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Upcoming Events:

Saturday, December 1
New Bern Christmas Flotilla
New Bern Comfort Suites, 5PM
Rooms 429/430,

Monday, December 3
CLSPS ExComm Meeting
Morgans Restaurant
Dinner: 1745; Mtg: 1900

Saturday, December 8
Woolly Bear Cruise
Oriental Marina & Inn
Suite 11, Toucan Restaurant
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Monday, January 21, 2013
CLSPS Annual Meeting
The Flame Restaurant.
5PM: Social Hour
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Saturday, Feb. 23, 2013, 1100
CLSPS Change of Watch
New Bern Country Club

New Bern Christmas Flotilla 2011



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**Commander's
Report**

Cdr Jim Starr, JN



New Bern Christmas Flotilla – This Saturday, December 1 - 5pm - Comfort Suites, New Bern - Rooms 429/430

Join the Squadron for some socializing and the best seat in the house for the Flotilla. (We're located next door to the judges.) Please bring a hors d'oeuvre or snack to pass. We'll provide soda, wine and beer. The weather forecast is for mild temps and no rain, so the flotilla viewing should be good from both the hotel balconies and the hotel's gazebo down on the water.

Wooly Bear – Next Saturday, December 8 - 4pm - Oriental Marina & Inn - Suite 11, Toucan Restaurant

If you haven't been to Oriental for Christmas, you need to do it this year! And if you've been there before, you already know you need to come back. The Oriental Christmas Parade starts at 4, so come early and drop into Suite 11 - we'll be there by three. After the parade, enjoy drinks and munchies provided by the Squadron, check out the boats at the docks with their Christmas lights, and buy Santa a drink at the Tiki Bar. Then cross the lawn to the Toucan for a great meal. As you leave Oriental, take it slow and appreciate the luminaria along Broad Street.

The registration form is elsewhere in this Outlook. Get your reservation and check into Bob Leahy right away.

If you'd like to make a longer visit, there's lots more going on in Oriental next weekend. For a full listing, go to www.TownDock.net and click on "What's Happening" at the top of the right hand menu. And it's always nice to walk around town and check out the shops decorations.

2013 CLSPS Bridge Candidates

Our Nominating Committee has almost completed its slate of candidates for next year's elected offices. Look for an email announcement by the middle of December. Per our bylaws, we'll vote on the 2013 Bridge, and other elected offices, at our dinner meeting on Monday, January 21.

Holiday Gifts for You And Your Boat

Rob Skrotsky's presentation "What's In Your Ditch Bag?" at the November dinner meeting got me thinking about boating preparation and safety. Here are some books and products that can help out in making our time on the water safer and more (cont.)

(Commander's Report continued)

convenient.

Nautical Reference Guides, \$15 and up. As Rob pointed out in his talk, Landfall Navigation (www.landfallnavigation.com) sells a wealth of safety equipment, including books and guides to get you prepared for emergencies and to help get you through them. Check out the Landfall website for books on first aid/medicine, handling storms, knots, weather, navigation, etc. They also sell all the equipment you may need to implement the strategies in the books.

Smartphone/Tablet Nautical Apps, \$1 and up. As smartphones and tablets have become more common in our lives, the number of nautical apps has exploded. Many of the books referred to above are available in electronic form from your favorite online book dealer. There are very capable chartplotter apps available for most platforms (iOS, Android, Windows, etc.) that can serve as valuable backups on board. There are also many useful weather apps, knot references, rules of the road references, and so forth. Check the recent reviews in the sailing magazines and pick out the ones you need.

Speedseal Life, \$89. Keeping you boat's engine cool is essential to keeping running. Have you ever started to replace an impeller, only to find that a number of its vanes were missing because you'd put off the change? Or maybe had an impeller fail because your cooling water intake became fouled? Speedseal is a British company that deals with those problems by making your impeller very easy to change, and virtually eliminating impeller failure because of the absence of lubricating water. Check them out at www.speedseal.com/SpeedsealLife/SpeedsealLife.html

Nature's Head Composting Toilet, \$875. How about the convenience of never having to pump out you holding tank again, because you don't have one? No head plumbing to clog? No flapper valves to rebuild? One less through-hull? Enter the Nature's Head Composting Toilet. Liquid wastes are separated and can be emptied in a toilet ashore; solid waste becomes

compost. Several of our members have converted to these toilets on board, and are delighted with them. Our local dealer is Below The Deck in Oriental. Get more information from them at <http://www.belowthedeck.com>

Hope you all have a happy holiday season!

