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CLSPS Website: <http://www.clsps.org>

Upcoming Events:

Monday, January 7
CLSPS ExComm Meeting
Morgans Restaurant
Dinner: 1745; Mtg: 1900

Monday, January 21,
CLSPS Annual Meeting
The Flame Restaurant.
5PM: Social Hour
6PM: Dinner
7PM: Meeting
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Saturday, January 26, 9-11
**Mastering the Rules of the
Road Seminar**

Saturday February 2, 9-11
How to Use a Chart Seminar

Saturday, February 9, 9-11
**Weather For Mariners
Seminar**

Saturday February 16, 9-11
Using GPS Seminar

Saturday, Feb. 23, 1100
CLSPS Change of Watch
New Bern Country Club

New Bern Christmas Flotilla 2012



Wooly Bear 2012



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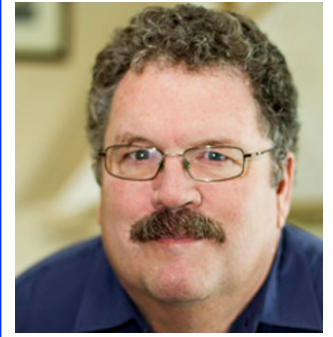
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Commander's Report

Cdr Jim Starr, JN



Cape Lookout needs a Treasurer for 2013!

On December 7, I sent you a list of candidates for CLSPS elected positions for 2013. Bob Boyack had graciously volunteered to become our Treasurer for 2013. Over the holidays, however, Bob and Carol made some personal decisions that will make Bob unavailable to be this year's Treasurer. So we need a Squadron member to step up and take on this important role on the Bridge!

Our treasurer is responsible for overseeing CLSPS's money. That mainly means depositing our incoming money (mostly dues and payments for courses) into our checking account, and paying bills and invoices as needed. If you balance your personal checkbook, you have all the necessary skills. You'll have lots of quality support – Bill Gewain, our Treasurer for the last several years, will serve as your Assistant Treasurer and make sure you're on top of the job.

So please come forward and join the CLSPS Bridge. Contact me, or our Nominating Committee Chairman Dick Ewan (645-9933, ebr813@suddenlink.net) to express your interest or get more information.

More on Ditch Bags...

Here are some additional resources to use if Rob Skrotsky's November presentation on ditch bags got you motivated to create or upgrade one for your boat.

Alvah Simon, a circumnavigator and author wrote an article on Ditch Bags in the November issue of *Cruising World*. He has lots of ideas on what bag to select, what goes in it, and how to pack it efficiently. The article can be found at: <http://www.cruisingworld.com/how-to/living-aboard/the-complete-overboard-bag>

Another useful resource is *The Grab Book: Your Ultimate Guide to Liferaft Survival*, by Frances & Michael Holworth. There's lots more here than what should be in your bag. The book covers that, to be sure, but also life raft selection, how to abandon ship, first aid, and how to be rescued. Amazon has it for \$9.95, which is half what other sources are charging.

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Commander's Report cont.

Please Review and Update Your USPS Personal Information!

Have you changed your address recently?
Bought a new phone with a new number?
Gotten a new email address? Finally gotten around to getting a MMSI for your DSC radio?
Bought a new boat? All of this info is contained in the personal information records at USPS. I've been noticing that some of us have outdated records, so I'd like to request that everyone check their records and update them as necessary.

The process is simple and can easily be done on line:

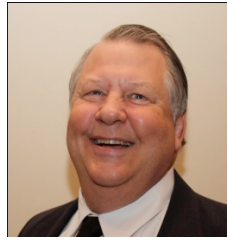
- ☒ Start by going to the USPS website, *usps.org*
- ☒ At the top of the page, click on *Site Index*
- ☒ On the next page, click on *Information Center*
- ☒ Near the bottom of the left hand column on the Information Center page, click on *Manage Your Own Profile*
- ☒ You'll need to enter your Certificate Number and PIN here. If you haven't yet created a PIN, you'll be led through the process of creating one. (This part can be annoying. Just be patient, and follow the directions carefully.)
- ☒ Your Membership Information page will open. Make the appropriate updates and click on *Update* the bottom of the page. You're done!
- ☒ Remember your password so you can come back to the Information center to print rosters, get organization information, email Squadron members, etc.

Thanks for doing this – it makes communication within the Squadron much easier when we all have the correct information.



