

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB

New Bern 

Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron
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CLSPS Website: <http://www.clsp.org>

Upcoming Events:

May 18 and 25
ABC Class at CCC
See SEO's Article

Monday, May 20
May Dinner Meeting
The Chelsea

Monday, June 3, 1900
CLSPS ExCom Mtg
Via Zoom

Wednesday June 26, 0900
Cherry Point MCAS Tour
Cherry Point Main Entrance

Saturday, June 22, 0800-1700
Great Trent River Raft Race
CLSPS Booth

Saturday, June 29
**National Marina Day and
Summer Celebration**
Northwest Creek Marina in Fairfield
Harbor.

Drone Demonstration at Lawson's on the Creek, April 13



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As we head into the summer season, all the preparations that go into having safe and happy boating experiences come into play. We, too, have continued our prep and clean-up and expect that within the next week or two, the Jolly Tar will be in ship shape! We're a little late again this year,...just in time for the heat!

We continued the varnish removal and while P/C Ash was in the cockpit Sunday evening waiting for more puckering and scraping to continue, I completed a quick check of on-board items down below. Happily I found most everything in order. Fire Extinguisher, flares, horn(s), life ring, and plenty of line! "Too much," I hollered up through the hatch! "Never too much!" P/C cried out!... We'll debate it over the course of the week, I'm sure! Thankfully, at least our PFD's are in order having done a quick check at West Marine on Friday. It took less than five minutes and now we can operate with confidence knowing that if we have an issue, every life vest is in working order! It was good to have the operations review! Equally pleasing is knowing the diver had come and cleared the winter barnacles away from the hull and prop and we are looking good for propulsion from our little four stroke engine.

I'm looking forward to spending some time on the water with Dad this year, hoping to better our record from recent years of non-activity. I'll be loading in plenty of extra water and ice. Spending evenings on board is delightful and maybe we can pull off an overnight! That's my goal... Say, what about our lighting...? Hmm. Better review all that too! And see if that's a wasp nest under the seats in the cockpit... Sigh. Lots more still to do! "P/C! Get off that phone... tell Hornblower you'll call him back later! Better yet, tell him to get over here and scrape this hatch cover!"

Here's hoping that you all have smooth sailing and motoring this summer! I'll turn over the helm to Co-Commander Bud Ellis for the next few months and will be back at this column in the fall! See you at the May meeting on the 20th! Get those orders in! **That's an order!**

PS - Don't forget! Hurry over to the New Bern Farmer's Market to see some incredible nautical art at the NC Plein Air Art Festival! Go to ncpleinair.org for more information.

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



Congratulations to Ed Gagnon, Elaine Lechner, and Suzanne Madison for passing the Weather Course.

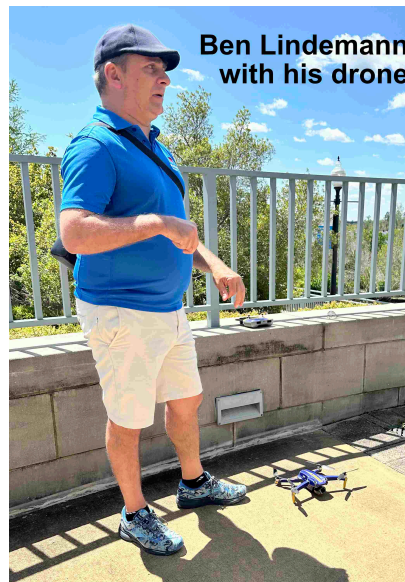
We have 10 students signed up for the ABC3 course on the 18th and the 25th of May. Many thanks to all who worked to put this course together. Once again Suzanne has worked for months recruiting students. Several people have put up flyers in lots of places to advertise us and we had our tent at the Farmer's Market all day on 4 May. Thanks to John Kwak, Jane Moore, and Lydia Ash for talking to lots of people to spread the word. Once again, we have our best instructors teaching ABC3. Lloyd and Jane Moore, and Elaine Lechner teaching. This year John Kwak is joining us with all his experience teaching and boating.

As soon as we finish the ABC3 class we'll get the Boat Handling class started. I have 4 books on hand for the folks who said they want to take the class. Time and place will be determined shortly.

