



AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB

New Bern

Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron
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Upcoming Events:

The Croaker Festival in Oriental July 2, 2022

Tuesday, July 26

CLSPS July Dinner Meeting

The Chelsea Restaurant
1730 Social Hour 1800 Dinner
1900-Meeting

Monday, August 1

ExComm Meeting

Via Zoom

Monday, September 5

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Monday, September 19

CLSPS September Dinner Meeting

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September 11-18

ABC Governing Board Meeting

Raleigh, NC

Sunday, September 25

Vintage Hitchcock

Civic Theater



The parade at the Oriental
Croaker Festival is always a Hit!

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As we rush headlong into summer the first signs that we are returning to normal after Covid are appearing. Bud Ellis has given our squadron's first course in basic boating in conjunction with the community college, and is looking forward to Boat Handling this fall. Owen Smith and his crew are approaching a record in vessel safety checks. Lydia Ash led a group of explorers to the North Carolina Maritime Museum in Beaufort and picked a wonderful restaurant for lunch. Bob Burget led a group in geodic marker recovery.

Our summer season is off to a great start with several new members and some great in person events. Hopefully we can keep this momentum going throughout the year.

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

<http://www.clsps.org>

Education Officer

Lt/C Bud Ellis, Jr., SN



Education is on the roll! We completed the ABC course on 13 June with 3 students passing the course. Our start was a little rocky with new people at the college to work with. We didn't get the exposure we had hoped for, but I think we got the kinks worked out. We will try again in October at both the New Bern and Havelock campuses and work for better turn out. All the students were members of the squadron and passed with flying colors. They will receive their Certificates of Completion and their wallet cards on 26 July at our dinner meeting. When you see Leslie Gagnon, Karen Kleiner, or Larry Kleiner out and about, congratulate them for completing the ABC course.

Now is the time to begin preparations for The Boat Handling Course (Seamanship for the old salts). Let's try to get as many students in the class as we can. Not only will we have class work but we have volunteers with both power and sail boats willing to host students on the water. It is one thing to read about and look at pictures and listen to an instructor describe boat handling, it is something else to actually do it. Perhaps we can turn the class into a Squadron outing. We can all use a refresher in taking bearings and dead-

reckoning. Maybe we could run a short predicted log contest.

Education can be fun!

Croaker Festival Parade Pics

Held Saturday morning on Fourth of July Weekend, in Oriental.

You never know what you're going to see in the parade.



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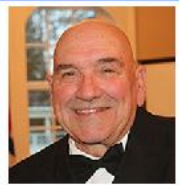
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Safety Program**
P/C Owen Smith, AP



To date, our Vessel Safety Examiners have logged 337 safety checks. Of those, one of our squadron members has had his vessel checked: Ray Whitley. To have your vessel checked for safety, all you have to do is contact any of our Vessel Safety Examiners. The checks only take about 15 minutes.

Even if you know your vessel may not pass a safety check, it is still important to have one done. That way you know for certain what you need to do to assure that your vessel has everything needed for you to have a safe boating season. If your vessel does not pass, it still counts towards the total inspections our squadron records with USPS. When your vessel does pass, the second inspection also counts towards our total for the year.

A vessel that does not earn a VSE sticker is not reported to any agency. The list of our VSEs and their contact information is listed in this (and all of our) newsletter.

2022 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.

2022 Booster Club

Jane & Lloyd Moore
Wayne Fretwell, Elaine Lechner
Marty & Tiki Warner
June Reasons
Owen & Carolyn Smith
Bob Burget
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**Administrative
Officer**

Lt/C Lydia Ash



My apologies for the crickets we're all hearing. The summer doldrums have set in as far as activities for the squadron. Regrettably due to uncertain weather conditions, we (ok, I...) decided to cancel the jaunt to Fort Macon, however, as I forgot to call them, Elaine and Wayne had a lovely time at the beach overlook as the storm clouds built up around the area. We'll hope to do it in the Fall.

In lieu of activities to report on, I've decided to include a lovely chart of local rainfall to date. Between these bits of data and looking up images and history and meaning of "it's raining cats and dogs", I've not accomplished much else!

