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

Upcoming Events:

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

Depart/Return on your own
**Cruise to Ocracoke Island for
the Ocracoke Festival** which is
held Friday-Sunday, June 6-7

Wednesday, June 19
**Solstice/Shallow Water Cruise
to Cape Lookout**
Depart Beaufort Docks 1100
See Flyer, page 8

Monday, July 1
CLSPS ExComm Meeting
Morgans Restaurant
Dinner: 1745; Mtg: 190

Monday, July 15
CLSPS Dinner Meeting
The Flame Restaurant.
5PM: Social Hour
6PM: Dinner
7PM: Meeting

August 8-11
District 27/5 Joint Rendezvous
Cape Charles, VA
See Flyer, page 9

2012 Ocracoke Festival



Shallow Water Cruise 2012



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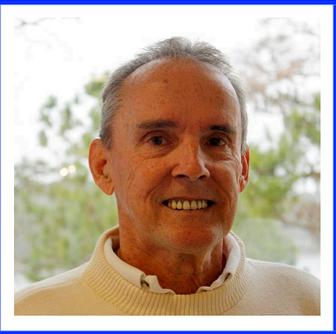
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Commander's Report

Cdr Lloyd Moore, JN



Let's Go Boating! Jane and I decided to take this good advice and are in the middle of a cruise to the Chesapeake. We had a somewhat stormy trip up here to Norfolk, but the weather is clear, now, and cool. We're traveling with members of the Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club, including Chris and Rob Skrotsky, who have taken delivery of a beautiful new (to them) motor yacht. We're moored in the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club for two nights, and then it's off to explore the southern Chesapeake.

Whenever I'm cruising, I keep an eye out for two things. The first is any chart corrections that can be submitted for a Cooperative Charting report. We've already spotted a problem with an aid to navigation (Aton), reported it to the Coast Guard, and will submit the report when we return. Any time you're out in your boat and you notice something that isn't right, make a note of the item, time of day, location (lat/long) and description of the issue. If it's a safety-related problem, like a missing or damaged ATON, report it to the Coast Guard immediately.

The second thing I'm on the lookout for is Vessel Safety Check opportunities. If I'm in a marina, and there are neighbors on their boats without a current sticker, I always ask them if they'd like me to do a Vessel Safety Check.

Speaking of VSCs, one of the members on this cruise related that when he passed through Hobucken, the Coast Guard there was stopping and boarding every vessel passing through. My friend was boarded, even though he had a 2013 sticker from the VSC I had done a few weeks earlier. He passed the Coast Guard's inspection and resumed his voyage.

We'll be back in time for the "small boat" cruise to Cape Lookout, led by Karl Lichty. We won't be traveling with the small boats around the back side of Shackleford Banks, but plan to spend a few days in the Bight, and to visit the light house for a tour. I hope some other CLSPS members will be able to join us.

District 27 will be putting on a 3-day Leadership Development seminar in Raleigh on June 20 – 22 in Raleigh. These seminars are usually offered at a USPS National meeting; they address the challenges of membership, effective committee meetings and operations training. Additional information on registration will be available in the D/27 Bitts.

Don't forget to register for the Joint D/27 – D/5 Rendezvous to be held in Kings Creek Marina in Cape Charles, VA. The rendezvous is scheduled for 8-11 August. More information for reservations can be found on the D/27 web site, and on page 9.

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**Education
Department**
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The Sun Journal gave CLSPS some good publicity for our VSE and educational programs during Boating Safety Week with several articles. Hopefully, we will get some participation in these programs from the coverage and possibility some new members.

We had a beautiful proclamation signed by the Mayor concerning BSW on display at the meeting along with a proclamation from the Governor regarding BSW in NC.

In talking with the Lower Neuse River Keeper, I discovered that there would be no Neuse River Day this year. Instead, they are having a planning meeting to discuss future plans for events and activities related to the river. Also, it appears that the Bridgeton Festival that we participated in last summer has been moved to the fall this year to avoid the hot weather.



