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Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron

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## Upcoming Events:

Saturday, November 7, 9 AM  
**Craven County Clean Sweep Program**  
406 Craven St, New Bern  
See Cdr's article

Monday, November 16, 7 PM  
Squadron Monthly Meeting via ZOOM

Saturday, December 19, 1200 Noon  
**Squadron Christmas Social Luncheon**  
The Chelsea



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## Commander

Cdr Jane Moore, AP



Well, this is not exactly how I hoped our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year would go. I truly am looking forward to 2021 and being able to meet in person, hold boating education courses and have on-the-water activities. With the assistance of P/C Jim Starr and P/C Bud Ellis, we will hold a Zoom meeting on Monday, November 16 at 7:00 pm for our membership. Bud's topic is "Overview of Navigation." An email reminder will be sent with the link to the meeting. The ExCom has been meeting via Zoom since the lockdown and we have been treading water until there is a vaccine for COVID-19.

*As mentioned in October*, we need a member to take over as CLSPS Webmaster for P/C Richard Tobacco who has given us notice that he can no longer be Webmaster. Our sincere thanks to Richard for his dedication to CLSPS Squadron and keeping our website current. I have asked Richard to write a description on what is involved. Please contact Richard if you are interested in being our webmaster. 252 639-8332, email [richardjtbacco@gmail.com](mailto:richardjtbacco@gmail.com)

*P/C Dick Ewan has provided a list of potential nominees for the Bridge and*

*is willing to make calls to our membership.* I will be calling the current bridge and executive committee as well to determine what positions will need to be filled. A slate of officers be posted in the December *Outlook*, for election at the annual meeting in January. At present, Commander, Treasurer, Assistant Squadron Education Officer, Audit Committee Chair and Nominating Committee Chair and co-chair are needed. Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

Our sincere thanks to P/C June Reasons, Merit Mark Chair, who has been compiling our Merit Mark information to be submitted by November 15. Please let June know if you have been volunteering your time on behalf of Cape Lookout Sail & Power Squadron so the information can be included.

In October, our Assistant Education Officer, 1/Lt Robert Stammerjohn, SN, moved with his family to Roanoke, VA. Bob has requested transfer of his membership to the Smith Mountain Lake Sail & Power Squadron. Although Bob was with us for just a year, he immediately volunteered his time to help our Squadron.

On November 7, we plan to participate in the Craven County Clean Sweep program. We will meet at the parking lot behind the Craven

County Administration Building, 406 Craven St. at 9:00 am to pick up a safety vest, trash bags, grabber and gloves. The Clean Sweep organization will provide a list of the roadsides that need to be cleaned. Currently, eight members have signed up.

In the America's Boating Club® November Member News, "new boating safety and boater education highlight videos are now featured every Friday afternoon at 4 pm ET on America's Boating Channel on YouTube and AmericasBoatingChannel.com." At the website, <https://americasboatingclub.org/>, courses and seminars are available online or through home study. USPS/ABC members receive a 10% discount.

Also, in the Member News, "Beginning November 15 and concluding at midnight on New Year's Eve, take advantage of the Ship's Store Holiday Sale! You'll receive a 10% discount on all in-stock Ship's Store apparel and gift items including the new stemless wine "glass" and briefcase. Stock up on gifts for yourself and all your America's Boating Club friends." <http://store.shopusps.org>

If you would like to purchase an item from our current supply of CLSPS apparel, please call me. The inventory is included in the Outlook. Bender Apparel, in James City, has our CLSPS and America's Boating Club logos, Clif Smith is the Customer Service Coordinator.

We hope that everyone is doing well. Please wear your mask, wash your hands often and observe social distance when you are out and about. Stay safe and keep well. All best wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving!



In the interest of the health of our members and our friends & families, our squadron continues to be in a holding pattern with respect to activities. Our one shining exception this past month has been Owen Smith and the Vessel Safety Examiners, who took advantage of an opportunity to safely complete a large number of Vessel Safety Checks at Camp Seagull and Camp Seafarer. Thank you, Owen and the team.

