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## The Outlook



**Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron, District 27**

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### Upcoming Events:

**Lt/C Jane and Lt/C Lloyd Moore attended the USPS, District 27 Fall Council/Conference**

Monday, 7 November, 1900

#### **CLSPS ExComm Mtg**

Christ Episcopal Church Library in  
the Parish Hall Bldg

Pre-Dinner: Beer Army, 1730

Monday, 21 November

#### **November Dinner Meeting**

The Chelsea

1700 — Social Hour

1800 — Dinner

1900 — Meeting

Speaker: Travis Graves, Lower

Neuse Riverkeeper

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Saturday, December 3, 1700

#### **New Bern Christmas Flotilla**

Contact Jane Moore to make your  
reservations at Persimmons & watch  
Flotilla from there. See Admin  
Article

Monday, 5 December, 1900

#### **CLSPS ExComm Mtg**

Christ Episcopal Church Library in  
the Parish Hall Bldg

Pre-Dinner: Morgan's 1730

Sunday, December 11, 1700

#### **CLSPS Christmas Party**

Fairfield Harbor—See Admin article



**Lt/C Jane Moore accepts the Coop Charting  
Program Honor Roll Certificate for our Squadron**

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Looking for additional Boating Activities? Check out District 27's newsletter, The Carolina BITTS. Carolina BITTS is produced quarterly and contains the upcoming events for each of the squadrons within D27. All squadrons welcome visitors to their events from outside USPS members. The Carolina BITTS is accessible online at <http://www.uspsd27.org/newsletter.htm>.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our membership dinner at The Chelsea restaurant on 21 November. Our guest speaker for the evening will be Travis Graves, Lower Neuse River Keeper.

Former CLSPS member, **Rudolph Carl Ramcke, AP**, died Thursday, November 3, 2016 at Hillcrest, Raleigh. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church, New Bern Yacht Club, Grumman – North Grumman Retiree Club, Eastern Carolina Chapter and an active member of the Riverbend community.

## Administrative Officer

Lt/C Jane Moore, AP



P/C Moore and I attended the D27 Fall Conference and Council the weekend of 14, 15 October after Hurricane Matthew came through our state. We were diverted off Highway 64 onto roads less traveled and it took over six hours to arrive at our destination. Cape Lookout Sail & Power Squadron received a certificate for the Cooperative Charting Program Honor Roll. At the awards luncheon, it was my honor to receive a plaque for 50 Years Membership on behalf of one of our members, P/C Asa B. Dail, AP. We will present it to Asa at the November dinner meeting.



Lt/C Jane Moore with P/C Dail's 50 Year award

St/C Ken Link, SN of the Fort Macon Squadron, gave a presentation on creating the Speaker's Bureau for D27 and is still looking for a representative from each of the twenty Squadrons. Ken's email is [seaclef@coastalnet.com](mailto:seaclef@coastalnet.com) and phone is 252 726-0630 if you would like more information.

Our demonstration cooking class is now planned at the Spice Bouquet in Kinston for Tuesday, 15 November from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Nineteen Squadron members are attending. If you would like to join us, please let me know as soon as possible.

The speaker at our November 21 dinner meeting will be Travis Graves, Lower Neuse River Keeper. The reservation form is included in the *Outlook*, please return it by 14 November.

We have tentative reservations at Persimmons for Saturday, 3 December, at 5:00 pm for dinner and to watch the New Bern Christmas Flotilla. Please let me know if you are able to attend so I can confirm with Persimmons the number of Squadron members to expect.

On 11 December at 5:00 pm, we reserved the community center at Fairfield Harbour for a Christmas party pot-luck dinner and gift exchange. If you would like to bring a \$10.00 wrapped gift to exchange with our members, please do so. Either email or call me to let me know if you can attend. Thank you.

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<http://www.clsps.org>



## Education Officer

P/C Jim Starr, JN



### Help CLSPS recruit members, plan for 2017

We've just completed another successful ABC class. Thank you to our instructor team of Lloyd Moore, Jim Stevens, and Van Rice, who are doing a great job delivering a quality two-day session. The very popular on-the-water session for this class has been postponed until the river has a chance to clear its pollution and debris from Hurricane Matthew. More about this below.

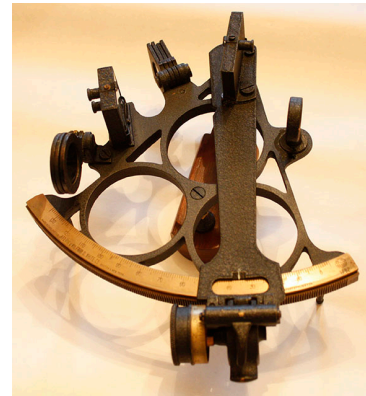
All of our ABC students this time were new to New Bern, and most were new to boating. This meant that ABC was a perfect way to introduce them to our local boating scene and to CLSPS. If you have friends who are new to boating, suggest the ABC course as a way they can learn to be safe and comfortable on the water. And then help recruit them as new members.

