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Upcoming Events:

Monday, April 1, 1900
CLSPS ExCom Mtg
Via Zoom

Saturday, May 4
CLSPS Booth for National Safe Boating Week—May 18-24
Farmer's Market in New Bern

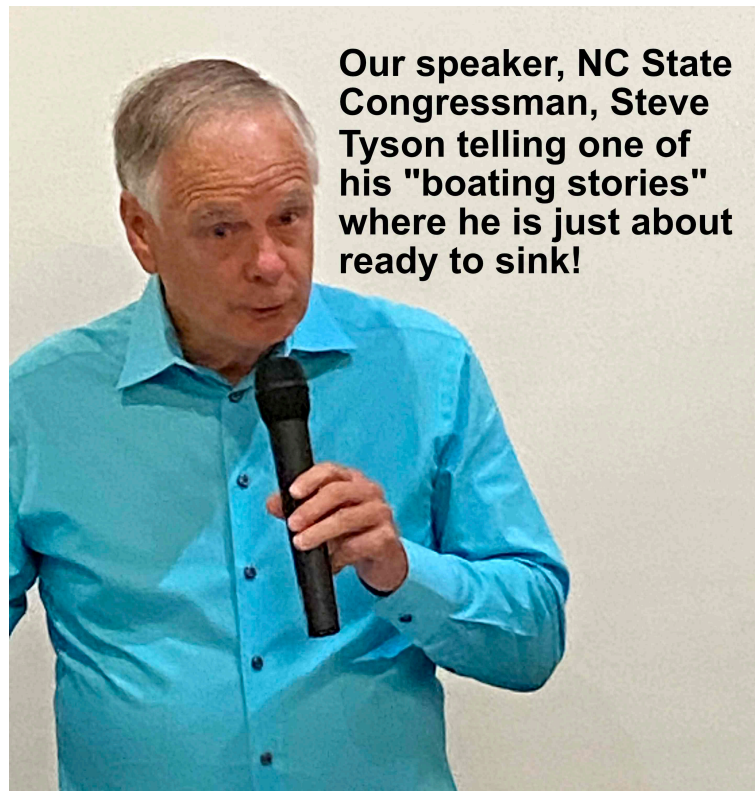
Saturday, April 13, 1030
Lunch with Ben Lindemann's Presentation
Lawsons on the Creek

Monday, May 6, 1900
CLSPS ExCom Mtg
Via Zoom

May 18 and 25
ABC Class at CCC
See SEO's Article

Monday, May 20
May Dinner Meeting
The Chelsea

Our March Dinner Meeting Speaker, NC Congressman, Steve Tyson



Our speaker, NC State Congressman, Steve Tyson telling one of his "boating stories" where he is just about ready to sink!

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Ahoy Cape Lookout Squadron Members!

Another month is nearly gone and we at the Ash household find ourselves ensconced in a Daylight Savings/March Madness fog! I am ever grateful for the longer light after the workday, however it is a bit brutal to face the dark mornings after watching my Pac12 (gasp!) NCAA games into the wee hours! And don't forget hockey! Thankfully we spend an occasional evening at the yacht club which is delightful with the spring weather! Just looking at the river anticipating more adventures on the Jolly Tar warms the heart!

The month has been a busy one with the District 27 COW and Spring Conference and subsequent Cape Lookout monthly meeting. The Moores, Ashes, Rhoda Fort and her daughter, Taylor, enjoyed a lovely and lively time at the D27 meetings in Wrightsville Beach, hosted beautifully by the Cape Fear Sail & Power Squadron. We heard of changes/additions to both the Offshore and Celestial Navigation Courses at the D27 N-Club meeting, (a club which may go by the wayside depending on interest at the District level). Lots of great information provided by Bill Doar. Guest Speaker, Captain Wilbur Jones, Jr.(Retired) spoke of his "...12 1/2 year effort to establish a new national history program, and earned designation by the Secretary of the Interior as America's first World War II Heritage City" for Wilmington, NC. His hard work became a national model!

I proudly accepted several awards on behalf of Cape Lookout members. D27 VSE 2023 - Top Ten awards to James Dugan, Lloyd Moore,(who was present to collect his), Owen Smith and Rob Thompson; Owen Smith was also awarded the 9th year Century Club Member certificate and pin.

Bob Burget received the Honor Roll National Ranking 17 certificate, as well as a plaque for 2023 Number One Individual for Co-operative Charting Program District 27 for Co-op Charting and Geodetic Marker Recovery. Twelve other D27 were also recognized for their participation in the Co-operative Charting Program.

