



AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB

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Upcoming Events:

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

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

Monday, 3 April, 1900
ExComm Meeting
Via Zoom

April 22 & 29
ABC Course
Craven Comm College

Monday, 1 May, 1900
ExComm Meeting
Via Zoom

May 20-26
National Safe BoatingWeek

New CLSPS Commander–Elaine Lechner



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Well, here I am jumping in to the commander's boots quicker than I expected. I told you all that I would be your fearless (well not so fearless) leader as of April. It seems that when I took that oath of office, I became the commander as of the Change of Watch. I will be commander for the months of March, April and May. June Reasons takes over in June, July and August. Owen Smith follows for September, October and November. With Lydia Ash following for the months of December, January and February. I hope you all have that straight because I am still with one foot in a state of confusion.

Your XO John Kwak is working on a table in the farmers market for Safe Boating Week starting May 20th. We will, of course, need volunteers to man this booth. Are you already working on your merit mark for this year? Well here is one way to get it. He is also working on Bike MS for September 9th. We will be working a rest stop. The MS website is already up and accepting volunteers. John will also be holding down the fort for me for the March 20th dinner meeting as I already planned on being out of the state before I knew I would be in charge in March.

Bud Ellis, your education officer, is finishing up a Boat Handling course with three of our members. He is also helping another member with Junior Navigation course on-line. Yes, you can take many of our courses on-line. But who wants to lose out on the chance to have person to person teaching one gets with an in-person class. Bud is planning on an ABC class the last two Saturdays of April. If you don't have your ABC class, there is still room. There is also in the works a class about the Weather. If you have interest in this catch him at the membership meeting on the 20th or give him a call.

Our administrative officer, Lydia Ash, is wrapping up the speaker for the March dinner meeting. It like sounds like she has some good ones on the line. If she doesn't get more information about the speaker out in this Outlook, watch for an email soon. Linda Whitley is taking your reservations for the March 20 meeting, so get your dinner choices to her by the 14th. Lydia and her assistants, myself and Linda Whitley, are working on many other outings for the coming year. Please let one of us know if you have something you would like to do,

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<http://www.clsps.org>

go to, or see as a group and we will see if we can work it out.

Our treasurer Ray Whitley is a little under the weather following his surgery, but he is still keeping us straight in the finance department.

June Reasons is our new Secretary, as well as serving as commander for June, July and August. Both she and Juli Voelker were keeping notes for our Ex-comm meeting. Maybe Marty Warner as our assistant secretary was too. We should have some very good notes from Monday's Ex-comm meeting if you are interested. You are welcome to join in and listen to the meetings, just ask Owen Smith for the zoom link.

Speaking of Owen, he is our vessel safety check chairman. He is waiting on some of the paper work, but he has the stickers. If you need a safety check contact Owen or any of our fine vessel safety examiners who are listed in the Outlook.

Lastly, don't forget that the D27 Spring Council and Conference is being held March 17th-19th right here in New Bern at the Harrison Center, 311 Middle Street. If you have a new or almost new object you would like to donate for the silent auction let Lloyd Moore know. This can be nautical themed items, art work, tickets to things, baskets filled with goodies or just about anything you think could be auctioned off.

Education Officer

Lt/C Bud Ellis, Jr., SN



Have you ever tried to find out what to expect from the weather while planning an outing on the boat (or a road trip, picnic, or a walk in the park)? Would you like to learn more about interpreting the weather information available from all sorts of places? Every day we make our own observations just with our senses of sight and touch. Would you like to be able to put all that information together and make better decisions when leaving the house? We have an excellent weather course available to us from the squadron that can answer a lot of your questions and help us enjoy the great outdoors even more.



The Weather course will give you a better understanding about what causes our weather and how to make basic measurements and observations that can help you make better decisions. We will learn about frontal systems, heavy weather, synoptic weather charts, and much more. It is also a lot of fun to listen to Donnie

Cox and actually know what he's talking about.

If anyone is interested in Weather, we will make it available shortly after completion of the Boat Handling Course. We can order course materials right after the March meeting and start early in April.

If anyone would be interested in teaching the course or in helping teach the course, please give me a call. Believe me, you will learn a lot more about weather if you help teach it.

