

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, 3 April, 1900
ExComm Meeting
 Via Zoom

April 22 & 29
ABC Course
 Craven Comm College

April 28, 1030
CSS Neuse Tour - King BBQ
 See Admin Officer's Report

Monday, 1 May, 1900
ExComm Meeting
 Via Zoom

Friday-Sunday, 5-7 May
Tar River Sail and Power Squadron Rendezvous
 Oriental (see Flyer)

Monday, May 15, The Chelsea
CLSPS May Dinner Meeting
 1730 Social, 1800 Dinner, 1900 Meeting

May 20-26
National Safe Boating Week
 Farmers Market Booth on 20 May

CLSPS Members attend the District 27 Change of Watch — March 18, 2023



Cdr Lydia Ash and P/C's Bill Ash, Lloyd and Jane Moore enjoy the D27 COW at The Chelsea on 18 March 2023

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I am sorry I missed the March dinner meeting, I would have liked to have heard the speaker especially since we are planning on a cruise later this summer. And of course, I missed the companionship of all of you. We had a lovely time in Perry, Ga at one of the biggest RV rallies in the United States. There were almost 2000 land yachts there.

Speaking of land yachts, there is an opportunity to get out your boat or land yachts out for a fun weekend with a sister squadron. The Tar River Sail & Power Squadron is holding a rendezvous in Oriental on May 5th-May 7th. Jane Moore sent out information about this gathering and I hope to see you there. There is also a wooden boat show on the 6th of May.

Our next two Executive Committee are April 3rd and May 1st via Zoom. Owen Smith can set you up with the link if you want to listen in on your officers at work.

Bud Ellis has set up an ABC class at Craven Community College for April 22nd and the 29th. If you haven't taken this class be sure to join in the fun. We have some excellent teachers.

We also have an upcoming event to get a merit mark. May 20th through May 26th is Safe Boating Week. We will have a booth in the Farmers Market set up on May 20th to let New Bern know about America's Boating Club. Be sure and let John Kwak know that you are willing to come and let people know about our squadron. There will be a sign-up sheet at the May 15th membership meeting at the Chelsea. Plein Air festival will also be going on that day. Artists come from all over to paint pictures of our lovely town. Annalee Ash can tell you all about it since she is a member of Plein Air.

There are two other things coming down the pipe you might want to mark your calendars for, MS bike is September 9th. If you want to volunteer (Merit Mark) for it, see John Kwak. Second, I have reserved Red Sail Park in Fairfield Harbour for a chill cook-off. So, get out your recipes and bring them up to perfection. We will also need cornbread cooks who think they have the best cornbread. The cook-off will be October 22nd.

As you can see we have many opportunities to be active in YOUR America's Boating Club in the next few months. I hope you will take advantage of them.

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

<http://www.clsps.org>

Education Officer

Lt/C Bud Ellis, Jr., SN



Congratulations to our 3 new Seawomen: Annalee Ash, Lydia Ash, and Leslie Gagnon have all successfully passed the final exam for Boat Handling and been awarded the grade of Seaman.

Our next available class is Weather for all interested students. It is a great course with lots of good information about the weather. If you enjoyed the visit to Channel 12 with Donnie Cox, you would love this course. Give me a call and I'll add you to the list.

The ABC course will be the last 2 Saturdays in April. We now have 12 students signed up.

Several years ago, the printed version of the Ensign used to have a section on interesting astronomical phenomena for the coming month. Let me know if you like some of this.

April 5	Full Moon
April 20	Solar Eclipse
April 22	Lyrid Meteor

Shower

Lots of interesting things up in the sky whether it's stars or raindrops.

Administrative Officer

Lt/C Lydia Ash



Ahoy!

Here we are staring down the month of April!! Rather than try to pull a prank on you all for April Fool's Day, I'll just do my best to get some activities on the books that you'll be interested in! That's a trick in itself!

CSS NEUSE – KING'S BBQ: April 28th 10:30 a.m. till whenever you roll yourselves back from King's BBQ's tables.

I took a look at the calendar and realized that the Tar River invitation to their Oriental Rendezvous is the 5th of May, so figured I would go ahead and plan for us CLSPSers to go to Kinston on 28 April to visit the CSS Neuse. Our Commander, Elaine, will be able to join us on this date. We'll carpool over from New Bern Mall at 9:30 a.m. to enjoy the museum from 10:30 to 12:00 or so. Lunch will follow at King's BBQ at 12:15/12:30. The Buffet is \$11.99 or you can order off the menu. We should be back at New Bern Mall by 3:00.

