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Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron October 2020 Volume 61, Issue 9 CLSPS Website: <u>http://www.clsps.org</u>

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, October 13, 7-8 PM **Tell Me About it Tuesdays: Plastic Problems** Sound Rivers: See Cdr's article



Saturday, October 31 Blue Moon 2nd Full Moon of the Month

Saturday, November 7, 9 AM **Craven County Clean Sweep Program** 406 Craven St, New Bern See Cdr's article Elaine and Wayne were hosts for our Red Sail Park Picnic, Sunday September 27



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Last month, Lloyd and I attended the 2020 National Fall Conference "Virtual Meetings." All meetings were recorded and the link to those meetings are on the USPS National Website. Many Squadrons have been using Zoom for classes. The Environmental Updates session and Membership Recruiting and Retention session were very informative. USPS benefit package is growing rapidly and a new member benefit brochure is available on the National Website. America's Boating Channel is available for members to access with interactive seminars. An overview of the new Merit Mark system was presented. Also, a new app for America's Boating Club® can be downloaded from the USPS National Website.

Our social dinner on Sunday, September 27 was well attended. So glad to see many of our Squadron members and thank everyone for bringing delicious desserts and helping with clean-up. Many thanks to our Admin. Officer Wayne Fretwell and Asst. Admin. Officer Elaine Lechner for setting up Red Sail Park and picking up the delicious dinner of chicken, dirty rice, cole slaw, green beans and iced tea.

Thank you to our newsletter editor, Marty Warner, for updating our roster and emailing it to our Squadron members for review.



Please let Marty know if there are any changes to be made

Help Wanted, as mentioned in September, we need a member to take over as CLSPS Webmaster for P/C Richard Tobacco who has given us notice that he can no longer be Webmaster. Our sincere thanks to Richard for his dedication to CLSPS Squadron and keeping our website current. Please contact Richard if you are interested in being our webmaster. 252 639-8332, email: <u>richardjtobacco@gmail.com</u>

Help Wanted, we need at least two members to serve on the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee Manual for Districts and Squadrons is available on the National website: <u>https://www.usps.org/images/admin/</u> LeadershipDev/NomCom_Seminar/ Nominating_Committee_Manual_for_Distri cts_and_Squadrons.pdf__.

Please log in with your certificate number and PIN to the National website to access the document. It is one of the most important functions of the Squadron. A slate of officers will need to be posted in the December *Outlook*, for election at the annual meeting in January. Your consideration is greatly appreciated. Call me for more information.

Sound Rivers is hosting **"Tell Me About it Tuesdays: Plastic Problems."** The Lower Neuse River Keeper Katy Hunt and Dr. Barbara Doll, NC State will be presenters. Program will be Tuesday, October 13 at 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Zoom.

Register at: <u>https://</u> <u>soundrivers.org/event/tell-me-</u> <u>about-it-tuesdays-plastic-</u> <u>problems/</u>

On November 7, we plan to participate in the Craven County Clean Sweep program. We will meet at the parking lot behind the Craven County Administration Building, 406 Craven St. at 9:00 am to pick up a safety vest, trash bags, grabber and gloves. The Clean Sweep organization will provide a list of the roadsides that need to be cleaned. Currently, six members have signed up.

We hope that everyone is doing well. Please wear your mask, wash your hands often and observe social distance when you are out and about. Stay safe and keep well. Watch for the Blue Moon on Halloween!

Executive Officer Lt/C Lloyd Moore, AP



Another pandemic is threatening to overshadow Covid-19 – Cabin Fever. We've all got it and it's making us a little crazy. But we know what to do: continue to follow the three Ws – Wash (your hands), Wear (a mask), Wait (at a social distance), and add the fourth W – Watch Netflix.

Vessel Safety Check program

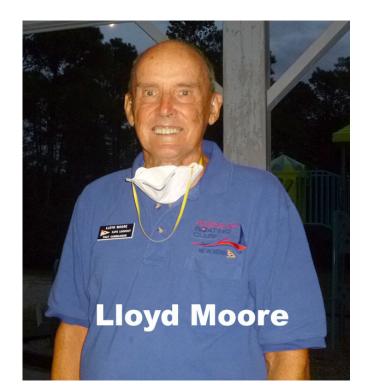
The USPS National web site indicates that some selected Districts have been opened for performing Vessel Safety Checks, "with guidance." The Guidance provided is a fourpage document issued by the USCG Auxiliary that describes the requirements for dealing with Covid-19. Auxiliarists are cautioned to wear face masks and comply with social distancing when interacting with the public. There are no specific guidelines or recommendations regarding how to conduct a Vessel Safety Check.

