



AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB

New Bern

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

Upcoming Events:

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

Monday, 6 February, 1900
ExComm Meeting
Via Zoom

Friday, February 10, 1030
WCTI TV Tour followed by lunch
225 Glenburnie Dr

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

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

April 22 & 29
ABC Course
Craven Comm College

May 20-26
National Safe BoatingWeek

Holiday Party & Wine Tasting at Fairfield Harbor December 18



Amy Lynn from
Cravin' Wine

Elaine Lechner

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Happy New Year! I hope that everyone had a happy and Blessed Christmas. With the coming of the New Year it is time for us to reflect on the past year and to plan for next year.

For those of us that are planning on boating before the warm weather remember to be safe. To help us stay safe our education officer, Budd Ellis, will be offering a USPS weather course soon. Bud is also arranging to offer many other courses such as Boat Handling and other advanced courses. Lydia Ash has arranged a tour at our local TV Channel 12 with their weatherman.

As we get older the demographics of our membership changes. More and more of us have given up our boats for safety reasons, and as grandchildren enter into our extended families we want to spend time with them as well. Last week the bridge met for a planning session and last Monday we had an executive board meeting. We have planned many exciting trips and outings for 2023. However one of the biggest concern is our inability to field a complete bridge for the coming year. The biggest concern is that we have not been able to find a member willing to be nominated for commander and be elected at our next membership meeting. Our squadron falls under what National classifies as "Squadron at risk". I would ask anyone who is willing to help fill the openings in our bridge to contact Jane Moore. There is plenty of experience within our membership to help and guide anyone willing to step up and help the squadron.

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

<http://www.clsps.org>

**Administrative
Officer**

Lt/C Lydia Ash



As we usher in a new year, I must share a quick story with you all.

A very early walk to take the dog out on Epiphany, January 6th, brought about a sighting that I'd not witnessed in a while. In the very brisk air, an amazingly perfect shooting star raced across the sky just as I looked up the driveway in the darkness to make our way back to the house. It was like one of those you see on TV, nearly perfect in every way. So bright, and while fleeting, it was long enough to evoke a jaw-drop from yours truly. Our Christmas lights were on in the front yard, but the backyard was pitch dark...making that star that much more brilliant. A special moment indeed.*

* (Someday I'll have to recount the importance of shooting stars as they apply to our dear mother,...but that's for another time!)

And just like that, it was gone. As was this past year,... Another year shot by and here we are at the start of 2023! My report for the year will be provided at the Annual Meeting at The Chelsea this coming Monday, January 16th.

The CLSPS December activity proved to be a great time with a **Christmas/Holiday Wine Tasting** by Cravin' Wine at Fairfield Harbour's Community Center. Many folks showed up early to help set up, and stayed on to clean up so the day was effortless! It was all well-orchestrated by Elaine Fretwell, so thanks so much to all, and to Elaine for organizing it! Many hands DO make light work!

As most likely alluded to in everyone's articles this month, **the Annual Meeting will take place this coming Monday at The Chelsea, on 16 January.** Get your dinner order to Elaine by Friday! We'll start with **cocktails beginning at**

5:30 PM. We are holding our breath that a seasoned member mariner will come forward to lead the squadron as Commander for 2023. A slate of officers will be put forth for a vote and hopefully we'll have a Commander and all slots will be filled for the new year.

The WCTI Tour with local weatherman Donnie Cox is a "GO" for Friday, February 10th at 10:30. Please sign up at the Monday meeting or if you cannot attend, please contact me by phone, text or email. I will need an accurate count. Please be prepared with masks in case they require them.

May the coming year be as bright as that shooting star for us all!

2023 Booster Club

2023 is here, the 2022 Booster Club list is erased, and now there's a chance to contribute again. Give your contribution to Ray Whitley at the Annual Meeting this coming Monday

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.