Regarding the CSS Neuse visit: We don't need reservations if fewer than 20 people are going. I figure we'll have fewer than that... If it turns out to have more interest, I'll have to negotiate a time and date with the museum. Please

let me know ASAP whether you intend to join us for that! I need to give a number to the folks at King's BBQ too, so please get your name(s) to me at my email: lydiaash119@gmail.com or text my cell at 310 804-2274.

(CSS Neuse Museum prices: Adults - \$5 - Seniors (65+) - \$4 Active Military (w/ I.D.) - \$4. - Special rates for groups of 10 or more. CSS Neuse Gunboat Association memberships available. Members in good standing receive free admission. Group prices may differ.)

TAR RIVER RENDEZVOUS - May 5-7th - I suspect there may be a few folks heading to Oriental... I may go by land yacht on Saturday. Anyone else want to join me? Read about it here in the Outlook! It's also in the calendar.

BOAT YARDS: I'm in the process of arranging a **tour to the Pacific Seacraft** operation in Little Washington which may happen in early to mid-May. A **White River Marine Manufacturing/Hatteras tour** will be in the Fall as they are under construction and have indicated that they are not allowing any visits by anyone other than current clients. (So,... if any of you are purchasing a Hatteras Yacht, let me know and we'll arrange to go in under YOUR name a whole lot sooner! ;). Stay tuned. I'll send something out or you'll receive a call.

Finally, I was happy to accept awards at the District 27 Change of watch.
CONGRATULATIONS TO BOB

BURGET for making the 2022 COOPERATIVE CHARTING HONOR ROLL, "for superior performance in the program" - National Ranking #23, AND THE SQUADRON for 2022 COOPERATIVE CHARTING, National Ranking #22.

Also CONGRATULATIONS TO MARTY WARNER, as Cape Lookout Sail & Power Squadron's The Outlook and Website received Distinctive Communicator Awards in recognition of Distinctive Performance for Publications and Websites in 2022. Lastly, CONGRATULATIONS TO OWEN SMITH, who was on hand to accept awards for VESSEL SAFETY CHECK - 8 YEARS CENTURY CLUB, as well as one for CLSPS. Terrific work, everyone!

That's it from here!



APRIL
Kleiner, Karen — 17 April



As I reported in previous issues of the newsletter, last year our Vessel Safety Examiners completed 441 safety checks. Of those, only one was completed for a CLSPS member. According to our current roster, our members have 23 boats, not including dinghys. Why do I bring this up?

At the District Change of Watch, our squadron received a certificate from the Chief Commander recognizing our squadron for having the 4th most VSEs of all squadrons for 2022 in the United States Power Squadron. If we had most of our own squadron included in last year's numbers, we might well have been a bit higher on the recognition list. Maybe?

Having a current VSE isn't really about squadron recognition. The whole

purpose of the VSE program is to help boat owners assure that their boats have the proper safety equipment, current registration, etc. to have a safe boating season. So far this year we have completed 6 vessel safety checks with a lot more coming in the next month or so. Our examiners stand ready to complete a voluntary VSE for any squadron member willing to make a time commitment of 15-20 minutes to have your vessel checked.

Just contact any of our examiners listed in this newsletter and we will make sure your vessel is checked.



Carolyn and Owen
Smith

2023 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.

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

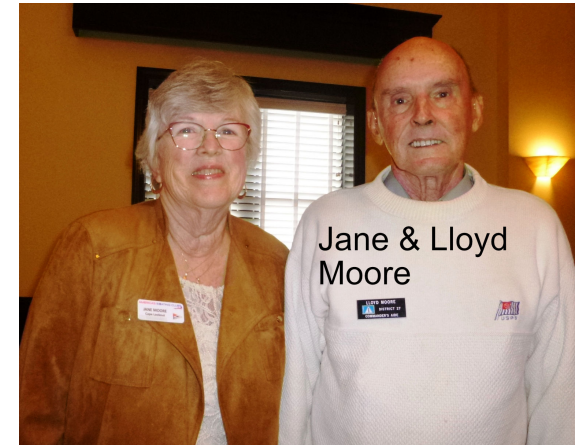


John Kwak & Juli Voelker

Thanks to P/C June Reasons for photos from our March Dinner Meeting, March 20



Sherry Clark was the speaker for our meeting. Following their devastating fire in Paradise, CA where they lost everything, Sherry worked on four different cruise ships for ten years, and husband Kim, a retired engineer, also worked on cruise ships. They now both live in Maysville. Sherry is the vice president of the Twin Rivers Artists Association, and is a barber.