Fair Winds and Safe Boating to All,



What a busy month it's been. Lots of "Save The Dates" and lots of volunteer activities are coming up. We had a great time at Lawson's on the Creek Restaurant in April. Our guest, Ben Lindemann, demonstrated his drone that has become so popular in New Bern as it captures the beauty of our city in his amazing photography. We took a cool group photo from the sky. Thanks to everyone that came out to this fun and educational event. I want to know who bites the bullet and buys a drone now.



So,

let's talk more fun events. We're so excited to have you join us at this month's May Dinner Meeting to hear from Captain James Holloway of Neuse River Adventures, Fishing Guide Service. He'll tell us about his adventures taking locals and tourists out on the waters and what they can expect to catch. Get those RSVP's and dinner selections in to Elaine. Remember, we need to recruit new members and for every guest you bring to an event or dinner, you can enter your name in a drawing for a prize at the next Change Of Watch.

Help us spread the word about "National Boat Safety Week, May 18-24." It is our duty to remind all boaters to brush up on boating safety skills and prepare for the 2024 boating season. Keep an eye on our social media and feel free to share posts far and wide. Friday May 17th kicks off the week with "Wear Your Life Jacket at Work Day," who will face the challenge and send us a pic?

We are also excited to organize a fun trip to tour Cherry Point for a "Windshield Tour" which basically means a tour via vehicle from 9-11 am on Wednesday, June 26th. Following the tour we will meet for lunch at La Casa Del Patron Mexican Restaurant located at 109 U.S. Hwy 70 W, Havelock, NC 28532. Our tour is limited to 35 people, I'll need your RSVP sent to Clair.mixon@comcast.net. Please include the following in your reply: Date

Of Birth and Full Name. You will be required to provide your photo id at arrival. We will be in touch closer to the date with more instructions and details.

CLSPS will have a table at the Great Trent River Raft Race on Saturday June 22 from 8-5 pm. I will need volunteers to help with the booth and running of a required children's activity. We will host a scavenger hunt, sailboat craft with a baby pool to sail them in, hand out materials, and offer a photo opportunity. This could be a great recruiting activity and I welcome any ideas and input. We also hope to be able to have our boat simulator in action (if it still works, ha!).

Saturday, June 29 is National Marina Day and Summer Celebration at Northwest Creek Marina in Fairfield Harbor. We will have a table there to let everyone know about our club. This day will not only be a celebration for this waterfront community but also offer environmental efforts to support a clean Neuse River. They will offer vendor tables, live music, beer garden and food trucks. Please consider signing up to help us run this table and share what we do with the folks at Northwest Creek Marina.

Who wants to go listen to some great music at Union Point Park on a Friday evening (6:30pm)? I was thinking we could raise a flag at the park so we can find each other and all sit together.

Here are some of the dates, let's try to enjoy the evening together either by land or water. I'll send out a message early in the concert week and try to organize us all to meet up, but in the mean time, make a note of the dates, if you don't already have them down.

May 24: Trail by Fire (Journey Cover Band)

June 7: Thurston Howell Band (Yacht Rock 70's & 80's)

June 21: Captain Mike & The Shipwrecked (Jimmy Buffett Tribute Band)

July 12: Landslide (Fleetwood Mac Cover Band)

August 9: On The Border (Eagles Cover Band)

August 30: Joe Brown and The Band (Rhythm and Soul) and

September 20: The I-42 Band (Beach Party Music with Bryan Mayer).

Lastly, I'm still working on a speaker for our July meeting as my weather man was transferred to Tennessee! Have a great summer everyone, and hope to see you at our upcoming events. Any questions or input is greatly appreciated. Give me a call or text at 240-626-4681.

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



Our Examiners have had the opportunity to complete a near record number of Vessel Safety Checks in the months of April and May. On May 7, we were at Camp Wayfarer where we completed 343 vscs. Total to date is 442. We also checked 10 boats at the Eastern Carolina Yacht Club. The most vscs we ever did was in 2019 when we completed 460. So, we are only 18 short of our "record" for a given year.



