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Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron, District 27

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Upcoming Events:

**Friday/Saturday, March 29, 30
D27 Spring Conference/Council
COW**

Durham—All Bridge Members
invited

**Saturday, April 6, 0700-1100
Parking Lot Sale (Boating
Items)**

Fairfield Harbor. See page 5

**Monday, April 8, 1900
CLSPS ExComm Mtg**

Christ Episcopal Church Library in
the Parish Hall Bldg

Pre-Dinner: Morgans, 1730

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Lunch at M&M's, 1230**

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**Friday/Saturday, May 17-18
River Dunes Cruise/Blessing of
the Fleet**

**Monday, 20 May
CLSPS May Dinner Meeting**

The Chelsea Restaurant

1700 — Social Hour, 1800 — Dinner,

1900 — Meeting

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Cdr Jane Moore at the 2017 CLSPS Blessing of the Fleet



CLSPS picnic at River Dunes Blessing of the Fleet, 2017



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We appreciate P/C Don Oltz for the informative presentation on the effects of plastics on our marine environment. We hope every member will help reduce, reuse and recycle to help keep some of the plastic out of our landfills. Our Squadron can also assist by participating in the New Bern Clean Sweep in the spring and fall to help clean up our highways and byways.

Lt Larry Lovvorn held a planning meeting for the Vessel Safety Examiners and they plan to do many inspections during the coming year at different marinas.

Lloyd and I will attend the upcoming D27 Spring Council/Conference and Change of Watch and will report to the Squadron in the May Outlook.

We are hoping for good weather on April 6th as our Squadron participates in the parking lot sale at Fairfield Harbour. We have spots 37 and 38. The time is 7:00 am to 11:00 am. Several of our members have already donated boating related items to sell to benefit the Squadron and we thank them for their generosity. Kyle Hale is chair of this event and if you have boat items you no longer need, please contact Kyle for pick-up. 252 969-7818.

We hope some members can join us on April 25 in Oriental at M&M's for lunch at 1230. Some members will be traveling by boat and some by "land" cruiser.

P/C June Reasons & Cdr Jane Moore at the 2016 "Blessing"



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Elaine and I really enjoyed the presentation at the March meeting by Don Oltz on "Plastics in the Waterways." The problem is much worse than I imagined. Elaine and I are looking forward to giving a presentation on our Spring 2018 trip to New Zealand and Australia at the May meeting—some really beautiful slides. Hope you can join us at the Chelsa.

If you plan on doing the River Dunes Cruise May 17 – 18 culminated by the Blessing of the Fleet on Saturday morning and not yet reserved a slip you should call the Dock Master, Scott at 252-249-4908 immediately. This should prove to be a fun weekend with a picnic lunch, group dinner, and games. If you cannot boat down, you can drive down for the day or weekend.

If you are joining us, please respond to me at waynief@hotmail.com or 252-288-4653 to let me know:

- 1) if you are coming by boat or car
- 2) if by boat, your slip number and when you expect to arrive
- 3) do you plan to join us at the group dinner Saturday night and will you be there for the picnic lunch Saturday.

As this trip is during Safe boating week, Larry and his inspectors will be on hand to do a VSE on your boat—a good time to get this done as the boating season begins.

Boat Handling Course

The Cape Lookout Sail & Power Squadron will be teaching a three day course in Boat Handling at Craven Community College.

The sessions will cover:

Rules of the Road - A Practical Approach
Confidence in Docking and Undocking
Boating with Confidence
Anchoring with Assurance
Handling Emergencies on Board
Knots and Line Handling

Saturday April 6 & 13, 8 am to 5 pm and
Sunday April 14, 1 to 3 pm.

The Saturday classes are in the classroom, the Sunday class is on the water.

Cost is \$90.00 (includes the fee to download the student manual)

This course does not qualify students for the N.C. boating certificate

For more class information and to register online go to: online@cravencc.edu



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<http://www.clsps.org>

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Lt/C Lloyd Moore, JN



Vessel Safety Check program



Spring in Eastern North Carolina means boating season is here. I hope you followed my advice last month and did your spring commissioning, and are ready to go.

