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Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron

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### Upcoming Events:

September 15-18  
**2020 National Fall Conference** Raleigh, NC  
Virtual Meetings — See Page 2

Sunday September 27, 1700  
**Outdoor Social**  
Red Sail Park, Fairfield Harbour  
Bring you own beverage and utensils — See Admin Article

### Recipients of 25 Year Membership Pins



**P/C Diana Thompson**



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## Commander

Cdr Jane Moore, AP



In the upcoming week 15<sup>th</sup> through 18<sup>th</sup>, the 2020 National Fall Conference will be holding “Virtual Meetings” for members from across the United States to participate. I have forwarded the schedule to our ExCom members asking each to sit in on one or more of the meetings and report back to our ExCom in October. Rather than clicking on the link, I found that copying the sign in/login information and pasting it in Chrome worked best. If you need a copy of the schedule, please email me. Lloyd and I attended the Environmental Update session on Thursday. There will be another Environmental Workshop on Tues., Sept. 15 at 1900-2030 <https://portlandcc.zoom.us/j/92450768275?pwd=amczbkg4S2Z2Lo9IL1JSb3EwM1ZBQT09>

In lieu of our regular September meeting, our Asst. Admin. Officer Elaine Lechner has reserved the Red Sail Park in Fairfield Harbour on Sunday, September 27, at 5:00 pm for a social dinner for our Squadron members. In July, thirteen members met at Red Sail Park for a very hot time! Thank you, Elaine, for planning that social.

Recently, the National Secretary sent two 25-year membership pins to be presented to P/C Diana Thompson, AP and P/C Richard Tobacco, JN with congratulations and

appreciation of their 25 years of membership and active participation in the Squadron. Not knowing when we could actually have a general meeting, I delivered the special gold-wreathed pins to each member with our thanks and appreciation.

P/C Diana Thompson, AP was a member of the Lackawanna Sail & Power Squadron and Commander of the Long Valley Power Squadron, District 4, before relocating to New Bern, NC. Diana and her husband, Rob, quickly became involved with the Cape Lookout Sail & Power Squadron serving on the Executive Committee, Chair of the Ship’s Store and the Change of Watch Committee and delegate to D27. Diana helped recruit new neighbors to join the Squadron.

P/C Richard Tobacco, JN was a member of the Raleigh Sail & Power Squadron and Commander of the Cape Lookout Sail & Power Squadron after relocating to New Bern. Richard also served as SEO, member of the Nominating Committee and as our Webmaster. Richard and his wife, Linda, volunteered their time at Bike-MS for more than ten years as Chair, recruiting other Squadron members to help at the event each September.

P/C Tobacco has told me that he will no longer be able to be Webmaster and offered to work with one of our members to assist them in becoming our new Webmaster. If that is something you would enjoy, please contact Richard at 252 639-8332 to schedule time for the transition. Our CLSPS will be very grateful.

Also, we need at least two members to serve on the Nominating Committee. There is a Nominating Committee Manual for Districts and Squadrons that you can refer to in order to learn the responsibilities of the position. Please log in with your certificate number and PIN to the National website to access the document. It is one of the most important functions of the Squadron. [https://www.usps.org/images/admin/LeadershipDev/NomCom\\_Seminar/Nominating\\_Committee\\_Manual\\_for\\_Districts\\_and\\_Squadrons.pdf](https://www.usps.org/images/admin/LeadershipDev/NomCom_Seminar/Nominating_Committee_Manual_for_Districts_and_Squadrons.pdf)

We hope that everyone is doing well. Please wear your mask, wash your hands often and observe the social distance when you are out and about. Stay safe and keep well.

<p><b>Executive Officer</b></p> <p>Lt/C Lloyd Moore, AP</p>	
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With the continued threat of the Covid-19 pandemic, our club has not scheduled any in-person meeting since the really hot get-together in Red Sail park in July. But we're going to try again – see the Administrative Officer's article.

### **Vessel Safety Check program**

The USPS National web site indicates that some selected Districts have been opened for performing Vessel Safety Checks, "with guidance." The Guidance provided is a four-page document issued by the USCG Auxiliary that describes the requirements for dealing with Covid-19. Auxiliarists are cautioned to wear face masks and comply with social distancing when interacting with the public. There are no specific guidelines or recommendations regarding how to conduct a Vessel Safety Check.

