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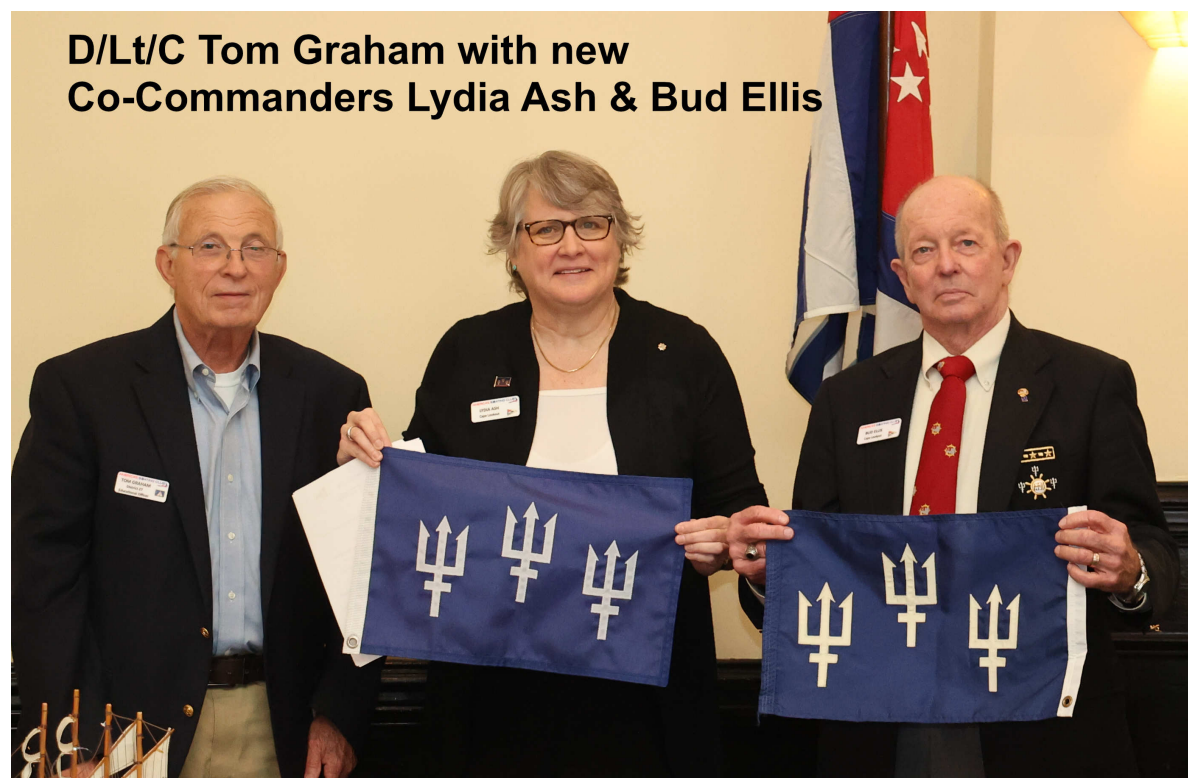
## Upcoming Events:

Monday, March 15-16, 2024  
**District 27 Annual Meeting and COW**  
Wrightsville Beach, NC

Monday, 18 March  
**March Dinner Meeting**  
The Chelsea

Monday, April 1, 1900  
**CLSPS ExCom Mtg**  
Via Zoom

## Our New Co-Commanders for 2024-2025



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**Commander**

**Lydia Ash, S**



The 63rd Annual Change of Watch was held on February 24, presided over by D/27 SEO, Tom Graham of the America's Boating Club of The Pamlico, who was joined by his wife, Kay Graham, D/27 Secretary. It was a delightful afternoon and we're moving boldly forward to a busy 2024/2025! Commander Bud Ellis and I will be sharing the duties of Commander and the new Bridge is already busy laying out plans for the year ahead. Praise to the hard work of our departing Bridge and honor the Member of the Year, Bud Ellis!

We kicked things off with a very well-run Operations Training on March 2nd, thanks to the hard work of Lloyd and Jane Moore. Lloyd walked us through the PowerPoint which is available for all to see on the USPS.org site under the Resources tab. Take a look! There's a lot of great information there! Thank you again, Lloyd and Jane!

Bud and I have laid out a plan for oversight of our meetings and activities for the coming year. I'll take the first quarter of March, April & May, while Bud will follow with June, July and August. September, October and November will revert back to me, with potential coverage necessary by the XO in September. December will bring the holiday party and Bud and I will oversee the Annual Meeting in January together, as well as the Change Of Watch next February.