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

<http://www.clsps.org>

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Marty Warner was once again recognized and presented with Distinctive Performance for Publications for 2023 and Website in 2023 for Cape Lookout. Congratulations to you all, and big thanks to Jane Moore for her meticulous record keeping at the Conference, and everywhere, always!

P/D/C Greg Shay, JN-IN was the Officer of the Deck. Chief Commander's Representative V/C David Allen, Jr., SN-IN presided over the event and relieved the outgoing and installed the incoming Bridge.

We've seen in the past days the unfathomable accident in Maryland's Patapsco River. Our hearts go out to those lost and involved in any way.

After reading the news on my phone just after it had happened, I reached out to my brother, a Port Captain in the New York Metropolitan area, who predicted it as possibly being a power and propulsion problem. He provided me with a helpful link and information that follows, for general use. Thank you, James!

<https://homeport.uscg.mil/port-directory/new-york>

"You can go on any USCG port site to get the latest updates on any events. USCG Sector North Carolina has it's own page with info on inlets and waterways in your area as well.

The MARSEC Level has to do with security. The various levels call for various precautions for commercial vessels. Small craft owners should be aware of these as well.

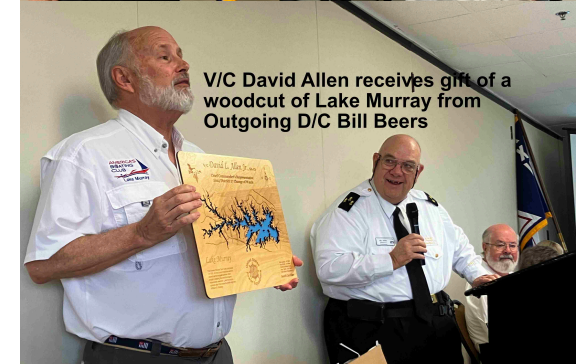
It's safe to say we can all learn from these tragedies, and must. Take a look around. Educate yourselves. Poke around on the USPS.com site! If you see something of interest to you, mention it to Bud Ellis and maybe there will be others who would join you in a class. You can always take a course or two online.

At this writing, we still await word from recent guest NC Craven County District 3 Representative Steve Tyson on what the speed limit is on the Trent River! (See Admin. Officer Clair Mixon's article on his visit to our March Member's Meeting.) We hope to see Steve and his wife, Jana, in the ABC class soon!

Be safe out there, and thanks for your continued commitment to our Squadron!

PS - Don't forget about the Total Solar Eclipse on April 8th. We won't have a view of the "path of totality" here but it will be fun to experience some of it. We watched the last one on August 21, 2017.

Photos at the District COW by Cdr Lydia Ash



Around the Table: Standing: Lloyd Moore & Annalee Ash. Seated: Jane Moore, Bill Ash, Lydia Ash, Rhoda Fort, & her daughter Taylor

**Education
Officer**

Lt/C Bud Ellis, Jr., SN



**Administrative
Officer**

Lt/C Clair Mixon



When you read this Outlook, we will be awaiting the results of the Weather exam. I hope all three students enjoyed taking the class as much as I enjoyed teaching it.

At the March meeting we had 4 members sign up for the Boat Handling class. Upon completion of this class the members will be awarded the grade of Seaman. This is the first step on the road to Senior Navigator. A time, place, and instructor will be established in the next week or two. This is a great course to start with. Everyone can learn a little more than the ABC3 course had to offer. If anyone else is interested, let me know before 1 April so I can order enough books.

Don't forget 4 May at the Farmer's Market. All volunteers are more than welcome, and we still need more. 18 & 25 May is the ABC3 class at Craven Community College. Suzann Madison is working hard to spread the word and she is again providing their great classroom. Anyone able to come and greet the students is welcome. Let's try to meet them and make them feel welcome and try to recruit new members.

Fair Winds, Bud

Thank you so much to the squadron members for attending our last meeting in March. We had our NC State Representative (District3), Steve Tyson share with us a few boating stories from his life growing up as a New Bern native. He's a very busy man and it was such an honor to have him spend some time with the squadron. We look forward to hearing back from him in response to member questions regarding some of the recent sewage spills that can affect our local waters. We will keep everyone notified when we get any responses. Now as we look forward I'm excited to announce a few new events. Remember, Invite a friend! Bring a guest to be added to our drawing for the next year. I'm moving forward with a big push for new membership. Maybe you can reach out with a call or text someone you know who boats and may not know about our club. It takes minutes!