We have three members about to complete the Boat Handling Course, one member beginning Junior Navigation by self study, and the ABC Course scheduled for the last 2 Saturdays in April. Our DEO, Tom Graham is also trying to help put together an Instructor Development Course for everyone that would like to teach any of our material to the non member public. More to come on that.



Administrative Officer

Lt/C Lydia Ash



Ahoy!

Last month we had a terrific tour behind the scenes at WCTI. This month we kick off the new year's meetings and activities with another "Behind The Scenes" look, this time at an industry many of you know quite well.

At the March members dinner meeting on Monday, March 20th, we will hear from a fascinating, vibrant member of our community. Sherry Clark will regale us with stories of her and her husband, Kim's decades of work and travel experiences as crew members onboard the ships they called home.

Survivors of the devastating Paradise Fire in Paradise, CA, they lost everything they owned except the RV they drove in through the flames. Now residents of Maysville since just after Florence hit, Sherry and Kim make the New Bern area home. Earlier employed for five years on cargo ships in the merchant marine, Sherry then worked on cruise ships for ten years on four different vessels. Husband Kim, a retired engineer, served in the Korean Navy for 15 years

before working another 18 on cruise ships. Sherry is vice president of the Twin Rivers Artists Association and has a successful business painting portraits of our favorite family members, our pets! And...she cuts hair on the side! I think it's safe to say that this will be an evening full of fascinating tales! Bring a friend along!

Please join us for cocktails at 5:30 PM with dinner to follow before we hear from Sherry. A quick meeting will follow after that! Get your orders in to Linda as soon as possible if you haven't already! Any special dietary restrictions? Let her/The Chelsea know! \$25.00/head.

We are planning a number of other activities for the coming year and hope you'll continue to stay involved! Check the CLSPS calendar...I've just



Cdr Lydia Ash

gained access so will upload information there as I can and email you all as well for anything pressing.

Which reminds me...Do you have a new email address to accompany your new Optimum/MetroNet/Whatever-the-heck internet access? Make sure you get it to Lloyd!

Don't forget! District 27 Change of Watch comes to New Bern the weekend of March 17th and 18th. I'll be attending as Commander representing CLSPS. Lloyd Moore and Dad (Bill Ash), will be delegates. Jane Moore will be attending as will Owen and Carolyn Smith. Did I miss anyone? Apologies if I did! See you all there at the Harrison Center, and then at our CLSPS dinner meeting the following Monday!

Happy Birthday
to the
Following Members



MARCH

Cleveland, Mary A — 8 March
Cleveland, Charles T — 10 March
Dail, Asa B — 17 March
Thompson, Robert B — 25 March

**Chairman, Vessel
Safety Program**

P/C Owen Smith, AP



Our Vessel Safety Examiners are standing by to help you make sure you have everything you need for a safe boating season. Please contact one of our Examiners listed in this issue of the *Outlook* and we will be more than happy to do a safety check for your vessel.

Remember, we can do it in your slip, at the launch ramp, or in your driveway if your boat is on a trailer.

**News from our traveling
Geodetic Marker Man — Bob
Burget**

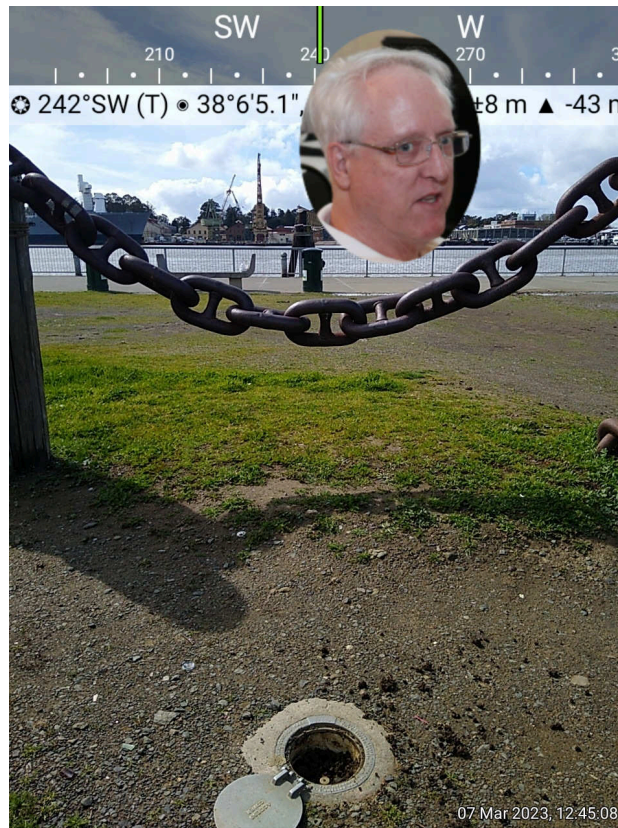
I'm back in the East Bay area of Northern California, recovering geodetic markers with an old friend from my previous squadron. We found a number of them, including this one from the

