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 CLSPS Website: <http://www.clsps.org>

Upcoming Events:

June 26-August 14—Monday nights—
 6-8 PM

Weather Class

Broad Street Christian Church

Monday, July 17, The Chelsea

CLSPS July Dinner Meeting

1730 Social, 1800 Dinner, 1900 Meeting

Saturday, July 22, 1700

Baseball in Kinston

Meet at J.C. Penny parking Lot, 1500

Friday, July 28, 1230

Lunch @ Salt Water Grill

River Bend

Monday, 7 August, 1900

ExComm Meeting

Via Zoom

August, Time TBD

Jarrett Bay Boatworks Tour

Saturday, 19 & 26 August

ABC Class

CCC

Sat-Sun, September 9-10

New Bern Bike MS Volunteers

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Oriental's Croaker Festival Parade, July 1, 2023

The Dragon



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Hello Summer!!!! How is this HOT summer weather treating my good Squadron friends??? Seems like just a few days ago when we were all complaining, when is it ever going to get warm enough to go to the beach or get out in the boat?? Warm enough now???

Please. Be sure to get your reservations in to Linda Whitley for our upcoming July 17 meeting. Our program on the Hwy. 70 by-pass should be VERY interesting. You don't want to miss it.

Check with A/O Lydia Ash on the many things that are available for us to do as a group. If you see something that peaks your interest, give her a shout.

Here's hoping you all have a wonderful and safe summer.
2nd Quarter Commander, June

The Outlook and other great information are available at the CLSPS website:
<http://www.clsps.org>

Administrative Officer

Lt/C Lydia Ash



Summer has officially arrived, and I know I've been feeling every bit of it! Even the native North Carolinians are grumbling about this heat! We all need a tropical tradewind, or a cocktail! Or both!

June flitted by without any real Squadron activities to speak of other than the many vessel safety checks and a geodetic sighting or two. A big "Thank You" to Owen and crew for making sure the campers and so many others are off to a safer start to their summer activities and to Bob for keeping track of geodetic markers out there!

We've got some things to do together in July and August!

JULY MEMBERS MEETING IS THIS COMING MONDAY!

This Monday, July 17th, Project Engineer Wendi Johnson and Public Information Officer Sarah Parkins will discuss the "U.S. 70 Improvements in James City Project." This will be quite the informative session on a topic that has, is and will be affecting us all for a while! Come and learn something about it! Social time begins at 5:30! Get your orders to Linda, (and \$25/person checks in/or at the door)!

PLAY BALL! - I received no response from "club" membership to the last newsletter, however there was a resounding, "Let's do it!" when I asked if there was interest in a Kinston Wood Ducks baseball game on our recent ExComm committee members call!

SO, that said, I'll need a headcount at the meeting this coming Monday night. We're planning on attending the 5:00 PM game on Saturday, July 22nd against the Salem Red Sox. \$12.00/ ticket - get \$2.00 off if you bring a Pepsi can to the ticket booth. We'll see if we get enough folks to qualify for a discount. It's worth every penny to see a good minor league game, enjoy everyone's company and a good hotdog! Whoever hasn't sweat enough can run the bases later! AGAIN - July 22nd 5:00 PM game in Kinston. Carpooling from J.C. Penny parking lot for those who want to, leaving at 3:30 PM. I will reserve a block of seats if I can.

LOCAL LUNCH- at **Saltwater Grill in Riverbend** is on tap! Sign up for that at the meeting too! Shooting for Lunch Friday, July 28th at 12:30 PM. Final details at the dinner meeting on Monday!

BOAT YARD TOUR - The folks at **Jarrett Bay Boatworks** give tours on Wednesdays so plan on joining us for a tour and lunch in beautiful Beaufort. We are setting a date in August for that once I find out their available dates.

SEPTEMBER MEETING NEWS!

Bill Nielsen, from the Coast Guard Auxiliary will speak about our **Local Waters** which are constantly changing! Be sure to join us on Monday, September 18th to learn the latest on our local area waters! Menu items will be sent out prior to the meeting!

Stay cool out there!

Happy Birthday
to the
Following Members



JULY

Gagnon, Edward W. — 8 July
Gagnon, Leslie S. — 13 July
Lechner, Elaine M. — 18 July
Burget, Robert Dale — 24 July
Reasons, June D. — 27 July

AUGUST

Leahy, Robert F. — 14 August
McCulley, Caroline C. — 17 Aug
Mixon, Duane — 20 August

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**

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



Our Vessel Safety Examiners completed 391 vessel safety checks. Of those 391, one is for a CLSPS member, Ray Whitley. With 23 members being boat owners, surely we can do better than that.

Our VSEs are more than willing to check your boat to make sure you have what you need to be a safe boater equipment wise. Give one of our Examiners a call and set up a convenient time/place to have your safety check done.

The safety check only takes about 15 minutes, unless you spend time talking about boats, telling stories, etc. which is not unusual as our examiners are all former owners themselves with a LOT of experience on the water.

