



AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB

New Bern

Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron
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Upcoming Events:

Saturday, April 25, 1300
P/C Bud Van Slyke's Memorial Service
Centenary United Methodist Church

Friday, May 1, 0900
NC Shell Show
Morehead City

Saturday, May 2, 0900-1100
Craven County Spring Sweep
Craven County Admin Bldg

Sunday, May 3, Matinee 3PM
"9 to 5", the musical,
River Towne Players

Friday, May 8, 1330
Sylvan Heights Bird Park
500 Sylvan Heights Park Way, Scotland Neck,
NC 27874

Saturday, May 9, 1100
P/D/C Mike McCulley's Funeral
Christ Church

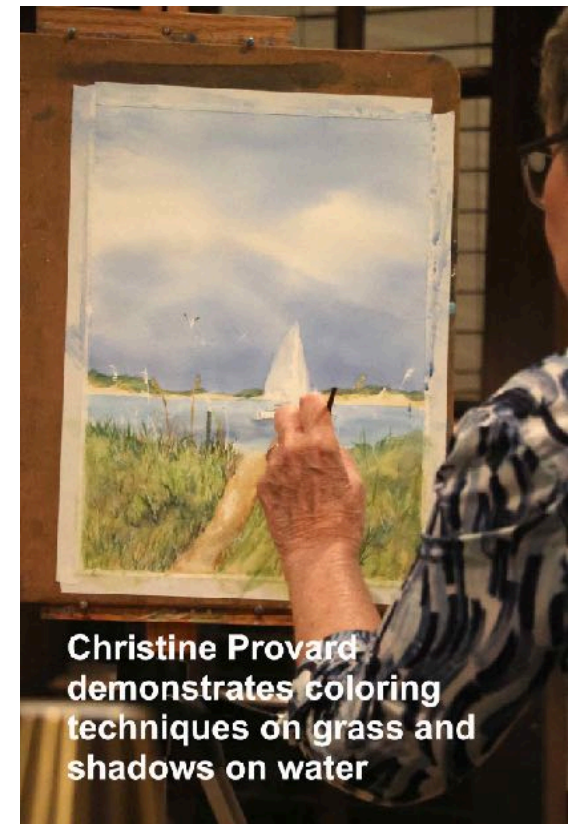
Thursday, May 14
CLSPS May Dinner Meeting
Paula's Italian Restaurant

Saturday, May 16
**CLSPS Booth at New Bern
Farmers Market**

Saturday, June 6
**Tent at the Great Trent
River Raft Race**
Union Point Park

March Dinner Meeting March 12, Paula's

Guest speaker for our
March Dinner Meeting,
was Christine Provard, a
local water colorist



**Christine Provard
demonstrates coloring
techniques on grass and
shadows on water**

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On March 21st, Bev and I had the pleasure of attending the District Change of Watch in Cary. Also representing Cape Lookout were Lloyd and Jane Moore, Clair and Duane Mixon, and Elaine Lechner. Elaine, Bev, and I drove up Saturday morning and stayed through dinner and Change of Watch.

During the day, we listened to a fantastic presentation about the health of the Outer Banks and the formation of the Marine Sciences Department at ECU. The presenter was Dr. Stanley Riggs, who is a well-known and well-respected scientist who has been studying the geology of the Outer Banks since 1966. If you ever get to listen to Dr. Riggs or read one of his books, it will be worth your time. During the afternoon, the Bridge Officers presented their reports. All reports were positive, and I believe D/27 is in very good shape.

After dinner, several D/27 awards were presented. You should be enormously proud of your Squadron. Lloyd Moore and John Kwak were both awarded the grade of SN. Bob Burget was named the Number One Individual for the D/27 Coop Charting Program and was named for the 2025 Honor Roll. Owen Smith was the third highest Vessel Safety Check Examiner in D/27. Marty Warner's Outlook Publication and Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron Website were both awarded the 2025 Distinctive Communication Awards. Cape Lookout was awarded 3rd Place for the D/27 Vessel Safety Check Program. Clair Mixon is the 1st ever recipient of a brand-new D/27 award given in honor of P/C/C John Alter who was a member of D/27. This new award is given to a member who has been a member of D/27 for less than 5 years and has promoted creative ways of membership involvement, membership recruitment, civic service, and activities. Bev and I wish to congratulate each and every one of these members. As a result of the hard work of the members above, and all of you, Cape Lookout has received the traveling award for the top squadron for Education and the D/27 Squadron of the Year Award.

Well Done,
Bud

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

<http://www.clsps.org>

MEMBERSHIP

P/C Jane Moore, AP



At our recent ABC3 course, several of the students filled out the membership applications. Many thanks to our Cdr Bud Ellis, SEO Lt/C Duane Mixon and P/C Lloyd Moore for the excellent class and promoting membership in our squadron.

