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Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron
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Upcoming Events:

Monday, March 21
CLSPS March Dinner Meeting
The Chelsea Restaurant
1730 Social Hour 1800 Dinner
1900-Meeting

Monday, April 4, 1900
ExComm Meeting
Via Zoom

Monday, May 2, 1900
ExComm Meeting
Vis Zoom

Saturday, May 14
Classic Auto Show in New Bern
Downtown New Bern

May 7-15
Plein Air Art Show
Farmers Market, New Bern

Monday, May 16
CLSPS May Dinner Meeting
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CLSPS Change of Watch February 26 2022



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First I would like to thank Jane and her bridge for all the work that they have done.

As I look at the demographics of our squadron I see an older generation. To keep this squadron viable we need to recruit new and younger members.

I and many of my friends have been given orders not to boat alone. This is a great opportunity for us to make new friends and the possibility to recruit new members. I propose that each of us ask a younger friend to go out boating with then and I will ask the bridge and our webmaster if there is a way to incorporate that into our web page. A young man told me that at his school there is an app. that lets people ask questions and those questions are posted to the rest of the class for anyone to answer. I think we should look into this as a way to get younger people out on the water and help keep our older members safe.

Our squadron is doing great work inspecting boats and finding geodetic markers. Many of these community service projects are taking place at either a boat ramp or marina where people already know about our organization. I would ask that each of our members reach out to the membership of the other originations that they belong to and explain about USPS. At that time they can offer anyone interested a chance to attend one of our squadron's functions as a guest of the squadron whether it be a monthly meetings or one of our outings. Our web site already has information about marinas and launch sites but we have to tell people about it. If our website becomes known as a source for information it will increase the squadron's exposure. The more our webpage is viewed the more opportunities we will have to recruit new members.

I know that the things I am proposing require more computer skills than I currently have. Maybe, with Leslie's help, this will drag me kicking and screaming into the 20th century and hopefully it will recruit some new members.

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

<http://www.clsps.org>

Education Officer

Lt/C Bud Ellis, Jr., SN



Did you know.....

It's a beautiful day to sail out to Cape Lookout and you are making a comfortable 5 knots down Adams Creek. Your radio comes to life with the tug BC10 making a securite call to all concerned vessels that he is entering the north end of Adams creek enroute to the state port in Morehead City. Checking your AIS, you see an arrowhead icon passing "1AC". Opening the info box, you learn it is the BC10 making 10 knots and coming your way with 1 barge loaded with phosphate. No need to panic, the BC10 and the Pamlico tugs are both operated by professional captains that are very good at what they do. They want to move their loads as quickly and safely as possible and that means passing a lot of boats in tight spaces. As you keep an eye on the AIS you watch the icon getting closer and the AIS starts to warn you that you are in danger of a collision. Still no need to get excited. The captain on the BC10 knows where you are and soon, he calls you asking to make a "2 whistle pass". A what?

Somewhere you remember hearing about the Rules of the Road and stand

on and burdened vessels. Since you are in the lead, you are the privileged or stand on vessel. The BC10 is overtaking you so that makes him the burdened vessel and he must pass you with as little disturbance as possible. OK, let's go back to "2 whistle". Since he knows the waterway so well, he is ASKING if he can turn his bow to port and pass along your port side and if you agree, he will ease up along your port side and pass you safely.

A lot of mariners often interpret the Rules of the Road too literally and don't use any common sense. The Rule about overtaking instructs the stand on vessel to "maintain course and speed." That works great in open water where the overtaking vessel has a lot of room to maneuver but in the very restricted channel of Adams Creek, it would be more comfortable if you slow down to where you can keep control of your steering and move safely to the right so the BC10 can slow as he passes you and make less of a wake. After he passes, quickly cross his wake, and drop in behind him as he pulls away and you won't be bounced around so much.

Want to learn more about radios, AIS, and the Rules of the Road? Take a Power Squadron Course.

CLSPS Participants at the play, *The Wedding Singer*, March 6,



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Lt/C Lydia Ash



As we kick off a new year with the new Bridge, I'd like to let you all know how grateful I am for this wonderful group of people! You've become some great friends! I know our numbers have shrunk over the years, but I think it's safe to say, as we work our way out of pandemic conditions, we'll be able to do more together which I know we all enjoy! You are a wonderfully social group and I know it'll be a great year!