Our planned Cruising & Cruise Planning class was cancelled because no one in the squadron signed up. This was disappointing, because in addition to enthusiastic instructor Ed Gagnon, we had cruising couples signed up to talk about their experiences cruising to Ocracoke, Albemarle Sound, Chesapeake Bay, and Florida. We'll try this again next year if there is interest then.

We're beginning to plan for 2017's education program. It is very important that you let me know by the end of the year which courses you'd like to see offered next year, and what your preferences are on scheduling them (evenings, weekends, weekdays, what time of year, etc.) If you are not sure what courses you should be

looking at, give me a call and we'll get together to put a plan together for you. Even if you are the only one interested in a particular class, we can arrange for you to complete it. A good place to start perusing our classes is on the CLSPS website under the Education tab.

Hurricane Matthew wreaked havoc on Eastern North Carolina. As the floodwaters subsided, there were impacts on our rivers from pollutants flushed down stream. We are fortunate this month to have Travis Graves, the Lower Neuse Riverkeeper, as our dinner meeting speaker. Travis really understands how our complex river environments work, and can answer your questions about Matthew's impacts, how NC politics are affecting our water quality, and the overall state of the rivers.





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The BITTS is usually published quarterly, and is loaded with information about our District

## Vessel Safety Check Program



**It's not too late to get your boat inspected for 2016**

**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  
Hale, Kyle — 10 November  
Tobacco, Linda B. — 12 November  
Ficken, Rudy — 15 November**



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## Booster Club

Money collected from the Booster Club helps defray the cost of our Dinner Meeting speakers.

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 2016 Booster Club Members**

Lloyd & Jane Moore  
Bill Ash & Lady Gwen  
Neal & Valerie Byrne  
Owen & Carolyn Smith  
Marty & Tiki Warner  
Bill & Sharon Gewain  
Bill & June Reasons  
Wayne & Elaine Fretwell  
Ray & Linda Whitley



**Dutch Clouds**

**P/C William J. Ash,  
SN, H**



## **SEND IN THE CLOUDS**

### **P/C WILLIAM J. ASH SN, H**

Hurricane Matthew's trails of damage and chaos are still apparent in many locations in Craven County. Residents living not far from Waldhaus Ash still dig out from record flooding and over twenty persons in North Carolina have perished. Fortunately, winds in the area blew at a maximum of eighty to ninety knots. Conditions could have been much worse. After the storm passed, the breezes blew lightly and produced a Carolina Blue sky and classic white puffy cumulus clouds, the type which have inspired artists for so many years. Horatio and I are on the poop deck of H.M.S. Lydia transfixed upon the magnificent atmospheric wonders.

"P/C, have you ever been in a cloud? I don't remember being in one, certainly not on the ship. How could I?" Hornblower was forgetting some of his land adventures in higher mountain-altitudes some years ago. Also, how many times was he in a fog at sea level aboard his beloved ship?

"Of course, I've been in clouds many times. Just flying in an airplane offers opportunities to scoot through them. Captain, I can remember flying from Frankfurt, Deutschland to Shannon, Ireland in a propeller driven, three finned Super Constellation, over the English Channel with my late wife, Trudy and Annalee, our 7 week old daughter. The year was 1955. The pilot asked if anyone would like to come to the flight deck and see what we were flying through. What we saw was beyond description. It was like pushing through a snow drift at high speed. I figured we were finished. Obviously, Captain, we made it, but at the time I would have wagered otherwise. It was solid snow, or so it appeared!"

"So you're telling me that cloud weighed something. I see them, right now, flying overhead, just floating above me. They must weigh something; they are all white, with dark bottoms, filled with water, are they? How do you weigh a cloud? P/C I'll bet you can't answer these questions."

Answer these questions? Right now, eh? Frankly, I'm wishing I were someplace else. Years

ago, I was confronted with questions about our universe, and I had not a clue what the answers were. So, considering my education and experience, I responded that I was a leg up on the person flinging questions at me and, "I was in a better position than he to know how much I didn't know, and I know relatively little about anything, considering how much there is to know about whatever it is we are talking about." The chap looked at me through glazed corneas and that was the end of it. He's still wondering if I lost all my clouds.

"Horatio, clouds have mass. They are made up of stuff like water vapor, as liquid or ice, plus various gasses, and gravity imposes itself on things having mass, and that's called weight. I'm not sure how I could weigh a cloud, but let me give you something to ponder.

"Let us suppose that just above my property in Trent Woods floats a cloud whose bottom perimeter equals the perimeter of my property. It is a rain cloud which begins to drop its precipitation. After a while one inch of rain falls; the cloud disappears after emptying (unlikely). My property consists of one acre. How many square feet are there in an acre? Multiply by one inch! Divide by (?) to learn how many cubic feet of rain fell? What's the weight of one cubic foot of rain water (fresh water)? What is the weight of the acre of rain which fell on my property? Assuming gravity was involved, what was the approximate weight of that cloud floating overhead? Would you believe it? And think of 10 inches of rain falling around Waldhaus Ash during the hurricane!"

