



Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron

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Upcoming Events:

Monday March 16

March Dinner Meeting
The Chelsea Restaurant
1700 — Social Hour, 1800 — Dinner,
1900 — Meeting

March 27-29 **D27 Spring Council/Conference**Hilton Garden Inn (Airport)
Greensboro, NC

Monday, April 6, 1900 **CLSPS ExComm Mtg** Christ Episcopal Church Library in the Parish Hall Bldg Pre-Dinner: Morgans, 1730

CLSPS Change of Watch







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The Change of Watch breakfast at New Bern Golf & Country Club was a lovely event and I sincerely appreciate all the effort of the COW committee, P/C Diana Thompson, P/C June Reasons, Lt/C Linda Whitley, Elaine Lechner and Wendy Horne.

P/C Bill Ash swore in two new members, Jule Burke and Tony Tauber. Welcome Jule and Tony, we hope you enjoy your membership and take advantage of the member benefits, boating education and social activities of the America's Boating Club® New Bern, Cape Lookout Sail & Power Squadron.

We were delighted to have D27 representative D/Lt/C Connie Shay, S and her husband, Cdr Greg Shay, JN, of the Raleigh Sail & Power Squadron, who relieved me and immediately administered the oath of office to me and the incoming Bridge and Executive Committee.

Congratulations to our officers, SEO Bud Ellis, Executive Officer Lloyd Moore, Administrative Officer Wayne Fretwell, Treasurer Ray Whitley, Asst Treasurer 1/Lt Richard Ewan, Secretary Linda Whitley, Asst Secretary Marty Warner and Executive Committee P/C Bob Burget, P/C John Kwak, Elaine Lechner, P/C June Reasons, P/C Jim Starr, 1/Lt Marty Warner and Rules Committee Chair Lloyd Moore, Wayne Fretwell and June Reasons.

We are still in need of an Asst Education Officer, Audit Committee Chair and Nominating Committee Chair and two members, Ship's Store Chair, Historian, Boating Activities Chair. Please consider volunteering for one of these positions.

In recognition of earning his 50th Merit Mark, P/C Bill Ash was recognized as "Member of the Year" for his outstanding dedication and commitment to the United States Power Squadrons and CLSPS

Squadron. P/Cs Rob and Diana Thompson, Annalee, Lydia, Jim and Aline Ash, Lloyd and I attended the USPS/ABC Annual meeting in Ponte Vedra where Bill was awarded his Merit Mark plaque and enjoyed the celebration at the award luncheon.

P/Lt/C Bob Stammerjohn was recognized for earning his 25th Merit Mark and becoming a Life Member. And Elaine Lechner and Paul Manganaro received their Senior Member plaque.

P/C Owen Smith, Vessel Safety Chair, and Larry Lovvorn were each recognized as members of the Century Club for inspecting more than 100 vessels. Our CLSPS Vessel Examiners inspected over 450 vessels in 2019.

Also recognized at the COW, P/C Richard Tobacco for his work on our CLSPS Website and 1/Lt Marty Warner for his work on our newsletter, *The Outlook*, and his fine photography at all our events. Each have received the Distinctive Communicator Award for 2019.

Hope you can join us at the upcoming dinner meeting at the Chelsea on March 16 at 5:00 pm. Our speaker is Karen Amspacher, Executive Director of Core Sound Waterfowl Museum & Heritage Center, Harkers Island. Please send your reservation to Admin Officer Wayne Fretwell by March 9.

Lloyd and I will be attending the upcoming D27 Spring Council/Conference and COW the weekend of 27-29 March at the Hilton Garden Inn Greensboro Airport. Registration information is on D27 website if you would like to attend. Early reservation deadline is March 13. It will be a celebration of Squadrons with awards and recognition luncheon, dinner and Change of Watch.

Executive Officer

Lt/C Lloyd Moore, AP



Cooperative Charting: The Nautical co-op charting program has undergone some changes with the interface to NOAA no longer available, but the program is alive and well. We need a Co-Op Charting Chairman to put together plans for an outing, possibly in cooperation with the Fort Macon squadron.

If you would like to get involved in this fun and extremely helpful activity, let me know.

Blessing of the Fleet: America's Boating Club of New Bern will work together with the New Bern Yacht Club on the Blessing of the Fleet, to be held at the New Bern Grand Marina on May 2, 2020.

The ceremony will start at 1030 at the New Bern Grand docks, and will be officiated by three area ministers. The New Bern High School JROTC color guard will present the colors to begin the ceremony. NBYC expects up to 30 boats to participate. Some of the boats will be in their normal slips at the marina, while transients will tie up at the long face dock (dock A). If you wish to participate with your boat, please let me know by email or phone.

