



AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB

New Bern

Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron
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 CLSPS Website: <http://www.clsps.org>

Upcoming Events:

Sat-Sun, September 9-10
New Bern Bike MS Volunteers
 Rest Stop #6, Arapaho

Monday, 11 September, 1900
ExComm Meeting
 Via Zoom

Monday, September 18, The Chelsea
CLSPS September Dinner Meeting
 1730 Social, 1800 Dinner, 1900 Meeting

October 22
Chili and Cornbread Cookoff
 Redsail Park 1330 or Fairfield Harbor
 Community Center 1430-see Page 5

October 27-28
**District 27 Fall Council/
 Conference**
 Carolina Orchards Club House, Fort
 Mill, SC-see Page 6
 For more see the District 27 website:
[https://uspsd27.org/php/
 d27Calendar.php](https://uspsd27.org/php/d27Calendar.php)

Cape Lookout Land Cruise Tour of Jarrett Bay Boatworks August 9, 2023



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As we approach the fall season, some of the best boating weather of the year usually blesses us. Not only great weather, but probably for many of us, at least those who still have boats, this means the boating season is winding down for 2023. There are still opportunities to make sure the rest of the season is a safe experience on the water. Education, vessel safety checks and just being aware of your surroundings while you are on the water is always important. Of course as a skipper, our first responsibility is the safety of all those on board, whether they are active crew members with specific responsibilities or just along for a great day on the water as your passenger/guest. That includes being aware of what you need on board to provide for everyone's safety (obviously a hint).

There aren't a lot of things going on for the squadron for the next 3 months, but the events we have are important. By the time you read this newsletter, the New Bern Bike-a-Thon for MS will be history, but we can look forward to a report from the several squadron members who will be volunteering along the course.

In October, we have two significant events. The first is the squadron Chili Cookout on Sunday, Oct. 22. This is always a great event with lots of good food and several styles of chili. Your Executive Committee is considering inviting other nearby squadrons to join us for that event. Details will follow as they develop.

Also in October is the District 27 Fall Conference which will be in Ft. Mill, SC on Friday/Saturday October 27-28. Ft. Mill is just south of Charlotte. The theme for the conference is "A Pirate's Life For Me". I think the highlight of the conference will be the Saturday evening Pirates' Buccaneer BBQ catered by "Famous Daves". The menu description is entertaining in itself and can be reviewed on the D27 registration form. Costumes are encouraged, so it should be a fun event. Check out the registration form and agenda via the link elsewhere in this issue.

One interesting thing about this conference is that D27 has not identified a host hotel. So what I suggest is that those of you who are considering attending, let me know and we can discuss the hotel options and perhaps stay at the same hotel. There are several less than 10 minutes driving time from the Carolina Orchards Club House, in the community by the same name.

Finally, when I was Commander of CLSPS eons ago, I conducted a nautical quiz at our monthly meetings. It consisted of a single question. The table that got the correct answer, was awarded a bottle of wine of my choosing. It was up to those at the table to determine if those at the table shared the vino, or someone got to take it home. This will be my contribution to entertainment at the regular meetings for the three months I have the helm of Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron. If you haven't been to a meeting for a while come see if your nautical knowledge measures up.

One last note, my future articles probably won't be this long.

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

<http://www.clsps.org>

Administrative Officer

Lt/C Lydia Ash



Ahoy y'all!

July's member meeting was an informative one with guest speakers Sarah Parkin and Wendi Johnson of the "U.S. 70 Improvements in James City Project" providing valuable information on traffic patterns and timelines and much more regarding the construction on Route 70. Lots of details are available to us and we are all welcome to visit, by appointment, to the Site Office. Visit the website at: www.ncdot.gov/jamescity. (See accompanying pictures of their PowerPoint slides too!)



Jarrett Bay Boatworks Tour and Lunch was enjoyed by all who were able to attend! [Several folks who couldn't make it have expressed an interest in going. Get in touch with me and we'll make a plan to go another time.]

