



# AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB

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Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron  
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## Upcoming Events:

Saturday, October 19, 0915-1145  
**District 27 Fall council/Conference**  
Via Zoom. See page 9

Sunday, October 20, 1400  
**Closer Than Ever**  
New Bern Civic Theater

Tuesday, October 22, 1000  
**Tour of Bonehenge Whale Center**  
Beaufort, NC

Monday, November 4, 1900  
**CLSPS ExComm Mtg**  
Via Zoom

**StoryTime**, Monday, November 18,  
**CLSPS November Dinner Mtg,**  
The Chelsea



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While we don't really consider it a competition, my siblings and I are constantly comparing our weather, and we often wake up to texts with screen grabs or photos of everyone's current temperatures. Brother Bill is winning for coldest morning so far with 29 degrees in Rehoboth, MA the other day. WAY too soon for that! But, it is now the middle of October and we should expect that I guess! The white stuff is flying tonight in the Adirondacks and New England as I write this! Shiver me timbers! So grateful to have a gorgeous autumn so far here in New Bern!

We're hurtling toward the holidays having completed many events already in October. The annual Chili Cook Off was a success and we'll be sharing favorite recipes soon. Many more details on that and other events are smattered about in this issue. Lots coming up! Make sure to read through as this combined October/November edition will take us through to mid-December!

District Commander Otis White has alerted us all that the District 27 Fall Conference meeting is now a Zoom meeting. Bridge members, please join us THIS Saturday, October 19th at 9:15 via the link provided in the article and agenda provided here in this Outlook! It is also available on the USPS.org National calendar page.

Please take a moment to remember those affected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton. There is much to do to assist those in need and many places to donate to. Please do what you can.

We'll hope to see as many of you as possible at the November story-teller's extravaganza "Breakfast for Dinner" membership meeting. See Clair's write-up and wear something comfy! But do wear something!! Share a nautical story in 5 minutes or less...! Or walk the plank! Wishing all a Happy Halloween...a fair and peaceful election, and a blessed Thanksgiving!

PS - Maybe Steve Tyson will send us that Trent River Speed Limit after the election. Incidentally, we saw a boatload of folks depart the dock at the ECYC with nary a floatation device in sight... Sigh...Stay safe out there folks!

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

<http://www.clsps.org>



**Administrative  
Officer**  
**Lt/C Clair Mixon**



There's a crispness in the air and I'm loving it. We had fantastic weather for all of our events in September and October so far.

I really enjoyed the Boat Handling Class which ended with an exam in September. Our instructors were full of information and we had great materials. Happy to report I passed the class and am looking forward to the next one. If you aren't taking advantage of our education, get on board for the better of your passengers and your own safety. I was fortunate to be able to travel quite a bit in September and most of it was either near or on water. We barely missed Hurricane Helene while in the Caribbean, whew. Prayers and thoughts go out to all those suffering from the terrible damage from the most recent hurricanes. I myself know several folks who are struggling, and obviously western North Carolina will be changed forever. I encourage you to help where you can.

Our September dinner guest speaker was Scott Harrelson from the New Bern Health Department. He shared with the group all about the services they provide to the county as well as how they are funded. It was informative and he felt very welcomed.



**Scott Harrelson**  
Our Speaker from the  
New Bern Health  
Department

I met with Sound Rivers and picked up all the equipment we need to manage the local trash trap that we have adopted for the months of October and November. The folks who signed up to help should have received an email with a plan for managing this project. If you want to go take a look, it's located in Henderson Park at 901 Chapman St.



New Bern. If you are in the parking lot, it's in the back of the baseball field behind centerfield. There is a dirt road that can be used to get closer to it. Our job is to visually inspect it once a week and to clean it once a month. This trash trap was designed to trap garbage and debris flowing into the Neuse River. Working on this project does require that anyone involved has signed a waiver which can be done at this link: [Liability Waiver and Photo Release for Sound Rivers' Adopt a Trash Trap Program \(google.com\)](https://www.google.com). Remember that priority number 1 is safety and anytime you visit, we need a date, time, comment on the condition and photograph to submit to Sound Rivers via Clair Mixon. If you didn't initially sign up and want to be involved, send me an email or text.