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

Education
Department
Lt/C Jim Scheer, SN



Not much has changed since the last month's Outlook, except for some date changes, which are given below. The report is much the same as last month. We encourage you to invite friends and acquaintances to sign up for the ABC course or one or more of the seminars listed below. The classes will start in late January, and go through late March, according to the schedule shown below. 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:

Seminars

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

March 2, 2013

Using VHF and DSC Marine Radio

March 9, 2013

Partner in Command

March 16, 2013

Powerboat Handling

March 23, 2013

Trailer your Boat

March 30, 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, or you can contact Kevin Pimm, the incoming assistant SEO at 252-670-2972.

So, we in the Educational Department hope to see you in class this year.

**Administration
Officer**
Lt/C Jenny Dark,
AP



Vessel Safety Check Program

Happy New (Boating)Year!

You are invited to join your fellow members at the first meeting of the year. The Annual Meeting. Share your boating goals and plans for the year while enjoying a delicious meal created by Chef Smoke. You will also have the pleasure of participating in a special activity planned by several of our members.

When: Monday January 21, 2013

5pm -- social hour,

6pm -- dinner,

7pm -- feature activity and brief business meeting

Where: The Flame Catering & Banquet Center - 2301 Neuse Blvd, New Bern

Cost: still only \$22 per person.

PLEASE, get your reservations to me by Friday, Jan. 18, 2013! It's very helpful to have an accurate count of attendees to minimize costs and waste.

Registration and Checks to be mailed to:

Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron
Lt/C Jenny Dark
905 Shipyard Point
New Bern, NC 28560
(252) 288-4708

Vessel Safety Examiners

If you are interested in becoming a Vessel Safety Examiner for the pending boating season, please let Larry Lovvorn know. There is an exam to be completed and then you can begin performing the vessel safety checks. This is an excellent way to get to know other boaters, to see many different types of vessels, and to perform a community safety function, so sign up now! Contact Larry at ahoylovv@gmail.com or 252 672-5200.



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Cape Lookout Sail & Power Squadron Members

We will hold our annual business meeting during the dinner meeting at The Flame on January 21. The most important part of that business meeting is the election of our officers for 2013. Our Nominating Committee (Dick Ewan, Richard Tobacco, and Mike McCulley, assisted by Ryhs Evans) has assembled an outstanding slate of candidates for next year.

Note that our bylaws provide for additional candidates. Any additional candidates must be nominated by petition to the Secretary in writing by five active Squadron members at least fifteen days before the election.

I'd like to thank our nominating committee, and those CLSPS members who have agreed to serve next year. I'd also like to thank a number of people who served in appointed positions this year, and in many cases will do so in 2013:

Penny Mitchell, Membership Chair;
John Knauth, Membership Chair (partial year);
Bill Reasons, Roster Contact and IT Chair;
Richard Tobacco, Webmaster;
Marty Warner, Outlook Editor;
Diana Thompson, Ship's Store Chair;
Dick Ewan, Boating Activities Chair;
Lloyd Moore, Coop Charting Chair;
June Reasons, Operations Training Chair;
Bill Ash, PR Chair; and
Larry Lovvorn, VSC Chair.

I hope I haven't missed anyone. It takes lots of people to make CLSPS function smoothly!

Incidentally, if you want to know what all these people are responsible for, check out Article 6 of the CLSPS Bylaws. They're available on our website, clsps.org, in the Member Pages. I'll bet you've never taken the time to look at our Bylaws!

I'll see you on January 21!

Jim Starr
Commander, CLSPS

Cape Lookout Sail & Power Squadron Nominations For 2013

Bridge Officers

Commander: Lloyd A. Moore, JN
Executive Officer: K. Wayne Fretwell, P
Administrative Officer: Roger A. Brown, S
Squadron Education Officer: James A. Scheer, SN
Secretary: Jane Moore, AP
Treasurer: TBD

Assistant Bridge Officers

Assistant Squadron Education Officer Kevin C. Pimm, P
Assistant Secretary James Reynolds
Assistant Treasurer William J. Gewain, S

Executive Committee¹

Michael D. McCulley, Jr., JN
Karl Lichty, AP
Diana Thompson, AP
Robert B. Thompson, JN
Steven C. Dark, AP

Nominating Committee²

Glover L. Ellis, SN (2014)
Richard J. Tobacco, JN (2015)
James Starr, JN (2016)

Audit Committee²

Sherrie Starr, P (2014)
Charles Layer, P (2015)
Christine Skrotsky (2016)

Rules Committee²

William E. Reasons, SN (2014)
Frederick D. Cornford, SN (2015)
Jill Ficken (2016)

D27 Nominating Committee Representative²

June Reasons, P (2014)
Robert B. Thompson, JN (2014) (alternate)

¹ The Executive Committee also includes the Bridge Officers and the Immediate Past Commander.