Jane & Lloyd Moore



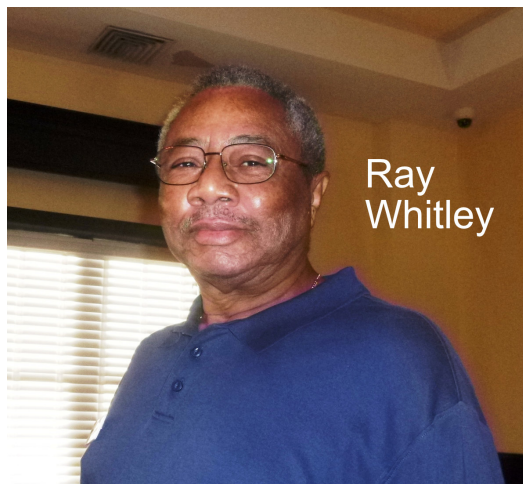
Lydia Ash

June Reasons



Bud & Bev Ellis

More pics from March 20 Dinner Meeting



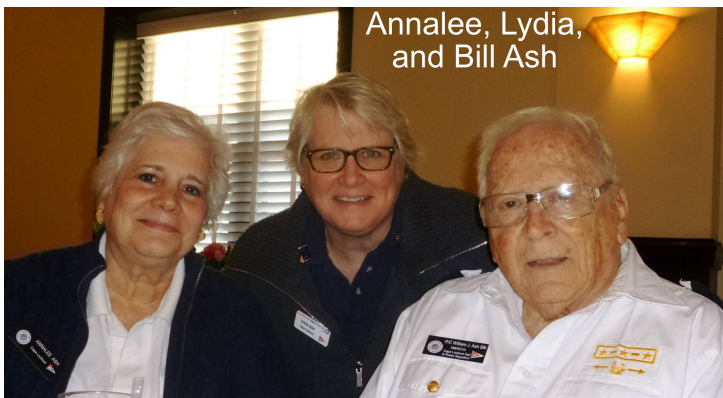
Ray
Whitley



Lydia
Ash



Annalee and
P/C Bill Ash



Annalee, Lydia,
and Bill Ash

District 27 COW. (Photo by Lydia Ash)



Outgoing Commander, Sarah McCurry, (standing with head lowered, at podium), and P/D/C Greg Shay, address attendees. Incoming Commander Bill Beers is at far right at table.

At table, far left to right are P/D/C Hugh Hayes, Secretary Connie Shay, ?, and V/C Ralph Bernard, from National.

Oriental Cruise and Rendezvous

Hi everyone, P/C/C Ernie Marshburn invited our Squadron to join their Squadron in Oriental the first weekend in May. If you can join us by land or Neuse River, hope to see you there. P/C Jane Moore

Good Afternoon All,

Attached is the final version of the Oriental Rendezvous flyer. These were finalized during the Tar River leadership team last evening. So, the total event cost is \$25 including dinner on Saturday.

One final note for those interested. Oriental Inn and Marina has extended their offseason rates to us through the end of this month. If you wish to make room reservations on Friday or Saturday night and join us for this event, you are encouraged to make those arrangements with Oriental Inn and Marina before the rates increase on 1 April.

Ernie Marshburn.

Update: 2023 Oriental Cruise and Rendezvous:

I am resending the Oriental Cruise & Rendezvous flyer scheduled **5-7 May 2023** to alert you that rooms at the Oriental Inn and Marina are going fast. Currently, we have 37 attendees representing the Tar River, Pamlico River, Cape Lookout, and Crystal Coast squadrons. So if anyone is still sitting on the fence, now is the time to act.

As of today, only (7) single rooms and (2) suites (two bedroom) remain available at Oriental Inn & Marina, so the Inn is almost at full occupancy.

To help facilitate use of these rooms by America's Boating Club members, the registration deadline has been extended to April 12, 2023 to receive the reduced room rate. If any rooms remain after that, they will only be offered at the seasonal (i.e., non-discounted) rate.

Interested members should contact the Oriental Inn & Marina directly (252.249.1818) and reference **America's Boating Club** to receive the room rate discount. Refer to the attached flyer and RSVP form for further details.

