

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB

New Bern

Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron
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Upcoming Events:

Monday, May 19 1800
May Dinner Meeting
La Casetta Italian Restaurant

Monday, June 2, 1900
CLSPS ExComm Mtg
Via **Zoom**

Sunday, May 25 at 1:30 pm
Down East Bird Dawgs
Baseball game in Kinston

Friday/Saturday, June 13, 14
D27 Rendezvous
Harrison Center, New Bern, NC

Sunday, July 6 at 12:00 pm
Social at Firefly Cafe
901 Pollock St..

ABC Course is under way



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Plans are well under way for the D27 Rendezvous. We have a lot of people spending a lot of time getting ready. Special thanks to Clair Mixon, Lydia Ash, and Jane Moore. As we get closer to June 13th & 14th, you will have lots of opportunities to volunteer your time and abilities to show the district what Cape Lookout can do to throw a great party.

It's time to prepare for another hurricane season. Start thinking about what you need to do to protect yourself, your home, and your boat. Look at what you need to do right now. What supplies do you need to store up? What kind of evacuation plans do you need to prepare? What do you plan to do with your pets? Are you able to take your boat out of the water and where will you put it? If you are going to leave your boat in the water, will it be in a marina or behind your house? Get a copy of the marina hurricane rules and get everything you need to comply with them. Do not wait for the last minute to scramble around in the wind and rain to secure everything. Be proactive and save a lot of worry when a storm is on the way.



The Outlook and other great information are available at the CLSPS website:
<http://www.clsps.org>

Education Officer

Cdr Bud Ellis, Jr., SN



We just finished a good ABC3 class at Craven Community College. Dr Suzanne Madison worked hard to get students for the class. We learned the Auxiliary was also putting on their Certification course at the same time getting ready for Safe Boating Week. We still had seven people in the class and with Duane Mixon and Lloyd & Jane Moore, Cape Lookout put on a good show. Jane has already taken the first application for membership and several others are filling out applications. Well done, everyone.

We have completed the Piloting class and are awaiting the results of the exam. Looks like there is an AP class in the future.

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



As of the writing of this article, CLSPS has 9 Vessel Safety Checks logged in at National. Of those 9, Commander Ellis is the first of the year for our squadron.



Whenever you are ready to have your vessel checked by one of our Examiners, please let us know. As of now, due to some health issues, only Lloyd Moore and I are available, but we will do everything we can to accommodate your schedule to have you join our commander. Our contact information is in this issue.

Happy Birthday
to the
Following Members



April
Lane, Jeannie S. — April 7

May
Lane, Robert T. – 9 May
Pagnutti, Peter – 17 May
Whitley, Raymond – 17 May
Whitley, Linda S. – 22 May

New students in the ABC Course



**Administrative
Officer**
Lt/C Clair Mixon



Rendezvous, Rendezvous, Rendezvous, that's all I can hear anymore. It's in my dreams and the number of emails about this event is record breaking. We've done all our upfront work, and I think it will be a fun event. The big difference this year is that because of insurance changes, we are covered under one roof which means most of our activities will happen at The Harrison Center and that comes with air conditioning and places to sit in the shade. Our out-of-town visitors are facing some challenges however and I need our squadron to be prepared to sympathize and be positive. There are so many events on our event weekend that it may be difficult to find sleeping arrangements so if you know anyone coming and you know them enough to offer them a bed, consider it! Let's not forget to get our own registrations in, the district has set a May 28th deadline to pay and register.

I think our first dinner at La Casetta was a success. The food was delicious and plenty for sure. The room configuration was a little different, so we'll try something else at our May 19th dinner. Thanks to everyone for being

flexible and open to new things. Please get your RSVP's into Linda for our monthly/meeting dinner at La Casetta on Monday, May 19th at 6:00 pm to talk all things RENDEZVOUS. I need everyone to come so we are all on the same page and I can share with you how the district plans to use us to carry out this event.