Big thanks to Elaine for organizing our cultural adventures to the theater. We really enjoyed socializing for lunch at Saki Hibachi Restaurant before seeing *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner* at the New Bern Civic Theater. The show was a good time. Our next event is Sunday, October 20th with lunch at 11:30 at





Paula's Italian Restaurant before we see *Closer Than Ever*, featuring New Bern's Lewis n Clark. As of this newsletter going out, there are still tickets.

I'm still full from all the chili at our annual Chili Cookoff at Red Sail Park in Fairfield Harbor. Members came together and enjoyed crock pots of chili



Chili Cook Off--Chili Winners



3rd: Rhoda Fort, 1st: Clair Mixon, 2nd: Elaine Lechner



Cdr Ash, and D/Cdr White swear in Cam & Ian MacGregor

as well as various cornbread recipes and yummy desserts. We all voted for our favorites and awarded ribbons. Our District Commander, Otis White and his wife attended and we welcomed the MacGregors as official new transfers to our group. Huge thanks to Elaine and Linda for help with set up and paper supplies and all the various details that made the event a true success.

Lastly in recapping our recent activities, several members attending the Aids To Navigation Seminar and Nighttime Cruise out of Morehead City with the ABC Chapter of the Crystal Coast. We learned about the various buoys, markers, ranges and lights in the area and how things are significantly different from daytime to nighttime. The sunset was beautiful. This event

was promoted very successfully on facebook and we met people who attended from New Bern that were not affiliated with any squadrons. We are hopeful they will take interest in our club and be a new face at an upcoming event. I would always encourage cross promotion of social and educational events on your own social media. You just never know who may see it.

Our upcoming Beaufort trip on Tuesday, October 22nd at 10am to visit Bonehenge is shaping up nicely. If you have RSVP'd to me you should have gotten an email with details and if you still want to attend please let me know as soon as possible. We are approaching the need to form a second group. Turns out Tuesday is a tough day to eat out since many restaurants are closed so I've decided we will lunch in Morehead City at Tower 7, 509 Evans St. Morehead City NC 28557.

Our next meeting/dinner is scheduled for November 18th at the Chelsea. This meeting will not have a guest speaker because we are asking members to share their best boating stories. It's STORYTIME and if you are inclined to wear your PJ's or nautical clothing, we would love that. We are even having breakfast for dinner although I haven't gotten the menu from the restaurant yet so stay tuned. We may need to limit the stories to 5

minutes so everyone has a chance to share.

And don't forget to start shopping now so that your gift at the gift exchange



is one that is fought for. The Whitley family will graciously host our holiday dinner and gift exchange on Sunday, December 8th at 4pm. Bring a side dish or dessert to share and keep your eyes open for a detailed email. Last year at the gift exchange people kept stealing hats and knives. Get creative and remember, this group loves boating, eating and all things nautical.

<p><b>Chairman, Vessel Safety Program</b> <b>P/C Owen Smith, AP</b></p>	
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It isn't too late in the season to have your vessel checked by one of our Vessel Safety Examiners. It is free, and usually only takes 15 minutes or so unless you get involved in telling sea (boat) stories. As we approach the end of this year's boating season, for some because in this part of NC we have a 12 month season for the hearty skippers, the end of the VSE year is November 30. That means that if you want to have your vessel safety checked for this year, the clock is ticking. I have to have the completed reports by Nov. 25 to assure I can get the report entered into the USPS national data base. If you get a VSE done before the end of this year, it makes your safety check for 2025 much easier.

