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Upcoming Events:

Monday, January 5, 1800
CLSPS ExComm Meeting
Cdr Fretwell's House,

Saturday, January 10, 0900
D/27 Winter Training
Resurrection Lutheran
Church, Cary, NC.
Open to all members and
incoming bridge members.
More information will be in The
Carolina Bitts and on the D/27
Website

Monday, January 19
Annual Dinner Meeting
The Flame Restaurant
5 PM – Social Hour
6 PM – Dinner
7 PM – Meeting

Monday, February 2
CLSPS ExComm Meeting
Place TBD

Saturday, February 21, 5PM
Change of Watch
Emerald At Greenbrier

Commander Wayne Fretwell and Elaine Get Married



**Christy Acosta (Elaine's daughter and Matron
of Honor), Elaine, Dr Laura Johnson (Minister),
Wayne, and Dave Underwood (Best Man)**

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**Commander's
Report**

Cdr Wayne Fretwell, P



I hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year and that many of you were able to attend the New Bern Christmas Flotilla and the Dinner at Silos in Oriental after the parade there. Elaine and I enjoyed our Honeymoon Cruise through the Caribbean and up the Amazon River. We had lots of great adventures.

Our January meeting is the Annual Meeting at which we elect our new Bridge for 2015-2016. I hope to see you there for this special meeting and at which this year's officers will give a report on their year's activities. Be sure to sign up with our AO Jim Reynolds as indicated elsewhere in this newsletter.

Make plans now to attend the Change of Watch Saturday, February 21, at the Emerald Club. This should be a great event as planned by Elaine and her committee. At this event current officers will be relieved of their duties and the new officers will assume them and thanks will be given to this year's personnel who contributed to the success of this year. Our current District 27 Commander, Bert Pearson, will be our D27 representative and conduct the Installation of new officers. Be sure to respond to Linda Tobacco that you will attend using the application form which will be sent out separately.



Oriental Christmas Parade Dragon

Education

Department

P/D/C Mike
McCulley, JN



Fellow Cape Lookout Sail & Power Squadron members, this is my final Outlook article as Squadron Education Officer. I think we accomplished a lot in the area of boating education over the past 11 months, especially in educating non-USPS members. But, I think we could have done more training internally if there had been greater interest from our members to improve their knowledge and experience in boating. So, I ask you to pursue increasing your knowledge through the courses provided by USPS and let Richard Tobacco, nominee as your next SEO, know what your goals are so that he can plan courses during 2015.

As you probably know, I have volunteered to be nominated as your Commander next year. I ask for your vote and look forward to being elected and serving. Leadership is a trait I have learned through many years of experience. As many of you know, I previously served as Commander of Cape Lookout Squadron and Commander of USPS District 27 during 2011-12 after serving as the District's Administrative and Executive Officer. Additionally, I was an officer in the U.S. Marine Corps for 21 years. But regardless of my experience, the measure of our success next year as a squadron depends primarily on your willingness to participate in our activities, especially the bi-monthly meetings. I do not understand why a squadron as large as ours has less than 25 people attend a meeting. Last month, Commander Fretwell described in the Outlook a problem we've had because so few members are attending our dinner meetings. This has required the squadron to make up the difference in the cost because we must pay for 35 dinners at the Flame. This situation cannot continue. We changed to having only 6 meetings annually

several years ago because members complained about the cost of paying for a meal every month. If this situation doesn't change now, we will have no choice but to look for a site to have non-meal meetings and Cape Lookout might end up on the USPS "squadron at risk" list. Please consider increasing your attendance at our meetings!

Administration

Officer

Lt/C Jim Reynolds P



Happy New Year! I wanted to mention that we had a great turn out for dinner at Persimmons for the New Bern Flotilla and hope that some of you were able to make it to the Christmas Parade held in Oriental.

For the month of January, we have a membership meeting planned for the 19th (please note that the last copy of "The Outlook" had incorrectly listed it for the 17th). Below are the details:

Membership Meeting - January 19, 2015

Location: The Flame

Agenda: Elections

The evening's schedule includes:

- 5:00 PM - Social with cash bar
- 5:45 PM - Salads and Rolls served
- 6:00 to 7:00 PM - Dinner Served
- 7:00 to 9:00 PM - Meeting

\$22 per person

Please RSVP with payment if possible to Jim Reynolds prior to the meeting.

Our Change of Watch meeting will be held at The Emerald Golf Club on February 21st and will be starting at 5 PM. Further details will be provided in the next issue of The Outlook.

