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

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, 21 January

D27 Training (rescheduled)

Cary, NC

Monday, 23 January

Annual Dinner Meeting

The Chelsea

1700 — Social Hour

1800 — Dinner

1900 — Meeting

Speaker: Ed Gagnon-Cuba Visit

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Monday, 30 January, 1730

CLSPS Planning Meeting

Carolina Grill (James City)

Monday, 6 February, 1900

CLSPS ExComm Mtg

Christ Episcopal Church Library in
the Parish Hall Bldg

Pre-Dinner: Morgans 1730

19-26 February

USPS 2017 Annual Meeting

Orlando, FL

Saturday, 18 February, 1700

CLSPS Change of Watch

New Bern Golf & Country Club

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Friday-Sunday, 17-19 March

D27 Annual Meeting

DoubleTree, New Bern

CLSPS Christmas Party

December 11, 2016



Ed Gagnon, Sherrie Starr, and Lloyd Moore

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Because of the winter storm, Helena, D27 Winter training has been rescheduled for Saturday, January 21 at the Resurrection Lutheran Church School in Cary, NC. Please see D27 website if you would like to register.

The Youth Poster contest will be judged at that meeting. We had over one hundred poster entries from the Epiphany School of Global Studies for ages 6 to 8, and ages 9 to 11. Our sincere thanks to Sherrie Starr for working with the school to make this possible, and Sherrie's committee of Elaine Lechner, Wayne Fretwell and Tandy Hale, for selecting the first, second and third place winners in each age group. CLSPS will attend the award ceremony later this month at Epiphany to present the students with their certificate of participation and monetary award.

On Sunday, December 11th our Squadron members met for a Christmas party pot-luck dinner and gift exchange at the Fairfield Harbour Community Center.



Jim Starr and Tandy & Kyle Hale

Education Officer

P/C Jim Starr, JN



2017 Class Input Needed; Review of Splicing Modern Ropes

Reminder: I need input on what classes/ seminars you are interested for next year! Give me a call or send me an email.

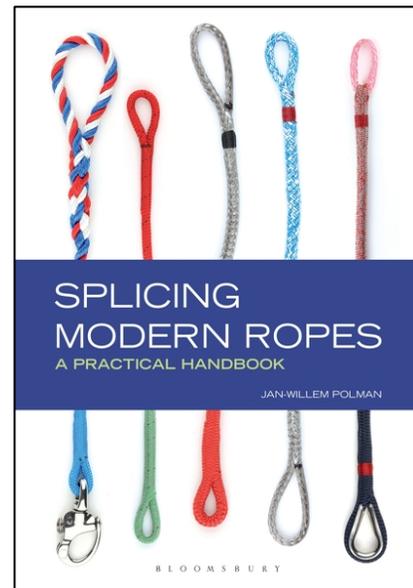
I've always enjoyed making my own dock lines, sheets, halyards, anchor lines, tow lines, etc. When I started splicing my own lines, the primary rope options for boaters were twisted three-strand nylon for dock and anchor lines, polypropylene for things like tow lines that need to float, and double-braid polyester for everything else. So I needed to be able to do three splices — three-strand and polypropylene were relatively simple; polyester double-braid much more complicated.

In the last few years, many new rope types using "high tech" fibers have come on the market. These ropes have properties that make them superior for some applications, especially on sailboats. Dyneema, for example, is as strong as steel cable of the same diameter, has very low stretch, is extremely UV resistant, and is much easier to splice than the double-braid polyester it often replaces. (it's also more expensive.) But the issue for me was always how to select the right high-tech rope for my application, and how to splice it for maximum strength and longevity.

Splicing Modern Ropes – A Practical Handbook, by Dutch author Jan-Willem Polman has all the answers. It starts with a discussion of all modern fibers and how they are used to make rope. Following this discussion are chapters on how to select the rope for your application and the tools and techniques you need. The rest of the book is dedicated to

providing practical guidance on how to do eye splices in any type of rope, how to make Dyneema soft shackles, how to taper sheets and halyards, how to strengthen lines, how to make continuous loops, how to reeve new halyards, and how to make superior whippings. Parts of this material are available in other publications or on line, but I haven't seen it all together in the same place before. It's comprehensive, with no extra verbiage. Just great explanations and step-by-step pictures that make thing easy.

