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Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron

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Upcoming Events: Tentative Monday, May 4, 1900

CLSPS ExComm Mtg Christ Episcopal Church Library in the Parish Hall Bldg Pre-Dinner: Morgans, 1730 **?**

Tentative

Monday May 18 **May Dinner Meeting** The Chelsea Restaurant 1700 – Social Hour, 1800 – Dinner, 1900 – Meeting **?**



t USPS National Meeting. New C/C Mary Paige Abbott with Annalee, Lydia, & P/C **Bill Ash and Cdr Jane Moore**

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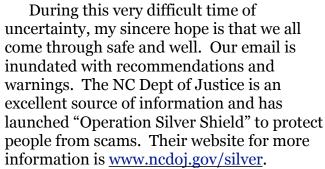
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The NC Wildlife Resources Commission has information on "Social Distancing While Boating." Please look at their website ncwildlife.org for the latest agency updates on COVID-19.

Since our Change of Watch, we have had two Squadron members elected to the Bridge. P/Lt/C Bob Stammerjohn, SN, who received

his 25th Merit Mark and Life Membership plaque, offered to serve as Assistant SEO. Bob has served as SEO in his former squadron and we received approval from USPS National on March 30.

At our ExCom meeting early in March, Elaine Lechner offered to serve as Assistant Administrative Officer. Elaine was elected to the Executive Committee at our Annual meeting. Using email, I requested approval from our Squadron Bridge, Executive Committee and Committee Chairs. By unanimous vote, both nominees were approved. Our District 27 Bridge o

Our District 27 Bridge officers were elected electronically as well. We welcome our new District 27 Commander Hugh Hayes, JN of the Shallotte-River Squadron and all the bridge officers and committee members.

Recently, I forwarded a letter from our National Chaplain, D/C William Wood, SN. I would like to excerpt a message from his letter, "In this season of preventing the spread of disease, we must energize our commitment to each other for the betterment of our mutual emotional, spiritual, organizational and social lives."

As we celebrate the upcoming holidays of Passover and Easter, please know we are thinking of you and pray for your safety and wellbeing.



Blessing of the Fleet 2013



AP

There's not much I can add to the information overload we are all experiencing. If you have been conscientious about home safety you may have an emergency kit with supplies enough to last two weeks, as recommended.

No one imagined we'd have to hold out, and hole up, for months.

Like most other organizations, America's Boating Club, New Bern, has ground to a halt. All meetings and most activities have been postponed or cancelled. These include:

Blessing of the Fleet, May 3: cancelled.

National Safe Boating Week, May 14-22

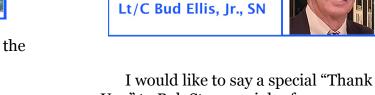
Executive Committee meetings: postponed. The committee will communicate electronically should any important issues arise.

Vessel Safety Checks: on hold, per USCGA recommendation.

ABC Class – to be rescheduled.

Member meetings: cancelled per Governor Cooper.

We're living in a new era. Don't let your guard down. Be safe.



Education

Officer

You" to Bob Stammerjohn for volunteering to be the ASEO. He brings lots of talent and knowledge to the Education Department and will be a real asset.

Even though we can't meet or conduct classes, your education does not have to stop. While sheltering in place go to the USPS website and see what is available to take on line. There are still lots to learn and this is a great time. Take time to read a good book (or several of them). Don't just sit in front of the television and let your brain turn to mush. When this crisis passes, and it will, we will again offer any course you want to take.

Administrative Officer

Lt/C Wayne Fretwell, P



THIS changes everything! All our planning is for naught—Better safe than sorry. I hope all are staying safe and finding things to do to keep your sanity.

For those of you who sent me a check for the March 16 meeting, I will hold them for the next meeting which is currently May 18 at the Chelsea. Whenever we have our next meeting, Karen Amspacher of the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center will be our speaker.

Other events which we had planned are adapted as follows: Three Redneck Tenors has been postponed with no new date set yet. Murder on the Orient Express is cancelled for now with a possibility that it may be rescheduled for October.

