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Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron  
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## Upcoming Events:

## CLSPS September Dinner Meeting 30 September 2025

Saturday, October 11  
**District 27 Fall Conference**  
Via Zoom

Thursday, October 23, 1900  
**USPS National Operations Training**  
Via Zoom

Saturday, November 1, 1200  
**CLSPS Chili Cook Off**  
Red Sail Park, Fairfield Harbour

Monday, November 3, 1900  
**CLSPS ExComm Mtg**  
Via Zoom

Tuesday, November 11, 1800  
**November Dinner Meeting**  
Paula's Italian Restaurant & Pizza

Monday, December 1, 1900  
**CLSPS ExComm Mtg**  
Via Zoom

Saturday, December 13, 1600-1900  
**December Holiday Party**  
East Carolina Yacht Club



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Well Folks, we have passed the Autumnal Equinox, so Fall is upon us. Maybe the daily temperature will get to the word soon. (I know, be careful what you wish for.) That means this newsletter will cover a longer period so our editor can do a little more traveling this year.

It also means our nominating committee is going to be putting together a slate of officers for the '26 – '27 squadron year. Since we have a small squadron (but it is growing), it is sometimes difficult to cover all the offices that keep us functioning, many of us have served in all the offices and often more than once. Please look at the organization chart for our squadron and see if there might be a job you would like to fill. I promise you will not be abandoned to flounder around by yourself. One great thing about older members in a squadron like ours is the wealth of experience that can be tapped. Every one of us is more than willing to help younger members have an enjoyable experience doing the jobs that keep the squadron alive and well. The nominating committee puts a lot of time and thought into trying to pair the right people with a job, not just fill it with a warm body. If you are asked to take one of the offices, do not say "I cannot do that" before talking to people that have done it before. We will always be available to help so you are not overwhelmed. The work is fun and rewarding and really does mean something. If you see something you would like to do, the committee never turns down a volunteer.

Remember, Fall is the best time to be out on the water. See you out there.

Fair Winds,

Bud

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***<http://www.clsps.org>***

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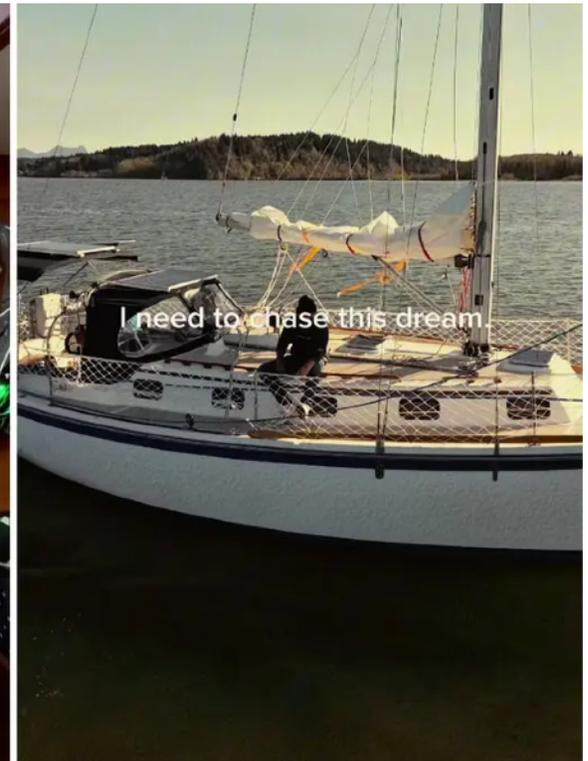
As I sit here enjoying a nice fall morning of 70 degrees, I'm reflecting on what a great summer we had. Obviously, the district rendezvous was a big highlight, and I feel so blessed to have you all in my life and to have met so many new people who share boating as a major interest. For the millionth time, to everyone who pitched in, thank you from the bottom of my heart.

It was a hot summer and, on the days, where we stayed indoors to keep from frying our feet on the deck of our boat and the concrete, I spent a great deal of time following some interesting boaters along their journeys doing really cool things. You may have also enjoyed their adventures, but I thought I'd share who I was watching and why. Feel free to join in or catch up. A quick google search will get you connected.

Many of these people were using social media to take us along for the ride, mostly on Instagram or Facebook. Instagram is a more visually focused platform with photos and videos, less about links or just words. You can't make a post unless it's a graphic or video. Most of the younger population use Instagram and because some of these guys are younger, that's where they are.