The current vessel safety check count for our squadron is 446. Great numbers, but it doesn't help the individual squadron member that hasn't scheduled a safety check yet. Besides having the comfortable feeling as a skipper that your vessel has all of the necessary safety equipment on board and up to date, it is a big help if you happened to be boarded for a safety check by one of the law enforcement



agencies while out on the water. Most often, when boarded for a safety check and the officer sees that you have a current VSE sticker they will wish you a good day and go on to the next vessel. If they decide to board anyway, you know that you will pass their inspection.

Expiration of flares, fire extinguishers, or registration are the most common items overlooked by a skipper. Just let one of our Vessel Safety Examiners know when and where you would like to have your boat checked to make sure you have everything you need for safety, and that everything that needs to be current in fact is so.

<p><b>Happy Birthday to the Following Members</b></p>	
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## October

**Stevens, James E. — 18 October**  
**Doyle, G. Mark — 27 October**

## November

**Smith, Owen R. — 1 November**  
**Thompson, Diana — 1 November**  
**Ash William J. — 3 November**  
**Moore, Jane — 3 November**  
**Dugan III, James F. — 10 November**  
**Ash, Annalee M. — 22 November**

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/>**







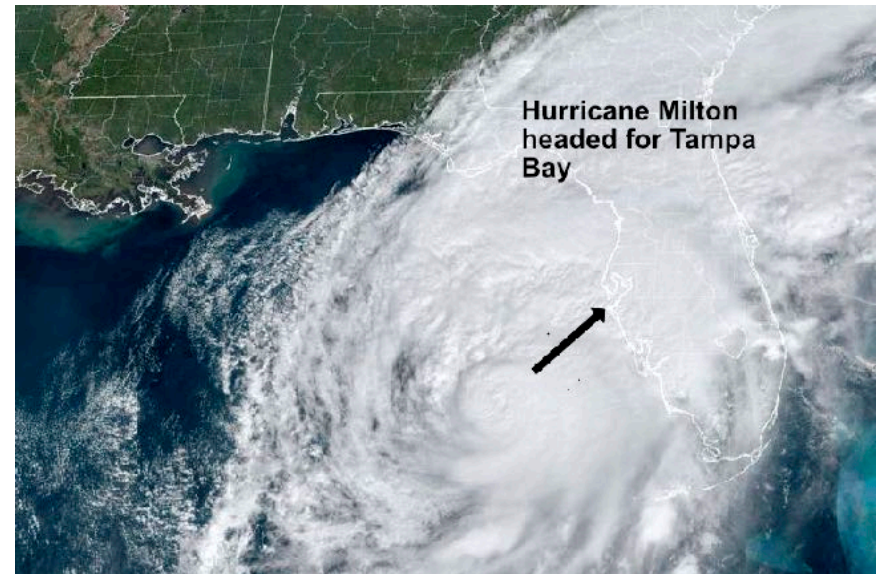
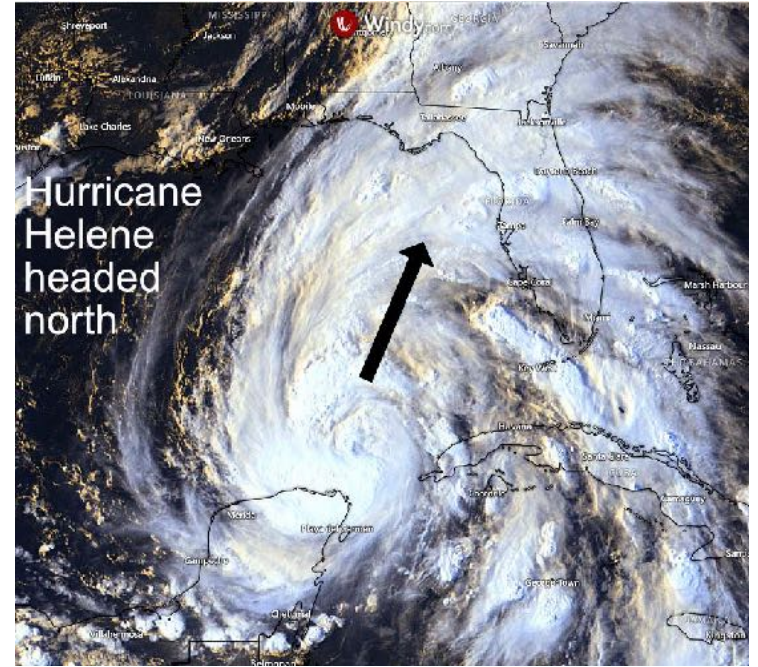
The recent catastrophic storms have shown us the power of water in motion. Please keep in mind all the victims of these storms wherever they are. I don't know how many of them had flood insurance, but I suspect many did not. Here on the coast, we have learned how hard it is to recover from a disaster without the necessary insurance. We all know recovery is a secondary consideration. The primary consideration is survival. The death toll is still climbing, and people are still missing. I don't believe the western part of the state has seen a storm of this magnitude in a very long time and they were not prepared. When interstate highway bridges are washed away and dams break as well as all the smaller bridges and highway are closed, escape after the storm is here is too late.

