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## Upcoming Events:

2021

Monday, January 4, 1900  
**Executive Committee Mtg**  
Via Zoom

Monday, January 18, 1900  
**CLSPS Annual Meeting**  
Via Zoom

Saturday, February 27, Time TBD  
**CHANGE OF WATCH**  
Via Zoom

Saturday, April 3, 0900  
**Craven County Clean Sweep**

## Craven County Clean Sweep November 7, 2020



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## Commander

Cdr Jane Moore, AP



On November 7, six members participated in the Craven County Clean Sweep program. Many thanks to Lydia Ash, Linda Whitley, John Kwak, Lloyd and Jane Moore and Marty Warner for volunteering. The next New Bern Clean Sweep will be the first weekend on April 3, 2021 at 9:00 am, weather permitting.

Congratulations and thank you to our members who earned a Merit Mark this year. P/C June Reasons was our Merit Mark Chair and kept track all year and entered the recommendations. My sincere appreciation to all who volunteered their time and talent to our Squadron.

This is an excerpt from C/C Mary Paige Abbott recent letter to members about education. "Online offerings have kept our members and the public engaged in our educational programs during the pandemic as national, state, and local health safety guidelines limited F2F and group contact. Expansion of the offerings is in process." If you haven't already downloaded the app for America's Boating Club®, it is very informative and an excellent way to check on online classes, seminars and your member benefits.

It's not too late to check out the holiday sale at USPS Ship's Store. "Beginning November 15 and concluding at midnight on New Year's Eve, take advantage of the Ship's

Store Holiday Sale! You'll receive a 10% discount on all in-stock Ship's Store apparel and gift items including the new stemless wine "glass" and briefcase. Stock up on gifts for yourself and all your America's Boating Club friends." <http://store.shopusps.org>. If you would like to shop locally, CLSPS Ship's Store is open and the inventory is included in current *Outlook*.

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. Better yet, don't go out! Stay safe and keep well.

All best wishes for a merry Christmas, happy holidays and healthy, happy New Year.

I want to thank the members who responded to requests to serve on the Bridge for 2021-2022. If you have been considering a position, please let me know as soon as possible. Nominations from the floor accepted. Here is the proposed slate of officers for next year. Election will be at the Annual meeting on Jan. 18, 2021 at 7:00 pm via Zoom. First order of business will be establishing "term limits."

The Change of Watch is scheduled for Saturday, 27 February and will be conducted during a Zoom call. D/C Hugh Hayes will conduct the COW. Time to be determined.

## Proposed Slate 2021-2022

### CLSPS Bridge Officers

Commander	Jane Moore
Exec Officer	Open
Educational Officer	Lloyd A. Moore
Administrative Officer	K. Wayne Fretwell
Asst. Admin Officer	Elaine Lechner
Treasurer	Raymond Whitley
Secretary	Linda Whitley
Asst. Secretary	Roger Martin Warner

### Executive Committee

Robert Burget  
John Kwak  
June Reasons  
Roger Martin Warner

### Elected Committee Chairs 2021-2022

Audit Committee Open  
Rules Committee Lloyd Moore  
Nominating Committee Open

***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>***

### Executive Officer

Lt/C Lloyd Moore, AP



Our squadron, along with many other organizations in the country, and world-wide, remains in virtual lock-down. We are unable to hold and participate in the traditional events and activities we are used to. It is sad and frustrating for all of us, but suspending USPS activities to do our part in slowing the spread of COVID is a small price to pay. I hope and pray that for our members, the pandemic hasn't struck closer to you and your family. With recent announcements regarding the vaccines, we can finally see that the light at the end of the tunnel is not an oncoming freight train.

### CLSPS Bylaws Update

Last month I discussed a few changes to our Bylaws that would be necessary to comply with the latest Model Squadron Bylaws. I will update our Bylaws and distribute them to the other members of the Rules committee, and if they are in agreement, we will begin the process of having the Bylaws approved by the membership, and ultimately by the National Rules Committee.

### Election of Bridge Officers & Executive Committee

We should all be grateful for the overtime our commander put in trying to pull together a slate for the coming year. I suspect many of you have blocked her phone number - alas, not an option for me. She should be reminded that the Nominations committee is supposed to come up with a slate, but in recognition of her tireless effort she will receive the Supreme Commander for Life award.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas, and Happy Holidays.



## Administrative Officer

Lt/C Wayne Fretwell, P



As Covid continues to rage, we are trying to deal with it the best we can and still keep the club going. We had scheduled a Christmas dinner at the Chelsea before the last big wave hit us and we had to cancel.

Even though we are not able to get a full slate of officers, we will hold our annual meeting, January 18, to elect a partial slate of officers for the coming year. Of course it will be another Zoom meeting. The commander will give the slate that we have in her article and how to attend the meeting.

At this meeting Ed Gagnon will give a presentation of his round the world trip that was cut short because of the virus.

