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## Upcoming Events:

Tues-Sun, May 29-June 3

### Ocrافolk Festival Cruise

Monday, June 4

### CLSPS ExComm Meeting

Morgans Restaurant

Dinner: 1745; Mtg: 1900

Wednesday, June 6, 6PM

### Paddling Cruise

See Cdr's Column

Sunday, June 10

### Coop Charting

Meet at Persimmons Rest.

June 16, **CANCELLED**

### Manteo/Albermarle/ Alligator River/Dowery Creek Cruise

Monday, June 18

### April CLSPS Dinner Meeting

The Flame Restaurant.

5PM: Social Hour

6PM: Dinner

7PM: Meeting

Tuesday, June 19

### Shallow Water Cruise to Cape Lookout (See p. 9)

Wednesday, July 4

### CLSPS raft up on the Neuse

See Commander's Column

## Blessing of the Fleet, May 12



Rev Jeff Sockwell and Dick Ewan with Wreath



New Bern YC Commodore Tom Hartman tolls the bell

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**Commander's  
Report**

**Cdr Jim Starr, JN**



The Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron is in high gear! We're in the middle of our busiest time of the year, and there's lots going on. Here's the rundown:

**Blessing of the Fleet.** This year's Blessing of the Fleet on May 12 was a rousing success. It was held at Persimmons Restaurant/Galley Store Marina, which was a first for this event and a great spot. The ceremonies were moving, and the turnout was fantastic. The Blessing of the Fleet is a centuries-old tradition that is intended to ensure a safe and bountiful boating and fishing season. Our event also recognized those members of the participating organizations who had "passed the bar" in the past year. Dick Ewan and his committee did a great job with the arrangements, and were successful in engaging other local boating organizations to participate. I think we can grow this into a true community event in future years.

**Paddling Cruise.** Jake Jacobson will lead a Paddling Cruise on the evening of Wednesday, June 6. He will tailor the cruise to your abilities. Please give him a call to find more details on the cruise, and to discuss where you will meet. (633-1033)

**Coop Charting.** June 10 is your opportunity to flex your Piloting and Advanced Piloting muscles and do a good turn for the local boating community by correcting errors and adding useful information to our local NOAA chart 11552, Neuse River and Upper Part of Bay River. (The Trent is also included on this chart as far upstream as Pollocksville.) NOAA and USPS work together on chart updates, so the corrections we provide will be reviewed, validated, and added to online and newly printed versions of the chart in a matter of weeks. The plan is to meet for lunch at Persimmons, get organized, and head out for a few hours on the water to gather data. If you've ever noticed something that's not right on 11552, now's the time to correct it. We need shallow draft boats for this, so bring yours. Each boat needs a multi-person crew, so sign up even if you don't have a suitable

boat. Contact Coop Charting Chairman Lloyd Moore to let him know you're coming.

**Cruising News.** Some of you will read this right after returning from the Ocracoke Festival Cruise to Ocracoke. Hope you had a great time! If you didn't go, you missed a superb annual event. Make sure you get it on your calendar for next year!

We didn't have sufficient interest to run the Manteo/Albemarle Cruise starting June 16, so that cruise has been cancelled. We'll try again next year. This is a great trip!

June 19 is the date for the Cape Lookout Shallow Water/Summer Solstice Cruise. This one-day cruise was our most popular last year. Boats launched in Beaufort, Oriental, and even New Bern travel from Beaufort through Taylor Creek and Back Sound to spend the day at Cape Lookout. By running the trip (almost) on the summer solstice, the high tides minimize the chance of groundings. Karl Lichty is the Cruise Leader - contact him to let him know you're coming and get more details.

On July Fourth we'll raft up in the Neuse at New Bern to watch the fireworks. I'm the Cruise leader for this event; so let me know if you'll be there.

