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Saturday, 5 December New Bern Christmas Flotilla Persimmons Restaurant – See Page 3

Monday, 7 December, 5:30 **CLSPS ExComm Mtg** Christ Episcopal Church Library in the Parish Hall Bldg

Saturday, 12 December Spirit of Christmas @ Oriental Dinner & Silo Restaurant

Tuesday, 22 December, 5-8 PM CLSPS Christmas Pot Luck Diner and Social Fairfield Harbour Community Center, See page 4

Monday, 4 January, 2016 CLSPS ExComm Mtg Christ Episcopal Church Library in the Parish Hall Bldg Meet for dinner at Chelsea, 5:30

Monday, 18 January, 2016 CLSPS Annual Dinner Meting Chelsea, See page 8

Saturday, 6 February CLSPS Change of Watch The Chelsea

CLSPS Fall Picnic



Front row: Bill Reasons, Zoe Oltz, Linda Whitley, June Reasons, Julie Mincy.

Back row: Ed & Sue Gagnon, Ray Whitley, Neal Byrne, Lloyd Moore, Don Oltz, Wayne & Elaine Fretwell, Ken

Mercy

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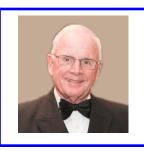
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Commander's Report

Cdr Mike McCulley, JN



As we approach the end of another year in Cape Lookout Sail & Power Squadron, I want to take this opportunity to thank not only members who have served in either leadership or support roles this past year but also those of you who participated in the squadron activities. Much of our success can be attributed to the dedication, enthusiasm and hard work of our Bridge officers, classroom instructors, committee chairpersons and many volunteers. But, the participation of members who don't serve in leadership roles is just as important to the health of an organization as the efforts of its leaders. I have very much appreciated those of you who attended squadron activities and regret that some of our members have so far chosen to not participate in anything. You have an outstanding group of people who have been nominated to lead the squadron next year. There's no better way to show support for our new leaders than by being present at the Annual Meeting on January 18, 2016 for the election and the Change of Watch on February 6, 2016 for the installation of officers.

Executive Officer Lt/C Jim Reynolds P



Based on the great time that everyone had last year, we have once again reserved spaces at Persimmons for dinner and to watch the Christmas Flotilla in downtown New Bern on Saturday December 5th. Our reservations start at 5 PM but please be aware that with a big influx of customers at the same time, there will be some delays in getting everyone served in a timely manner. This is a very popular event and Persimmons does everything they can to keep an open menu and still get everyone served.

Also, to ensure that you will be seated, it is very important that you get back to me with your RSVP prior to December 3rd. Per Persimmons request, we will only be holding seat reservations for those who let me know in advance that they will be attending. Hope to see you there!

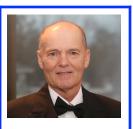
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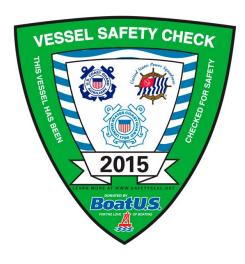




An invitation to all members. I know that most of you already know, but our by-laws state that Executive Committee meetings are open to all members. With busy lives, it may be too time consuming to take a position on the Executive Committee or hold an office on the bridge, but it is always an option to sit in on a meeting occasionally to see just how the organization functions from an administrative viewpoint. The meetings are always interesting. The Executive Committee meetings are normally held on the first Monday of each month. The squadron commander calls the meeting to order at seven pm and calls on the department heads to give their reports. The discussions invariably cover a wide range of subjects from upcoming activities to squadron finances. Seldom do the meetings run more than an hour.

The one theme that is always evident is the more the ExComm does the more there is to do and the more help that is needed. We are fortunate to have some very active members and officers who make it a pleasure to assist them. So if you are interested in seeing how the sausage is made, shoot me an e-mail or phone call and I will give you the time and place for the next ExComm meeting. If attending is not in the cards, as a member you are still entitled to read the minutes of the meeting. Just let me know and I will be happy to forward the minutes to you when they are available.