2023 Booster Club

Bob Burget



Cape Lookout Sail & Power Squadron **Proposed CLSPS Slate of Officers for 2023–2024**

Co-Commanders – Elaine Lechner, June Reasons, Owen Smith, Lydia Ash

Squadron Education Officer – Bud Ellis

Executive Officer – John Kwak

Administrative Officer – Lydia Ash

Asst. Administrative Officers – Elaine Lechner and Linda Whitley

Treasurer – Raymond Whitley

Asst. Treasurer – Open

Secretary – June Reasons

Asst. Secretary – Marty Warner

Executive Committee

Immediate Past Commander – Ed Gagnon

Robert Burget

June Reasons

Owen Smith

Marty Warner

Nominating Committee – Ed Gagnon

Rules Committee – Lloyd Moore

Audit Committee – Lloyd Moore

Respectfully re-submitted,

P/C Jane Moore, AP



Happy Birthday
to the
Following Members



Pictures are from
December's Holiday Party
and Wine Tasting
*Photos by June Reasons and
Marty Warner*

January

Ellis Jr, Grover L. — 1 January
Martin, Carol J. — 1 January
Otero-Dugan, Teresita — 1 January
Lind, Eric — 5 January
Long, Bonnie Lou — 9 January
Gewain, William J. — 11 January
Morton Deborah Ann — 18 January
Ash, Lydia A. — 19 January
Warner, Roger M. — 19 January
Kwak, John C. — 24 January



Jim & Sherrie
Starr



June
Reasons



Leslie & Ed Gagnon



Bud & Bev
Ellis



Bob Burget



John Kwak



Lydia

Bill

& Annalee

Ash



June Reasons cutting Ham



Bev Ellis helping cut the Ham



Lloyd Moore



Jane Moore

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



**WE ARE GOING TO BE
AROUND FOR A LONG TIME
P/C WILLIAM J. ASH SN
EMERITUS**

“No, I do not wish to continue speaking to you. You will not listen to my side of the argument and I choose to spend my energies with someone else. Period!” Horatio was having difficulty ending a conversation with someone who, initially had been looking for me. I, fortunately, was late in arriving at the E.C. Yacht Club due to a traffic problem in Trent Woods. (Apparently two dogs found and chased a huge buck down Canterbury Road and onto my property. Just what I need. Every dog east of the great divide was now trying to find the poor fellow which, I’m sure was comfortably nestled in the brush in back of the wall. Good for him.) Now, back to Horatio.

“Horatio, what is happening? You sounded upset with that chap wearing the placard about how we were all going to die within two years because of the world’s over population and declining food supplies. You indicated he was looking for me? Well, thank goodness the buck and dogs prevented me from getting here earlier. I’m glad I missed

my opportunity to let cranial steam pressures abate and I’m not very good at debating. I get riled up and boarded on violence when the going gets tough. Thanks for stepping in.” Horatio had said he would start the engine of the *Jolly Tar* if time permitted. There must have been plenty as the humming of the newly tuned ‘iron breeze’ was music to my ears. Where Horatio’s antagonist came from is unknown to me, but considering the present political atmospheres, I’m not surprised he was here and looking for me.

“Political discussions are not encouraged in our communications, which is fine, but I am truly concerned about the businesses of misinformation and disinformation generated by our present society and what these may do to an outstanding organization as U.S.P.S. You are fully aware of my being an old man. If you had asked me 16 years ago if I would see my current age as 91 I would have suggested you were inebriated. Yes, I’m on borrowed time. And, so are so many members of our current U.S.P.S., local, District and National. We have a lot of older duffers who are the backbone of the organization. They may be tired, as I am. I don’t want to fight anyone. I want to have peace and harmony. But, lady and gentlemen duffers fight we must in some fashion.”

“P/C, do you mean fight, physically, or are you using this term to describe verbal or philosophical differences, of the times which need to be solved.

“I hope my metaphorically chosen word is interpreted correctly. There are persons ‘out there’ and possibly ‘in here’, Horatio, who would just as soon see the old ways of our nation give rise to another form of governance. This could possibly bring about the dissolution of our nautical organization to which I reverberate a deafening, “BULL HOCKEY”! We need to recognize our immediate need for strength, ambition, imagination and to physically get into the linguistic trenches and bring back a semblance of what U.S.P.S. built.

