankly he, as well as I, could use some exercise. What the.....a tropical depression *Irma*, off North Carolina? Where did she come from?

**Happy Birthday to
the Following
Members**



September

Gill, Brent R. — 7 September
Power, Michael C. — 9 September
Rezab, Jerry P. — 12 September
Springer, Virginia B. — 12 September
Starr, Jim, — 24 September
Thomson, Ritchie — 29 September

June's Jokes

P/C June Reasons, P



My thanks to Lydia Ash and Julie Mincey for the "Funny of the Month:

An old Italian lived alone in Spearwood. He wanted to plant his annual tomato garden, but it was very difficult work, as the ground was hard.

His only son, Vincent, who used to help him, was in prison. The old man wrote a letter to his son and described his predicament:

Dear Vincent,

I am feeling pretty sad, because it looks like I won't be able to plant my tomato garden this year. I'm just getting too old to be digging up a garden plot. I know if you were here, my troubles would be over. I know you would be happy to dig the plot for me, like in the old days.

Love, Papa

A few days later he received a letter from his son:

Dear Pop,

Don't dig up that garden. That's where the bodies are buried.

Vinnie

At 4 a.m. The next morning, police arrived and dug up the entire area without finding any bodies. They apologized to the old man and left.

The same day the old man received another letter from his son:

Dear Pop,

Go ahead and plant the tomatoes now. That's the best I could do under the circumstances.

*Love you,
Vinnie*

Carolina BITTS is the newsletter for District 27

The BITTS is usually published quarterly, and is loaded with information about our District

<http://www.uspsd27.org/newsletter.htm>



Cape Lookout Sail & Power Squadron

September Dinner Meeting

Reservation Form

Monday, September 18, 2017

The Chelsea, 335 Middle Street, New Bern, NC

1700 Social Hour 1800 Dinner 1900 Meeting

Our Speaker is Annalee Ash along with a representative from New Bern Grand Marina



Dinner will include:

Mixed Green Salad with House Vinaigrette, Dinner Rolls with Butter, Iced Tea, Coffee and Water, Chocolate Tuxedo Cake

Main Course entrée selections are:

1. Tomato Basil **Salmon**, Rice Pilaf, Sauteed Mixed Vegetables
2. **Pork** Tenderloin with Blueberry Teriyaki Glaze, Garlic Smashed Potatoes and Sauteed Mixed Vegetables
3. Pan Sauteed **Chicken** Breast with Lemon Garlic Veloute, Rice Pilaf and Sauteed Mixed Vegetables

Name: _____ Dinner Choice: _____

Name: _____ Dinner Choice: _____

Number attending _____ x \$25.00 each = Amount enclosed \$ _____

The Chelsea requests the head count and entrée selection by Monday, September 11, so please send your entree choice and check, made payable to CLSPS, to:

Lt/C Jane Moore, 6008 Booty Lane, New Bern, NC 28560 252-637-5547

Although Jane can take phone or email reservations,
please remember your reservation is a commitment to attend the dinner and pay for it!

Ships Store

Lt Van Allen Rice, 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 252-631-1220, or email me at varbls@aol.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.

For tons of information about what's going on in our own District 27, take a look at their website.

District 27 of the United States Power Squadrons: <http://www.uspsd27.org/>

July 17 CLSPS Dinner Meeting



P/C Bill Ash, P/D/C Floyd Quisenberry, P/R/C Bill Reasons, & P/D/C Ken Link in discussion with P/C Ed Gagnon. Floyd was the Speaker for the meeting. He talked about the early history of CLSPS



Jean & David Fuentes were guests at the meeting. He is the new Pastor of the West New Bern Presbyterian Church



Sheila & P/D/C Ken Link from the Fort Macon Sail and Power Squadron. Ken spoke about their squadron's upcoming October 2018 10-night Star Clipper Cruise from Venice to Athens.

Notices:

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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—rwarnr4@ec.rr.com

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