



AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB

New Bern

Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron
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Upcoming Events:

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

Thursday, February 1
Weather Class Begins
Meeting Room #2, Fairfield Harbour Activity Building

February 3-12
America's Boating Club Annual Spring Meeting
Rosen Plaza Hotel, Orlando

Monday, February 5, 1900
CLSPS ExCom Mtg
Via Zoom

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

Monday, March 4, 1900
CLSPS ExCom Mtg
Via Zoom

A look back at some of our "Land Yacht" events 9 August, Tour of Jarrett Bay Boatworks



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POWER SQUADRON BRIDGE**

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Lydia Ash, S



Having survived the holidays relatively unscathed, I'm grateful to be able to say "Happy New Year" to you all!

Ironically, as we look forward, we will participate in our Annual Meeting on Monday, January 15th by looking back at the past year's accomplishments. We hope that everyone will be present to kick off the new year. I'd like to thank our many new members for their willingness to step up to get involved in squadron leadership positions and they will appear on the slate of new officers for the vote on Monday night. It takes more than a few to keep us afloat and your new energy and enthusiasm is welcomed! Thanks, especially, to Bud Ellis who has agreed, to be Co-Commander of the squadron this year along with me. We will do our best to provide you with sound leadership, excellent educational and informational opportunities and general calm seas in what may be a stormy year on shore! I say, take to the boats!

A quick note to acknowledge the hospitality of two long-time members who hosted the December meeting, which came in the form of a wonderful holiday soiree at the Whitley residence. Ray and Linda did a fabulous job providing such festive surroundings for us all! Mother Nature provided what appears to be a now regular "blow," with some serious wind...but fortunately most regular attendees were on hand to celebrate the great food and drink, as well as some fun with the gift exchange. Thanks to all who helped put the evening together! The Whitley's did manage to salvage all their outdoor decorations!

The coming months ahead will be filled with activities and we're excited to see what the year brings! The Change of Watch will be next, on February 24th! See below and stay tuned for further details. I would be remiss if I did not mention the latest news which came across my bow just this morning. CLSPS's Marty Warner, and consequently the Squadron, is once again a winner of the Distinctive Communicator Award for both the Website and the Newsletter. Congratulations to Marty for all of his hard work keeping us all informed and looking terrific! Thank you so much Marty! You are a God-send!

Again, Happy New Year and may it be a blessed one for us all!

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

<http://www.clsp.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 Lt/C Clair J. Mixon
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
2nd year P/C Edward S Gagnon, S
2nd 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
Amended January 9, 2024

Education Officer

Lt/C Bud Ellis, Jr., SN



Administrative Officer

Cdr Lydia Ash



We have scheduled another Weather course for every Thursday beginning 1 February 2024. The course will run every Thursday in February and March. I have reserved meeting room 2 in the Fairfield Harbour Activity Building for the class. If you missed the first class or need a refresher, please let me know right away so I can order more books. The price is \$65 and that is the cost of the book. All are welcome and you will learn things about weather that you have pondered when you were daydreaming. i.e. Why is the sky blue? What is Buys Ballot's Law? Why does the wind shift when a front passes, for that matter what is a front? Plus, lots of other good stuff. Hope to see you there.

I have one member interested in the Boat Handling Course. If anyone else would like to continue their education, please sign up as soon as possible so we can get it on the calendar.

Have a Safe and Happy New Year.

The January meeting is upon us, (January 15, 2024), or may be behind us depending on the Outlook publication timing! (Hopefully you've all gotten your menu orders in on time!) We're hopeful that the Annual Meeting will be well-attended whatever the case and that you're all onboard for an enjoyable year ahead.

A reminder that we're making an educational donation in memory of June Reasons. We will pass the hat at the meeting to collect the funds. Should we be short of the \$100 minimum, we will pull the additional amount needed from the general funds.

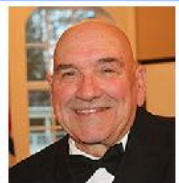
The Change of Watch (COW) – February 24, 2024, at 11:30 - 2:00. Location is The Chelsea. District 27 Educational Officer, Tom Graham, will be on hand to represent D/27 Commander Bill Beers. Tom's wife Kay, also an active member of USPS, will also be on hand. Please extend a warm welcome! A committee of "the usual suspects" has been established to manage set-up of this meeting.