Vallejo Ferry building, across the straight from the Mare Island Naval Shipyard.

The marker is the cap on a rod, under an access cover in the foreground. In the background, a ship is docked and waiting for service.

The shipyard was the first United States Navy base established on the Pacific Ocean. The Napa River goes through the Mare Island Strait and separates the peninsula shipyard from the main portion of the city of Vallejo.

I look forward to returning to New Bern later this month.



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**

Photos from CLSPS Change
of Watch, February 25



P/C June
Reasons was the
MC of our
Change of Watch



P/D/Lt/C Moore
passes the Past
Commander Flag
to Cdr Ed Gagnon



Cdr Lydia Ash
receives her
Senior Member
Award from
Cdr Ed Gagnon



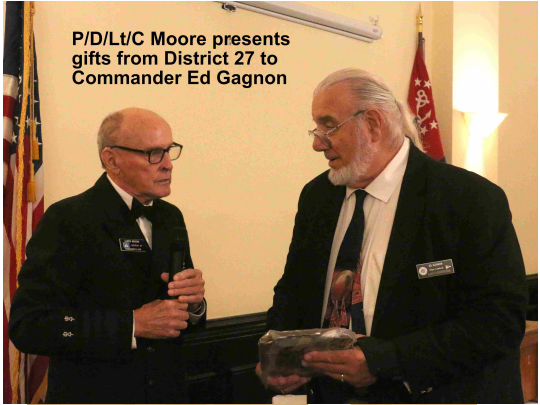
Leslie Gagnon
receives Commander's
Aide Award



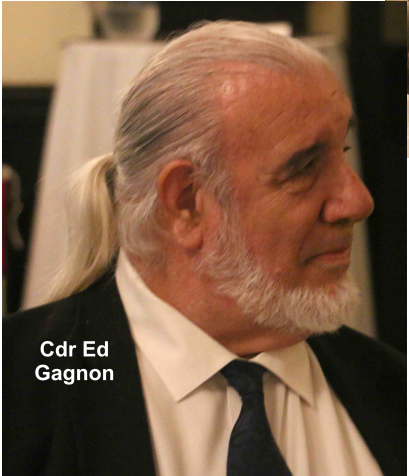
Commander Gagnon hands out gifts to
out-going Officers



