



# AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB

New Bern 

Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron  
March 2025 Volume 66, Issue 3

## Upcoming Events:

Friday, March 14, 1400

### Hatteras Yacht Factory Tour

110 N Glenburnie Rd

Lunch before @ La Casetta, 2503

Neuse Blv'd at 1215

Saturday, 8 March, 1000-1200

### 2025 Operations Planning Meeting

New Bern Library Conference Room

Monday, March 17, 1800

### March Dinner Meeting

La Casetta Italian Restaurant

Friday/Saturday, March 21, 22

### District 27 Spring Council/Conference

Hilton Garden Inn, Cary, NC

Monday, April 7, 1900

### CLSPS ExComm Mtg

Via Zoom

## Change of Watch, February 22, 2025



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Our new year is off to a great start. If you missed the trip to Grady White, it was really something. It was nice to see American industry at work. The plant was much more than we expected. It was clean, well lit, and a beehive of activity. The work force greeted us with smiles and friendly greetings. When workers are that happy, they must be proud of their jobs. I could not get over how well organized the plant was. There was no lost motion or wasted time. There was some impressive automation, but most of the work was done by hand by men and women that really knew what they were doing. It is no wonder Grady White has such a wonderful reputation. Thanks to Clair Mixon for putting it all together. The only downside was riding in John Qwak's Tesla. He kept falling asleep while the car was driving by itself, and the rear-view mirror would ding and tell him to pay attention. Just kidding, John. I was impressed with what it could do.

The admin team has already planned several more activities for us, not the least of which is the District Rendezvous right here in New Bern. Come along and have fun and learn something along the way.

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

<http://www.clsps.org>

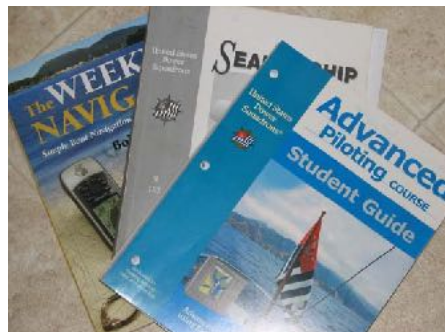
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<p><b>Chairman, Vessel Safety Program</b></p> <p>P/C Owen Smith, AP</p>	
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Piloting is still moving along thanks to Lloyd Moore. He is leading us through Dead Reckoning and what it takes to plan a course to get from one place to another and then stay on it until we get there. There is a little bit of arithmetic involved but it is coming together. Sometimes it is fun to turn off the electronics and remember how we can depend on our skills with a compass, watch, and knotmeter to navigate a boat.

The next class will be the ABC3 class at the college. We need everyone to spread the word wherever you can to attract interested boaters. This class is our best source of new members. We will have some advertising materials out soon to help get the word out. New boaters and old boaters can learn something new in the class. It is also a place to make new friends interested in the same things we are.



Appointments for Vessel Safety Checks are being accepted by our VSEs. Effectively, there are only three of us available as P/C Jim Dugan injured his legs and cannot get around well enough to do vessel checks. To become certified as a vessel safety examiner, all one has to do is complete the online course on the USPS webpage (takes a couple of hours), with exam, do 3 vessel safety checks under a current examiner and you are good to go.

Why be an examiner? In my opinion two of the best reasons are you get to meet boating people you didn't know before (and possibly stimulate some interest in being a squadron member), and secondly you get to see some pretty neat boats sometimes. Another reason is you contribute to safety on the water by helping the boat owner know that the vessel has the necessary safety equipment on board, or, you have

identified what the owner needs to get so that it is safe.

Yet another reason is that you earn a merit mark when you have completed 10 vessel safety checks for the year. Vessel safety checks count towards a merit mark regardless of whether or not a vessel passes and is awarded a current safety sticker. When a vessel does not pass, and the owner does what is necessary to bring the vessel into compliance, you can do another VSC to add to your total for the year.

Don't forget to have your own vessel checked for 2025.

