

**AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB**  
New Bern 

Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron  
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### Upcoming Events:

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

Wednesday June 26, 1000  
**Cherry Point MCAS Tour**  
Cherry Point Main Entrance

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

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

Monday, July 15, 1730  
**July Dinner Meeting**  
The Chelsea

### Life Jacket Demo at the May Dinner Meeting, May 20, 2024



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Well, it's that time of year again. No, not Christmas, Hurricane season. The forecasters are predicting an active season so it's time to make your preparations. There is a lot to consider again, house, pets, evacuation plans, and what will you do with the boat. I know many of us have given up the boat, but your preparation knowledge can help others. Some things for everyone to consider. Is your insurance up to date? Do you have flood insurance on your property? Do you have boat insurance? Where will you go if an evacuation is ordered? (knowing the government officials it will be suggested). How will you get access to your home when you return? Do you have a Go bag ready? Some suggested items for the Go bag are cash, medicine, credit cards, identification cards, utility bills for return access, clothing and the list goes on. You may be able to return in a day or two or it may be weeks. Plan now so you can be safe if you must leave.

Now, what about your boat? Where do you keep it? If it is in a marina, what are the marina's preparation policies? If it is at your own dock, can the dock stand the storm surge we saw in Florence? Can you move it to a safer place? Will your boat insurance pay for a haul out? Which yard is the safest and what are the requirements there? Can you put the boat on a trailer and move it to a safe place? Do you have anchors and rode that can survive a hurricane? Long dock lines to tie up safely?

I know this is a lot of questions with no answers. The answers are beyond the scope of this article but what I want you to do is start thinking about all of this. Ask questions of people who have been here for a while. Get a copy of your marina's policy and start getting everything they want you to do ready. Talk to your insurance company to make sure you understand what is and what is not covered. Do not wait to the last minute.

Prepare now!

Fair winds, and stay safe,

Bud

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

<http://www.clsps.org>

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**Here's a little closer look at  
what's happening in June!**

**Saturday, June 22, The great  
Trent River Raft Race. 0800-1700**

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!).

**Wednesday, June 26, A  
"Window Tour" of Cherry Point  
Marine Corps Air Station. 1000**

We are also excited about a fun trip to tour Cherry Point MCAS for a "Windshield Tour" which basically means a tour via vehicle from 1000 to 1200. Meet adjacent to the Cherry point Main gate at "Pass and ID"/Welcome Center.

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.

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

Help clean up from 0900-1200 and get a free T-shirt.

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

The Boat Handling Class is scheduled to begin on 20 June 2024 at 1800. We have reserved classroom three in the Fairfield Harbour Activity Building. The class will run for about 8 weeks on Thursday nights. We will skip July 4<sup>th</sup> and Aug 1<sup>st</sup> for scheduling conflicts. So far only four people have signed up for the class. If you are interested, let me know right away so I can get more books.

This course replaces our old Seamanship course with some old and some new material. We will also spend some time on the water. Some of the topics we will cover are Rules of the Road, Docking and Undocking, Boating with Confidence, Anchoring with Assurance, Emergencies on Board, and Knots and Line Handling. We will talk about Communication and general seamanship. With a little luck we may get to spend time on the water with different types of boats and learn a little about how they handle differently. This is a great starting place for your boating education.

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.

**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).

## 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

Happy Birthday  
to the  
Following Members



June

**Michael D. McCulley — 1 June**

**Juli Voelker — 16 June**

**Wayne Fretwell — 28 June**

## 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  
Bud & Bev Ellis  
Owen & Carolyn Smith**



Bill & Lydia Ash

**John Kwak presents Bev Ellis with some "real" Wooden Shoes**



BITTS is the newsletter for District 27. The BITTS is usually published quarterly and is loaded with information about our District: <http://www.uspsd27.org/newsletter.htm>



## New Members

We would like to welcome **Tim and Jeannie Lane** to our Squadron. Hopefully, they will be able to attend our July dinner meeting and be sworn in at that time. Tim sent the following brief bio to help us get to know them.

“Tim and Jeannie both recently retired in May and moved from the Rocky Mount, NC area to Trent Woods. Tim is originally from Edenton, NC and grew up sailing. His first boat was a C-Lark 14 that came from a marina over in Bridgeton, NC back in 1977. Jeannie and Tim met at ECU and married in 1984. Jeannie, originally from Winston-Salem, NC, grew up skiing and sailing on Lake Norman outside of Charlotte. Her family had a 19-foot Flying Scot that we both enjoyed while dating and then after we married. Later we added a 16' Hobie Cat before trading in for Coronado 27 sailboat. Ironically, we found this boat back in 1993 in Fairfield Harbour. (This must be foreshadowing!)