When things return to a semblance of normal I will be seeking members for the following committees: Membership and Membership Involvement, Boating Activities, and assistance with Meetings. Think about these and if you already know what you would like to do regarding these activities send me an email or give me a call – waynief@hotmail.com or 252-288-4653.

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

Vessel Safety Check program



We have checked 143 vessels to date, but to no surprise, that number will stand for the time being. Most of our examiners are in the "at risk" age category including yours truly. So, we are hunkered down along with everyone else. To put things in a proper perspective, VSEs are important for safety on the water, but putting anyone at risk of contracting this virus in order to promote boating safety should be a no brainer for everyone.

Of course, if a particular examiner does wish to conduct a VSE, that is entirely up to the individual, but personally, I would not recommend it for the reason stated above. We have plenty of time to catch up so to speak after this pandemic is over.

Carolyn and I certainly wish all the best to each and every one of the members of CLSPS and your families. Stay safe and be well.



APRIL

Van Winkle III, Marshall — 3 April Campbell, Carl L. — 10 April Burke, Julia A. — 26 April



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 2020 Booster Club Members

Lloyd & Jane Moore Mike & Carolyn McCulley Ray & Linda Whitley Dick & Catherine Ewan June Reasons Wayne Fretwell & Elaine Lechner Bill, Annalee, Lydia Ash Marty & Tiki Warner



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



SITTING ON A PIER, JUST THINKING P/C WILLIAM J. ASH, SN <u>H</u>

Our nation is experiencing difficult times. Media sources report thousands of our country-mates having serious illness. The Covid-19 virus is responsible. It causes respiratory difficulties. Most persons, stricken by it, will survive. There are others who will not. The elderly (at 88 I fit into this category) are very susceptible as are others with concurrent health problems. I pray the Good Lord will help me, my family and friends be free of the culprit. I'm looking to stay around another twelve years. Mandatory isolation is now the law.

What can a fellow do when confronted by a situation where one cannot congregate, have picnics, meet at the yacht club or drive anywhere unless for reasons of emergency? I thought about this just before the hammer came down. I was sitting on the pier where my damaged sailing vessel is due to tie up when repairs are finished. I figured I could do three things while lying low. The first is to type my April message for *The Outlook*. Maybe I'll get it to the editor on time without running up our blood pressures. I'm trying it now.

The second item is to participate in a computer-hookup with NOAA to review the *Basic Skywarn* Program for which I was first certified many years ago. I enjoy watching the weather, and I am happy to say I have reported some fairly bad weather issues to NOAA in years past. So, last night I logged into the program and reviewed information regarding thunderstorms and tornados. This is one in a series of many. Tornados are bad actors. I have lived through a number of them right here in Trent Woods. Most persons, I believe, had no clue that they, the winds, were actually tornados and responsible for the mass of downed trees in the neighborhood. You can call NOAA in Newport to enlist as a new member of *Skywarn* and enjoy learning about weather. The basic and advanced courses will be repeated throughout the next few months. Take me up on the suggestion! And you may ask, "Where is my buddy Horatio?" I believe he is isolated aboard his H.M.S. *Lydia* anchored in the deeper waters of the lower Neuse River. I may not see him again for some weeks depending on the severity of the pandemic and his exposure and reaction to the virus. Now, what is the third item about which I pondered while sitting on the pier? Here it is.

Older members of the Squadron (an America's Boating Club) may remember my interest in 'Time.' It is a peculiar manifestation of something. It has a past with which you are familiar. And, it has a future. Again, you are familiar with this. Now here comes a problem for you to consider! Time has no present. What? Think about it! The future is always coming. Always! And when it gets here, 'poof,' it's gone. It is never here. From the future it passes instantly into the past. Try it! We have a good time trying to understand it, especially we Senior Navigators who have used and presently (ouch) use time in trying to find out where we are. I need to review all my past (see) workings in navigation; hard bumps along the way have caused problems in my retaining what I thought I would never forget. Presently, I'm thinking about noon-sights.