Since there is no personal protection equipment that is 100% effective in shielding the wearer, and given the close proximity and small spaces involved when inspecting any vessel, I personally don't recommend that our club resume performing Vessel Safety Checks at this time. It is my opinion that the risk far outweighs the benefit.

Cooperative Charting program

Three aspects of Cooperative Charting are possible: Geodetic Mark Recovery, Nautical Charting (ATONs and Bridges) and Marina surveys.

P/D/C Greg Shay has distributed the latest Coop Charting Newsletter that describes the process and requirements for each type of report. Our club has not participated since NOAA opted out, and at this time we do not have a Coop Charting committee chairman. Being that we are nearing the end of the boating season, I would recommend that we poll the club members to see if there is any interest in resuming Coop Charting activities for next year.



Administrative Officer

Lt/C Wayne Fretwell, P



DDSS (Different Day, Same Stuff) —I see on Facebook that many of my friends seem to be getting on with their lives and hopefully taking covid precautions. Elaine and I decided to get out and enjoy some things (as much as my back problem allows). We went to an RV Club Rally at a nice campground in Roanoke Rapids where we enjoyed time with friends. Hope we were safe, but if not maybe I can get the presidential cocktail!!

A good time was had by all 23 attending the September 27 Social at Red Sail Park. BoJangles chicken and fixings as well as homemade desserts filled our bellies before corn hole completion. Thanks to Elaine for putting on another great social.

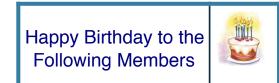
We are waiting to determine if there will be a November Club meeting and if so what format it will be. Stay tuned and the decision and details will be in the November Outlook.







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Vessel Safety Check program



For those of you who may have Kidde fire extinguishers on your vessel, or in your home, you should go to the Kidde website and see if your extinguisher has been recalled. The only way to know if a Kidde extinguisher has been recalled is to note the Model number and the serial number, go to the web site: https:// www.kidde.com/home-safety/en/ us/support/product-alerts/recallkidde-fire-extinguisher/. While scrolling down through the site, vou will see a video. Click on that. If your extinguisher/s have been recalled, there is no charge to you to have it replaced. It takes about 2 weeks to get the replacement, and it comes with return shipping via the same delivery, i.e. UPS, FedEx, etc. that delivered the new extinguisher.

Recently, our VSEs had the opportunity to attend a virtual VSE educational session hosted by Dave Fuller. Dave is probably one of the foremost experts on Vessel Safety Examinations in the county as he holds key billets in both USPS and USCG Auxiliary, relating to boating safety. Anyone can watch this video and I strongly encourage all of members, especially those who still have boats, to watch the hour long video. It will be well worth your time.

https://usps.org/national/itcom/raleigh20/ VSC_Presentation.mp4

If any of you have even a little interest in being a Vessel Safety Examiner, this may help you decide to take the plunge (or not). Doing VSEs has been one of the most personally rewarding things I have done in the years I have been a member of USPS. You get to meet new people, check out boats you have never been on before, and even talk to potential new members.

A reminder that it is not too late to have your vessel checked by one of our examiners.



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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HOW HORITIO AND I BECAME FRIENDS P/C WILLIAM J. ASH SN <u>H</u> EMERITUS

The editor of THE OUTLOOK posed a question to this humble, weakening sailor just the other day. It is a legitimate inquiry, coming after so many years of my writing about a man whom I admire very much. "Bill, how did you and Horatio become acquainted?" After floundering about, which I do with greater frequency now, I was forced to refer to all of my 'hard copies' which I keep separate from the 'bedazzles' in my desk-top computer. So, at breakfast, today, I gingerly paged through my rather large book-like collection and found what I was after. Incidentally, hot oatmeal laced with copious amounts of salted butter and Vermont maple syrup did the trick. Also, I'm down to 196 pounds. Anyway, Horatio! Yes, I'm sorry about that.

Back when the seawater had fewer contaminants and I had completed my struggle to the top (two terms) of the officer corps leading Peconic Bay Sail and Power Squadron, way out on the east end of an island in the Atlantic Ocean, I found myself sailing in a large, relatively choppy bay in the Jolly Tar. Does that make any sense? Well, if not, just continue on! I recall the weather was rather foul with a drizzly rain and an impenetrable fog. Monitoring a dependable compass made it fairly easy to plink along westward while looking out for irresponsible jackasses unprepared for collisions. When will they stop? Also, our fog horn was called to duty with a long blast every minute. We never heard any from other vessels out there. Not good. In the sternsheets of the Jolly Tar sat a dignified gentleman representing the British Navy. He is commander of HMS Nonsuch which had brought him and his crew across the Atlantic from Britain. But let me backtrack a moment.