Woolly Bear 2011



Education
Department
Lt/C Jim Scheer, SN



We are planning the next round of the 2-hour *Seminar* courses, as well as the next offering of the *ABC3* course. The consensus is to wait until after the holiday season to begin the classes. The classes will start in late January, and go through late March, according to the draft schedule. All of the classes will be presented in the New Bern area, specific locations to be decided.

The *ABC3 course* will be conducted over a 7 week period, Tuesday evenings from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, beginning on Tuesday, January 22, 2013. The first four weeks consist of 2-hour instruction on the basic course material. The fifth week is for the exam, and a lesson on marlinspike seamanship (several important knots). The last two weeks are for the Piloting sessions. *America's Boating Course* is recognized by the U.S. Coast Guard and has been approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA). This course qualifies for satisfying the new regulations requiring that people under the age of 26 years have to be certified to operate a vessel over 10 HP in North Carolina waters.

We also have scheduled nine (9) of the two-hour seminars, which will be presented on Saturday mornings from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. These courses are particularly valuable for those new to boating, as well as for the first mate of a seasoned boater. The following is a list of the seminars, and the corresponding dates:

- January 26, 2013 Mastering the Rules of the Road
- February 2, 2013 How to Use a Chart
- February 9, 2013 Weather for Mariners

- February 16, 2013 Using GPS
- February 23, 2013 Using VHF Radio and DSC Marine Radio
- March 2, 2013 Partner in Command
- March 9, 2013 Powerboat Handling
- March 16, 2013 Trailering your Boat
- March 23, 2013 Emergencies at Sea

In addition, we plan to schedule the *USPS Piloting* course during the same time period. The specific dates for this course have not yet been determined. We need to determine the instructor and student availability.

We are scheduling these courses independent of input from the potential student body. However, if you have any thoughts regarding this schedule, or can offer alternative times, etc, feel free to make your thoughts known. I can be reached at 252-876-3733, or jim.scheer@gtri.gatech.edu, or Bob Boyack can be reached at 252-633-5108, or rboyack@embarqmail.com.

So, we in the Educational Department wish all a happy, healthy, and safe Holiday Season! We'll see you in class next year.

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Forty members attended our November members' meeting. Much to our delight, The Flame provided another exceptional meal served by their attentive staff. Many thanks to our guest speakers, Rob and Chris Skrotsky, for such an interesting and relevant presentation, *What's in Your Ditch Bag?* It is important information for all of us to consider when we venture out on the water. You can be assured that when Steve and I were sailing last week our "abandon ship" plan was the hot topic of discussion and our ditch bag was much more organized.

Penny Mitchell has accepted the Membership Chairperson's position. She is off to a great start with lots of energy and enthusiasm!

Please reserve January 21, 2013 on your calendars for the CLSPS Annual Meeting. More details will be provided in the next issue of the Outlook.

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<http://www.clsps.org>

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DOES SANTA USE A SEXTANT? P/C WILLIAM J. ASH, SN, H

“P/C, here it is December along with Christmas. What happened to the first eleven months of 2012?” Horatio and I frequently wonder why time passes so quickly. Where does time go? Well, I’ll not go into a dissertation on the subject of time, but I’ll admit I’m fascinated with it. Time is a subject requiring deep, serious thought to understand.

“Horatio, we can’t do anything about the speed of time, so let’s just use it to our advantage. I’ve been thinking that it might be appropriate during this season of giving and receiving for Squadron members to drop a hint suggesting they could use a sextant for studying navigation. A sextant would be a nice Christmas gift. A good quality plastic variety is sufficient to get the job done and they are not very expensive.” After I said this to Horatio, I thought maybe I should say less about what Squadron members ought to get for Christmas. Who am I to pry into their lives? Perhaps I could try just a little.

