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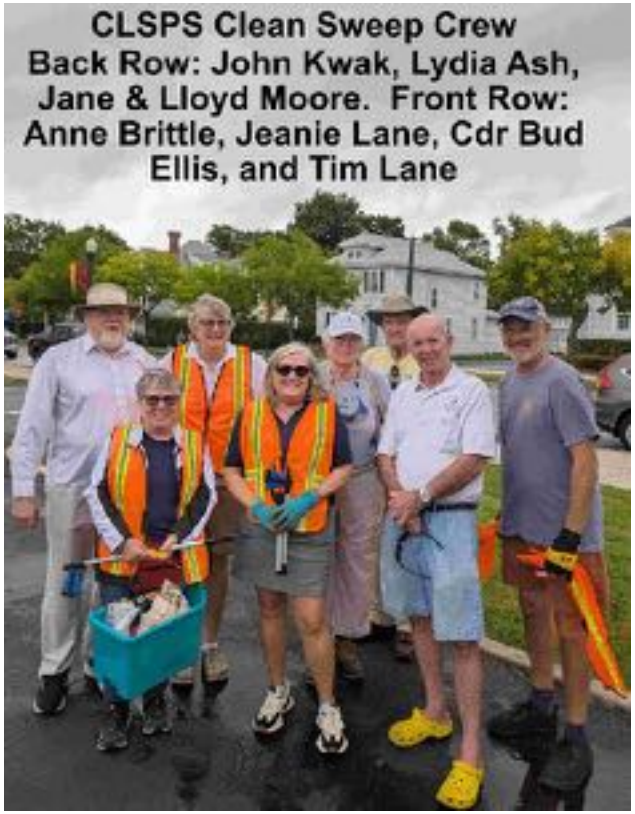
Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, September 30 1800
September Dinner Meeting
Paula's Italian Restaurant & Pizza

Monday, October 6, 1900
CLSPS ExComm Mtg
Via **Zoom**

Saturday, November 1, 1300
CLSPS Chili Cook Of
Red Sail Park, Fairfield Harbour

Craven County Summer Sweep, 3 August 25



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Bud Ellis, Jr., SN

We have had another successful service project thanks to our XO. Even though we started out on a rainy Saturday morning, we still participated in the Craven Clean Sweep. Eight members picked up trash along two stretches of road and left bagged trash for pickup. The best part was meeting at Sara's Big Apple for lunch.

We have another opportunity for service coming up in just a few weeks. This is our biggest project and we need as much participation as we can get. We have supported the MS Bikeathon for many years, and it contributes a great deal of money to Muscular Dystrophy research. Please spend some of your valuable time and join us for fun and service.

We are very near the high point of the 2025 hurricane season. Keep a sharp eye on the weather forecasts and stay prepared for these destructive storms. So far, we have been spared from the fires, floods, volcanoes, and other events suffered in other parts of the country. Pray for those suffering and we continue to be spared.

Fair Winds, Bud

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

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

As of the writing of this article, CLSPS has 21 Vessel Safety Checks logged in at National. Of those, three of our members, i.e. Bud Ellis, Ray Whitley, and Bill Ash, have had their vessels checked for safety.

Whenever you are ready to have your vessel checked by one of our Examiners, please let us know. We can usually meet your schedule with no problem, and will be glad to come to wherever your boat may be. And, it is FREE.

Duane Mixon
Assistant Education Officer

I'm starting the ball rolling to nominate **Bud Ellis** for the educational Chapman Award. I need your assistance with filling out the nomination form that will need to be submitted.

Open linked document. You should all have access to edit the document. If you do not have access, please email me or Clair and we can accommodate.

Separately, if you have the willingness, please provide your own letter of recommendation since we can submit up to 3.

I have started the bulk of the text for recommendation. @lloyd.moore@suddenlink.net or @jmoore13721@gmail.com, I need your assistance in looking up previous classes using HQ800.

Thank you in advance for helping to get this nomination completed.

Unfortunately, this form is due by the end of June. But I know that we will get the information submitted on time.

Regards,
1st/Lt Duane Mixon (ASEO)

Inaugural Hornblower Award
P/C WILLIAM J. ASH SN, EMERITUS

Happy Birthday to the Following Members

July
Ed Gagnon—8 July
Bellanora McMallum—8 July
Elaine Lechner—18 July
Bob Burget—24 July

August
Duane Mixon—20 August

September
Rhoda C. Fort—16 September

What a successful District 27 Rendezvous that Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron hosted for us on June 13-14 in New Bern NC!

