

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB

New Bern

Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron
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CLSPS Website: <http://www.clsps.org>

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, 18 December, 1430-1730
Wine Tasting/Pot Luck Party
Fairfield Harbor Comm. Center

2023

Monday, 9 January, 1900
ExComm Meeting
Via Zoom

Monday, 16 January
CLSPS Annual Meeting & Election of Officers
The Chelsea Restaurant—1730 Social,
1800 Dinner, 1900 Meeting

February 19-26
America's Boating Club Annual Mtg
Rosen Plaza Hotel, Orlando, FL

Saturday, 25 February
CLSPS 62nd Change of Watch Luncheon
Location and time TBD

Guided Tour of Tryon Palace 20 October 2022



Leslie Gagnon
leads a guided
tour of Tryon
Palace

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As the New Year approaches, with the exception of a few snowbirds, most of us have put away our boats or RVs and turned our thoughts to family and the holidays. Our squadron has plans for a holiday wine tasting and there are plans for our Change of Watch.

This is the time to plan for the next boating season and make repairs or upgrades on our vessels. Thanks to Bud Ellis there is basic boating and on the water boat handling courses planned. Robert Burget is planning a geo-marker expedition. Owen Smith is lining up vessel examiners for next year. Lydia Ash, Elaine Lechner, and Linda Whitley are planning the next year's events.

Jane Moore is still trying to fill our slate of officers for the coming year. Even though our toys are put away the squadron still has events to keep us busy while we are not spending time with family and friends over the holidays.

Leslie and I wish all fair winds and following seas and hope you have a happy and blessed New Year.

The Outlook and other great information are available at the CLSPS website:

<http://www.clsps.org>

Administrative Officer

Lt/C Lydia Ash



Ahoy and Holiday greetings to all!

October and November were a blur (read on!) and here we are in Mid-December with cold noses and lists a mile long to attend to, as we tack down the final leg before Christmas!

First off....UTMOST IMPORTANCE!! - Plan to join us for our holiday soiree at the Fairfield Harbour Community Center this coming Sunday, December 18th, at 2:30 PM. **Checks MUST get to Elaine by Friday, DECEMBER 16th!**

Looking Back.....

October and November came and went while Marty, Tiki and many others took to the skies and decks... Meanwhile, back here at home, Commander Ed Gagnon and Aide Leslie Gagnon gave terrific tours of the Gardens and Costume Shop, respectively, at Tryon Palace in a lovely outing on October 20th.

A nice turn out of members and friends strolled through the gardens early and we all learned a LOT about Colonial gardening before moving on to the incredible hidden gem of a costume shop where all the magic happens preparing all of the costumes for docents

and others who walk the grounds of the Palace. Lunch followed for several!

We had a behind the scenes look at the costumes that are being used for "Candlelight," the Palace's extravagant holiday offering, which started last Saturday and continues again this Saturday evening. Tickets may still be available, so check it out! I have attended in the past and it is truly a lovely event to attend! You may see people who look very familiar... :-)

The November Members Meeting brought a wonderful tour of Egypt as Leslie Gagnon and Commander Ed took us through many fascinating photos and stories of their cruise destinations. Ed's unfortunate accident early in the trip kept him onboard the ship, but Leslie made the most of the many locations visited. Thanks so much for sharing all of that with us! Photos will tell you more!

District Commander Sarah McCurry attended the November meeting, along with her husband, P/D/C Jamie McCurry. She informed us about the Winter Training (which was scheduled for January 7th but has now been Cancelled). She presented P/L/C Jim Stevens, N (in absentia) with a Certificate from the National Office showing he has been a member of USPS for 50 years, and a 50 Year Pin!

Lastly, I have connected with Donnie Cox at WCTI and he has taken our request of a morning tour on Friday, January 13th to Management. I will

keep you all posted and hopefully we will be able to do that! Please write me back at my personal email (lydiaaash119@gmail.com) if you are interested in attending so I can keep you apprised of developments. We will go to lunch afterwards.