“Horatio, I know you are familiar with the beginnings of U.S.P.S. in the Boston Yacht Club and its training naval officers during both World Wars. Presidents of the United States were involved. Our organization is not a tea club, not a fashion society nor a social society. Hopefully we are a band of close friends who wish to make our sailing/cruising waters safer. Some members are more physically able to handle the heavier going. Most of us need to be able to confront the easier aspects of providing a nautical education to ourselves and fellow members. The more classes we take successfully, the more knowledge we accumulate. Also, the higher grade

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/>



we might become. It's simple. And..... the more we get for our membership fees. And we do socialize. "Another thing, Captain, I want to teach a special student of mine the art and science of small boat handling. I assume I have the proper credentials to instruct the subject. I'll get a hold of the Education Officer to see if I need to take an exam before I venture out with this adventure. After this one, I hope to have a bunch more."

"Ah, C/P, getting back to misinformation and disinformation, if I may. The earth has been around for about six billion years. Students of astrophysics have suggested it has used up about one half of its projected life. Barring activities of lunatics who might wish to destroy it, I honestly believe we and our planet should be around for a long time. I don't want to read about some Hollywood star mouthing off about the two years we have left before doomsday falls around us. I don't want to read about some uneducated politician warning us about the major climate change about to snuff us out. I firmly believe, C/P, we are in a short 'minor up burst' of temperature within a long, very long downslide of planetary warmth. Do you agree?"

"Spot on, old boy. Say, you and I have covered a lot of ground today. I enjoy all this, but I suspect I'll hear about it from somewhere. Things will turn out just fine. And to end our discussion, I'll repeat what has been hypothesized here, "We are going to be around for a very long time. So let's get on with the show."

(The language, used above, originated with the author and nobody else from U.S.P.S.)



HAPPY NEW YEAR Y'ALL ! ! ! !

I hate it when I see an old person and then realize we went to high school together.

I told my wife she should embrace her mistakes... so she hugged me.

My wife says I only have 2 faults. I don't listen and something else....

At my funeral, take the bouquet off my coffin and throw it into the crowd to see who is next.

I thought growing old would take longer.

I came, I saw, I forgot what I was doing. Retraced my steps, got lost on the way back, now I have no idea what's going on.

The officer said, "You drinking?" I said, "You buying?" We just laughed and laughed.... I need bail money.

I think the reason we are born with two hands is so we can pet two dogs at once.

Day 12 without chocolate. Lost hearing in my left eye.

Scientists say the universe is made up of protons, neutrons and electrons. They forgot to mention morons.

The adult version of "head, shoulders, knees and toes" is "wallet, glasses, keys and phone."

A dog accepts you as the boss... a cat wants to see your resume.

Oops.... did I roll my eyes out loud?

Life is too short to waste time matching socks.

Wi-fi went down for five minutes, so I had to talk to my family. They seem like nice people.

If you see me talking to myself, just move along. I'm self-employed; we're having a staff meeting.

I won't be impressed with technology until I can download food.

Some people call me crazy. I prefer happy with a twist.

My doctor asked if anyone in my family suffers from mental illness. I said, "No, we all seem to enjoy it."

I really don't mind getting old, but my body is having a major fit.

Camping: where you spend a small fortune to live like a homeless person.

Project Manager. Because Miracle Worker isn't an official job title.

I told my wife I wanted to be cremated. She made me an appointment for Tuesday.

Measure once, cuss twice

My dream job would be driving the karma bus.

THINK! (It's not illegal.... YET)

I don't care who dies in a movie, as long as the dog lives.

The world's best antidepressant has 4 legs, a wagging tail and comes with unconditional love.

Love is how excited your dog gets when you come home

I've reached the age where my train of thought often leaves the station without me

If you're happy and you know it, it's your meds



Lloyd Moore

Owen Smith

Bud Ellis



Carolyn &
Owen SMith



Leslie Gagnon showing
off her shoulder sling



Wayne Fretwell



Tiki & Marty
Warner



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

Menu

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

Broiled Crab Cakes, Rice pilaf and mixed medley

Chicken Marsala, Rice Pilaf and mixed medley

Grilled Pork Chop with apricot rosemary demi-glace, Garlic Smashed Potatoes and mixed medley

Dessert: Carrot cake

Name: _____ Dinner Choice: _____

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Number Attending _____ x \$25.00 each

Number attending _____ x \$25.00 each = Amount enclosed \$ _____ The Chelsea requests the head count and entrée selection by Tuesday, January 12, 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

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.

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

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