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Upcoming Events:

2020 Governing Board Meeting

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Sunday July 19

Outdoor Social

Red Sail Park, Fairfield Harbour
Bring you own lunch and beverage
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Some Better Days



2010 Cape Lookout Cruise



2012 Fall Colors Cruise



Lt/C Lloyd Moore Teaching



Grady White Tour, 2017

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Our P/C Jim Starr organized a “Zoom” conference call for the Executive Committee to meet on Monday, June 8. During the call, each member expressed their concern about planning a meeting and social. Depending on your comfort level to attend, we decided to have a social on Sunday, July 19 at Red Sail Park in Fairfield Harbour. More information will be in our Admin Officer Wayne Fretwell’s article. We have been staying home and practicing social distancing and wearing a mask when grocery shopping. Please stay safe and keep well.

We received our membership renewal and went to the USPS website to renew. We were able to renew the DAN Boater travel and safety benefits at a cost of \$25 per year or you may “opt out.” You will need your certificate number and PIN or invoice number to renew.

While on the National website, there are several letters from our Chief Commander Mary Paige Abbott. Please take a moment to read them.

How many members took the 31 MayDay Challenge? On each Wednesday in May at 4:00 pm, there was an informative “YouTube” on the America’s Boating Channel. I found them very enjoyable and watching helped pass some of the time. During June, the

America’s Boating Channel Season Four will be every Friday at 4 p.m. ET.

The June 2020 USPS Member News also reminded about the upcoming Governing Board meeting, Sept. 9-13, in Raleigh, NC. Early registration deadline is July 23 to receive the best price for events. If you have not attended a Governing Board meeting before, Raleigh is only a short drive and many fun activities are planned.

For our boating members, I hope that you have been able to get out on the Trent and Neuse Rivers during some of the beautiful days we have had. We have seen many kayakers and smaller boats come up the channel in Fairfield Harbour, practicing social distancing.

Executive Officer

Lt/C Lloyd Moore, AP



I'm sure most members are growing tired of the restrictions we must follow due to the pandemic. Unfortunately, most of us are in that "certain age group" considered to be very vulnerable. At this point we don't really know what part of the "curve" we are on, so it's very problematic to make any short-term plans for club activities.

Two things the Executive Committee has suggested may be something we can participate in safely:

- Picnic at Red Sail Park – see the Administrative Officer's article for details.

- BikeMS Historic Ride in New Bern, September 26 – 27. In past rides, our club has volunteered at one of the lunch stops, serving food and drinks to the bicyclists. With as many as 2000 riders in past events, it takes a lot of hands to pitch in, so we'll need a lot of volunteers.

Please call me if you'd like to be part of this fun and exciting event. More details will be available in next month's Outlook.

In the meantime, stay safe, and don't let your guard down. Wear a mask when you are out and about. It can't hurt, and if it prevents one person from contracting this terrible virus, it will be worth it.

Education Officer

Lt/C Bud Ellis, Jr., SN



With all the other catastrophes hitting us this year now it is hurricane season. At least this is something we are used to preparing for and most of us have a plan to deal with it. For boaters new to this part of the country there are a few things to consider that will make your planning easier.

The first thing to do is check your insurance policy. Find out about how they handle the policy deductible for a NAMED STORM. Most of them raise the deductible to a percentage of the agreed value of the boat. Generally, damage they consider that could be avoided will not be covered. Canvas and sails are almost always excluded. Be proactive and do all you can to avoid any damage.

Pay close attention to weather forecasts. Forecasting has become much better as the storms have become more frequent and much more powerful. The

storm tracks are tightened up as they get closer to the coast, but Mother Nature likes to keep us on our toes and throws us curve balls sometimes. Do not get too complacent because the track is heading for South Carolina. Things can change at the last minute and not leave you enough time to get your family, your house, your business, and finally your boat, ready.

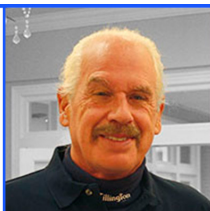
Decide where you want to leave your boat. Some marinas demand you leave during a Named Storm. Are you going to anchor some where you think your boat will be safe? A lot of boaters do without the proper preparations. Even if you do everything right, sometimes one boat can drag through an anchorage and gather several anchors and cause a lot of boats to bang into each other. If you plan to take the boat to a yard, remember, yards work on a first come first served basis while getting ready for a storm. Talk to the yard about what weather conditions are beyond their capabilities. Many insurance policies will pay part of the cost of a haulout. Might be a good time to paint the bottom.

If you plan to leave the boat in a marina slip, check with the dockmaster about the requirements of the marina. They have a lot of experience with these storms and can help you make good decisions.