Join us for our first day cruise to Oriental. Date has changed due to lack of dock space on Saturday in Oriental. The new date is Thursday, April 25. Lunch will be at M&Ms restaurant, since Toucan Grill is not open for lunch on Thursday.

We have three boats planning to be there by 1100. Dock space is limited, so be sure to call the Oriental Marina, 249-1818, if you want a spot. Lunch reservation is for 1230, so if you are driving be there before then.

We have reserved space for the Fairfield Harbour Parking Lot Sale on Saturday, April 6. We are asking for donations of your no-longer-needed boating equipment. We'll sell what we can for fund-raising for the squadron. Call Kyle Hale by Thursday, April 4 if you have something to donate.

I haven't gotten any responses from members who want to be involved in the new Jump Start program. This new USPS program will offer one-on-one on the water training to new boat owners, or boat owners with a new boat. The idea is that Power Squadron members who are familiar with the type of boat in question will spend a few hours on the water with the boat owner, giving tips and coaching the boat owner, who will operate the boat. I'd like to get a list of CLSPS members who would be interested in participating.

Don't forget the cruise and Blessing of the Fleet planned for May 17-19. The destination is the beautiful marina at River Dunes in Oriental. If you wish to go by boat, the marina asks that you make reservations early. Call the Dock Master at 249-4908.

The next membership meeting will be on Monday, 20 May, at the Chelsea Restaurant. P/C Wayne Fretwell and Elaine Lechner will show us some of their adventures while on their recent trip to Australia and New Zealand. I hope to see you all there.

The 2018 season is over for safety checks and several on the team had a very successful year. So now we look ahead to 2019 season—the new decals have arrived!

But your responsibilities as a boat owner are not over yet. So review your boat manuals for the items you need to do to insure your boat will be ready for this season. Look at your engine, fresh water tanks, gas store in your fuel tanks, and thru hulls in proper position.

It's also a good time to re-read your manuals to begin getting ready for spring cruising. And don't forget to read about exotic destinations and dream a little.



Larry Lovvorn
&
Lloyd Moore
during Vessel
Safety Check

Booster Club

Only a small portion (about \$17) of our dues to USPS is returned to the Cape Lookout Squadron. Money collected from our members helps defray the cost of our Dinner Meeting speakers. 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 2019 Booster Club Members

**Lloyd & Jane Moore
Marty & Tiki Warner
Ray & Linda Whitley
Owen & Carolyn Smith
Jim & Sherrie Starr
Bud & Beverly Ellis
Dick & Catherine Ewan
June Reasons
Wayne Fretwell & Elaine Lechner**

*****Spring Cleaning – Save the Date*****

On April 6th, 2019 - 7am - 11am CLSPS will host a Garage Sale in the Fairfield Harbor Parking Lot. We will be renting 2 parking spaces and hope to fill them up with all the boating equipment and accessories that we can collect from donations. Please search your garages, attics, basements, and holds for anything nautical that you no longer want or need. Proceeds will go to the CLSPS Booster Club to help provide fund activities for the club.

Some things you might consider donating: Fenders, dock lines, flags, radios, flotation devices, fire extinguishers (good), bells and whistles, boat hooks, hoses, shore power cables, nautical decor, charts, nautical books and manuals, flashlights, coolers, dishes and cookware, foul weather gear, fishing gear.

Please call me to make arrangements and I will come and pick up your donated items.

Hope to see you there!

Kyle A. Hale [\(252\) 969-7818](tel:2529697818)

Sunshine Lady

Lt/C Linda Whitley



Happy Birthday to the Following Members



APRIL

**VanWinkle III, Marshall — 3 April
Campbell, Carl L. — 10 April**

Sympathy card sent to the Quisenberry Family for passing of Pat Quisenberry

Get well card sent to Catherine Ewan

BITTS is the newsletter for District 27 The BITTS is usually published quarterly, and is loaded with information about our District

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

RADIO TECH

P/C Hamilton Hicks, JN

Cape Fear Sail & Power Squadron

(Amateur Call Sign: KB4BR),

The approaching seasonal warmup is a good time to check out your vessel's radio electronics. Maybe your boat hibernated out of the water, or has been used infrequently. The salt air environment in which it lives is aggressively invasive and highly corrosive to metal surfaces.

