



# AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB

New Bern

Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron  
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## Upcoming Events:

Sunday, December 17, 1600-1900  
**Holiday Pot Luck/Holiday Gift Exchange**  
Whitley's: 4606 Helen Lane

Monday, January 8, 1900  
**CLSPS ExCom Mtg**  
Via Zoom

Monday, January 15, The Chelsea  
**CLSPS January Annual Dinner Meeting**  
1730 Social, 1800 Dinner, 1900 Meeting

Monday, February 5, 1900  
**CLSPS ExCom Mtg**  
Via Zoom

Saturday, February 24, 1130 - 1400  
**CLSPS Change of Watch**  
The Chelsea Restaurant

## CLSPS Holiday Party/Gift Exchange December 17th at the Whitley's



## Let's Eat!

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Commander

Lydia Ash, S



A crisp, clear night it is, as I write this from the living room while watching cars pass slowly by on Canterbury Road. The occupants of those cars are likely as in awe of the spectacle of holiday lights on this winter's night as I am in awe of the weather condition information on my iPhone.

I'm not sure when I have ever noticed a "Visibility" of 21 miles. It is as clear as a bell out there! The clarity accounts for the crispness of the current 37 degrees which will dip to 33 before the night is over! Not exactly boating weather, but luckily our North Carolina days warm up enough that Dad and I will tackle removing a little more varnish on the old Jolly Tar at midday tomorrow. We may have one more chance of a good work day this year but the coming weather (as you may see in my photo) doesn't bode well for the rest of the weekend. Temperatures dipping after this coming Sunday's storm may end my year of potential boating...something I hope to be able to change dramatically next year. We must get out on that boat, varnish be damned!!

As the year draws to a close, I know I am grateful for all of you who continue to participate in this ever-dwindling pastime which is ultimately about boating education and safety. We hear of occasional tragedies and wonder how they could occur. Smart and safe boating is common sense to most of us at CLSPS. However, there's an entire population out there that hasn't a clue about wind, waves, the effects of alcohol, etc. etc... It's hard to believe we are such a minority of people who care about others' safety on the water. But that's what we do. "Once a lifeguard, always a lifeguard," I always say.

Here's to a safe, happy and healthy holiday season followed by an even happier, healthier and bountiful new year of prosperity, camaraderie, boating and exceptional programming!

Prepare to be amazed!

**Merry Christmas!**

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

***<http://www.clsps.org>***

## **Slate of Officers submitted for 2024**

In accordance with the Bylaws of Cape Lookout Sail & Power Squadron, Article 9, Section 9.3 the Nominating Committee submits the following proposed slate for 2024/2025 for election at the Annual meeting on Monday, 15 January 2024

### **Bridge Officers**

Commanders: Cdr Lydia A. Ash, S  
Lt/C Glover L. Ellis, Jr, SN  
Executive Officer Lt/C John C. Kwak, JN  
Educational Officer Lt/C Glover L. Ellis, Jr., SN  
Administrative Officer Vacant  
Secretary P/C Jane Moore, AP  
Treasurer Lt/C Raymond Whitley, AP

### **Assistant Bridge Officers**

Asst Education Officer Vacant  
Asst Administrative Officers  
Lt Elaine M. Lechner, AP  
Lt Linda S. Whitley  
Asst Secretary Lt Anne M. Brittle  
Asst Treasurer Lt Rhoda C. Fort

### **General Committees**

Rules Committee  
P/C Lloyd A. Moore, JN  
Nominating Committee  
2<sup>nd</sup> year P/C Edward S Gagnon, S  
2<sup>nd</sup> year P/C Jane Moore, AP  
Audit Committee  
P/C Lloyd A. Moore, JN

### **Executive Committee**

P/C Robert D. Burget, AP  
P/C Edward W. Gagnon, S  
P/C Owen R. Smith, AP  
Lt Roger Martin Warner, JN

All nominees have indicated that they are willing and able to serve in the positions noted, if elected.  
Respectively submitted,  
P/C Edward C. Gagnon, S (Chair)  
P/C Jane Moore, AP (Co-Chair)  
December 15, 2023



## Administrative Officer

Cdr Lydia Ash



Our November meeting was enjoyed by all who attended and we made due without a speaker which meant we were all out the door a little earlier than usual. Commander Owen Smith's final meeting was well-orchestrated. Anne Brittle kindly jumped in to take notes and reminded me of the following, which all members should note:

Several members of the Squadron attended the District 27 Fall Meeting hosted by the Catawba Squadron. The Pirate themed social on Saturday was owned by our own Lloyd Moore, who won 3 of the 4 costume contests. As of last Sunday he was still sporting his mustache and goatee. I wouldn't tangle with him...