Noon-sights are not the thing of the past. Today, with all the electronic equipment available to them, ship's officers still take their sextants to the railing of the bridge and put the bottom of the sun on the horizon at a very precise time. Using nautical tables and a bit of mathematics they determine the latitude and longitude of their ship. Sure, they have GPS and, today, they may have someone back at company headquarters calling out their time and position. I'm not sure about that. But, what happens when e ship loses power? This can and does happen. Oh my gosh, where are we? The noonsight can help pin-point the location of the ship very nicely and I suspect will be with us for a very long time. Also, something else! When is it your noon? What is noon? When is the sun DIRECTLY south of you? Your noon is when that happens. My Lat and Lo (longitude) are different from yours. Noon-time in New Bern is different than noon- time in Chapel Hill when referenced to the Greenwich meridian, zero degrees, near London, England. To ease the problem of telling time around the planet the move was made, many years ago, to divide Earth into twenty-four time zones, each 15 degrees of longitude in width; locations within a time zone have the same time. Make sense? In other words, for convenience, New Bern and Chapel Hill both have the same time. The railroads had something to do with this.

Some years ago I made an instrument with which I could determine when the sun is directly south of me. See the accompanying picture. I attached a heavy yard stick to a block of wood. I drilled a hole into this block near its bottom and directly in front of the yard stick. I inserted a metal rod into the hole. I determined the direction of true south from where I was to hang this gadget on the back wall of my house. Then I fastened it with the metal rod pointing in the direction of true south, the purpose being to capture the shadow of the rod on the yardstick. At the time the shadow appears on the yardstick, as shown, I know the sun is directly on my meridian. The instrument is attached to the wall and cannot move from the position with the rod pointing to true south.

Longitude depends on time. Time is longitude. I should be able to resurrect my knowledge of all this to have fun figuring out where I am. I know, you are going to tell me my address, but that will be no fun at all.

So, that's all the stuff I was thinking about while relaxing at my slip at the yacht club. It now gives me the juices to resist the #&zkxx*\$ Covid-19; I won't get bored. Good luck during the lockdown. Stay away from crowds, stay indoors as much as possible but do stick your nose out and walk around the backyard. And, what is your local time when the sun crosses your meridian?

Local Noon



Photo by P/C All Ash

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:** <u>http://www.uspsd27.org/</u>

June's Jokes P/C June Reasons, P



We need a little levity during our days of confinement. ENJOY!!! Stay WELL & Stay IN!

My house got TP'd last night. It's now appraised at \$875,000.

Day 6 of Quarantine: Preparing to take out the garbage, Can't decide what to wear.

Home invasions should probably decline. Everyone is home with guns and enough bleach and paper towels to clean up the mess.

Does anyone know how long Toilet Paper will last if you freeze it?

You thought dogs were hard to train? Look at all the humans. They can't sit & stay.

I hope the weather is good tomorrow for my trip to Puerto Backyarda. I'm getting tired of Las Livingroom.

Nine months from now, I had better not see KoRona Vyress 6lbs 5 oz or Charmin or Scott.

We're gonna become so bored by the end of this, everybody is going to know how to fold a fitted sheet. Half of us are going to come out of this as amazing cooks. The other half will come out with a drinking problem.

Day 7 of Social Distancing. Struck up a conversation with a spider today. Seems nice. He's a web designer.

Many parents are just about to discover the teacher was NOT the problem.

Best Realtor one liner: "Can you just see yourself being quarantined here?"

When swimsuit season hits, I just want y'all to remember the gyms were closed during Reese's Peanut Butter Egg Season.

This is STUPID! I just tried to make hand sanitizer & it came out rum & coke!

Practice Splicing Rope

Want to learn how to make an eye splice in double braided dacron or how to make a soft schackle? Premium Ropes, a Dutch company, is holding a webinar this coming Wednesday 8 April, in English. It starts at 1 PM and lasts for about 2 hours.

