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2013 Change of Watch



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Commander's Report

Cdr Lloyd Moore, JN



Congratulations to the new members of the CLSPS Bridge and Executive Committee. We were sworn in successfully by D/Lt/C Bob Howd at the CLSPS Change of Watch at the New Bern Country Club. Our Change of Watch brunch was a bit of a departure from the traditionally formal affair, and I've gotten mixed reviews. Everyone loved the location; some liked the informality, others, not so much.

Let's Go Boating!

At the Change of Watch, we talked about the three sides of the USPS Triangle: Self-Education, Civic Service and Fraternal Boating. We joined USPS to participate in these areas. For a lot of us, including Jane and me, it was the boating education that first attracted us – we wanted to know more about being safe boaters. The Civic Service part of the equation, including the Public Boating Class we completed, seemed like a good idea. If more of the other boaters we encountered knew more about safe boating, that would make it safer for us, too.

But the thing that brought us all aboard is the fact that we're boaters, or have been boaters, or plan to be boaters. Being around other folks who share our interest in boating, sharing experiences and learning from each other, is a strong motivation.

My Goals: Fraternal Boating

There are two aspects – social activities and boating activities. We're going to make both of these more fun and interesting. Our new Administrative Officer, Roger Brown, has been working hard to line up some outstanding programs for our membership meetings. Read his column for a description of the exciting programs already scheduled for upcoming meetings.

Roger is also working to put together a cruising schedule that will appeal to everyone – sail boaters, power boaters, large and small, and paddle boaters. My best boating friends are the ones I've cruised with and shared experiences with. I strongly encourage everyone to sign up – if you're in between boats right now, you can sign on as crew for one of the boats. Let's have some fun.

Civic Service

Focusing on public recognition was one of P/C Jim Starr's goals last year. We made some progress, had a much better experience at fairs and shows we attended, but there's a lot more to be done. As was the case last year, there are still too many boaters who think USPS is the group that keeps raising the price of first class mail.

(Commander's Report Continued)

We're going to continue to work changing this perception, and continue performing Civic Service, like volunteering at the M/S Bike Run and supporting the Naval Jr. ROTC.

Self-Education

I said at the COW that unless you are a Senior Navigator (which means you've passed all advanced and supplemental courses) there's at least one course you haven't taken. You might consider re-taking one of the courses you passed before – many have been updated and modernized to reflect advances in boating technology.

Finally, I hope all members of the Executive Committee are planning to attend the upcoming Operations Training class to gain a better understanding of our organization and your responsibilities. June Reasons has scheduled the class for Saturday, 9 March. Call June and let her know you plan to attend.



Executive Officer

Lt/C Wayne Fretwell, P



As the new Executive Officer with very little background of operations, I have been trying to catch up with Officer training in Raleigh and studying the Operations manual on line as best as I can with my new visual problems. I know that I will need a lot of help and guidance with my duties with which I will be getting a late start with because I will be in Raleigh having eye surgery and a long recovery period most of this month.

Some of you have already offered to fill some of the positions that fall in the external area. Again we will be doing vessel inspections and will have new people qualifying to be inspectors. I will meet with this group when I am able to plan our inspections year.

We will need a chairman for boat shows including Mumfest. Last year changing from our booth with a CLSPS banner to a boater education banner greatly increased the interest. This is something we need to do again this year as well as looking for other opportunities to Promote CLSPS.

Lloyd Moore did a great job last year with Coop Charting and I would like someone to continue with that this year.

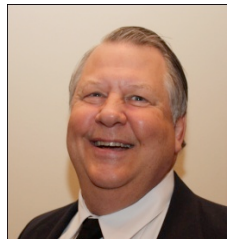
We will need a Public Relations Officer to work with the membership and educational officers to promote our educational programs and other projects which we will be conducting.

A safety officer is needed whose duties will include activities during boating safety week

Another area in my responsibilities is Radio Tech Officer which I do not think we have had lately. I know that I have very little knowledge of all the electronic equipment that is available and how they work together. The person in this position could provide us with training in the form of programs on the various electronic gadgets for use by recreational boaters. They could also assist members who wish to upgrade or install such equipment in their craft.

If you feel you have the skills or knowledge to assist in any of these areas, please email me at waynief@hotmail.com and I will contact you when I am able.