Following the ceremony there will be a buffet lunch in the upstairs meeting room at Captain Ratty's. Cost for the

luncheon is \$15/person, and is limited to the first 70 people who sign up. If you'd like to join us for lunch, contact Karl Lichty, NB Yacht Club, early. Make your check payable to NBYC, and send it, along with your contact info to: Karl Lichty, C/O New Bern Yacht Club, 1206 Brices Creek Road, New Bern, NC 28562.

Vessel Safety Checks: Our squadron vessel examiners have been busy doing vessel safety checks, and at this point over 140 vessel safety checks have been completed. If your boat hasn't been inspected yet this year, contact one of the examiners listed in this newsletter.

Plein Air Arts Festival: May 11 – May 17, 2020, Craven Arts Council. En Plein Air is a French expression that means in the open air. It's used to describe painters that work outdoors, immersing themselves in the landscape. We've been asked if any members with boats would enjoy taking artists out for a cruise in the area so they might experience some of the beauty found on the rivers and byways. If this appeals to your artistic side, contact me to make arrangements.

Education Officer

Lt/C Bud Ellis, Jr., SN



Would you like to learn more about vour favorite pastime? You are certainly very interested in boating or you wouldn't have joined this Squadron. Education is the key to safe and happy boating. Running aground or colliding with another boat can ruin your whole day. Getting lost or getting caught in bad weather can endanger your family or friends. You are a member of the premier source of information to insure safe and happy boating. We have courses that range from basic seamanship to celestial navigation. We can teach weather, marine electronics and engine maintenance. Learn how valuable your compass can be and how to read a nautical chart. Are you asking yourself who cares about all this stuff, I've got the best smart phone on the market? You can't have too much information. The more you know, the better your decisions you can make.

We would like to offer every single course the Squadron has available but we need your help. We need students and Instructors. If 3 people want to take any course, we will put it together. We will have signup sheets for every course along with the course description at the March meeting. If you see something that piques your interest, sign up. Let's make our 60th year a year for Education.

Administrative Officer

Lt/C Wayne Fretwell, P



Greetings. I am beginning my first time as admin Officer so I will be learning as I go. There are certain areas of responsibility under this office and I would like to have a committee with a chair for a few of them. I will be contacting some of you hoping to get more involvement from the membership but first I will look for volunteers. If you would be interested in helping in any of the following areas please email or call me to discuss. Phone 252-288-4653 // waynief@hotmail.com.

Membership – ways to build membership

Membership Involvement – These first two could be combined

Boating Activities – Plan boating events -- hopefully involving members now without boats

Meetings Committee – Work at check in desk, sell 50/50 tickets, etc

Operations Training – June Reasons has already volunteered for this as we several members who have not had this training.

We have several interesting programs planned for our meetings but if you have suggestions for programs you would like to have presented I will accept them anytime and try to accommodate them. Our speaker for the March meeting will be Karen Willis Amspacker who is the Executive Director of the Core Island Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center in Harkers Island.

My Assistant Admin Officer, Elaine Lechner, will be planning club activities for each month in which there is no meeting and giving suggestion of other events that we can do as a group. Thus, the first event will be for April and will be attending Three Redneck Tenors at Orringer Auditorium on the Craven Community College campus and presented by Craven Concerts. We do not have to purchase tickets as a group as it is General Admission so you can buy your own tickets online at cravenconcertsinc.org. The concert will be Monday April 20 and tickets are \$30 each. Tickets sell out early so order yours ASAP. We have seen them before and it was a wonderful performance. In order to go in as a group, we will meet for dinner at Arturo's Mexican Restaurant (1900 S Glenburnie Road) at 5:00 PM. After dinner we will go to the show meeting there where the doors open at 7:00 PM and show starts at 7:30. Call Elaine at 252-288-4653 no later than Friday, April 17 so she can make dinner reservations before we leave town for the weekend.

Wayne and Elaine are going to the Rivertowne Players on Sunday April 5th to see Murder on the Orient Express. If you would like to go, you can order tickets at rivertowneplayers.org



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http://www.clsps.org

Vessel Safety Check program



The Vessel Safety Examiners have been doing their thing. We have completed 143 Vessel Safety Examinations thus far.

We have an ambitious schedule for safety checks in Craven and Pamlico Counties.