As I write to you now, I'm sitting on Ocracoke Island. Half of the Island is closed off to the public and the Hatteras Ferry isn't running. The overwash has closed the roads on the North end of the island. Furthermore, the bigger ferries can't run into Silverlake due to shoaling

issues at Bigfoot Slough. Smaller ferries can still run from Cedar Island and Swan Quarter. Because of the Hatteras closing, travelers are re-routing and reservations are full. This is leaving locals stranded and because most food and shipments come from Hatteras, it's a BIG deal. We've heard restaurants talking about worries of food resources. Frustrations are running high. Nevertheless, we have enjoyed our first visit to the island and are eager to bring our boat here next time.

April does not have a scheduled dinner meeting. However, we have planned a special luncheon and guest for the group. On Saturday, April 13, we will meet at Lawson's on the Creek to lunch together and enjoy a presentation by Ben Lindemann. We cannot reserve tables so I need everyone to meet well before opening at 11 so we can snag tables. If it's nice outside we can grab those tables. But, if it's not nice, we'll eat inside and need to be at the doors waiting for their opening. I'll post the event on the calendar as starting at 10:30 knowing they open at 11. Ben will talk to us about his drone. He is experienced with using it all over town and in many conditions in New Bern. He captures beautiful photos and is known for producing beautiful calendars and selling his stretched canvas photography in local gift shops. I can't wait to learn how we might be able to fly

[Admin Officers' Report Continued]

a drone over ourselves as we boat all along the river.

I'm excited for our May meeting. The guest speaker will be local Captain James Holloway of Neuse River Adventures. Cpt. Holloway is a veteran with over 38 years of experience on the water. He'll talk about how to catch the "New Bern Slam (striped bass, red drum, spotted sea trout & flounder.)"

Get those RSVP's into Linda as soon as as you can and remember to invite a friend.

If any members would like to recommend a future guest speaker, I'm all ears. Send me a text at (240) 626-4681 or email at clair.mixon@comcast.net

Lastly, we now have admin rights on our public facebook group. Make sure you are on both the private and public group. I'll do my best to duplicate posts on both as we have different members on each. I will be using the public page to promote the group to the group. If you would like to make a post to promote something to try and get participants, let me or Jane Moore know. I realize many of you may not be on Facebook so we will email things and post in our newsletter hoping no one misses out.



As I write this on March 23, our squadron VSE count stands at 87. So far, no squadron members have had a vessel safety check, but a few are pending.

I am quite proud of our vessel safety examiners in the work they have done over the past several years. Several of those years Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron has been the lead squadron in the number of vessel safety checks completed in District 27. Although it has not been officially announced, I am confident our squadron will again have recorded the most safety checks in District 27 for last year. I hope we can do even better this year especially with the support of squadron members who have boats.

Remember our examiners can do a safety check of your vessel wherever it may be: at your home, in your marina,

even in your driveway. Just contact us and we can help you make sure your vessel is prepared safety wise for this boating season. Doesn't matter if your boat is 50 feet in length, sail or power, or a paddlecraft, i.e. canoe, kayak or paddleboard.



April

I couldn't find anybody with an April birthday

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 appreciate your help keeping our books in the Black.

2024 Booster Club

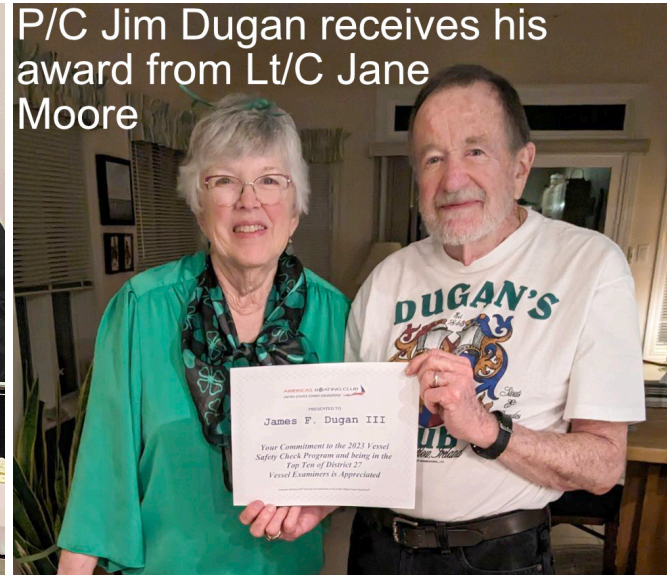
**Bob Burget
Elaine Lechner &
Wayne Fretwell
Bill, Annalee & Lydia Ash
Marty & Tiki Warner
Duane & Clair Mixon
Ray & Linda Whitley
Lloyd & Jane Moore**

Commander Lydia Ash attended the District 27 Spring Council/Conference and COW. She handed out several Awards our Squadron received at the District 27 Meeting.