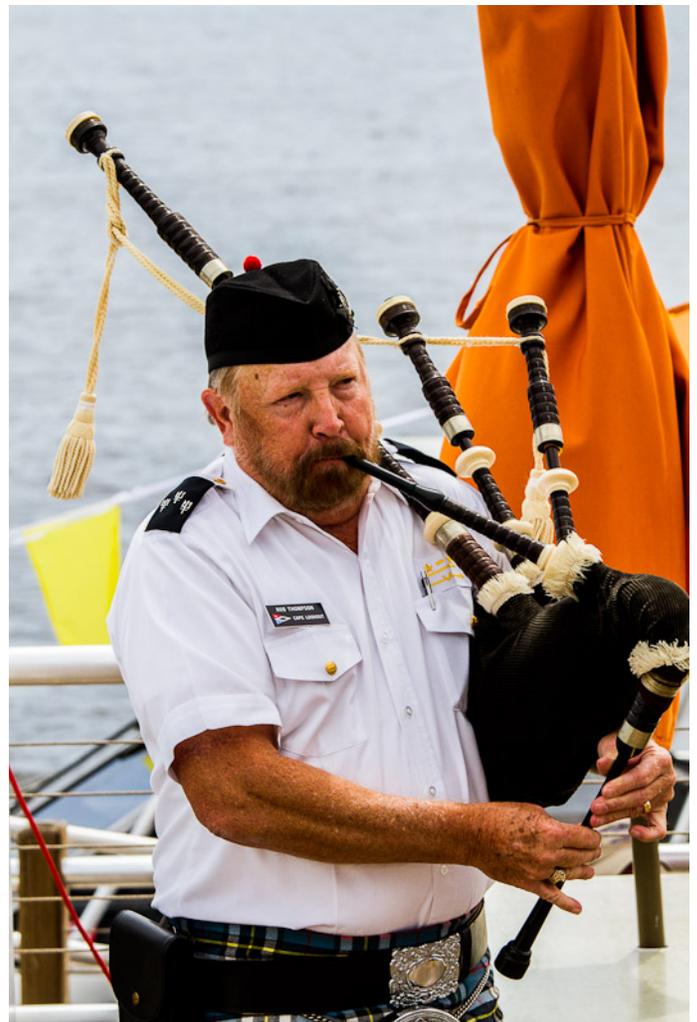
**Vessel Safety Checks.** Thanks to our aggressive cadre of VSC inspectors, we're in the middle of what may be our best year ever for the VSC program. If you haven't had your boat inspected, contact VSC Chair Larry Lovvorn or one of our inspectors to get your inspection done. This is a great way to have your boat's safety equipment evaluated in a totally non-threatening atmosphere.

**Seminar Series.** Our seminar series is underway at the New Bern Yacht Club. Most of the attendees so far have been from the NBYC, but CLSPS members and

the general public is welcome to participate in any of the offerings. These two-hour seminars are a great way to get targeted information on specific boating issues. See Jim Scheer's column for the details.

**June Dinner Meeting.** This month's meeting is on June 18 at The Flame. See Jenny Dark's column for information on the speaker, who will talk about the New Bern institution that used to reside on the plot of land now occupied by the History Museum. It's a fascinating story.

**A final note.** It's prime time in our area for getting out on the water; so don't let another week go by. Just get out there and spend time on your boat with your family and friends!



Rob Thompson, the Piper

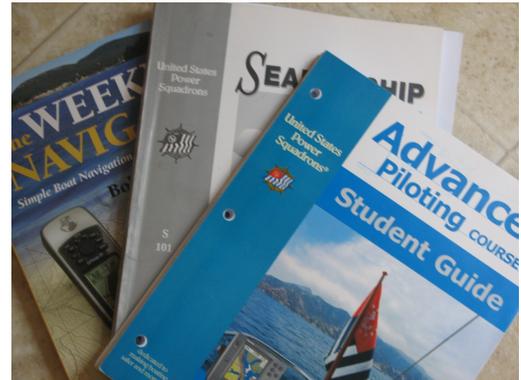
**Education  
Department**  
Lt/C Jim Scheer, SN



**We've missed you!**

The current swing through the 2-hour seminar series conducted by your Education Department has finished the first two courses, How to Use a GPS, and How to Read a Chart. Great attendance, so far, with a total of about 20 students for the first two seminars, but, oddly, no one from CLSPS. These seminars are

being conducted in cooperation with the New Bern Yacht Club, and are being presented at their facility on Madam Moore's Lane. The six remaining seminars are listed below.



Emergencies on Board	June 9	0900-1100	\$32
Marine Radar	June 14	1900-2100 (7:00pm-9:00pm)	\$35
Powerboat Handling	June 16	0900-1100	\$26
Marine Radio w/DSC	June 21	1900-2100 (7:00pm-9:00pm)	\$30
Anchoring	June 23	0900-1100	\$26
Partner-in-Command	June 30	0900-1100	\$35

We are also starting an Instructor Development class to meet for four times during early June. Specific dates will depend on students' availability, but will be on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and evenings. The first meeting will also provide the opportunity to recertify for those whose ID has expired. We

will call everyone in this category.