With the number of members we have in our squadron it should be able to exceed 460 vscs quite easily. However, to date, we have not had any members request a safety check.

Remember our examiners can do a safety check of your vessel wherever it may be: at your home, in your marina, even in your driveway. Just contact us and we help you make sure your vessel is prepared safety wise for this boating season. Doesn't matter if your boat is 50 feet in length, sail or power, or a paddlecraft, i.e. canoe, kayak or paddleboard.

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.

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**



Are you interested? Elaine Lechner

The Civic Theater is offering several selections this fall for some grand entertainment. This is something that we will have to jump right on now, in order to get tickets. I checked on Monday and they had not opened the web page to get tickets. On Thursday, most of the center seat tickets were gone.

There are tickets to *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner* on Sunday, September 29th, at 2:00 on the sides. They cost \$26.

There are tickets to *Grease* on Nov 23rd, Saturday at 7:30. These too are on the sides or in the back. They will cost \$31.

Lewis and Clark have tickets on Sunday, October 20th at 2:00. And they still have quite a few tickets pretty much all over. If you haven't heard this duo you will want to. These tickets are \$31 also.

I will need to get the tickets by no later than the day after the dinner meeting, if there are still tickets. So, bring your money to the dinner meeting. May 20th. Don't fill out the amount in the check until that night when we decide which one we are going to. We will take a vote at the dinner. If you are not going to be at the dinner and still want to attend, please contact me and we will work something out beforehand.

Elaine Lechner 678-464-7665.

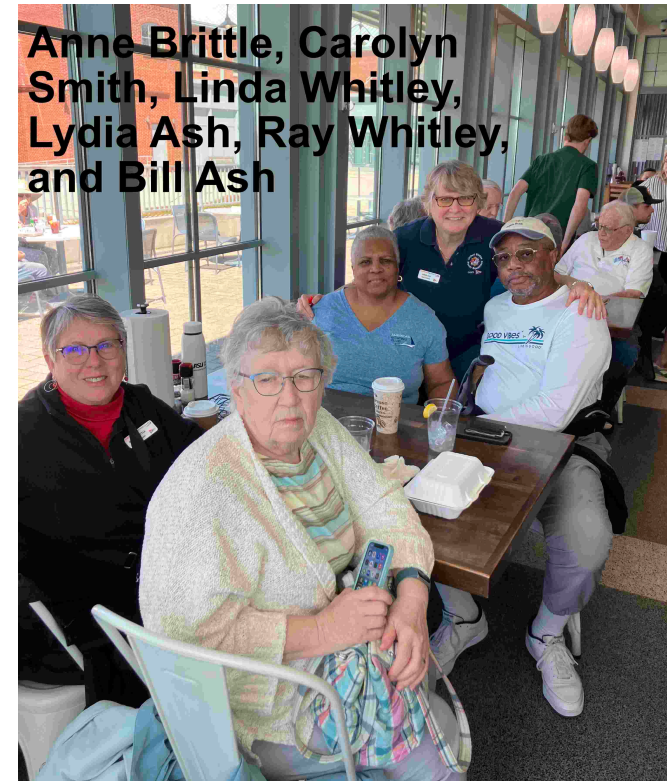
Happy Birthday
to the
Following Members



May

**Peter Pagnutti — 17 May
Ray Whitley — 17 May
Linda S. Whitley — 22 May**

**Drone event at Lawson's on the
Creek Restaurant**



P/C William J. Ash,
SN, H



WHAT IT WAS LIKE P/C WILLIAM J. ASH SN EMERITUS

After my completing graduate-work at Cornell in 1959 the Ash Family moved from Ithaca, N.Y. to the Eastport-Speonk-Westhampton area on eastern Long Island, the island in the Atlantic Ocean on which I was born. We built a house with water rights close to Beaver Dam Creek in Westhampton. Now, keep in mind, the Creek emptied into, and out of, the eastern end of Moriches Bay. The bay poured into, and out of, an inlet, or outlet, to and from the Atlantic Ocean. From the beginning of the Atlantic Ocean we could take our boat to any place having navigable waters. The Ash Family was now free to go. Only two major problems existed. Only two, mind you.