First, I started to see TikToks from Oliver Widger. His account is called "Sailing with Phoenix." Oliver is a 29-year-old man from Oregon. He was working his days away in a corporate job after college when he got a diagnosis of Klippel-Feil Syndrome. This is a condition that causes abnormal fusion of cervical vertebrae. Faced with a potentially life-changing diagnosis, Oliver was faced with the notion that he better start living his dreams sooner rather than later. He quit his job and used YouTube and a neighbors help to learn how to sail. Let's hope he took an ABC course! He sold everything and bought a \$50,000 Com-pac 33, he

named the vessel *Phoenix*. Along with his first mate, *Phoenix*, a cat he rescued from a dumpster seven years ago, they set sail from Oregon across the Pacific Ocean to Hawaii. This 2400-mile voyage was all documented via daily update when his Starlink was working. More and more people started tuning in and tracking his boat on the PredictWind App (SY Phoenix) or on Marinetratic.com (PHONIX :368381530). He would perform daily checks all over the boat and many times find things that could have been catastrophic had he not checked. He's a bit shy and awkward on social media but people really connected to his character.



He doesn't profess to know much and is very humble. I would check in daily to see how he was doing. By the time he got near Hawaii, he was ushered in by the Coast Guard and a huge number of local vessels. He docked at the Waikiki Yacht Club and was greeted by the Governor of Hawaii with a special proclamation honoring their trip adding that their journey "stands out as the story of hope, curiosity and courage." Now I'm sure there have been countless other folks who have done similar things, but this one really caught some attention, and he really is an endearing guy. I think he even got a commercial deal with a cat food company and I'm pretty sure he's using that money to buy

a bigger boat to head to French Polynesia next, so tune in for more adventures.

Next up was a 71-year-old man named Robert Youens who was attempting the Great Loop in a 16-foot Jon boat. He was trying to set a world record for the fastest solo, single-engine completion in a boat of this type. As many of you already know and some from experience this is a 6,000 plus mile journey and can usually take up to a year or more to complete, but this guy, he's trying to do it in record time. His modified Jon boat was named "*The Ageless Wanderer*," and was mostly outfitted with many, many fuel tanks.

He did have a shade bimini to help with sun, it was HOT when I was watching him. I was hooked and so were a lot of the US. He had people setting up waterfront parties to wave as he flew by. They would prepare care packages filled with food and drink. It really felt like, as a nation, we were all united over watching and worrying about this man. One night near Myrtle Beach there was talk that he was missing. It turns

out he fell asleep and crashed. Nearby folks all rallied and helped him get to a West Marine to make some repairs and he was back at it. He came through our area so fast, I couldn't get into position quickly enough to see him fly through the ICW. I saw people on Adams Creek post about seeing him and were disappointed he didn't stop. One stormy night he had everyone worried. He stayed in the Atlantic instead of going through the Dismal Swamp. Sixteen-foot swells and he'd gone silent; he was tracked 60 miles off the coast. We all took a sigh of relief when he showed up in Ocean City, MD. Many people, including myself, enjoyed watching him at the locks. It was the only time his movement was restricted and forced him to slow down. Lots of people were out interacting with him while he was patiently waiting to get through. Anyway, he did it and won the record of completing the Great Loop in 19 days, 13 hours and 1 minute!

The last guy I followed all summer is Peter Frank who is a 23-year-old guy trying to canoe the Great Loop and do it against current in a clockwise direction. His major challenge has been trying to circumnavigate the Mississippi River. He started in 2024 and has been documenting it on social media. If you'd like to take a peek, he's at [www.wherispeterfrank.com](http://www.wherispeterfrank.com). His vessel is a unique, decked canoe designed by



the legendary canoeist, Verlen Kruger, who was an inspiration for his trip. He has recently overcome a spinal injury, sold most of his belongings and is living a lifestyle. Unfortunately, he had to pull out of the Mississippi and put back in Michigan due to wing dams and low water. He has already technically done this part of the loop years back. He's almost done, currently as I type this,



he's in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. On August 3, he and Robert Yeons met up



while both on their missions. See the picture below.

Next up, in the last few days I started to hear buzz about a mom who is paddling the Mississippi River with 7 of her 15 kids! It's all on YouTube (32 Feet Up). I can't even imagine having 15 kids much less a trip like this.