I guess what I'm trying to say is be prepared to evacuate during the entire hurricane season. The storms seem to be more powerful and more frequent. Forecasting is getting better, and watches and warnings are being broadcast by NOAA at the right times. We need to listen to these broadcasts and react accordingly. We all watched the traffic leaving Florida and heard reports of the difficulty of finding gas

along the major routes. I have no idea how all electric vehicles were able to evacuate. Plan ahead and keep the tank full, a go bag with all the necessary paperwork, medicine, cash, and whatever else you need to find safe shelter and food along the way.

We have a great deal to be thankful for this Thanksgiving. Remember those in need and look for opportunities to be of service. This is my favorite part of year to travel on the boat and Bev and I are looking forward to a few short trips and the waters nearby have, thankfully, not been affected by the storms.

Congratulations go to three members who have earned the Seamanship grade. Well done to: Anne Brittle, and Clair and Duane Mixon.



P/C William J. Ash,  
SN, H



This article is from the Peconic Bay Power Squadron's Newsletter, *The Tell Tale*, from sometime last century

## With Help From C.S. Forester P/C William J. Ash, JN

"Masthead! Can you see the shoreline?" I called aloft to the young lad with a keener eye than mine.

"No, sir— wait, sir! Yes, I can make it out to starboard."

"Good man up there Ash," replied Commodore Hornblower who was at my side on the quarterdeck of the *Jolly Tar*. His experiences at sea were every bit equal to mine.

"Watch the luff there! Bring the helm up!" This to the rather damp chap at the tiller. I wanted no part of the vessel being in irons unless, of course, I was to lie alongside the Commodore's ship *Nonsuch* which was to take him away from Moriches Bay.

"Past Commander, tell me something about this squadron of yours!" Hornblower remained formal throughout his entire visit, never once referring to me as William J. or whatever. "What makes this squadron

so successful during times when attention to authority and regimentation seem like a thing of yesteryear?"

"It's all so simple Commodore." I replied keeping an eye peeled for the massive flagship which I estimated to be about a cable's lengths dead ahead. "Peconic Bay prides itself in having a publication called the *Tell-Tale* which has many writers who contribute articles to the editor by the **time the executive committee meets** the month prior to the mailings." Turning, I said, "Quartermaster, give me the speed of the vessel!"

"Nigh on four knots, sir," came the reply.

"Very good." The breeze had picked up from the south, but the fog was not about to lift. Seamanship was important here.

Hornblower shot me a quick glance. "Yes, I saw the *Tell-Tale* at your last general meeting. Looked like a quality product. I could use something like that for my own squadron." He was a bit on edge wondering if his flagship had been in contact with the accompanying bomb-ketches.