I'd also like to thank Elaine Lechner for her guidance this past year. She and Wayne were very helpful in preparing me for taking the reins this year! I so appreciate that Elaine and Linda Whitley will be assisting me, especially with the dinner meetings and socials which take a lot of coordination and time that I don't currently have as I continue my work with Craven Literacy Council.

The new Bridge Officers had a brainstorming session at the Operations Training recently. We have some wonderful things in store for the Squadron this year, not the least of which is this month's meeting guest, our own, Owen Smith with a presentation on Iraqi Palaces! I'm really looking forward

to that! Great programs will help grow our membership, so plan to bring a friend and let's get our numbers up!

The meeting will be March 21st with a social "half-hour" beginning at 5:30. Your menu options are here in the Outlook so take a moment to choose an entree and get a check to Elaine as soon as you can (and certainly by the Thursday prior to the meeting) so she can contact The Chelsea with attendee numbers. The cost is \$25.00/person. If necessary, pay at the door. Elaine's address is 2220 Caracara Drive, New Bern, NC 28560

The Outlook editor will be traveling in April—that's the reason for a combined March/April issue. There won't be another Outlook before the May dinner meeting ...so we're alerting you now that Linda Whitley will handle the May meeting (May 16th) as Elaine will be traveling to Sicily to visit her daughter! Prayers that all can travel and return safely! The telephone committee will continue with our calls and emails. (If you prefer to not be invited to meetings, or alerted to activities, please let us know and we can note that on our lists.) Hopefully we'll see many of you the 21st!

2022 CLSPS 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
Marty & Tiki Warner
June Reasons
Owen & Carolyn Smith

Happy Birthday
to the
Following Members



March

Dail, Asa B. — 17 March
Thompson, Robert B. — 25 March

April

Burke, Julia A. — 26 April

**Chairman, Vessel
Safety Program**
P/C Owen Smith, AP



VSE's for this year are off to a slow start. Partially due to COVID, weather, and examiners being out of town. I fully suspect that is about to change as the weather warms up and people begin to think more about being out on the water. As you prepare your vessel for the coming season, give some serious thought about contacting one of our examiners to get your free vessel safety check. It never hurts to have someone go over the list of items you need to have on your vessel to have a safe season, AND, make sure you are good to go when the USCG or NC Wildlife Officers stop you for a safety check. Often times, when either of these agencies see that you have a current VSE sticker displayed on your vessel they will simply wish you a "good day" and send you on your way. I know this to be true from personal experience as well as hearing from some folks who I have done safety checks for

in the past. At any rate, I hope those of you who still have boats have a safe and enjoyable 2022 boating season.

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



IDS OF MARCH **P/C WILLIAM J. ASH, SN** **EMERITUS**

It was a very bright and sunny day by the river at the yacht club; temperatures had climbed to the mid seventies and the atmosphere was barely disturbed by a paltry breeze. It was a day aspiring mariners prayed for to apply the last touches on a family yacht before undertaking a day on the waters of the mighty Trent River. A more picturesque day could not exist. The only thorn to prick the sensibilities was the donnybrook between Russians and the assaulted Ukrainians. Mounting gasoline prices and empty shelves gave evidence the skirmish had begun to affect us here in the western hemisphere. Or did it?

So, after Lydia had sounded 'general quarters', she, Annalee and I headed to the club with life jackets at the ready. Operation 2022 officially started.

Hurricane Florence (2018) caused considerable damage to the slips at the yacht club leading to major repairs and

rebuilding. Consequently, *Jolly Tar* has a brand new, wider slip with distances among pilings having changed. Also, I have changed. I'm not as steady on my feet as I once was and I realize I should stay off the foredeck. That has brought about a change in thinking among members of the Family Ash. I'm, now, trying to devise a system of tying the vessel, in such away, that I might join and handle fore and aft spring lines from the cockpit. It would simplify matters considerably. Presently, I have not solved the dilemma. I may need new cleats which I really don't want. That's only one of my problems.

I tried moving the tiller without success. It appears the boys at the repair yard forgot to check out the clearance between the tiller over the top of the outboard engine stationed in a well beneath the tiller. It needs to be trimmed with a draw knife or spoke shave. I think I can pull it off. For the sake of keeping my sanity, I just called the yard and was told the tiller may have to be rearranged or the rudder may have to be brought up higher on the stern. Where does this end?