ABC/USPS materials have been left with the Newcomer's Club for installing into new member gift baskets, and we await word as to be able to speak to the group in February. The number of new newcomers members grows by roughly 100/month, (YES, YOU READ THAT RIGHT!), so there is ample opportunity to grow the Squadron. Again, we hope to speak or at least have a table there at the February meeting.

Another interesting tidbit for you: Having spent part of the holiday with one of my brothers, who is actively employed in managing merchant vessels along the Eastern Seaboard, I was happy to come away with a helpful navigation tool. The Local Notices To Mariners is a weekly listing from the Navigation Center of the U.S. Coast Guard/U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security. Real easy to use. Please see the below link and tap on "District 5" to get information about our area. Just click on the week you're interested in learning more about.
<https://navcen.uscg.gov/local-notice-to-mariners-by-cg-district>

See you at the meeting!

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



**Happy Birthday
to the
Following Members**



January

Bud Ellis — 1 January
Carol Martin — 1 January
Teresita Otero-Dugan — 1 Jan
Eric Lind — 5 January
Deborah Ann Morton — 18 Jan
Lydia Ash — 19 January
Marty Warner — 19 January
John Kwak - 24 January

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

2024 Booster Club



The New Year is upon us and our VSE Examiners are ready to check out your vessel to help you make certain your boating season will have the necessary safety gear aboard. All you need to do is contact one of our Examiners listed in this newsletter and we will be happy to check your vessel. Whether your boat is in a marina or on a trailer in your driveway, we can do a safety check and issue you a current sticker if everything is in order. If not, you will know exactly what needs to be done to be compliant with safety gear requirements by the US Coast Guard, the NC Wildlife Resources folks, or any state you happen to be boating.

11 October, Clean Sweep



February 10, Tour of WCTI Ch 12 With lunch at La Casetta



Change of Watch 25 February



P/C William J. Ash,
SN, H



IT PAYS TO THINK AND REVIEW P/C WILLIAM J. ASH SN EMERITUS

“Horatio, remember our discussion, about a month ago, regarding my observance of nautical infractions by boat operators just about every time I go down to the Trent River to tend to the *Jolly Tar*? I’m amazed at their lack of knowledge regarding the Rules of the Road. I know, I know what you are going to say to me, ‘We’ve been doing this as far back as we can remember, and you ain’t going to teach us with any of that there book-learning stuff. And then it happens. WHAM! You might even see it on the ‘Nightly News’, ‘Police have yet to recover the bodies of the occupants of both boats.’”

“Yes, my good man, we have talked about this at length many times. I’m surprised at a couple of things regarding our observations. One, I’m surprised there aren’t many more accidents, and Two, I’m surprised there aren’t more law enforcement personnel patrolling the waters.”

“Regarding your second point, old fellow, I think monies are not available for increasing the marine police forces which would be financed by taxation. And tax payers don’t like the idea of the government increasing taxes. Our enforcement agencies do a fine job with the revenues allotted to them. The answer lies in education. The Power Squadrons and Coast Guard flotillas need to keep having classes for the inexperienced and even experienced boaters. Unfortunately there is the business of pride among boaters who think they know everything needed to run our waters safely. It may lie with yacht clubs and marinas to require some level of familiarity with the Rules before allowing mariners to ply the waters. But, they might not be interested in doing that. I’m not sure. I pray you are off on your first point. We don’t need more accidents, period!”

The captain and I were strolling along the shore at the end of Pollock Street by the Neuse River. Temperatures had risen a bit making for a comfortable day. Plus, we had just had coffees with half and half and ‘tinches’ of sugar. Everything was ‘hunky dory.’ Across the water comes a nice looking power boat (I can’t tell the makes and models anymore) with two occupants. I tell Horatio to hold up and let’s see

where they tie up. “Horatio, I want to ask these fellows a question. I promise not to take more than a moment. “Hello there, can I have a word with you?” The two mariners approach, the leading mate puts out his hand and we shake. “What’s up? What can we do for you?”