Bev Ellis after
winning a
Door Prize



P/D/Lt/C Moore presents
gifts from District 27 to
Commander Ed Gagnon



Cdr Ed
Gagnon

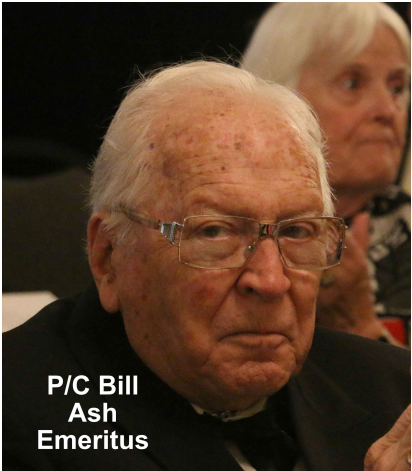


1/Lt Linda
Whitley



Carolyn Smith

Tiki Warner



P/C Bill
Ash
Emeritus

CLSPS New Bridge/Officers for 2023-2024

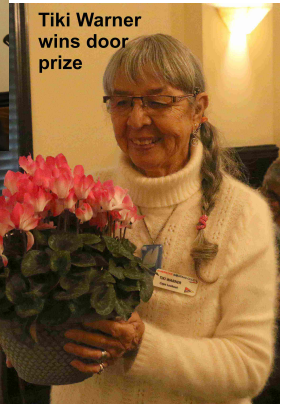


The new Commanders are sworn in



P/D/Lt/C
Lloyd
Moore

P/C Bob
Burget



Tiki Warner
wins door
prize



P/C Bob Burget
wins Door Prize



Annalee
Ash



P/C Jane Moore



P/C Jane Moore

P/C June
Réasons

Lt/C Lydia
Ash

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



**WHEN IS IT NOON ?
WATCH THE SHADOW!
P/C WILLIAM J. ASH SN,
EMERITUS**

“Captain, I hope you slept well last night. A weather alert came over the ‘Telly’ after you turned in, warning of very high winds and possibly a line of heavy rain. The rain never came, but the winds were quite strong. I figured you might’ve been kept awake; it really blew.”

“Thanks for the warning P/C, If the winds were strong I never heard them. I was so tired that it was ‘lights out’ before my head hit the pillow. I never moved during the night and this morning I’m totally refreshed and ready to go. I made some bacon, eggs and toast with a spot of coffee. You might consider opening a bed-and-breakfast. Your two daughters and you could make a fortune. Say, what are you doing there?”

“I thought I would introduce something mildly technical with my message in *THE OUTLOOK* for March. You are welcome to critique and make suggestions.

“I’m still buzzing with the concept of time. By ‘futzin’ a bit with time zones and the sun, I just might stir the minds of

some of our potential students to consider advanced courses with time as a function. We mortals use time as a dimension to help organize our daily living. The alarm goes off in the morning and, ‘Bam’, the daily routine begins. You need to catch a certain train to reach your place of work on time, there is the lunch hour, a department meeting starts at 1400, and on it goes. We eventually turn out the lights, sleep takes about seven or eight hours, and ‘zowie’ we are off on another day. Come on, let’s have some fun!

“Captain, let’s explore the concept of time on our planet! We know there are 360° around the surface of the globe, around the equator and along an infinite number of parallel lines, north and south of the equator. I think most members can visualize this. Now, how many time zones are there? Twenty-four! Right?”

“I follow you, P/C. And you are going to ask something like, ‘How many degrees are there in each time zone?’ And the answer is 15°. We can prove this by: $24 \times 15^\circ = 360^\circ$. Not bad, eh? Where do we go from here?”

“From here it gets a bit sticky. Think along with me, it’ll be fun! Take a dowel and stick it into the ground. It must stand perfectly straight up and placed so that you will be able to observe its shadow. In the morning you will see a long shadow off to the western side of the stick. When the sun gets higher, as the day progresses, the shadow shortens; watch how the shadow slows its eastward movement around the dowel, then appears to stop, remaining

constant in its smallest size. At this moment, the sun is on YOUR meridian. It’s noon! There are an infinite number of meridians around the globe (planet). Now, take a yard stick and lay it on the ground from the dowel to the sun. This represents the meridian defining your location. From 7.5° to the east to 7.5° to the west of that yard stick, every bit of land within those boundaries is given the same time. And this mythical time keeps moving westward. It never stops. But, where is the official meridian of our published, +5, time zone? It’s 75° W Longitude. Our published time zone is five hours earlier than the time at Greenwich, England, and it never moves. Each progressive change in the hour at Greenwich brings forth an hourly change (+) in the entire mass of the published time zones around the globe.

“Let’s pause here Horatio. I know you are familiar with all this material, but I’m merely trying to introduce some interesting, but confusing, materials to student members. The mysteries of time may just draw them to studying the advanced courses USPS has to offer. They are most interesting, not easy, and if passed will enable you to advance in grade. Take them step by step.



You're not losing your memory.
You're just very good at letting go of
your past.

One dog to another: After
watching the news, I'm curious as to
why humans are higher up on the food
chain than us.

By replacing your morning coffee
with green tea, you can lose up to 87%
of what little joy you have left in life.