Thank you especially, CLSPS, for your efforts, your flexibility, your creativity, your spirit, and your hospitality to make for a very successful event. You certainly went above and beyond to ensure the success of the weekend for all D27 attendees. That definitely involves a great amount of work and some of it "grunt work" too. Clair Mixon, Lydia Ash , Bud Ellis, and Jane Moore - thank you for leading throughout this process. Thank you, too, for showing us New Bern with new eyes and knowledge. The New Bern presenters were very knowledgeable and shared great information with us as well.

Thank you to the District 27 aides for assisting with registration, for helping with serving, for monitoring the rosters, and for just jumping in to help CLSPS in any way needed. D27 is fortunate to have such a willing group of volunteers. Marvin Chaney, Mary Chaney, Sandi Howd, Bob Howd, Dianne Marshburn, Roy Thompson, Rosa Whitmore, and Cynthia Meyer - your work is appreciated.

Thank you to Barbara White, Clair Mixon, Marty Warner for being the photographers at the event and for all the pix that we will be able to enjoy.

Thank you to Greg Shay and Bob Burget for the geodetic presentation and for getting people excited about doing the "search" for those markers - it proved to be very exciting for all. Thank you to William Ash for sharing his memorable stories and publications. Such memories you have!

Thank you to the PDCs for their talented ice cream serving skills - Bob, Howd, Greg Shay, Otis White, Sarah McCurry, Jamie McCurry, and Pat Hakanson you indeed have culinary skills. It was a fun and delicious added treat.

Thank you to DAO Kris Meyer for bringing the admin materials and helping to set them up. Also, thank you for helping organize the Saturday dinner entertainment with Phil Routszung. Thank you to Ray Whitley for managing the 50/50 raffle for D27. He was a very busy man throughout the weekend.

Thank you to the members/guests from the 10 squadrons who attended and to the squadron commanders in attendance: Bud Ellis, Kris Meyer, Greg Shay, Walt Morrissey, Rosa Whitmore, and Bill Davis.

What a fun weekend with attendance at 57 and with 10 out of 12 squadrons represented, with some neighboring district members attending (Twila Nahama D 26 and with some rendezvous first timers- MIchael and Sylvia Kelly - Shallotte River. Their dog also shared the weekend with us.

Thank you to anyone I may not have mentioned as you, too, are the silent heroes of the event and deserve recognition. Thank you also for the creative talents on display, the raffle items, the raffle donations, Pat Hakanson's picture, Greg Shay's fossil display, Clair Mixon's cards, Rosa Whitmore's bread and relish donations, and Tiki Warner's jewelry.

Thank you personally to the chauffeurs and road assistance crew for the Shay's that weekend as we had to make an adjusted "grand" entrance. - Mary and Marvin Chaney, you were within a few minutes travelling there and initially assisting us; Tony O'Connor, you were there on the way home to assist in transportation. By land or by sea, squadron members always help out!

As the District Commander of District 27 I am indeed so very humbled by the work that each person did to make this event so successful. I am especially proud of each of you working together as members of District 27. It makes my job so memorable and enjoyable. We are definitely a village in District 27 and will continue to be so!

Well Done, All!.
Connie
District 27 Commander

P/C William J. Ash, SN, *H*

P/C WILLIAM J. ASH SN, EMERITUS

All this after I accidentally cleared and lost the article I was typing and getting ready to forward to the editor. I don't remember the title, so I'll leave it out. Gone forever! Gone into the cloud of 0's and 1's, if that is still the rule. Perhaps today it's 10's and 11's. I don't know, and I don't really care. Society and behavior have left me behind. But I'm not sure I'm behind. I'm comfortable, still feeling I'm succeeding to make the world a better place. Still writing for *The Outlook,* the monthly publication of the *Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron*. I'm not interested in the art of AI. I don't need the cursor to discover the answer to 473 questions to continue my writing when one is sufficient. Well, this seems to be getting away from me. Oh my, look! The type is larger than the one I wanted. Let it be. Just let me continue, covered with apologies.

Now let's try and focus on something the Squadron may find useful. I've got to sit by my keyboard and think for a few minutes. Well, a few more if it's OK. Let me throw this one over the plate; try and hit it out! It's the first paragraph that has me. There is something in there, hidden perhaps, but there it is. I think I have a message for all members of the Squadron, District, National and whomever. Fasten your knickers!