Since there is no personal protection equipment that is 100% effective in shielding the wearer, and given the close proximity and small spaces involved when inspecting any vessel, I personally don't recommend that our club resume performing Vessel Safety Checks at this time. It is my opinion that the risk far outweighs the benefit.

### **Cooperative Charting program**

Three aspects of Cooperative Charting are possible: Geodetic Mark Recovery, Nautical Charting (ATONs and Bridges) and Marina surveys.

P/D/C Greg Shay has distributed the latest Coop Charting Newsletter that describes the process and requirements for each type of report. Our club has not participated since NOAA opted out, and at this time we do not have a Coop Charting committee chairman. Being that we are nearing the end of the boating season, I would recommend that we poll the club members to see if there is any interest in resuming Coop Charting activities for next year.

Please stay safe and continue to do what we all need to do to slow down the spread of Covid-19.

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## Administrative Officer

Lt/C Wayne Fretwell, P



First, congratulations to Richard Tobacco and Diana Thompson who are receiving their 25 year Power Squadron awards.

Covid update – As most of us are in the same age range, we are taking precautions to avoid contacts with others, so there will be no September 21 meeting. Not knowing when our next meeting will be, I am shredding all the checks that I have been holding so you can void them in your records.

I am starting to be less fearful of the virus after talking with my son in Charleston. It seems that his mother-in-law and her 98 year old sister both had Covid. Each spent two days in the hospital on oxygen and were then home and doing OK!

Our July 19<sup>th</sup> outdoor social was attended by about 13 people and it was good to be able to actually see people for real observing social distancing. It was enjoyable except for the heat! Therefore, we will hold another social at Red Sail Park in Farfield Harbour on September 27 starting at five PM. It should be much cooler this time. We will plan to eat at 6:00 PM. Bring your own beverages and plate and utensils. We will provide Bo's chicken and sides.

If you are coming please call Elaine at 252-288-4653 or 678-464-7665 by Friday September 25.

If you have outdoor games bring them and we can play depending on weather. We will bring cornhole.

## Vessel Safety Check program



### HOT OFF THE PRESS!

We have been given the authorization to resume Vessel Safety Examinations with COVID-19 protocols in place and at the discretion/judgement of the examiner. Therefore, if you need a VSE please contact any of our examiners and we can proceed.

## 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

**The Outlook and other great information  
are available at the CLSPS website:**

<http://www.clsp.org>

## MERIT MARKS

It's that time of the year again!!!!

Yes, we have had a very S L O W boating activity year. But, Merit Marks will still be given out. Help me out here, folks! You know that a Merit Mark is the only "Pay" we as members of America's Boating Club--United States Power Squadrons- get. We work hard for our organization to make it successful. This is our way of saying Thank You for your hard work! Please let me know if you have done some work, in person or Virtual (Yes that counts) for your Squadron.

I have missed seeing you and look forward to the time we can all be together again soon. Stay Well, Wash your hands, Stay 6 ft apart, Wear your masks. and STAY HOME

June Reasons

Merit Mark Chairman

P/C William J. Ash,  
SN, H



### I HAVE NO CLUE P/C WILLIAM J. ASH SN, H, EMERITUS

“P/C, I can tell there is something wrong with you. You appear to have seen an alien, or a ghost or perhaps you are not well. You have not been yourself for the last three or four weeks. What’s the matter? Maybe you need a vacation. Perhaps the Corona virus is eating at you.”

“Captain, I don’t need a vacation and the Corona virus is not eating at me. It’s nothing like that at all. You will not believe me when I say I am not inconvenienced by the current lockdowns and whatever. I get out and walk around my property. I shop when I wish. Friends come and visit, socially distanced and wearing masks. I have projects of all magnitudes; having the trees trimmed, buying a new automatic generator to power the house when storms cut off our power, getting ready to put the *Jolly Tar* back in the water. And I guess I do worry about the victims of Hurricane Florence who are still trying to figure out the rest of their lives.

“I feel awful about persons losing their employment, restaurants and other

businesses closing their doors. The nation better close ranks with folks pulling together instead of pulling apart. Our great nation is in danger of spiraling into the same place other nations landed and I seem to have taken all of it personally. But I’ll tell you what I think is the matter with me.”

“Blimy, P/C, let’s have it! What’s the problem?”