“I’d like to ask you a question, if you don’t mind.”

“No, we don’t mind. Fire away!”

So far, so good. “I’ll fire away. I like the cut of your jib, you seem like honest fellows. I’d like an answer to this simple nautical question. You are cruising along in a narrow channel, or even this wide open body of the Neuse. You see that you are about to overtake a sailboat. You are wondering what the sailor is thinking. Probably wants a hot cup of coffee. Is there a horn signal you could give him to relate what you are going to do? You plan to pass him on his right or starboard side. That would mean your left or port side. Your port to his starboard!”

“You bet. I’d lean on my horn, if I had one, and keep blasting the bugger until I saw him getting out of my way. I’d blast him again, just for good measure. By the way, are you the police?”



“No, no, we are members of the Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron. Just a couple of curious chaps.”

“Power Squadron? Are you selling electricity? What’s this all about?” After a brief explanation of CLSPS. I said “Thanks for the answer, turned and left.

“Well, Horatio, how did you like that? Did I manage to demonstrate a bit of nautical savvy to you? That fellow, I assume he was the owner of that beautiful boat, gave an answer I expected. I bet his father taught him that when he was six years old. The kid, not the father. He’s been doing that all these years. “God, I’d a blown him right out of the water. Nautical knowledge? Very little.”

Just one short blast on the horn would have done the trick. Hopefully the sailor would return the one blast. We will always need to review our Rules of the Road. I do. They represent the basic language of mariners. Ah, the hand-held radio.

28 April, CSS Neuse in Kinston



Reconstruction of the Neuse with Lloyd Moore in background



CSS Neuse

20 May, Safe Boating Booth At the Farmer’s Market



Lt/C Bud Ellis

Marty Warner

P/C Lloyd Moore

at CLSPS Booth



P/C Jane Moore

9 August, Jarrett Bay Boatworks



She's almost done!
Last stage at Jarrett Boat Works

9 September, Bike MS

2023 Bike MS, 9 September

Lloyd & Ray & Linda Marty & Gloria & Lydia
Jane Moore Whitley Tiki Warner Michael Moore Ash



Our Tour Guide, Paul



CLSPS Annual Report Membership 2023

As we gather for our Annual Meeting of Cape Lookout Sail & Power Squadron, we celebrate our 64th Anniversary on January 16, 2024. Forty-four original members are listed on our "Local Squadron Charter," signed by United States Power Squadrons Chief Commander Richard S. Weber, JN on January 16, 1960.

During the convening years, our membership had increased to over one hundred and twenty-five and currently our membership is forty-three. We were pleased to have five new members join in 2023 and thankful for the continued support of our long-time members. We have ten Life members, who have earned twenty-five merit marks and continue to be active.

Sadly, our P/C June Reasons, S, our longest serving member died in September. P/C Reasons was a mentor to many of our squadron members and would help us learn the history of our squadron, as well as teach Operations Training and was our Merit Mark Chair for many years.

In District 27, Cape Lookout Sail & Power Squadron is one of fourteen Squadrons in North Carolina and has 851 active members as of 12/31/23.

Nationally, there are thirty-two Districts and 299 Squadrons nationwide with 17,709 active members as of 12/31/23. If you have not attended an

ABC Annual Spring Meeting, it will be held at the Rosen Plaza Hotel, Orlando, FL from Feb. 4-11, 2024. Many events are planned with the Change of Watch on Saturday, Feb. 10, 2024. Meetings & Events online registration is available on usps.org.

Our District 27 will hold the Spring Council/Conference and Change of Watch in Wilmington, NC on March 15-16, 2024. More information will be posted on the uspsd27.org website.

Please save the date for the D27 Rendezvous, hosted by America's Boating Club of the Pamlico, which will be held August 2-3, 2024 in Washington, NC. Always a fun time and chance to meet squadron members from across North Carolina.

P/C June Reasons passing and Celebration of her Life (October 15)





Cape 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: _____

Name: _____ Dinner Choice: _____

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.

22 Oct, Chili Cook Off



17 December, Holiday Party @ the Whitleys



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



Linda giggles about her "extra" gift



Elaine explains the rules for the "gift Exchange"

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 or 252-637-5547

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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—
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