You can just watch or have some double braided dacron and a fid or two available to make your eye splice along with the instruction. A metric ruler will also help

To sign up:

https://premiumropes.clickmeeting.com/ webinar-2-splicing-modern-ropes/ register? ga=2.34280745.989903670.1584178416 -1415248933.1584178416

I watched two weeks ago when they did "How to make an Eye Splice in Modern (read Dyneema/Expensive) Rope". It was a good time. Editor



BiTTS is the newsletter for District 27. The BITTS is usually published quarterly, and is loaded with information about our District <u>http://www.uspsd27.org/newsletter.htm</u>

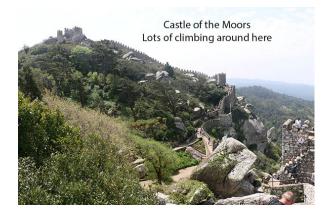
Doing Puzzles These Days?



Tiki picked up this puzzle, "Portugese Castle" from the Dollar Store. I thought it looked familiar, and found my photo of the Sintra Pena Palace.



Sintra is a short train ride NW of Lisbon, and has the Summer Palace where the Royals went in the summer to cool off. Sintra is in the "mountains" with a bit of higher elevation than Lisbon. Above the town is the 9th Century Castle of the Moors that's a lot of fun to wander around in. It's high enough that you can see the Atlantic and was used as a lookout for (enemy) shipping coming their way—there's no armament here, just a lookout



Above the castle is the Pena Palace built in the middle of the 19th Century, with a polyglot of styles—Moorish, Gothic, Renaissance, and Baroque. The picture is taken from the garden/park that takes you up higher to the top of a cliff where, on a clear day, you can see Lisbon. It's a good hike up to this view! Editor



Ships Store Inventory

Knit Shirts: Ladies and men's short sleeve knit shirts - \$15. White and navy. Sizes: Ladies: S, M, L Men's: M, L, XL

Ladies Long Sleeve Denim Shirts: \$12.50, Available sizes M and L

Squadron Burgee sells for \$25.00.



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

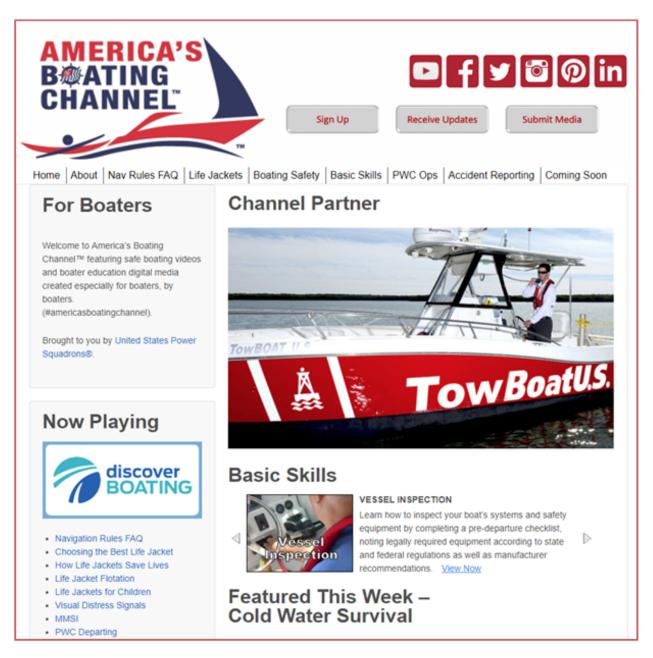
Brushed Velcro Hat - white CLSPS logo, \$10.00 Cotton Visor - White and Navy CLSPS logo USPS D27 \$10.

Fleece Vest with CLSPS logo, 50th Anniversary: We have navy. Sizes: S, M, L \$18.

The inventory on hand has Cape Lookout Sail & Power Squadron logo and United States Power Squadron logo, with CLSPS and our burgee. We have a catalog from a local vender but are still waiting for pricing for the merchandise.

The USPS National Ship's Store has new items with America's Boating Club® logo available. Check out their website: <u>http://store.shopusps.org/</u>

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Use these days and evenings to brush up on your skills by going to <u>https://americasboatingchannel.com/</u> to check out these and other videos. 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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