September Members Meeting is coming up quick!

Bill Nielsen, from the Coast Guard Auxiliary will speak about our **Local Waters** which are constantly changing! Be sure to join us on Monday,

September 18th to learn the latest on our local area waters! Menu items are out - Take a look here in The Outlook for your choices and procedures! Be sure to get your food choice in, in plenty of time prior to the meeting! \$25./person. Hope to see you there!

ALSO! We'll be making plans at the September meeting for our multi-squadron October Chili Cook-off activity. District 27 Commander Bill Beers and wife Barb will be in attendance so we hope you'll make best efforts to attend! Read more from Commander Elaine here in The Outlook!

A note of thanks to our Co-Commanders for their efforts thus far this year! Commander June has just passed the baton and into the middle of hurricane season we roll with Commander Owen!

Stay safe and cool out there as we monitor Hurricane Lee and others! Stay alert!



Education Officer

Lt/C Bud Ellis, Jr., SN



August was a busy month in the education department. We have 8 students about to complete the Weather course. We have 2 chapters left plus a review and exam. We have covered a lot of good material to get a basic understanding of what causes weather and have started talking about weather systems like clouds, thunderstorms, lightning, squall lines, and rainbows. Coming up are frontal systems and hurricanes.

3 people that signed up for the course had conflicts that prevented them from taking part in this class so we will do it again this winter. Anyone else that would like to take the 2nd offering will be most welcome. If 3 or 4 people want any of our many courses, we will get the material and instructors to present any course you want, but you must tell us.

We had a table at the Farmer's Market last Saturday to present the ABC3 course to any interested boater we could talk to. Suzanne Madison prepared a beautiful flyer for the course that included a QR code to go directly to the CCC registration site to sign up for the class. Unfortunately, we did not get enough response to our offer, so we have



rescheduled ABC3 for the first two Saturdays in May of 2024.

A short update on Weather. I was unable to hold 3 classes after being exposed to COVID (Bev did contract a light case but kicked it after sleeping for 3 days). That put us behind. We have completed the discussions and Power Point presentations and will have our review and quiz in the next 2 weeks. I hope the students enjoyed the class as much as I did.

MEMBERSHIP

P/C Jane Moore, AP



Welcome aboard

As mentioned in our last newsletter, Rhoda Fort was sworn in as a new member in July. After successfully completing the ABC course, she is currently attending the Weather course with seven other members. Rhoda

provided a brief bio for us to help get to know her. Please welcome her at the next meeting.

In Rhoda's words, "I am a Raleigh native. I recently bought a house in the Taberna neighborhood in New Bern to be nearer to my daughter, who lives in the Topsail Beach area. As far as volunteering with USPS, I would like to help increase USPS membership and explore other ways that I may be able to assist. My past water sports activities include – I spent a lot of time on my best friends' family 80' Hatteras where it was mostly a social activity as someone else was in charge of navigation, etc. while we "hung out" (lol), so I never really learned much about navigation and boating safety, etc., so I would like to learn that. Previously, I lived in Asheville where I have done a lot of personal paddling in the western part of the state. I also worked as a whitewater guide on the French Broad, Nantahala, and Nolichucky rivers. I look forward to enjoying life in the Eastern part of North Carolina and really have been enjoying this wonderful place."

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



Our Vessel Safety Examiners have now completed 393 vessel safety checks. Of those 393, only one is for a CLSPS member, Ray Whitley. Even though the boating season is close to winding down I think the best months for boating weather-wise are the next three months (barring hurricanes of course). Still plenty of time to have your vessel checked for safety features and help our squadron with our total count. Just let one of our VSEs know when and where and we will be there. We are all listed here in the *OUTLOOK*.



Save the Date

What: Chili, Cornbread and Dessert Cook-Off

When: October 22, 2023

Where: Good weather, Red sail Park in Fairfield Harbour at 1:30pm.