Schedule of organized examinations

Saturday, April TBD

Blackbeard's Sailing Club

0900-1200 Lloyd Moore – Coordinator

May-June TBD Camp Sea Gull/ Seafarer 0830 – 1200 Owen Smith – Coordinator

Asst: Rob Thompson Jim Dugan and others

Saturday, May 2 (Blessing of the Fleet) 0900-1200 New Bern Grand Marina Lloyd Moore -Coordinator

Saturday May 9 Eastern Carolina Yacht Club 0900-1200 Dick Ewan - Coordinator

Saturday, May 16 (National Safe Boating Week) New Bern Grand

Marina Coordinator – TBD Asst: Jim Dugan

Saturday, TBD Northwest Creek Marina 0900-1200 Lloyd Moore – Coordinator Asst: Jim Dugan Saturday, TBD Bridgeton Harbor 0900-1200 John Kwak -Coordinator

Saturday, TBD River Bend Marina 0900-1200 Dick Ewan -Coordinator

As always, contact one of our VS Examiners to have your vessel checked. Also recommend to your friends who may not be members of CLSPS to have their vessels, checked. Remind them that the VSE is voluntary, free, and only takes about 20 minutes. Having a current VSE decal posted on their vessel can save them some time on the water in the event they are stopped by a law enforcement agency for a safety check.

Happy Birthday to the Following Members



MARCH

Adams, John H. — 1 March Collyar, Susan — 4 March Dail, Asa B. — 17 March Thompson, Robert B. — 25March

Booster Club

Only a small portion (about \$17) of our dues to USPS is returned to the Cape Lookout Squadron. Money collected from our members helps defray the cost of our Dinner Meeting speakers. 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 2020 Booster Club Members

Lloyd & Jane Moore
Mike & Carolyn McCulley
Ray & Linda Whitley
Dick & Catherine Ewan
June Reasons
Wayne Fretwell & Elaine
Lechner
Bill, Annalee, Lydia Ash
Marty & Tiki Warner

P/C William J. Ash, SN, *H*



MY COLLEAGUES AND I P/C WILLIAM J. ASH, SN

"P/C, the last couple of weeks have been rather tough on your endocrines. I'd say you need time to reflect on the various events which took place since mid-February and to put your feet up on a soft cushion, enjoy a Margareta and watch the sunsets over the Trent River. You look a sorry sight." Horatio and I were sitting on the veranda at the yacht club while claiming we had nothing special with which to deal yet knowing we had so much to do we hardly knew where to begin.

"Horatio, Thanks for the compliment but, you are right, I'm truly worn out, tired, exhausted; you name it and I'll buy two of them for you. Honest to Pete, you would think I had spent the last two weeks in a 1942 Siberian camp smashing rocks. Something tells me that age 88 is not one for long travels and staying in a bunch of hotel rooms. I don't quite understand why I should be so "fustered" considering Lydia drove all the way from Trent Woods to Florida

and back. I never stepped on the gas or the brake.

"It was an interesting journey. I looked at the scenery all the way down and back, convinced myself that our country had better take care of its infrastructure and decided our society is spinning out-of-control. Speeding cars, accidents, ambulances and traffic delays made me think we need help. As a nation, we need to re-examine a lot of issues. I suspect I may have tackled too many of them on my own while watching America pass. But, I had the time of my life.

"Who would have thought, way back in 1961, when I was ACCEPTED into USPS, that I would eventually earn fifty merit marks. I never gave it any thought. Never did. But, I'm still sailing, Captain. Do you know I'm the first fifty merit mark member I have ever met? Am I scared of all this? I'm not sure. How many years are still ahead?

"Let me interrupt myself, Captain.
None of my USPS feats would have happened without the help of other members. Here are a couple of examples. First, after the new bridge complex was completed in New Bern my buddy, P/R/C Bill Reasons, and I decided to undertake a Cooperative Charting project by adding to the chart of the Neuse River all of the new daymarks that were added to the

construction scene. I forget how many days it took us. A heap as I remember. Water depths and a variety of other factors were part of the study. The manmade basin was included. And, the weather was cold. Oh yes, Horatio, it was cold. But we were treated to a surprise on one of our ventures; something awfully fast shot by Bill and me and we realized we were being studied by a peregrine falcon which swooped upon us from its nest under the highest elevation on the bridge. Subsequently we watched it settle in up top and then dive straight at us going like the speed of light. Darned glad I wasn't a pigeon. What an unusual experience that was together with my pal, Bill.

"Another time I got the bright idea to charter a Maine coasting schooner and give members of Peconic Bay Squadron a taste of my SeaMester program. Think of how many persons were involved in organizing that adventure. I earned a merit mark that year and so did a bunch of my colleagues. Merit marks represent the pay one earns for the year if one contributes meaningful work for the Squadron. I'd like to think I have another fifty out there somewhere but that will not be possible. In fact I know I may accomplish only a mere handful more."

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/

P/C, wasn't there something else you earned during the past two weeks which you might tell me about? Come on, let's have it!"

"Yup, I was granted a spot on the USPS Governing Board. At meetings I will have a vote on issues affecting the national scene. I am honored, as a member of Cape Lookout, to have this opportunity.

"Oh yes, something else happened during the meetings in Florida that needs mentioning. For the first time in its history, dating back to 1914, USPS now has a female Chief Commander. Lydia, Annalee and I had the pleasure of meeting her and I promise you the national organization will benefit by this lady taking the helm. That's it for now from this fellow. Other stories affecting my endocrines will probably leak out in the media. That seems to be the thing to do these days."

