Please accept our appreciation in advance for any assistance in



The flyer for the 2023 Oriental Harbor Boating Rendezvous features a header with a sailboat and a smiling sun wearing sunglasses. Below the header, a collage of six photos shows various boating activities: people on a boat, a plate of food, people at a bar, a couple holding a tray, people at a food stand, and people sitting outdoors. Text on the flyer includes the event dates (5th -7th May 2023), a call to join America's Boating Club for events on Saturday (6 May 2023), a reservation deadline of 31 March 2023, and contact information for Oriental Marina & Inn. A photo of a geodetic marker is also included with the text 'Geodetic Marker - Scavenger Hunt'.

2023 Oriental Harbor Boating Rendezvous

5th -7th May 2023

Join America's Boating Club for boating events, nautical games, tours, dockside socials, & more on Saturday (6 May 2023) at Oriental Harbor !

Geodetic Marker - Scavenger Hunt

Rooms & Boat Slips
Reservation Deadline: 31 March 2023
Discount Code Reference: **ABCoF Greenville (TRSPS)**
Oriental Marina & Inn
103 Wall Street, Oriental, NC 28571
Phone: 252.249.1818
Email: info@orientalmarina.com
Web: www.orientalmarina.com

distributing this information to other members of your squadron.
Ernie Marshburn

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/>



Oriental Cruise & Rendezvous – event RSVP

Rendezvous Date: 5th–7th May 2023

Please confirm your participation by completing the form below, specifying the number of participants in your party, indicating the activities you intend to participate in, print this form and include it with your check, which should be mailed to Lt/C Meg Cooke, S. ·

Full Name - _____

E-mail _____ Phone Number _____

Street Address - _____

City / State / Zip _____

Squadron Affiliation _____

- **Number (in your group) participating in activities below (for planning purposes)**
- _____ Cooperative Charting (Training w/ expert & Hunt)
- _____ Oriental History Museum (tour)
- _____ Poker Run (Oriental Shops) — individual competition
- _____ Lunch at Toucan Grill & Fresh Bar
- _____ New Village Brewery (beer tasting)
- _____ Nautical Olympics (corn-hole team competition)
- _____
- Number of people Attending Dinner (you + # guest) _____
- Calculate Event fee (you + # guests) x \$25: _____
- Indicate total # (in your party) attending Dinner on the check.
- Make Checks payable to: **TRPS**
- Mail this form and your check to: **Lt/C Meg Cooke, S 701 White Horse Dr. Greenville, NC 27834**
- _____
- **Total Funds Enclosed \$** _____

P/C William J. Ash,
SN, H



WHAT TO DO WHEN AN ERROR IS DETECTED P/C WILLIAM J. ASH SN, EMERITUS

“P/C, Have you ever published an article which, after reading it for the first time in print, you now see, contains an error. An error, my boy, an error! It would be unsettling to say the least, wouldn't it?”

“Horatio, my U.S.P.S. shadow, I would find it utterly indigestive if it ever happened to me. I proofread my works many times before sending them to our editor. I reduce his work as editor, not copyeditor, which is a whole new cricket game. I can't think of any 'slip-ups' over the many years we have worked together.”

“Well, my U.S.P.S. mentor, you made a glaring error in your last article, the one about 'noon.’

“What? You found an error. You found a glaring error?” Quick, tell me where it is! Tell me where the %\$##*8&7 thing is! Just whisper it into my ear, my starboard ear. I have an idea. My stars, I cannot believe this.”

Hornblower whispered the error and it's correction into my starboard ear, mercifully resting the port one. I was stunned by the error I had committed and passed along to thousands of fellow mariners. But, I thought, this could prove beneficial. I can turn this into a lesson for thousands of readers. And, I may be able to get a handle on who has and who has not read my article.

“Horatio, listen to me, just listen to me! I will give away a prize to the first person who identifies the error either in writing or who stands up at the next meeting and spouts off the error to me. The very first person who correctly identifies the error wins the prize. How about that? This will cause all the members to

do a bit of research and come up swinging. Looks like a great idea, doesn't it?”

“Yes, it is a great idea. The readers have been, through all the years, trying to throttle you for one reason or another. Just watch out for the thunder and the sparks. Readers, what is the glaring error? The big one?”

June's
Jokes

P/C June Reasons, P



NORTH DAKOTA FARM KID in the Marines (PARIS ISLAND MARINE CORPS RECRUIT TRAINING)

Dear Ma and Pa,

I am well. Hope you are. Tell Brother Walt and Brother Elmer the Marine Corps beats working for old man Minch by a mile. Tell them to join up quick before all of the places are filled.