New Administrative Officer Clair Mixon will highlight the upcoming March meeting in her column as well as any other offerings for upcoming activities. We're off to an exciting start to the year!

Of course, best laid plans do come undone sometimes and as I write this, Wayne Fretwell is just coming out of emergency open heart surgery. Elaine and I have been keeping in close communication and I know you join me in wishing Wayne a speedy recovery and wishing Elaine all the best as well. Our thoughts are also with the McCulley's who we understand are dealing with some continuing health issues as well. While they may not be active, our members are always in our thoughts. We all note the loss of Commander June Reasons last year. Bud and I extend all the best wishes to the entire Squadron and we'll look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Monday, March 18th at our next membership meeting! Between now and then, the Ashes and Moores will be at the D27 COW and Spring Conference. We'll tell you all about it on the 18th!

PS - We took the *Jolly Tar* out on the Trent last Sunday, to the delight of us all!

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

<http://www.clsps.org>

## Education Officer

**Lt/C Bud Ellis, Jr., SN**



Welcome to the new watch year. I hope we can have as much fun this year as we have in the past.

We are continuing the Weather class that began 1 Feb 2024 and will finish by the end of March. At present, the exam is scheduled for 28 Mar. We still have some students preparing for the exam. On that note, please keep Wayne Fretwell and Elaine Lechner in your prayers. Wayne is in surgery as I write this.

We will have an ABC 3 course on the last 2 Saturdays in May. We are planning on a larger class this time than we've had in the past. Suzanne Madison is working very hard to get the word out and can use everyone's help. If you know anyone who could use the class, let them know. If you have access to any bulletin boards post a flyer. Anyplace you can help get the word out will be much appreciated. We will have plenty of flyers at the meeting and you can have as many as you need.

We are still looking for anyone interested in the Boat Handling (the old Seamanship) Course. One member has asked for the class and we would like to have several more. Let me know if you are interested. I have been taking pictures of damaged boats for about 6

months, all within a mile of Union Point. There is a lot to be learned from other people's mistakes. I would really like to take pictures than be in them.

Everyone have a Safe and Happy Boating Year.

Fair Winds, Bud

## Administrative Officer

**Lt/C Clair Mixon**



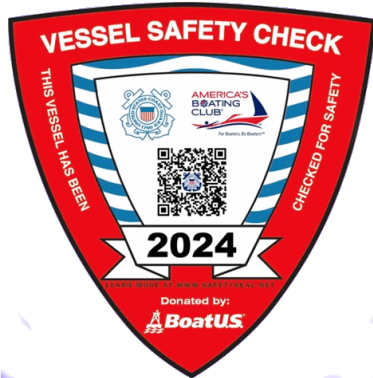
I'm so excited to be part of the squadron and to get to know you all even more. The administrative officers have had a planning meeting and with a little scheduling we will be excited to announce several fun events and speakers soon. Please join us at our next meeting to meet with our North Carolina Craven County District 3 Representative, Steve Tyson. He will share current and pending legislation, highlight marine activities and answer any of your questions. One thing I really want to focus on this year as I begin this journey is to try and increase our membership. I'd love to challenge current members to bring a guest to our events and meetings. For every guest you bring from now until the next Change Of Watch (COW) you will get a ticket which will be added to a drawing. The prize will really make it worth your efforts, wait for the exciting announcement to come. Be mindful that guests coming to our meetings

will need to have a reservation for dinner just like the members. Finally, we are open to ideas and suggestions. Do you have a local contact with an exciting location or talent that would like to share with the group? Contacts with waterfront entertainment areas for events? Contact me at [clair.mixon@comcast](mailto:clair.mixon@comcast) or at my mobile via call or text at 240-626-4681.





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



I have heard from a few members regarding having a vessel safety check on their vessels, including a canoe! Terrific!! USPS members supporting USPS safety programs. The way it should be.

If you want to add your name/vessel to the schedule, just contact one of our Vessel Safety Examiners listed elsewhere in this issue and we will be happy to arrange a safety check at a time/place of your convenience.

One thing that is important for all boaters, especially those new to North Carolina are the boating registration

regulations of this State. If your boat stays in NC for 90 consecutive days, it must be registered in NC, this includes documented vessels. I have had boat operators tell me that their boat is USCG documented and therefore is exempt from registration in NC. Only true until the boat hits the 90 consecutive day rule. Same is true with a vessel that has a current registration from another state. Okay until that 90 consecutive day mark.