I see a horizon. It appears to be moving towards me, very slowly but definitely coming at me very slowly. Now, for heaven's sake it's coming faster. Whow! Stop!! Seweewssssh, gone! Now, sit back with me and think this through! The horizon line represents a dimension we have on Earth. Stay with me and don't be angry. It may take a few extra minutes for all of my wanderings to sink in and make sense. It will all make sense to you and will actually surprise a good many readers. This is what I did for a living.

That horizon line coming towards us is saying something. It represents time; time coming at us at a very fast speed. It's the future coming at us. All of a sudden, that line hits us. We don't feel it physically, but we experience it in the matter of the clock on the wall. Time hit us and it just kept going. Students of astrophysics may have a little to say about this, but for now we shall just ignore them. It hit us, right here. Time hit us right here and kept going as the past, as the past! The future "fawopped" right into the past; right here. That line of the future just developed into the past. Future, past; we are familiar with these words and conditions. Think about them! They are interesting and important words. But what's missing? Sit there for a while! Think! Yes, the present. There is no allocation for the present! You may think I'm crazy. You have every right to think that since you learned of the present in grammar school. I did. And all these years have gone by of my thinking there was a present. No, there is no present. Never was. Don't be angry at me. Just think it out as an adult should, and be very thankful somebody tried to make the world a better place for all you readers. Now you have a different feeling of time, I hope. Yup, there is no present.

Before we go I'd like to make a suggestion or two. When you were a child, time moved very slowly. Christmas took a long, long time to arrive. Time moved faster as we aged, although it was the very same time. Now, at my age, time hardly exists. Poof! Gone, just like that, the same old time. Unfortunately, I still have a bunch of adventures on my bucket list. I just failed to do them when I had the chance. It's my fault that this unpleasantness exists, flying an aeroplane, for example. Another is dropping from an aeroplane wearing and employing a parachute. Don't put off the items you really want to do, otherwise time will snuff out the opportunities. And lastly,...

Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron
September Dinner Meeting
TUESDAY, September 30, 1800
PAULA'S Italian Restaurant & Pizza, 3946 MLK Jr. Blvd, New Bern

Menu: Order off the menu. They will add 20% for tip.
To look at their menu please go to: https://www.paulaspizza.com/menu

Name: _____ Number attending _____

Please contact Linda Whitley to report the number of people in your party: Linda Whitley, 4606 Helen Lane, New Bern, NC 28560 or email her at: lindaswhitley@gmail.com or call her: 301-651-2445

MEMBERSHIP

P/C Jane Moore, AP

Welcome to our newest member, Christine Zellers, who joined our Squadron in July.

Christine was sworn in at our July 21st membership meeting. Christine forwarded the following bio to help us get to know her.

"I'm Christine Zellers. I am a mom of an 11-year-old, Cameron, who is going into 5th grade at Epiphany. I work remotely for a non-profit doing Data Engineering. I was born and raised in the DC area and moved to New Bern in 2013 to have my son.

I spent a number of years sailing out of Chesapeake Boat Club in Eastport, MD near Annapolis. I loved circumnavigating Kent Island and exploring the upper Bay on long weekends. Now, Cameron is very excited about sailing so I bought a 1984 Catalina 22 which we keep at Blackbeard.

I decided to join America's Boating Club because I'm interested in volunteering. I'm also very interested in the educational opportunities because I'm entertaining the idea of doing the Great Loop in the next few years."

Our current membership is forty-one. We appreciate all the members who continue to support us, thank you.

July Dinner Meeting Photos

The July Meeting was held July 21 at La Casetta Italian Restaurant. *Photos provided by Clair Mixon*

Bike MS: Historic New Bern Ride!

The Cape Lookout Squadron provided Volunteers for Rest Stop #6 on Saturday, September 6 at the Arapahoe Free Will Baptist Church. We provided snacks and water for about 565 bikers during the day. Our riders were on 50, 75, and 100 mile rides. It was hot (about 91F) and the riders really appreciated their rest, especially those on the longer rides. As of September 12, 2025, Bike MS raised over $1,350,000! *Photos by Clair Mixon*

Ships Store Inventory

Base Ball Caps: White with CLSPS Logo In Stock (6). $15.00

Knit Polo Shirts: Ladies short sleeve knit shirts - $15. navy.
Navy sizes: Ladies: XS,M, & L

Ladies Long Sleeve Denim Shirts: $12.50, Available size: L

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Cotton Visor - Navy (1 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

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