My latest contact with Donnie Cox of Channel 12 on 7/14 indicated that: "They might allow a visit later this summer or fall. Right now the visitors are being kept to a minimum because of the high Covid rate in NC counties right now. --" So, we'll hope to be able to get in the door there at some point.

I'll hope to have some other activities to report at the meeting on Tuesday, 7/26!

Theatre Outing in September!

Elaine has provided the below synopsis of the upcoming "Vintage Hitchcock" Radio Play at the Civic Theatre. We're looking at attending the September 25th, Sunday matinee with lunch first. Tickets are going fast, so check it out and let Elaine know if you would like to go.

"Spies, murder, love, and other trademarks of Alfred Hitchcock come to life in the style of a 1940s radio broadcast of the master of suspense's earlier films. With *The Lodger*, *Sabotage* and *The 39 Steps*, Vintage Hitchcock: A Live Radio Play is a triple feature, complete with vintage commercials, that recreates a daring train chase, a serial killer's ominous presence, and a devastating explosion through the magic of live sound effects and musical underscoring."

Again, if you are interested in attending, please let Elaine know: Elaine Lechner, 2220 Caracara Drive, New Bern, NC, 28560. 678-464-7665 and email is elechner@bellsouth.net.



The Interesting Meaning and History of the Phrase: 'Raining Cats and Dogs'

A few days ago, we delved into the curious origins and meaning of the phrase 'curiosity killed the cat'. That got us thinking about another popular feline phrase, 'it's raining cats and dogs'. We all know the rough meaning of the phrase: namely, if it's raining cats and dogs, it's raining heavily, the heavens have opened, it's torrential out there, and so on. But where does the expression 'raining cats and dogs' actually come from?

There are various theories that 'raining cats and dogs' is derived from a foreign phrase (e.g. from the Greek *kata doksa*, 'contrary to expectation') which the English adopted, although these have largely been rejected. There is something about the expression 'it's raining cats and dogs' that is decidedly



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British: it is a distinctly British idiom, although most languages have a similar phrase – not involving cats and dogs, but using somewhat extreme imagery to convey the forcefulness and heaviness of the rainfall. (Of all of these colourful expressions, our favourite may be the French *il pleut comme vache qui pisse*, 'it is raining like a peeing cow'.) In 1651, the Welsh poet Henry Vaughan published a poem which contains the lines:

And gladly would against the Fair-day fit
Themselves with such a roof, that can
secure
Their wares from dogs and cats rained in
shower;

Then, in the following century, Jonathan Swift – who, elsewhere, invented the girls' name Vanessa (it was a pet name for his friend Esther Vanhomrigh) – concluded his 1710 poem *Description of a City Shower* with the triplet:

Sweepings from butchers' stalls, dung,
guts, and blood,
Drowned puppies, stinking sprats, all
drenched in mud,
Dead cats, and turnip tops, come
tumbling down the flood.

If this doesn't exactly give us 'raining cats and dogs', it does at least give us drowned puppies and dead cats swept up in the 'flood' of a rain-shower. But then, in 1738, Swift published his *Polite Conversation*, in which his character Lord Sparkish observes, 'I know Sir John will go, though he was sure it would rain cats and dogs'. So, 'raining cats and dogs' was a familiar idiom by the 1730s.

But we need to go back to the sixteenth century, it seems, to find the probable origins of our modern feline and canine idiom. Anatoly Liberman (in the link provided above to the debunking of the foreign origin theories) directs us to the *Oxford English Dictionary*, and to 'cat-bolt', where we find a quotation from Gabriel Harvey's 1592 book *Pierce's Supererogation*: 'In steed of thunderboltese, shooteth nothing but dogboltes, or catboltes.'

This suggests that, even by the 1590s, the idea of using cats and dogs to describe extreme weather was established, and the association of 'cats New Bern dogs' with heavy rain was one that had already been made.

