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Upcoming Events:

2025!

Monday, January 6, 1900
CLSPS ExComm Mtg
Via **Zoom**

Monday, January 20, 1730
CLSPS Annual Dinner Meeting—Election and Annual Reports from Officers
The Chelsea

Monday, February 3, 1900
CLSPS ExComm Mtg
Via **Zoom**

Monday, February 22, 1130-1330
CLSPS Change of Watch
The Chelsea

New Bern Christmas Flotilla



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Well, here it is, the final issue of the Cape Lookout "Outlook" for 2024. I guess I figured we'd better have one more shot at an issue prior to venturing out into the great unknown of 2025! I do hope our Executive Committee will forgive my rigidness in being a "by the book" "rule of law" kinda gal...and expecting just one more article from everyone! I'm sure they will not disappoint! (Maybe Cape Lookout, with the help of the rest of D27 and USPS, can submit a funding bill to keep the government open! Yes we can! Or, at least, "Yes we SHOULD!" We tackled the insurance issue,... the skies the limit!)

Anyway, I happened upon Dad's decades-old stack of writings for the Outlook and came across what I think is a particularly appropriate story from who knows when. It's historical, in more ways than one. Interestingly, it's possibly the precursor to all of this "alternative fact" narrative that we're hearing so much about for so long now! Could it be that my own father has actually one-upped Kellyanne Conway!? I'm baffled as to **whether** Horatio Hornblower was a real person or not ...You can decide for yourself when you read the entry for this month!

Speaking of **weather**... Here's hoping that this dense fog we're seeing doesn't hamper all of your escape routes for the coming Christmas, New Year, Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, Inauguration and other holidays we're all headed into! So many holidays, so little time. Rejoice! And be glad!

Wishing you all, the very finest, happiest, healthiest of whatever it is you're celebrating. May they all be practiced, cherished and respected in the coming years ahead!

Be sure to read the latest at USPS.org to catch up on all the terrific offerings from this exemplary organization! Is that a little thunder I hear?... Where's my eggnog?! Cheers!

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

<http://www.clsps.org>

**Administrative
Officer**
Lt/C Clair Mixon



The Commander's granted the Administrative Officers a much needed holiday after a stellar year of activities and thus there is no Admin Officer report this month!

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



Have you ever wondered what is going on in that little magic box we call the GPS? Do you take what it is spitting out as gospel or do you question if it is always right, I will admit that over the last ten or so years they have gotten really good at what they can do. To really be able to get everything possible out of them it might be helpful to learn how all that information got in there. If you suddenly had a blank screen, could you SAFELY get into port?

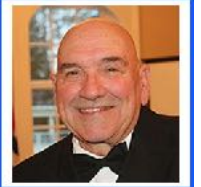
Navigation is an art that has been practiced for centuries. Improvements came along with increased understanding of the marine environment and the development of the many kinds of aids to make the practice of navigation safer. As the early

mariners used the water to move from one place to another, they began make crude (by today's standards) maps so they could find the same place repeatedly. They started adding soundings to the maps so the would not run aground in the same place twice. They found out the Earth looked more like a ball than a sheet of paper, so ways were created to divide the ball into coordinates to record locations. The Chinese discovered certain metal containing rocks always pointed the same way when placed on something that floated on water. Improvements were made in how to tell time from an hourglass to John Harrison's watch. Strides were made to understand the motions of the heavenly bodies. All these changes have made moving a boat from one place to another safer, faster, and more fun.

If you are interested in learning the first step in safely navigating your boat, sign up for the CLSPS Piloting Course that will start in January 2025. Time and place will be determined by the size of the class. Please call me as soon as possible so I can order the course materials.

Merry Christmas,
Bud

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



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.

Last year we had two squadron members complete a vessel safety check with our examiners. Hopefully 2025 will see better support of the VSE program from CLSPS members.

MEMBERSHIP

P/C Jane Moore, AP



Nominating Committee Report Co-Chair Lt/C Jane Moore, AP

My sincere thanks to Lt Elaine Lechner, Lt Lloyd Moore and P/C Owen Smith who met with me during the late summer and fall to plan for our 65th year, 2025/2026, and present a slate of officers for the elected positions of Bridge Members, Executive Committee and general committees of Rules, Audit and Nominating. The election will be held at our annual meeting on Monday, 20 January 2025 at 5:30 pm, along with the annual report of the current Bridge officers.

