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Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron

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Upcoming Events:

Sunday, March 14 **Pi Day. 3.14**

Monday, March 15, 1700 CLSPS March Meeting Red Sail Park, Fairfield Harbour

Saturday, March 20 **District 27 Spring Council/ Conference**Zoom, See Agenda below

Monday, April 5, 1900 **ExComm Meeting**

Saturday, May 1, 1030 **Blessing of the Fleet**New Bern Yacht Club (See Flyer)

May 22-28 **National Safe Boating Week** 2021 Change of Watch, 27 February Commander Jane Moore begins her Fourth Year as Commander!



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On 27 February, we held the 60th Change of Watch on Zoom due to the pandemic. P/C June Reasons welcomed our District 27 Commander Hugh Hayes and his wife, Sara, recognized our Past District Commanders and Past Commanders and welcomed our newest member, Leslie Lambrecht. P/C Ed Gagnon offered the invocation and P/C Bill Ash led us in the Pledge.

P/C Ed Gagnon swore in his fiancé, Leslie Lambrecht. Welcome Leslie, we hope you enjoy your membership and take advantage of the member benefits, boating education and social activities of the America's Boating Club® New Bern, Cape Lookout Sail & Power Squadron.

We were delighted to have D/C Hugh Hayes of the Shallotte River Sail & Power Squadron, join us virtually, who relieved me as Commander and immediately administered the oath of office as Commander for 2021-2022 along with the SEO and the incoming Bridge, Executive Committee and Rules Chair.

The outgoing bridge was relieved and on behalf of the Squadron were thanked for their continued support and encouragement this past year. SEO Bud Ellis, Lt/C Wayne Fretwell and P/C Jim Starr were relieved, but I know they will always be willing to assist the Squadron members.

Assuming the Watch for 2021-2022 are SEO Lloyd Moore, Administrative Officer Elaine Lechner, Asst Admin Officer Lydia Ash, Treasurer Ray Whitley, Secretary Linda Whitley, Asst Secretary Marty Warner and Executive Committee P/C Bob Burget, P/C John Kwak, P/C June Reasons, 1/Lt Marty Warner and Rules Committee Chair Lloyd Moore.

As you can see, we still need members to assist in the duties of the Executive Officer (external affairs), Asst Education Officer and Asst Treasurer who will be able to move up next year to

Treasurer. We are also in need of an Audit Chair and Nominating Committee Chair and two members and Ship's Store Chair. Please consider volunteering for one of these positions.

P/C June Reasons, as chair of the Merit Mark Committee, recognized all members who earned a Merit Mark in 2020. P/C Diana Thompson was recognized for earning her 25th Merit Mark and becoming a Life Member. During the National meeting in February, we were able to attend the virtual Award ceremony to celebrate. All Annual virtual meetings were recorded and are available on the



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USPS website, national meetings page under Agenda/Mtg Recordings to see what you missed.

Linda Whitley and Ray Whitley received their Senior Member plaque, after earning their 5th Merit Mark. Thank you both for your fine efforts as Secretary and Sunshine Chair and Treasurer of our Squadron.

P/C Owen Smith and his Vessel Examiner team inspected over 440 vessels in 2020, while observing social distance. Thank you to Owen, Jim Dugan, Dick Ewan, John Kwak, Lloyd Moore and Rob Thompson. If you are interested in becoming a Vessel Examiner, please contact Owen.

Also recognized at the COW, P/C Richard Tobacco for his many years dedicated to CLSPS and as webmaster. And, 1/Lt Marty Warner for his work on our newsletter, *The Outlook*, volunteering as webmaster and his fine photography at all our events as well as serving as Asst Secretary and an Executive Committee member. Each have received the **Distinctive**Communicator Award for 2020.

As Commander, it was my privilege to present 1/Lt Marty Warner the Member of the Year award. Marty has been instrumental in communicating with our Squadron members, keeping everyone informed of the Squadron activities. He regularly

updates the roster and now will be keeping our CLSPS website up to date.

Hope you can join us at the upcoming meeting at Red Sail Park in Fairfield Harbour on March 15 at 5:00 pm. Please let our Admin Officer Elaine Lechner know by March 12 if you are able to attend.

I encourage every member to offer suggestions and share your ideas. Help plan an activity where we can get together. Contact our Admin Officer Elaine Lechner and Asst Admin Officer Lydia Ash to get your ideas and events on the calendar.