This book is now my go-to reference for rope projects. I highly recommend it!



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



Vessel Safety Check Program

THINK SAFE CHOOSE THE RIGHT PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICE

Although the different types of inflatable PFDs are intended for use in the same areas as the inherently buoyant types of PFDs, the characteristics of these kinds of PFDs are different. For Types I, II and III, the lower the type number, the better the PFDs performance. These kinds of PFDs have the following differences:

PFD CHARACTERISTICS

INHERENTLY BUOYANT PFDs:

- adult and child sizes
- types for swimmers and nonswimmers
- five Types: 4 wearable and 1 throwable
- foam filled: will float without action by the wearer
- some made for water sports; see the label

INFLATABLE PFDs

- adult sizes only
- not recommended for non swimmers
- no throwable types
- oral and manual inflation as a minimum
- not for water sports like skiing or for personal water craft use

HYBRID PFDs

- both adult and child sizes
- combines inherently buoyant flotation material with inflatable bladder for extra lift
- adult and child sizes for swimmers and non swimmers. Wearable types only
- oral inflation as a minimum

HOW MANY PFDs DO YOU NEED?

The USCG says you must have USCG approved PFDs on your recreational boat. How many and what type PFDs you'll need depends on the number of people on board, the size and type of your boat, and the kind of boating you do.

YOU MUST HAVE one of the following wearable PFDs for each person on Board:

- Off-Sore Life Jacket (Type I)
- Near-shore Buoyant Vest (Type II)
- Flotation Aid (Type III)
- Wearable special Use Device (Type V)

If your boat is 16 feet or longer (excluding canoes and Kayaks), you must also have at least one of the following:

- Throwable Device (Type IV)*
- Throwable Special Use Device (Type V)*

THE RIGHT PFD FOR YOU

PFDs come in a variety of shapes, colors, and materials. Some are made to be more rugged and last longer while others are made to protect you from cold water. No matter which PFD you choose, be sure to get one that is right for you, your planned activities, and the water conditions you expect to encounter. Remember, spending a little more time now can save you a lifetime later.

Always look for the USCG approval number on any PFD you buy.

BOAT SAFE, BOAT OFTEN AND HAVE FUN ON THE WATER



Harvey Gamage

P/C William J. Ash,
SN, H



AN OVERNIGHT VOYAGE

P/C WILLIAM J. ASH SN, H

The wind was rising and it was coming from the east. According to the Weather Course I'd taken in '74, the center of the low pressure system lay south of us. The worst was yet to come. My colleague, Horatio Hornblower, and I were in agreement; we could expect copious amounts of rainfall or even a bit of ice and snow. We didn't, however, have major concerns; Waldhaus Ash was being looked after by my two resident daughters and the crew of Lydia had secured Hornblower's frigate, anchored in the lower Neuse, during heavy weather. Horatio and I were warm and comfortable in his cabin sampling a liquid which originated in a German vineyard far away. The cheeses came from Italy. "P/C, you were going to tell me about a voyage you had taken in 1976 aboard the schooner *Harvey Gamage*. I believe you sailed from Saint Thomas to San Juan. Tell me about it! Now is a good time."

"Ah, yes I did. That was in January, forty-one years ago. You could say it represents two generations of geneticists back in time. Yup, I led a group of thirty students on a voyage through the British and U.S. Virgin Islands for a university sponsored educational program. A colleague and I taught meteorology, navigation, ship handling and whatever else we could throw in. It was wonderful. I wish I could do it again. When we finished cruising the Islands at St. Thomas, the owner of the vessel made us an offer we couldn't refuse.

"If your students agree to give the *Gamage* a coat of paint, topsides, we'll let everyone sail, free, no money involved, to San Juan, Puerto Rico where we'll be for a week or more."

"How was that? Done deal! All we had to do was change our air travel. So we planned to paint during the day and see San Juan when the

sun set each evening. We had our food and lodging. We were all set. But let me tell you about the voyage itself.