### CLSPS Bylaws Update

An updated version of the Model Squadron Bylaws is available from National. Commander Moore asked me to take a look at the new document and determine whether we need to revise our

bylaws, which were last updated in 2016. The good news is that there are only a few changes required to conform with the new Model Bylaws:

In section 1.1, the Squadron Name section, the optional use of D/B/A, and the title "America's Boating Club of *New Bern*" has been added.

Section 3.3, the definition of Active Membership has been modified slightly.

Section 3.10 has been revised to make optional the requirement for endorsement by a member and approval by the Executive Committee for accepting new members.

Section 3.11 is removed for squadrons which choose to waive the endorsement and approval requirements in section 3.10.

On a personal note, I'm continuing to make good progress with my virtual Navigation class. There are about 15 students from all across the country, and the instructors have been great.

I hope everyone remains vigilant and keeps doing what is necessary to gain control of the virus.

**BITTS is the newsletter for District 27. The BITTS is usually published quarterly and is loaded with information about our District. <http://www.usps27.org/newsletter.htm>**



## Administrative Officer

Lt/C Wayne Fretwell, P



### COVID, COVID, COVID —

Are you tired of it yet!!!! Cabin Fever!!! Help, Help, Help!!! Ready to spend some time with your boating friends---Boating Club Members? Your Board and Excom members have been trying to help with the two outdoor socials. How about a regular America's Boating Club (CLSPS) meeting? On our November meeting date of Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> we will take a step towards normal with a Zoom meeting (ie. Via computer). This has worked well for the Excom meetings. To catch up on club business and hear a presentation by Bud Ellis on an interesting boating topic attend the meeting by using the link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89916067315>. The commander's article will give details on how to use it. Heads up---most attendees will be muted. Hey, if the President can deal with it so can you.

The next step towards normalcy will be a Christmas social at the Chelsea (our regular meeting spot) December 19 at 12:00 for luncheon. Seating will allow for proper Covid distancing. Details will be in the December Outlook when confirmed with Chelsea but will be a choice of three meals, salad, and desert.

Happy Birthday to the  
Following Members



### NOVEMBER

**Smith, Owen R. — 1 November**  
**Thompson, Diana — 1 November**  
**Ash, William J. — 3 November**  
**Moore, Jane — 3 November**  
**Dugan III, James F. — 10 November**  
**Tobacco, Linda B. — 12 November**  
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### 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.clsps.org>

**Chairman, Vessel  
Safety Program**  
P/C Owen Smith, AP



## Vessel Safety Check program



The VSE year ends on the 30<sup>th</sup> of the month, but practically speaking with the Covid-19 situation, the year has essentially ended. We ended the year with 440 Vessel Safety Checks completed which is 20 less than last year, but all things considered a very successful year for Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron. We were able to complete that many safety checks because of the cooperation of the rental program on base, and the camps Seagull and Wayfarer. We are able to conduct those safety checks without interacting with individual owners as would be the case for other safety checks.

We have 3 Examiners that will be in the "Century" club this year, and a total of 5 that earned merit marks. All currently certified examiners (6) will retain their certifications for 2021 even if they did not complete the usual minimum of 5 to continue on to the next year. Of course this decision was due to the pandemic, and came down from National.

Thanks to those who were able to participate and further the activities of Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron



The Square Knot is useful for binding two identical lines or two ends of the same line around an object for light duty, such as when reefing a sail. You can also use a square knot when furling sails, tying cargo straps and hanging up clothes to dry.

If lines are of different diameter or you need a more reliable binding knot, use a sheet bend.