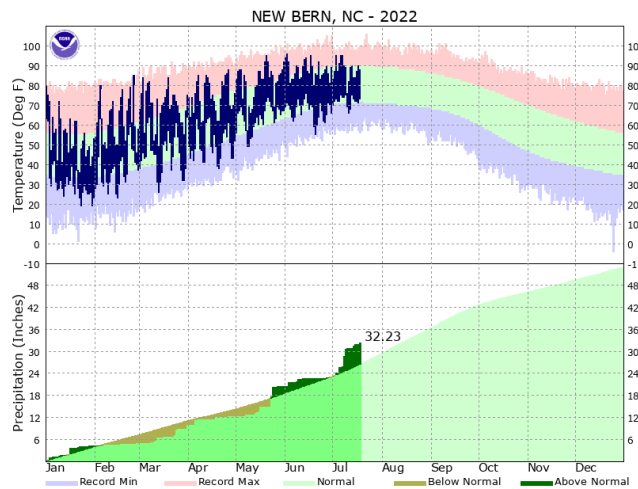
In the last analysis, perhaps the true history of this phrase is one which relies on the very nonsensicality of its meaning: rather than referring to cats and dogs being uprooted from thatched roofs during bad weather (another, competing, theory), the phrase is, like the French urinating cow, a classic example of using animal imagery to exaggerate the extremeness of the weather being described. In other words, the meaning, or sense, of 'it's raining cats and dogs' lies in its lack of sense: it is glorious nonsense.

National Weather Service Annual Climate Plots

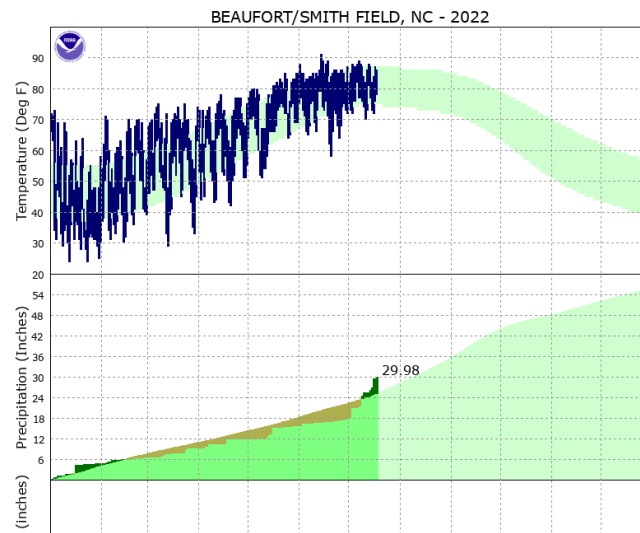
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National Weather Graphs:

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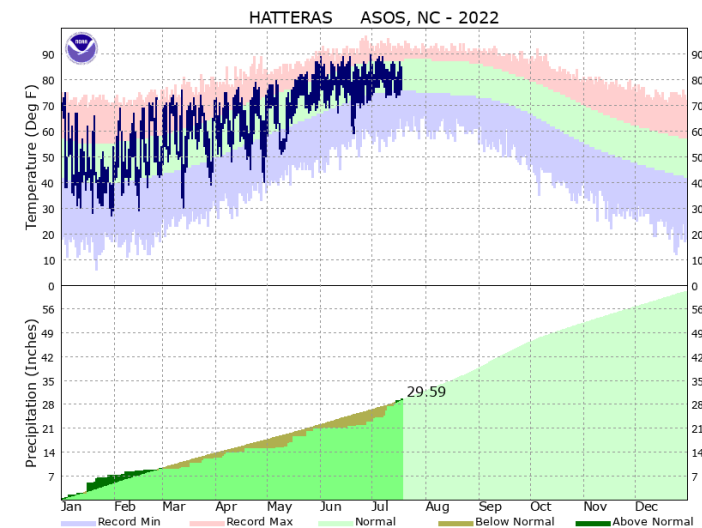
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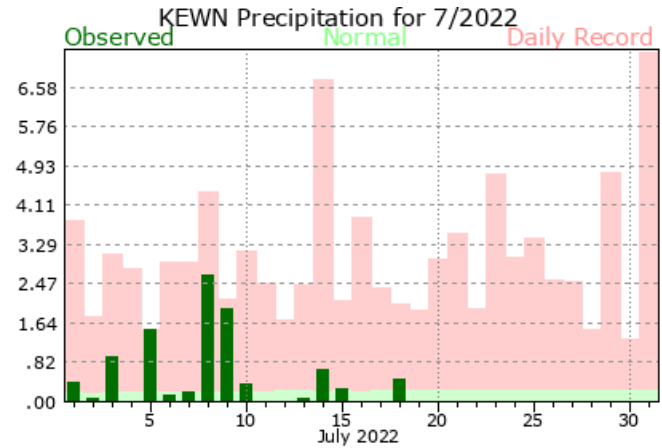
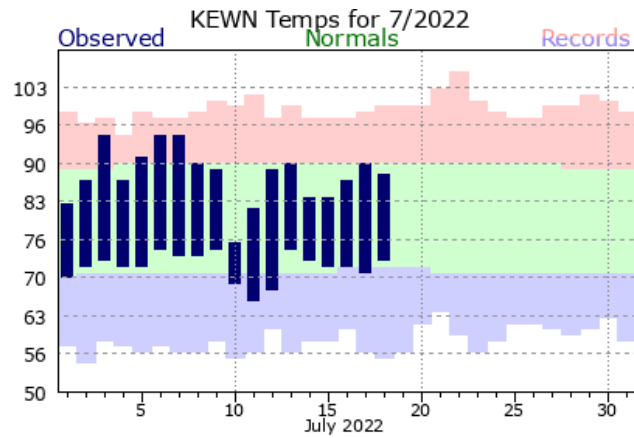


