

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB

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

Upcoming Events:

February 19-26
America's Boating Club Annual Mtg
Rosen Plaza Hotel, Orlando, FL

Saturday, 25 February
CLSPS 62nd Change of Watch Luncheon
The Chelsea and 1130 social time, 1200
Lunch

Monday, 6 March, 1900
ExComm Meeting
Via Zoom

March 17-18
District 27 Spring Meeting & COW
Harrison Center, New Bern
See page 9 & 10 for more info

April 22 & 29
ABC Course
Craven Comm College

May 20-26
National Safe BoatingWeek

CLSPS Tour of WCTI, our local Channel 12
By Weatherman Donnie Cox, February 10, 2023



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Spring is just around the corner. As the weather warms up and the days get longer those of us that still own boats are planning projects and jobs to be done before the boating season starts. For those of us who no longer own boats due to age or Florence, the Power Squadron, or as it is now called Americas Boating Club, still offers plenty of ways to get involved with the boating scene. National and District offer programs and conferences to attend. On the squadron level there are courses to be taught and attend, Geo markers to be found, vessels to be examined, cooperative charting, monthly meetings, and squadron social events and day trips such as our coming tour of the TV station on Glenburnie Road.

Not to sound like a broken record or bearer of doom and gloom our squadron and National needs new members to survive. Each of us should be trying to recruit new members from our friends and other organizations we belong to.

In the coming Change of Watch we will be installing four new Commanders and a new bridge. This is a call for those of us who are able to help the new bridge, in order that our squadron can survive.

Pics from La Casetta lunch



The Outlook and other great information are available at the CLSPS website:
<http://www.clsps.org> User Name: clsps Password: Reasons.1974

**Administrative
Officer**

Lt/C Lydia Ash



Happy February to all!

A good crowd RSVP'd for the WCTI Tour with local weatherman Donnie Cox followed by lunch at La Cassetta. Likely happening prior to posting of this newsletter, the tour and lunch is Friday, February 10th at 10:30. Despite various surgeries happening for four of our members this week alone, we'll have great participation! (Wishing the four guys quick healing! You know who you are!)

Preparations for the upcoming Change of Watch (COW) are underway. Please join us on February 25th at The Chelsea at 11:30 a.m., for social time prior to our 12:00 noon luncheon meeting. Swearing in of officers will be by our own Lloyd Moore who is qualified to do so as he is past District Lieutenant Commander.

The upcoming COW meal is listed here in the Outlook. Please contact Elaine with your dinner choice and send your checks to her ASAP, made out to "CLSPS" and mail it to: 2220 Caracara Drive, New Bern, NC 28560. You may also bring your checks to the meeting.

We're always interested in your ideas for activities for the upcoming year. Is there something you'd love to do? Our recent planning meeting yielded a plan to head to various locations for meals: Toucan, Silo, M&M's in Oriental? Salt Water Grill in Riverbend (or Swansboro, for that matter...!), Yawl's Cafe in River Dunes? How about Morgan's or Lawson's Landing right here? Field trip ideas include: Pacific Sails, Beaufort Boatworks, Jarrett Bay, Hatteras Yachts... Moores Yachts? A trip to CSS Neuse Civil War Interpretive Center with lunch at Kings Restaurant? We'll have our Chili Cook-off in October at Red Sail Park. Let us know what interests you most and I'll get it on the calendar! Speakers from some of these destinations

and others can also come to our monthly meetings, so we'll be busy!

A look ahead to March: Here's hoping that you'll all be considering participating in events for the District Spring Meeting & Change of Watch which will be at The Harrison Center in downtown New Bern, March 17-19th. Details were emailed to all members and are here in the Outlook!

2023 Booster Club

2023 is here, the 2022 Booster Club list is erased, and now there's a chance to contribute again. Give your contribution to Ray Whitley at the Annual Meeting this coming Monday

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
Ray & Linda Whitley
Marty & Tiki Warner**

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



The boating season is nearly upon us, so it's time to think about making sure your vessel has everything you need to have a SAFE season on the water. Our Vessel Safety Examiners are more than ready (we have the 2023 VSE Stickers) to provide a **FREE** check of your vessels safety equipment and other items necessary to pass a safety inspection by either the USCG or the NC Wildlife Resource Commission Officers.