Bad Weather; Fairfield Harbour Community Center (Fire House) at 2:30

The Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron is having a cook-off. There will be three categories: Chili, Cornbread and Deserts. We are inviting Tar River Squadron, Pamlico Squadron and Fort Macon Squadron to participate. If you don't want to enter the competition but want to contribute you can bring a side dish of your choice. You can also bring \$10 if you don't want to cook, but we will need enough people to cook so we all can eat. The Cape Lookout Squadron will provide water, tea and lemon aid along with plates, bowls and utensils. You can also BYOB if you prefer. You will be the judges of the chili, cornbread and deserts. There will be a sign-up sheet at CLSPS's regular dinner meeting on September 18th. The other squadrons can get there information to me, Elaine Lechner, elechner@bellsouth.net or 678-464-7665 by October 15th.



2023 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.

2023 Booster Club

Bob Burget
Ed & Leslie Gagnon
Bud & Bev Ellis
Owen & Carolyn Smith
John Kwak & Juli Voelker
Wayne Fretwell & Elaine Lechner
June Reasons
Lloyd & Jane Moore
Ray & Linda Whitley
Marty & Tiki Warner
Mike & Carolyn McCulley



**IT'S A
PIRATE'S LIFE
FOR ME**



Ahoy me Hearties,
There will be a meeting of all District 27 pirates on October 27 and 28
in Fort Mill, SC at the Carolina Orchards Club House.



1277 Carolina Orchards Blvd., Fort Mill, SC 29715



Friday Night Shrimp Boil

Saturday Night Buccaneer BBQ



Guest Speakers Meeting Saturday Lunch
Pirate Entertainment Costume Contest
FUN! FUN! FUN!

For those "sailing in" from the central and
East Carolina seas, there are many nearby anchorages (list on back)



Tour of the Jarrett Bay Boatworks

Words and pics by the Editor

On a warm day on 9 August, eight fellow CLSPS members met at Jarrett Bay for a really informative tour. Many of you have seen Jarrett Bay from the water as you traveled down Core Creek along the Intracoastal. It looks like the normal “marina” where they pull out and repair boats. But that’s just an aside, their real business is building boats. They build fairly large, expensive, custom made Sport Fishing Boats (no sailboats). Most of them are around 67’ and are \$20 million plus each! They are made of wood and built from scratch-no molds, so each boat is different. They complete about 3 boats a year, so we got to see several boats under different levels of construction. In one building they build the “parts”: hull, interior, deck, then the parts are moved to another building where they are assembled, and then finally moved to another building where they are painted and “finished”.

We saw the hull of a 90 footer under construction using panels of Okoume plywood in diagonal strips alternating direction on each layer.

Our guide, Paul, was very knowledgeable, saying he’s learned more about what the Boatworks do by giving these tours. We were allowed close inspection of the construction.

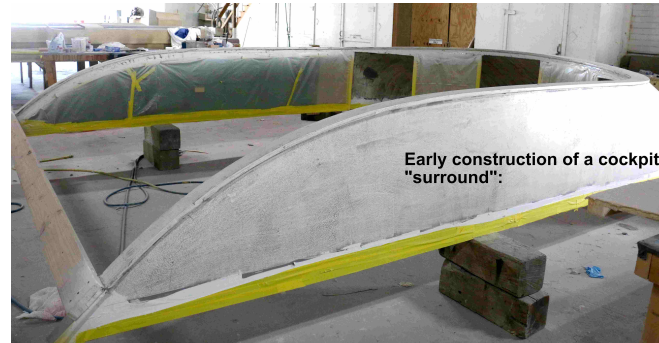
And then it was off for lunch at 34° North Restaurant