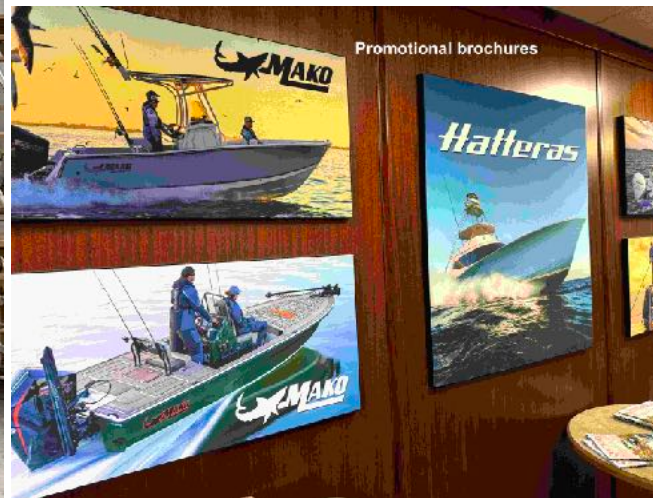
Big thanks to everyone for coming to our latest outings. We had a very interesting visit to the White River (Hatteras) Factory in New Bern. It was very different from Grady White but still refreshing to see business success here in our hometown. Especially to see that the "big" boats are coming back which means more jobs for our local economy. Our host, Chris was especially gracious and I'm thankful he allowed us to come in given they had stopped offering public tours.

The Conservation Lab of Queen Anne's Revenge was also a real treat. Remember, NO SALT IS GOOD SALT. What we learned is that after the great task of retrieving the objects from the challenging wreck site, these objects

must sit in tanks for over 10 years before they can even get to the point of drying out and being prepared for a museum setting. Great care and patience are required for us to be able to view these pieces. We truly are so blessed to be living in an area so full of incredible history.

On to the summer! Sunday, May 25th at 1:30 pm we are going to see the Down East Bird Dawgs VS The Mississippi Mud Monsters. Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased at this link: [Down East Bird Dawgs Tickets & Events | Tixr](#) or by calling the Bird Dawgs Box Office at 252-549-4388.

Sunday, July 6th at 12pm we'll have lunch social at Firefly Cafe (901 Pollock St.) together. Please RSVP to Clair so we can get a table set up for our group.



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/>



Queen Anne's Revenge (QAR)

May 6, 2025

"Numbers" as of 5 April 2025

Artifacts Raised: 409,376

Artifacts out of Concretion: 42,802

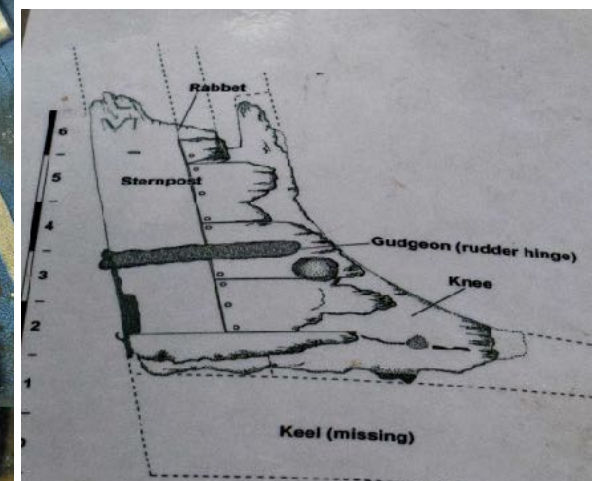
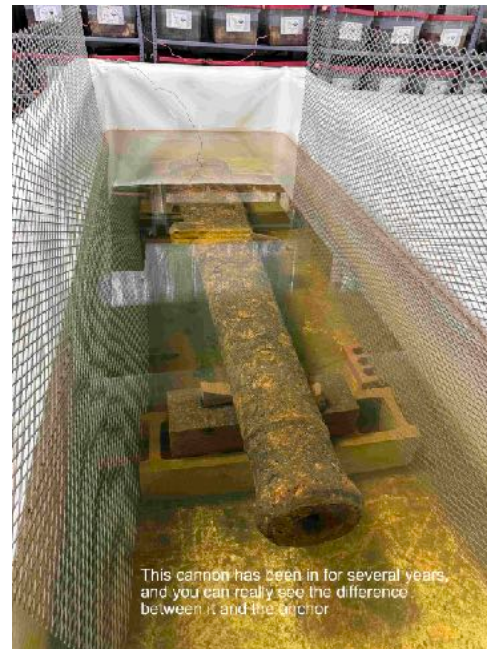
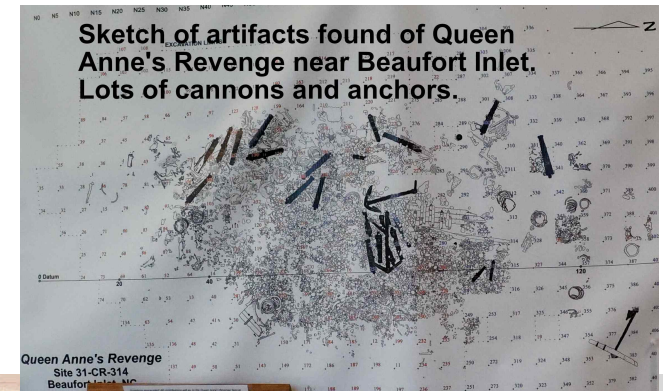
Artifacts Completed: 228,832