“Since we were moving up to a bigger boat, we decided to take classes with the Rocky Mount Power Squadron and also joined that squadron. We enjoyed the comradery and continued with courses. But then babies, dogs, mortgages and work got in the way of boating. Now that we have retired, we are getting back into the boating world. We are currently purchasing a Monk 36 trawler and plan to complete the Great Loop in 2026. Since it has been awhile since we have had a boat we are getting back

into the Power Squadron (excuse me America's Boating Club®) to take classes, meet other boaters and to draw on members expertise in boating. We look forward to meeting other members of the Cape Lookout Sail & Power Squadron.”

We encourage members to look at the national website, [usps.org](https://www.usps.org), to review the many member benefits that are available. <https://www.usps.org/departments/14000/14500-member-benefits>. There is a brochure you can print to have on hand.

If you haven't already, please download the America's Boating Club Mobile App. It has nautical reference information, maintenance records, float plans, weather, radar, tides & currents and much more.

We added new baseball caps with Cape Lookout Sail & Power Squadron logo to our Ship Store. They are \$15.00 ea. Also, the ExCom approved purchase of our CLSPS burgee (12" x 18") and we have twelve on hand. They are available for \$30.00 ea. You can send me an email at [pc@clsps.org](mailto:pc@clsps.org) or call me at 919 210-6846 cell, if you would like to purchase something from the Ship Store. The inventory is listed on the last page of the newsletter.



Table Centerpiece,



NOAA's Newport office just sent out a reminder of speaking engagements they have in various areas around Eastern Carolina to prepare the general population about hurricane safety. If you haven't heard Erik Heden speak previously, either at our Cape Lookout meetings or elsewhere, make a point of letting Clair or me know so we can line up a lecture at a future meeting! It's "that time of year again" so better safe than sorry. In the meantime, go to [www.noaa.gov](http://www.noaa.gov)

Per Owen's report at the May meeting, Vessel Safety Check requests are coming in slowly but surely... but none from our own membership. Who has a canoe or a kayak that needs a quick check? These all help our numbers! Per my comment at the last meeting, I'm chatting with friends who are paddlers to remind them that they, too, can get VSC's and it's a great idea! Lloyd reminded us that decals identifying their watercraft can be attached to their kayaks and canoes, so, God forbid, one gets away, it can easily be identified and returned to its rightful owner. Get in touch with Owen, Lloyd or Rob for more information!

My self-serving "sliced bread" comment for the day is to keep an eye out at the Ghent Sandwich Shop for a date soon arriving that will be a fundraiser for Craven Literacy Council. Buy a sandwich on that day and they will donate funds to our little community-based organization. More details to come! Thanks for your consideration!

Have a great rest of the month, and we'll see folks at the Cherry Point tour!

**Photos from May Dinner Meeting**

*Photos by the Editor*



**Anne Brittle**



**Admin Off Clair Mixon introduces speaker, James Holloway**



**Ray Whitley selling 50/50 Tickets**



**Bev Ellis**



**More of the Ash family, Lydia's brother Bill Jr, and his son, Will Ash III**



**Co-Commanders**

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**Lydia Ash**



**Netherlanders John Kwak & Tiki Warner**

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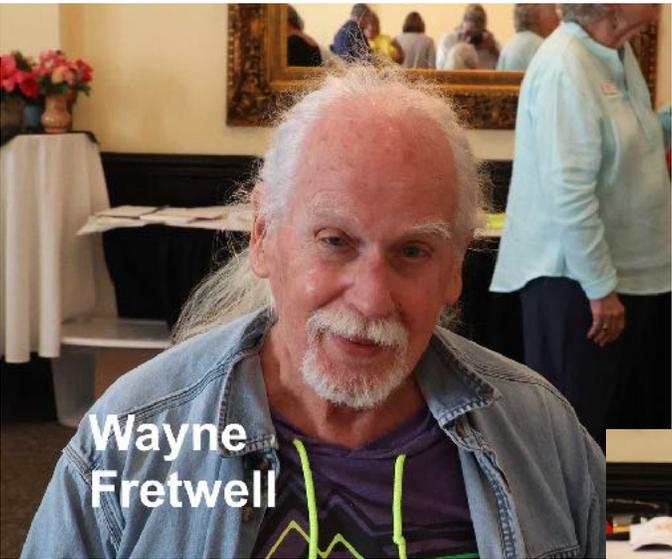
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Ray  
Whitley



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Fretwell



Owen Smith



Co-Commander,  
Lydia Ash  
begins the  
meeting



Lloyd Moore

Guest  
Speaker

James  
Holloway



Jane & Lloyd  
Moore



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/>



## I've Lost Track of "Time", or Where Does That Time Go?

Lt Marty Warner

On our last ocean crossing in April, from Antigua to Malaga, Spain, I came across another time change problem. About every three days it was announced that we would move our watches/clocks forward an hour—losing one hour. I asked the bar tender if we would get any compensation for the loss of an hour—like a free drink or something. He said, "No".