Oriental 2014 Christmas Parade



Vessel Safety Check Program



Are You Ready for the Boating Season?

In Coastal Carolina the boating season is always “just around the corner”. So before you take that boat out for the first time do a vessel safety check to include the following:

Required Items:

- Correct display of numbers
- Registration/Documentation
- Personal Flotation Devices (PFD)
- Visual Distress Signals
- Fire Extinguishers
- Ventilation
- Backfire Flame Control
- Sound Producing Device/Bell
- Navigation Lights
- Pollution Placard (as applicable)
- MARPOL Trash Placard (as applicable)
- Navigation Rules (as applicable)
- State and/or Local Requirements
- Overall Vessel Condition
 - Deck Free of hazards/Clean Bilge
 - Electrical – Fuel systems
 - Galley – heating Systems

Recommended Items:

- Marine Radio
- Dewatering Device & Backup
- Mounted Fire Extinguishers
- Anchor and Line for Area
- First Aid and PIW Kits (one extra wearable PFD and a throwable type IV PFD with line)
- Inland Visual Distress Signals
- Capacity/ Certificate of Compliance

Would You Like to have Fun?

Our Vessel Safety Check Team is always open to new members who enjoy the thrill of boating, like to see many nice vessels, and have some extra time (the amount of time is dependent on your personal schedule). We will have a kick off session in the early spring to bring everyone up to speed so let Larry Lovvorn know of your interest in joining this valuable asset in the marine environment.

Do You Have A Paddle Craft?

Our VSC Team also does a review on Paddle Craft to include the following:

Safety Requirements:

- Sound Signal
- Life Jackets
- Overall Vessel Condition
 - Hull and deck sound
 - Hatch covers
 - Deck lines and Bungee cords
 - Hardware secure
 - Bulkheads/Air bags/Flotation
 - Paddle/Oars
- Navigation lights; white lights
- Visual distress signals
- State and/or local requirements

Other Recommendations:

- Dressed for immersion/helmet
- Personal ID on operator
- Float plan with someone on shore
- Adequate food and water/sun protection
- Assess the risk/good awareness
- High visibility clothing
- Appropriate emergency kit (might include first aid kit, knife, repair kit, etc.)
- Appropriate self rescue system/skills
- Contact information affixed to craft
- Accident reporting
- Anchor lights (If applicable)

Our Annual Meeting is January 19, 2015. This is your chance to vote for our new Bridge and Executive Committee Officers.

CLSPS 2015–2016 Office Candidates

Commander
Executive Officer
Squadron Education Officer
Administrative Officer
Treasurer
Secretary
Executive Committee:

Stephen Dark
Marty Warner
Bill Reasons
June Reasons

Mike McCulley
Jim Reynolds
Richard Tobacco
Neal Byrne
Lloyd Moore
Jane Moore

Cooperative Charting

Our squadron needs to do some Cooperative Charting for the current charting year, which ends on 31 March 2015. There are some activities we can do that don't require boating; a good example is submitting Small Craft Facility reports. These are surveys of those marinas that are listed on the Small Craft charts; in our area the ICW charts are the only ones that list facilities, such as #11541, "Intracoastal Waterway from Neuse River to Myrtle Grove Sound."

Since the marinas in New Bern are not part of this chart, we are not able to submit reports for these, and we will have to make a trip to other marinas to get their reports. Small Craft facilities can only be reported once a year, and there is a list available of the recently reported facilities.

If you'd like to take a road trip with me to survey some facilities, please let me know.

Lloyd Moore

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<http://www.clsps.org>

P/C William J. Ash,
SN, H



WHEN YOU HAVE TIME ON YOUR HANDS

P/C WILLIAM J. ASH SN, H

“Horatio, what happened to 2014? I know we have discussed the subject of time and how it seems to pass much quicker the older one gets. Nevertheless, I’m stunned by my inability to comprehend just how quickly it leaves.” I was comfortably seated in my study with my good chum who chose to stand by the French doors, scanning the fresh winter landscape. The oaks, maples and dogwoods stood naked in front of the threatening sky.

“I thank you, P/C, for opening your quarters to me. I am indebted to you for allowing me to stay at Waldhaus Ash during the colder months of the year. If my joints could speak, they would agree in totality. Thanks to Lt. Bush for his unswerving devotion to duty in maintaining command of Lydia while I’m here.

“You speak of time, a concept associated with activities here on our home planet, Earth. Indeed, time fascinates me as well.”