Penalty: a class 3 misdemeanor that carries a maximum fine of \$200 PLUS court costs. Nothing to ignore.

**Happy Birthday  
to the  
Following Members**



## **March**

**Mixon, Clair J — 3 March**  
**Cleveland, Mary A — 8 March**  
**Cleveland, Charles T — 10 March**  
**Madison, Suzanne M — 15 March**  
**Dail, Asa B — 17 March**  
**Thompson, Robert B — 25 March**

## **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 appreciate your 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**

**Bob Burget**  
**Elaine Lechner &**  
**Wayne Fretwell**  
**Bill, Annalee & Lydia Ash**  
**Marty & Tiki Warner**  
**Duane & Clair Mixon**  
**Ray & Linda Whitley**  
**Lloyd & Jane Moore**

P/C William J. Ash,  
SN, H



**I'M NOT SURE WHAT THE  
TITLE OF THIS PIECE SHOULD  
BE  
P/C WILLIAM J. ASH SN  
EMERITUS**

I am an ordinary fellow who frequently refers back to olden times when trying to understand practical micro-evolutionary happenings occurring right now. I like comparisons to learn whether things are improving. Is the world becoming a better place in which to live. Maybe yes, perhaps not! Sounds silly but let's look at what it was like to join the United States Power Squadrons back in 1961, (at least in my old Squadron).

I was in need of something that could be used in Moriches Bay, something I could float in, to fish, to swim from, and to take my wife, sons and daughters on a Sunday afternoon cruise. A **boat!** I had obtained my graduate degree, life was less stressful, I was living very close to a creek (crick) and I had a few bucks with which to buy a bay-boat having high gunwales and drawing little water. "Pop, do you know a lot about boats, bays, real dark clouds, and engines?" These from my progeny and spouse. It

did not take long for me to admit, I did not. Fortunately, luck came my way when I spotted a small ad in the local newspaper noting the Power Squadron was about to offer a basic course for inexperienced mariners new to boating. Power Squadron? What's that? Well, I enquired about the ad and decided to sign in. "Daddy, you can do it." First was a course entitled ***Piloting***. Fifteen weeks of lectures, plus a review and then a final exam.

The year was 1961, that's 63 years ago. Sea water hadn't yet been invented. It did not take long for me to recognize my interests in the subject matter; with each session my spirits rose and I frequently recalled how my Dad taught me to row a boat properly-navy style. I loved doing something on the water. Dad was a wonderful, understanding instructor; he spent four years in the Pacific fleet on the battleship, flagship ***U.S.S. New Mexico***. He knew how to row a boat. I was hooked. The Power Squadron might do as well.

I passed the big exam. Now what? I wondered if my education could continue in this organization. It had a fine reputation, founded on the doorsteps of the Boston Yacht Club in 1914, trained officers in things nautical in WW's I and II and presently was the world's leading nautical educational organization. Lectures were given by men in neatly pressed uniforms, and they had a lot of enthusiasm for what they did. I was impressed. Wow! A

letter came from the leaders of the Squadron asking me to meet with them on a specific evening, if I was interested in joining. Interested in joining? My gosh! Was I interested? Heck, yes, I was interested.

I did and I recognized a few of my classmates (one was a commander in the U.S. Navy) and all of my instructors. The latter asked we innocent looking students about how we could contribute to USPS should we be invited to join. It was a very long evening. Would we purchase uniforms and attend Squadron and District meetings? National meetings? Would spouses attend meetings? Do you think they would like to take the *Piloting* course, a requirement for membership? What could you do for the Squadron? And on it went.

It took about a week until I received the letter of invitation. I, along with the others, were happy to join. I've now been a member for 63 years. I'm about halfway through. Is that right?

The discipline to ensure students mastered subject matter, overcoming difficulties and making things easy; we truly looked ahead to next week's class. Weekly instruction was tops. Words may not suffice, but yesterday, elements of what I am trying to explain showed themselves most clearly, with pride. I was teaching someone to be a captain of a small sailing vessel. Undoing lines, looking to see that it was safe to leave the pier, life preservers were available,

that the engine sounded normal (cooling system working and the propeller doing the job), leaving the finger pier properly going astern, putting the engine into forward and slowly leaving the yacht club. Into the cold, windy Trent River we went, three of us, one the student, the other two the passengers. We turned around and returned to the finger pier, went astern and repeated the operation with one exception-we went astern out of the yacht club and into the Trent. We did all this, with some corrections suggested and obeyed. Operating a boat may not be easy at first. One needs to do three or four things simultaneously. Then it all becomes effortless. I went through all these riggers years ago. Now, I simply passed the nautical torch along to this student. I believe it worked, and I was very proud of her.