Most times some of those attending find time to eat dinner at a restaurant close by either just prior to the meeting or afterwards. Downtown New Bern has a number of places which are great for just a sit down meal and we would welcome you to join us. Please consider attending at least one ExComm meeting in the coming year.



Vessel Safety Check Program

2015 resulted in the highest number of vessel Safety Checks done by the team from CLSPS — 342!



We We are having a CHRISTMAS PARTY!

Date/Time: Tuesday evening, December 22, 2015, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Location: Fairfield Harbour Community Center

Format: Potluck, members should bring either a covered dish or a dessert

Provided: Ice, soft drinks, iced tea, coffee, water, cups, plates and plastic ware

Alcoholic Beverages are permitted, BYOB

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Note: There are kitchen facilities; stove, microwave, refrigerator and dishwasher

In the Christmas Spirit, please bring a non-perishable food item for donation to a local charity

Please RSVP prior to December 15, 2015 You may call or e-mail Neal Byrne e-mail nrbii@yahoo.com cell 413-283-9554

Booster Club

Only a small portion (about \$17) of our dues to USPS is returned to the Cape Lookout Squadron. We need help keeping our books in the Black. Please contribute to the Booster Club. Any amount is helpful, but \$10 per person is a suggested amount.

CLSPS 2015 Booster Club Members

Wayne & Elaine Fretwell
Mike & Carolyn McCulley
Lloyd & Jane Moore
Rob & Diana Thompson
Bill & June Reasons
Dick & Catherine Ewan
Marty & Tiki Warner
Neal & Valerie Byrne
Richard & Linda Tobacco
Al & Ginny Springer

District 27 Leadership Training in Cary, NC



June & Bill Reasons, and Jane Moore

Happy Birthday to the Following Members



November

Rezab, Diana — 1 November
Smith, Owen R. — 1 November
Thompson, Diana — 1 November
Ash, William J. — 3 November
Moore, Jane — 3 November
Lovvorn, Larry B. — 5 November
Dugan III, James F. — 10 November
Tobacco, Linda B. – 12 November
Weiner, Sid — 13 November
Maravelas, George B. — 22 November

December

Cornford, Frederick D, — 1 December Moore, Lloyd A. — 1 December Reasons, William E. — 2 December Skrotsky, Christine — 6 December Starr, Sherrie — 6 December Geiling, Donald W. — 15 December Rice, Van Allen — 22 December



Jim Starr at November Dinner Mtg

P/C William J. Ash, SN, H



DECEMBER 2015, CHRISTMAS WILL SOON BE HERE

P/C WILLIAM J. ASH SN, H

I have difficulty adjusting to the autumnal time change, the falling back of our clocks by an hour, bringing darkness to *Waldhaus Ash* when I want to get things done after my midafternoon nap. Sounds complicated, but really it is not. Some afternoons I fail to take that nap so I stagger around the property or down by the *Jolly Tar* expecting to get much accomplished. It simply does not work. I cannot coordinate my thoughts with my muscular activity. Having peripheral neuropathy helps not one little bit. So does the lightheadedness which accompanies old age.

I'm trying to get my wits about stringing Christmas lights on one or two shrubs in front of our Gasthaus. This year Contessa Gwen and I want to enjoy the Christmas spirit as much as possible. My aches and pains added to the above listed ailments make stringing lights on a tall holly bush equivalent to a prolonged root canal. To make my exercises somewhat easier I recently bought myself an early Christmas gift, a mask and snorkel with which to swim with my face in the water. I hate getting water up my nose. Unfortunately, however, my first swim was fraught with difficulty when water collected within my mask nearly killing me. I've been told my response was normal and I just need to practice a bit. A real bit. Oh, oh, here comes my pal Horatio. He appears to be somewhat disturbed.