"We left the harbor at St. Thomas after dinner, at four bells, and headed west. The southeast trade winds were fairly strong as I remember and they were generating considerable swells coming from astern. The clouds were spritzing, some rather heavily, but clearings among them guaranteed lots of stars for us to look at. As we made our way some ten or so miles from St. Thomas, the seas became rather unpleasant. Thinking back, I estimate the swells to measure about twenty feet in height with a period of, perhaps fifteen to twenty seconds. White caps were abundant. As darkness set in and horizons were lost, the stomachs of most of the passengers began gurgling and their tendency was to go below and turn in. I was lucky, I felt fine and, to date, I've never, ever been seasick. Here, let me bother you, please, for more Riesling. Thank you.

"So, where was I? Okay, here we go. By midnight, most of the thirty stomachs were dramatically emptied and I was somewhat embarrassed to be a nonmember of the Wretching Club. The passengers were agonizingly seasick. The following seas had done the trick.

"The waters were filled with the protozoa, *Noctiluca miliaris*, which light up when disturbed by rough waters. There were places where, if stationed at water level, I could have read a newspaper. The bioluminescence was remarkable."

"I have experienced such spectacular displays of light. I'm still not sure what causes it. Perhaps you could explain it to me sometime."

"I'd be delighted, Horatio. Now, let me finish my story! Among the clouds were clear patches of the night-sky absolutely stuffed with bright stars. I cannot imagine how many of them are in our universe. Well, we made it through the night and I was not the least bit tired after staying awake the entire time. We passed the Island of Culebra off to port and finally sighted Puerto Rico in the distance. Eventually we turned to port and headed up into the harbor of San Juan. Now I believe I'm correct with all that's coming next.

“Off to starboard lay the *Glomar Explorer*, a ship having mysterious credentials. It was thought to be looking for energy sources by many but, to many others, thought to be under contract by the C.I.A. I wish I could tell you more about it. Then we spotted, off to port, two Canadian submarines. They surprised us. Finally, off to port we located our spot along the long commercial wharf where we had to make a one-hundred-eighty degree turn and slip in starboard side to. What happened next was remarkable.

“Cruising up behind us was a passenger vessel flying the German flag. In mid channel, just abeam to us she spun on a dime, perhaps a quarter, and faced the direction from which she came. I’d never seen any maneuver like that, and then it came straight for us, sideways. What the heck? Well, for me it was my introduction to the world of thrusters. There was no tug in sight, but the ship eased in directly in front of us in its assigned position. It was a masterful bit of seamanship on the part of the skipper and crew. In fact, I hopped off the *Gamage*, asked permission to board the German vessel, found the skipper and congratulated him for a job well done. Try that today!”

“P/C, do you remember the name of the German ship?”

“Yes, I’m pretty sure it was *La Boheme*. That’s my story and I’m sticking to it. It is truly amazing, Horatio, I can remember so much from the past but I can’t remember what I had for breakfast just yesterday. Oh, by the way, you and I must wish all the Squadron members a Very Happy and Blessed New Year.”



Glomar Explorer



Freewinds (ex-La Boheme)

**Happy Birthday to
the Following
Members**



January

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

June’s Jokes

P/C June Reasons, P



Philosophy 101

As we grow older and wiser we realize a \$300 or \$30 watch --- they both tell the same time.

Whether we carry a \$300 or \$30 wallet/handbag --- the amount of money inside is the same.

Whether we drink a bottle of \$300 or \$30 or \$3 wine --- the hangover is the same.

Whether the house we live in is 300 or 3,000 or 30,000 sq. ft. --- the loneliness is the same.

And we realize our true inner happiness does not come from the material things of this world.

Whether we fly first or economy class, if the plane goes down - - - we go down with it.

Whether we fly first or economy class, if the plane reaches its destination - - everyone arrives at the same time.

Therefore . . . we should realize that when we have mates, buddies and old friends, brothers and sisters, with whom we can chat, laugh, talk, sing, talk about north-south-east-west or heaven and earth -- that is true happiness!

Six Undeniable Facts of Life:

1. Don't educate your children to be rich.

Educate them to be happy, so when they grow up they will know the value of things, not the price.