Four of our Vessel Safety Examiners received awards for being among the Top Ten Vessel Examiners in District 27



P/Cs Rob Thompson, Lloyd Moore & Owen Smith receive the Award for being among the Top Ten Vessel Examiners in District 27



P/C Jim Dugan receives his award from Lt/C Jane Moore



PC Owen Smith was Awarded his 9th year as Century Club Member VSC

Chairman of our Squadron Vessel Safety Program, P/C Owen Smith, received his Award (for the Ninth Year) as Century Club Member VSC

Lt Marty Warner received the Distinctive Communicator Award for Newsletter and Website



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(Photos by the Editor except Jim Dugan's pic which was taken by his wife)

Some of the Attendees at the CLSPS March Dinner Meeting

Our Speaker NC State Congressman
Steve & Jana Tyson



Lt Linda
Whitley



Lt Lloyd
and
Lt/C Jane
Moore



P/C Rob
Thompson &
Lt Rhoda Fort



CDR Lydia
Ash



Lt/C Bud &
Bev Ellis



Lt/C Clair &
Duane Mixon



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/>





Lt/C Jane Moore &
CDR Lydia Ash



Lt Anne Brittle



Juli
Voelker



Lt/Cs Jane Moore and
Clair Mixon



Carolyn &
Lt/C Owen Smith



P/C Bill
Ash

P/C William J. Ash,
SN, H



STILL NAVIGATING P/C WILLIAM J. ASH SN, EMERITUS

“Horatio, it is I, William J., and we are back from the District 27 meeting and Change of Watch. Lydia went as Commander of Cape Lookout, Annalee as member and I as delegate. We made it home safely despite some of the worst traffic jams we have ever witnessed in North Carolina. Seriously, it was a terrible experience; like the Hamptons in the summer time.”

“I’m sorry, P/C, I never thought something like that would happen in the Carolinas. Too many persons moving about for the spaces allotted. Developers call it, ‘progress.’ Now, how was the meeting?”

“The meeting was fine. Our Squadron appears to be moving along better than we might have thought. Thanks to our courses in Weather and Basic Boating we proved we are busy with our primary objective, that of education. Also, I mentioned, to the right persons, my interest in obtaining the materials for the new course in Navigation. I passed the old course in its time, without an emphasis on electronics. This new course uses it rather vigorously which might be my

undoing. But, it’s a new course and students will need to meet its requirements. I’m not worried about my status of being SN and having to take the new course. My days of requirements are over. I just want to review the new presentation and possibly help teach it. I know, I know you are thinking I might not have enough life left in me to get that far. Yeah, perhaps I should just review it to satisfy my personal curiosity. But....

“Meeting new friends was a delight. I had a fine talk with a couple of fellows who are familiar with the new courses. They, the courses, are not presently called JN and N. Am I correct? I thought I heard some other names for them, Oh well, I’m really an old fashion chap and this new stuff made of electrons moving at the speed of light gives me the shivers. Right? Shiver me timbers. And, one of the chaps indicated I could get the whole package from National Headquarters and begin comparing the materials from the old and the new. I’m looking forward to this. I must tell you, Horatio, I met with my primary physician today and I asked him if he thought I had enough years left in my logbook to flutter around with the new course in Celestial Navigation. He hesitated and finally came out with, ‘No comment.’ I might look around for a more understanding primary physician, maybe a sympathetic female one.”

“P/C, let’s back off the graduate courses and address the ‘untercourses’ a

bit. I want to make something quite clear for the membership which, I think, will help them decide to sign up for course work, It is possible for Squadron members to take any of the offerings online. Is that the correct term, online?”