Usually, when a vessel is stopped for a safety check and the inspecting officer realizes you have a current VSE sticker, you will be wished "Have a great day" and sent on your way.

All you need to do is contact one of our examiners and we will be glad to arrange a safety check for you.

Remember it is free, and usually only takes about 15-20 minutes. We can do a safety check where your boat is docked, in your driveway if it is on a trailer, or wherever it is convenient for you.

Our examiners completed 441 safety checks in 2022, but only one in our squadron. Surely we can do better than that.

Our list of qualified safety examiners is posted in each issue of *THE OUTLOOK*, all of us are willing to do a vessel safety check for you. All you have to do is let us know when and where.



Have you been reading the *Boating Compass*, the USPS online monthly e-newsletter? If not, go to boatingcompass.org to sign up.

There are lots of articles available without having to find a certain issue such as: anchoring, boat handling, knots, marine electronics and many more.

There's a great article on CPR plus who to contact to get certified.

Happy Birthday
to the
Following Members



February

Morton, Donald "Scott"— 6 February
Leahy, Pamela R. — 14 February

Sunshine Lady
Juli Voelker

Good News!

Ray Whitley's back surgery went well. He's home and can walk around, but has to wait about 6 weeks before he begins physical therapy.

Rob Thompson is out of the hospital—he attended the WCTI TV visit.

Wayne Fretwell had surgery on the 10th and is back home.

Juli Voelker is having surgery on the 16th to repair damage to her knee.

Keep them all in your prayers!

Looking for Markers

Bob Burget

When I go out to explore North Carolina, I often take some notes with me so I can find and document the location of geodetic markers. Then I can submit reports to the USPS Cooperative Charting Committee to be recorded by NOAA, the source of nautical charts that we use while boating.

I usually search the NOAA database online for likely places to look, then print a note with the location, description and maybe a picture of the marker.

I have notes for markers around Morehead City, Atlantic Beach, Beaufort, and Ft. Macon. The weather should be improving, so there ought to be ample opportunity to go out and do some outdoor activity. If anyone is interested, feel

free to give me a call or send an email, and we can set something up.

Here is an excerpt from the NOAA data sheet:

STATION DESCRIPTION

EA1428' DESCRIBED BY NORTH CAROLINA GEODETIC SURVEY 1982 IN MOREHEAD CITY.

EA1428' IN MOREHEAD CITY, 0.3 MILE NORTH ALONG SR 1176 (NORTH 20TH STREET)

EA1428' FROM THE INTERSECTION WITH US 70 (ARENDELL STREET), AT BRIDGE OVER

EA1428' CALICO CREEK, IN SOUTHWEST WINGWALL, 22 FEET WEST OF CENTERLINE

EA1428' ROAD AND 2.7 FEET EAST OF WEST END OF WINGWALL.

EA1428' THE MARK IS 1.0 FT ABOVE BRIDGE."

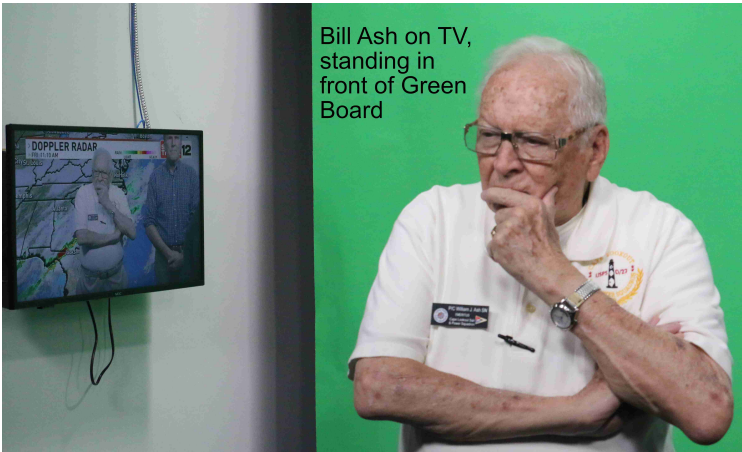


Photos from the Tour of TV Station WCTI with Weatherman Donnie Cox

Photos by Marty Warner



Donnie Cox (right) explains the layout of WCTI since its reconstruction following Hurricane Florence