Many thanks, especially to Elaine and Linda, for all they and you all do for the Squadron and here's wishing you all a blessed Christmas and holiday season! Whatever you celebrate, may you enjoy the Season!

Merit Mark Recipients

Congratulations to all those members who answered the call to duty and went above and beyond. Nineteen of our members received Merit Marks for 2022. Your Squadron is PROUD of you! Keep up the good work, it keeps us going!

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| Annalee Ash | Elaine Lechner |
| Lydia Ash | Jane Moore |
| William Ash | Lloyd Moore |
| Robert Burget | June Reasons |
| James Dugan | Owen Smith |
| Glover Ellis | Robert Thompson |
| Wayne Fretwell | Juli Voelker |
| Cdr Ed Gagnon | Roger Warner |
| William Gewain | Linda Whitley |
| John Kwak | Raymond Whitley |

P/C June Reasons

2022 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 and other incidentals (cards & flowers). 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.

2022 Booster Club

Jane & Lloyd Moore
Wayne Fretwell, Elaine Lechner
Ray & Linda Whitley
Marty & Tiki Warner
June Reasons
Owen & Carolyn Smith
Bob Burget
Bill Ash
Bud Ellis
Floyd Quisenberry
Dick & Catherine Ewan

**Assistant
Administrative
Officer**

Lt Elaine Lechner



Our squadron is having a holiday party at Fairfield Harbour Community Center on 585 Broad Creek Road, New Bern NC. It will be a wine tasting through Craven Wine. The wine tasting will cost \$15pp. Please mail a check made out to CLSPS to me by **December 14th**. There is a limit of 25 people for the wine tasting so get your reservations in early.

The squadron will be providing ham and non-alcoholic beverages, eating utensils, and paper products. We ask that you bring a dish to share but coordinate with me so we don't all bring the same thing.



Dear fellow Squadron members,

As you may know, CLSPS is entering our 63rd year as a Squadron in New Bern. We have been very fortunate during these years to have



members willing to step up and volunteer their time to help us be successful. As you can see from the published proposed slate of officers for the coming year, we have several slots that are open. I sincerely thank the members who agreed to accept the positions for the coming year. We have had new members join during this year and hope they will become involved in a committee or an assistant position that they can learn the "ropes." We have many Past Commanders who may consider taking on the position of Commander to get us through 2023-2024.

I look forward to your call to discuss your involvement to keep our Squadron active in New Bern. Please plan to attend the Annual Meeting on Monday, 16 January at 5:30 pm at The Chelsea for the election of officers. Our Change of Watch (COW) is planned for Saturday 25 February 2023 at 11:30 am – 1:30 pm, location to be determined.