“I think it would be great fun to have members arrive at Atlantic Beach with their new Christmas gifts (there I go again) and try to ‘shoot’ the sun on a meridian transit. Sure, preliminary instructions would be needed before heading to the seashore. I suspect we could rustle up a number of JNs and Ns to help.”

“P/C, you have to understand students of navigation today want to learn the fundamentals of GPS and not some real old-fashioned thing. While it is not a brand new technique, over the past two or three decades GPS has taken the navigator’s desk by storm. Everyone uses it. The price of the

instrumentation has dropped remarkably and with the push of a button a mariner may find his/her position in seconds. It may be difficult to tempt modern mariners to slug it out with a sextant.”

“Well, you may be right, but USPS still teaches the use of the sextant in both the JN and N courses. Remember, the sextant has been in use for hundreds of years. Those who first settled our shores used something like them. Most of all, it would be fun to see how adept you can become using this instrument. Once you feel satisfied using it on the beach, you can advance your skills by getting out on the water where it matters. I found it to be rather easy, with my arm around the mast for support, to bring the sun and moon down to the horizon. Doing the same with stars and planets required a bit more practice.

“A favorite exercise is working a meridian transit. This is a measure of the sun’s height above the distant horizon exactly when it crosses your meridian. The navigator needs to do a bit of homework ahead of time. He/she needs to have a good idea of when to take that precious sighting; ticking down the time 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, ‘mark’. At that moment one will have determined the height of the lower limb of the sun off the horizon (with the sextant). At once you need to determine the exact time of the sextant sight by reading your properly corrected watch with its sweep second hand (or using digital). Then you may calculate both latitude and longitude. Are you listening to me?”

“I am, but don’t take for granted the new sextant owner will know something about what you have just muttered to me. A lot of explanation is needed before the men and women take to the beach. By the way, P/C, you might consider using a technique called the dip-short for taking sights. Again, explanations are required.” Horatio was, I am sure, leading up to when I slipped taking a dip-short and took a short dip into the Neuse. Hopefully, we’ll do this early next year. But first, Horatio, **Lady Gwen and I wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.** Yup, time does fly.

IT'S WOOLY BEAR TIME AGAIN
JOIN US AT



We will meet on December 8th at 1600 for the Oriental Christmas Parade and a BYOB and BYOMunchies session at the Oriental Marina & Inn Condo Suite #11 prior to dinner which will be served at 1815 sharp. Both "land and sea" members are invited to be part of the gathering. The following menu has been arranged and as in the past, it will be a tasty treat.

Seafood Bisque
8oz NY Strip Steak
Crab Cake w/Hollandaise Sauce
Herb Roasted Red Skin Potatoes
Fresh Vegetable du Jour
Bread and Butter
New York Cheesecake w/Strawberry Sauce
Coffee or Tea

1 Glass of House Red or White Wine w/Dinner

All of this for just \$28.00 (Tax and Gratuity Included)

Fill out your reservation now. The **DEADLINE** is December 3th...get your check in the mail **ASAP**.

NAME: _____ Phone: _____

Need to know how to cook your steak. R MR M MW W

Please reserve _____ places for me at \$28.00 each.

Time: 1815 Place: Toucan Grill and Fresh Bar, Oriental Marina & Inn,
103 Wall St. Oriental, NC 252-249-1818 www.orientalmarina.com

Mail Check and reservation to Bob Leahy, 5802 Gondolier Dr, New Bern, NC 28560 (payable to CLSPS)

Ship's Store
P/C Diana
Thompson, AP



With the holidays just around the corner, it is time to start thinking about gift giving. Please keep your Ship's Store in mind for your holiday needs for your boating people. If you have trouble making a decision, or don't know the correct size and/or color, you can always purchase a Gift Certificate.

For the cooler weather don't forget your Ship's Store for long sleeve denim shirts, fleece jackets and vests, and for those sunny days, CLSPS hats and visors. If you have any special requests, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Knit Shirts: Ladies and men's short sleeve knit shirts are \$30.00. Sizes 2X and 3X sell for \$33.00 They are available in red, white, and navy. Sizes:
Ladies Sm., Med., Lg., X-Lg., and 2X. Ladies shirts have no pockets.
Men's: Sm., Med., Lg., X-Lg., 2X and 3X. We also have men's knit shirts with and without pockets available in both white and navy.