As always, please contact Bob Boyack or myself if you wish to attend any of these classes. Bob Boyack can be reached at ([rboyack@embarqmail.com](mailto:rboyack@embarqmail.com), 252-633-5108, or I can be reached at [jim.scheer@gtri.gatech.edu](mailto:jim.scheer@gtri.gatech.edu), 252-876-3733.

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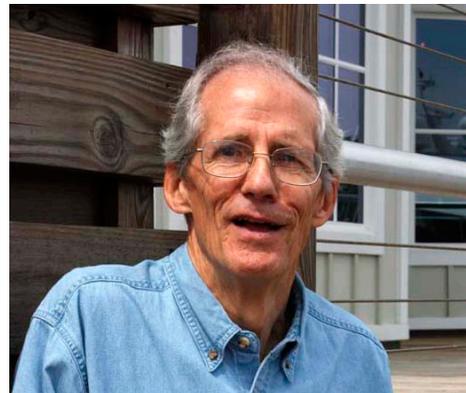
Please join your fellow CLSPS members at The Flame for our next meeting on Monday, June 18. Chef Smoke has planned another one of his award winning menus (at a reasonable price)! Also, Bill Rivenbark, our guest speaker, will share a fascinating and important part of New Bern's boating history. Come hear what he has to say about the history of the Barbour Boat Works. You won't want to miss this engaging event! Registration Form on page 11.



Sunshine Lady  
Linda Tobacco, AP



The Sunshine Lady is happy to report that she didn't send any cards out this month. Stay well everybody!



## Blessing of the Fleet, Dick Ewan



Fellow members as you know in the recent past we have struggled with participation at the annual Blessing of the Fleet. So this year we attempted something out the ordinary and invited all the boating organizations in the New Bern area to join us in this event. To that end we sent personal invitations to eight different clubs in the area. We also appealed to the other boaters through the print media and the Phil Knight TV show. We formed a five person committee that worked tirelessly. The end result was a beautiful and meaningful day at the Persimmons Restaurant and Galley Marina docks. We had about 24 Boats that were blessed along with their crew. There were 67 people gathered for lunch at Persimmons Restaurant.

The Ceremony began with music being played on the Bag Pipes by P/C Rob Thompson, JN. The New Bern Naval Jr. ROTC presented the Colors. P/D/C Mike McCulley, JN lead us in the pledge of allegiance and the singing of the National Anthem. Reverend Jeff Sockwell of West New Bern Presbyterian Church gave the invocation. Captain Thomas Green, as portrayed by his Great Great Grandson Bill Green, provided a very interesting historical perspective of sailing out of New Bern in the nineteenth century, and the importance of having one's vessel blessed. Various

representatives of the boating clubs present were introduced and thanked for their participation.

Those mariners who have died in the past year were recognized by the reading of their names and the tolling of the bell. TAPS was then played by P/C Thompson. Reverend Sockwell then blessed the floral wreath. Commander Jim Starr, JN and Reverend Sockwell boarded "La Bonne Vie" captained by Commodore Tom Hartman of the New Bern Yacht Club. The wreath was placed on the Neuse River to commemorate the deceased mariners. The individual boats and crew were then blessed by Rev Sockwell. We continued to enjoy more music by P/C Thompson.

The ceremony on the dock concluded with the Benediction by Reverend Sockwell and the retirement of the Colors. We then reformed in the restaurant for a delicious lunch and camaraderie.

I want to thank all those who helped in some way to make this happen. If I miss someone I truly am sorry. The committee: P/C Fred Cornford, SN, P/C Dick Ewan, AP Lt/C Bill Gewain, S, Lucy Lichty, and Linda Tobacco, AP. Here is listing of other people that contributed. Steve Dark, AP, Jim Davidson, P, Wade Ehlen NBYC, Catherine Ewan, Allen Hardison ECYC, Bill Harris ECYC, Tom Hartman NBYC, Karl Lichty, AP, Larry Lovvorn, AP, P/D/C/ Mike McCulley, JN, Jane Moore, AP, P/D/Lt/C Lloyd Moore, JN, P/C Owen Smith, AP, P/C Rob Thompson, JN, Ed Valentine, P, and Marty Warner, JN. This was all done under the watchful eye of our EXO Lt/C Rhys Evans, AP.





## Cooperative Charting

This year we are scheduling a one-day co-op charting cruise on **Sunday, June 10**. We'll need members with power boats, preferably runabouts with shallow draft to get close to the places and aids to navigation we want to investigate.

If you don't have a boat, you can crew for someone else; we need at least 3 people on each vessel.