Juan Amaral joined our squadron with a family membership. Juan and his wife, Maria Mercedes Campos, will be attending our May 14 th meeting and provided the following to introduce themselves to our members.

“Mercedes (that’s her preferred name) and I are retired physicians who spent 23 years at the National Eye Institute in Bethesda, Maryland. We came for the first time to the area about five years ago and fell in love with it, so we decided to retire here and moved last October. We have two kids and three grandkids who live in New York, and a third one that lives in Jersey City. We both enjoy outdoor sports, and I’m an avid angler, so the area offers the best of both worlds; small-town charm, friendly people, and great outdoors. For us, it’s our first boating experience, so joining the Squadron is a fantastic opportunity to make friends and improve our boating skills.”

Dan Turbitt and Christopher Bare also joined with a family membership. They are new boat owners and look forward to membership in our squadron. I have asked for a bio and hopefully it will be in our next Outlook. We hope they can join us at the May 14 meeting as well.

As Cdr. Ellis mentioned upon returning from the ABC/USPS Annual meeting in February, the Governing Board voted to increase national dues effective **4/17/2026** for new members and renewals who’s paid through date is after **4/30/2026**.

Active (individual member) \$70.00 National dues, \$15.00 District 27 and \$25.00 Squadron Dues.

Active with Family (member with family) \$110 National dues, \$22.50 District 27 and \$37.50 Squadron Dues.

Life with Family \$40.00 National, \$22.50 District 27 and \$37.50 Squadron Dues.

There is a new member administration fee for the first year of \$20.00.

The June (May 31 paid through) membership billing has been completed. They have been sent out via email and mail.

If you have not checked out the “Membership Portal” on the usps.org website, please do. You can review your membership information, make any updates to your email address or phone numbers and pay dues by logging in.

Our member benefits have been moved to the “Membership Portal” as well. If you need assistance, you can call headquarters at 888 367- 8777, ext. 219 or 229 for assistance or email hilly@hq.usps.org.

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



Our Vessel Safety Examiners are off to a good start so far this year. 10 safety checks have been forwarded to National. Commander Ellis and Treasurer Whitley have both had their vessels checked.



By the time this issue of the “Outlook” is published we will have completed some safety checks courtesy of the Duane and Claire Mixon who took it upon themselves to solicit some of their neighbors to participate in the Vessel Safety Check program.

We will also be doing Vessel Safety Checks at Camp Sea Gull and Camp Seafarer in the near future. We can do a safety check on your vessel as well. All you have to do is let one of our Examiners know when and where you would like us to be.

Now is the perfect time to make sure your vessel is prepared to provide a safe boating season.



Squadron Education – Off to a Strong Start!

We're excited to report that our Education Department has kicked off the new year with momentum and measurable success—both in community outreach and in the classroom.

In March, Linda Whitley and Duane Mixon represented Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron at the New Bern Nonprofit & Club Fair. This free, public event serves as a one-stop opportunity for residents and visitors alike to learn about the many nonprofit organizations and clubs serving our area. Our squadron set up a welcoming table to connect with the community and share the mission of America's Boating Club—promoting safe, confident, and enjoyable boating through education and service.

Throughout the day, we met boaters and boating-curious visitors from New Bern and surrounding communities including Kinston, Oriental, and Greenville. Our outreach theme—*“Don't be a dum-dum on the water”*—sparked smiles and conversations as we handed

out Dum-Dum lollipops as a fun reminder of the importance of boating knowledge and safety. The message clearly resonated: many attendees expressed strong interest in boating education and Vessel Safety Checks, and several signed up on the spot for our upcoming America's Boating Course. One event, one table, and a big impact!

That momentum carried right into April, when our Education Team delivered the America's Boating Course at Craven Community College. Fourteen students enrolled, and across two consecutive Saturdays our instructors presented the updated ABC curriculum, blending practical boating knowledge with real-world experience. The results speak volumes—thirteen students successfully passed the final exam, and we proudly welcomed **four new members** into our squadron as a direct result of the course.

This success would not have been possible without a dedicated team effort. Special thanks go to Bud Ellis, Lloyd Moore, Jane Moore, Suzanne Madison, and Anne Brittle for their time, expertise, and commitment to boating education. Their work helps ensure safer waterways and strengthens our squadron's future.