Thank you to all the members for your support of our Squadron. Please plan to attend our annual meeting to celebrate our 65th year as a Squadron.

The Change of Watch (COW) is scheduled for Saturday, 22 February 2025, at The Chelsea, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm with a luncheon to thank the outgoing members of the Bridge and install the incoming Bridge and Executive Committee. Representing District 27, Stf/ C Connie Shay, S and her husband, P/D/ C Greg Shay, JN, will attend our meeting.

Proposed CLSPS Slate of Officers for 2025–2026

Commander Glover L. (Bud) Ellis, Jr. SN
Squadron Education Officer – Glover L. (Bud) Ellis, Jr. SN
Asst. Education Officer – Duane Mixon, S
Executive Officer – Lt/C John C. Kwak, JN
Administrative Officer – Lt/C Clair Mixon, S
Asst. Administrative Officer – Lt Linda Whitley
Treasurer – Lt/C Raymond Whitley, AP
Asst. Treasurer Lt Rhoda Fort
Secretary – Lt/C Jane Moore, AP
Asst. Secretary – Juli Voelker

Executive Committee

Immediate Past Commander – P/C Lydia Ash, S
P/C Robert Dale Burget, AP
Charles T. Cleveland, S
Mary Ann Cleveland
P/C Elaine Lechner, AP
P/C Lloyd A. Moore, JN
Lt Roger Martin Warner, JN

Elected General Committees:

Nominating Committee – P/C Lydia Ash, S
Rules Committee – P/C Lloyd A. Moore, JN
Audit Committee – P/C Lloyd A. Moore, JN

Respectfully submitted, Lt/C Jane Moore, AP

December 12, 2024

P/C William J. Ash,
SN, H



Hornblower is Now With Cape Lookout ?!

'Tis a rare mariner who is unfamiliar with the name of Horatio Hornblower, and I'll wager most of the seafarers in Cape Lookout recognize the name of the legendary British naval officer made famous by C. S. Forester. The author wrote some eleven novels which cover the entire span of Hornblower's heroic and adventurous naval career from midshipman to admiral of the fleet.

About eight years ago, having completed a double tour as Commander of Peconic Bay Squadron and having read all of Forester's stories of Hornblower, I happened upon a volume at a library book sale entitled, The Life and Times of Horatio Hornblower by a chap named C. Northcote Parkinson.

Aha, I thought, another novel to put with my collection of sea stories. I bought it, placed it in my library and waited for just the right evening to embark on another wild adventure with Hornblower. What ensued came as a rogue wave over the bow. Parkinson's "novel" was a biography of Hornblower. This was the very first

inkling I had that C. S. Forester's Hornblower was, in fact, a real person. Forester's works were actually colorful renditions of a factual life history.

Hornblower was born on 4 July 1776 in the village of Worth, near Sandwich, in Kent, England. His parents were Margaret (Rawson) and Jacob Hornblower, an apothecary.

After a lifetime of unimaginably daring naval escapades and romances Horatio passed on to his eternal reward at the age of eighty on 12 January 1857. He was in excellent health and was found by his second wife, Lady Barbara, slumped in his study armchair with Gibbon's Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire at his feet.

From the moment of my discovery that H. H. had been everything that C. S. Forester had documented in his wild "novels" I knew that I had a character for use in my writings for the Peconic Bay's newsletter, the Tell Tale.