Education
Department
Lt/C Jim Scheer, SN



First, and most important, on behalf of the Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron, I would like to thank past 1st/Lt Bob Boyack, SN, for his service to the organization, not only as assistant to the SEO for the past two years, but for his activities related to bringing in new membership to the Squadron. Bob forged the initial participation in the now famous Bridgeton ArtFest, which in the past year led to a healthy sign-up of individuals and families taking advantage of our boating education opportunities. As a direct result of our participation in the Artfest, we got not only new members, but one, 1st/Lt Jim Reynolds, is now on CLSPS watch – as the assistant to the secretary. Bob also initiated the successful joint efforts of the CLSPS and New Bern Yacht Club in presenting a series of eight USPS seminars, at the NBYC facility resulting in about 67 students attending the series of seminars. As membership count and more importantly membership participation has fallen off in the recent past, it is refreshing to see the increase in education and squadron participation resulting from these two events. Thank you Bob!!

We are currently in the throes of finishing up the latest ABC course, with 9 attendees, and 9 passing grades. The students for this series are from the 2012 Mumfest signups. 1st/Lt Kevin Pimm, P, is responsible for getting many of these people to sign up, and his follow-through with phone calls to them is responsible for their attendance at the class. (It's great having a used car salesman on watch.) Bud Ellis is presenting the final two weeks of piloting and navigation material. As usual, he is well liked by the students, and his teachings often stimulate the students to join the squadron to learn more, and have the opportunity to participate in squadron community, boating, and social activities.

Given the influx of new members, and the recent Seamanship and Piloting graduates, we will be offering additional Seamanship and Piloting, as well as Advanced Piloting, and hopefully Junior Navigation and Navigation courses this year. We would also like to see an increase in interest in the non-core, or elective courses, so watch for scheduling. Participation in the seminar series is also a good way to fill in some holes in your knowledge of boating activities.

We have a new full certificate holder in the Squadron. As a result of recently completing the Navigation course, and as he has become a certified Instructor, P/C Rob Thompson, SN has filled in all of the spaces in his USPS certificate. Congratulations to Rob!

Feel free to make suggestions for the upcoming educational activities, and express interest in courses by contacting either Jim Scheer, jim.scheer@gatech.edu. 252-876-3733, or Kevin Pimm, pennypurrs@suddenlink.com, 252-670-2972.



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Lt/C Roger Brown, S



excellence and boosting attendance at both membership meetings and education classes. He encouraged members to attend the upcoming March 18th meeting where the Director of Development for the North Carolina Coastal Land Trust will speak about the joint efforts of the Trust and the Marines to protect the rich natural heritage of the Carolina coast.

Change of Watch

The Cape Lookout Sail & Power Squadron, District 27, Annual Change of Watch was held on Saturday, February 23, 2013 at the New Bern Country Club. Fifty-two members and their guests were in attendance. After the Pledge of Allegiance, invocation and introductions, a delicious buffet brunch was enjoyed by all. Cdr. Jim Starr gave a recap of the past year's events and accomplishments.

D/Lt/C Bob Howd JN reviewed the District's accomplishments and focus for 2013. Cdr. Jim Starr, JN released his Bridge and was relieved as Commander.

The installation of Cdr. Lloyd A. Moore Jr. was followed by the induction of the SEO, Assistant SEO and the 2013 Bridge. Cdr. Moore addressed the group and shared his vision for 2013 which includes a commitment to

**Happy Birthday
to the Following
Members**



March

Adams John H. -- March 1
Collyar, Susan -- March 4
Dark, Jennifer A. -- March 4
Burelle, Timothy N. -- March 7
Somerday, Joanne C. -- March 11
Craft, Latha T. -- March 12
Dark, Steven C. -- March 12
Dail, Asa B. -- March 17
Thompson, Robert B. -- March 25



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



Vessel Safety Check Program

The 2013 boating season is already underway and some members of our team have almost reached their annual goal in terms of safety checks completed. That means we are ready to check your vessel be it power, sail, dinghy, canoe, paddle craft, or most anything that floats and carries you on top of the water. So get in touch with one of the team members listed elsewhere in the *Outlook* and we'll come see you.

We will have our team kick-off for the season on Saturday March 9 at Captain Ratty's at 1200. If you are curious as to what we do and have an interest in becoming a VSE please join us and learn more. Please let Larry Lovvorn know of your attendance at ahoylovv@gmail.com so he can make reservations.