P/C Jane Moore, AP



Cape Lookout Sail & Power Squadron

Proposed CLSPS Slate of Officers for 2023-2024

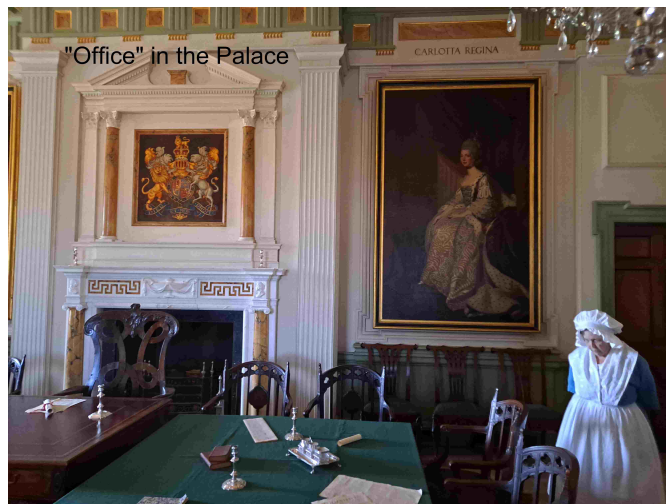
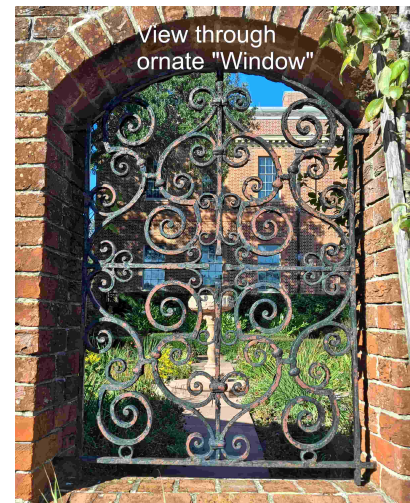
Commander – Open
Squadron Education Officer – Bud Ellis
Asst. Education Officer – Open
Executive Officer – John Kwak
Administrative Officer – Lydia Ash
Asst. Administrative Officers – Elaine
Lechner and Linda Whitley
Treasurer – Raymond Whitley
Asst. Treasurer – Open
Secretary – Open
Asst. Secretary – Marty Warner

Executive Committee

Immediate Past Commander – Ed Gagnon
Robert Burget
June Reasons
Owen Smith
Marty Warner

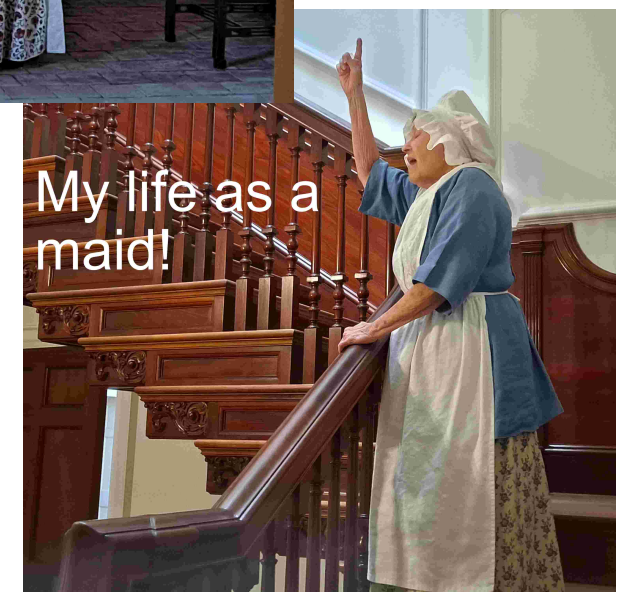
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Rules Committee – Lloyd Moore
Audit Committee – Lloyd Moore

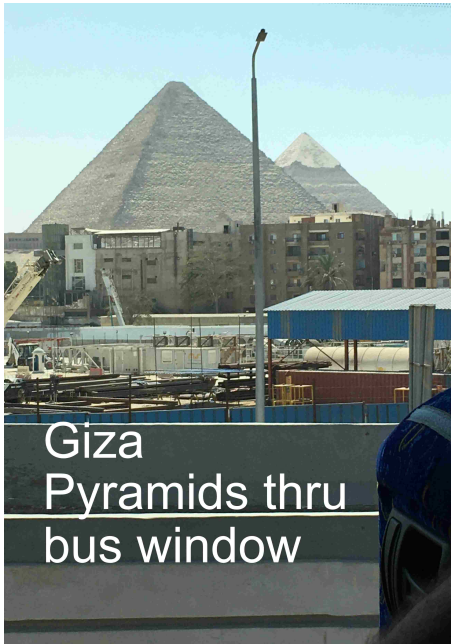
Respectfully submitted,
P/C Jane Moore, AP