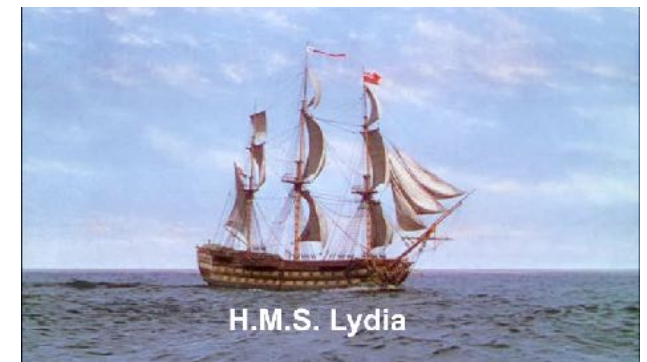
Hornblower became a friend and fellow adventurer in the wild world of USPS. He has become one of us, and when Trudy and I relocated we brought him with us to New Bern to participate in the activities of our new squadron, Cape Lookout.

I ask the editor to show mercy when providing space in the Outlook as we have fun telling tales which apply to the objectives of USPS.

Oh, you'll have to excuse me, I've got to be off. I'm scheduled to meet Horatio, in a short while, at the Duck Creek Small Boat Harbor. We'll be heading off in the Jolly Tar to have dinner aboard the H.M.S. Lydia now anchored off Black Beacon Point. Later, I suspect we'll spend some time discussing the Cooperative Charting activities for the up-coming year.

Hornblower is looking forward to working with Cape Lookout and is planning to assist the Coast and Geodetic Survey of the National Ocean Service in updating our local charts.

Years ago I asked Chief Inspector Clewsew to help me uncover a candidate for a Cork Anchor Award, given for the best boating faux pas of the year. He poses as a sailmaker, frequently accompanies Horatio and me and refers to me as C/P. Look for him



**Pictures are from the Christmas Party/Gift Exchange.
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CLSPS visit to Bonehenge Whale Center, 22 October, 2024
Photos by editor and our guide, Keith





Carolyn Smith watches as Owen receives a special birthday gift: a resin casting of one of the sperm whale's teeth (to right) with a bottle opener embedded in it.



Rhoda Fort and Bill Ash inspect the lower jaw bones of a 39' Sperm Whale



Hairy stuff is baleen. Baleen is only on the upper part of the mouth--upper gum. It acts as a filter.



Front fin. similar to our hand



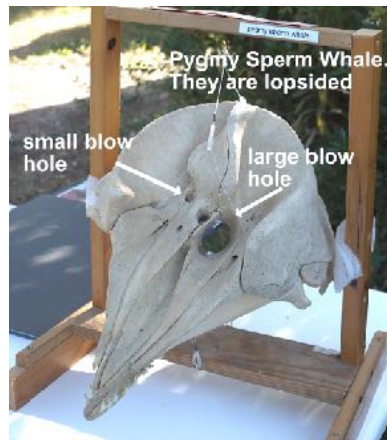
Atlantic Spotted Dolphin. Dolphins and Porpoises have teeth on both jaws



Rhoda proudly holding a whale's "shoulder"



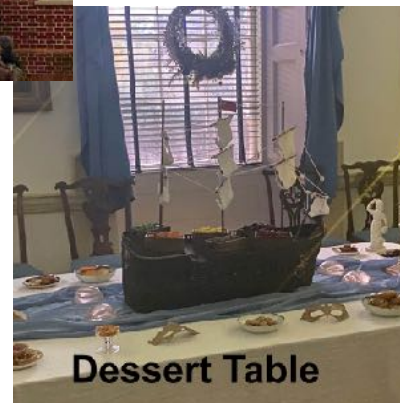
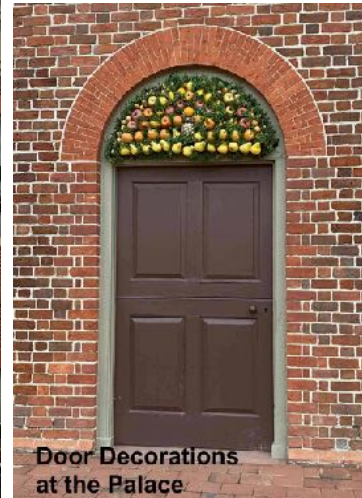
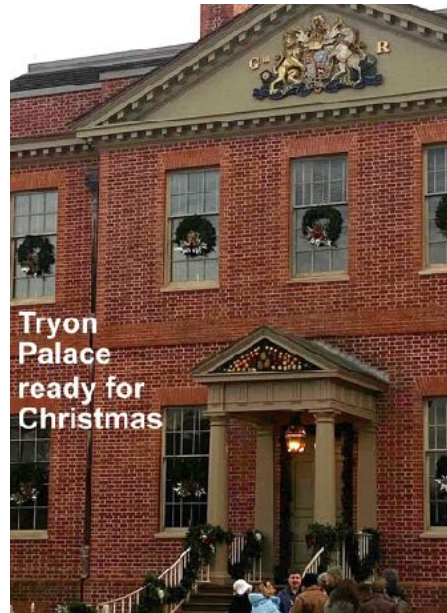
Deep diving whales, like this Pygmy Sperm Whale, have teeth (But only on the lower jaw, no baleen). Some of the deep divers have a mal-formed head. Not symmetric.