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

- Mixon, Clair J. — 3 March**
- Cleveland, Mary A. — 8 March**
- Cleveland, Charles T. — 10 March**
- Madison, Suzanne M. — 15 March**
- Dail, Asa B. — 17 March**
- Thompson, Robert B. — 25 March**

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



## Water Flows

*Water does not resist. Water flows.  
When you plunge your hand into it,  
all you feel is a caress.*

*Water is not a solid wall, it will not  
stop you.*

*But water always goes where it  
wants to go,  
and nothing in the end can stand  
against it.*

*Water is patient. Dripping water  
wears away a stone.*

*Remember that, my child.  
Remember you are half water.*

*If you can't go through an obstacle,  
go around it. Water does.*

by Margaret Atwood

Just a little poem to remind us that we are resilient and can handle a little change. Unfortunately, we need to make a change to our meeting location and dinner. The Chelsea seems to want to focus on big groups so we started a search in our New Bern Community to find a location that we can not only afford but seems interested in our important vision as a group. What we

do is so important for our community on and off the water. We have explained our mission to several restaurants, and they get it. We have decided to start meeting in the private room at La Casetta. They are graciously waiving the room fee which is a huge bonus for us. Dinners will be different from what we are currently used to. We will now have dinner buffet style and will offer several options for your entrees along with salad, bread, dessert, iced tea and soft drinks. Alcohol can be purchased on your own from our server. We have a smart TV in the room that we can connect to for presentations. The table seating is different, but I know we can make it work. Meetings will be held from 6-8pm and when you arrive at the restaurant, follow the signs to the private room as you walk through the outdoor seating area. They even have a closet to store our flags and flag stands! Look out for an email from Linda asking for RSVP's soon. Thank you for understanding and please let us know if you have any special requests after our first experience so that we can see how to make you comfortable. Good news is that we don't have to worry so much about parking OR a second floor staircase. Menu at the following link: [Italian Restaurant | La Casetta | New Bern](#)

Quick little thank you to all the folks that traveled up to Greenville for a really fascinating tour of the Grady White boat factory. It's amazing that we are floating around on thin little sheets of fiberglass. Let me know if you're joining us for our upcoming tour at Hatteras on Friday, March 14. We will meet for lunch first at La Casetta and the boat tour starts 2. If you've RSVP'd, look for an email from me closer to the date.

La Casetta  
2503 Neuse Blvd  
New Bern NC 28562  
(in the same shopping center as the NC License Plate office)



Photo by Lydia Ash

# CLSPS Change of Watch, February 22, 2025

## Our District 27 Representatives



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/>





Clair & Duane Mixon



Bev Ellis & Carolyn Smith



Cdr Lydia Ash

Tiki Warner



P/C Bill Ash  
Bev Ellis



Cdr Bud Ellis

P/C Owen Smith



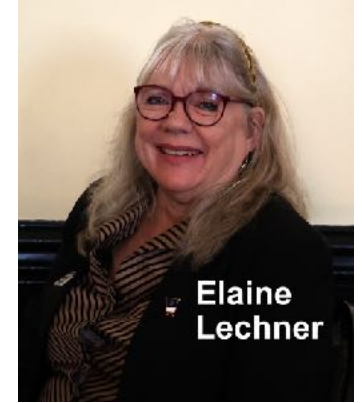
Charlie Cleveland

John Kwak



Juli Voelker

John Kwak



Elaine Lechner



Linda Whitley



Juli & Tiki



Rhoda Fort & Ron Davis



Annalee, Lydia, & Bill Ash. Bev & Bud Ellis.



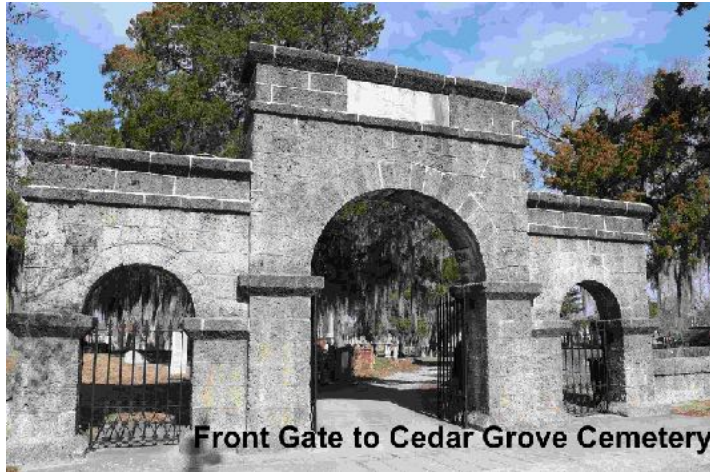
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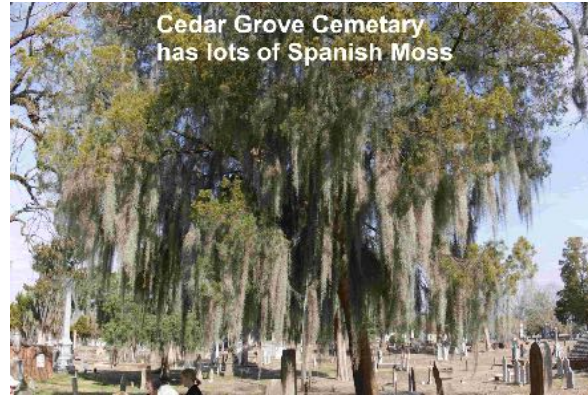


