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New Bern 

Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron
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Upcoming Events:

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

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

Cape Lookout Members help clean out one of the Sound Rivers' Trash Traps



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To be inspired to write a "kick-off" Commander's entry for our CLSPS January Outlook when it appears the world is blowing up all around us is no easy task. I expect we're all distracted and I can really only circle back to our reason for being.

Our organization, the greatest, and while dwindling-in-numbers, largest educational boating organization IN THE WORLD remains of utmost importance. The lessons we all have learned as members of Cape Lookout, or other squadrons around the country, have kept us safe. We have generally been better informed of so many things because we show an interest in learning, and in teaching others. This includes safety, climate, and additionally, the weather, which is not the same thing as "climate," among so many other things... So many things, so little time.

As fires rage on into a second week in my previous home city of Los Angeles, we ask ourselves how could this apocalyptic disaster possibly happen. If we study the conditions, we understand far better. I refuse to get caught up in politics and the blame game, but rather ask that we redirect our energies and all take a moment to assess our own current situations and our level of preparedness for such incidents. The drought-like conditions in Trent Woods make me squirm when the neighbors continue to burn on "burn days"...despite high winds, only needing to abide by local ordinances. Common sense ought to factor in, but I believe less and less in "common" sense. There are not enough first responders to manage all the first responding that needs to be done when things go awry.

Education is the first TRUE defense against disaster. I commend my fellow CLSPS membership on their continued vigilance to promote safety, be it boating or otherwise. Keep learning and keep sharing! Thank you!

PS - Per PC Ash's article this month, I am submitting myself as a potential recipient of the first "Cork Anchor Award" for 2025. My failings are many, and I would be remiss to not admit to my lack of desire for proper parliamentary procedure! Can I get a second?

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

<http://www.clsps.org>

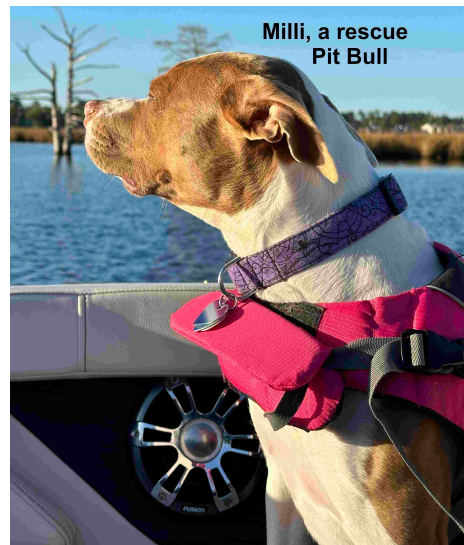
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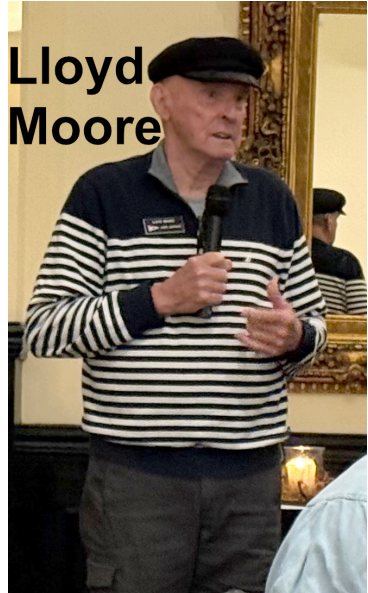
Happy New Year folks! I hope you all enjoyed the holidays in the way you most enjoy them. Our family shared many great meals, games, movies and much needed down time. We have a big year coming up as far as planning goes. Not only should we consider duplicating our community events from last year we need all hands-on deck to plan for an awesome New Bern Rendezvous.

One thing I really look forward to is getting back out on the water with my pups. The Mixon family has two dogs and one grand dog. They all have their own life jackets and all three have been aboard the Fleur de Sea with us. Milli is our 1.5-year-old rescue Pit Bull. She mostly loves barking at dogs on the banks of the Trent River and just when we find a producing fishing hole, she'll get into a barking competition which forces us to move. She hates the bouys and wants to attack them even if we're on the move. Remy is a senior Italian Greyhound and if you know anything about the breed, he doesn't have much fur so in general, he's cold even on a warm day. Cowboy is the "street" rescue grand dog. He's a fiesty Chihuahua that in general doesn't like

men or other dogs, however, he doesn't mind being forced to swim in the river. There's nothing like a leisurely day floating around New Bern with our beloved dogs.