Have a Safe Boating Season in 2013

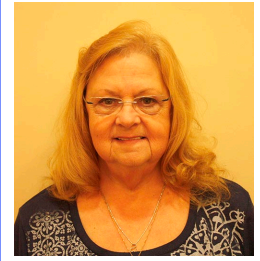


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Membership Chair Lt Penny Pimm, P



No, the membership Chairperson has not changed again! I was blessed to marry 1/Lt Kevin Pimm (your new Assistant SEO) on Saturday, 02/16/13 at Old St. Paul Catholic church, with Rev. Monsignor Gerald Lewis performing the ceremony.

Kevin and I have enjoyed our short time in the CLSPS, and wasted no time volunteering to participate whenever we could. We've loved meeting many of you outside the dinner meetings, we attended all 3 shallow water cruises, helping with Bike MS, being a Safety Boat for the Dragon Boat races, helping out with the Mumfest, and whatever else we did to meet and spend time with you. And of course, the Blessing of the Fleet was wonderful, my first, but definitely not the last.

We look forward to helping and getting to know many more of you during the next year. I encourage you to come to the Dinner Meetings @ the Flame, the food is terrific, and the company is great. I understand that Roger Brown has lined up some great guest speakers for our meetings.

I also encourage you to volunteer; it's a super way to get to know the hard working members of this great organization. Meanwhile, if I can be of any assistance to you, please don't hesitate to call or send an email. I promise you that if I don't know the answer, I do know who to call!



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Sailing The Leeward Caribbean Islands

By P/C Richard J Tobacco, JN



Contacted by a local travel agency asking if I, as Commander of Cape Lookout Sail & Power Squadron, D/27, would be willing to setup a sailing excursion aboard a clipper ship. An on-the-water sailing adventure? My answer was a resounding **yes!** Squadron response was good and seven couples signed up, but the decision to extend the opportunity to other squadrons, created an eclectic group of enthusiastic adventurers. Our Eastern North Carolina group was expanded to thirty-five and consisted of many geographically dispersed squadrons including Hawaii, Florida, Connecticut & Michigan. Being one-fourth of the ship's passengers with a common bond, we had an almost instantaneous camaraderie that was the harbinger of the great time had by all.

Star Clipper, a 360 foot four-masted barkentine, departed St. Maarten January 19 for

seven less-traveled southern islands such as Domenica, Guadeloupe, and Antigua. At each island, except the tiny *Iles de Saintes*, shore excursions were available. At the end of the all-too-short seven day excursion, the most often raised question was; "Where are we going next?" The unanimously favorable reaction to the 'trip of a lifetime' is best expressed by the participants.

"The very first night the most thrilling event occurred. It was dark when we left the pier and we were out on the deck watching... All of a sudden music came from somewhere. It was *Conquest of Paradise* [from the movie 1492] as the sails unfurled and the mast lights came on. What a thrill... What an introduction to a great adventure..." Betsy Bretz – Patuxent River S&P Squadron, D/5

“My biggest surprise, was how much sailing we did. I’ve only been on one other cruise... It was a floating hotel. On this cruise I got up early (before 6) to watch the sunrise and see what was going on. Each morning the crew was either raising the sails or the sails were already up, and we sailed for another couple hours or so. It was glorious! And at each departure, the anchor was raised, and so were the sails! This was the best thing about the cruise for me - actually sailing in a ‘tall’ ship.

The cruise had more ‘education’ than I was expecting. Every daily newsletter not only told us about the day’s events and schedule, but there was some history about the island we were to visit, history about ship development - all kinds of things. Most of the history was researched by Peter Kissner, our Cruise Director. He also gave two talks a day. One on deck in the morning, and one in the evening in the Library. If you wanted, you could learn about Columbus, Magellan, the development of the Clipper Ship, Windjammers, flags, sails, etc. He never seemed to run out of topics, and all these talks were done without notes!

