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Upcoming Events:

Monday, May 15, The Chelsea
CLSPS May Dinner Meeting
1730 Social, 1800 Dinner, 1900 Meeting

May 20-26
National Safe Boating Week
Farmers Market Booth on 20 May

Monday, 5 June, 1900
ExComm Meeting
Via Zoom

Monday, 10 July, 1900
ExComm Meeting
Via Zoom

Monday, July 17, The Chelsea
CLSPS July Dinner Meeting
1730 Social, 1800 Dinner, 1900 Meeting

Tar River Sail and Power Squadron Rendezvous in Oriental, May 6, 2023



Standing: Owen Smith, Elaine Lechner, Lloyd & Jane Moore
Sitting: Carolyn Smith & Wayne Fretwell

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Well here we are in another month, May. I had a very busy month. I helped teach the ABC class where we had 100% pass rate amongst out 12 students. We have invited the whole class to attend our membership meeting on May 15th. Two, that I know of are planning to attend, so make them feel welcome. One of them, Clair and her husband Duane Mixon has already joined. So be sure you are there to welcome them into the club.

A small group of us made it up to Kinston for a tour of the CSS Neuse. If you haven't made it up there you should really give it a try. The exhibits were not only about the boat, (or would one call it a ship when it sails on a river?) they had many about that period of time during the Civil War from spies to women's clothes. There was a short introductory film that was very informative. Despite the drizzly day we made it pretty much dry, except for me who braved the downpour to retrieve a couple of umbrellas, so others could remain dry. The downpour had stopped by the time the others came out. We went to lunch a half a block down the street at the Queen Street Deli which was declared a success.

I also was busy doing taxes, glad those are behind me, a RV trip to Winston-Salem, and returning to my home for a 50th year high school reunion. I also got to spend time with both my sisters and my brother. We haven't all been together since 2007. Wayne learned a lot about me and my family.

Don't forget the Tar River Sail and Power Squadron is holding a rendezvous in Oriental on May 6th. We are having the Membership Meeting on May 15th at 5:30 at the Chelsea. See the Outlook for the dinner selections. I noticed we even have a vegetarian choice. Get your reservations to Linda Whitley by May 9th. There will also be a booth at the Farmer's Market on May 20th to celebrate Safe Boating Week, (May 20th -May 26th). Be sure and support the club and sign up to work a slot that Saturday. Bud will have a sign-up sheet at the Membership Meeting.

This will be my last Outlook article as your commander. June takes over in June. I have enjoyed being commander and it wasn't as scary as I thought it would be.

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

<http://www.clsp.org>

Education Officer

Lt/C Bud Ellis, Jr., SN



On April 22nd and 29th we once again presented the ABC class at Craven Community College. This time we had 12 students that signed up for the class through the CCC website. I can't thank Suzanne Madison enough for all the work she has done for this class. Suzanne is the new Community Enrichment Program Coordinator at the college. I was very fortunate to meet her on the 2nd day in her new job. She not only got us on the college website, but she handled the online registration for class. CCC again provided a wonderful classroom with lots of technology that baffled everyone but Lloyd Moore. Lloyd figured out how to get our Power Point presentation on the screen. Lloyd and Jane Moore and Elaine Lechner did an outstanding job presenting the class and I can't thank them enough. Jane not only taught, but she also laid out 2 great lunches. Hopefully, many of the students will join the squadron and enjoy it as much as we do. The college was so pleased with the course that Suzanne has asked us to present it again before the end of summer.

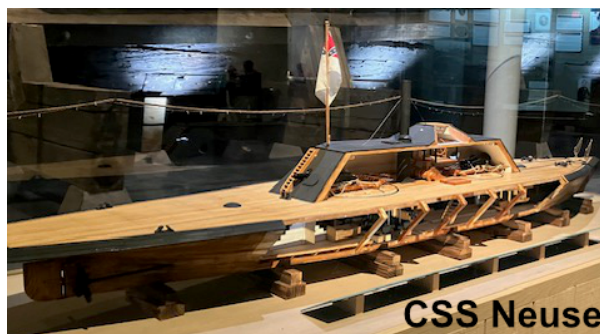
The Weather class is still open for anyone interested in learning more about weather phenomenon and forecasting. It's a great opportunity

learn more about something important to us every day. See me at the May meeting to sign up.