All of the above may or may not apply anymore, mercifully, our instructors take their positions seriously, for the ocean and bay waters

are not natural for humans. We need guidance when we trespass into Neptune's world. We belong on land upon which we evolved into the magnificent creatures which we are today. The sea is a deadly place for two legged creatures as we. We need to be careful, very careful when we enter into an environment which would take us in seconds. Don't succumb to mediocrity, be alert, be smart, be disciplined, be alive when you return from your cruise. I'll see you by the finger piers.

## Coop Charting

**Bob Burget** *(photo by Bob Burget)*

On February 11, squadron members Lloyd Moore, Jane Moore, Anne Brittle, and Bob Burget went to River Bend to find geodetic markers. We found and recorded seven of them, and documented one that was no longer present.

Weather was good and made for a pleasant outing.

I have been away from New Bern, but will return on March 21 to resume Cooperative Charting activity.



Jane & Lloyd Moore and Anne Brittle with Geodetic Marker

## Photos from our 2024 Change of Watch *(photos by the Editor)*







**D/LtC Kay (D27 Secretary) & D/Lt/C Tom (D27 Education Officer) Graham**



**D/Lt/C Tom Graham relieves outgoing Co-Commanders**



**Lt/C John Kwak & Juli Voelker**



**Outgoing Officers**



**Lt/C Jane & Lt Lloyd Moore**



**Co-Cdr Lydia Ash thanks out-going Co-Commander Owen Smith**



**PC Owen & Carolyn Smith**



**P/C Elaine Lechner**



**Tiki Warner, Bev Ellis, & Carolyn Smith**



**Lt/C Clair Mixon & Lt Rhoda Fort**

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/>





## New Officers



## Co-Cdr Lydia Ash



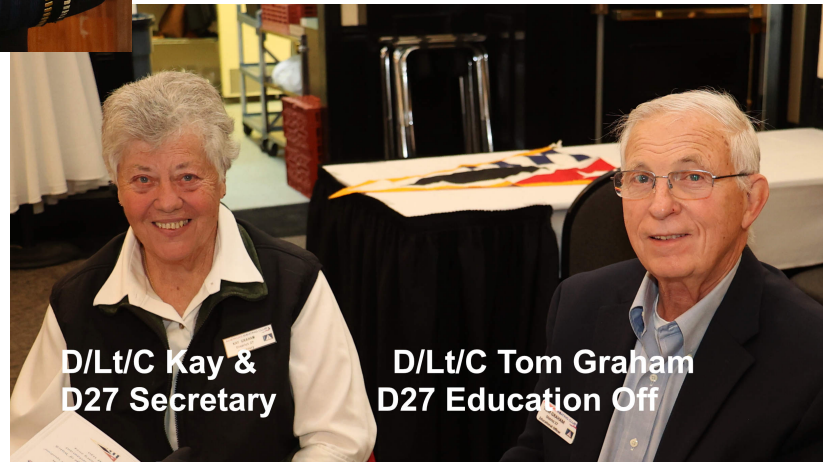
## P/C Bill Ash adds a few Comments to the Squadron



## Lt Anne Brittle Ass't Secretary



## D/Lt/C Kay & D27 Secretary



## D/Lt/C Tom Graham D27 Education Off



## Duane & Lt/C Clair Mixon







**Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron  
March Dinner Meeting @ The Chelsea  
Monday, March 18, 2024, 1730**

**Menu:**

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

**Entrees:**

**Crab cake** served with rice pilaf and mixed vegetable medley

- **Chicken** bruschetta served with rice pilaf and mixed vegetable medley
- **Beef** tenderloin tips with marsala sauce served with garlic smashed potatoes and mixed vegetable medley and potatoes and mixed vegetable medley
- **Dessert:** Chocolate tuxedo cake
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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Dinner Choice:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Number attending** \_\_\_\_\_ **x \$25.00 each = Amount enclosed \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dinner is \$25.00 per person. Please advise Linda Whitley of your entree selection by Wednesday, March 13, 2024. A check can be sent to her at: Linda Whitley, 4606 Helen Lane, New Bern, NC 28560. Or call her at: 301-651-2445, or email her: lindaswhitley@gmail.com or if you prefer, you can pay at the Dinner on March 18.**

## 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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