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Well, the education officer is back from Turkey, having failed at finding a Geocache®. Oh well, maybe next time.

There are 5 students anxiously awaiting the results of their labor associated with the Piloting exam. This is a week-long take home, open book, open notes exam, which, though those conditions make it sound easy, is quite difficult. The exam is graded by the Navigation staff in Raleigh, it is not graded locally. Though the grading is standardized, to some extent, the students are at the whim of the particular grader they happen to get. Next month we should have the results.

The summer is a time of vacations, and other activities that make it difficult to schedule a USPS class. Nevertheless, I will try to pull enough students together to conduct an Advanced Piloting class, and/or a Seamanship class. Stay tuned for contact from someone in the Education department regarding this. Better yet, if you think you want to take one of these courses, let us know.

As summer approaches we are also preparing for participation in the Bridgeton ArtFest, MumFest, and Neuse River Days in New Bern. These events lately have provided an opportunity to tell people about CLSPS, and have recently generated new membership. If you know of anyone who has a new boat, is new to boating, or has been involved in boating but is not a member, please try to get them interested in CLSPS. The education program is really valuable for them.

To contact us, I can be reached at jim.scheer@gtri.gatech.edu, 252-876-3733. or Kevin Pimm can be reached at pennypurrs@suddenlink.net, or 252-670-2972.

**Membership
Chair**
Lt Penny Pimm, P



**Vessel Safety
Check Program**

What a great organization! I do hope that you are enjoying your membership as much as Kevin and I are. We have met some of the nicest people. I sure hope you are going to go on the shallow water cruise to Cape Lookout. It is a great way to spend the day, lots of friendships made, and a fun, fun time to be had. If you don't have a boat that can make the trip, just ask someone if you can ride with them. We have a 15' Whaler, and we're taking friends with us! We are hoping that someone with a sailboat will let us ride with them on one of their outings!

PLEASE remember, what you get out of any organization, depends on what you put into it. There are lots of really super people here... friendships just waiting to be made and enjoyed. So please volunteer to help out at some of the many great things we do for our community... the Chili Fest, BikeMS, MUMFEST, the Arts & Craft show on the water in Bridgeton... and many more chances to "do your part", make yourself feel good, help our membership grow, and make some new friends.

Looking forward to seeing you at any or all of the above mentioned outings, meetings, and many more activities!

Our team continues to be busy doing vessel safety checks. But in reviewing the names of the boat owners we have done there are not many CLSPS names that are recognized. Have you contacted us? Is your boat ready for the season? Is there any reason you have not had a safety check done? We are ready and we do house calls and marina visits so give one of the examiners a call and we'll come see you. There is no guarantee the decal we present will keep from a stop on the water by a law enforcement office but there are some who say that it does - so there - get busy and let us pay you a visit. Besides, we like to visit boats and be curious.

**Happy Birthday
to the Following
Members**



June

McCulley, Michael, D. -- June 1
Ewan, Richard B. -- June 4
Ficken, Jill -- June 4
Sink, S. Craig -- June 11
Ripple Ronald D. -- June 16
Blanchard, Robert A. -- June 17
Fretwell, K. Wayne -- June 28

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

P/C William J. Ash,
SN, H



THE SS UNITED STATES

P/C WILLIAM J. ASH, SN, H

I consider myself to be a very lucky person, lucky to be alive in 2013, lucky to have wonderful progeny (it did take a considerable amount of parenting), lucky to have had loving parents who saw me through my younger years without them having nervous breakdowns, lucky to have spent most of my lifetime molding the minds of students at top notch universities and lucky to have sailed on the SS *United States* during its glory years. I told Hornblower of my experiences with this perfectly proportioned and powerful ship while sailing down the Trent River last Wednesday afternoon in the S/V *Jolly Tar*.