2 hillbillies sipping Shine on the
front porch, when a truck filled with
rolled sod passed by.
#1 says "I'm gunna do that when I
win that there lottery."
"Do wut???" asks hillbilly #2
"Send my lawn out to get mowed"

As a kid, I used to watch the
Wizard of Oz and wonder how
someone without a brain could talk if
they didn't have a brain. Then I got
Facebook!

Sign in a small restaurant: We
don't have WiFi. Talk to each other.
Pretend it's 1995!

The cashier said "strip down facing
me!" By the time I realized she meant
Credit Card, it was too late!

One to another: They say we can
now have gatherings of up 8 people
without issues.
The other: "I don't know 8 people
without issues".

The best things about how "The
Good Old Days" were--- I wasn't good
and I wasn't old!

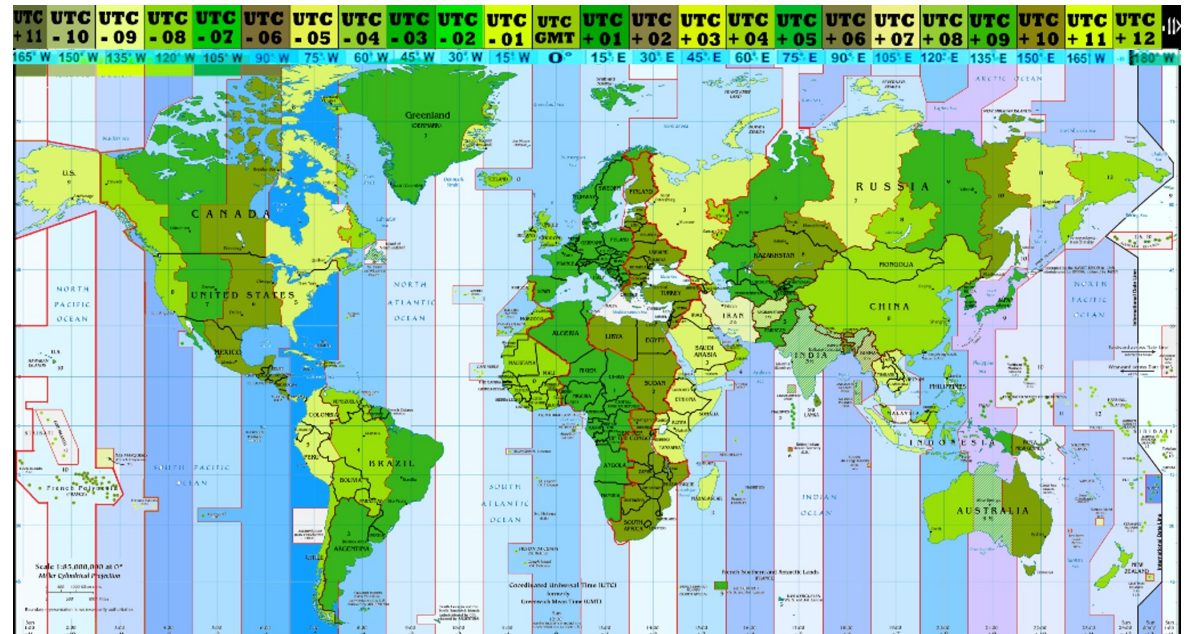
Time Zones around the world

All of China uses only one Time
Zone.

El Paso, TX (Central Time), Juarez,
Mexico, and New Mexico (Mountain
Time) are directly north/south of each
other, but can be on three different time
zones (when Mexico doesn't go on
Daylight Savings Time).

Russia has eleven Time Zones.

Daylight Savings Time in the USA
starts March 12





**Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron March Dinner Meeting,
Monday, March 20, 2023
The Chelsea, 335 Middle Street, New Bern, NC
Social Time: 1730, Dinner 1800, Meeting 1900**

Menu:

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

Entrees:

**Baked Mahi Fresca, Rice Pilaf, Mixed Vegetable Medley
Rosemary-Apricot Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Mixed Vegetable Medley
Veggie Risotto**

Dessert: Chocolate Tuxedo 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, March 14, so please send your entrée choice and check, made payable to CLSPS, to Linda Whitley, 4606 Helen Lane, New Bern NC 28560, 252 631-4083, or lindaswhitley@gmail.com.



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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NEW ADDRESS:

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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