The greatest highlight of the trip was when we made a rendezvous with the *Star Clipper*’s big sister, the *Royal Clipper*, a 5-masted square rigged ship. She bore down on us and then sailed alongside for about an hour. She’s much larger than the *Star Clipper*, and really looked awesome sailing right next to us. She showed her power as she sailed away from us to get into port...” Marty Warner – Cape Lookout S&P Squadron, D/27

“We signed up for three excursions. The craziest and best was zip-lining through the rain forest in Antigua. I signed up because Craig did and thought it was only one ZIP. Turned out it was 13 ZIPS and once you started there was NO way to turn back. I’ve never been so scared and unprepared in my life. I could visualize myself ‘stuck’ in the middle of a ZIP where the young park rangers (all under 25) would have to figure out how to get me to the next platform. My ZIP was never graceful, in fact several times I spun round backward and crashed into the wooden block and platform. One time... I looked up and there was a gorilla holding onto me... I shall never forget him...” Betsy Bretz



“I can’t thank you enough for sending out the invitation for this cruise and for the opportunity to be with a great group... As you know it was a dream come true, which I am now reminded of daily. A print of a three masted sailing vessel at sea hangs above a ship’s wheel... when I look at the print I can see myself in it, bound for blue water with great appreciation for the *Star Clipper*.” Veronica Maguire - Savannah River & Golden Isles S&P Squadrons – D/26

“I have to say we would love to go on another trip on the *Star Clipper*, perhaps when it goes to the Mediterranean. Most of all thank you... for extending an invitation to us to join in this amazing ‘TRIP OF A LIFETIME’. Special thanks to Barbara [*The Touring Group* representative & traveling companion] for all the logistics. Thank you all for being such interesting people. We wish everyone ‘a good life’ and perhaps we will be together again on another voyage...” Betsy Bretz

If you would like to view a slide show providing a glimpse into the islands visited, ship’s crew, the participants, as well as life aboard *Star Clipper* go to: www.CLSPS.org/StarClipper. [Please note this is a *very* large file and depending on connection speed, may take several minutes before it starts to run.]

P/C William J. Ash,
SN, H



EMBARRASSING MOMENTS

P/C WILLIAM J. ASH, SN, H

“Have you ever had things happen to you that you would rather forget? I’m talking about moments on the water or on the tide lands where events were not the way you would have liked them to happen, a glitch, perhaps.” This from Horatio Hornblower, Captain of HMS *Lydia* who frequents *Waldhaus Ash* knowing full well it’s the place for fine wines and cheeses. Squadron members and companions (wives also) are invited to visit, first calling to see whether I’m still alive. Damned near went to eternity in January.

“Sure did, Captain. As Jimmy Durante used to say, “I had a million of ‘em.” Yes Sir, my face was red more than a few times. I suppose you want me to relate some for the benefit of my friends. What a friend you are.

“I had just boughten (eastern Long Island for bought) my 16’ dory skiff and was anxious to take my dad for a cruise on Moriches Bay. Pop spent a few years on USS *New Mexico* between the two wars that would end all wars (the first one by itself didn’t and I’ll leave it up to you to judge the second). He loved the water and took me crabbing and clamming in Jamaica Bay when I was years younger. Well, I passed my Piloting Course for entry into Peconic Bay Squadron and I felt confident that I could handle the *Red Boat*. With dad serving as lookout and I as the helmsman, we left the finger pier and went out Beaver Dam Creek doing the speed limit. About fifty yards out the motor was working just fine but the vessel was not advancing one millimeter over ground. I was stumped. He said, “I think you ran aground.” I replied, “We are in the middle of the channel, we can’t be in the mud. I’ll check.” Over the side I went and stood ankle deep in the ooze next to the boat. The water was up to the

top of my socks. Yes, Dad was correct. Now, to make matters worse, an advection fog came roaring in and I could barely make out the silhouette of him sitting waiting to get home for a well deserved *Boiler Maker*. He must have been thinking of better days on the battle wagon. I won’t tell you how we got back.

With my old, classical USPS Certificate firmly fastened to the wall, I agreed to take my neighbor and his son-in-law out blue-fishing. It was a no-brainer; head west to the inlet and start trolling. We had lunch, lures and plenty of gasoline with the right amount of oil. Let’s get ‘em. Old expert as I was by now (my socks were dry after the previous incident), I watched a boat about a hundred yards dead ahead skim over the surface and make it to the inlet. We followed. What happened next came as a surprise.