Artifacts in Treatment: 63,248

Non-QAR in Treatment: 180

Non-QAR Completed 230

Volunteers: 247



MEMBERSHIP

P/C Jane Moore, AP



Membership and Ship Store Report

Last fall, we had two new members join our Squadron. Tom and Carole Brown who live in Oriental. Tom has written a brief bio for our information and we look forward to meeting them soon.

Please visit the Member Benefits page on USPS.org to learn about our member benefits. We have included some information about BoatFix, 24/7 boat monitoring that is offered.

Also, Ditch Navigation/AI Powered Navigation App. Use promo code BOAT2025 to activate. There is a free 1-year subscription.

We are preparing for the upcoming D27 Rendezvous in New Bern on June 13, 14, 2025 at the Harrison Center, Middle St., New Bern. If you do not have a Squadron shirt or polo, we have a local vendor, Scott Gaskins, who can embroider our logo on your own item for \$8.00 plus tax. He has the America's Boating Club New Bern and/or our Cape Lookout Sail & Power Squadron 65 logo. His email is Nbstatman20@gmail.com if you are interested.

Our Ship Store inventory only has several navy Ladies short sleeve knit polo shirts in stock, sizes XS, M and L - \$15.00. We do have white Base Ball caps with CLSPS logo - \$15.00. Our Squadron burgee sells for \$30.00.

New Members: Tom & Carole Brown

Tom grew up an Army brat before heading to college and then in the Air Force as an acquisition specialist. Following his retirement from the Air Force, Tom spent many years supporting various agencies within the intelligence community doing financial management and big data analytics. In 2020, Tom left the Washington DC area and permanently moved to their house in Oriental.

Carole's career continues today from the water. With advanced degrees in human resources and business administration, Carole spent her earlier years working for various companies followed by several years with the federal government. In 2021 Carole was awarded her doctorate in business administration (DBA) from St Leo's University. Carole teaches business courses for Southern New Hampshire University and Purdue Global University. She also supports a contract with the Veteran's Administration.

Tom and Carole's boating experience is a newer adventure. After purchasing their house on the water outside of

Oriental they decided to fill the empty boat lift with a new 2020 WorldCat 230DC, "Creekside Cat". For the next three years they traveled extensively with their Cat and attended multiple WorldCat sponsored rendezvous including events in Ocracoke, Captiva, and Bimini.