Finally, take the USPS weather course. Lots of good info that will improve your boating experience.

Administrative Officer

Lt/C Wayne Fretwell, P



SS, DD (Same Stuff, Different Day)
Tiresome isn't, So I have nothing new to report except the world as we have known it is gone forever. What was not destroyed by Covid 19 shutdowns has been finished off by the riots

Best wishes to Raymond and Jane as they recover from health issues.

The EXCOM has decided not to have a July meeting at the Chelsea because of social separation with the COVID 19 still being a concern. Instead, we will have an outdoor social on Sunday, July 19 at Red Sail Park in Fairfield Harbour where we can maintain a safe distance from each other. Starting time is five PM. To continue with safety measures each couple is asked to bring their own picnic lunch and beverage. No handshakes, hugs and kisses! Call Elaine at 252-288-4658 or 678-464-7665 to signup as there is a limit of 25 unless we call it a protest, then anything goes.

We will have cornhole there and if others wish to bring a game to play, we will have hand sanitizer on hand and there is a toilet there for hand washing between games.

Take care and try to stay safe.



Vessel Safety Check program

Due to the limitations of the pandemic, we did not perform any VSE checks this month. We now have a total 157 VSEs for the year. Nothing else to add at this point.

Owen Smith, VSE Chair

Happy Birthday to the
Following Members



JUNE

Ewan, Richard B. — 4 June
Fretwell, K. Wayne — 28 June
Horne, Wendy M. — 24 June
Manganaro, Paul A. — 1 June
McCulley, Michael D. — 1 June

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.

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June Reasons
Wayne Fretwell & Elaine
Lechner
Bill, Annalee, & Lydia Ash
Marty & Tiki Warner

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

2020 Fall National Governing Board

Love a Good Mystery?

Grab your friends and join us in Raleigh NC on September 10th for a fun, exciting, mysterious evening of dinner and fellowship at the Murder Mystery Dinner Theater. The dinner will be held at the National Fall Governing Board Meeting. We will be having lots of onsite and offsite activities in addition to meeting and communicating with other USPS/ABC members. Some of the other activities will include kayaking, touring our headquarters building, visiting the NC History and Science Museums, sampling the wonderful IPA beers in the area and afternoon tea. The Raleigh Hilton North Hills is working with the National Meetings Committee to make this a very economical meeting for all attendees. The business of USPS/ABC is conducted by the various committees, but we encourage everyone to join in the fun and fellowship by attending the meals and tours (when available). Check out the meeting website for more details. https://www.usps.org/php/reservations_new/meetings.php?mtg_id=39 Everyone is invited to attend the meetings, meals and tours!

Pop Quiz

1. What's the little yellow triangle mean? (above "20")

Ans. On the Intracoastal waterway every dayboard or buoy—in addition to its regular numbering, shape, and color characteristics—shows a yellow reflective symbol. When traveling southbound, a yellow reflective square indicates a port-side mark. A yellow reflective triangle indicates a starboard-side mark. So, if you see a yellow triangle on a Green Square, to stay on the Intracoastal, treat this sign as a red triangle



2. What do The Green and Red signs mean?

Ans. It means you are approaching a "Y" in the road ahead—a junction. To stay in the preferred channel, use the color on top



3. I saw this sign boating down Adams Creek. What does it mean? Can it be 195' deep?



Ans. You are on the Intracoastal Waterway and are 195 statute miles south of Norfolk, VA



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

The weather is playing tricks with me today. The forecast calls for thunder storms but the gods have transferred the action to some other time and location. The sun is in and out. Winds are from somewhere and are raising havoc with the tall magnolia, with blossoms, outside my office window. Where is the rain? Oh my, here comes my good friend Horatio on a beautiful gelding. That fellow, Horatio, can really ride a horse. Considering how he spent his professional life at sea I must give him credit where it is due. I cannot say the same about my equestrian talents. The last time I was on a horse, a stallion at that, it ran away with me on a long path cut by the local power company through a enormous corn field. That was in November, 1949. I've not been on a horse since then, and I have no intentions of ever doing so again. Hey, look it's raining! Imagine that.

"Horatio, I'm in the command post up here on the second floor. Come on up and let me look at you.....! Wow, look at you with your mask. And you look well rested, now that I can see you without it. I understand you were able to skip out to sea for a few weeks. It is so good to see you again."

The feeling is mutual, my friend. Yes I took H.M.S. *Lydia* to the British Virgin Islands for naval exercises which was beneficial to both the crew and me. Good Sir, let me congratulate you on becoming an emeritus member of USPS and also on being appointed to its Board of Governors. I am honored to have you as a friend. Now, what are you up to? You have that look of somebody with a project under way?"