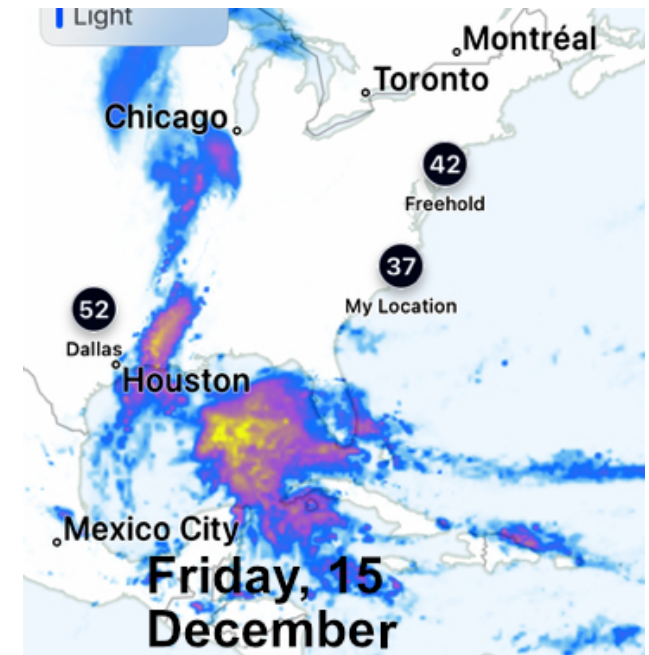
Change of Watch (COW) – February 24, 2024, at 11:30 - 2:00. Location is The Chelsea.

An educational donation will be made in memory of June Reasons. We will 'pass the hat' at the Christmas party and again at our next meeting (January 15, 2024) to collect the funds. Should we be short of the \$100 minimum, we will pull the additional amount needed from the general funds.

Merit Mark requests were submitted for the Squadron. You should all have them by now, if you earned one. Owen explained that each individual can receive only a single Merit Mark per year, so it takes a long time for them to accumulate. With 5 Merit Marks, the member becomes a Senior Member of the Squadron. With 25 Merit Marks, a member is promoted to a Life member and no longer pays national dues. At 50 Merit Marks, you better talk to P/C William J. Ash, SN, Emeritus - who will remind you just how hard that is to achieve! Ok...I added that last one.

I thank Commander Owen for his professionalism and patriotism and his service to this squadron. There was a hint of a potential move in the future but he and Carolyn have sworn that they're sticking around for now! We sure hope so! Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron would not be the same without you two! If you don't believe me, then you clearly didn't see the photos of them in their pirate garb in last month's Outlook!

By now, hopefully you've RSVP'd to Linda concerning your attendance to the Christmas party on December 17 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Ray and Linda Whitley's home, (4606 Helen Lane, New Bern). There will inevitably be all sorts of shenanigans afoot with the White Elephant gift exchange! Read about it all here next month!

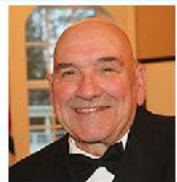


The Annual Meeting will take place at our meeting on the 15th of January. All officers should be prepared to speak about their past year.

And finally, a most grateful thank you to both Elaine and Linda and "the usual suspects" for all they do to prepare and manage our meetings and many activities!

**Merry Christmas everyone!**

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



Our Vessel Safety Examiners finished the year with 394 complete vessel safety checks. The new year starts obviously after Jan 1, but we do not usually receive the new stickers until sometime after the 15<sup>th</sup>. At that time, our examiners will be ready to start the new year with a VSE of your vessel, at your convenience. All you need to do is contact one of our examiners and we can help you get your boating year started off right with a safe vessel.

Hope you all have a great and safe New Year.