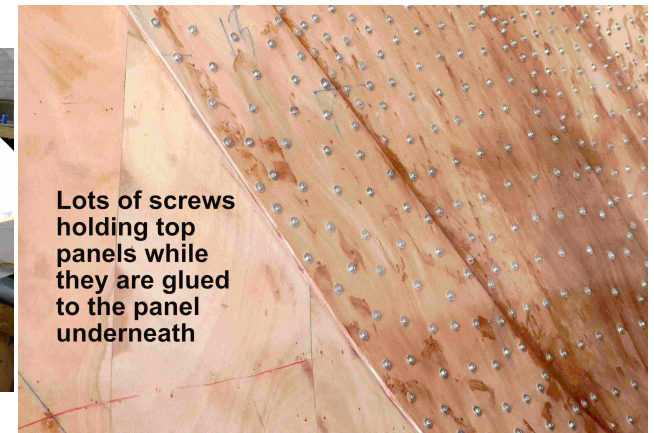
Our Tour Guide, Paul



Bow of 90' Hull with first layer of plywood strips using removable framework underneath



Early construction of a cockpit "surround":



Lots of screws holding top panels while they are glued to the panel underneath



Here's a 90 foot boat under construction

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/>



P/C William J. Ash,
SN, H



CLOSE CALLS AND THE JOLLY TAR

P/C WILLIAM J. ASH, SN, EMERITUS

To be a good sailor requires a considerable amount of 'know how.' The skipper has to know the rules of the road, and, if racing, he/she needs to consider the rules of where he/she is competing. Moreover he/she (this is ridiculous) must know the characteristics of the vessel, how it behaves under the many conditions encountered from the wind and sea. The innate properties of the old girl/boy (this has got to stop) resulting from the construction of the vessel need learning to sail properly and to avoid injury. Luck must also be chanced, just to make sure. I'm a lucky fellow when it comes to sailing.

I can think of some pretty scary adventures occurring during the 38 years I have owned the *Tar*. Forget any chronologic order, just let me type as the synapses close on a particular incident. Incidentally, I'm including the human factor when it comes to close calls.

Picture a beautiful mid-summer afternoon on Moriches Bay and the south coast of Long Island. Cumulous clouds puffing along, coming up from the southwest, sea birds circling in search of something to fill their crops and a sailboat moving from west to east, the skipper looking for the perfect place for taking a

few minutes in the drink. I spotted a place about 30° off the starboard bow and began to lower the sail, timing it perfectly with a successful drift to a shallow place where the water was about five feet deep. The anchor was lowered off the port bow. I eased myself off the starboard bow and found myself in about 25 feet of water. I went a long way down. One of the nice things about single handed sailing is one does not have to answer to anybody. I resurfaced and promised myself to look at a chart; I did; there was no evidence of a deep hole in the bay. There was material for my year's cooperative charting. Subsequently I found four such holes that nobody ever mentioned. Close call! I left the area the following March and never have had the chance to see if all my work had made the new chart.

When I first arrived in New Bern, in 1995, I was lucky to be given a friendly slip in the Duck Creek marina. It truly was a fine location, but one morning I arrived at the slip and wondered who had thrown all the trash in my boat. I was quite angry, thinking that some son of a gun would have the nerve to do something like that. Fellow mariner? No way. It was a Sunday and I decided to return on Monday and report the incident to the owner of the mariner. I did. He related to me that the thunder storm on Saturday night produced a bolt of lightning that struck the boat next to mine and blew all the electrical equipment, both inside and out, to 'smitherines.' Moreover, the lightning tore a hole about two inches in diameter just above the waterline on the poor vessel. Right next to me, it was. Can't get much closer than that! I own a lucky cat-boat with an aluminum mast. The target vessel was a low profile powerboat without a mast. You figure that!

Then there was the time when my late spouse and I were sailing, in the same waters, when we were belted, out of the blue, with a hard wind gust abaft the starboard beam. Trudy was not a proven mariner and she was not athletic. The gust took us by surprise to the extent of the mast picking up seaweed off the port side. Things flew across the cockpit, I hung on for dear life and Trudy froze at the helm. I yelled for her to release the tiller, and the *Jolly Tar* righted her/himself immediately. Close call! Poor Trudy; don't think she ever took the helm again. Returned to port with neighbors asking, "Why the seaweed?"