Pygmy Sperm Whale. They are lopsided

The Tryon Palace Candlelight Tour (Dec 14)

Photos by Editor



December
Moore, Lloyd — 1 December
Starr, Sherrie — 6 December
Brittle, Anne M, — 11 December
Brown, Thomas — 31 December



**Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron
Annual Dinner Meeting @ The Chelsea
Monday, January 20, 2025, 1730**

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

Name: _____ Dinner Choice: _____

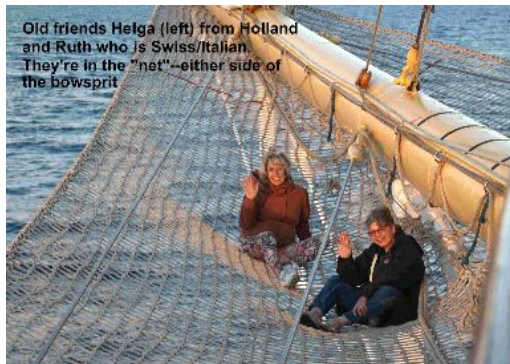
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Number attending _____ x \$32.00 each = Amount enclosed \$ _____

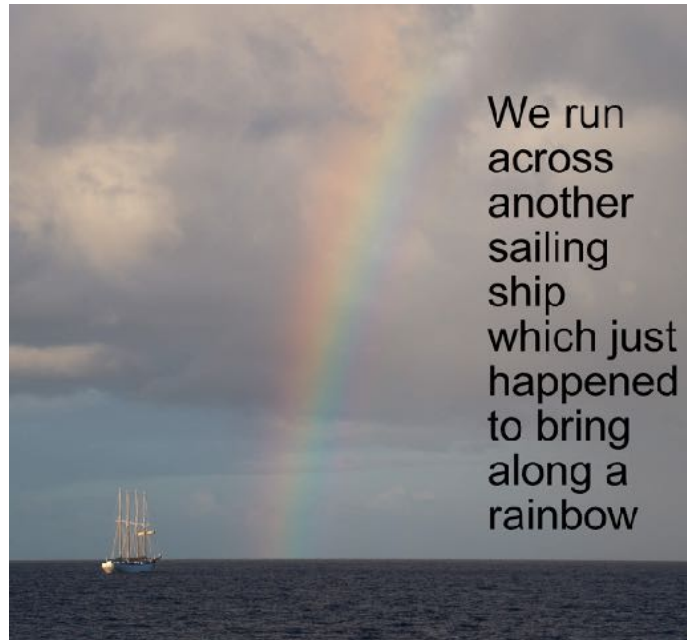
Marty & Tiki Warner made a west bound crossing of the Atlantic—Las Palmas, Canary Islands to St Maarten. Here's Day 1



Our first sunrise



Old friends Helga (left) from Holland and Ruth who is Swiss/Italian. They're in the "net"—either side of the bowsprit



We run across another sailing ship which just happened to bring along a rainbow

It's a training ship, Santa Maria Manuela



Our first day out. The largest of the Canary Islands, Tenerife, is also the highest point in Spain (about 12,000'), but the peak is always covered by clouds. This is the first time we've seen the peak. All the islands are volcanic, here there are numerous cones in the foreground, and even the peak looks like a volcano.



Ships Store Inventory

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**Cotton Visor - Navy (1 left) CLSPS
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