"In addition, Commodore, Peconic Bay has a membership that volunteers for duty in all matters of infrastructure. You see it is important to have members who are active and interested"

"Infrastructure?" Hornblower had never heard of that term in his worldly travels, so I explained its significance as

best I could. He nodded and slapped his starboard thigh indicating he had understood that many hands make light work on shore as well as on board ships of the line.

"*Nonsuch* two points off the port bow," came the call from the masthead. The snap of the spyglass closing shut confirmed that the lookout had indeed identified the Commodore's flagship lying at anchor in the southernmost portion of Big Seatuck.

"Prepare to lie alongside the flagship! Put the helm down!" I was sorry to see the Commodore preparing to depart. My commands had put the *Jolly Tar* under the stern of *Nonsuch*. In moments my colleague would step aboard his ship, and who could predict when he would return to our waters. Perhaps sooner than we think.

"Past Commander, will your squadron continue to have excellent programs, classes and good will?"

While the pipers twittered at his departure I replied, "You bet, Commodore." Into the fog disappeared Hornblower, my friend.



# Agenda

## District Fall Conference Zoom Session



October 19, 2024  
Zoom Hosted by P/D/C Greg D. Shay, JN  
(Zoom Link is given below.)

### SATURDAY, 19 October Zoom Conference Meeting to Replace In-Person Meeting

**This Zoom meeting replaces the planned in-person meeting scheduled for 19 October 2024 in Raleigh. Please attend if possible.**

#### Important Notes:

- \* The Friday Geo Meeting & Outing is Cancelled – It will be rescheduled later.
- \* D27 NomCom, PlanCom, & Budget Committee will meet by Zoom prior to the Fall Meeting.
- \* The speakers scheduled for the afternoon will be rescheduled soon for their presentations.
- \* The link to attend the zoom meeting is:

The meeting time covers time from when the meeting starts at 9:15 and ends at 11:45.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89354734778?pwd=wEbKRkwKOi0pvt7SElsxKZKhcgr5ZT.1>

If the link does not work, simply copy and paste it into your browser pane and hit enter".

If needed (you probably won't need this): Meeting ID = 89354734778, Passcode = 464961

#### AGENDA

0915-1000	Voter Registration	Online	D/Lt/C P/C Karen R. Graham, S D/1st/L Barbara G. White, AP
<b>D27 Fall Conference Convenes</b>			D/C Otis J White, P
0945-1000	Pledge of Allegiance	Online	P/D/C Bob Howd, SN-CN
	Invocation/Last Horizon Report	Online	Cdr Kris R. Meyer, P
	Introduction D27 Past/Current	Online	
	Officers & Guests		P/R/C Sarah W. McCurry, AP
1000-1030	C/C Message	Video	C/C, Ralph A. Bernard, AP
	Town Hall Meeting -Moderated by		P/R/C Jamie McCurry, SN
1030-1130	D27 Officer Reports	Online	D27 Bridge Officers
	General & Standing Com. Reports	Online	D27 Chairpersons
1130-1145	General Announcements	Online	
1145	Adjourn Fall Conference	Online	D/C Otis J White, P