For tons of information about what's going on in our own District 27, take a look at their website:
District 27 of the United States Power Squadrons: <http://www.uspsd27.org/>

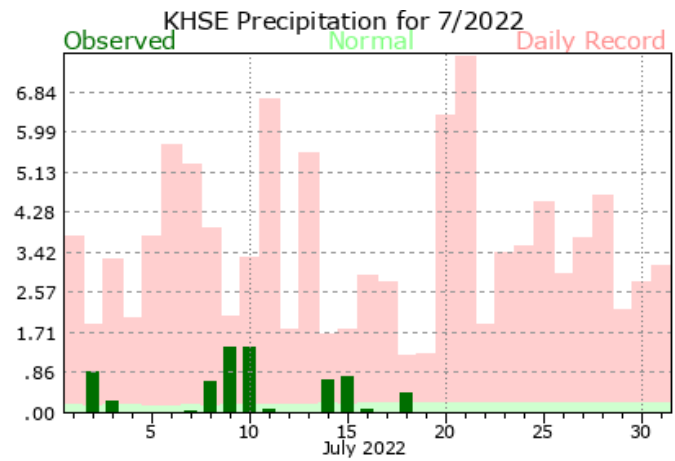
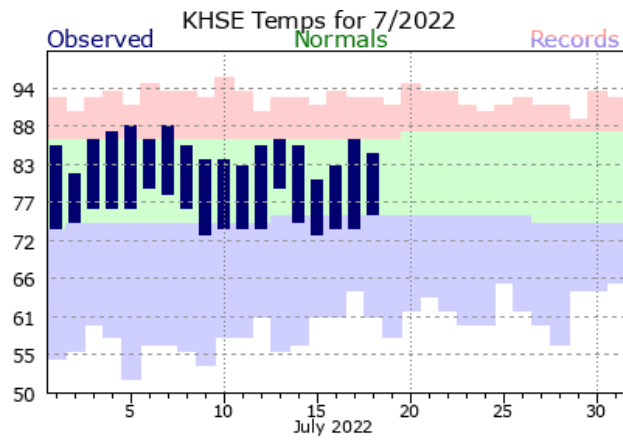