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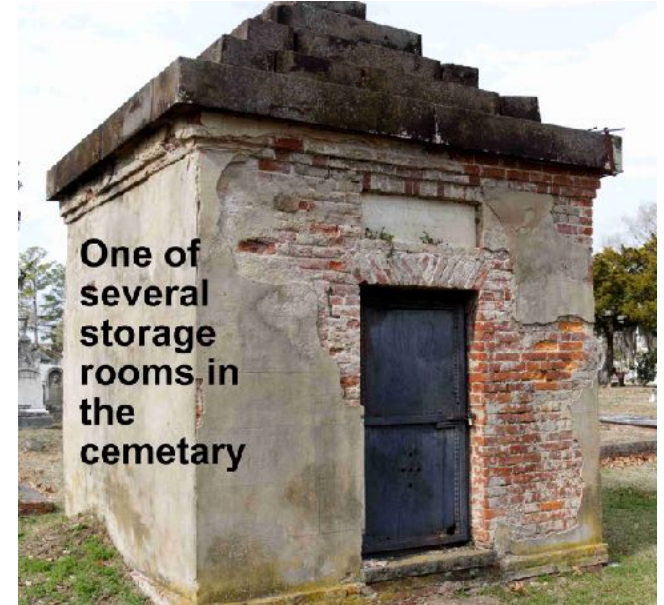
**Land Cruises  
Cedar Grove Cemetery Tour  
Saturday, 2/15**