All of our examiners are listed here in the *Outlook*, so give us a call.

MEMBERSHIP

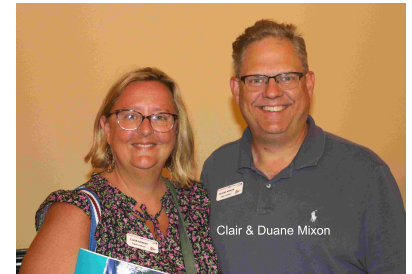
P/C Jane Moore, AP



Welcome aboard

As many members know, we held a successful ABC course at the end of April. Three of the students have joined our Squadron since then, and one plans to join at the July meeting.

Clair Mixon and her husband, Duane, attended the May meeting and were sworn in at that time. Clair and Duane are in the process of moving to their new home in New Bern.



They both are attending the Weather course taught by our SEO Bud Ellis, which began on June 26. Their vessel is a 21' power boat, "Fleur de Sea." Clair is willing to volunteer in hospitality and photography. Duane has personal skills background in IT.

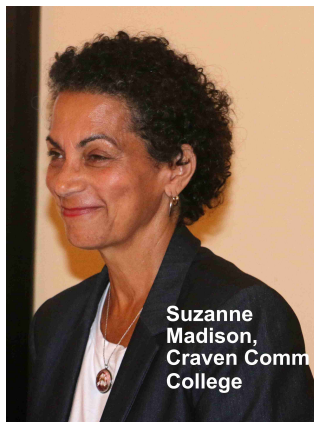
New member, Anne Brittle will be sworn in at the July meeting. Anne took the ABC course and passed in April. She is also attending the Weather course. She is interested in kayaking and/or

sailing a small sailboat. "Anne is a boomerang New Bernian. After years of living in Texas and Kentucky, she has returned to her childhood home to enjoy water sports, warm temperatures, and all of the southern charm New Bern offers." Anne would like to view squadron opportunities for the best fit and has personal skills background in IT.

Rhoda Fort also attended the April class, is attending the Weather course and will attend the July meeting and be sworn in as a new member. We will have more information about Rhoda in the next newsletter.

Suzanne Madison, who is also our liaison with Craven Community College, has joined the squadron as well.

Suzanne attended our May meeting. She is willing to volunteer in membership and boating activities. Suzanne has a 46' power boat, "Suzanne M."



Please give a warm welcome to our newest members of the Squadron.

Save the Date October 22, 2023 for A Chili and Cornbread Cookoff

Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron cookoff. Bring out your chili and corn bread recipes and polish them off. We are going to have a showdown.

What: chili and cornbread and deserts

When: October 22

Where: either Red Sail Park at 1:30 or the Community Center at 2:30. Depending on the weather.

BYOB

Be ready to sign up at the September dinner meeting.

More information to come



P/C William J. Ash,
SN, H



AN AMERICAN ADVENTURE P/C WILLIAM J. ASH, SN EMERITUS

This is a story about the author, who, on a bright sunny afternoon in 1961 (I think I'm right) accepted an invitation to go shark hunting with the owner of a Jersey, something or other, about thirty feet in length and designed for ocean outings. The third person was the co-owner of a large processing plant where nine-week old ducklings were sent to their eternal reward for human consumption. The boat owner was the owner of the nation's largest duck hatchery. Now, Long Island Ducklings are a thing pretty much in the past. I was a scientist at the laboratory where ducklings, ducks and drakes were studied. We were to leave the next morning at dawn; bring lunch. We were good friends.

We left the bulkhead as scheduled, raring to go to the ocean on the other side of the barrier sand dunes separating from the sea. We arrived at the inlet, rarely if ever, called the outlet, on an outgoing tide. This combination of outgoing tide and incoming waves heralded an interesting moment or two, possibly thirty or even more. The

skipper called for all of us to, “hang on!” As I was standing, centered, about three quarters of the way back on the deck, I had nothing to hang on to. Up we went, down we went. **UP WE WENT, DOWN WE WENT.** Truly, my feet left the deck, and I was up there and the vessels deck was down there. Fortunately, both the skipper and the boat knew, what to do. What was I doing in mid-air? For you ABC’ers, inlets and outlets are dangerous places; stay away from them until you gain plenty of experience on the water.

Now, safely out to sea we witnessed a calm Atlantic with long smooth swells no more than three feet in height. We could not have picked a better day to hunt, but as far as our peeled eyes could see, we saw just the sea. Not a shark to be seen. There is a lot of water to scan, to be sure, but visibility was spectacular. We would spot them if they were there. The captain now told us what to do if we did come up on a boneless fish. Sharks are classified as boneless fish (Class Chondrichthyes), no bones, just cartilage. Anyway, this was what we should do; we three had specific duties.