What's happening in the stars in May? On May 5th is a Lunar eclipse. On the 17th you can take sights on the Moon and Jupiter and on the 23rd look for the Moon, Venus, and Mars.

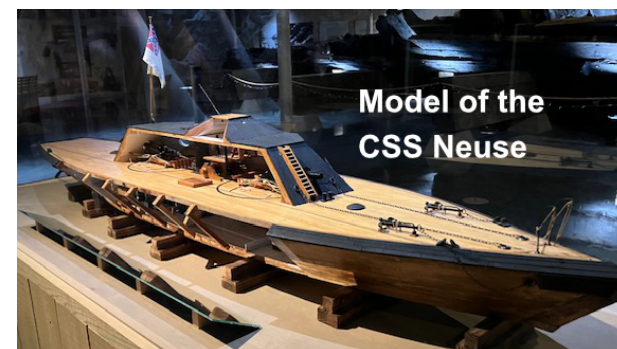
We have another opportunity coming up to reach out to the public about the squadron. Saturday, May 20th is the beginning of Safe Boating Week. We have a table reserved at the Farmer's Market like we have in the past. We have a lot of material to pass out and we can let people look at some of our course materials. One good thing about this year is there will be 40 Plein Aire artists displaying the work they will have done during the previous week. This will bring out many people we have not seen before. We need help setting up and lots of people to work at the booth talking to people encouraging them to sign up for the next ABC course. There will be a sheet to sign up at the next meeting.

See you all at the dinner meeting on the 15th.



Administrative Officer

Lt/C Lydia Ash



CSS Neuse Trip (Photos by Lydia Ash)

Seven of us ventured to Kinston on April 28th to the CSS Neuse Interpretive Center. Moores, Fretwells, Smiths, and I were all treated to a real surprise in this really well done exhibit of the historic CSS Neuse. There was a short documentary film to introduce the history of this storied ship. Smaller models, artifacts and informational exhibits surround the remains of the monstrous hull that had been moved in three pieces to this new location. Lots of information on their website at:

cssneuse.org

We enjoyed a tasty lunch of sandwiches, salads and cookies at the Queen Street Deli across the street rather than packing up into cars twice to



get to Kings BBQ. Great time had by all...I know I'll be going back to both!

May Membership Meeting:

Join us at The Chelsea for the May membership meeting on 5/15/23 for another fantastic meal and speaker!

This month we will hear a terrific presentation from our local GIS Manager for the City of New Bern. Alice Wilson brings three decades of experience, (22 in New Bern), in GIS government & city planning. She'll bring her expertise in this fascinating field to us in a presentation that was recently awarded a standing ovation at City Hall. I've included a blurb on GIS for your reference, courtesy of the USGS.gov website so you can get an idea of what this is about. Maps, maps, and data, data, data!! All applicable to your lives here in Craven County! Run, don't

walk, to get your dinner order in to Linda Whitley! (See the meeting info/entre selections in this Outlook!)

What is a geographic information system (GIS)? **(Courtesy of USGS.gov)**

A Geographic Information System (GIS) is a computer system that analyzes and displays geographically referenced information. It uses data that is attached to a unique location.

Most of the information we have about our world contains a location reference: Where are USGS streamgages located? Where was a rock sample collected? Exactly where are all of a city's fire hydrants?

If, for example, a rare plant is observed in three different places, GIS analysis might show that the plants are all on north-facing slopes that are above an elevation of 1,000 feet and that get more than ten inches of rain per year. GIS maps can then display all locations in the area that have similar conditions, so researchers know where to look for more of the rare plants.

By knowing the geographic location of farms using a specific fertilizer, GIS analysis of farm locations, stream locations, elevations, and rainfall will show which streams are likely to carry that fertilizer downstream.

These are just a few examples of the many uses of GIS in earth sciences,

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biology, resource management, and many other fields.

June Activity:

At press time, I'm still waiting on a response about a tour of Pacific Seacraft in Washington, NC. More at the May meeting!

The **July membership meeting** will be another dynamic duo! Project Engineer Wendi Johnson and Sarah Parkins, Public Information Officer, will present us with information on the "U.S. 70 Improvements in James City Project." More details will be available at the May meeting but definitely save the date of July 17th for this informative meeting as this affects all of us.