Bill Ash on TV, standing in front of Green Board



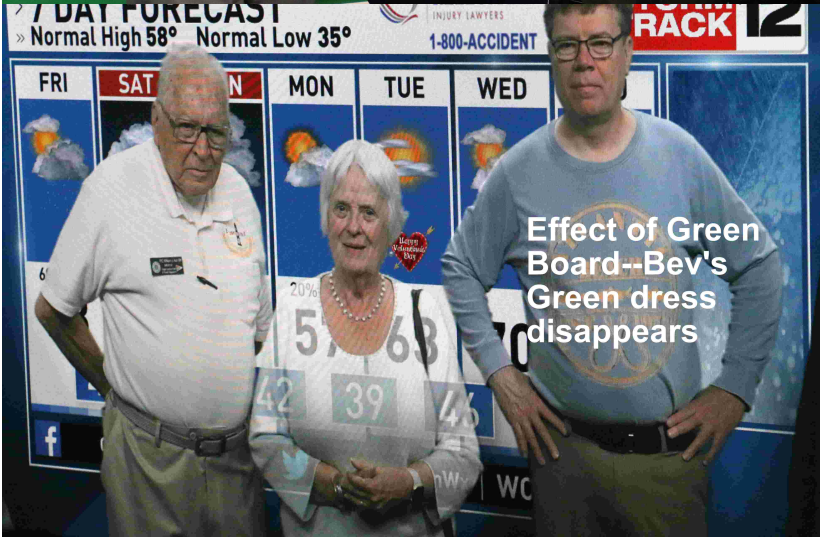
Bill Ash, Bev Ellis, and Donnie Cox in front of Green Board



Sportscaster Brian North



Weatherman, Grant Carlton



Effect of Green Board--Bev's Green dress disappears

P/C William J. Ash,
SN, H



“IT’S FEBRUARY AND MY HEAD IS ON CORRECTLY.”

**P/C WILLIAM J. ASH, SN,
EMERITUS**

“By Jove, Horatio, February has arrived and my calendar is almost full. You just watch, Valentine’s Day, Lent, Easter, Memorial Day, the Fourth, Labor Day, Halloween, Christmas and the New Year all over again; poof, just like that. It must be that the process of my aging causes time to fly. I cannot stay abreast of things in this modern world designed for the young Hip-Hoppers, or whatever they call themselves. I’m all done in, and it’s only February.”

“Ha, you left out your birthday between Halloween and Christmas. You did that on purpose. I know you. You have told me dozens of times that you don’t wish to die, that there are too many things to accomplish during a lifetime, and you need to keep going to see all of them filed away. What you need to do.....”

“Wait, one second, Captain!!! I don’t mean to get testy about this, but my late wife, Trudy, put the cap on this bottle after I told her, ‘Schatz, the last thing I want to do, is die.’ She responded with, ‘Billy Boy, it’s the last

thing you are going to do.’ Say, how did we get on with this conversation?”

“We just did, P/C, we just did. I expect, in the days to come, we will have many more, just like this one. But since we, for a change, are both here under the same roof, let’s talk U.S.P.S.”

Horatio and I were enjoying dinners boxed by a local eatery with a neat fire in a place for fires, the fireplace. We had planned on my staying overnight on H.M.S. *Lydia* but a howling northwester made for dangerous rowing. We decided to eat out at the Club then settle down at my *Waldhaus Ash* about a mile away, by horseback.

“Captain, the old Seamanship Course is under way and is now called Boat Handling. Three, just three, students are taking it under Bud Ellis. There is no better fellow to teach it than Bud, and I suspect our membership may not be aware of his talents. A bilge full of members could and SHOULD take it. You would ‘up’ your grade and be in a position to assist with future Boat Handling courses.”

“Listen to me P/C! Somewhere along our wake, and I’m not sure just where, our membership has lost sight of the fact our organization is primarily one of education. Most certainly, you know this like the back of your hand. When did you join? Was it in 1961? Well, you have been around the Horn, haven’t

you? You darn well know about this ‘stuff’ of education. Do you agree with me or am I talking just a lot of smoke?”

“Yup, you’ve got it right, Cap, You’ve got it right. Times have changed. Our societies are made up of different nuts and bolts. I remember as though it was yesterday, how anxious I was to take Seamanship after the beginning course called Piloting. Seamanship was not as good as today’s Boat Handling. The law said we couldn’t teach on the water. Law suits, they said.”