I know this might be a bit much for those who read for enjoyment, but I needed to note, to persons interested in the Weather Course, and anyone else interested in global cooling (yes the ice is thicker at the poles now) that clouds are pretty amazing things. Not only do they carry snow and ice and water, but they also can be used to predict what kind of weather is coming. Different clouds mean different things. Chances are we will cover something more about clouds in future discussions with Horatio. I'm happy to have you share some time with us aboard H.M.S. Lydia. Should do this more often.

"Horatio, I need a ride back to the yacht club. The sun is headed down, the clocks need resetting (we gain an hour's sleep tonight) and I'm just plain tired. The last couple of weeks have been truly unpleasant plus the engine for the Jolly Tar still is not repaired and I do not venture out on the waters of the Neuse and the Trent without the Iron Breeze for backup. Come on, let's go!"



# River Cruise – Rhine & Mosel April 23 – May 3, 2017

Cape Lookout Sail & Power Squadron hosted a January 2013 [Saint Martin](#) cruise and a November 2015 [Panama Canal](#) cruise with fellow USPS boaters. The past cruises were sailing adventures on 'tall ships' (brigantines). This cruise is something entirely different, but still has the intimacy of small size (80 cabins).

This time the cruise is with **Mayflower Tours**, located in Downers Grove, Illinois. A professional tour manager is on board to ensure all details are taken care of. In addition our newest CLSPS member and owner of **High Country Travel & Tours**, Julie Mincey, will be traveling with us as our personal travel agent. To watch a 5 minute video about the river cruise click on this [link](#).

Even though April 23, 2017 seems far away, past experience shows these cruises fill up quickly and many of the best cabins have already been reserved. If you are interested in this cruise, confirm a cabin now, as the down-payment is fully refundable up to 91days prior to departure.

Call Julie at (252) 631-1003. Not only will you be able to select your cabin, Julie will be able to start working on airline reservations for you. Some cruisers are interested in having a few extra days prior to the cruise - let Julie know if you are interested.

A discription of the itininerary, river-boat, and cost structure (note the '2 for 1' airfare) can be found on our CLSPS [website](#).

This Adventure includes:

- We begin in Lucerne, Switzerland with a two-night stay and touring
- Cruise through the heart of central Europe aboard the MS Emerald Star
- Shore excursions in Lucerne, Strasbourg, Cochem and Cologne
- Narrated cruising through the World Heritage Region of the Rhine River Valley
- A chance to explore the beautiful Reichsburg Castle
- A narrated canal cruise in Amsterdam
- A visit to Keukenhof Gardens at the height of tulip season
- All onboard lunches and dinners are served with complimentary regional wines, beer and soft drinks
- Heated swimming pool, a cinema and complimentary WiFi
- Evening events and Local Insights onboard



## June's Jokes

P/C June Reasons, P



### As I Get Older, I Realize:

1. I talk to myself, because sometimes I need expert advice.
2. Sometimes I roll my eyes out loud.
3. I don't need anger management, I need people to stop teeing me off.
4. My people skills are just fine. It's my tolerance of idiots that needs work.
5. The biggest lie I tell myself is, "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."
6. When I was a child, I thought nap time was punishment. Now it's like a mini-vacation.
7. The day the world runs out of wine is just too terrible to think about.
8. Even duct tape can't fix stupid, but it can muffle the sound.

9. Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for 10 minutes, come out wrinkle-free and 3 sizes smaller?
10. "Getting Lucky" means walking into a room & remembering why I'm in there.
11. I've outgrown a few things in my life---especially my pants.
12. I don't want to say I'm old & worn out, but I make sure I'm no where near the curb on trash day.
13. Young girls are made of sugar & spice & everything nice. I must be made of wine & caffeine & everything mean, because that's what Old BROADS are made of.
14. I thought I was starting to get lazy. But as it turns out, I'm just being energy efficient.
15. You know you're getting old when you have to wear your glasses in the shower to shave your legs.
16. The story of my life---I knew better, but I did it anyway!



**New Bern Christmas Flotilla**



**2015 Christmas Party  
Ed's special Chowder!**

**District 27 of the United States Power Squadrons:**  
**<http://www.uspsd27.org/>**

For tons of information about what's going on in our own District 27, take a look at their website.





## Cape Lookout Sail & Power Squadron

November Dinner Meeting

Registration Form

Monday, 21 November 2016

The Chelsea, 335 Middle Street, New Bern, NC

1700 Social Hour    1800 Dinner    1900 Meeting

Our Speaker is Travis Graves, Lower Neuse Riverkeeper — Topic: Lower Neuse River



Dinner Includes: Mixed Green Salad with House Vinaigrette, Dinner Rolls with Butter  
Iced Tea, Coffee and Water, Chocolate Tuxedo Cake for dessert

### Entrée Choice:

Bacon Wrapped Pork Mignons with Garlic Smashed Potatoes and Sautéed Green Beans

Brown Butter Barbecue Chicken, Creamy Grits, Sautéed Green Beans

Shrimp and Grits

Names(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Please initial Dinner Choice: Pork \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Shrimp & Grits \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ x \$23.50 each = Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*The Chelsea requests a head count one week before, so please send your entrée choice and check, made payable to CLSPS, by Monday, 14 November 2016 to:*

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## 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).

**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.

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**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](mailto: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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