"A telephone call to Digby 4-5800, in 1963, would have connected you with the main office of the United States Lines located at 1 Broadway, New York, New York. You could have reserved passage on the fastest ship afloat. John W. Anderson was the Commodore, John S. Tucker was the Executive Officer and John M. Logue the Chief Engineer. I contacted the United States Lines in London, on Fleet Street, as I recall, as I was to travel from east to west, not wanting to chance another near crash on a trans- Atlantic jet. I stepped aboard on 3 October '63. What a ship!"

"P/C, you should consider yourself a very special person to have cruised on her. Unfortunately, for us Brits, SS *United States* dashed the record books and won the Blue Riband in 1952. We tipped our hats to her in good spirit. But you actually sailed on her; jolly good, old boy. I say, let me have one of those flasks of lager; it's getting warm."

"To give you some statistics, Horatio, the ship was designed by Gibbs and Cox, Inc. NY and constructed in the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Co., Newport News, Virginia. She is 990 feet long, 101 feet-6 inches across with twelve decks, gross tonnage 51,821. She set the record

speed, crossing the Atlantic at 35.59 knots west to east, and 34.51 knots east to west. I had the wheel going 31 knots even."

"P/C, do you mean to tell me you were at the helm of the SS *United States*?"

"I sure was, Captain. It was the simple truth of my being an AP in USPS, with an interest in navigation that got me behind the wheel. The ship's officers trusted me. And it was a classical ship's wheel and not a little ten-inch stick used as a helm today on the newer vessels. But let me give you some truly shocking data from the romantic days of the SS *United States*.

"Aboard ship, the price for a hair cut was \$1.25, shave \$.75, manicure \$1.25, shampoo and massage, each \$1.00. For the ladies, they would spend \$2.00 for a hair cut, \$2.50 to have their hair set, shampoo \$ 1.50, permanent wave \$12.50 and eyebrow arching for a buck.

"One could make appointments with a masseur or masseuse for a massage costing \$2.00 to \$3.00, an electric cabinet or steam bath for \$2.00 and for a shower and needle spray (Scotch Douche---wow) for \$.50.

"When the jet aircraft took over, and one could fly from LaGuardia to Munich in 10 hours, the big girl was finished. Ultimately lying in the port of Philadelphia, she was unceremoniously towed to Turkey and the Ukraine to be stripped of her asbestos-innards. She was then again towed, bloodied but unbowed, back to the Delaware River where she is today, looking for help. The SS *United States* Conservancy is attempting to refurbish the ship and have it serve as an icon of the US maritime history, to be used for conferences, a floating hotel and a look to the past when our country set the standards.

Look here, Horatio, here is my name on the passenger list.....tourist class."



SS *United States*

For more information about the SS *United States* Conservancy go to: <http://www.ssusc.org/>

Preparing Your Boat for the Season

John Strong, Principal Marine Surveyor,
ACE Recreational Marine Insurance Co.

The weather's warmer, the days are longer, and naturally, your thoughts turn more and more to your boat. It's been covered up, waiting on its trailer, all winter. Now you've decided to get it ready for summer adventures.

Check the air pressure in the trailer's tires. The maximum pressure is printed on the sidewalls of the tires, and trailer tires often take higher pressure than the tires on a car or truck.

Be sure the trailer's safety chains or cables are in good condition, and that they will securely attach to the rear of the tow vehicle. There should be two chains or cables, one on each side of the hitch, and they should be long enough to allow the trailer to turn tight corners, but not so long that they drag on the pavement.

The Boat

Your boat's battery should be connected to a charger for a day or so before it's returned to the boat. Once the winter storage cover has been removed, the battery can be connected and secured in its acid-resistant container. Be sure that terminals and cable ends are clean and that polarity is correct before connecting. Inspect the propeller for any signs of damage, and have it serviced, if necessary, before installing it.