The captain, after we spotted our prey, would yell, “Shark!” It was battle stations! He would pick up the harpoon and heave it into the poor shark. I was to pick up and heave the small, maybe ten gallon air tight barrel attached at one end to a long line from the harpoon; the other end was attached to a long line affixed firmly to the vessel. The third

man made sure the lines ran smoothly. Then, out of nowhere, out of the depths arose a monster of a shark just off the starboard side! No kidding, just like that. We all saw it. The alarm was called, the harpoon was flung, I heaved the barrel and we were in business. All three of us saw the harpoon hit the target, square on, and just bounce off. Sharks may not have bones but they do have tough skin. The shark must have felt the harpoon, laughed as all sharks do and just swam away. We failed in our mission. Now we had to retrieve our gear; but first, lunch.

It took us quite a while to gather our thoughts while we chewed. We knew, now, the harpoon needed sharpening. We knew that if the harpoon stuck as intended we would be in one hell of a fix. How would we grab a Great White and get it into the craft? This baby was a monster. Thank God for a dull tip. We ‘shoulda’ stayed home and watched a ball game. Now we started to gather an ample amount of line back into the boat. Keeping it all coiled into a neat form on deck was not easy. Good night; and it was soaking wet. Imagine that! And now for the rest of the story.

The Sunday afternoon calm began to come under the influence of the predictable southwesterly breezes resulting in a bit more of the predictable rolling and tumbling of the boat. As salty seadogs we were not really bothered by all this. What did bother us was the infrequent noise ending in a

gigantic ‘whoosh’. And there it was, coming straight at us about two points abaft our starboard beam. It was huge; it made the Great White look like a dysfunctional under nourished pup. This thing, whatever species it claimed to be, was beyond comprehension. As I just noted, of sorts, this animal was larger than any animal any of us ever saw. It was a fast swimming whale coming smack dab, right at us about one hundred fifty yards distance. My blood drained fairly fast from my cerebral areas. I was just like a dysfunctional under-nourished pup. I was totally paralytic. Closer, closer, it came then disappeared. It did it again. Now, about fifty yards off, it disappeared once more. I awaited the crash as it broached again and our being flung into the Atlantic.

It failed to do so. I suspect the whale knew we were there and did not want to confront our silly looking boat. Thank God for its decision. The behemoth of an animal never appeared again, it just disappeared from our lives. No harm done, just swimming along at a whale speed. WOW! I was too frightened to estimate the length of this creature. I was too late in getting my camera. I have no pictures of this ‘Great Gray whale.’ Readers of this story will, undoubtedly, question all of this. Too bad! I was there, I saw and believed in what I saw. This was one heck of an adventure, just south of Westhampton, Long Island. Oh yes, we retrieved the barrel, harpoon and loads of 3/8” line. I suspect you were wondering.



Actual writings from Hospital Charts:

1. The patient refused autopsy.
2. The patient has no previous history of suicides.
3. Patient has left white blood cells at another hospital.
4. She has no rigors or shaking chills, but her husband states she was very hot in bed last night.
5. Patient has chest pain if she lies on her left side for over a year.
6. On the second day the knee was better, and on the third day it disappeared.
7. The patient is tearful and crying constantly. She also appears to be depressed.
8. The patient has been depressed since she began seeing me in 1993.

9. Discharge status: Alive but without permission.

10. Healthy appearing decrepit 69-year old male, mentally alert but forgetful.

11. Patient had waffles for breakfast and anorexia for lunch.

12. She is numb from her toes down.

13. While in ER, she was examined, x-rated and sent home.

14. The skin was moist and dry.

15. Occasional, constant infrequent headaches.

16. Patient was alert and unresponsive.

17. Rectal examination revealed a normal size thyroid.

18. She stated that she had been constipated for most of her life, until she got a divorce.

19. I saw your patient today, who is still under our car for physical therapy.

20. Both breasts are equal and reactive to light and accommodation.

21. Examination of genitalia reveals that he is circus sized.

22. The lab test indicated abnormal lover function.

23. Skin: somewhat pale but present.

24. The pelvic exam will be done later on the floor.

25. Patient has two teenage children, but no other abnormalities

New Bern Bike MS is coming September 9-10

I am trying to get the rest Stop on Saturday, 9 September, at the Baptist Church in Arapahoe. And I'm asking for at least 8 volunteers that day, 4 per shift starting at 0815-1115 and 100-1500. Nothing is firm yet, but I'd like you to think about volunteering. —it's actually a lot of fun! Marty Warner

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/>





**Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron July Dinner Meeting,
Monday, July 17, 2023**

**The Chelsea, 335 Middle Street, New Bern, NC
Social Time: 1730, Dinner 1800, Meeting 1900**

**Speaker: Project Engineer Wendi Johnson and Public Information Officer Sarah Parkins
speak about the HWY 70 construction around James City
I CAN'T DRIVE 55!**

Menu:

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

Entrees

Broiled MD crab cake with rice pilaf and green beans

Chicken Marsala garlic smashed potatoes and green beans

Veggie Risotto

Dessert: Strawberry layer 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 Tuesday, July 11, 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.

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 (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.

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