That's it for this month!



MAY

Pagnutti, Peter — 17 May
Whitley, Raymond — 17 May
Whitley, Linda S. — 22 May
Long, Robert Earl — 25 May



The boating season is well underway: do you have a safe boat for this season? Our squadron's vessel safety examiners are ready and waiting to help you assure your vessel is prepared for a safe season. All you have to do is contact one of us and we will gladly do a vessel safety check for you. No charge, and takes about 15 minutes. Not only does the VSC assure you have the proper safety equipment, but a current safety check with a sticker appropriately placed on your vessel may very well assist you in the event the USCG or Dept of NC Wildlife officers stop you for a safety inspection.

Currently our squadron members have 28 boats of various kinds, not including dinghies, canoes, paddle boards, etc. Last year we had but one squadron vessel with a safety check. USPS is all about boating education and

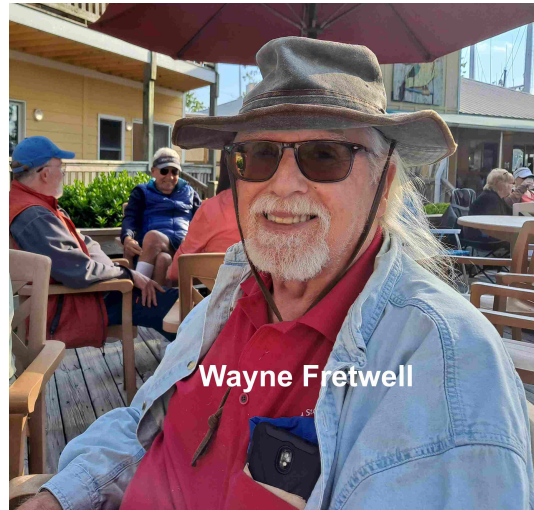
safety. Hopefully we can do much better this year.

To date, our VSEs have completed 103 vessel safety checks, so we are on track to have another great year for total vessel safety checks and perhaps #1 in the district again. All of this with only 5 currently certified VSEs. If you are interested in joining us, the entire certification process can be accomplished on line now. It is an enjoyable way to serve the public and a great way to step aboard a wide range of boats, meet new people, and maybe even recruit new members into CLSPS.

We met the USCG *Eagle* in Ponta Delgada, Azores on our Atlantic Crossing.
(Editor)



**Photos from the Tar River Sail
and Power Squadron
Rendezvous in Oriental, May
6, 2023. (Photos by Elaine Lechner)**



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**

P/C William J. Ash,
SN, H



TAKE TIME TO APPRECIATE OUR FRIENDS P/C WILLIAM J. ASH SN, EMERITUS

“Horatio, you and I have had many adventures together beginning in the peaceful waters of Long Island’s Moriches Bay. More importantly, we have held our breaths watching animal friends (?) do what they do. Moreover, we have laughed ourselves silly with moments of fun with fellow humans. Honestly, humor combined with curiosity make for interesting times.”

“Spot on, P/C. I have enjoyed our times together and I look ahead to more, not too many more, mind you, as aging becomes a major factor in our dwindling times of life. In fact, didn’t you lose a dear friend only yesterday?”

“I did. I first met him at Cornell University in 1949. We were both from Long Island and happened to run into each other at a gathering of happy, post war students interested in doing something which just might make the world a better place. Yup, I’ll miss him, but let’s talk about some of our happier times. Take for example the time you and I were talking to that nice looking brunette about where you and I came from; she spotted your British accent

and guessed correctly about your coming from England, a Brit. On the other hand she had no idea that Northern Ireland, Wales, Scotland and England were all British enjoying (?) the Monarchy.”

“Ah, then came the cruncher which I’m sure you remember. You told her you were born on an island in the Atlantic Ocean. Which island (?), you asked. We knocked back a few during this quiz session. We even covered the Caribbean Sea and still no correct answer. She got angry when you confessed the correct island.”

“But what got her angry was the way we laughed at her being angry. It was not very nice. She looked at me with very sharp daggers when I noted I was born on Long Island, New York. There was nothing wrong, Long Island IS an island, 141 miles long. Long Island, get it? I’ll never forget that session. But, let’s get a bit more serious. How about our lower animal friends?