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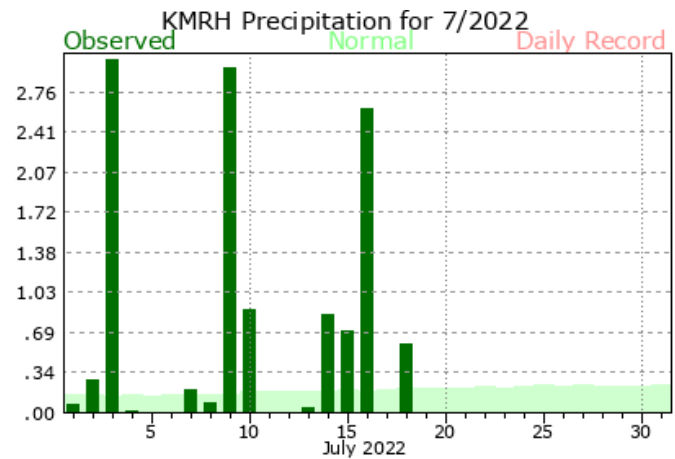
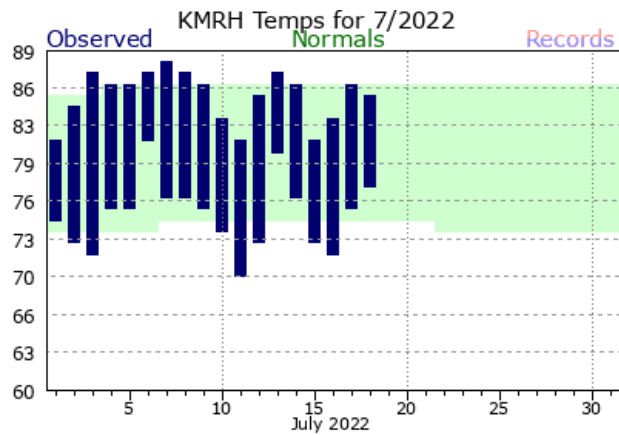
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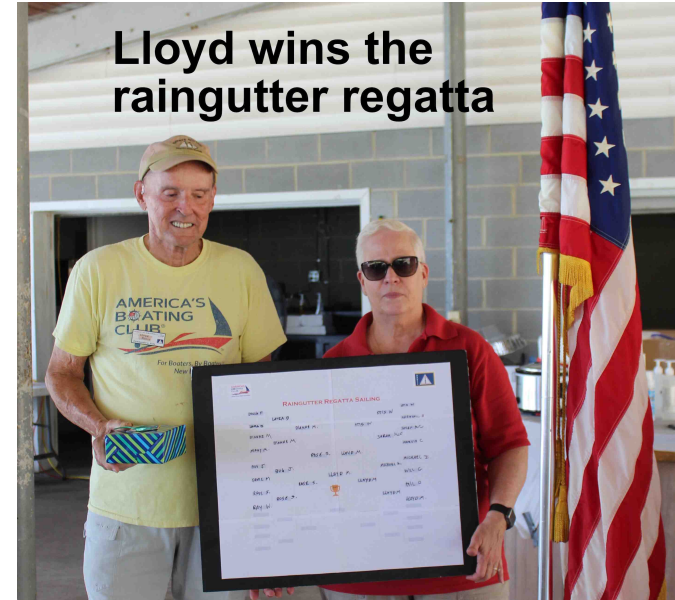
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Jane & Lloyd Moore attended the District 27 Rendezvous at Lake Wylie, June 24-26
Photos courtesy of D27



P/C William J. Ash,
SN, H



On “TYING UP”

P/C William J. ASH SN EMERITUS

Hurricane Florence, of the year 2018, changed a lot of things in this part of the world. For one, it caused me to be an inactive yachtsman after years of messing about in boats as suggested in, “*Wind in the Willows*.” After the storm, for over three years, our gal, *Jolly Tar*, was high and dry in a local, jammed-up, boatyard where the owner must have thought I was going to abandon her. Nice piece of change was the Herreschhof, but, ‘No,’ I had no intentions of letting the yard take possession of the beloved catboat. But, I had little success in prodding the yard to get things moving. Finally, earlier this year, 2022, something, perhaps an apocalyptic volcanic eruption in some far horizon on the planet, must have happened

The beloved boat showed up in my slip at the Eastern Carolina Yacht Club where I’ve been a loyal member for over twenty years. The boatyard tied up the *Tar* and I thought I was up and running. Please guess again..

The engine didn’t start. The tiller would not clear the top of the outboard

engine which mounts in a well just beneath. A newly fabricated rudder, (my copy off a similar catboat), of barn door dimensions, was not fast to its fittings. Other things such as the sail not being tied to the mast hoops and a swinging bobstay added to the ‘little things’ needing attention. I’ll not get into the reasons why all this nonsense existed; they are pathetic. Now I need to get a diver to see if the zincs were attached as expected. Don’t hold your breath! But that’s not all.