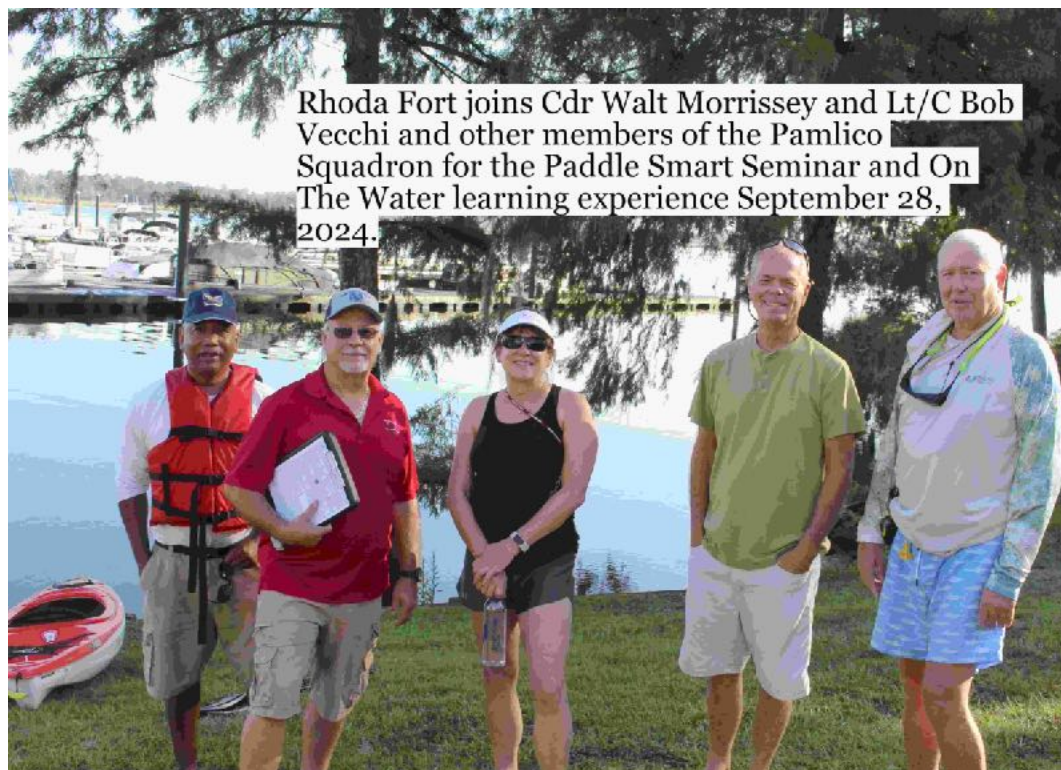
**Paddle Smart Seminar held by Pamlico Squadron,  
attended by Rhoda Fort in September 24, 2024**



Rhoda with Cdr Walt  
Morrissey & Lt/C Bob  
Vecchi



Rhoda paddles away



Rhoda Fort joins Cdr Walt Morrissey and Lt/C Bob  
Vecchi and other members of the Pamlico  
Squadron for the Paddle Smart Seminar and On  
The Water learning experience September 28,  
2024.





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

**Menu:** includes Mixed Green Salad with House Vinaigrette, Dinner Roll with Butter, Iced Tea, Coffee and Water

**To Be Determined**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Dinner Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Dinner Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ x \$32.00 each = Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Pictures from the Chili Cook Off**





## Pictures from the September 16 Dinner Meeting

Duane Mixon, P/C Jane Moore  
Guest Speaker, Scott Harrelson cc  
and Cdr Lydia Ash



Elaine Lechner

Cdr Lydia Ash



P/C Lloyd Moore & Lt/C Bud Ellis



Duane Mixon  
introducing guest  
speaker



Bev Ellis and Tiki Warner



Linda Whitley  
and  
Juli Voelker



Anne Brittle



Carolyn  
Smith







Cdr Lydia Ash and Duane Mixon



Sober Skipper Program



Bob Burget  
Cooperative  
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Ron Davis & Rhoda Fort



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Whitley



Ships Store



Ron Davis  
Rhoda Fort  
Tiki & Marty  
Warner



## Ships Store Inventory

**Base Ball Caps:** White with CLSPS Logo  
In Stock (6). \$15.00

**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  
\$30.00. In Stock.



**Pennant magnets** are priced at \$5. They  
can be placed on your vehicle or  
refrigerator. (6 left)

**Cotton Visor - Navy (1 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  
and our burgee. We have a catalog from a  
Bender Apparel, please contact P/C Moore  
for details.

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items with America's Boating Club® logo  
available. Check out their website: [http://  
store.shopusps.org/](http://store.shopusps.org/)

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