2. Best wise words: "Eat your food as your medicines. Otherwise you have to eat medicines as your food."

3. The one who loves you will never leave you because, even if there are 100 reasons to give up, he or she will find one reason to hold on.

4. There is a big difference between a human being and being human. Only a few folks really understand that.

5. You are loved when you are born. You will be loved when you die. In between, you have to manage!

6. If you just want to walk fast, walk alone; but, if you want to walk far, walk together!

Six Best Doctors in the World:

1. Sunlight

2. Rest

3. Exercise

4. Diet

5. Self Confidence

6. Friends

And, finally:

*The nicest place to be is in someone's thoughts, the safest place to be is in someone's prayers, and the very best place to be is.....
.....in the hands of God.*

Proposed Slate of Elected Officers and Elected Committee Chairs—2017–2018:

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Executive Officer	Jane Moore
Admin Officer	Paul Manganaro
Education Office	Jim Starr
Asst. Education Officer	open
Secretary	Linda Whitley
Asst. Secretary	Marty Warner
Treasurer	Ray Whitley

Executive Committee

Immediate Past

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Lloyd Moore
Van Allen Rice
June Reasons
Bill Reasons
Owen Smith

Nominating Committee:

K Wayne Fretwell, Chair
Lloyd Moore

Rules Committee: (3)

Charles Parker
Bill Reasons
Open

Audit Committee: (3)

Richard B Ewan
Lloyd Moore
Open

D27 District Nominating Committee

Squadron Representative: Lloyd Moore
Alternate: Michael McCulley



Cape Lookout Sail & Power Squadron
January Annual Dinner Meeting



Reservation Form

Monday, January 23, 2017

The Chelsea, 335 Middle Street, New Bern, NC

1700 Social Hour 1800 Dinner 1900 Meeting

Our Speaker is P/C Ed Gagnon, Slide presentation of recent trip to Cuba

Dinner will include: Mixed Green Salad with House Vinaigrette, Dinner Rolls with Butter, Iced Tea, Coffee and Water, **Lemon Layer Cake for dessert**

Main Course entrée selections are:

Coral Shrimp Pasta

Chesapeake Chicken with Rice Pilaf and Mixed Vegetable Medley

Pork Tenderloin with Teriyaki Glaze, Garlic Smashed Potatoes and Mixed Vegetable Medley

Names(s):

Please initial Dinner Choice: Coral Shrimp Pasta _____ Chicken _____ Pork Tenderloin _____

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

The Chelsea requests the head count and entrée selection by Wednesday, January 17, 2017, so please send your entree choice and check, made payable to CLSPS, to:

Lt/C Jane Moore, 6008 Booty Lane, New Bern, NC 28560 252 637-5547

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.

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

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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Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron



The Cape Lookout Sail & Power Squadron cordially invites you to the

56th Annual Change of Watch

at the New Bern Golf & Country Club, 4301 Country Club Rd., New Bern, NC 28562

on Saturday, 18 February 2017

at 1700 Social/cash bar 1800 Dinner

Dress is Uniform A with bowtie or appropriate evening attire

Dinner Selection is:

Pan Roasted Grouper -

Silver Queen Corn Cream with Lobster Oil

Grilled Pork Tenderloin Medallion -

Topped with Apple & Hazelnut Chutney and Roasted Shallot Demi-Glace, or

Herb & Sea Salt Crusted Prime Rib of Beef -

Rosemary Jus & Creamy Horseradish

at \$35.00 per person

Please advise if there are any special diet restrictions or food allergies
Reservations and dinner selections, with check payable to CLSPS, should be mailed
prior to 13 February 2017 to:

Lt/C Jane Moore, AP

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252-637-5547

Email: jane.moore@suddenlink.net

Name: _____ Dinner Selection: _____

Name: _____ Dinner Selection: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Carolina BITTS is the newsletter for District 27

<http://www.uspsd27.org/newsletter.htm>

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

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 91 days 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



Notices:

Boat US offers a 50% discount to USPS members. Our Boat US group number is GA80679P and must be used to claim your \$12.50 discount.

Don't forget to patronize our advertisers, and be sure to tell them you are from CLSPS and that you saw their ad in The Outlook.

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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