I was not pleased with the way *Jolly Tar* was set on her lines. More of them were required and they needed to be longer. *Hurricane Florence* pushing a twelve foot surge managed to cause lots of friction among dock lines causing them to rub through, spinning the old girl 180° with the rudder now high above the pier. When the twelve feet of water receded, the pier dislodged the rudder which disappeared into an eternity of water. It has not been seen again. Lengthening all dock lines may prevent this from reoccurring. But another factor has to be taken into consideration. Finger piers, pilings and docks had to be replaced and for some reason, my slip is now wider than before and pilings are located in different places accordingly.

With the help of fellow mariners, I have corrected the lines, both starboard and port, fore and aft, and now I await the arrival of the talented mechanic who will give me the needed help with the

engine. All this happened because a hurricane blew by the yacht club. I fear a similar storm will occur this year or next and my lines should not suffer another defeat.



Happy Birthday
to the
Following Members



July

Gagnon, Edward W. — 8 July
McCallum, Bellonora F. — 8 July
Lechner, Elaine M. — 18 July
Burget, Robert dale — 24 July
Reasons, June D. — 27 July

August

Leahy, Robert R. — 14 August



SENIOR COMMENTS

I used to be able to do cartwheels. Now I tip over putting on my underwear.

I told my wife she should embrace her mistakes...so she hugged me.

My wife says I only have 2 faults. I don't listen and something else...

At my funeral, take the bouquet off my coffin and throw it into the crowd to see who is next.

I thought growing old would take longer.

I came, I saw, I forgot what I was doing. Retraced my steps, got lost on the way back. Now I have no idea what's going on.

The officer said, "You drinking?" I said "You buying?" We just laughed and laughed... I need bail money.

I think the reason we are born with two hands is so we can pet two dogs at once.

Day 12 without chocolate. Lost hearing in my left eye.

Scientists say the universe is made up of protons, neutrons, and electrons. They forgot to mention morons.

The adult version of "head,

shoulders, knees and toes" is "wallet, glasses, keys and phone."

A dog accepts you as the boss...a cat wants to see your resume

Oops....did I roll my eyes out loud? Life is too short to waste time matching socks.

Wi-fi went down for five minutes, so I had to talk to my family. They seem like nice people.

If you see me talking to myself, just move along. I'm self-employed; we're having a staff meeting.

I won't be impressed with technology until I can download food.

Some people call me crazy. I prefer happy with a twist.

My doctor asked if anyone in my family suffers from mental illness. I said, "No, we all seem to enjoy it."

I really don't mind getting old, but my body is having a major fit.

Camping: Where you spend a small fortune to live like a homeless person.

Project Manager.... Because Miracle Worker isn't an official job title.

I told my wife I wanted to be cremated. She made me an appointment for Tuesday.

Measure once, cuss twice.

My dream job would be driving the karma bus.

THINK! (It's not illegal...YET)

I don't care who dies in a movie, as long as the dog lives.

The world's best antidepressant has 4 legs, a wagging tail, and comes with

unconditional love.

Love is how excited your dog gets when you come home.

I've reached the age where my train of thought often leaves the station without me.

If you're happy and you know it, it's your meds.





Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron July Dinner Meeting
Tuesday, July 26, 2022, 1730
The Chelsea, 335 Middle Street, New Bern, NC
Speaker: Neuse River keeper, Samantha Krop



Mixed Green Salad with House Vinaigrette, Dinner Rolls with Butter, Iced Tea, Coffee and Water

Ribeye Beef Tips with Sautéed Peppers, Onions and Mushrooms, Garlic Smashed Potatoes and Sautéed Green Beans

Lemon Chicken, Rice Pilaf and Sautéed Green Beans

Mahi Bruschetta, Rice Pilaf and Sautéed Green Beans

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 Tuesday, July 19, so please send your entrée choice and check, made payable to CLSPS, to Linda Whitley, 4606 Helen Lane, New Bern, NC 28560. You can call Linda at 252-631-4083 or email her at lindaswhitley@gmail.com.



Ships Store Inventory

Knit Polo Shirts: Ladies and men's short sleeve knit shirts - \$15. White and navy.

White sizes: Ladies: S, M, Men's: XL

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Fleece Vest with CLSPS logo, 50th Anniversary: We have navy.

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