Denim Shirts: Denim cloth shirts come in both short and long sleeves. They are priced at \$25.00. Sizes--same as above.

Squadron Burgee sells for \$25.00.

Pennant magnets are priced at \$5.00. They can be placed on your vehicle or used on the refrigerator.

Hats and Visors sell for \$10.00.

Fleece jackets: Men and Women--sizes S, Med, Lg, and XLg sell for \$42.00. XXLg sells for \$45.00.

Fleece Vest: We have it in navy, but it can be ordered in other colors.

Sizes S, Med., Lg., and XLg (Ladies and Mens) sell for \$36.00. XXLg sells for \$40.00.

Anniversary Mug--\$2.50

If anyone has any suggestions for other items to be carried in the Ship's Store, please let me know. You can contact me at 252-638-2565, or e-mail me at michris@embarqmail.com. If you send an e-mail and I do not contact you in a timely manner, please call me as it might not have gone through.

If you are interested in a current (old logo, not the 50th Anniversary logo) CLSPS knit white or navy short sleeve or denim long sleeve shirt (men's only), they are available for \$15.00.

CLSPS January Annual Dinner Meeting Registration Form

The Flame Catering & Banquet Center -- 2301 Neuse Blv'd, New Bern

Monday, January 21, 2013

1700--Social Hour 1800--Dinner 1900--Meeting

Please send your check prior to Friday, January 18, 2013 to:

Jenny Dark

905 Shipyard Pointe

New Bern, NC 28560

Please make check payable to CLSPS.

Name(s): _____

Number attending _____ x \$22.00 each = Amount enclosed \$ _____

**Happy Birthday
to the Following
Members**



December

Cornford, Frederick D. – 1 December

Moore, Lloyd A. -- 1 December

Reasons, William E. -- 2 December

Skrotsky, Christine -- 6 December

Bazydola, Margaret Mary -- 11 Dec

Blanchard, Janet E. -- 31 December

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Junes Jokes

P/C June Reasons, P



25 Lines to Make you Smile:

- 1) My husband & I divorced on religious differences. He thought he was God and I didn't.
- 2) I don't suffer from insanity...I enjoy every darn minute of it.
- 3) Some people are alive only because it's illegal to kill them.
- 4) I used to have a handle on life, but it broke.
- 5) Don't take life too seriously; No one gets out alive.
- 6) Any woman can have the body of a 21 year old, as long as she buys him a few drinks first.
- 7) You're just jealous because the voices only talk to me.

- 8) Beauty is in the eye of the beer holder.
- 9) Earth is the insane asylum for the universe.
- 10) I'm not a complete idiot – Some parts are just missing.
- 11) Out of my mind. Back in five minutes.
- 12) NyQuil, the stuffy, sneezy, why-in-the-WORLD-is-the-room-spinning medicine.
- 13) God must love stupid people; He made so many.
- 14) The gene pool could use a little chlorine.
- 15) Consciousness: That annoying time between naps.
- 16) Ever stop to think, and forget to start again?
- 17) Being 'over the hill' is much better than being under it!
- 18) Wrinkled WAS NOT one of the things I wanted to be when I grew up.
- 19) I went to college and I have a degree in Liberal Arts; Do you want fries with that?
- 20) A hangover is the wrath of grapes.
- 21) A journey of a thousand miles begins with a cash advance.
- 22) A picture is worth a thousand words, but it uses up three thousand times the memory.
- 23) Ham & eggs...A days work for a chicken, a lifetime commitment for a pig.
- 24) The original point and click interface was a Smith & Wesson.
- 25) Ever get the feeling your stuff strutted off without you?

**Appreciate every single thing you have,
especially your friends! Life is too short
and friends are too few!**

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Please notify Bill Reasons (637-6685 or reasons-usps@suddenlink.net) if you have any changes to the information we have on file such as boat information, e-mail or mailing address, birthdays, telephone number etc.

Please provide information to the **Editor by the 20th of the month by e-mail** for the next newsletter. Late items will appear in the next issue of the Outlook. Marty Warner-
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Saturday: Return to St. Maarten — No need to rush home! Enjoy one more night in this tropical paradise at a fine resort hotel before returning home on Sunday, January 27.

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