**Happy Birthday  
to the  
Following Members**



## **December**

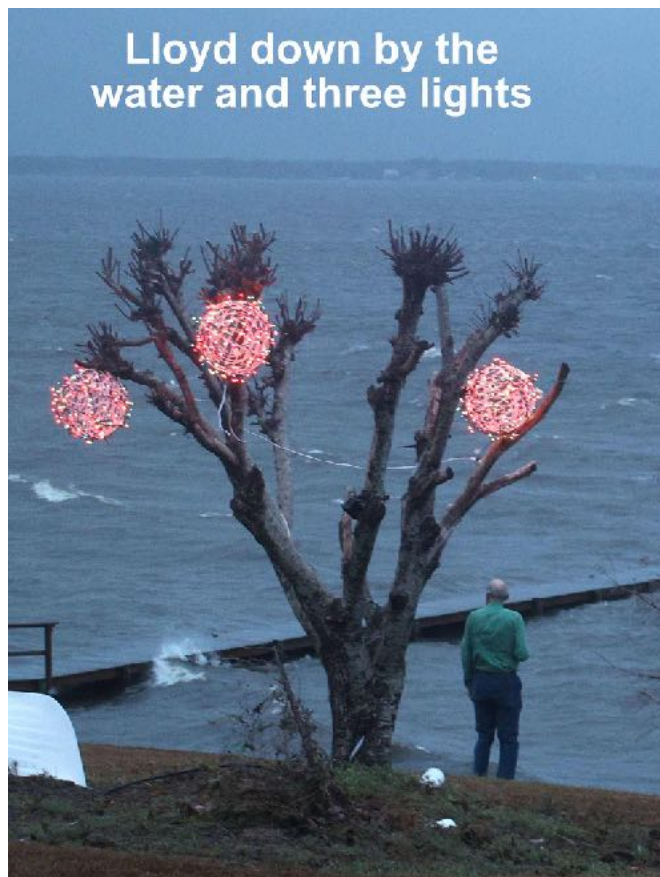
**Moore, Lloyd A. — 1 December**  
**Starr, Sherrie — 6 December**  
**Brittle, Anne M. — 11 December**

## **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.

## **Lloyd down by the water and three lights**

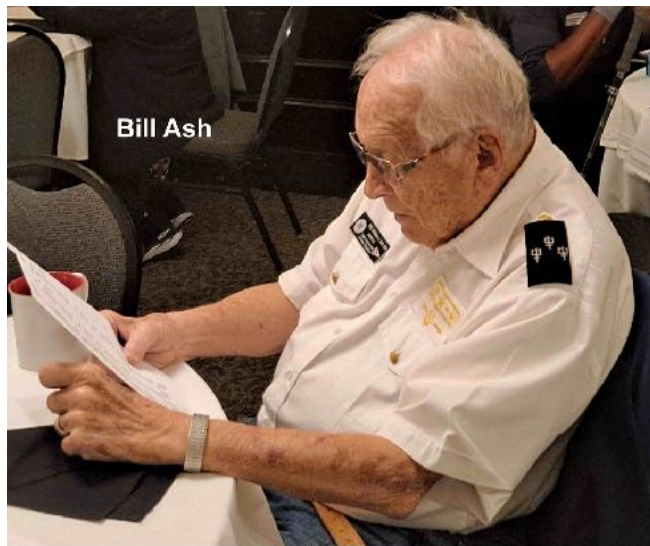


## **2023 Booster Club**

**Bob Burget**  
**Ed & Leslie Gagnon**  
**Bud & Bev Ellis**  
**Owen & Carolyn Smith**  
**John Kwak & Juli Voelker**  
**Wayne Fretwell & Elaine Lechner**  
**June Reasons**  
**Lloyd & Jane Moore**  
**Ray & Linda Whitley**  
**Marty & Tiki Warner**  
**Mike & Carolyn McCulley**



Pictures from the November  
Dinner Meeting  
*Pictures by Elaine Lechner*



P/C William J. Ash,  
SN, H



## WATCHING ACROSS THE UNIVERSE P/C WILLIAM J. ASH SN, EMERITUS

If I had to recommend a comfortable place to rest my body I would respond, “In the cockpit or the cabin of the *Jolly Tar*.” On many occasions in the past I have settled in one or the other and rested my bones and my eyelids. On this special night I invited my close friend over to the club where I keep *Jolly Tar* for I wanted him to experience the peacefulness of it all. I thought I would give it a try as the world seems very disjointed, flying off the rails; both Horatio and I needed peace.

After a light dinner we walked from the club to the finger-pier and slipped aboard. The only sound came from an invertebrate which apparently survived a recent frost and had the energy to rasp off a few notes. This night was a luxury. I knew Horatio would open up and start the muted conversation. He did. “Will you be working on the cosmetics of the *Jolly Tar* throughout the winter or are you going to turn it over to a yard in the spring?”

I replied, “I would rather do it myself, or better put Horatio, perhaps Lydia and I will tackle the job together

throughout the winter when the temperatures pop over 50° Fahrenheit I’ll not rush anything, and I think we will enjoy breaking it up into small manageable jobs.” I’m hoping my joints stay flexible, enabling me to ‘soldier on’.”

Looking to the heavens provided a view for which National Geographic would have paid lots of money. Here in eastern North Carolina, when the humidity is low, the temperatures cool and light pollution about zero, one can look across the universe, without trying and appreciate stars, galaxies, planets and dark matter, which is invisible, but which composes most of what is out there. The complexity of it all warps the neurons. I mentioned this to Horatio who replied, “What is a neuron?” He’s a whip at mathematics and celestial navigation, but ‘neurons’ he is not. I (not a ‘wing-ding’ at anything anymore) explained it to him. He seemed pleased. Whew, so was I.