To tie the square knot:

1. Start by holding an end of the line in each hand.
2. Grab the working end in one hand over the line in the other hand, creating a bight like when tying your shoes.
3. Transfer the working end to your second hand. Repeat in the opposite direction with a line in your second hand over the line in your first.
4. Pull all four slack lengths of line to tighten.
5. If the knot looks like two interlocking loops with both bitter ends on the same side of the knot and both ends of each line exiting in the same direction, you've done it right.

Remember to switch each line to the other hand. This ensures that the bitter ends wind up on the same side as their standing lines, otherwise the knot will not hold. It doesn't matter whether you start on the left or right as long as you tie the second overhand knot the opposite way from the first.

To untie, collapse the knot using one hand and the weight of the reefed sail to open it. Or push all four slack ends together to loosen it.

Where not to use the square knot:

Don't use the square knot to tie two towing ropes together. The line will get wet and the strain on the knot will make it so tight, that you'll have to cut the knot off the end of the line.

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



## **SOMETHING NEW THAT'S BEEN AROUND FOR AWHILE**

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

This little story was made possible from help provided by Commander Jane Moore who lost a good part of one day trying to relay information from National to this 'klutz' about 'Boat Operator Certification?' I asked her to keep this confidential because I do not want Squadron members to know how little I know about computers. One of these days I'm going to hang up my keyboard on the pin in the locker room after taking down my glove and cleats. I'd love to play one more game of hardball before going out into the great ballpark in the heavens. Computers are for someone else.

I thought I was finished with 'doo hickes' before and after my name. That is, before I read where 'new' symbols may be added to one's credentials if he or she becomes certified in one or more categories of 'Boat Operator.' After reading what Jane, playing second base, relayed to me at shortstop, I realized my playing days may not be over. I may need help from our SEO who is the real powerhouse in this game; I really want

to participate, honestly. Plus, I used to hold a license to take passengers for hire. I let it lapse thinking I was too old to continue. That's another story.

Becoming a certified 'Boat Operator' appears to be just what the doctor ordered. Those who figured we had come to the end of the line, grade-wise, have this option to continue on with assisting fellow boaters to improve their on-the-water abilities. You have a choice of level of operation. Let me set the scene. I have the grade of SN, currently not going any further, but I'd like to become a 'Boat Operator with Inland Certification.' This requires knowledge of 'basic pre-launch and powerboat operation without marine electronics.' This provides very basic information which is vital to understanding higher levels off certification. Inland is where I have chosen to operate my vessel. I'm no longer going on long distance cruises. I'm just plunking around, close by. One needs to know the rules of the road which are very important for safe boating. My observations of societal boating indicate most boaters need instruction in this. I hate being on the water when the mad-men are trying to impress their ladies about how to fly at water level. Inland operation is basic boating. I want to become certified at that level.

The next level of certification is 'Coastal Boat Operator' which requires 'coastal navigation using marine

electronics.' I suspect this level would require the course, Advanced Piloting. Still ahead is the Certification of 'Advanced Coastal Boat Operator' which certainly uses the latest in Advanced Piloting and beginning Navigation. The pamphlet indicates 'planning and execution using marine electronics and traditional methods.' Be prepared for exposure to sightings of celestial bodies?

'Offshore Boat Operator' Certification is the last and possibly the most complicated level, described as 'global cruising using marine electronics and traditional methods.' Traditional methods certainly use all the tricks for celestial navigation. Also, preparing your vessel for work at sea over long distances is essential and presently more than I can handle.

I know all this to be fun at whatever level you choose. I'm not sure who will test us, and where they will come from. And, of course, what will be included in the tests. Most of you will not remember when USPS prohibited teaching on the water. Liability was the issue. Things are a bit different now. Students with sufficient experience may be eligible to try for certification without having appropriate USPS courses under their belts.

I hope members will obtain certification, help others improve their nautical skills and make our waters safer. And, Commander Moore, again, thanks for the information you provided me .