I want to thank everyone for dressing up and coming to our November meeting and participating in "Story Time and Breakfast for Dinner." Many came dressed in nautical clothing or pajamas. Members new and old shared their boating stories and we had a really great time. I could listen to all your stories for hours, it's so much easier to learn from other's mistakes!



Lloyd Moore



Linda Whitley



Mary & Charlie Cleveland & Lloyd Moore



Annalee & Bill Ash



Rhoda Fort, Clair & Captain Duane



Lloyd & Jane Moore



Tim & Jeannie Lane



Bev & Bud Ellis

Owen Smith



Duane Mixon, The Captain

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>

All of October and November 2024, we were in charge of cleaning out a New Bern trash trap installed by Sound Rivers. Our responsibilities were to inspect the trash trap once a week and to clean it at least once per month. Because we had an unusually dry fall, the job was kind of easy. Many members of the club signed up to help. On the weekly inspections, we teamed up volunteers to meet at the location to take photos and give a visual inspection. Duane Mixon was happy to suit up in waders on both cleanings while others cleaned up trash all along the creek and in the park. It was a good thing we showed up when we did for the November cleaning because the cord attached to the bank had come undone and the trap was sideways. Our team fixed it right up and got it back in position. Sound Rivers gave us lots of stickers and some t-shirts as a thanks for volunteering. In our two cleanings we collected more than 20lbs of trash and that doesn't count the trash collected weekly for the visual inspections. Thanks to you all, New Bern waters are a little cleaner.

Stay tuned for news on upcoming events to include a cemetery tour with the Earl of Craven Questers and a factory tour of Grady White Boats in Greenville. Please give me any ideas for outings or guest speakers for this



upcoming year. And be sure to save the date for our Annual Meeting and Change Of Watch luncheon.



MEMBERSHIP

P/C Jane Moore, AP



Proposed CLSPS Slate of Officers for 2025-2026

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P/C Robert Dale Burget, AP
Charles T. Cleveland, S
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P/C Elaine Lechner, AP
P/C Lloyd A. Moore, JN
Lt Roger Martin Warner, JN

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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
2024

December 12,

<p>Education Officer</p> <p>Lt/C Bud Ellis, Jr., SN</p>	
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three books. (OK, two books and a pamphlet). I will have plotters and dividers available, but you are welcome to use your own if you have them. The USPS 4"x 15" plastic plotter is very useful on a small boat and easy to learn to use. I will have the materials at the next dinner meeting.

<p>Chairman, Vessel Safety Program</p> <p>P/C Owen Smith, AP</p>	
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We are ready to start the PILOTING course right after Marty publishes this newsletter. Most of the materials have arrived and I expect the rest before you read this. I have ordered six student material sets and there is still room for another student. The class will begin on Wednesday, January 22 at 1800. To minimize travel time for you we will meet in the Fellowship Hall at Broad Street Christian Church, 802 Broad Street. The church is the one with the silver dome on top across the street from the Country Biscuit. This is the same place we did the WEATHER course last year.

<p>Happy Birthday to the Following Members</p>	
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I'm waiting for the 2025 stickers. When they arrive, I, and my team will be ready to begin Vessel Safety Inspections for this year!

January

- Ellis Jr, Glover L. — 1 January**
- Martin, Carol J. — 1 January**
- Otero-Dugan, Teresita — 1 January**
- Lind, Eric — 5 January**
- Morton, Deborah Ann — 18 Jan.**
- Ash, Lydia A. — 19 January**
- Warner II, Roger M — 19 January**
- Kwak, John C. — 24 January**

My plan is to complete the course in 8 weeks including the quiz. The topics we will cover are Intro to Navigation, Tools of Piloting, Plotting and Planning Techniques, On the Water, Beginning GPS Navigation, Monitoring Progress, and Manual Piloting. After studying these chapters, you will be familiar with all the basic concepts of PILOTING including charts, aids to navigation, time, use of the compass, and determining where you are. This is our first real look at moving a boat safely from one place to another. It is also fun when you get into it. The cost of the course will be \$80, and this includes

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

Hornblower and Clewsew Show Concern

I put over the helm and eased the *Jolly Tar* under the chains of H.M.S. *Lydia* anchored seven cable lengths west of Duck Creek. Trudy and I had been invited by Hornblower to an informal gathering to discuss concerns about U.S.P.S. The sail furled and the vessel secured, we ascended the ladder; bos'un pipes twittered as my head reached deck level. Hornblower was a stickler for proper maritime etiquette.