I hope you enjoyed a glimpse of what I was looking at all summer, and I hope that maybe you got a little escape from today's troubles or maybe got a little inspired. I'm looking forward to seeing you all at our upcoming Chili Cookoff and Holiday Party. Start looking for fun gift exchange items NOW. Get creative and have fun with it.



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/>**



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



It isn't too late to have your vessel get a Vessel Safety Check sticker. Presently, 4 CLSPS members have supported the squadron by having their vessels checked. They are: Bill Ash, Bud Ellis, Duane Nixon, and Ray Whitley.

The current year for VSCs ends November 30. Any of our Examiners will be more than happy to check your vessel, just let us know. Our contact information is listed here in this issue of "The Outlook".

We currently have logged 31 completed Vessel Safety Checks with National.



## CALLING ALL TAR!\* – Nominations for Officers and Executive Committee for 2026 By Lydia Ash

As we enter October and the new year is fast approaching we, once again, find ourselves in an emergency situation.

As Nominating Committee Chair, I am requesting that all who can, please strongly consider remaining in your bridge and assistant bridge positions for the coming time.

I realize some of you have served our squadron nobly for a very long time and are ready to step aside. Please know that we all appreciate your efforts and thank you for your boundless energy and expertise through the years. We hope you will remain engaged!

I am traveling out of the country with my sister for three weeks from mid-November into December to return a family friend's cremains to her native country and we'll then take a much needed vacation down the Rhine and visit family in Germany. I will need to submit the slate of officers very soon upon our return, as required. God-willing there are no travel glitches with the government shutdown. I want to have this slate prepared before our departure by November 15th.

Please do consider seriously the

conversations Jane, Lloyd and I will be having with you in the next couple of weeks (if you haven't already!). I urge you to assist us by reading up on the various positions on the USPS.org website and if you would like to put yourself forward for a position, please let one of us know as soon as possible.

We are looking forward to another exciting and enjoyable year ahead with your stellar input for activities and speakers. This is a time for leaders to step forward. Many thanks for your consideration!

\*Tar - Informal: Older use - a sailor/  
Synonyms: gob, seafarer



### October

**Francis A. Abram — 2 Oct**  
**James E. Stevens — 18 Oct**  
**G. Mark Doyle — 27 Oct**

### November

**Diana Thompson — 1 Nov**  
**Owen R. Smith — 1 Nov**  
**Jane Moore — 3 Nov**  
**William J. Ash - 3 Nov**  
**James E. Dugan — 10 Nov**  
**Annalee M. Ash — 22 Nov**

## CLSPS Chili, Cornbread and Dessert Cook off

**Saturday, November 1, 1200–1800**

Please join us as we celebrate our "annual chili, cornbread and dessert cook off" on Saturday, November 1, 2025 at the Red Sail Park in Fairfield Harbour. We have reservations from noon until 6:00 pm and will begin the tasting competition at 1:00 pm. Prizes to be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Members are encouraged to bring their favorite chili, cornbread and/or dessert to be judged. Please make a sign for your entree. Label your serving utensil, to be sure it goes home with you!

If you prefer to bring other sides e.g. sour cream, chips, onions/green onions, jalapeño peppers, not to be judged, that's fine too.

A donation of \$10.00 per person will be in lieu of food items to share, to help defray expenses. The Squadron will provide iced tea and water, utensils, plates, bowls, napkins. BYOB. We will have some styrofoam containers for take home, if needed.

Our Asst Admin Officer, Linda Whitley, will take your reservation. Please let her know if you are bringing a guest and what you are bringing, by Saturday, October 25, 2025. Linda's cell phone is 301 651-2445, or email:

[lindaswhitley@gmail.com](mailto:lindaswhitley@gmail.com).



## ANNOUNCEMENT.

**Topic: D27 Fall Conference**

**Time: Oct 11, 2025 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada) –  
1:00 PM Eastern Time (Us an Canada)**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

*Agenda topics will include the following:*

*Officer reports: Executive, Educational Administrative, Treasurer,  
Secretary, Commander*