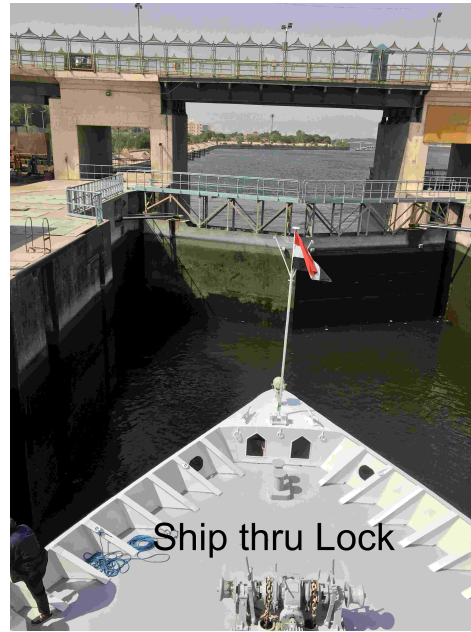
**Personal Tour of Tryon Palace
led by, Leslie and Ed Gagnon**

Pictures by Lydia Ash





Giza
Pyramids thru
bus window



Ship thru Lock

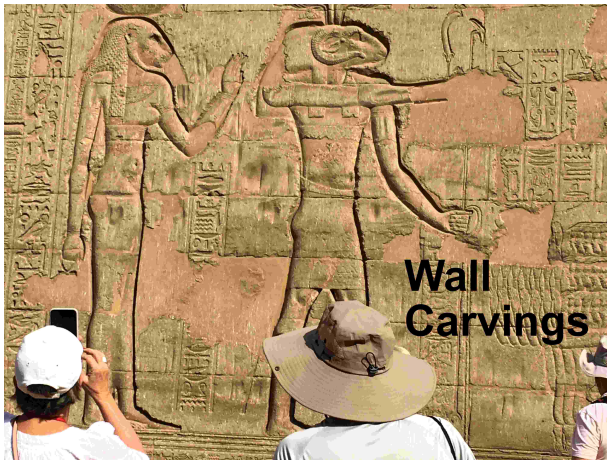
*Pictures by Leslie
Gagnon*

Happy Birthday
to the
Following Members

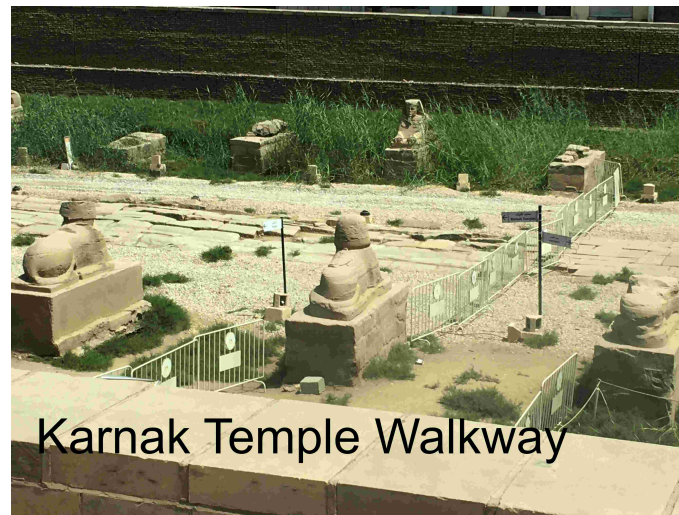


December

Moore, Lloyd A. — 1 December
Starr, Sherrie — 6 December



Wall
Carvings



Karnak Temple Walkway

**Pictures from Cdr Ed & Leslie's
tour of Egypt**

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 William J. Ash,
SN, H



T'WAS TWO NIGHTS BEFORE CHRISTMAS, 2022

P/C WILLIAM J. ASH SN EMERITUS

Yes, it is two nights before Christmas, and all through the marshes not a creature is stirring, at least to my knowledge. I could not see nor hear them. Had Lydia's dog, *Poppy*, been with me, she would have smelled them and proved I had plenty of company. The sky is as clear as it can be, with shooting stars flashing overhead seemingly on schedule. I waited, listening for a sound with which I was truly familiar. Ah, there it is!