We'll meet at Persimmons Restaurant for lunch and go from there.

During a tour of NOAA facilities in Norfolk, VA, NOAA technicians told us they like to see corrections that note the accurate (GPS) location of anything on the chart that is marked PA, "Position Approximate."

There are many on our local chart, 11552, and we'll concentrate on getting GPS fixes for these items. There are pilings and other hazards to navigation marked PA, and we'll try to find them all.

The USPS web site has a lot of information about Cooperative Charting, including the reporting tool, CCWEB.

Lloyd Moore, Co-Op Charting Chairman.  
Contact me if you're interested:

phone - 637-5547,  
email - [Lloyd.Moore@suddenlink.net](mailto:Lloyd.Moore@suddenlink.net).



## Vessel Safety Check Program

### Vessel Safety Team

The boating season is here and now is the time to get one of our Vessel Safety Examiners to visit your boat and perform a safety check. The team will examine sail, power, dinghy, paddle, canoe, kayak – if it floats we will check it out along with the necessary safety gear. New members of the team are Bill Gewain and Kurt Weinheimer who recently passed the exam and have performed their initial safety checks to become certified. There are 3 more members in the process of being certified so there are many folks just waiting for your call.

Please look at the list elsewhere in the Outlook and call one of us to come out ( we do house calls as well as marina visits). At the conclusion of a satisfactory visit we will present you with a decal to place on your boat to show you have been checked out.

Safe boating is the only way.

Larry Lovvorn [252 672-5200](tel:2526725200) or [ahoylovv@cconnect.net](mailto:ahoylovv@cconnect.net). (that's 2 V's in the address)

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

<http://www.clsp.org>

**Public Relations  
Officer**

**P/C William J. Ash,  
SN, H**



**WILLI, GIVE IT A TRY!**

**P/C William J. Ash, SN, H**

I could not have asked for a better day. The temperature was in the low 80's, a SW breeze was flitting along at approximately 5 knots and the heavy cumulus clouds showed little evidence of building into thunder busters. The only thing wrong was the impeller in my engine was shot and I had the boat yard on alert. The darn thing needs replacing. Not going out today. Why me?

Hornblower took me calmly aside and suggested we just rest in the rocking chairs here on the yacht club-veranda and discuss items he thought important. We did.

"Look at this, P/C! USPS is conducting another Poster Contest. Have you thought of asking your grandson, W.J. III, whether he'd consider taking on an important project as this during school summer break?" I glanced at the advertisement and thanked him for bringing it to my attention.

"Horatio, this just might interest him. He enjoys art in school and he's 13 years of age. The cut off is 14, so he is eligible. Perhaps I should inform the membership and have them prod their grandchildren into doing likewise.

Moreover, maybe the Squadron could find a few dollars as prize money for the top three entries. I'm going to send the application form to Willi III and hopefully he will agree to step up to the plate. Wait a second, Horatio! Where did you find this information?"

"On your computer."

"On my computer? Horatio, you learned how to use my computer? For heavens

sake, I didn't know you could turn on the machine."

"It's a lot simpler than preparing a ship to do battle. All it takes is a little common sense, knowledge of English and the guts to plunge onto the key-board for an adventure."

"I am amazed that you did this without my knowing. Chances are, however, I would have been a mediocre teacher."

"You would have done just fine, P/C. Moreover, I must tell you I'm learning how to use the GPS and the computer for up-to-date navigation. It's very easy to learn and to use."

"Horatio, you don't have electrical power on the Lydia. How can you expect to run a computer and a GPS?"

"No problem, P/C. I recently passed the Marine Electronics course which I found absolutely fascinating. I plan to get a generator and power the electronic equipment. And, let me tell you my friend, having passed the Engine Maintenance course I feel comfortable running a generator on board. Can you imagine, I even know what gasoline is."

I was dumbfounded. Horatio Hornblower had taken Power Squadron courses without my knowing. I can see him attaining the grade of Senior Navigator before he leaves permanently for his home in England. I'll bet you he has taken the Weather course and Instructor Qualification just this past winter. Moreover, I'll bet ten to one he has Seamanship, Piloting and AP under his belt. He is a whiz at the fundamentals of navigation and, you watch, the good Captain will breeze through JN and N first chance he gets. He has navigated around the world using a sextant, paper and pencil. Using up-to-date tools of navigation should be easy for him.

"P/C, ask your grandson to sign up for the ABC course given by the Power Squadron. He'll find it rather easy." My grandson? The ABC course?