We spent approximately two hours mumbling information back and forth and just as we were about to call it quits I thought of something he might appreciate. My past weekend was one of intellect and beauty. One night, as I explained to him, I surprised myself by attending the ‘Nutcracker’ at the Civic Theater. This is a famous ballet put together by a chap named Piotr Ilyich

Tchaikovsky. I’d never attended a real, live ballet before so I was not certain how I would interact. Mr. Henry Wood, a mathematical whiz and my home room teacher back in my senior year in high school, would rave about the ballet he saw the night before. He took great pleasure in describing the action to a group of engineering and science students. I figured certainly, he was not a baseball player but a ‘softer’ chap who appreciated the nicer things in life.

Mr. Wood, I apologize! The strong athleticism and delicate strength and beauty of performers were on some kind of a par with Hedy Lamarr, the Hollywood beauty who developed electronic ‘frequency hopping’ during World War II. “Let me tell you, Horatio, the performers were magnificent.” I’ll have to explain my comparison with Hedy when the time is right. Now, getting on.....”

“Captain, the night after the ballet, I showed up at the ‘Holiday Pops’ at the Convention Center, with Christmas music by the North Carolina Symphony conducted by Michelle Di Russo. Yup, Lydia and I did that. I’m surprised they let me in. The performance was outstanding. The musicians were top of the line, and there was little W. J. A., thoroughly enjoying the music, but who could not read one note of the stuff. How can so many musicians get

For tons of information about what’s going on in our own District 27, take a look at their website:  
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together to pluck, squeak, blow, tickle ivories, beat on dried hides and make such wonderful sounds? I tip my flag to them. Music lessons were tough to come by during the depression. I'm proof of that. Not one note, mind you!

"Mrs. Di Russo, from Argentina, now a U.S. citizen, had serious ties to Cornell University. So do I. We spoke after the performance. What a delightful lady. I said she was a delightful lady. Horatio!!!" Sound asleep. The poor guy.

**Both the Captain and I wish everyone, a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.**

**Thanks to Ray and Linda Whitley for being the hosts for our Holiday Party and Gift Exchange**



"It was a dark and stormy night!" The wind was up, blowing the Neuse River towards us, along with hard intermittent rain!  
*Photos by the editor*





Lloyd likes his hat.



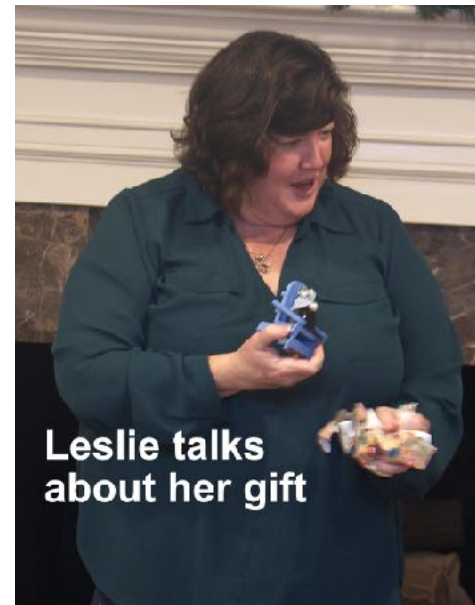
Jane shows off her gift



John likes his knife



Leslie talks about her gift



Linda looks for her gift.



John gets a second chance



after his first gift is "stolen"

Juli inspects some artwork as Lydia looks on.



Lydia likes her blanket



Bill opens gift



The hat was stolen, so what's this?



Tiki's not sure what she has.







Ray Whitley checks out his gift--some kind of bottle



Linda giggles about her "extra" gift



Rhoda likes her gift



Clair inspects her gift!



**Lookout Sail and Power Squadron Annual Dinner Meeting,**  
**Monday, January 15, 2024**  
**The Chelsea, 335 Middle Street, New Bern, NC**  
**Social Time: 1730, Dinner 1800, Meeting 1900**

# Menu:

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

# Entrees:

Pork tenderloin with apricot rosemary demi-glace with garlic smashed potatoes and green beans

Horseradish Salmon served with rice pilaf and green beans

Brown butter BBQ Chicken served with grits and green beans

Dessert: Lemon layer cake

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Dinner Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

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Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25.00 each = Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Dinner is \$25.00 per person. Please advise Elaine Lechner of your entree selection by Wednesday, January 10, 2024. A check can be sent to her at: 2220 Caracara Drive, New Bern, NC 28560, or call: 678-464-7665, or if you prefer, you can pay on January 15th, the night of the meeting.



## 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 size: 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 (4 left) CLSPS logo USPS D27 \$10.**

**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](mailto:pc@clsps.org) or 252-637-5547

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