About two days prior to the developing adventure noted above, my late wife Trudy and I heard a knock at the door. It was just after dinner. Upon opening we saw this fellow who was a complete stranger; never saw him before. He paused politely and asked if I was a Professor at SUNY Stony Brook and I replied in the affirmative. Then he asked if I was affiliated with Peconic Bay Sail and Power Squadron. I said, "Yes." He smiled and reported he had found

his man. I thought I might be under arrest and asked to see his credentials. Swiftly, he put me at ease and told my wife she was not under suspicion either. We had a good laugh and subsequently he introduced himself as Horatio Hornblower, commanding officer of Nonsuch a British ship-of-the-line. What was he doing at my doorstep? Horatio, to keep it short and sweet, said he was here to pick my brains regarding USPS; he wanted to learn about the relationships among Squadrons, Districts and National. I thought this was a special assignment for me considering his reputation among persons of nautical experience. After a glass or two of rather expensive wine, which Trudy found in my bedroom closet, Horatio and I agreed that I would meet him at my pier where alongside lay the Herreshoff cat, Jolly Tar. I would take Horatio to his ship lying at anchor in Big Seatuck. I think he was curious to see if I really knew something about sailing a catboat. So there it is. Now back to the short journey from Beaver Dam Creek to the Nonsuch.

The dense fog gave concern. I did not wish harm to the Commodore's ship by crunching it with a sturdy catboat. I had to show my expertise before this fellow in the sternsheets. The lookout suddenly called to me saying he spotted the shadow of Horatio's ship through

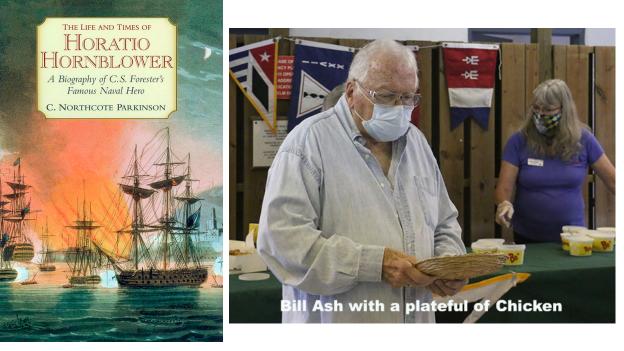
For tons of information about what's going on in our own District 27, take a look at their website: District 27 of the United States Power Squadrons: http://www.uspsd27.org/ the weather. I gave commands to ease the mainsheet (catboats have only one sheet, the mainsheet) and fend off on the port side as we snuck up on *Nonsuch.* We came up under the chains which Horatio knew all about, and like a well oiled monkey he moved easily up a ladder and on deck. He was piped aboard. He was back on his ship. He planned to weigh anchor and head back out for sea trials he had mentioned previously. He would return soon and from this time on I had a wonderful friend.

He, Horatio, joined Peconic Bay and enjoyed his new friends while learning as much as he could about the world's largest nautical educational organization. Then I moved from my island home to Trent Woods here in North Carolina, saying tearful good bye to so many friends including the Commodore. Then, one day a few months later I happened to be in Beaufort and there, right in front of me, was Nonsuch. Horatio and I became reacquainted. He comes and goes as his duty calls. You are familiar with his activities here. I hope you enjoy being with us. And, I hope I have satisfied the Editor with my lengthy answer. Cheerio and good day.

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Members interested in the life of Horatio will enjoy: *The Life and Times of Horatio Hornblower* by C. Northcote Parkinson, 1970, Little, Brown and Co., Boston.







How Children Perceive Their Grandparents !!

1. She was in the bathroom, putting on her makeup under the watchful eyes of her young granddaughter, as she'd done many times before. After she applied her lipstick and started to leave, the little one said, "But Gramma, you forgot to kiss the toilet paper good-bye!" I'll probably never put lipstick on again without thinking about kissing the toilet paper good-bye.

2. My young grandson called the other day to wish me happy birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, 80. My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"

3. After putting her grandchildren to bed, a grandmother changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin. Finally, she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard the three-year-old say with a trembling voice, "Who was THAT?"

4. A grandmother was telling her little granddaughter what her own childhood was like. "We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods."

The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this all in. At last she said, "I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"

5. My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?" I mentally polished my halo and I said, "No, how are we alike?" "You're both real old," he replied.