Way off I hear the hoof-beats of a galloping horse, its rider being my dear friend Horatio Hornblower, Captain of H.M.S. *Lydia*. He's coming to spend this blessed season with me helping to dull the edges of loneliness he and I experience at this exceptional time of the year. His Lady Barbara remains in England, and I have two ladies who are but beautiful memories. We will sit here at the yacht club for a while then edge our way over to my home which I share with my two daughters, Annalee and

Lydia. He has been my guest on many occasions. Here he is now.

"Horatio, I'm so happy you came on this special night. You've been gone for months doing what needs being done for the Royal Navy, and with the passing of the Queen, all must have been difficult. Now, we must talk about the changing of the times and USPS. Welcome back!"

"Ah, my old friend, P/C, SN Emeritus, Professor Emeritus, hockey coach and whatever, what a pleasure to see you. First let's concentrate on these special nights, and what they mean after two thousand years of our Savior coming and all of the happiness and sadness the human race has experienced. It's been about the state of the world and where we thought it was heading. We agreed we should continue to search for simple answers and cooperation among nations." USPS was not mentioned but was number one on the schedule for tomorrow morning. It was off to bed; Hornblower was exhausted beyond imagination. I took care of his horse.

There is no sun welcoming this following morning, the day before Christmas. A cold counterclockwise breeze on the west side of a low pressure system teamed with a cold clockwise one from a high pressure system coming from the west put a damper on the hopes of a warm Christmas. My son, Jim, is having temperatures in the twenties in New Jersey and former neighbors in Canton, New York are in

the midst of temperatures in the teens, yes where my old St. Lawrence Power Squadron dropped its anchor. I can't take that cold anymore. Anyway!

Horatio and I spent the better part of the morning on what Squadron members might do to bolster, in a practical fashion, their nautical knowledge. Get right down to business and soak up whatever information that will make us better captains! We recommend members consider, very seriously, taking Boat Handling Course after the ABC Course. Makes sense, doesn't it? It is so fundamental and essential. Do it! Don't be too proud! You WILL learn something.

Then, in some fashion, in class or by one's self, wade through the Weather course? Nothing concerns us more than knowing the weather systems we need to contend with while cruising the bays, canals or open seas. There is nothing worse than suddenly experiencing 50 knot winds or glowing beneath a direct hit on the mast from a bolt of lightning. Stay safe, take the Weather course! Do it!

The Squadron is lucky to have an Educational Officer who really knows his stuff. Call him to schedule courses from which you will benefit right 'off the bat'; Cricket in the UK and Baseball in the USA. Off the bat, get that, Horatio?" "Hmmm, no."

Try working your way up the ladder of difficulty of subject matter. We must

be honest, Marine Navigation is more difficult than beginning Boat Handling. Celestial Navigation can be more difficult than Marine Navigation. I've told my students, "Each step upward shows you a new and widening horizon." Stay busy studying something! It's the reason USPS exists. "Horatio, I just had an idea. A member could give someone a Christmas present of a USPS course. Maybe a course-gift from a sweetheart would be appropriate. Think outside the box!"

"Not bad, P/C. Listen, education is the name of the game. It would be wonderful if each member, presently, studied just one course. It's likely asking too much, but the idea gives a resounding feeling of a Squadron taking advantage of a wonderful education, smack on. And, it is fairly inexpensive."

"Horatio, Christmas is my favorite time of the year. I love it because it celebrates the birth of Jesus, and it reminds me of my entry into Bavaria, my home when I served in the military during the 1950's. I arrived there the day before Christmas in 1953. I truly traveled into a Christmas card environment, beautiful beyond description.... Merry Christmas." "And to you P/C. To everyone."