## June's Jokes

P/C June Reasons, P



### Musings On Getting Old-----er

When I get old, I'm not going to sit around knitting, I'm going to be clicking my Life Alert button to see how many HOT firefighters show up!

Seven Dwarves of old age: Happy, Wrinkly, Squinty, Rocky, Saggy, Fatty, Leaky.

I don't need a personal trainer as much as I need someone to follow me around and slap unhealthy food out of my hands.

Don't be afraid of growing old.....you still do stupid things. Just slower!

The bad part of getting old is....you stay young on the inside, but nobody can tell anymore.

My body is experiencing technical difficulties right now.

Calories are the little Bastards that get together at night in your closet and

sew your clothes tighter. My closet is infested with them!

I think people my age are much older than me.

Just once, I'd like to read a medication label that said--- WARNING May cause permanent weight loss, remove wrinkles and increases energy!

The best thing about being older is, I did all my stupid stuff before the internet.

Say what you want about the South, but no one retires and moves up north!

Why is it that the one who snores the loudest falls asleep first?

It's not my fault I have a double chin. When God was giving out chins, I thought he said gin, and I said make mine a double!

I'm not old. I just need some WD-40.

Reach For The Stars!!! It keeps your boobs from sagging!!!!



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>



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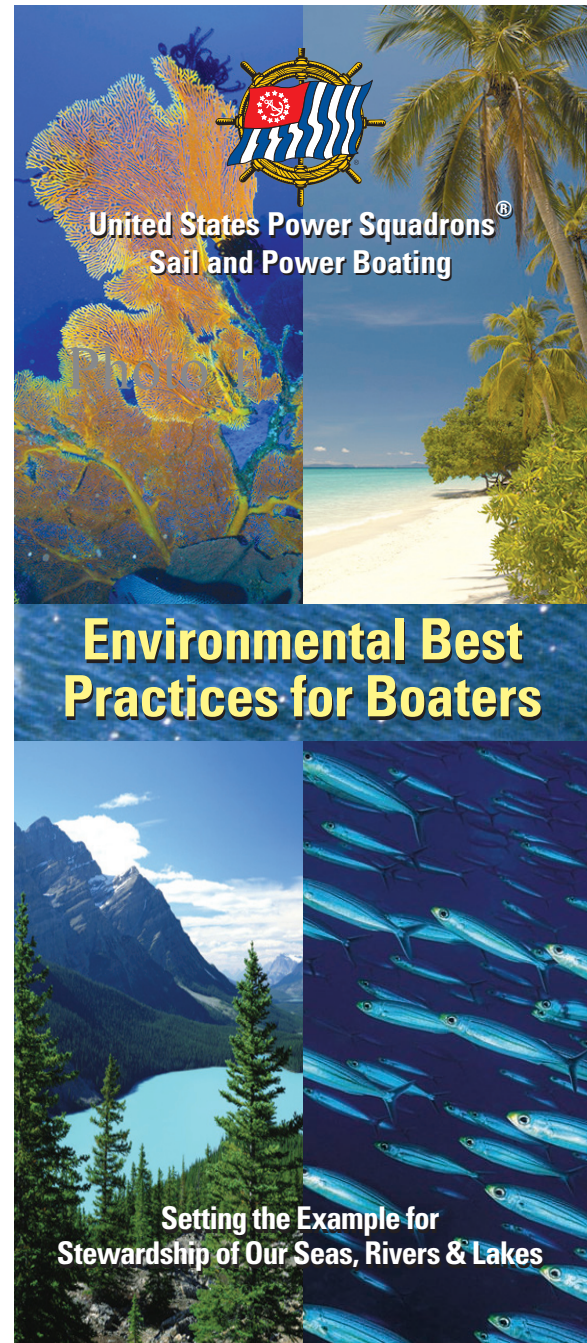


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# Environmental Best Practices For Boaters

## Trash

Retrieve trash that does get into the water (even if it isn't yours) – keep a net handy for this purpose.

