

# AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB

New Bern 

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

## Upcoming Events:

Saturday, November 4, 1000-1600  
**Artist Studio Tour!**  
1408 Thorpe-Abbots Lane

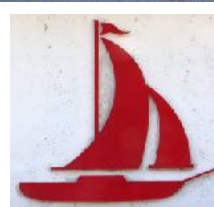
Monday, November 6, 1900  
**CLSPS ExCom Mtg**  
Via Zoom

Monday, November 20, The Chelsea  
**CLSPS November Dinner Meeting**  
1730 Social, 1800 Dinner, 1900 Meeting

Monday, December 4, 1900  
**CLSPS ExCom Mtg**  
Via Zoom

Sunday, December 17, 1600-1900  
**Holiday Pot Luck/Holiday Gift Exchange**  
Whitley's: 4606 Helen Lane

## Chili Cook-Off



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**Owen Smith, AP**



The boating season for us in NC is not closing, but it is definitely winding down. One of the reasons I have loved Coastal NC is because the boating season is a 12 month excursion. Granted most of us slow down in the winter months, but there are usually some opportunities for good boating weather all winter long. I remember a trip from Hancock Marina to New Bern in December, 2003 when a friend and I took my Catalina 36 for the New Bern Christmas Flotilla in shorts and tees. I won't be doing that this year because I lost my boat during Florence. But I have lots of fond memories boating in this area in the winter months.

We just finished the annual Chili and Dessert Cookoff, and had great food and a great day weather wise. I suspect Elaine will have more to say about that later in this issue. She did a fantastic job organizing this event, so thank you, Elaine from all of us who were there.

Speaking of that, we had some special guests at the Cookoff. District Commander Bill Beers, along with his wife Catawba Squadron Commander Barbara Beers, George and Nannette Kean from Pamlico Squadron, and Roy and Pat Thompson from Ft. Macon Squadron. Commander Beers had some words of guidance for us and offered some encouragement for other squadrons to have events like ours where we invite other squadrons to attend and enjoy the fellowship of others interested in boating. A special note to Jane Moore for suggesting we invite other squadrons.

**The Outlook and other great information are available at the CLSPS website:**  
<http://www.clsps.org>



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## A Look Back, to Look Forward

In perusing some old CLSPS notebooks in search of a speaker for the November meeting, I came upon my notes from the last Operations Training several of us attended presented to us by June Reasons. She encouraged us all to go to the National USPS website and to read up on our rich squadron history. Our District history, now 63 years in the making, is also worthy of review. June was Cape Lookout's first female Commander. She reminded us of how far we've come. Knowing that the female members were initially called "Playmates" struck a cord with me and I chuckled along with everyone else, thinking of course, of Hugh Hefner and those "other" Playmates! We'll never go THERE again...!

I'm glad to report that the men chipped in big-time to what was once considered "women's work" with our October Chili Cook-Off. They did not disappoint! Ed's grandmother's winning cornbread was yummy, and we were happy to see a nice number of attendees, even from three other squadrons including District Commander Bill Beers and his wife Barb. All of the chili,

cornbread and desserts were terrific! To those of you who missed it, you'll just have to come next year! It was a gorgeous afternoon at Red Sail Park. Kudos to Elaine for making the arrangements, and really to all, for your participation.

A few of you made off to the District 27 Fall Council/Conference and we'll look forward to hearing about that!

Speaking of looking forward, I eagerly await response(s) to invitations to speak and will be in touch with further details as they materialize. Look for dinner details here in the Outlook and we'll see you on November 20th at our next Members Meeting! It will be Commander Owen's final meeting of the year, so be sure to attend as there'll be a bottle of something for you if you're present and alert!

*Be sure to save Dec. 17th on your calendars for a rockin' Holiday Pot Luck with all your CLSPS chums at Linda and Ray Whitley's!*

Happy Halloween and Happy Thanksgiving! May the latter be a blessed one for you all!

I am pleased to announce that 5 of our members have passed the exam for the USPS Weather Course.

Congratulations to Leslie Gagnon, Lydia Ash, Ann Brittle, Duane Mixon, and Lloyd Moore. Personally, I think Weather is one of our most interesting courses. The information presented can be used all the time, on or off the boat. It takes a little work to get your head around some of the stuff that you haven't seen since high school, but in the end, it all comes together in the end.