Not satisfied with that answer, I approached our Captain, who was eating breakfast along with several other officers, including the Chief Engineer, Hitesh. I asked, "I sort of understand why we change the time as we sail east, but where do those hours go? Are they kept somewhere on board?"

Hitesh jumped right in saying, "Not to worry, I keep those hours! And then if you're on the Westbound crossing in October, I'll give them all back."

I replied, "I won't be on the October Crossing; we'll be on the November Crossing."

The Captain interrupted saying, "I'll be on the November crossing and I can take care of it." Wow, what a guy to take care of this for me.

And then Hitesh had some news that really interested me. He said, "I keep those hours in my pockets. I've got three

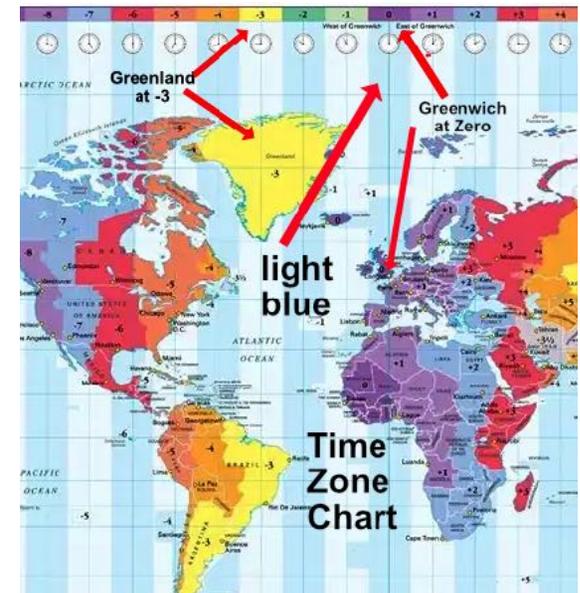
pockets in my pants, and each pocket has a capacity of two hours."

"Is there a chance I can see one of those hours?" I asked. Once again, I got a, "No". He was afraid one of the hours might fall out of his pocket, and then he'd have a hard time getting it back in his pocket.

I waited until the next scheduled time change, and waited until 0200. I put my hand with my watch on it into one of my extra socks—and waited. I didn't know if I could hear or feel the hour fall out of my watch and into the sock. An hour is very light. I really couldn't feel anything, but I put a knot on the top of the sock, so it couldn't get out. The next morning I showed it to Hitesh. He was a bit skeptical even when I shook the sock slightly next to his ear—he didn't hear anything. But he advised me to hang on to the sock. Open the sock in the fall and let the hour out. But be careful and check your watch. Make sure that the time on your watch moves back only one hour, not two. So this is getting complicated. I only hope that the Chief Engineer on our fall crossing is as helpful as Hitesh.

Let's go back to what we talked about in the April issue of the Outlook. About how 360 can be divided by so many numbers. Well, there's 24 hours in a day, and guess what? Twenty four divides evenly into 360 by 15. So, a time zone is 15 degrees of longitude wide. And the time changes one hour for every 15 degrees of longitude (or time zone).

Now if you look at any chart, you'll notice that the line that defines every time zone is not always a straight line running down a line of longitude. Due to practical reasons the time zone



meanders down, between different states in the USA, for instance.

Here's one thing that is sort of weird. The time zone near the Prime Meridian in Greenwich doesn't start with zero degrees of longitude. The time zone is cut in half right at the Prime Meridian. So, there's 7.5 degrees of longitude east, and 7.5 degrees west of the Prime Meridian. Take a look at the Time Zone Chart at the Zero time zone in the light blue area. So "Greenwich Time" covers an area both east and west of the Prime Meridian.

It makes it a little complicated to figure out which lines of longitude determine a time zone. Greenland is three hours ahead of Greenwich—the clock time there is three hours earlier than in Greenwich. So the middle of that time zone is 52.5 degrees west of Greenwich—three full time zones (15 degrees each) and the 7.5 degrees west of Greenwich where its time zone finishes.

**See these on the “Windshield”  
Tour**



**Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron  
July Dinner Meeting @ The Chelsea  
Monday, July 15, 2024, 1730**

**MENU: To be Determined**

**Please advise Linda Whitley of your entree selection by Wednesday, July 17, 2024. A check can be sent to her at: Linda Whitley, 4606 Helen Ln, New Bern, NC 28560. Or call her at: (252)631-4083 , or email her: lindaswhitley@gmail.com or if you prefer, you can pay at the Dinner on July 15.**

## Ships Store Inventory

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In Stock. \$15.00

**Knit Polo Shirts:** Ladies short sleeve  
knit shirts - \$15. navy.  
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\$12.50, Available size: L

**Squadron Burgee** sells for  
\$30.00. In Stock.



**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  
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States Power Squadron logo, with CLSPS  
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Bender Apparel, please contact P/C Moore  
for details.

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