“Once, many years ago, my thoughts wandered into geological time and how it relates to time since the birth of Christ, something we can get our hooks into. Sounds confusing, Captain, so let me explain what I was trying to compare.

“What length of time does Christianity represent in the total geological age of planet Earth? Just follow along to see where I’m going with this, as hard as it may be!

“Our planet is approximately 15 billion years of age, that’s 15,000,000,000 years. Christianity is a tinch more than 2000 years of age which is $1/7,500,000$ of the 15 billion. I think I’m right. If we figure one day to be the equivalent of 15 billion years, what part of that

day represents the period of Christianity? I’ve come up with the figure of 0.0115 seconds. There are 86,400 seconds in one day, the length of time we have given to represent 15 billion years. The length of time given Christianity on this scale is 0.0115 seconds. That’s about a ‘fft’ in speech time, not even. Some day I’ll figure out, using that same scale, the number of seconds since the appearance of Homo sapiens.”

“On a different tack, P/C, do you have any figures which would give us an appreciation of the speeds our planet endures as it ‘floats’ through the universe?”

“I believe Earth’s speed, while orbiting the sun, is in the neighborhood of 66,960 miles per hour. I forget where I dug up this statistic, but that going like sixty. Captain, along with this speed is another, the speed of the rotation of Earth on its axis. At the equator I learned, somewhere, the speed to be about 1,042 miles per hour; At our north latitude of 35 degrees the speed of rotation is approximately 800 miles per hour. It’s amazing we don’t fly off our earthly platform and set off into space. We are not even aware of any of this. And what attributes to our standing firm? It must be the forces of gravity.

“Horatio, I shouldn’t be talking about stuff like this. Remember, I concentrated on genetics, endocrinology and pathology during my spurt on the planet. And, I retired 24 years ago when genetics had little resemblance to what we see today. I have my own personal time scale which I tell only to my friends. First came Gregor Mendel, then Darwin followed by yours truly. Honestly, all this happened in a blur.”

“P/C, how did this conversation get started?”

“I believe I said it was time for some ripe Stilton with a belt of chilled Riesling. Come along, let’s see what we can find in the galley down below!”

**Happy Birthday
to the Following
Members**



January

Ellis Jr, Glover L. — January 1
Fleckenstein, James A. — January 4
Lind, Eric — January 5
Long, Bonnie Lou — January 9
Gewain, William J. — January 11
Hawkins, Paul P. — January 19
Parker Jr., Charles N. — January 19
Warner, Marty — January 19

**Al & Ginny Springer launched their
Power Cat, Silver Voyager, Dec 2014**



Junes Jokes
P/C June Reasons, P



'Lexophile' is a word used to describe those that have a love for words, such as: You can tune a piano, but you can't tuna fish, or To write with a broken pencil is pointless.

- .. When fish are in schools, they sometimes take debate.
- .. A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.
- .. When the smog lifts in Los Angeles U.C.L.A.
- .. The batteries were given out free of charge.
- .. A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.
- .. A will is a dead giveaway.
- .. With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.
- .. A boiled egg is hard to beat.
- .. When you've seen one Shopping Center you've seen a mall.
- .. Police were called to a day care Center where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.
- .. Did you hear about the fellow whose whole left side was cut off? He's all right now.
- .. A bicycle can't stand alone; it is two tired.
- .. When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.
- .. The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine is now fully recovered.
- .. He had a photographic memory which was never developed.
- .. When she saw her first strands of grey hair she thought she'd dye.
- .. Acupuncture is a jab well done. That's the point of it.
- .. Those who get too big for their pants will be exposed in the end.

January Annual Dinner Meeting Registration Form

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

Monday, January 19, 2015

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

This is our annual Meeting where we vote on our new Bridge!

Please send your check prior to Friday, January 16, 2015 to:

Jim Reynolds
6002 Brig Court
New Bern, NC 28560

Please make check payable to CLSPS.

Name(s): _____

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



Do you need anything from the Ship's Store? What about a new knit shirt? They come in various colors. Ask me and I will show/tell you what is available. Also, we now carry ladies shirts with more of a "v" neck style. There have been requests for this style. See them at the next membership meeting, and see what nice colors they come in. If a burgee is starting to show its age, a new one would probably be most welcome. For any 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, navy, and other colors by request.

Sizes:

Ladies: Sm., Med., Lg., X-Lg., 2X, and 3X.

Men's: Sm., Med., Lg., X-Lg., 2X and 3X.

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 X-Lg 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.

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 email me at michris@embarqmail.com. If you send an email and I do not contact you in a timely manner, please call me as it might not have gone through.

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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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