I was restless at first because you get to stay in bed till nearly 6 a.m. But I am getting so I like to sleep late. Tell Walt and Elmer all you do before breakfast is smooth your cot, and shine some things. No hogs to slop, feed to pitch, mash to mix, wood to split, fire to lay. Practically nothing.

Men got to shave but it is not so bad, there's warm water.

Breakfast is strong on trimmings like fruit juice, cereal, eggs, bacon, etc., but kind of weak on chops, potatoes, ham, steak, fried eggplant, pie and other regular food, but tell Walt and Elmer you can always sit by the two city boys that live on coffee. Their food, plus yours, holds you until noon when you get fed again. It's no wonder these city boys can't walk much.

We go on 'route marches,' which the platoon sergeant says are long walks to harden us. If he thinks so, it's not my place to

tell him different. A 'route march' is about as far as to our mailbox at home. Then the city guys get sore feet and we all ride back in trucks.

The sergeant is like a school teacher. He nags a lot. The Captain is like the school board. Majors and colonels just ride around and frown. They don't bother you none.

This next will kill Walt and Elmer with laughing. I keep getting medals for shooting. I don't know why. The bulls-eye is near as big as a chipmunk head and don't move, and it ain't shooting at you like the Higgett boys at home. All you got to do is lie there all comfortable and hit it. You don't even load your own cartridges. They come in boxes.

Then we have what they call hand-to-hand combat training. You get to wrestle with them city boys. I have to be real careful though, they break real easy. It ain't like fighting with that ole bull at home. I'm about the best they got in this except for that Tug Jordan from over in Silver Lake. I only beat him once. He joined up the same time as me, but I'm only 5'6" and 130 pounds and he's 6'8" and near 300 pounds dry.

Be sure to tell Walt and Elmer to hurry and join before other fellers get onto this setup and come stampeding in.

Your loving daughter,
Alice

Puns Puns Puns!

I never thought orthopedic shoes would really work for me, but I stand corrected.

Once upon a time there was a king who was only 12 inches tall. He was a terrible king, but he made a great ruler.

A Mexican magician said he will disappear on the count of 3. He says, "'Uno, dos." Poof. He disappeared without a tres.

I wrote a book on how to fall down the stairs. It's a step by step guide.

My son was chewing on electric cords, so I had to ground him. It's OK, though. He's doing better and conducting himself properly.

My friend claims that he "accidentally" glued himself to his autobiography, but I don't believe him. But that's his story and he's sticking to it.

"Doctor, my child swallowed a roll of film. What should I do?"

"Let's wait and see if anything develops."

An armed man ran into a real estate agency and shouted, "Nobody move."

Got drunk yesterday and threw up in the elevator on my way back home. It was disgusting on so many levels.

Why did the Mexican take anti-anxiety medication? For Hispanic attacks.

I asked the surgeon if I could administer my own anesthetic. He said, "Sure. Knock yourself out!"

I got into a fight today with 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9. The odds were really against me.

In Britain it's called a lift but Americans call it an elevator. I guess we were just raised differently

97% of people are stupid. Glad I'm in the other 5%.

AND FINALLY

I have 2 unwritten rules.

- 1.
- 2.



**Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron May Dinner Meeting,
Monday, May 15, 2023
The Chelsea, 335 Middle Street, New Bern, NC
Social Time: 1730, Dinner 1800, Meeting 1900**

**Menu: TBD
Entrees: TBD
Dessert: TBD**

**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, May 10, so please send your entrée choice and check, made payable to CLSPS, to Linda Whitley, 4606 Helen Lane, New Bern NC 28560, 252 631-4083, or lindaswhitley@gmail.com.

Lydia Ash provided these pictures from 2003 showing Bill Ash and his son, Bill Jr, and Bill Jr's boat, *Boogie Woogie*.



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 (5 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

Boat US offers a 50% discount to USPS members. Our Boat US group number is GA80679P and must be used to claim your \$12.50 discount.

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NEW ADDRESS:

Please notify Lloyd Moore (637-5547)

Lloyd.moore@suddenlink.net if you have any changes to the information we have on file such as boat information, e-mail or mailing address, birthdays, telephone number etc.

Please provide information to the Editor by the 20th of the month by e-mail for the next newsletter. Late items will appear in the next issue of the Outlook. Marty Warner-
rwarnier4@ec.rr.com

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