We are going to teach the course again in February for the people that had conflicts in their busy schedules, (and an instructor that missed 3 weeks because of COVID). Anyone interested in taking the course should let me know so we can order the materials.

We also have a request for the Boat Handling Course. This is a great place for new members to start their USPS education. The course builds on the ABC3 course with in-depth boat handling skills, rules of the road, navigation, and much more. Let us know if you are interested.

The Education department wishes you all the best for the upcoming holidays and we hope to see you in class in 2024.



Annalee  
Ash

## Please come visit me on November 4th on the ARTIST STUDIO TOUR!

See my newest award-winning works, and have a tour of the extraordinary works in the studio and home of award-winning career artist, Jane Horner! We are at 1408 Thorpe Abbots Lane off of Yarmouth Road near Publix. You'll be amazed at Jane's collections of what has and continues to inspire her art.

We look forward to seeing you between 10am and 4pm on Saturday, November 4th! Come play with us!!! Warm regards,

Annalee Ash & Jane Horner

## Arrrgh! Who are those guys? Smiths & Moores at the D27 Conference



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  
Ash, Annalee M. — 22 November

## 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



## **Cdr Owen Smith spoke these words at June Reasons' Celebration of Life.**

We of Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron/America's Boating Club, New Bern, mourn our loss, but we are consoled by the abiding faith that when the final watch changes for us and we too cross the bar, our shipmate will be waiting to guide us to safe anchorage.

When our sailing nears its ending  
When our course is all but run,  
When this sense of past endeavor  
crowds upon us one by one  
When we see in true perspective,  
Knowing wrong and knowing right,  
May we say, like Saul of Tarsus,  
"I have fought a noble fight".  
May we find our life-long courses  
Have not been steered in vain.  
Lest the bearings we have plotted  
Must be reckoned out again.  
When we leave our earthly bodies  
Buried deep in sea or sod,  
May our endeavors be our glory  
When we go to meet our God.  
We bid you, "Hail and Farewell!"  
shipmate, until  
We drop anchor beside you at the  
Last Great Rendezvous.

Owen speaking  
at the  
Celebration



June's Nephew,  
Bill Searcy,  
Officiated at  
her Celebration



These pictures were  
taken at June Reasons'  
Celebration of Life,  
October 15



Some of the CLSPS  
Group at the Celebration



Photos from the  
past





Refreshments at the Celebration



Rhoda Fort



Ray & Linda Whitley  
Jane Moore



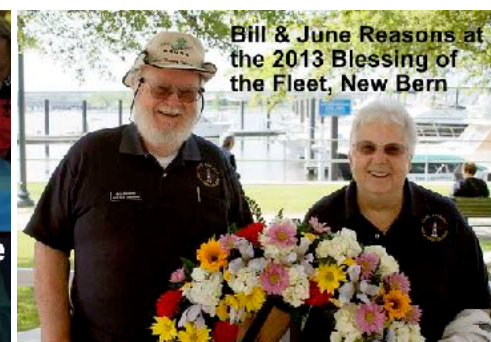
Bev Ellis, Lesley &  
Ed Gagnon



Lloyd Moore  
Bud Ellis



June & Bill Reasons at the  
2015 Holiday Party. (Mike  
McCulley behind)