Old Hillbilly Wisdom

Your fences need to be horse-high,
pig-tight, and bull-strong

Keep skunks, bankers, and
politicians at a distance

Life is simpler when you plow
around the stump

A bumble bee is considerably faster
than a John Deere tractor

Words that soak into your ears are
whispered, not yelled

The best sermons are lived, not
preached

If you don't take the time to do it
right, you'll find the time to do it twice

Don't corner something that is
meaner than you

Don't pick a fight with an old man. If
he is too old to fight he'll just kill you

It don't take a very big person to
carry a grudge

You cannot unsay a cruel word

Every path has a few puddles

When you wallow with pigs, expect
to get dirty

Don't be banging your shin on a stool
that's not in the way

Borrowing trouble from the future
doesn't deplete the supply

Most of the stuff people worry about
ain't never gonna happen anyway
Don't judge folks by their relatives
Silence is sometimes the best answer
Don't interfere with somethin' that
ain't bothering you none

Timing has a lot to do with the
outcome of a rain dance

If you find yourself in a hole, the first
thing to do is stop diggin'

Sometimes you get, and sometimes
you get got

The biggest troublemaker you'll ever
have to deal with watches you from the
mirror every mornin'

Always drink upstream from the
herd

Good judgement comes from
experience, and most of that comes from
bad judgement

Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a
whole lot easier than puttin' it back in

If you get to thinkin' you're a person
of some influence, try orderin'
somebody else's dog around

Live a good, honorable life. Then
when you get older and think back,
you'll enjoy it a second time

Live simply. Love generously. Care
deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to
God

Most times, it just gets down to
common sense



Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron Annual Dinner Meeting
Monday, January 16, 2023, 1730
The Chelsea, 335 Middle Street, New Bern, NC
Election of Officers

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

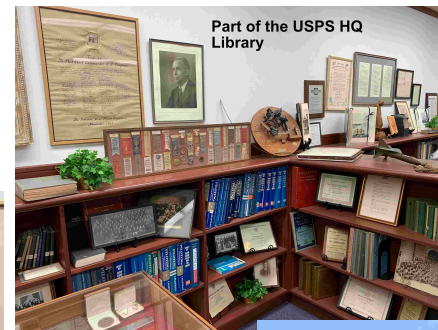
Menu to be Announced

Name: _____ **Dinner Choice:** _____
Name: _____ **Dinner Choice:** _____

Number attending _____ x \$25.00 each = Amount enclosed \$ _____ The Chelsea requests the head count and entrée selection by Tuesday, January 13, so please send your entrée choice and check, made payable to CLSPS, to Elaine Lechner, 2220 Caracara Drive, New Bern NC 28560. 678-464-7665 elechner@bellsouth.net

In the Oct/Nov issue, Bill Ash wrote about visiting the USPS Headquarters in Raleigh. Here are some pictures from that visit.

Photos by Lydia



Ships Store Inventory

Knit Polo Shirts: Ladies short sleeve knit shirts - \$15. navy.

Navy sizes: Ladies: 1xS, 2xM, 1xL

Ladies Long Sleeve Denim Shirts:

\$12.50, Available sizes M and L

Squadron Burgee (1 left) sells for \$25.00.



Pennant magnets are priced at \$5. They can be placed on your vehicle or refrigerator. (7 left)

Brushed Velcro Hat - white CLSPS logo, \$10.00 (1 left)

Cotton Visor - White (2 left) and Navy (6 left) CLSPS logo USPS D27 \$10.

Fleece Vest with CLSPS logo, 50th Anniversary: We have navy.

Sizes: S, \$18.

Reflector Safety Vest — ABC Geodetic Marker Recover Team, Size L, \$30.00

The inventory on hand has Cape Lookout Sail & Power Squadron logo and United States Power Squadron logo, with CLSPS and our burgee. We have a catalog from a Bender Apparel, please contact P/C Moore for details.

The USPS National Ship's Store has new items with America's Boating Club® logo available. Check out their website: <http://store.shopusps.org/>

Contact P/C Jane Moore at pc@clsps.org or 252-637-5547

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