“Yup, I believe so. Yes, a member can look over the list of subjects offered by USPS, some to climb in grade, others not. He or she may then take the course remotely, study by themselves, or with ‘remote mates,’ and take the final exam, remotely, when ready. I believe I’m correct in saying this. Frankly, I enjoy the classroom atmosphere with a knowledgeable instructor who can pass along his or her experiences, good and bad, into the mix. That’s just me. I hope I’m right with all this. I’d hate to pass along the wrong information. But, for now let’s head over to the yacht club and see what the boys are doing.”

“Bloody good idea P/C. I could use a glass of good, cold water.”

“You got that right.”



**Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron
May Dinner Meeting @ The Chelsea
Monday, May 20, 2024, 1730**



Menu: TBA

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, March 13, 2024. A check can be sent to her at: Linda Whitley, 4606 Helen Lane, New Bern, NC 28560. Or call her at: 301-651-2445, or email her: lindaswhitley@gmail.com or if you prefer, you can pay at the Dinner on March 18.

A Matter of Convenience Lt Marty Warner

I don't know about you, but I had somebody come by the house a couple weeks ago, and steal an hour from me. Everybody said, "Don't worry, you'll get it back in the fall." So I'm wondering where did that hour go? And where do they store them? I see some businesses that say, "Open 24-Hours". Maybe that means they store hours, and some of these hours are stored there.

Tiki and I just drove down to Florida

pulling our trailer. I asked the folks I saw in South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida if they had the same problem I had. They all said, "Yes", but hadn't done anything about it.

After we were settled in our campground in Florida I asked my neighbor, Bill, who was camped next to me, about this missing hour. He surprised me and said, "Yes, I know a little bit about the missing hour problem."

The more we talked, I learned that he was in the United States Power Squadrons, and had taken some courses from them. He said, "Not to worry. It's just a bunch of folks playing around with numbers. There's no real sense in it, it's just made up."

"What do you mean made up?" I replied. "I mean it's on TV. It's got to be real"

"Let's go back in 'time'". Bill replied. "Take a look at a circle—it's got 360 degrees on it, from zero degrees to 360 degrees (which are the same angle/

number?!). Why 360 degrees? I mean, why not 100, or 400 degrees, or any other number?" Bill told me he had taken a cruise across the Atlantic Ocean, and asked a passenger on board, Fritz, who was a German math teacher.

"Why 360?", he asked Fritz.

Fritz replied, "It's convenience. The number 360 can be evenly divided by a tremendous number of numbers: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 15, 20, 24, 30, 36 and more—try it."

Bill went on, "Take a look around you, especially in the nautical world, 360 is used everywhere: the compass has 360 degrees. Our planet, being mostly round, is a sphere with 360 degrees. We cut the Earth up by 90 degrees above and below the equator, and call each degree a line of latitude—90 degrees north, from the equator to the north pole and the same with the equator to the south pole.

"A Meridian is a line from the North Pole to the South Pole. A Prime Meridian is a special Meridian from which it is chosen to measure East and West. If you go 180 degrees West and 180 East, you meet on the other side of the globe. It is the zero degree meridian.

"These days we've heard a lot about the Greenwich Prime Meridian. British charts used Greenwich, an observatory east of London, on the south coast of the River Thames, for their Prime Meridian. But, almost every country had their own Prime Meridian, and those countries used that for the Prime Meridian for their charts. The French Meridian ran through

the observatory in Paris (and their charts used it for the zero line of longitude). How about Berlin Meridian in Prussia, Copenhagen Meridian in Denmark,. And even in the United States—our Vice-President lives in the Naval Observatory in Washington DC, where our Prime Meridian was placed.

"Back in 1884 the International Meridian Conference held in Washington DC, recommended the Greenwich Meridian be the standard for Zero Degrees Longitude"

"Wow", I said. "I guess I thought a bunch of scientists spent a million years researching how many degrees to use for navigating. Nope—just something made up, because it was "convenient"."

Bill continued, "When you aim a telescope (or a sextant) to the south and follow the sun to its highest elevation, at that instant you have found two things: South (and conversely north when you turn around), and local noon. To help sailors synchronize their clocks, the red Time Ball atop the Observatory was raised

halfway at 1255; at 1258 it was raised to the top, and at 1300 it was dropped—Hack! That was 1300. This gave the astronomers almost an hour after their Noon observation to finish their calculations and set things up"

After that I got Bill a beer or so and we relaxed

If you are in London, take the Underground, Thames Link Line, to Greenwich, then walk through a tunnel under the Thames, and then up a rise on the other side to the Greenwich Observatory. *The Cutty Sark* and *The Gypsy Moth* are nearby.



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

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