If you are interested in a class, please contact our SEO Lloyd Moore to get it



on the schedule.

National Safe Boating Week is 22-29 May. Wear your Squadron shirt when you are out and about and bring an America's Boating Club® brochure with you to give out. Download the America's Boating Club® free mobile App from Google Play or the App Store. It is your single information source for a great day on the water!

Bike MS will be held the 11-12 of September. Normally, the Exec Officer would recruit the volunteers to man the booths at the event. It is a great civic service to our community. Please consider helping out in that regard.

Because of the coronavirus, the **D27 Spring Council/Conference and COW** will be a virtual meeting on 20
March at 1:00 pm. It will be a celebration of Squadrons with awards, recognition and Change of Watch. All members are invited to attend the virtual meeting.

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

Education Officer

Lt/C Lloyd Moore, JN



The education department has been hibernating for the past year, thanks to the pandemic. Now that we are hopeful that the availability of vaccines will finally gain control of the virus, we can start to get back in the business of boating education, for the public, with America's Boating Course, and for members, offering education classes to those who want to know more about boating.

Listening to members, I think there are two priorities: 1) Boat Handling. This is the revised version of what was the Seamanship class. 2) Junior Navigation. This is the first introduction to celestial navigation, and there are several members who have completed Advanced Piloting who have expressed an interest in this course. Even if you have no plans to actually need these skills in your future, having an understanding of celestial navigation is somehow very satisfying.

If you are interested in either taking one of these courses, or participating in teaching, please let me know. I know there are a number of members who would be qualified to teach, and from my experience, it is very rewarding.

As for the ABC class, we're not quite ready to schedule this. I hope that in the next month or two the pandemic will ease its grip on us and we'll be able to meet in person.

Administrative Officer

Lt/C Elaine Lechner, AP



As Wayne was relieved of his duties as Administrative Officer and I was sworn in on February 27th at about 12:15, he was "relieved" and I was wondering "What have I done." At a moment of weakness, Jane wore me down and I agreed to be Administrative Officer. But with my able assistant, Lydia Ash, I hope to bring you some interesting programs, meetings and social activities this year.

On Sunday afternoon, February 21st Jane Moore, Linda Whitley, Lydia Ash, Wayne Fretwell and I met to brainstorm some ideas for things to do, places to meet and speakers to have for our gettogether s. We are planning our first get-together on March 15, our regular meeting time, for a meeting at Red Sail

Park in Fairfield Harbour, weather permitting. We will start with a social at 5:00pm followed by a bring your own picnic and choice of beverage meal. Lydia is working on a speaker we hope you will enjoy. We are planing on an outdoor meeting because of Covid 19. We will be able to social distance and can have up to 50 people. The Governor is allowing for indoor meeting of up to 25 people as of 5:00 Friday evening, so maybe we can plan some indoor activities soon.



We have also restarted our telephone committee so expect calls reminding you of our meetings and other relevant information we you may have the need to know. We hope to see you on March 15 so bring your dinner, beverage, your mask, a chair, if you don't want to sit on the picnic tables the whole time, and your interesting conversation.

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





Nothing much new to report for the VSE committee for 2021 at this time. The pandemic is still a factor of course with our examiners being able to do vessel safety checks. We have been able to do 127 so far, but these are standing checks that I do, mostly with the rentals aboard Cherry Point. Later in the spring we will be able to do vessel checks at Camps Wayfarer and Sea Gull which will help our count for the year. If you are ready to have your vessel checked, please contact me or any of our examiners to schedule a visit. Our examiners can do vessel safety checks but each person makes their own decision regarding exposure/risk, etc. I have personally had both of my vaccinations so I am comfortable doing VSEs. In the past, we have scheduled VSEs at several of the local marinas, but with the pandemic situation still with us, we have not done that thus far. We may be able to do some of those a little later if the pandemic restrictions are eased even more than they are now, and our VSEs are comfortable doing them.

Happy Birthday to the Following Members



March

Dail, Asa B. — 17 March Thompson, Robert B. —25 March

2021 CLSPS 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 and other incidentals (cards & flowers). 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.