It's not ending there, for sure. I looked under the sail cover and discovered the sail was not tied to the mast hoops. I was not expecting the yard boys to manipulate this maneuver. It's my fault for not remembering to finish off this tedious task. Chalk one up for the opposition!

There is still need for more painting of the exterior of the cabin and the interior as well. It will get done, but not without some anxiety. POLLEN season is coming fast. You can't paint outdoors during the POLLEN season. And what about my physical condition? A close friend suggested I do leg exercises to help my un-steadiness. I already do them and I remain unsteady. And arm exercises to build muscles which will help when I reunite the sail to the hoops. I do arm exercises and the sail still hasn't attached itself. Oh, I have to do the tying. Yup, I do. Jimmy Durante would now say, "What a revolting development this turned out to be."



Seen on Some Tee Shirts, lately:

My body is a Temple---Ancient,
Crumbling--Probably cursed or
haunted..

RETIRED---Under new
management. See Spouse for details.

Twinkle Twinkle Little Star. Point
me to the nearest bar.

4 out of 3 people struggle with math.

I am who I am....Your approval isn't
necessary.

Patience is a virtue. It's just not one
of MY virtues.

If you can't laugh at yourself, let me
do it.

The secret of enjoying good wine:

1. Open the bottle to allow it to
breathe
 2. If it doesn't look like it's
breathing, give it mouth-to-mouth
- I have stopped listening. So why are
you still talking?

My relationship with whiskey is on
the rocks.

On your mark, Get Set, GO AWAY!

You are about to exceed the limits of
my medication.

Science doesn't care what you
believe.

Some days the supply of curse
words is insufficient to meet my
demands.

The best thing about the good old
days was that I wasn't good and I wasn't
old.

Everyone was thinking it, I just said
it.

When I was a kid, I wanted to be
older. This CRAP is NOT what I
expected.

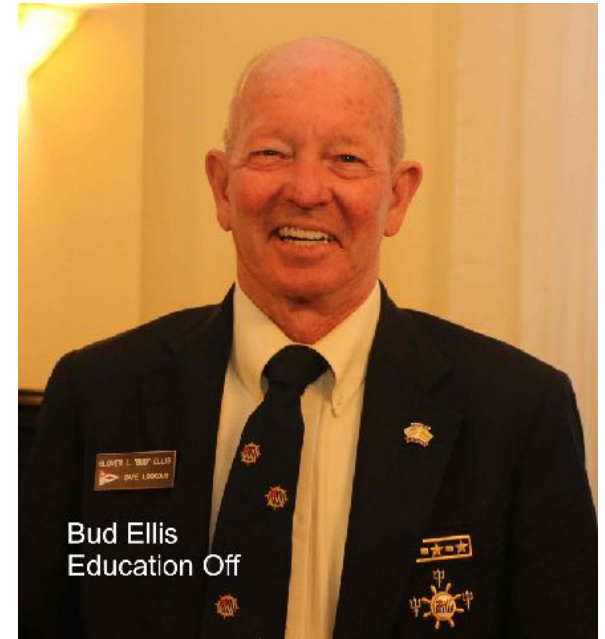
A little gray hair is a small price to
pay for all this wisdom.

No, I don't need anger management!
You need to stop p----- me off.

Sorry I'm late. I didn't want to come.
To me "drink Responsibly" means
Don't Spill It.

If You're happy & you know it, it's
your meds.

To Err is Human, to admit it is Alien!



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>



Pictures from the 2022 Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron's Change of Watch February 26, 2022. *Pictures by the editor (June Reasons did Bill Ash's sleeve)*

Invocation: Cdr Gagnon. Today as we gather in fellowship. As the seasons change so does life. As spring approaches we make plans for our new adventures. We ask our Lord to watch over us and guide us in the coming year.

As the seasons change so does life. Today we gather to witness the Change of Watch for Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron. We ask our Lord to guide me and our new bridge and grant us wisdom in the coming year.

Lord we thank you for the fellowship which we share today. We ask that you bless us and the food in which we are about to partake. We thank you for the blessings you have bestowed on us this past year and ask that you continue to watch over us.