"Indeed I do. I've been trying to gather information concerning Prince Henry the Navigator. So far, the information I have collected has put me straight up in my chair. Over the years, in my USPS career, I have considered Prince Henry as an adept navigator who developed the foundations of this complicated subject. Let me give you what I've gathered. Oh, take one of those wine glasses and pour yourself a treat. This afternoon it's Port wine as we are thinking of Portugal.

"Prince Henry the Navigator was mentioned on a T/V travel program the other night. That's how I travel now. All

the luxuries of international goings on while sitting in my recliner chair in front of the tube. Anyway, there I was, in Lisbon, Portugal about to enter the maritime museum dedicated to Henry for all the navigating he encouraged. He was born on 4 March 1394 in Porto, Portugal to John I of Portugal and Philippa of Lancaster. He was Roman Catholic. Henry was responsible for encouraging the first European voyages of exploration by his countrymen, the purposes being to find new lands and revenues for Portugal. But, he was also interested in finding Christian allies in the fight against Islam. Explorations by the Portuguese ultimately led to that country's colonization of the west coast of Africa. Henry originated the Age of Discovery and possibly --- the Atlantic slave trade (oh my). The Navigator organized a school where students learned to use nautical charts, the astrolabe and to sail the newly developed fast and maneuverable caravel. He saw to it that students learned to determine their latitude and how to use a primitive compass.

"Now, Horatio, catch this piece of information! During the time of the Prince, Portuguese sailors absolutely refused to sail south of 27⁰ N. Lat. because of the presence of sea monsters and the boiling waters near the equator

called the Sea of Darkness. But, through Henry's efforts the Portuguese managed to send fourteen voyages south of 27° N. Lat. Eventually they found the route to India but that came many years later. History appears to record the Prince's efforts got his sailors only as far as present day Sierra Leone."

"P/C, I gather this fellow, the Prince, was anxious to send others out to sea for adventure, but he doesn't seem to have been much of a navigator according to what you told me. Do you follow me?"

"Yes, I do follow you. I'm not sure he did much navigating. By the way, Prince Henry the Navigator died on 13 November 1460 in Sagres, Portugal at the age of sixty-six. Quite frankly, Horatio, I thought, with all I read about him in USPS references, that he was a seasoned, skilled navigator who sailed the briny deep with a passion. I don't think that was the case. It appears he had a good public relations agent. My man for top early navigator is Nathaniel Bowditch. By the way, Horatio, I bought my first sailboat from a gentleman named ----- Bowditch, a long time ago.

"Captain, we have a lot of catching up to do. Plan to stay over tonight and you can tell me all about your work in the British Virgin Islands. Unfortunately, you will need to wear a mask if neighbors come along, and you will have to wash your hands after you touch anything."

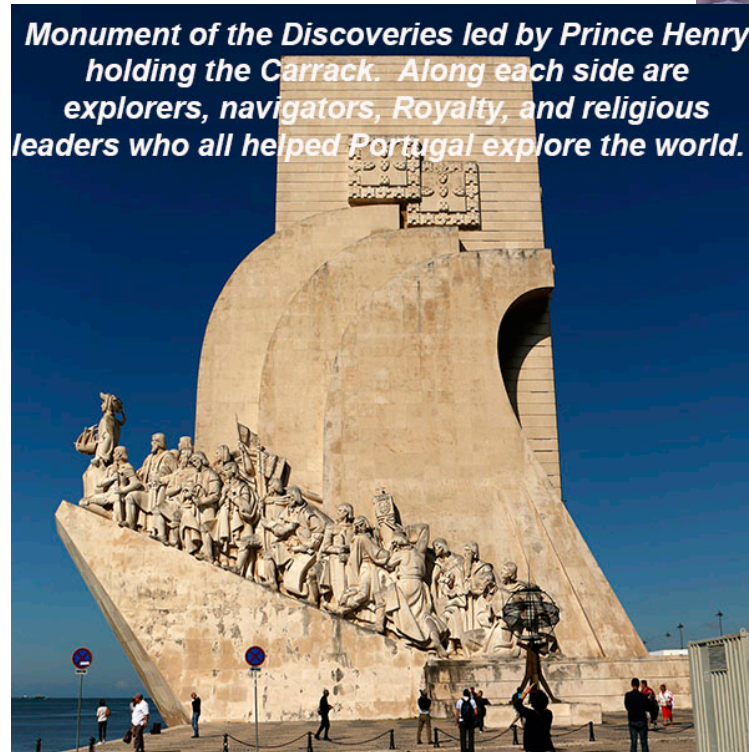
"That will not be a problem, P/C. Your hospitality is greatly appreciated. I

look ahead to when I might invite you to be with my crew and me aboard *Lydia*. Do you enjoy eating soft shell crabs? The cooks have learned to do them up quite well. Your Port Wine is excellent. Thank you."