*Chief's Message and Open Discussions*

*Budget Reports*

*Nominations Committee reports*

*Audit Committee Reports*

*Rules Committee Reports*

*Planning Committee Reports*

*Social Media Initiative*

*National Updates*

*Recognitions*

P/C William J. Ash,  
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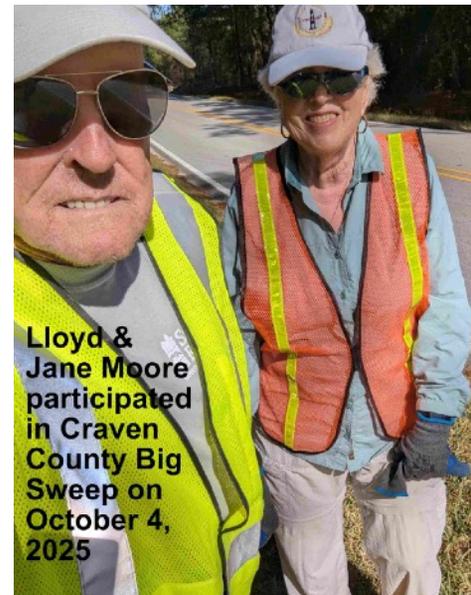
**PERHAPS THE LITTLE THINGS ARE BIGGER  
THAN I THOUGHT  
P/C WILLIAM J. ASH SN  
EMERITUS**

Warmest greetings from the Command Post, the Family Room at 3507 Canterbury. Ah (xx&# fee gee) a problem, right off the bat (an influence of the coming World's Series). I find it impossible to change to a larger type on my brand new computer, age about 12 years. I'll continue with a brief message knowing the editor has the tools to help poor people as myself. Command Post is a term I had to use during my military service very close to the border between east and west Deutschland during the Cold War. Pleasant memories I would repeat at the drop of a hat. Oh well, much has happened to me since those momentous days and nights.

Becoming a P/C, SN with 54 Merit Marks isn't bad for a kid whose parents never owned a home; they and I (only child) made it through the Great Depression, the dastardly World War II, Korean War and all the rest of the military-political disturbances since. I wonder how many of you realize I have experienced very few days of a warm and loving peace-time during my life. Why all this blabber introducing my article for the month??? I'm not sure, but I suspect it might be a calling to me from levels higher up that my time just may be running out and I'd better put into print the important happenings I experienced. Let's say that IS the reason. Perhaps I should have started with the Family Room at 3507 Couldabury instead of Canterbury. Just a thought! Be positive! And, look at this, the larger type I wanted. How did this happen?

The world has big problems. Organizations as USPS have smaller ones. I HOPE they are smaller and subject to healing. The note I received from one higher than I in USPS cast a deep shadow across my desk and one I consider a bit more important than some. The demise of USPS! What is this all about? I read and reread the document. Then I went to bed. I was stunned that anyone would even think of suggesting this. I cannot envision the budgets, the educational programs, the community services, the rendezvous where I met real mariners; all these may go out the scuppers and into the mighty oceans. That would amount to a nautical disaster; the world's leading nautical educational organization going out the tubes. No, no, no, not on my watch! Please, dear God, hear me and don't let it happen.

I hope the administration of USPS does not paint us all over with one sweep of that brush. Give us a chance to reorganize, if that be necessary. Just don't get rid of us. Oh, ones and threes are my lucky numbers. Look at this! Our USPS got started in 1914; the year 2025 is 111 years we have been in business. Three number ones! And  $1+1+1=3$ ! Let's salvage this important organization.



**Craven County Big  
Sweep, October 4**

Lloyd & Jane Moore were in Bridgeton cleaning up around Food Lion and Half Moon Road.

*Photo by Lloyd Moore*

# Photos from the 30 September Dinner Meeting



Bud & Bev Ellis



Clair Mixon, Lloyd & Jane Moore



Juli Voelker & John Kwak



Carolyn & Owen Smith



Cam & Ian MacGregor



Lloyd Moore & Rhoda Fort



Anne Brittle



Jim Thibeault & Suzanne Madison



Lydia & Bill Ash



Ed, Maryann, and William Ryan spoke about the Hunter Education Program that is provided by North Carolina WILDLIFE Resources Commission

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**Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron  
November Dinner Meeting  
TUESDAY, November 11, 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>



Please contact Linda Whitley to report the number of people in your party:  
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## Ships Store Inventory

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

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\$30.00. In Stock.



**Pennant magnets** are priced at \$5. They can  
be placed on your vehicle or refrigerator. (6 left)

**Cotton Visor - Navy (1 left) CLSPS logo**  
USPS D27 \$10.

**Reflector Safety Vest — ABC Geodetic**  
**Marker Recover Team, Size L, \$30.00**

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