Go ahead, laugh! I don't care. I've had bigger problems. The first problem concerned a boat. I didn't have one. The second concerned me. I knew how to row a boat; my Dad taught me that when I was a small boy. But outboards, plotting courses, inboards, electrical systems, thunderstorms, currents, reciprocal bearings, sun, moon, planet

and star sights? I needed help, lots of help. By a stroke of good luck I happened upon a very small note in the local newspaper concerning a boating course being offered by the Peconic Bay Power Squadron; local high school, 1900 hrs, day of the week for 15 weeks. It was called Piloting (America's Boating Course). I signed on. This turned out to be one of the best moves I ever made. It was the year 1961.

Piloting (America's Boating Course) was given by a cadre of uniformed members of Peconic Bay. Overhead projections, use of the blackboard, questions and answers and discussions of all matters of things nautical by members with experience made for one heck of a course. I'd found out how much there was to know about the primary needs of the boater. Fifteen weeks of instruction and review, taking the final exam and learning that I passed it was a feather in my cap. But it was only the beginning.

Students who passed the course (not all did) were asked if they would consider joining the Squadron. "Yes" passers were given interviews by a committee to determine their likelihood of contributing to nautical safety. Those considered fit to help were invited to join, and I was one. Within a few months I passed Seamanship. It was still 1961. I decided to learn more about getting from point A to point B, from the chart and on the water, by signing aboard Advanced Piloting (Advanced

Marine Navigation) which every member should have on his/her record. It was an adventure of a lifetime. I passed this very demanding course in 1962.

Here's a way to handle an issue you have already thought about. It relates to on-line courses. What do you do when problems arise and there is no instructor to answer your questions? Pretend three students decide to study Weather, on-line. When all three are ready, let's say after the first two chapters, the group meets at a local spot for coffee, tea, whatever, to review materials. One student may have a question, the other two understand what the issue is and explain it. I was thrilled to answer questions for my buddies and I was grateful to them for answering mine. And, camaraderie develops; Bud Ellis and I plus two other students, now deceased, did this for months during our Celestial Navigation Course. We all passed in 1997. Separately, we had passed Junior Navigation, JN (Offshore Navigation) during the years just prior.

During this Blitzkrieg of information I managed to squeeze in Engine Maintenance, 1968, Marine electronics, 1971, Instructor Training, 1971, Weather, 1974, Sail, 1975 and Cruise Planning, 1975. I had become much more knowledgeable, sailing and cruising with confidence. So, what's my message? Take navigation courses in sequence and elevate your grade; take elective courses whenever you choose; perhaps there will

be structured classroom courses for you or take them on-line.

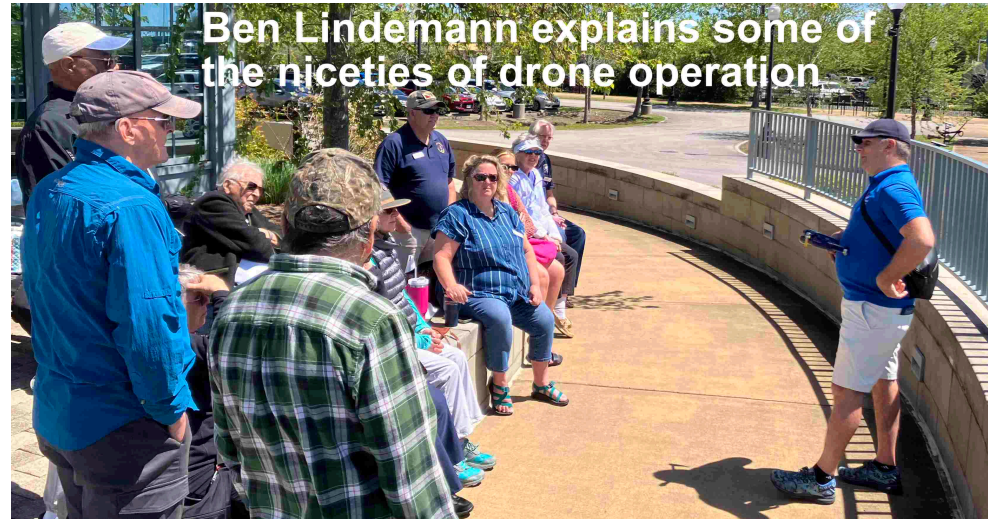
Your joining the Cape Lookout Squadron may provide you with opportunities to instruct those who come after you. Teaching someone a nautical fact makes the world a better, safer place. Think about it! You have an opportunity to save lives, to make the boating world a happier, safer place for children and adults. Have at it! Education is the key word here.