**Front Gate to Cedar Grove Cemetery**



**Cedar Grove Cemetery  
has lots of Spanish Moss**



**One of  
several  
storage  
rooms in  
the  
cemetery**



**One of our speakers,  
Nancy Mansfield**



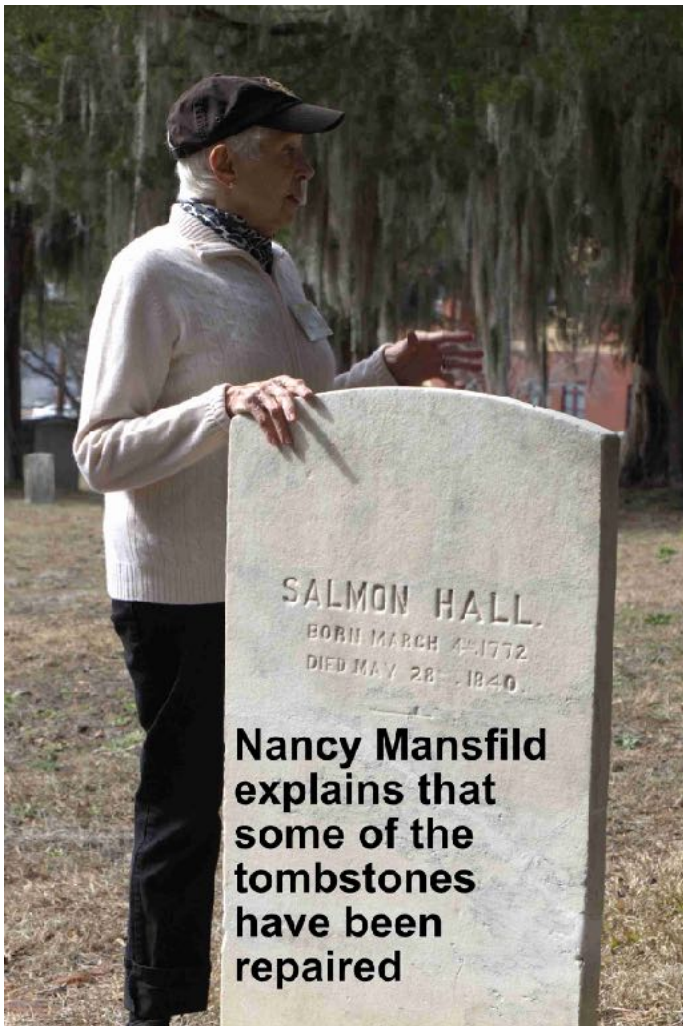
**CLSPS Group  
listening to speaker**



**Big knots in tree**



**One of the Speakers**



**Nancy Mansfield explains that some of the tombstones have been repaired**



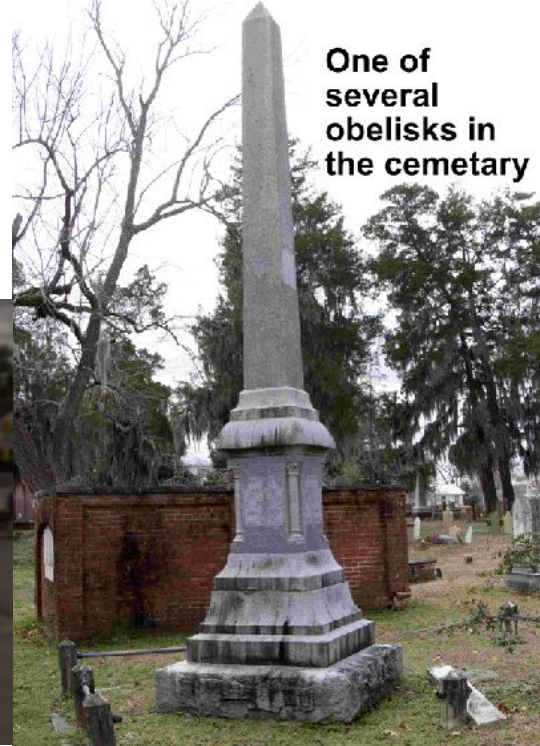
**Speaker plays Bayard Wootten, a very early female photographer**



**Group listening to a very early photographer**



**Private monument to the Confederacy fallen**



**One of several obelisks in the cemetery**



**Speaker**

**Our Lunch stop**



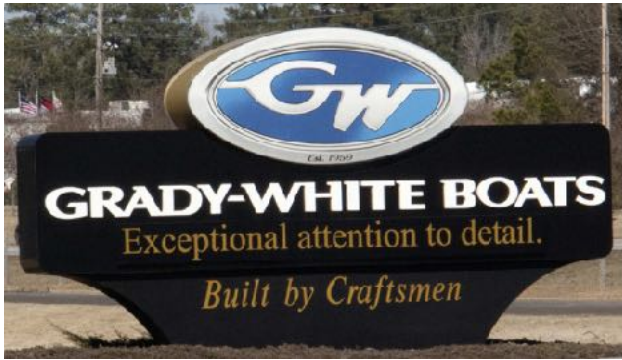
A great stop for lunch after our tour

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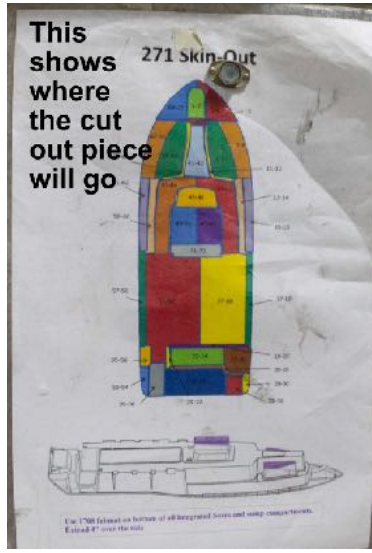
# Grady White Tour February 24



Our guide, Chandler Richards, introduces himself. The giraffe is the current company inspiration--make your goals higher.



A sheet of fiberglass cloth is being precisely cut out and labeled on a CNC machine, so a worker knows where it goes.





A cleaned and "prepped" hull mold is kept clean and ready for use



Windshields ready to be mounted!



Lydia Ash & Clair Mixon



This blue is a new color and has to be painted by hand--it's painted on top of the gelcoat



Two very early Grady Whites



These Yamaha engines are specially painted a "Grady White" color, 1800 Horsepower--WOW!