6. A little girl was diligently pounding away on her grandfather's word processor. She told him she was writing a story.

"What's it about?" he asked. "I don't know," she replied. "I can't read."

7. I didn't know if my granddaughter had learned her colors yet, so I decided to test her. I would point out something and ask what color it was. She would tell me, and she was always correct. It was fun for me, so I continued. At last, she headed for the door, saying, "Grandma, I think you should try figuring out some of this stuff for yourself!"

8. When my grandson Billy and I entered our vacation cabin, we kept the lights off until we were inside to keep from attracting pesky insects. Still, a few fireflies followed us in. Noticing them before I did, Billy whispered, "It's no use, Grandpa. Now the mosquitoes are coming after us with flashlights."

9. When my grandson asked me how old I was, I teasingly replied, "I'm not sure." "Look in your underwear, Grandpa," he advised. "Mine says I'm 4 to 6."

10.. A second grader came home from school and said to her grandmother, "Grandma, guess what? We learned how to make babies today." The grandmother, more than a little surprised, tried to keep her cool. "That's interesting." she said, warily. "How do you make babies?"

"It's easy," replied the girl. "You just change 'y' to 'i' and add 'es'."

11. "Give me a sentence about a public servant," instructed the teacher during a lesson. One small boy wrote: "The fireman came down the ladder pregnant." The teacher took the lad aside to correct him. "Don't you know what pregnant means?" she asked.

"Sure," said the young boy confidently. 'It means carrying a child."

12. A grandfather was delivering his grandchildren to their home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a dalmatian dog.

The children started discussing the dog's duties.

"They use him to keep crowds back," offered one child.

"No," said another, "he's just for good luck." A third child brought the argument to a

close. "They use the dogs," she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrants."

13. A 6-year-old was asked where his grandma lived. "Oh," he said, "she lives at the airport, and when we want her, we just go get her. Then, when we're done having her visit, we take her back to the airport."

14. Grandpa is the smartest man on earth! He teaches me good things, but I don't get to see him enough to get as smart as him!

15. My Grandparents are funny. When they bend over, you hear gas leaks, and they blame their dog.

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Picnic at Red Sail Park, Fairfield Harbour

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Tiki Warner, Catherine Ewan,

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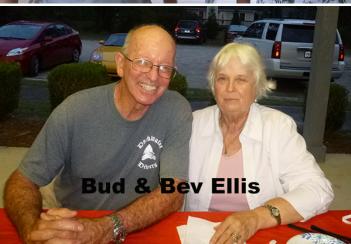


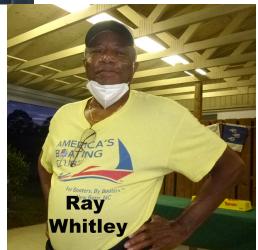




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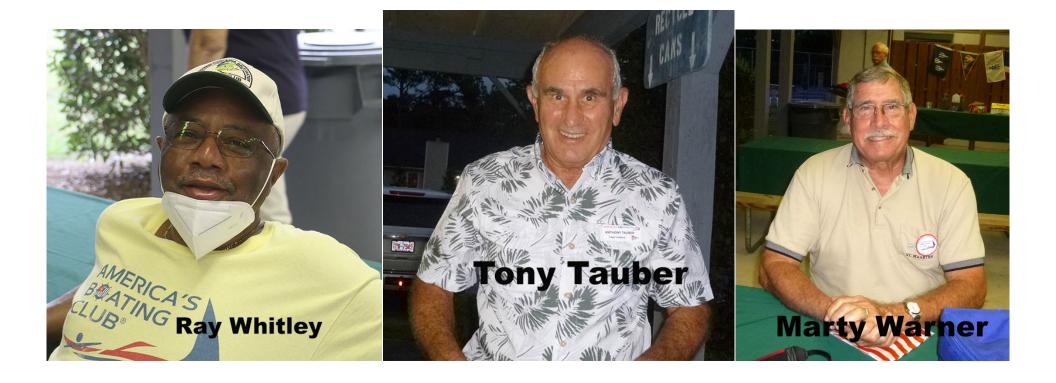












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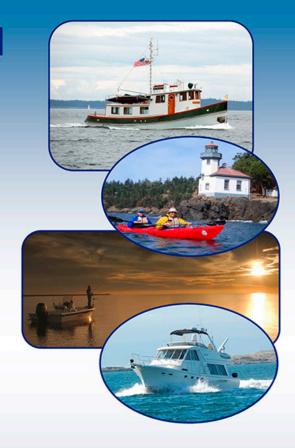
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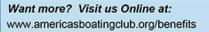


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