*Information used for preparing this article came from materials uncovered using *Google*. Prince Henry appears to have been strictly a motivator, which is fine, but I was disappointed to come away with a totally different impression of the Navigator.



Monument of the Discoveries led by Prince Henry holding the Carrack. Along each side are explorers, navigators, Royalty, and religious leaders who all helped Portugal explore the world.



Some notes on Prince Henry, the Navigator

The traditional routes to spices were across land to the east—extremely costly. Portugal began looking for an alternative route—around Africa. Their first step was to conquer Morocco—led by Prince Henry. From here on, Prince Henry the Navigator set Portugal on its course towards overseas expansion.

He established a center for study of navigation, naval architecture, and astronomy at Sagres in southern Portugal, where they developed a powerful ship called the caravel.

Prince Henry began dispatching ships into the Atlantic with orders to proceed as far as possible, map the coast or any islands sighted, and return. Soon, one of his captains came across the islands of Madeira and Azores.

When Prince Henry died in 1460, some 1500 miles of African coastline had been discovered and partially mapped, and the Azores and Madeira Islands were active colonies. In the next two decades, Portuguese captains made more progress, venturing down the northwestern coast of Africa past present-day Sierra Leone and Liberia into the Gulf of Guinea.

Marty Warner, Editor

June's Jokes P/C June Reasons, P



Did You Ever Wonder?????

What do chickens think we taste like?

What do you call a male ladybug?

What do people in China call their good plates?

What hair color do they put on the driver's license of a bald man?

When dog food is new and improved tasting, who tests it?

Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes?

Why do they sterilize the needle for lethal injections?

Why do you need a driver's license to buy liquor when you can't drink and drive?

Why are there floatation devices in the seats of airplanes instead of parachutes?

You know that indestructible black box that is used on airplanes? Why don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff?

Why are cigarettes sold at gas stations where smoking is prohibited?

How does the guy who drives the snowplow get to work?

If they squeeze olives to get olive oil, how do they get baby oil?

Why do they put Braille dots on the keypad of a drive-up ATM?

Why is it that when you transport something by car its call shipment, but when you transport something by ship it's called cargo?

Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?

What would Geronimo say if he jumped out of an airplane?

Why is a bra singular and panties plural?

Why are they called apartments when they are all stuck together?

If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?

If you throw a cat out of the car window, does it become kitty litter?

If you choke a Smurf, what color does it turn?

ARE YOU A “COMFORTABLE BOATER”?

Lt. Bill Hempel

A while back, I read a boating safety article in which the writer had recently purchased some inflatable life jackets at a very reasonable price. The life jackets were surplus airline inflatables. I was more than a little alarmed and e-mailed him that he needed to be careful with information given to the public and that those surplus inflatable's were being sold cheaply because they were not approved.

Well, I received a seething reply informing me that no one reading my “blathering” took it seriously. Now three years later, I sometimes wonder if he wasn't right! Recently I wrote of the dangers of CO poisoning. The following week, a nearby couple were overcome by CO and had to be rescued. A 27 year old woman jumped over the stern of a boat to retrieve a wind-blown hat. The water was in the low 60's, perfect for rapid hypothermia. The Captain wasn't aware she was overboard. Spinning props severely cut her legs. These are all dangerous actions that I have frequently advised boaters to avoid.

The fact is that many boaters become all too comfortable and forget the dangers that are ever present.

Fishermen head 25 miles off shore in a 20 foot skiff ignore preventative maintenance, fuel supply, length of anchor rode, methods to contact shore, life jackets, and attention to approaching bad weather. Jet skiers and power boaters get so caught up in jumping wakes that they do not look around for passing boats or swimmers.

Captains need to be ever aware of those dangers and remember that they are responsible for all aboard. Recreational boating exists for us to have fun, but when on the water there are dangers just waiting for a chance to pounce upon us. If the thought of this responsibility makes you uncomfortable, that is good. An uncomfortable Captain is a safe Captain. An educated and watchful Captain is the best person to make sure that a day on the water always has a happy ending. So I will continue my “blathering” and hope it helps a little.

To become an educated and watchful captain look to the United States Power Squadrons® and their boating courses and seminars. Contact the national website at www.USPS.org. As it members remind us: “Boating is fun... We'll Show you how”

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