“I’ve had ‘writer’s block’. I have not been able to put two words together for the last three weeks. I had this happen to me way back when during my graduate school days trying to write my theses. I’d sit there, with pencil and pad, just staring at the paper without writing a single word. Then, after a day or two, it would all come back and away I’d go. The same is happening now. I can’t get my thoughts together. This is awful.”

“B/D, that’s for Board of Directors, let’s change the subject for the time being! Forget, for right now, about writing an article for this month’s *Outlook* and let me tell you what I discovered in your kitchen. Yes, in your kitchen, and it may be the answer to your immediate problem.”

“You have the answer to my immediate problem? Horatio, I don’t have a clue how to solve my immediate problem, and you say you have the answer to it. I don’t believe this. What do you have in mind? Pulling off a big train robbery? Building a submarine with a screen door? What?”

“Right here, spot on, look! It’s your recipe for Skillet Duckling. Remember when you and Trudy wrote the booklet, *Raising Ducks for Food, Fun and Profit* ‘way back in your Westhampton, Long Island days? Here it is, look! I’ll bet you a shandy that nobody in New Bern or in District 27 has ever tried this. What do you say? A shandy? Actually, P/C, I must admit that Annalee and Lydia were reading the bulletin when I arrived this morning; they pointed out the recipe to me and so you and I can blame them for my solution. But, we are still on for the shandy.”

“You have put me on the spot, captain. I’m going to make it tough for you to win the bet. First, I’m supposed to write articles dealing with things nautical not things culinary. I might give in and divulge my special recipe if five members of the Squadron send me an e-mail asking for it. That will accomplish a couple of things. It will indicate to me that persons in the Squadron actually read my column (I hardly ever hear from anyone) and just maybe galley slaves might want to try the duckling while on a cruise. It’s a great meal. Let’s see what the response is and I’ll take it from there with an extra little blurb come a later issue.

“Incidentally, Horatio, I purchased new dock line recently, AND I bought two new cleats for the new pilings by my

slip at the yacht club. The marine store actually had cleats. Can you imagine? It was flush out of them a couple of weeks ago. So, I think I’m ready to go. I collected my engine from Mobile East Marine and delivered it to Tidewater Marine which is getting close\* to the launching, and I pray that storms will ease off so I don’t have to worry about lightning.

“Thanks for helping me overcome the writer’s block. I hope I’ve made some sense here. If not the readers will ask me to resign. Let’s see what happens. I have no clue.”

\*I’m shooting for Christmas. Can you believe this?



## SEPTEMBER

Gill, Brent R. — 7 September

Starr, Jim — 24 September



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/>

## June's Jokes

P/C June Reasons, P



### We're not old, But we need Humor During These Times

#### SMART ASS ANSWER #6

It was mealtime during an airline flight. "Would you like dinner?" the flight attendant asked John, seated in front. "

"What are my choices?" John asked. "Yes or no" she replied.

#### SMART ASS ANSWER #5

A flight attendant was stationed at the departure gate to check tickets. As a man approached, she extended her hand for the ticket and he opened his trench coat and flashed her.

Without missing a beat, she said, "Sir, I need to see your ticket, not your stub."

#### SMART ASS ANSWER #4

A lady was picking through the frozen turkeys at the grocery store but she couldn't find one big enough for her family. She asked a stock boy, "Do these turkeys get any bigger?"

The stock boy replied, "No ma'am, they're dead..."

#### SMART ASS ANSWER #3

The police officer got out of his car as the kid who was stopped for speeding rolled down his window. "I've been waiting for you all day," the officer said.

The kid replied, "Yeah, well I got here as fast as I could."

When the cop finally stopped laughing, he sent the kid on his way without a ticket.

#### SMART ASS ANSWER #2

A truck driver was driving along on the freeway and noticed a sign that read: Low Bridge Ahead. Before he knows it, the bridge is right in front of him and his truck gets wedged under it. Cars are backed up for miles. Finally a police car comes up. The cop gets out of his car and walks to the truck driver, puts his hands on his hips and says, "Got stuck, huh?"

The truck driver says, "No, I was delivering this bridge and I ran out of gas."

#### SMART ASS ANSWER OF THE YEAR

A college teacher reminds her class of tomorrow's final exam. "Now class, I won't tolerate any excuses for you not being here tomorrow. I might consider a nuclear attack or a serious personal injury, illness, or a death in your immediate family, but that's it, no other excuses whatsoever!"