“We were sitting comfortably on chairs at the Yacht Club, maybe five or six years ago, overlooking the Trent, and were admiring the flight of sea birds. Up and away, from floating at three knots to soaring at perhaps, thirty knots, without beating a wing. We marveled at how beautiful they looked and they could fly. You and I, higher animals on the scale of evolutionary

things, can do many chores of all scales of effort, but we cannot fly by ourselves. Aero planes and rockets enable us to scoot about the ether close to earth, but we, you and I, cannot fly. I believe we were lounging on the front porch of my home, Horatio, when we noticed birds flying at enormous speeds and decided to closely estimate just how fast they were moving. Using the distance between two trees and manned with a stopwatch we came to the conclusion they, blackbirds of all sorts, were flying up to fifty, plus or minus, knots. But what amazed us the most was their ability to stop and land, within a blink of the eye, on a convenient branch. Someday, when we have a bit more time, I’ll explain their anatomical structures which enable them to zip around as they do.

“Horatio, I recall leaning on the railing of the Maine coasting schooner, *Harvey Gamage*, up there in Camden, and admiring the swiftly swimming menhaden, or whatever, in the shadow of the ship. They were going like sixty. And what do I see? Cormorants, those sea birds we commonly watch with their wings extended, standing on pilings and rocks, drying their feathers. They were gathering their fish dinners by swimming as fast and even faster than the poor fish they had chosen off the menu. Birds, birds, mind you, were



swimming with schools of fish. And remember, those fish were under water which isn't a surprise. You and I couldn't do that.

"Horatio, watch a butterfly, on a windy day make repeated landings on the same flower in order to gather up a meal of nectar. That delicate insect, despite the wind is able to return to the same spot, time and time again. Oh yes, remember the two anoles on the potting bench by the garage, last summer I believe? As we approached, both leaped off the bench and landed up in a *Pyracantha* or firethorn bush a meter away. On the scale of things, how far would that jump be for me.? I'm too tired to figure that out."

"You bring up things that most of us mortals simply take for granted. Truly, we should spend time to appreciate our friends, nautical and otherwise, which have made it this far in this complex universe."

"Let me tell you something, old friend. During my years of teaching and research I thought nothing of sacrificing hundreds, even thousands of experimental animals in order to see the work completed. Today, I can't even harm the bugs which come into my home to escape the cold outdoors during winter. I simply trap them and deliver them back outside. I suspect I just postpone their demise, but I cannot even kill them outright. They possess remarkable properties that we need to

admire. I even feel that way about humans."



To err is Human. To blame it on someone else shows management potential.

The more you weigh, the harder you are to kidnap. STAY SAFE! Eat Cake.

It's strange how drinking 8 glasses of water a day seems impossible. But 8 cups of coffee goes down like a chubby kid on a seesaw.

Enjoy a glass of wine each night for health benefits. The other glasses are for your witty comebacks and flawless dance moves.

Insanity does not run in my family. It struts through taking it's time getting to know everyone personally.

I have put a lot of thought into it and I just don't think being an adult is going to work for me.

Exercise makes you look better naked. So does wine—Your choice.

I often worry about the safety of my children. Especially the one that is rolling his eyes at me and talking back right now.

You are about to exceed the limits of my medication.

Mirror, Mirror on the wall. What the Hell happened????

Don't take life so seriously. Nobody gets out alive anyway.

These things looked like small floating water bottles until they got real close—pretty long tentacles. *Editor*



Saw several Portugeuse Man-of-War jellyfish just before arriving in the Azores



**Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron May Dinner Meeting,
Monday, May 15, 2023**

**The Chelsea, 335 Middle Street, New Bern, NC
Social Time: 1730, Dinner 1800, Meeting 1900
Speaker: Alice Wilson, New Bern GIS Manager**

Menu:

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

Entrees

Broiled MD **Crab Cakes**, Rice Pilaf, Mixed Vegetable Medley

Chesapeake **Chicken**, Rice Pilaf, Mixed Vegetable Medley

Horseradish **Salmon** served with Rice Pilaf and Mixed Vegetable Medley

Veggie Risotto

Dessert: Strawberry layer 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 Tuesday, May 9, 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 (5 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.

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

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