## Cruising with the CLSPS in 2012

The cruising committee (Lloyd Moore & Jake Jacobson) is putting together an exciting schedule of cruises for 2012. We hope to have something that will appeal to all our boaters, no matter what type of boat you have.

If you'd like to participate in any of these cruises, please contact Jake (633-1033 or [jjacobson@washjeff.edu](mailto:jjacobson@washjeff.edu)) or Lloyd (637-5547 or [Lloyd.Moore@suddenlink.net](mailto:Lloyd.Moore@suddenlink.net)) so we can determine how many to expect.

Date(s)	Destination	Boat types	Notes	Cruise Leader
June 6 6 PM	Paddling cruise; location TBD	Kayaks, canoes	If wanted, we could make kayak rentals & instruction available	Jake Jacobson
May 29-June 3	Ocracoke	Sail or Power	Ocracoke Festival. Festival is June 1-3; get there early to get spot at the National Park docks, or arrive later and anchor in Silver Lake.	Lloyd Moore
June 16 <b>CANCELLED</b>	Manteo/Albemarle/ Alligator River/ Dowry Cr.	Sail or Power	8+ days total. Join/leave cruise anytime.	Andy Johnson (tentative)
June 19	Cape Lookout Shallow Water Cruise	Shallow draft power	Take the inside route from Beaufort for a day trip to Cape Lookout.	Karl Lichty
July 4	New Bern	Sail or Power	Raft up for fireworks off Union Point.	TBD
August or Sept	Cape Lookout	Sail or Power	Miles of beaches and turquoise water. Lighthouse is open for climbing Wed-Sat.	TBD
October	South River	Sail or Power	Explore South River, a great place for an overnight cruise.	TBD
December 8	Oriental	Boats or Land Yachts	Woolly Bear Cruise. A cruise, the Oriental Christmas parade, a party, and a dinner.	TBD

If there's interest, we will also plan a "gunkholers" cruise of local waters, anchoring in places you may have missed, like West Bay, Bay River, Vandemere, Campbell Creek (just north of Hobucken), and Slade Creek (off the Pungo River).

**Mark your calendars now!**



## Merit Marks June Reasons

Cdr Starr has asked that I stay on as your Merit Mark Chairman. I'm going to try something new this year. So there won't be such a push at the end of the year, I will remind all who work on a Squadron project to send me the names of the people who worked for them and the amount of time they spent doing their duties within 2 weeks of an event. Example—after the Blessing of the Fleet, I will expect Dick Ewan to send me his list of participants, what they did and their time. I have already done this with the just past District Change of Watch. Then in October, there should be no chance of leaving anyone out of Merit Mark recognition.

I urge you to help me in this endeavor. If an individual event happens that I don't know about, send it to me.

(E-mail is [best-2reasons@suddenlink.net](mailto:best-2reasons@suddenlink.net))

**Happy Birthday  
to the Following  
Members**



### June

McCulley, Michael D. -- 1 June  
Skipper, Karen -- 1 June  
Ewan, Richard B. -- 4 June  
Stradling, Jill -- 4 June  
Schwartz, Beth C. -- 11 June  
Starr, Sherrie S -- 12 June  
Blanchard, Robert A. -- 17 June  
Marr, Anne E. -- 18 June  
Fretwell, K. Wayne -- 28 June  
Meadows, Richards F. -- 30 June



"Captain Thomas Green"



Rev Jeff Sockwell

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ship's Store</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">P/C Diana Thompson, AP</p>		
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Don't forget the Ship's Store for your CLSPS needs. We have wonderful items available. See them at the next Dinner Meeting, or give me a call if you would like to order anything before then. The items we carry are also excellent for gifts.

**Knit Shirts:** Ladies and men's short sleeve knit shirts are \$30.00. Sizes 2X and 3X sell for \$33.00  
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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.

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**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.

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

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**Anniversary Mug**--\$2.50

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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 April Dinner Meeting Registration Form

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New Bern, NC 28560

Please make check payable to CLSPS.

Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron June Dinner Meeting

The Flame Restaurant -- Monday, June 18, 2012

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

Speaker--Bill Rivenbark

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

**Power Squadron rates are 50% off brochure prices!**

Port charges add \$225 per person. Airfare estimated to be approx. \$760. Pre- and post-cruise hotel costs will be determined soon. Group travel insurance will be offered.

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Stateroom Category	Brochure Rate	Your Rate per person/ double occ.	Single Occupancy Rate
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4	\$3200	\$1600	\$2400

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