"P/C, it's only 1630 and darkness is upon us. I can't get much done these days. Leaving my home, HMS *Lydia*, as I do so often to visit here with you, I now find the shadows long and

dreary coming onto the lands around *Waldhaus Ash*. And, my good friend, the shadows are accompanied by much cooler temperatures. One gets used to the summer warmth here in Trent Woods, so when autumn rolls in, my thin blood does not take too happily to a hypothermic existence. Frankly, P/C, right now, I'm absolutely frozen. What do you recommend?"

I knew right off what the blighter was aiming at. "Horatio, you don't fool me. You are looking for a cup of hot coffee spiked with a smidgen of sugar plus a dash of cream and a generous belt of brandy. Am I correct?" The look in his eyes needed no vocal response. Horatio was in desperate need of a cold weather stimulant. "Right, Horatio, right?" I let him smile a moment, eventually giving him the same beverage I was fixing to serve myself. Two rights can't make a wrong, right? We were enjoying our treats when I switched our conversation from brandy to Christmas.

"Horatio, I'm hoping friends will stop by, without invitation, to reminisce the good times of yesteryear and to count our blessings to have lived as long as we have. Christmas is a time for love and understanding, for giving and receiving, for laughing and for prayer. Let's you and I join with Gwen, Annalee, Bill, Jim, Lydia and the *Jolly Tar* in wishing all our friends and relatives, A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A MOST BLESSED AND HAPPY NEW YEAR. MAY OUR GOD LOOK UPON US WITH FORGIVENESS AND MERCY, AMEN."



June's Jokes

P/C June Reasons, P



Lexophiles strike again

How does Moses make tea? Hebrews it. Venison for dinner again? Oh deer!

A cartoonist was found dead in his home. Details are sketchy.

I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest. Haunted French pancakes give me the

crêpes.

England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.

I tried to catch some fog, but I mist.

They told me I had type-A blood, but it was a Type-O.

I changed my iPod's name to Titanic. It's syncing now.

Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.

I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid, but he says he can stop any time.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me.

This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.

When chemists die, they barium.

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.

I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.

Why were the Indians here first? They had reservations.

I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.

Did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?

When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.

Broken pencils are pointless.

What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.

I dropped out of communism class because of lousy Marx.

All the toilets in New York's police stations have been stolen. The police have nothing to go on.

I got a job at a bakery because I kneaded dough.

Velcro - what a rip off!

November Dinner Meeting





Al Fowler speaking about his Hurricane Hunter Experiences



Sherrie Star talks and about Poster rules

January Annual Dinner Meeting Registration Form

Monday, January 18, 2016
The Chelsea, 335 Middle Street, New Bern, NC
1700–Social Hour 1800–Dinner 1900–Meeting and Members' Activity
Please send your check, made payable to CLSPS,
prior to Thursday, January 14, 2016 to:

Lt/C Neal Byrne 6115 Castleton Court New Bern, NC 28560

Dinner will include Mixed Green Salad with House Vinaigrette, Dinner Rolls with Butter, Iced Tea, Coffee and Water, and Chocolate Tuxedo Cake

Main Course choices are:

Broiled Maryland Crab Cake with Rice Pilaf and Sautéed House Vegetables Chicken Marsala with Garlic Smashed Potatoes and Sautéed House Vegetables Shrimp New Orleans Pasta

Name(s):						_	
Please indicate Dinner Choic	e:	Crab cake _	;	Chicken	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Shrimp	
Number attending x \$23.50 each = Amount enclosed \$							



Star Flyer in Tenerife, Canaries

Tallest of the Tall Ships—62 meters mast height

Ships Store

P/C Diana Thompson, AP





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).

There are a few used items for free if anyone is interested:

Ladies: Small, dark blue pullover windbreaker by Timberline

Men's: White, long sleeve dress shirt, size 18 1/2, 32/33 Aviator/Van Huesen

Long, white pants size 36W, 32 L

Black Dress Uniform-----jacket, size 42-44, pants, size 36W, 30 L

If interested, call Diana Thompson (252-638-2565) 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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