Our CLSPS Group

P/C William J. Ash,  
SN, H



## HORATIO, CLEW AND BILLY P/C WILLIAM J. ASH SN EMERITUS

Once again, it was a dark and stormy night. The moon was deeply hidden behind a cumulo-nimbi type of a very wet cloud. I was correct, the weather-men and women on channel IX- B were on the ball, “Severe storms are due to lace the eastern Carolinas with sleet, wet snow and very high winds.” It felt like it, it smelled like it; everything about the weather was, ‘raw’. (I blame my mother for that term.) The German-Swiss-Austrian folks in Ridgewood, Long Island resorted to words familiar to them only. When the weather was ‘raw’, watch out! ‘Raw’ meant damp, even wet, deep into tissues of all kinds; muscle, (striated, smooth and cardiac) bone, nail, retina, lip, lobe, appendix, adrenal gland, (s) both of them, thyroid, pituitary (anterior and posterior) and kneecaps (r&l). I know you get the point. Ya feel rotten. Well, this was one of those days .....when the weather was ‘raw’.

Clewsew was the first to complain. He said the weather confused him, and sure enough, I found him repairing the foot of the large quadrilateral sail from the *Jolly Tar*.

Remember, a good intelligence operator would pick up the problem between the foot of a sail and the name of the sewer. And, that’s sewer, not sewer, Hmmmmm.

It was the night of the buried moon, with snow, sleet, high winds and drizzle. A raw German-Swiss-Austrian- American man, feeling absolutely terrible but surviving the past two hours bogged down in a long boat belonging to The King, experienced the pain of every muscle freezing solidly. When Horatio and I planned this neat, short row from the yacht club to the *Lydia* the weather was pretty smooth. Things began to get real raw after approximately twenty pulls on the oars propelling the long boat down the Neuse. Things got raw alright. The coxswain’s nose froze solidly and had to be chiseled out, both sides, mind you before the poor fellow could breathe readily.

The entire surface of the oar of the pace-making chap iced over and the poor fellow lost his grip and the oar slipped through the oarlock and disappeared into the darkness of the raw river. Hornblower said, “Yes,” when asked by the coxswain, “Sir, must we find the slipped oar?” I could hear Jimmy Durante, from many years back, signing clear of his weekly comic broadcast, saying, “What a revolting development this turned out to be.”

I don’t know why I thought what I thought at that moment. I thought about my teaching career and about teaching for the Power Squadrons I’ve belonged to. I chuckled to myself when I compared what just happened to instances in the classroom when things seemed very tough and we had to

plink and slum our way through. Solving the problem in class may take two or more weeks for you to fully understand what is being taught. It is normal and expected. Again, I use the example of four students (I was one of them ) taking, in 1997, the graduate school equivalent course for USPS, Celestial Navigation.

We had problems we had never had before. We all had them. We had to think in the abstract. We had to think about measuring things which floated around in our universe, mercifully in our solar system, to find out where we were on the surface of Planet Earth. Each Monday evening, about twenty of them, the late and loved Bill Reasons lectured to us about whatever was next. We would leave the lecture, coursed with many discussions mind you, and thought of the coming Thursday afternoon when we four would meet in a coffee shop in downtown New Bern. There we reviewed the materials from the last lecture, and beyond, and solved any problems held by the curious four. We developed a comradeship or camaraderie. I believe that relationship still exists between those still living.

I suggest you try something like the above and solidify relationships you never thought would develop and you’ll be much more educated than you ever imagined. Good old Horatio, Clew and Billy.

Horatio, by the way, enjoyed every minute of the short cruise. He set a raw example...tough Captain. Good fellow.



**Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron  
March Dinner Meeting  
Monday, March 17, 1800  
La Casetta Italian Restaurant**



**Menu: Buffet**

**Chicken Parm, Meatballs  
Rigatoni Pasta, Penne pasta  
White sauce, Red sauce,  
Salad, bread, Cannoli, soft drinks.  
Bar available to purchase wine, beer etc.**

Dinner is \$35.00 (plus tip) per person.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ x \$35.00 each =  
Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**La Casetta Italian Restaurant – located at 2503 Neuse Blvd, New Bern.**

**Please contact Linda Whitley** Please send \$35 for each person attending. 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 La Casetta the night of the dinner. I will however, still need you to contact me as I need to report the number of dinners to the restaurant. Email me at : [lindaswhitley@gmail.com](mailto:lindaswhitley@gmail.com) by January 13, 2025 with your name and dinner choice selection. Linda Whitley, Assistant Admin Officer, 301-651-2445



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

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