I could go on with all of this kind of terror, leaving newer members of the Squadron thinking, 'Maybe I should spend my retirement years painting portraits or playing with computer games.' No, no, please don't do that. Sailing is the King/Queen of seaman/womanship and should not be feared. It is a challenge which should be taken seriously with safety in mind. Good luck to all new sailors/sailorettes and remember you read it here. I'm sticking to my stories, they really are true.

Happy Birthday
to the
Following Members



September

Gill, Brent R. — 7 September
Fort, Rhoda C. — 16 September
Starr, Jim — 24 September



I just posted a selfie & people told me to get well soon

Dear Mother In Law: Don't teach me how to bring up my Children. I'm living with one of yours and he needs a LOT of improvement.

Getting old sucks. I used to wake up feeling like a million bucks. Now I feel more like a bounced check.

Falling in love makes you do stupid things. One time I even got married.

You know you're getting old when you barely do anything all day, but still have to nap to continue to do barely anything.

Can I order a replacement body, please? This one is constantly malfunctioning.

I will be posting telepathically today. So, if you hear of something funny, it was me.

You know you've sunken to a new low when you refer to a trip to the grocery store as "going out".

Men say women should come with instructions. What's the point? Have you ever seen a man actually read the instructions?

It's a shame nothing is built in the USA anymore. I just bought a TV and it

said built in antenna. I don't even know where antenna is.

Posted a photo of my clean house. It was flagged & removed as Fake News!!

My Buddy asked if he could crash on my couch tonight. I had to explain that I'm married now & that's where I sleep.

New Bern Bike MS is coming September 9-10

We have Rest Stop #6 on Saturday, September 9 from 1100-1500. It is at the Free Will Baptist Church in Arapahoe. This is a different church than the one we used several years ago in Arapahoe. Volunteers are invited to a banquet Saturday night at the Convention Center—Wear your T-shirt to get in.



She's almost done!
Last stage at Jarrett Boat Works



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Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron September Dinner Meeting,

Monday, September 18, 2023

The Chelsea, 335 Middle Street, New Bern, NC

Social Time: 1730, Dinner 1800, Meeting 1900

Speaker: Bill Nielsen, Coast Guard Auxiliary—Local Waters

Menu:

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

Entrees:

Grilled Pork Chops topped with apricot, rosemary demi-glace with garlic smashed potatoes and mixed medley.

Mahi Bruschetta served with rice pilaf and mixed medley

Shrimp and Grits

Dessert: Chocolate Tuxedo cake

Name: _____ Dinner Choice: _____

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Number attending _____ x \$25.00 each = Amount enclosed \$ _____

The Chelsea requests the head count and entrée selection by Thursday, September 14, so please send your entrée choice and check, made payable to CLSPS, to Elaine Lechner, 2220 Caracara Drive, New Bern NC, 28560, elechner@bellsouth.net or 678-464-7665

Ships Store Inventory

Knit Polo Shirts: Ladies short sleeve knit shirts - \$15. navy.

Navy sizes: Ladies: 1xS, 2xM, 1xL

Ladies Long Sleeve Denim Shirts:

\$12.50, Available size: L

Squadron Burgee (1 left) sells for \$25.00.



Pennant magnets are priced at \$5. They can be placed on your vehicle or refrigerator. (7 left)

Brushed Velcro Hat - white CLSPS logo, \$10.00 (1 left)

Cotton Visor - White (2 left) and Navy (4 left) CLSPS logo USPS D27 \$10.

Reflector Safety Vest — ABC Geodetic Marker Recover Team, Size L, \$30.00

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 Bender Apparel, please contact P/C Moore for details.

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

Contact P/C Jane Moore at pc@clsps.org or 252-637-5547

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