“We were going about ten knots when suddenly the vessel, the *Red Boat*, came to a slurping halt. We’d, yes, run aground. The draught (draft for the First Mates) of my vessel was considerably greater than that of the vessel I was following. Well, talk about surprises. Items, including passengers, shifted a bit forward, some cuts and bruises were experienced, but what came next was the biggest surprise of the day. A Moriches Bay tsunami, the following after-wave, about three-feet high, came over the transom and swashed passengers and gear throughout the *RB*. I advised my two ex-friends to stay calm and that we could eat our lunch and wait a bit for the tide to rise. Mercifully, it did.

I was able to push the boat off the sand bar and head east to home. I managed to open the sea cock in the deck near the transom and, under power, drained the water out of the boat. That was the most impressive bit of seamanship I exhibited all day.

“It took a summer for me to get the kinks out of my activities on the water.”

“P/C, I admire your coming back 53 years later. Right on. Were they blue-fish?”

2013 Taste of Coastal Carolina Combines Best of the Old and New from Across Eastern Carolina

This year's 10th Annual *Taste of Coastal Carolina* (Riverfront Convention Center, New Bern, Tuesday, March 12, 6:30 pm) promises to be a great food fest! Twenty- nine different food purveyors will be there: award winning restaurants and chefs, old time favorites, newcomers to our local restaurant scene and great establishments from New Bern, Kinston and Oriental. There will be a wide variety of soups, salads, entrees, and desserts to enjoy. This event, now in its tenth year, raises money to support the Neuse RIVERKEEPER® Foundation. Restaurants put their best foot forward to win the coveted Peppermill Trophy, and diners have a chance to experience eastern Carolina's best food. Get more information and see all of the participating restaurants at <http://www.neuseriver.org/events/tasteofcoastalcarolina.html>

Come enjoy food and camaraderie, and vote for your favorite restaurants! Last year was almost completely sold out, so don't wait to get your tickets. General admission tickets for the Taste are \$30. Tickets are available at the New Bern Harris Teeter, The Funky Monkees, Cravin' Wine in James City and Mitchell Hardware downtown. In Kinston, tickets can be purchased at the Kinston-Lenoir County Visitor & Information Center. The County Compass in Bayboro also has tickets. Tickets are also available online at www.neuseriver.org and at the Neuse Riverkeeper Foundation new office, 2207 Trent Road every Wednesday morning from 10am – 1 pm.

A limited number of Patron Tickets are still available for \$100 per person. A Patron receives extra benefits: a tax deductible contribution of \$65, reserved seating, a private bar with free wine, beer, and champagne, priority entry, and attendance at the pre-event reception. Please go to www.neuseriver.org, or call Sherrie at 252-637-4580 to purchase a Patron ticket.

Junes Jokes
P/C June Reasons, P



Southern cops just have a way with words!

1. "You know, stop lights don't come any redder than the one you just went through."
 2. "Relax, the handcuffs are tight because they're new. They'll stretch after you wear them a while."
 3. "If you take your hands off the car, I'll make your birth certificate a worthless document."
 4. "If you run, you'll only go to jail tired."
 5. "Can you run faster than 1200 feet per second? Because that's the speed of the bullet that'll be chasing you."
 6. "You don't know how fast you were going? I guess that means I can write anything I want to on the ticket, huh?"
 7. "Yes, sir, you can talk to the shift supervisor, but I don't think it will help. Oh, did I mention that I'm the shift supervisor?"
 8. "Warning! You want a warning? O.K, I'm warning you not to do that again or I'll give you another ticket."
 9. "The answer to this last question will determine whether you are drunk or not. Was Mickey Mouse a cat or a dog?"
 10. "Fair? You want me to be fair? Listen, fair is a place where you go to ride on rides, eat cotton candy and corn dogs and step in monkey poop."
 11. "Yeah, we have a quota. Two more tickets and my wife gets a toaster oven."
 12. "In God we trust; all others we run through NCIC." (National Crime Information Center)
 13. "Just how big were those 'two beers' you say you had?"
 14. "No sir, we don't have quotas anymore. We used to, but now we're allowed to write as many tickets as we can."
 15. "I'm glad to hear that the Chief (of Police) is a personal friend of yours. So you know someone who can post your bail."
- AND THE WINNER IS ...
16. "You didn't think we give pretty women tickets? You're right, we don't. Sign here."

CLSPS March Dinner Meeting Registration Form

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

Monday, March 18, 2013

1700--Social Hour 1800--Dinner 1900--Meeting and Members' Activity

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Please make check payable to CLSPS.

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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.

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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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Change of Watch 2013