“Keep pushing, old man. Frankly, I think you would have made an excellent officer in the British Navy. You appear to have your head on correctly.”

“Once again, how did we get to all this? Just watch, Hornblower, the year will shoot by and the same questions will be bantering about in December. I think I’m going to let matters roll. I’ve pitched my lines many times about our being an educational organization. What more can I do? If you have answers to our problems, Squadron problems, let’s see what you have to write. And, by the way, I was an officer in the Army of the United States, and my head’s on correctly.

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/>





Philosophical Gems to Ponder & Think About

“The only mystery in life is why the kamikaze pilots wore helmets.” – Al McGuire

The difference between stupidity and genius is that genius has its limits.” – Albert Einstein

“War is God’s way of teaching Americans geography.” – Ambrose Bierce

“It would be nice to spend billions on schools and roads, but right now that money is desperately needed for political ads.” – Andy Borowitz

“At every party there are two kinds of people – those who want to go home and those who don’t.

The trouble is, they are usually married to each other.” – Ann Landers

“My opinions may have changed, but not the fact that I’m right.” – Ashleigh Brilliant

“Have you noticed that all the people in favor of birth control are already born?” – Benny Hill

“The surest sign that intelligent life exists elsewhere in the universe is that it has never tried to contact us.” – Bill Watterson. **wow!!!!**

As a child my family’s menu consisted of two choices: take it or leave it.” – Buddy Hackett

“My favorite machine at the gym is the vending machine.” – Caroline Rhea
“All right everyone, line up alphabetically according to your height.” – Casey Stengel

“Never under any circumstances take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night.” – Dave Barry

“How many people here have telekinetic powers? Raise my hand.” – Emo Philips

“If you live to be one hundred, you’ve got it made. Very few people die past that age.” – George Burns



Pics from lunch at La Casetta





Agenda

D/27 Spring Meeting & COW

March 17-18, 2023

Harrison Center

311 Middle Street, New Bern, NC

Host Squadrons: **Shallotte River S&PS** and **Catawba S&PS**

For Hotel Reservations: see Announcement & Registration Form



FRIDAY, 17 MARCH – Dress: Casual, USPS/District/Squadron Shirt or appropriate

| TIME | EVENT | LOCATION | EVENT LEADER |
|-----------|--|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1400-1600 | Tryon Palace Tours | Tryon Palace | D/C Sarah McCurry, AP |
| 1500-1700 | Check-In Registration – Get Tickets | Harrison Center | Catawba S&PS |
| 1500-1700 | Voter Registration | " | D/1 st /L Pat Hardee, AP |
| 1500-1700 | Silent Auction | " | Catawba S&PS |
| 1730-1830 | Reception - Light Appetizers & Beverages (Beer \$2, Wine \$3) | " | Shallotte River S&PS |

Note: D27 NomCom, PlanCom, & Budget will meet by Zoom prior to the Spring Meeting

SATURDAY, 18 MARCH

Dress Daytime: USPS/Dist/Sq Shirt or appropriate COW: Uniform, Sport Coat or appropriate