..... I would appreciate your connecting with me to say this message is/is not meaningful to you.

.....Thank you,

W. J. Ash

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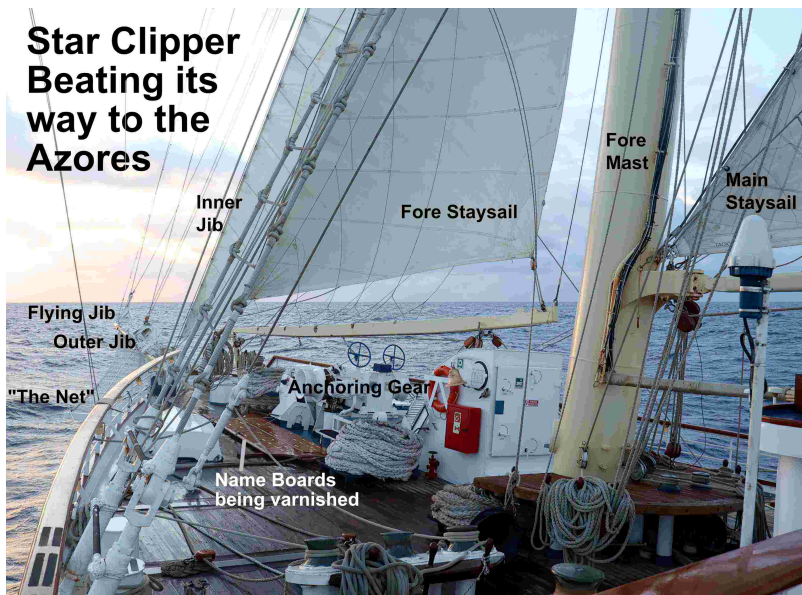


Ben Lindemann explains some of the niceties of drone operation

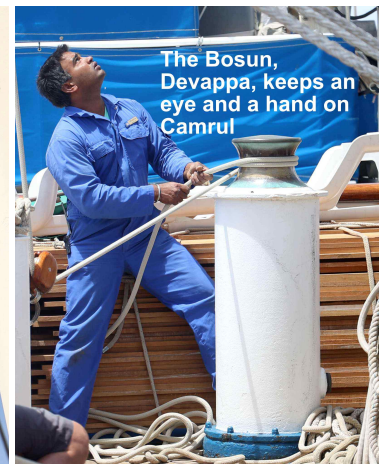
Photos of Drone event are by Clair Mixon

Some pics from our Atlantic Crossing, April 2024. Marty Warner

We don't often get water on the fore deck. In this case, The Net is closed (otherwise 5 people either side of the bowsprit are allowed)



Rigger, Camrul, inspects a line



The Bosun, Devappa, keeps an eye and a hand on Camrul





**Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron
May Dinner Meeting @ The Chelsea
Monday, May 20, 2024, 1730**

Speaker: Captain James Holloway of Neuse River Adventures, Fishing Guide Service

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

Horseradish Salmon served with rice pilaf and mixed medley

Honeymoon Chicken served with rice pilaf and mixed medley

Pork tenderloin with marsala sauce served with garlic smashed and mixed medley

Chocolate tuxedo 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, May 15, 2024. A check can be sent to her at: Elaine Lechner, 2220 Caracara Dr., New Bern, 28560. Or call her at: 678 464-7665, or email her: elechner@bellsouth.net or if you prefer, you can pay at the Dinner on May 20.

**See this on the
'Windshield' Tour**



**EA-6B Prowler &
HARM missile**

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 sells for \$25.00. Back ordered til July.



Pennant magnets are priced at \$5. They can be placed on your vehicle or refrigerator. (7 left)

Cotton Visor - White (2 left) and Navy (2 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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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.

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