June's Jokes P/C June Reasons, P



MEN ARE JUST HAPPY PEOPLE !!!!!!!

This needs no explanation - and is a fun read, no matter your gender.

What do you expect from such simple creatures?

Your last name stays put. The garage is all yours. Wedding plans take care of themselves. Chocolate is just another snack.

You can never be pregnant. You can wear a white T-shirt to a water park. You can wear NO shirt to a water park.

Car mechanics tell you the truth. The world is your urinal. You never have to drive to another gas station restroom because this one is just too icky. You don't have to stop and think of which way to turn a nut on a bolt. Wrinkles add character. Wedding dress - \$5,000. Tux rental - \$100. People never stare at your chest when you're talking to them. New shoes don't cut, blister, or mangle your feet. One mood all the time. Phone conversations are over in 30 seconds flat. You know stuff about tanks.

A five-day vacation requires only one suitcase. You can open all your own

jars. You get extra credit for the slightest act of thoughtfulness. If someone forgets to invite you, he or she can still be your friend. Your underwear is \$8.95 for a three-pack. Two pairs of shoes are more than enough. You almost never have strap problems in public. You are unable to see wrinkles in your clothes. Everything on your face stays its original color. The same hairstyle lasts for years, maybe decades. You only have to shave your face and neck.

You can play with toys all your life. One wallet and one pair of shoes - one color for all seasons. You can wear shorts no matter how your legs look. You can 'do' your nails with a pocket knife. You have freedom of choice concerning growing a mustache. You can do Christmas shopping for 25 relatives on December 24 in 25 minutes. No wonder men are happier!

NICKNAMES

If Laura, Kate and Sarah go out for lunch, they will call each other Laura, Kate and Sarah.

If Mike, Dave and John go out, they will affectionately refer to each other as Fat Boy, Bubba and Wildman.

EATING OUT

When the bill arrives, Mike, Dave and John will each throw in \$ 20, even though it's only for \$ 32.50. None of them will have anything smaller and none will actually admit they want change back.

When the girls get their bill, outcome the pocket calculators.

MONEY

A man will pay \$2 for a \$1 item he needs.

A woman will pay \$1 for a \$2 item that she doesn't need but it's on sale.









Cape Lookout Sail & Power Squadron Membership Meeting Reservation Form



Monday, March 16, 2020 The Chelsea, 335 Middle Street, New Bern, NC 1700 Social Hour 1800 Dinner 1900 Meeting

Program: Karen Amspacher, Core Sound Waterfowl Museum

Main Course entrée selections are:

MD **crab cake** served with rice pilaf and mixed medley

Pork Tenderloin w/Cabernet demiglaze, Garlic Smashed Potatoes, sauteed zucchini and squash

Honey Moon **Chicken**, Rice Pilaf, sauteed zucchini and squash

Dinner will include: Mixed Green Salad with House Vinaigrette, Dinner Rolls with Butter, Iced Tea, Coffee and Water, dessert

Name:	_ Dinner Choice:
Name:	_ Dinner Choice:
Number attending x \$25.00 ea	ch = Amount enclosed \$

The Chelsea requests the head count and entrée selection by Monday, 9 Mar, so please send your entrée choice and check, payable to CLSPS, to: Lt/C Wayne Fretwell, 2220 Caracara Dr. New Bern, NC 28560, (252) 288-4653

Although Wayne can take phone or email reservations, please remember your reservation is a commitment to attend the



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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

Ship's Store Inventory

Knit Shirts: Ladies and men's short sleeve knit shirts were \$30.00 - NOW \$15. Sizes 2X and 3X sell for \$33.00 - NOW \$16.50

They are available in red, white, navy, and other colors by request.

Sizes: Ladies: S, M, L, XL, 2X, and 3X. Men's: S, M, L, XL, 2X and 3X.

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

They are all priced at $$25.00 - NOW^{1/2}$ off = \$12.50 each. Available sizes--same as above.

Pennant magnets are priced at \$5.

They can be placed on your vehicle, refrigerator, or potentially anywhere!

Hats and Visors are ONLY \$10. Fleece jackets: Men and Women—

sizes: S, M, L, and XL sell for \$42.00 - NOW \$21.00; XXL = \$45.00 - NOW \$22.50.

Fleece Vest: We have navy, but other colors can be ordered.

Sizes: S, M, L, and XL (Ladies and Men's) sell for \$36.00 - NOW \$18. XXL = \$40.00 - NOW \$20.





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NEW ADDRESS:

Please notify Lloyd Moore (637–5547)

Lloyd.moore@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.

Squadron Burgee sells for \$25.00.

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-rwarner4@ec.rr.com

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