Bill & June Reasons at  
the 2013 Blessing of  
the Fleet, New Bern

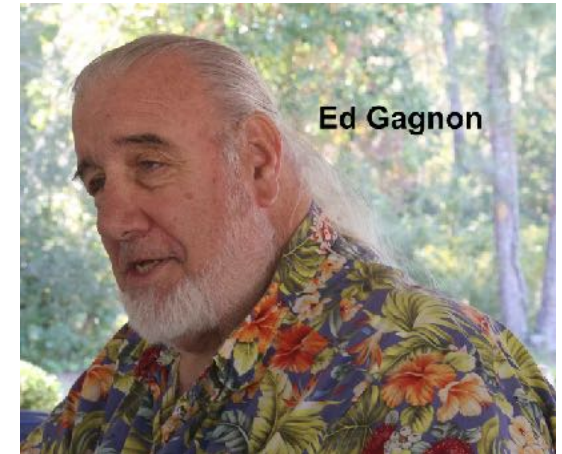




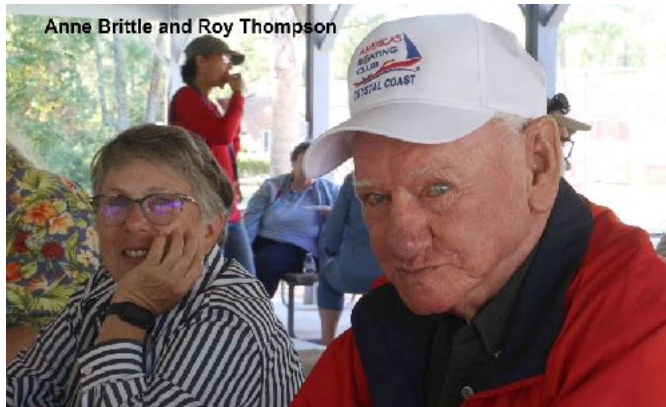
Anne Brittle,  
Annalee Ash, Jane  
Moore, Lydia Ash



D/C Bill Beers



Ed Gagnon



Anne Brittle and Roy Thompson

These photos were taken at  
the Chili Cook-Off at Red  
Sail Park, October 22



Cdr Barb  
Beers



Jane  
Moore



Carolyn & Owen  
Smith



Elaine  
Lechner

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/>







**Lydia Ash, Bud Ellis, & Annalee Ash**



**P/C Pat Hardee-Thompson,  
Lydia Ash, Lloyd Moore**



**Wayne  
Fretwell**



**Lydia with  
Ribbons**



**Tiki w  
First  
Place  
prize for  
Chili**



**Bud & Bev Ellis**



**Nannette Kean**



**Suzanne  
Madison**



**Tiki Warner &  
Jane Moore**



P/C William J. Ash,  
SN, H



## **GONE, IS OCTOBER, BUT MEMORIES LAST FOREVER P/C WILLIAM J. ASH SN, EMERITUS**

I'm late in writing this piece, and I know the Editor Supreme wants it now. I've muddled around, long enough, trying to figure out what to write. Suddenly I thought to jot down the many bodies of water I have traveled upon during my life. Some of you will yawn and call this a bad try, but let's see where and what I've done. I hope you are not disappointed.

I was born on that Long Island in the Atlantic Ocean which necessitated my crossing the East and Old North (Hudson) Rivers by ferry boat when I was knee high to a pelican. I did this many times in my 'yout'. Yes, I was born in Brooklyn. My father was a Seaman, First Class, on the *USS New Mexico*, the flagship of the Pacific Fleet. The Admiral, whose last name was Rodman, made sure the sailors aboard ship stayed fit and ordered them to participate in rowing lifeboats at sea. My Dad was an expert. When I was old enough, as determined by his standards, he took me to a rowboat station on Jamaica Bay, NYC, and taught me the art of rowing.

He and I each had an oar; we rowed all over the bay, (many, many times). I loved the adventure. When we went crabbing we never had an outboard. We rowed. I eventually used two oars as Dad sat in the stern and admired the skills of his son. I graduated to the bays along the south shores of the Island and even made the Peconics. Always by rowing, never with an engine; I went through high school with this rank.

Years went by and upon my graduation from college I became an officer in the US Army and this took me across the stormy Atlantic on a troop ship, in December. No rowing this time. The Atlantic, Straits of Dover, English Channel, North Sea and the Weser River to Bremerhaven added to the list of bodies of water. Then on vacation, my late lady, Trudy, Annalee, my oldest child, and I went to Denmark and returned to Germany on the Baltic Sea. We were careful not to get a ship going to Ost Deutschland. From Gedser, Denmark to Lubeck, Deutschland, that was an adventure.

Still later in life, I returned to the Long Island, bought a small dory-skiff and learned how to handle an outboard. My first adventure was on Moriches Bay with Dad at the watch. I ran the boat into some of Moriches Bay's best sand. I couldn't think of any excuses. While still owning this power boat I bought a sloop, twenty something long, from a fellow whose last name was Bowditch. My first try at sailing my own boat was tough,

mentally. My sons and I worked on this boat for some days. Bowditch said it was sound and the inboard engine worked fine. We left the site of purchase with the engine running and drinking fountains coming through the hull. The wood was dry and rather leaky. We made it home through the Moriches water way, got some sawdust, stopped the leaks. The engine died before we sailed miraculously to our dock as all the residents hid behind curtains to view a catastrophic landing which proved absolutely astonishing, non-catastrophic to the surprise of all. It was professional. So, there!