² Term ends in February of the (listed year).

Public Relations Officer

P/C William J. Ash,
SN, H



2013, WHAT HAPPENED TO 2012? P/C WILLIAM J. ASH, SN, H

"P/C, can you believe the world is still here? Ah, you're laughing. Can you imagine anyone predicting the world ending on 21 December 2012? Some of my men on *Lydia* were concerned, but not I."

"Nor was I, but I tried having fun with it. I walked into the member's locker room at the Y saying the major networks just announced Africa, Asia and Europe just vanished into thin air and in moments the Americas would follow. Nothing happened, nobody even looked up; I was a complete failure. I've lost all respect for the Mayas.

"However, my friend, more importantly, was my determining the time of meridian transit of the sun on 21 December. It was $1128 \pm$, EST. The device I built last year is still working (it has no moving parts and has not fallen into disrepair, so why wouldn't it work?) It casts a definitive sharp vertical shadow on the meter stick.

"Why, you ask, do I wish to know the time of the meridian transit of the sun? Well, I'll tell you. I passed the N Course in 1997 and promptly ran into some serious family health problems. Horatio, you remember all that. I wanted very much to become involved in the N Course and simply could not. Consequently, I've lost my edge, and I shall never be as sharp as I was back in '97. By ticking away at little bits and pieces I may be able to appreciate a little of the subject once again. Meridian transit is a wee bit."

"P/C, you need to have fun with dip shorts, and get into the groove once again. Start with a little at a time and without short dips."

"Well, I should try, but I'm a duffer with all the modern technology. The N Course has

changed to more of the electronic stuff. These fail from time to time, from my experiences. And then what do I do? I still need to master the use of the sextant and the proper tables to find my way. Do I need to learn all about the electronic wizardry? I don't think so. And of course, my blue water sailing days are over. I'll merely futz about and use what little I can have fun with.

"Incidentally, Horatio, how did we get off on all these tangents? I asked you to come over to discuss the rapid passing of 2012. Where did it go? I've accomplished very little this past year. I never got the boat inspected. In fact I never even took the *Jolly Tar* away from the pier. This indicates something is very wrong somewhere. I'm flabbergasted."

"Don't be too hard on yourself, P/C. There were plenty of reasons why you never made it into the deep. At your age you can't take the heat as you once did. It was a brutal summer. You stayed where you belonged, in the cool of your office. You..."

"Wait a minute Horatio. Once again we've strayed from the subject of the rapid passing of 2012. Remember, each new year becomes a smaller percentage of life and it goes faster; 2013, should be a dinger."







All pictures courtesy of Commander Jim Starr. Take another look at the dragon on page 1--Wow!

Ship's Store
P/C Diana
Thompson, AP



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 and Members' Activity

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**



January

Ellis Jr, Glover L. -- 1 January

Siddens, Anne W. -- 3 January

Fleckenstein, James A. -- 4 January

Lind, Eric -- 5 January

Long, Bonnie Lou -- 9 January

Gewain, William J. -- 11 January

Boyack, Carol A. -- 17 January

Scheer, James A. -- 17 January

Hawkins, Paul P. -- 19 January

Kuerner, Brenda -- 19 January

Warner II, Roger M. -- 19 January

Knauth, John A. -- 25 January

Seymour, Phil A. -- 27 January



Junes Jokes

P/C June Reasons, P



Happy New Year Everyone!

It's not whether you win or lose, but how you place the blame.

We have enough "Youth". How about a fountain of "Smart".

The original point and click interface was a Smith & Wesson.

When blondes have more fun, do they know it?

Money isn't everything, but it sure keeps the kids in touch!

If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is NOT for you!

We were born naked, wet and hungry. Then things get worse.

Red meat is not bad for you. Fuzzy green meat is bad for you.

Ninety-nine percent of all lawyers give the rest a bad name.

Xerox and Wurlitzer will merge to produce reproductive organs.

Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.

The latest survey shows that three out of four people make up 75% of the population!

You know why a banana is like a politician? He comes in and first he is green, then he turns yellow and then he's rotten.

I think Congressmen should wear uniforms, you know like NASCAR drivers—So we could identify their corporate sponsors.

The reason Politicians try so hard to get re-elected is that they would "hate" to have to make a living under the laws they've passed.

NOTICES:

Boat US offers a 50% discount to USPS members. Our Boat US group number is GA80679P and must be used to claim your \$12.50 discount.

Don't forget to patronize our advertisers, and be sure to tell them you are from CLSPS and that you saw their ad in The Outlook.

NEW ADDRESS:

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-
rwarnr4@ec.rr.com

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