So, let's start with the VHF antenna system. After gently wiping down the transceiver case with a damp cloth (no cleaners, please), unscrew the antenna connector and inspect the center pin and threads on both the male and female portions. If not bright, or found to be resistive to removal, lightly buff both with a small, brass bristled brush available at hardware stores, such as Craft American on Wrightsville Avenue. Discard any old black vinyl electrical tape and replace with new tape. I recommend only Scotch Brand tape and that's based on experience with highly exposed Amateur Radio antennas. The secret to a good seal is to stretch it as you apply. After cleaning, reconnect and snug it tight using gentle pressure with pliers.

If the mating connector to the antenna is accessible, do the same thing. There generally is a rubber boot covering the connector, so gently slide it off. Reapply it and use a light coating of silicone grease to the exterior. If you own a sailboat, and have the short quarter wave whip at the top on the mast, it should also be periodically inspected. An easy visual check can be done with a drone.

Wipe down the antenna with a damp cloth and if it is starting to pit, lightly brush, or use 0-0 steel wool, until smooth to the touch. Then apply silicone grease to the brightened surfaces. When using steel wool, I keep it covered with a cloth to keep the fines from getting loose. If your antenna is fiberglass, wipe it down as previously described, and apply a good fiberglass wax, buffing it shiny.

On radar domes/enclosures, wipe it down and check the connections. Do not wax the antenna enclosures.

For handhelds, hopefully they've been ashore and are fully charged. If left on board, recall your favorite Bible verse before waking

them up from their slumber. If they are brands other than Icom, and they no longer work, throw them away as it's not cost effective to repair. You can now get Chinese brands for pennies on the dollar.

Finally, there are numerous ways to get an on-the-air radio check, and please do so. Listen to the return audio and be sure it is clear. This verifies that the speaker cone is OK.

Forwarded by P/C Don Oltz (Call Sign: K8ZAB)



NC Clean Boater Program

The North Carolina Clean Boater program is an important part of the North Carolina Clean Marina program, which is designed to assist marinas and boatyards in protecting our environment through the use of best management and operation practices. Both programs are strictly voluntary, but they show that marinas and boaters care about the environment.

By adopting pollution prevention measures and using best management practices, North Carolina Clean Boaters can take satisfaction in knowing that they are doing their part in:

- Keeping North Carolina waterways and shores clean.
- Making sure the watercraft is properly registered and meets the state requirements for safety.
- Preserving our waterways for future generations.
- Learning and teaching clean and safe boating habits.

Learn How to become a North Carolina Clean Boater [Here](#)

Find a list of participating "Clean Marinas" [Here](#)

2019 New Bern Yacht Club BLESSING OF THE FLEET

Saturday, May 11th, 10:30 am

New Bern Grand Marina
Community Boats Invited!



In the centuries-old tradition dating back to ancient mariners, boats will be individually blessed by local clergy for safe passage and a bountiful season. A floral wreath will be placed on the waters in honor of Fallen Mariners. The Marina is offering discounted overnight dockage based on availability.

The USCG Auxiliary will be offering free vessel safety inspections dockside before and after the ceremonies. Lunch will follow at Captain Ratty's Restaurant.

Event Registration and Dockage – DEADLINE MONDAY, MAY 6TH

Pre-registration is required for this popular event. Anyone wishing to have a boat blessed or attend lunch must RSVP to Karl Lichty by Monday, May 6th, karlkorker@yahoo.com, cell phone (805) 451-8984. Provide details for your boat (boat name, LOA and beam). Also specify if day dockage is required, or if your boat will be docked overnight at the New Bern Grand Marina, which is offering discounted overnight dockage to Blessing participants. **Please register early for this popular event as dock space is based on availability!**

The New Bern Grand Marina is offering free day dockage until 4 pm on May 11th to registered event participants based on availability; day slips will be arranged by Karl Lichty. For those wishing to spend the night or the weekend at the Marina, please contact Jeremy McConnell, Dock Master, by calling 252-638-0318 to reserve your overnight slip. Electric and water and hookups will be provided for those boats at a cost of \$1.00 per foot per night for overnight boats, plus daily electric of either \$4.00/day (30 AMP) or \$6.00/day (50 AMP). Please make sure you indicate to Jeremy that you are participating in the Blessing of the Fleet event.