Replace any sacrificial zincs as the manufacturer recommends. If it's an outboard or inboard/outboard, and the fluid in the lower unit wasn't replaced last fall, it's likely a good idea to do it now. When draining the fluid, look for any sign of cloudiness, which indicates water in the fluid. If the fluid is contaminated with water, it usually means a seal or gasket is leaking, and the unit must be repaired. Bearing damage can be the expensive result of water leaking into the unit's fluid.

If the boat has a two-stroke outboard motor, hook a hose to the motor's flushing attachment, and start it up on the trailer to make sure it's working properly. If it's an inboard engine, check the bilge blower for proper operation, and be sure the blower's intake hose is correctly positioned -- below the engine, and above the normal bilge water level. Operate the steering lock-to-lock to see if it's operating properly. If

you changed the oil in your inboard engine or four-stroke outboard last fall, it's a good idea to change it again in the spring, to get rid of any moisture that collected due to condensation during the winter months. You'll have a chance to check for proper exhaust water flow and battery charging while you warm the engine up for its oil change.

Now that the servicing is done, it's time for the spring cleaning. This should be the most thorough cleaning the boat will get all year. Keep a "punch list" of items you find that need attention while you're cleaning, so you can take care of them before the first launch. Once everything's been serviced and cleaned, you can bring your gear aboard. The safety equipment should be inspected to be sure life jackets, flares, anchor, fire extinguisher, and electronics are ready to go. Don't forget the drain plug!

The Details

Remember to be sure your registration tags are current on your boat, trailer, and tow vehicle. Also, make sure your insurance is up to date. Be sure to put your insurance company's claims phone number in your wallet, just in case.

The Launch

You got as good a look at your trailer as you could before the first trip. You made sure the winch cable and tie-downs were in good condition and that they were tight enough.

Be sure to take some tools and rust-proofing paint to the launch site. Then, spend a few minutes looking at the parts of your trailer that you couldn't see before the boat was launched. Scrape loose paint and scale from any rusty areas you find, and touch them up with paint. Make sure all the rollers turn easily, and the bunks and bunk covering are in good shape.

The first launch of the season will go smoothly, and everything on the boat will be ready to go, when you do what's needed to give yourself and your family a trouble-free boating season.

Junes Jokes
P/C June Reasons, P



For those of you who were wondering.....Here is what a Grandparent is:

(Taken from papers written by a class of 8-year-olds)

Grandparents are a lady and a man who have no little children of their own. They like other people's.

A grandfather is a man, & a grandmother is a lady!

Grandparents don't have to do anything except be there when we come to see them. They are so old they shouldn't play hard or run.

It is good if they drive us to the shops and give us money.

When they take us for walks, they slow down past things like pretty leaves and caterpillars.

They show us and talk to us about the colors of the flowers and also why we shouldn't step on "cracks".

They don't say, "Hurry up."

Usually grandmothers are fat but not too fat to tie your shoes.

They wear glasses and funny underwear.

Grandparents don't have to be smart.

They have to answer questions like, "Why isn't God married?" and "How come dogs chase cats?"

When they read to us, they don't skip. They don't mind if we ask for the same story over again.

Everybody should try to have a grandmother, especially if you don't have television because they are the only grownups who like to spend time with us.

They know we should have a snack time before bed time, and they say prayers with us and kiss us even when we've acted bad.

Grandpa is the smartest man on earth! He teaches me good things, but I don't get to see him enough to get as smart as him!

It's funny when they bend over; you hear gas leaks, and they blame their dog.

Ship's Store
P/C Diana
Thompson, AP



With the warmer weather upon us, please keep your Ship's Store in mind for new short sleeve shirts, hats and visors. If you have special requests, please don't hesitate to call me (see end of article for contact information).

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.