In 2021 their boating endeavors took a new direction with the purchase of their 1987 Albin 36 trawler. She was a fixer upper. Over the next two years Tom invested nearly 3,000 hours re-fitting our boat, "Key 2 Cay". Tom replaced nearly everything on the boat and brought it into the 2020's. While the projects are never done this year has been a year of travel. In the spring we traveled down to the Marine Trawler Owners Association Rendezvous in Fernandina Beach, FL. This trip was an 1,100-mile shakedown cruise. Following our return, made a few system changes before heading north for the summer. We started the trip with some local cruisers from the Sailing Club of Oriental (SCOO) doing the Albemarle Loop. Then we broke off from the group and headed up the Dismal Swamp to the Chesapeake Bay. We continued our northern travels into Delaware, New Jersey, and New York. Cruising up the East River of New York the first time is a

Surreal experience. We hopped along Long Island before going to Essex, CT for the Northeast Marine Trawlers Owners Association Regional Rendezvous. We continued our travels in Connecticut, Block Island (RI), and then to Martha's Vineyard. We ended our northern travels with a visit to Carole's family in Greenwich Bay, RI.

Tom and Carole are heading south for the winter this year with plans to hop around the Florida Keys.



ABAFT THE STARBOARD BEAM

P/C WILLIAM J. ASH SN , EMERITUS

And you thought I was blind-sighted by the deadline for submitting this article. Not so, as I simply forgot, took too many naps for the purpose of healing, and now, I think I'm on the good side of the editor. Close call by the width of a 'Wheaties' flake, a term used by legacies of professional baseball.

Now, let's see what my message is for this month.

The 'Power Squadrons' were born in 1914, a child of the Boston Power Squadron and men who had the very best interests of persons with boats plying the local waters of New England and neighboring lands and waters. They had interests plucked from organizations practicing in the British Isles. They even had uniforms which were similar to naval uniforms. U.S.P.S. adopted the same style and many of us old timers wear them to formal events. They are not cheap, and the price, when added to the present cost of being a member, can be overwhelming.

When worn, in part or whole, the uniform adds to a sense of togetherness, persons having a specific feeling of belonging to something above just a group of mariners squashing about. I'm not recommending we wear complete class A formal uniforms to lectures and exams. Rather, we might consider wearing uniform shirts with name tags, merit marks and whatever at meetings. Other folks see the uniform shirts, ask questions, and even sign aboard. Being a member of the world's largest nautical-educational organization is something about which to be proud. The percentage of our national population, not belonging, I estimate to be rather large. I think you get the message.

Education: The purpose of the organization is education. My career involved basic and applied research and heaps of lectures in basic science. I absolutely loved to tell students something about which they knew very little, and bringing them up to speed. I can recall seeing my underlings viewing embryonic sections through the microscope, and now, for the first time, understanding what I'd been bleating about in lecture. Their heads popping up from the 'scope, smiles on their faces, knowing their professor was not wrong. I figured passing along something true, yes, true, would make the world a better place. Teaching, as I did, made our world a better place. With U.S.P.S., when I was in my prime, I knew the waters would be a safer and happier place if the students took my lectures seriously and got back to the dock safely. What a wonderful feeling to know students of today will be the instructors of tomorrow.

Oops! One more thing. The Squadron is attempting to schedule a Boat-Inspection Day at the Eastern Carolina Yacht Club. Expect an e-mail message when the chips are in place. Every Squadron member with a boat should plan an inspection. It will set a good example for the community.

The above are some thoughts from an old Emeritus member who has seen a few things.

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**Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron
May Dinner Meeting
Monday, May 19, 1800
La Casetta Italian Restaurant, 2503 Neuse Blv'd, New Bern**



Menu: Buffet

**Salad, bread, dessert, & soft drinks are provided.
Bar available to purchase wine, beer etc.**

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

Name: _____

Number attending _____ x \$35.00 each =

Amount enclosed \$ _____

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 by May 12, 2025 with your name. Email me at: lindaswhitley@gmail.com Linda Whitley, Assistant Admin Officer, 301-651-2445



Ships Store Inventory

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