All boats arriving on the day of the event should plan on arriving at the New Bern Grand Marina between 8:00 am and no later than 9:30 am on Saturday, May 11th. Marina and NBYC line handlers will be standing by to assist arriving boats. As you are arriving please radio ahead, hailing the "Blessing of the Fleet Dock Master" on VHF Channel 71 for instructions on where to dock, as slips will be assigned. All attendees should sign-in at the registration table on the patio.

Lunch, Captain Ratty's, 202 Middle Street – PAYMENT DEADLINE MONDAY, MAY 6th

Following the ceremonies, the New Bern Yacht Club welcomes participants and guests to enjoy lunch in the banquet room at Captain Ratty's, served at noon. Menu: Sandwich Buffet with Selection of Assorted Salads. Beer, wine and cocktails are available for purchase. (Seating is limited in the banquet room; your check is your reservation.)

Lunch checks payable to NBYC @ \$15 per person (includes tax & gratuity) due May 6th

Mail to Karl Lichty, 307 Lochbridge Dr., New Bern NC 28562

Rain Contingency: Meet on the covered patio before moving inside.



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

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

Cape Lookout Sail & Power Squadron May Dinner Meeting Reservation Form



Monday, May 20, 2018
The Chelsea, 335 Middle Street, New Bern, NC
1700 Social Hour 1800 Dinner 1900 Meeting



Program: P/C Wayne Fretwell and Lt Elaine Lechner on their trip to New Zealand and Australia

Main Course *entrée* selections are: TBD

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

Name: _____ Dinner Choice: _____
Name: _____ Dinner Choice: _____

Number attending _____ x \$25.00 each = Amount enclosed \$ _____

The Chelsea requests the head count and entrée selection by Monday, May 13, so please send your entrée choice and check, made payable to CLSPS, to:

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

Although Lloyd can take phone or email reservations, please remember your reservation is a commitment to attend the dinner and pay for it.

Squadron Events Calendar

Date	Event	Notes	Contact
29-30 March	D/27 Council/Conference/COW	Doubletree, Durham, NC	D/27 Web site
6 Apr	Parking lot sale - Fairfield Harbour	Fund-raiser	Lt/C Moore
6, 13 Apr	Boat Handling Class - Craven Cty CC	Sign up on CCCC page	Lt/C Rice
8 Apr	Exec Committee meeting	Christ Episcopal Ch.	Cdr Jane Moore
27 Apr	Day Cruise to Oriental	Lunch at M&Ms	Lt/C Moore
6 May	Exec Committee meeting - 1900	Christ Episcopal Church	Cdr Jane Moore
17-19 May	River Dunes Cruise	Blessing of the Fleet, picnic, by boat or car	Lt/C Fretwell
20 May	Dinner Meeting, Chelsea	Elaine Lechner and Wayne Fretwell - Australia & New Zealand	Lt/C Moore
3 June	Executive Committee meeting	Christ Episcopal Church	Cdr Jane Moore
22-23 June	D/27 Rendezvous - Edenton, NC	Long boat trip, consider attending by car.	Reservation form in May Outlook
4 July	Raft-up off Union Point Park	Bring Hors d'oeuvres to share-watch fireworks	Lt/C Moore

Ships Store

Lt Tandy Hale, P



I NEED YOUR HELP: I have been authorized by the Executive Committee to slash prices on some of our older inventory, those items with the "old" USPS logo must go in order to make room for

merchandise with the new logo.