*Annual Cape Lookout
Summer Solstice Cruise for
Shallow Draft Vessels*

*Wednesday, June 19th
“Inside” Route
Depart Beaufort
City Docks 1100*

*Wear a Bathing Suit,
Wade to Shore,
Bring a picnic
It’s a magical place!*

Activities

- Karl Lichty (the “LuSea”) will lead a day-cruise to Cape Lookout. The shallowest anticipated water is 3 ft. The Solstice is on the 21st, but we’re taking advantage of the tides on the 19th.
- Enjoy the beach inside the Cape or take a short walk to the Atlantic Ocean. Tour the Visitor’s Center. Climb the lighthouse with advance reservations, www.nps.gov/caloc/index.htm (closed-toe shoes required). Boats will depart for home mid-afternoon.
- Sign-up with Karl: karlkorker@yahoo.com (include your cell phone no.), cell 805-451-8984

Launch Options – Wildlife Ramps

- Oriental (meet the “LuSea” at 0930)
- Radio Island, Morehead City
- Town Creek or Taylor Creek, Beaufort
- Boats will rendezvous at the **Beaufort City Docks, 1100**. Hail the “**Cape Lookout Adventurers**” on Channel 16; then switch to 71. Karl’s cell: (805) 451-8984.

This is a very fun day! Boats will head towards the Beaufort inlet, follow Shackelford Island, cut across to Harkers Island and follow the aids to navigation to Cape Lookout. We may have to push off a shoal or two so carry a push pole or poling oar. A second “picnic” anchor is beneficial at the Cape to keep stern to shore (Med-style). The cruise is subject to weather cancellation; check e-mail Wednesday morning 0800!

Invited clubs: *New Bern Yacht Club, Cape Lookout Sail & Power Squadron, Newcomers Boating Club.*

“Solstice” is an astronomical term derived from the Latin sol (sun) and sistere (to stand still). At Summer Solstice, the earth is tilted in orbit with the Northern Hemisphere at its closest point to the sun. Directly overhead at “high” noon, the sun appears to stop and stand still before reversing direction.

Districts 5 and 27
Crossing Paths Reunion Rendezvous
8-11 August 2013
Bay Creek Marina and Resort, Cape Charles, Virginia

Accommodations

Bay Creek Marina – 1-757-331-8640

Slip rental \$2.50 per ft per day, 30 amp - \$8.00 pd, 50 amp - \$12.00 pd
Individual must call to make slip arrangements

Hotel Cape Charles – 235 Mason Ave, Cape Charles, Va 1-757-695-3854

Beautiful ultra-modern rooms, \$3.5 million renovation completed last year. Only 16 rooms available, includes complimentary light breakfast and Wi-Fi.

Bay Creek Resort – www.baycreekresort.com or **1-757-331-8750** or **1-757-331-8756** (Skya Church). Various size homes within walking distance to the marina. Web site has information and pictures of the homes. Groups can pair up to rent these lovely homes. There may be a discount option if USPS rent enough of these homes through the Bay Creek Resort Rental Property.

Shore Stay Suites – www.shorestaysuites.com or **1-757-331-4090**

This all suite hotel is located on Highway 13 only 3 miles from Cape Charles business area. Each suite has a full kitchen with full size appliances.

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www.thebaywood.com

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www.capecharleshouse.com

Chesapeake Bay View B&B – 212 Bay Ave, Cape Charles 1-757-331-2087

www.chesapeakebayview.com

Fig Street Inn – 711 Tazewell Ave, Cape Charles 1-757-331-3133

www.figstreetinn.com

Sea Gate B&B – 9 Tazewell Ave, Cape Charles 1-757-331-2206

www.seagatebb.com

Campgrounds

Cherrystone Family Camping Resort – 1511 Townfield Dr, Cape Charles 1-757-331-3063

www.cherrystoneva.com This camping resort offers tent sites, RV sites, cottages, cabins and on-site trailers to rent.

Kiptopeke State Park – 3540 Kiptopeke Dr, Cape Charles 1-800-933-PARK or 1-757-331-2267

www.dcr.virginia.gov/parks/kiptopek.htm

This camping park is located about 10 miles from Bay Creek Marina.

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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-
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