2021 Booster Club

Lloyd & Jane Moore
June Reasons
Ray & Linda Whitley
Wayne Fretwell & Elaine
Lechner
Marty & Tiki Warner



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



ON ASSIGNMENT

P/C WILLIAM J. ASH SN, H EMERITUS

Commander Moore suggested I try my hand at Squadron public relations. This will give me a breather from writing the article I had planned for the *Outlook*. I enjoy my monthly scribbling which is easier to accomplish, at my advanced age, than preparing and conducting lectures, collecting strewn papers and empty bottles during national clean-up week or heading off to a District meeting in Charlotte. So I am cutting this presentation short in favor of organizing a newspaper article for the young and older citizens of our community in an attempt to explain USPS. We need safe waters, we need to educate persons about how to make them safe and we need members. So for this month, "Adios and auf Wiedersehen. Danke Schoen."



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SAVE THE DATE

2021 BLESSING OF THE FLEET

Saturday, May 1st 10:30 AM

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 USCG Auxiliary will be offering free vessel safety inspections dockside before and after the ceremonies. Lunch will follow the ceremony. Community mariners are invited to participate!



New Bern Yacht Club ~ Annual Blessing of the Fleet

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

June's Jokes P/C June Reasons, P

Some of today's Measurements

- Ratio of an igloo's circumference to its diameter = Eskimo Pi
- 2) 2000 pounds of Chinese soup = Won Ton
- 3) 1 millionth of a mouthwash = 1 microScope
- 4) Time between slipping on a peel and smacking the pavement = 1 bananasecond
- 5) Weight an evangelist carries with God = 1 Billigram
- 6) Time it takes to sail 220 yards at 1 nautical mile per hour = knotfurlong
- 7) 365.25 days of drinking low calorie beer = 1 Lite year
- 8) 16.5 feet in the Twilight Zone = 1 Rod Serling
- 9) Half large intestine = 1 semi colon
- 10)1,000,000 aches = 1 mega hurtz
- 11) Basic unit of laryngitis = 1 horsepower
- 12) Shortest distance between 2 jokes = a straight line
- 13) 2000 mockingbirds = 2 kilmockingbirds
- 14) 1 kilogram of falling figs = 1 Fig Newton
- 15) 1000 cc's of wet socks = 1 lederhosen
- 16) 8 nickels = 2 paradigms

Sorry about these photos, They were taken off my computer during the Zoom Change of Watch Meeting.





Pi Day. Or π Day

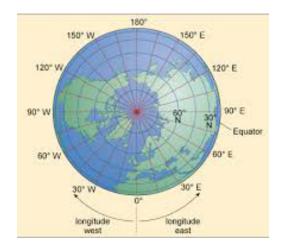
Pi is defined as the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter, It is approximately equal to 3.14159, and is commonly reduced to 3.14, which can become 3/14, or **March 14**. The earliest known celebration of Pi Day was in 1988 (organized by Larry Shaw at the San Francisco Exploratorium), and it was formally recognized by UNESCO in 2019 as the International Day of Mathematics



Time Marty Warner

The earth spins on its axis making one revolution every day. How many hours in a day? Somehow, someone decided each day has 24 hours. Where'd that come from? Some say the Egyptians decided there were 12 hours in the night, 10 hours in the day, and an hour each for the sunset/sunrise

twilights. Look at your left hand, palm up. Notice that with your thumb you can count three segments on each finger (between the knuckles) coming up with twelve. Doing the same thing with the right hand, you get 24. Who knows?



When you look at the earth from the North Pole (or South Pole), you see a circle. From this view the outside of the circle is on the equator, and the lines of longitude radiate out from the North Pole to the equator. Lines of longitude are also called Meridians, and the "zero" line is called the Prime Meridian—one special line of longitude running from the North to the South Pole. If we agree there are 24 hours in a day, and divide 360 degrees in a circle by 24, we get 15 degrees of longitude for every hour.

If I'm standing on a line of longitude, 15 degrees to the east or west of me is either an hour earlier or later than my "local" time. So, how do we decide where to put the "zero" line of longitude? These days we accept that the Prime Meridian runs through Greenwich, England, just East of downtown London.

The Prime Meridian wasn't always accepted as Greenwich, England. In the 1400's it was felt the Prime Meridian is the place on earth where lines of magnetic north and true north coincide. About the time when Columbus crossed the ocean that line was somewhere off the west coast of Africa, about the longitude of the Cape Verdes. Later it sorta became wherever you wanted, but usually had something to do with who was making the charts. For some time the Prime Meridian ran through Paris, France, Berlin Germany, Copenhagen, Denmark and Greenwich, England on the charts made by those countries. England ruled the seas and probably made most of the quality charts which slowly became the "standard". It wasn't until 1884 where, in Washington DC, the International Meridian Conference was held and 22 countries agreed the Prime Meridian would be a line through Greenwich (France continued using the Paris Meridian until 1910). The current Vice President's home is the US Naval Observatory where the Prime Meridian for the US was.