A smart-ass student in the back of the room raised his hand and asked, "What would you say if tomorrow I said I was suffering from complete and utter sexual exhaustion?"

The entire class is reduced to laughter and snickering. When silence was restored, the teacher smiled knowingly at the student, shook her head and sweetly

said, "Well, I guess you'd have to write the exam with your other hand."

#### \$2.99 SPECIAL

I love it. If you are a senior you will understand this one; if you deal with seniors, this should help you understand them a little better, and if you are not a senior yet..... God willing, someday you will be....

#### The 2.99 Special

We went to breakfast at a restaurant where the "seniors" special was two eggs, bacon, hash browns and toast for \$2.99. "Sounds good," my wife said. "But I don't want the eggs."

"Then, I'll have to charge you \$3.49 because you're ordering a la carte," the waitress warned her.

"You mean I'd have to pay for not taking the eggs?" my wife asked incredulously?

"YES!" stated the waitress.

"I'll take the special then," my wife said.

"How do you want your eggs?" the waitress asked.

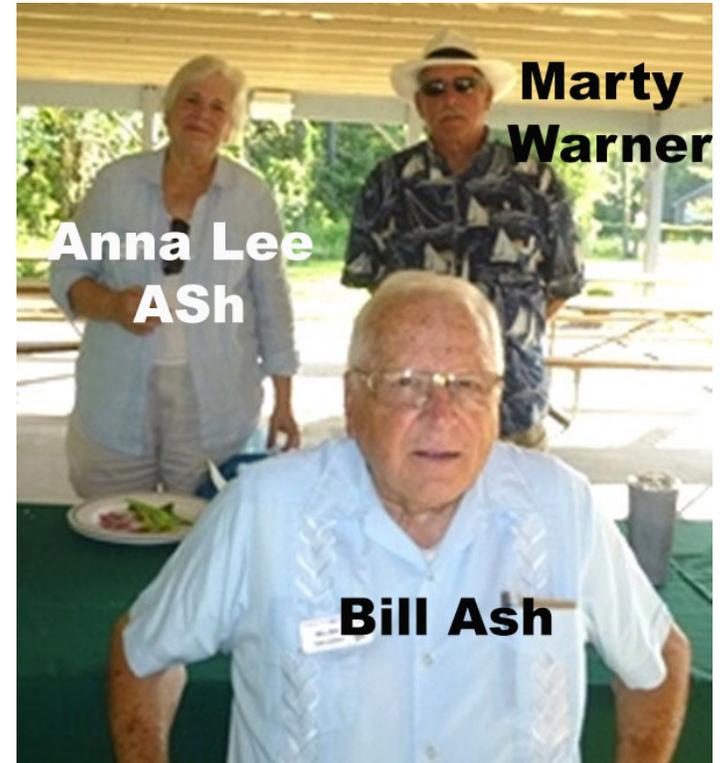
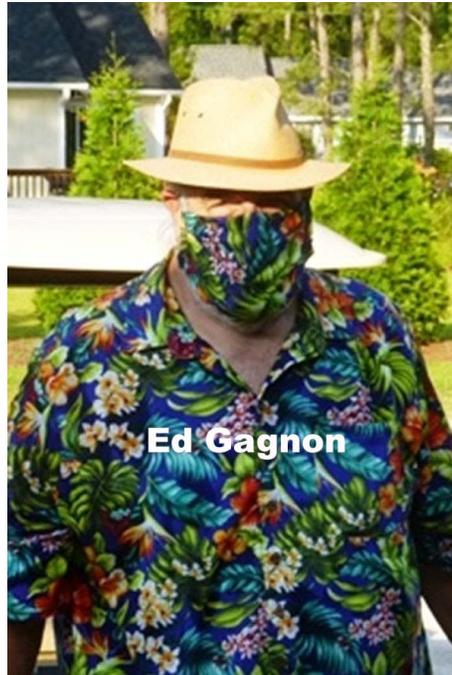
"Raw and in the shell," my wife replied.

She took the two eggs home and baked a cake.

**DON'T MESS WITH SENIORS!!!**  
We've been around the block more than once!

Picnic at Red Sail Park, Fairfield Harbour — 19 July

All Photos by P/C June Reasons





**Elaine Lechner**



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**Lydia Ash**

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