This means that **any shirt in** stock that says 50th Anniversary or has the old logo will sell for half price. That's 50% off the regular prices as shown below **for knit shirts and denim shirts**. Get them while they last!

Knit Shirts: Ladies and men's short sleeve knit shirts were \$30.00 - **NOW \$15**. Sizes 2X and 3X sell for \$33.00 - **NOW \$16.50**

They are available in red, white, navy, and other colors by request.

Sizes: Ladies: S, M, L, XL, 2X, and 3X. Men's: S, M, L, XL, 2X and 3X.

Denim Shirts: Denim cloth shirts come in both short and long sleeves.

They are all priced at \$25.00 - **NOW 1/2 off = \$12.50 each**. Available sizes--same as above.

Squadron Burgee sells for \$25.00.

Pennant magnets are priced at \$5. They can be placed on your vehicle, refrigerator, or potentially anywhere!

Hats and Visors are **ONLY \$10**.

Fleece jackets: Men and Women--sizes: S, M, L, and XL sell for \$42.00 - **NOW \$21.00**; XXL = \$45.00 - **NOW \$22.50**.

Fleece Vest: We have navy, but other colors can be ordered.

Sizes: S, M, L, and XL (Ladies and Men's) sell for \$36.00 - **NOW \$18**. XXL = \$40.00 - **NOW \$20**.

You can contact me at 252-259-0468 (please leave a message if no answer), or email me at

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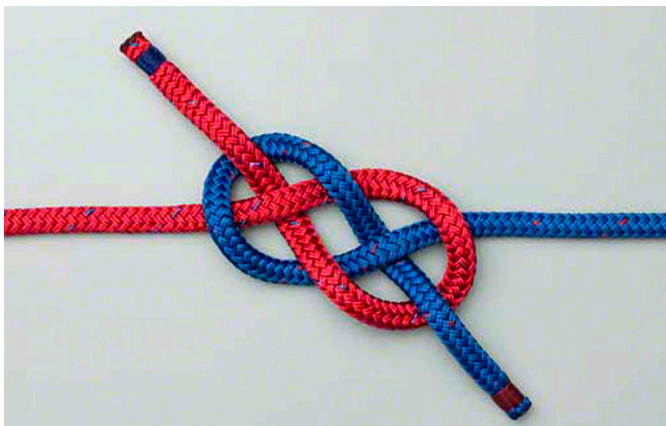
We have a new logo. **America's Boating Club®** is ready for us to add to our merchandise collections. We can bring in a Squadron shirt and have the America's Boating Club® sewn on the left sleeve for \$9.00 ea. There is a website coming soon where you will be able to place your individual orders for new shirts, vests, hats, decals, etc. The website is time sensitive, so think about some items you would like to order and keep your eyes/ears open for upcoming dates and the link.

In addition to cleaning out your boating excess for our **Squadron yard sale**, please consider donating to support the families in Eastern NC affected by Hurricane Florence. Many are still without beds, furniture, and ways to cook. Any and all new or gently used items are welcome. 100% of funds will go back to the community!

You may call Tandy Hale: 252-259-0468 or Jasyn Griffith: 252-631-5337 for item drop off and/or pick up. Thank you for your support in rebuilding our community. Craven County Disaster Recovery Alliance

Carrick Bend

Uses: The Carrick Bend joins two ropes together. Ashley describes it as "*the bend commonly tied in hawsers and cables*." It also makes the center of the very decorative Lanyard Knot.



Structure: The knot curls up under strain and the attractive, mat-like appearance vanishes. It is important that the tails lie diagonally opposite each other; if tied incorrectly, an intermittent pull will gradually work the knot towards the tails until it is undone!

Place: Because the Carrick Bend is reliable and has the enormous advantage of being easy to undo, it probably deserves to be used more often. However, it is slightly awkward to assemble and it is easy to make a mistake: you can have both tails on the same side of the knot; or one of the crossings may be incorrect. These other versions of this knot perform far less well.

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.

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NEW ADDRESS:

Please notify Lloyd Moore (637-5547) Lloyd.moore@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—rwarnr4@ec.rr.com

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