I've sailed on Penobscot Bay in Maine using chartered Maine coasters. Even chartered one through the Narrows, NYC into the Atlantic to Woods Hole, Mystic Seaport and again through the US and British Virgin Islands (twice). I started a college-level, 'Seamaster at Sea' program which another organization took and ran off with, very successfully. I ferried across Lake Michigan in 1951, cruised the waters of Wisconsin Dells, cruised on the St. Lawrence River, Lake Ontario and small rivers in northern New York. Remember the Hudson River Day Line? I was a frequent passenger on that old timer; NYC to West Point and other points further north.

International adventures summoned, and I submitted my talents to the Faculty of Sciences at Kuwait University, 'smack dab' on the Arabian Gulf



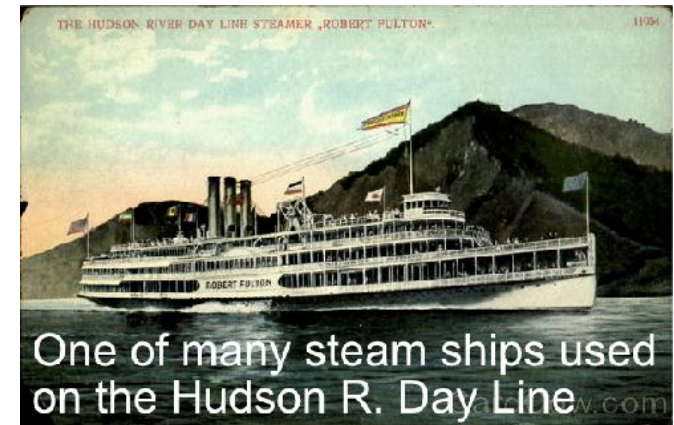
(amateurs call it the Persian Gulf). This provided opportunities to cruise on, yes, the Arabian Gulf. We had adventures we never dreamt we would experience. Dhow captains, having no appreciation for safety, took me for rides on the magical waters about which I could write a book. Rusted, locked tight compasses, no life jackets, no safety lines to keep passengers from falling overboard and no fire extinguishers diminished the excitement of cruising on this politically important body of water.

Years later, when I was 'growd up,' and with NSF in Washington, DC, my gal, Trudy, and I experienced living aboard a Columbia 45' motor sailor at the Gangplank Marina. We learned much, with blood, sweat and tears. Living through two winters on this monster of a boat was something I would rather forget, if I could. *Explorer I*, having no insulation to speak of, provided a sizeable amount of condensed water for our mops. I'd never thought of that problem when I bought the boat in Annapolis in August 1979. My position, in the Division of International Programs, kept me stapled to DC, so we could not cruise except in local waters, the Washington Channel and the Potomac. It was fun. Now comes the heavy stuff.

Holland America Lines has smaller vessels for its cruising customers. I seem to remember my signing aboard four of them. Trudy and I took a Power

Squadron educational cruise to the eastern Caribbean. Gwen, my cancer lady for whom I was caregiver, and I took two, one in the eastern Caribbean and a second across the Pacific to Hawaii. The fourth, saw daughters Annalee and Lydia plus a family friend, Renate, head off with me to the southern Caribbean and the Panama Canal. So, I believe my apprenticeship is satisfied; my projected, future cruising adventures are very few in number and probably will be local. Who knows? But I'll keep my options open.....just in case.

I'll stay on the water as long as I may. Hope you enjoyed reading this. Sorry, I didn't think I would write so much.







**Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron November Dinner Meeting,**

**Monday, November 20, 2023**

**The Chelsea, 335 Middle Street, New Bern, NC**

**Social Time: 1730, Dinner 1800, Meeting 1900**

**Speaker: TBD**

**Menu:**

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

**Entrees:**

- Sautéed Salmon, artichokes, roasted tomatoes, spinach and garlic cream tossed with penne pasta and parmesan
- Brown butter BBQ Chicken served with grits and house veggies
- Broiled MD Crab Cakes served with rice pilaf and house veggies
- Veggie Risotto
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**Dessert:** Carrot cake

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Dinner Choice:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Dinner Choice:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number attending** \_\_\_\_\_ **x \$25.00 each = Amount enclosed \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner is \$25.00 per person. Please advise Linda Whitley of your entree selection by Wednesday, November 15, 2023. A check can be sent to her at : 4606 Helen LN, New Bern, NC 28560 or if you prefer, you can pay on November 20th the night of the meeting.



## 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](mailto:pc@clsps.org) or 252-637-5547

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