| TIME | EVENT | LOCATION | EVENT LEADER |
|-----------|---|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 0800-0915 | Check In – Get Tickets | Harrison Center | Catawba S&PS |
| 0800-0915 | Voter Registration | " | D/1 st /L Pat Hardee, AP |
| 0800-1330 | Silent Auction | " | Catawba S&PS |
| 0930-1030 | N-Club Meeting & Pres. "Blood Moon Phenomenon" | | P/D/C Bob Howd, SN-CN |
| 1030-1130 | Guest Speaker Pres. "From Paper Chart to Glass Screen" | | Lt Richard LaPalme, SN |
| 1200-1330 | Members & Awards Luncheon | Harrison Center | D/C Sarah McCurry, AP |
| 1330 | Silent Auction Closed – winners will get text message! | | Catawba S&PS |
| 1330 | D27 Council Convenes | Harrison Center | D/C Sarah McCurry, AP |
| | Pledge of Allegiance | " | P/C Kay Graham, S |
| | Lead Singing National Anthem | " | St/C Paula Stewart, AP |
| | Invocation/Last Horizon Report | " | Lt Richard Smith, AP |
| | Introduction D27 Past/Current Officers & Guests | | R/C Bill Beers, JN-IN |
| 1430 | D27 Conference Convenes | Harrison Center | D/C Sarah McCurry, AP |
| | Introduction of National Rep. | " | P/R/C Jamie McCurry, N |
| | Nat. Rep. with C/C Message and Town Hall Meeting | | N/XO Ralph Bernard, AP |
| | D27 Officer Reports | " | D27 Bridge |
| | General & Standing Com. Reports | " | D27 Chairpersons |
| | 50/50 Raffle | " | Catawba S&PS |
| | Conference Convenes (will reconvene at the COW) | | D/C Sarah McCurry, AP |
| 1800 | Plated Dinner | Chelsea Restaurant | D/C Sarah McCurry, AP |
| | Officer of the Deck | " | P/D/C Pat Hakanson, SN |
| 1900 | Change-of-Watch | " | N/XO Ralph Bernard, AP |
| 2000 | 50/50 Raffle & Meeting Adjourned | " | D/C Bill Beers, JN-IN |





Registration Form
District 27 Spring C/C & COW
March 17-18, 2023
Harrison Center
311 Middle Street, New Bern, NC 28560



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|-------|---------------|-----------|-------|
| Rank | First Name | Last Name | Grade |
| Rank | First Name | Last Name | Grade |
| Phone | Email Address | Squadron | |

Friday 17 March

Tryon Palace Tours (1400) Early \$12 Late \$15 # Att. _____ Total \$ _____

Reception at Harrison Center (1730) Early \$5 Late \$8 # Att. _____ Total \$ _____

Saturday 18 March

Awards Luncheon at Harrison Center (1200) Early \$10 Late \$13 Total \$ _____

Box Lunch from Chelsea includes Chips, Drink and Desert

Turkey Pita Club Wrap # _____

Ham and Swiss Pita Club Wrap # _____

Apollonian Chicken Salad * # _____

* Mixed salad greens, grilled chicken, tomatoes, cucumbers, feta cheese, onions, side of pita points topped with cucumber ranch.

Plated Dinner at Chelsea Restaurant (1800 PM) Total Dinners \$ _____

¹ Black Strap Pork Tenderloin Early \$30 Late \$33 # _____

² Chicken Marsala Early \$24 Late \$27 # _____

³ Horseradish Salmon Early \$30 Late \$33 # _____

Shrimp & Grits Early \$27 Late \$30 # _____

All dinners include Mixed Green Salad with White Balsamic Vinaigrette, Dinner Rolls with Butter, Iced Tea, and Coffee. ¹ Pork with Apricot Rosemary Demi-Glace, Garlic Smashed Potatoes, and Mixed Vegetable Medley; ² Chicken with Garlic Smashed Potatoes and Mixed Vegetable Medley; ³ Salmon with Rice Pilaf and Mixed Vegetable Medley

Grand Total for All Event Items \$ _____

Early Bird Prices good until 24 February! Registration Deadline 3 March!

Make checks payable to District 27 and send along with this registration form to:

P/D/C Greg Shay, 216 Kilbreck Drive, Cary NC 27511

Any food allergies please contact Greg Shay: greginctown@aol.com (919-306-1225)



**Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron
Change Of Watch
Saturday, February 25, 2023
The Chelsea, 335 Middle Street, New Bern, NC
Social Tme: 1130 Luncheon: 1200
Dress: Uniform A or appropriate attire**

Menu:

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

Entrees:

Shrimp and grits

Lemon **Chicken with rice pilaf and green beans**

Beef tenderloin shoulder with cabarnet demi-glace served with garlic smashed potatoes and green beans

Dessert: 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 Monday, February 20, so please send your entrée choice and check, made payable to CLSPS, to Elaine Lechner, 2220 Caracara Drive, New Bern NC 28560. 678-464-7665 elechner@bellsouth.net

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 sizes M and 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 (6 left) CLSPS logo USPS D27 \$10.

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

Sizes: S, \$18.

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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Please notify Lloyd Moore (637-5547)

Lloyd.moore@suddenlink.net if you have any changes to the information we have on file such as boat information, e-mail or mailing address, birthdays, telephone number etc.

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