## 2020 Merit Marks June Reasons

Congratulations to the recipients of Merit Marks this year!!!! In SPITE OF the Pandemic, 22 of America's Boating Club, Cape Lookout New Bern members worked hard and received recognition for it. Hoping 2021 will bring sunny, bright and calm winds days for us and more of our members will be able to be able to help our Squadron continue to succeed.

**THANK YOU ALL!**

**Lydia Ash  
Robert Burget  
Glover (Bud) Ellis  
Wayne Fretwell  
John Kwak  
Michael McCulley  
Lloyd Moore  
Owen Smith  
Diana Thompson  
Richard Tobacco  
Linda Whitley**

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## 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



Happy Birthday to the  
Following Members



December 2020

Moore, Lloyd A. — 1 December  
Daugherty, Mary A. — 6 December  
Skrotsky, Christine — 6 December  
Starr, Sherrie — 6 December  
Rice, VanAllen — 22 December





## So, What's a Nautical Mile?

Marty Warner

We all use the term: Nautical Mile (NM): “I sailed 14.6 NM’s today.”, or “It’s 17 NM’s from A to Z”. How long is a Nautical Mile, and where did it come from?

First, let’s talk about the term: Mile. I think I first learned about the mile back in grade school when we learned about the Roman Empire. The Romans were famous for building roads so their army could travel to and from their conquered lands. As I remember it, Centurians, the Roman soldiers paced off 1,000 steps and that became the Roman Mile. The Italian word for “thousand” is “mille”. If you drop one of the “l’s”, you get “mile”. I don’t really know if that’s where “mile” came from, but it sure sounds good. And if a soldier’s step was about a yard, or about a meter, a Roman mile would equal about a kilometer (or 0.62 statute miles)

Today we use the term statute mile (5,280 feet) and the rest of the world uses the kilometer (1,000 meters). Both the foot and the meter are things that we can touch and hold and see—a yard stick and a meter stick are about the same length. What about the nautical mile? Not so fast! That’s because the nautical mile is something that was made up—it was just pulled out of the air, sorta.

First we have to agree on a few things:

1. Our planet is round; it’s a sphere. We all know that the earth isn’t absolutely, perfectly round, but it’s darn close, and for our purposes it is **Round**.

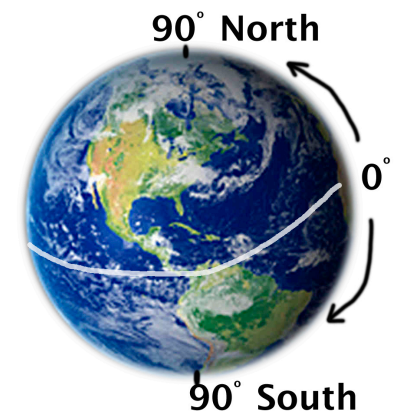
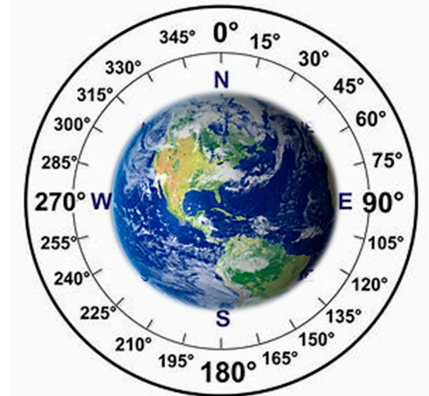
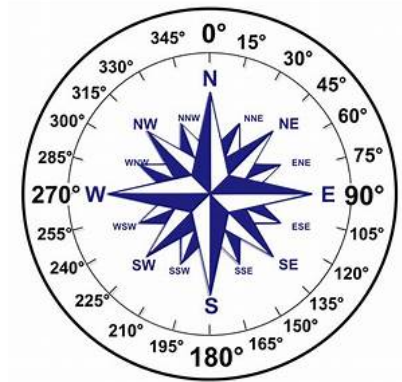
2. The compass, or a circle has 360 degrees in it. But, why 360? Why not 100 degrees or 400 degrees or some other number. I asked one of



our fellow passengers on one of our Atlantic crossing on the Star Clipper—he’s a math instructor. “Why do we use 360?” He said, “Because it’s **Convenient**.” No other reason. There’s nothing really magic about 360, but it’s very useful. You can divide 360 by so many other numbers—try it— 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 15, 20, and so on. So, we have North as 000 degrees or 360 degrees, East as 090 degrees, South as 180 degrees, and West as 270 degrees. We’ll always use 3 digits for our compass readings.

In our watery world we can’t pace off 1,000 steps or use some 100’ tape to measure distance, so some other method was needed. If you overlay the compass on to the side view of our planet, you should get 360 degrees at the north pole, and 090 degrees at the equator, and 180 degrees at the South Pole. Since the equator is defined as a line equidistant from the North and South Poles, it was decided to use the equator as a Zero degree line, and measure up to the North Pole (or down to the South Pole). Either way it’s 90 degrees.