One hour is 15 degrees of longitude. But we don't start counting time at Zero degrees longitude. That would mean England would be in two time zones—very cumbersome. So, we put the Zero line in the middle of a time zone. Seven and a half degrees either side of Zero is one time zone—Greenwich Mean Time (GMT). If England goes to "Summer Time" they "spring ahead" an hour, but GMT doesn't move. GMT is also called "Z" or Zulu time—it's on the "Z"ero line





of longitude, and there is a "Z"ero correction to go from GMT to another time zone.

BTW if you're visiting London, Greenwich is a short "tube" ride from central London (actually it's on the Docklands section of the "Underground" which mostly runs above ground). It's sorta neat to get a picture of yourself straddling the Prime Meridian—one foot in the Western and one foot in the Eastern Hemisphere.

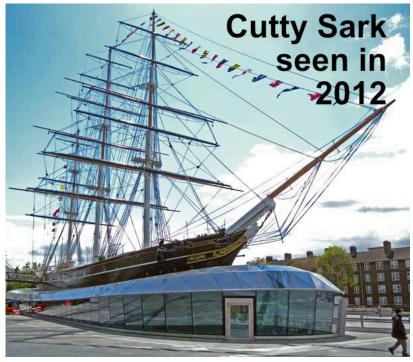
Also at the Observatory in Greenwich is the Time Ball—one of the earliest public time signals. Ever since 1833 at 1255 GMT the red ball moves to the top of its mast. At exactly 1300 the ball drops. This gives all the ships on the

Thames River within sight of the ball a chance to synchronize their ship's clocks.

And the Clipper Ship *Cutty Sark* is nearby.

Photos of Greenich Observatory are from the Observatory's website.







D/27 Spring Council/Conference, Awards, & COW Virtual Meeting Agenda Saturday, 20 Mar 2021



Log In: to the Zoom Meeting 5-15 minutes in advance of the 1:00 PM start time by clicking on (or copy/pasting) the following link into your web browser:

https://zoom.us/j/98589991934?pwd=MEswVDBTKzMyQjcxY09OVIJ5Y1BDdz09

Voter Registration: All D27 members of the Council and Conference (* listed at bottom of this page) have voting privileges and should plan on attending the virtual meeting. Your names will be recorded as you enter the virtual meeting.

| START | EVENT ITEM | EVENT LEADER |
|-------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 12:45 | Voter Registration (see note above) | R/C Connie Shay |
| 1:00 | Council Convenes | D/C Hugh Hayes, JN |
| | Housekeeping – Zoom Meeting | P/D/C Greg Shay, JN-ACN |
| | Pledge of Allegiance | D/1st/Lt Otis White, P |
| | Invocation / Last Horizon Report | DLt John Rogers, SN-CN |
| | Introduction National Rep | P/D/C Pat Hakanson, SN |
| 1:15 | National Rep & C/C Message | R/C Bob Howd, SN-CN |
| 1:30 | NomCom & Budget Reports | Committee Chairs |
| 1:45 | Council Meeting Recesses | D/C Hugh Hayes, JN |
| 1:45 | Awards Ceremony | D27 Bridge Officers |
| 2:15 | Conference Convenes | D/C Hugh Hayes, JN |
| 2:20 | D27 Officer Reports | D27 Bridge Officers |
| 2:35 | Reports of Gen & Stand Coms | D27 Chair or Com. Member |
| 3:00 | Council Reconvenes | D/C Hugh Hayes, JN |
| 3:05 | COW - Relieve & Reinstall Officers | R/C Bob Howd, SN-CN |
| 3:20 | D/C's Message | D/C Hugh Hayes, JN |
| 3:30 | Meeting Adjourns | D/C Hugh Hayes, JN |
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Members of the Council = D27Bridge Officers, the Immediate Past District Commander, the Chairmen of the D27 General Committees (Audit, Rules, Planning, Nominating), and the Squadron Commanders

Members of the Conference – Members of the Council (above), D27 Past District Commanders (active squadron members), and the Squadron Delegates

2021 D27 Spring Council / Conference, Aw a r d s, and COW. (Agenda Revision 2021-02-05)

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

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

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

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