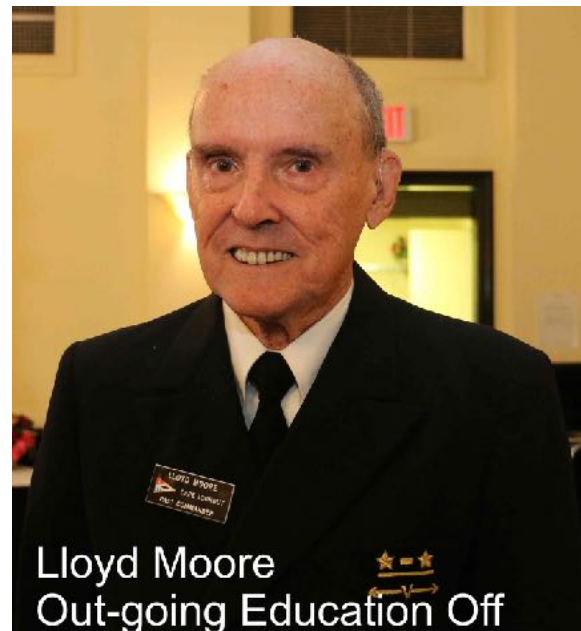
Let us pray that you watch over our men and woman in uniform and return them to us and their families safely and soon.

Amen





P/C Jane Moore
with her
P/C Flag



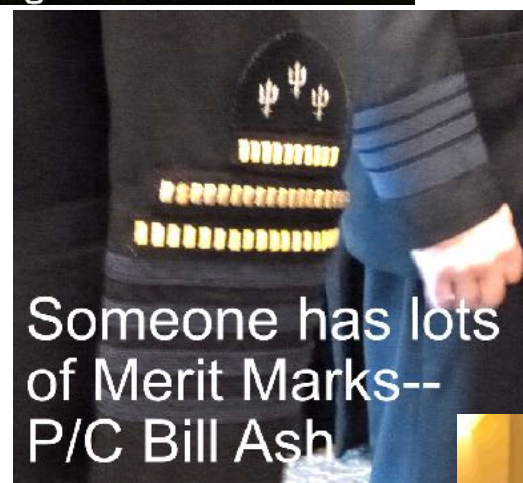
Lloyd Moore
Out-going Education Off



Bev Ellis & Linda Whitley



Mark & Liz Fairman
District 27 Admin Off/
Cdr Goldsboro Squadron



Someone has lots
of Merit Marks--
P/C Bill Ash



Leslie
Gagnon



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Linda Whitley



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Program Owen
Smith



Cdr Ed Gagnon speaks to
his Squadron



Linda
Whitley
Out-Sec

Juli Voelker
New Secretary



P/C Jane Moore



P/C June Reasons &
P/C Bill Ash



Members present gifts to
Past Commander Moore



New Officers with their Flags





Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron March Dinner Meeting
Saturday, March 21, 2022, 1700
The Chelsea, 335 Middle Street, New Bern, NC
P/C Owen Smith will speak about Palaces in Iraq

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

Shrimp and Scallop Fresca Pasta

Chesapeake Chicken, Rice Pilaf and Sauteed House Vegetables

Horseradish Salmon, Rice Pilaf and Sauteed House Vegetables

Chocolate Tuxedo Cake

Name: _____ Dinner Choice: _____

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Number attending _____ x \$25.00 each = Amount enclosed \$ _____

The Chelsea requests the head count and entrée selection by Thursday, March 17, so please send your entrée choice and check, made payable to CLSPS, to Elaine Lechner, 2220 Caracara Drive, New Bern, NC 28560. You can call Elaine at 678-464-7665 or email her at elechner@bellsouth.net. Please be sure to wear a face mask.



Ships Store Inventory

Knit Shirts: Ladies and men's short sleeve knit shirts - \$15. White and navy.
Sizes: Ladies: S, M, L Men's: M, XL

Ladies Long Sleeve Denim Shirts:
\$12.50, Available sizes M and L

Squadron Burgee sells for \$25.00.



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

Brushed Velcro Hat - white CLSPS logo, \$10.00
Cotton Visor - White and Navy CLSPS logo USPS D27 \$10.

Fleece Vest with CLSPS logo, 50th Anniversary: We have navy.
Sizes: S, L \$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 Cdr Moore for details.

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