But a degree is a pretty long distance over the





ground, so they decided to divide the degree into smaller increments to come up with something more readily useful. Did they divide it up into something sensible, like 100 parts? No, they divided it up into 60 parts. And what did they call those parts—a “degree-ette”? Of course not, they called it a “minute”! And

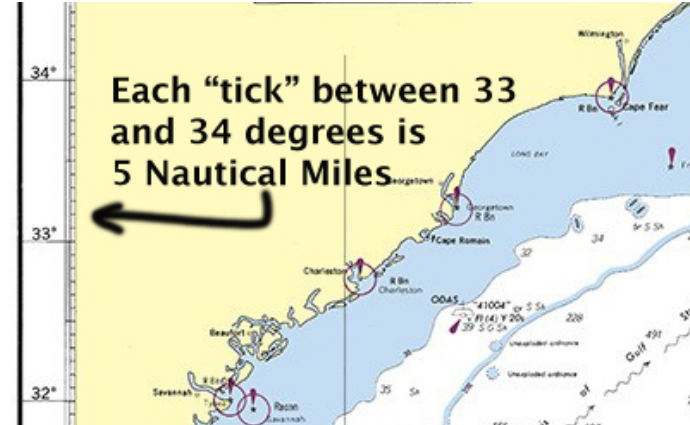
then they subdivided the minute into another 60 parts and they called those parts a “second” Why not? They had the pen in their hands and no one else objected. Maybe somebody was a clock or time freak. When they measured all this out, the distance of a “minute” turned out to be a pretty reasonable and useful distance, so it became to be called the Nautical Mile. A Nautical Mile is 1/60th of a degree or one minute. In our money a Nautical Mile is 6,076’ (1.151 statute mile), or 1,852 meters.

It’s very convenient to measure things like:

How many Nautical Miles are there from the equator to the North (or South) Pole? 90 degrees times 60 minutes (or 60 NM) equals 5,400 NM.

So, how many NM are there around the world, along the equator, say? 4 times 5,400, or 21,600 NM. That’s the same distance as going from the North pole down to the South Pole and back again, or any other circumference of the globe as long as the center of your “circle” is the center of the earth. Let’s convert the circumference of the globe to statute miles to see if it sounds familiar. The conversion from nautical to statue miles is 0.868976. so 21,600 NM divided by 0.868976 equals 24,856.8 statute miles. Or pretty close to 25,000 miles. In metric it’s even closer—most people learn that the earth’s circumference is

40,000 kilometers. The conversion is  $1.852 \times \text{NM} = \text{kms}$ . So,  $1.852 \times 21,600$  is 40, 003 kms—pretty close!



What’s especially convenient is that every Chart has Nautical Miles on the left and/or right margin, shown as longitude.

Just to muddy the waters, would a Nautical Mile on the moon be the same as on earth?

A bit of whimsy here, but our “hallowed” Nautical Mile all started by whoever decided on using 360 degrees in a circle. Maybe if we were Sumerians it wouldn’t seem strange—Sexagesimal (base 60) is a numeral system with sixty as its base. It originated with the ancient **Sumerians** in the 3rd millennium BC, was passed down to the ancient Babylonians, and is still used—in a modified form—for measuring time, angles, and geographic coordinates.

And, By The Way, I don’t know who “They“ are/were.

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/>



**MERRY CHRISTMAS,  
Y'ALL!!!!!!!  
SOME OXYMORONS FOR YOU**

1. Is it good if a vacuum really sucks?
2. Why is the third hand on the watch called the second hand?
3. If a word is misspelled in the dictionary, how would we ever know?
4. If Webster wrote the first dictionary, where did he find the words?
5. Why do we say something is out of whack? What's a whack?
6. Why does the "slow down" and "slow up" mean the same thing?
7. Why does "fat chance" and "slim chance" mean the same thing?
8. Why do "tug" boats push their barges?
9. Why do we sing "Take me out to the ball game" when we're already there?
10. Why are they called "stands" when they are made for sitting?
11. Why is it called "after dark" when it really is "after light"?
12. Doesn't "expecting the unexpected" make the unexpected expected?
13. Why are a "wise man" and a "wise guy" opposites?
14. Why do "overlook" and "oversee" mean opposite things?
15. Why is "phonics" not spelled the way it sounds?
16. If work is so terrific, why do they have to pay you to do it?
17. If the world is a stage, where is the audience sitting?
18. If love is blind, why is lingerie so popular?
19. If you are cross-eyed and have dyslexia, can you read all right?
20. Why is a bra singular and panties plural?
21. Why do you press harder on the buttons of a remote control when you know the batteries are dead?
22. Why do we put suits in garment bags and garments in a suitcase?
23. How come abbreviated is such a long word?
24. Why do we wash bath towels? Aren't we clean when we use them?
25. Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle?
26. Why do they call it a TV set when you only have one?
27. Christmas — What other time of the year do you sit in front of a dead tree and eat candy out of your socks?



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