Limit the packaging and plastic you take aboard.

Recycle all cans, glass, plastics and monofilament fishing line.

Have easy to identify trash and recycling containers aboard.

Do not throw or let any trash blow overboard –including cigarette butts (they contain plastic).

Plastic materials are harmful to fish and birds!

Do not throw fish waste into shallow or near marina waters – discard in deep water or in the trash ashore.

## Sewage

Use restrooms onshore prior to departure.

Use approved Marine Sanitation Devices (MSDs) underway.

Pump out and rinse holding tanks regularly. Follow a regular maintenance schedule for your MSD based on the manufacturer's recommendations.

Use enzyme-based products for odor control and reducing solids in holding tanks. Never discharge raw sewage in U.S. territorial waters.

## Fueling and Spills

Know how much fuel your tanks hold – fill with caution!

Fuel expands as it warms up – don't top off your fuel tanks.

Use absorbent pads to catch drips between the dock and boat, and around the vent overflow – then dispose of them properly!

Fill trailer boat tanks before launching the boat and other portable gas tanks ashore.

Keep engine tuned and watch for leaking seals, gaskets, hoses and fuel lines.

Keep an oil absorbent pad under the engine and replace at least once a year.

Maintain a clean and dry bilge.

Plan for spills – keep absorbent material at hand.

Never discharge oily bilge water overboard – pump into dockside holding tank or have professionally removed. An oil absorbent pad swirled in bilge water will collect oil.

## Vessel Maintenance

Wash boat regularly with fresh water to avoid frequent use of harsh detergents.

Choose phosphate-free, biodegradable and nontoxic cleaners.

Waxing & buffing requires less use of cleaning solutions – and your boat looks better!

Try to do major cleaning and maintenance tasks when boat is out of the water.

Conserve water by using a spray nozzle on the hose.

Use drop cloth when sanding and scraping – collect all paint chips, dust and other residue, and dispose of properly.

Share leftover paint and varnish. Dispose of solvents and waste gas at local hazardous waste collection sites.

Use environmentally safe anti-fouling paints and follow manufacturer's instructions.

Recycle used zincs.

Keep engine(s) tuned: this reduces carbon monoxide emissions when moored, reduces hydrocarbon and soot emissions into the air, and saves fuel.

Dispose of drained oil and any spent or spilled coolant at appropriate recycling centers when performing maintenance yourself.

## Mariner's Environmental Awareness

When fishing – keep only those fish you intend to eat – practice “catch and release” techniques to insure survival of those you throw back.

Proceed slowly in shallow areas and do not disturb wildlife.

Avoid stirring up bottom– suspended sediment limits light penetration and depletes oxygen. Sea otters, sea lions, manatees, whales and other sea mammals can be injured by impact with boats at higher speeds – avoid areas of high animal population or proceed slowly.

Report any injured animal to local wildlife authorities– many times the life can be saved.

Protect waters from nuisance, invasive species – remove any visible mud, plants, fish or animals before transporting. Clean and dry anything that comes in contact with the water (boats, trailers, equipment, clothing, dogs, etc.)

Never release plants, fish or animals into a body of water unless they came from that body of water. Bilge water can also transport invasive species.

High wake causes shoreline erosion and destruction of habitat.

Disturbing sea grass beds increases erosion and disturbs the nursery habitats of many species of fish. Avoid these areas underway and when docking or beaching vessels.

Noise and boat movement easily disturbs migrating and nesting birds - which causes harmful expenditure of energy, abandonment of nests to predators, and harmful heat or cold exposure.

Harassment of wildlife is illegal and causes undue stress.

## Mariner's Environment Stewardship

Obey the laws governing our boating waters!

Set the example for your crew and guests.

Set the example for other boaters on our waters.

Support marinas and other boating facilities that are environmentally responsible.

Encourage those marinas and other boating facilities not providing trash cans, recycling containers and pumpout facilities to do so.

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