"Miss Trudy, P/C" he said, "So good to see you again, and look who I found at the museum in Beaufort."

I was thunderstruck as there, behind Hornblower, was our old friend, Chief Inspector Clewsew. Years ago he had served me, secondarily, as a sail repair specialist and, primarily, as an undercover agent looking to determine the recipient of the Cork Anchor awarded annually to the squadron member guilty of the most significant nautical faux pas.

"Clewsew, " I said, "I can not believe this, and you have not changed one little bit."

"Mon ami, C/P (Commander Past), how magnifique to be with you and Madam Trudy again. Come, let us accompany Hornblower as he is most anxious to speak with you."

The Captain's mess was set to perfection. Despite Hornblower's limited budget he always managed to provide the very best food and drink.

"C/P, you must know that Horatio is truly concerned about the participation of squadron members in the activities of Cape Lookout much the same as he was for your old squadron, Peconic Bay."

"That is correct," interjected Hornblower. "Moreover, P/C, what's the big secret about U.S.P.S.?" The local newspaper never even covered the recent District 27 Fall Conference. Also, very few squadron members attended the gathering. I don't like the trends P/C."

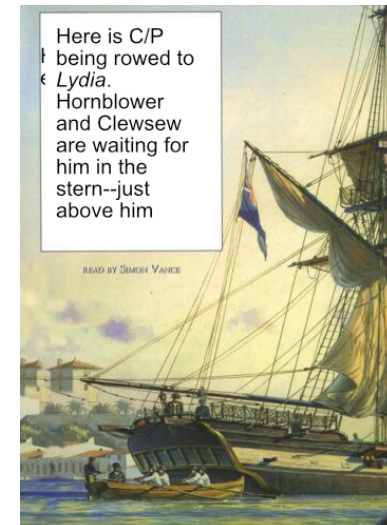
I tried to convince him that 1997 is not 1960. Today young people are working two jobs and find it hard to participate in some fashion. And I droned on.

"P/C, cut the calonga. If you provide the right nautical stuff people will take part. Perhaps District needs to reconsider the topics for breakout sessions for the general membership, especially during the Fall Conference which deals largely with education. P/C, you must give the general membership a

feeling that it belongs to the most prestigious boating education group in the world."

Well, I couldn't help but agree with Horatio. U.S.P.S. may wish to retool its objectives at all levels. It has lost a significant number of members the last few years. It needs ideas, it needs to hear the members and it needs to get more people involved. With a glass of fine, delicate claret I toasted Trudy, Clewsew and Hornblower. Time had slipped away and we had to depart. Clewsew eased close.

"C/P, mon ami, I need names of candidates for the Cork Anchor. Surely some classical blunders have been committed since the last Change of Watch. They need not be committed on the water, just anywhere. I need documented evidence. Remember, it's all in good fun. It helps with the camaraderie. Here C/P, have another glass of claret, I find it refreshing."





**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

1. **Baked Mahi Fresca – sauteed house vegetables**
2. **Rosemary Cream Chicken – sauteed house vegetables**
3. **Pork Tenderloin with Apricot Demi Glaze – sauteed house vegetables**

Dessert: Chocolate tuxedo cake

Name: _____ **Dinner Choice:** _____

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

Please select your Dinner option for each person attending along with a \$32.00 check for each meal selected. Submit check made payable to "CLSPS" and mail to : Linda Whitley, 4606 Helen Lane, New Bern, NC 28560

If it is more convenient for you, payment can be made at the Chelsea the night of the dinner. I will however, still need you to contact me with your dinner selection as I need to report the number of dinners to the restaurant. Email me at : lindaswhitley@gmail.com by January 13, 2025 with your name and dinner choice selection.

I look forward to hearing from you on or by January 13, 2025 with your name and dinner selection. We are unable to make refunds for dinner "no show".

Linda Whitley, Assistant Admin Officer
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Ships Store Inventory

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