Looking ahead, the Education Department is already planning our next advanced course later this year, along with another offering of the America's

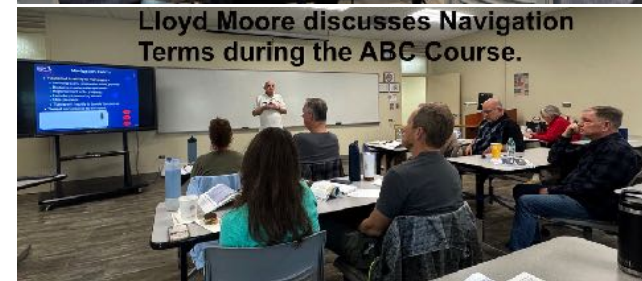
Boating Course this fall. If you're interested in helping teach, promote classes, or assist behind the scenes, this is a great time to get involved. Together, we're not just teaching classes—we're building confident boaters, safer waters, and a stronger squadron.



Duane Mixon and Linda Whitley man a booth at the New Bern Nonprofit and Club Fair where they introduced the CLSPS to newcomers in New Bern.



Cdr Ellis discusses safety issues during ABC Class



Lloyd Moore discusses Navigation Terms during the ABC Course.

CLSPS March Dinner Meeting
Pictures by Marty Warner



P/CS Jane Moore & Lydia Ash. Lydia was acting Cdr for the meeting



Christine Provard with her "demo" painting



AnnaLee Ash introduced the speaker, painter, Christine Provard

Recent Land Cruises
Beaufort Maritime Museum and History of Mermaids, April 9.
Photos by Clair Mixon

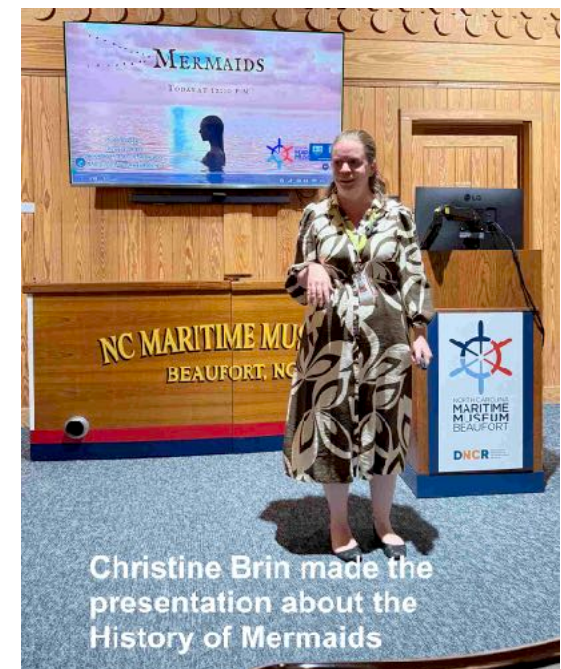


CLSPS visits the NC Maritime Museum in Beaufort--History of Mermaids. L to R Juli Voelker, Don Zeringue, Clair Mixon, Bob Burget, Cdr Bud & Bev Ellis, Jane & Lloyd Moore, Raymond Whitley, Bill & Annalee Ash



April

Jeannie Lane – 7 April



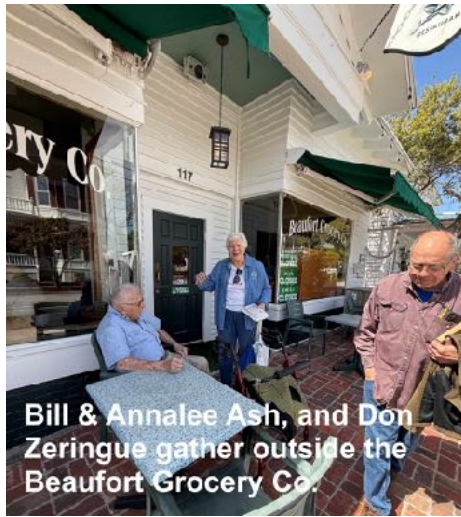
Christine Brin made the presentation about the History of Mermaids

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/>





Carolyn & Owen Smith, and Jane Moore learn about Mermaids



Bill & Annalee Ash, and Don Zeringue gather outside the Beaufort Grocery Co.

Karen Beasley Sea Turtle Hospital, March 31

Photos by Clair Mixon



Left to right: Juli Voelker, Lynn Zeringue, Raymond Whitley, Cd. Bud & Bev Ellis, Clair & Duane (peeking out) Mixon, Jane Moore, Bob Burdet, Don Zeringue



Displays inside the remodeled Maritime Museum



— 4000 Lens



Docent explains turtle nest full of eggs.

Lunch after Maritime Museum visit (larger below)



Docent answers questions from our group.
No diving allowed



Juli explains at lunch

**Administrative
Officer
Lt/C Clair Mixon**



Hi folks. I'm so busy planning events, I can barely get this article written. Thanks to Marty for having the patience of a saint. Happy Spring and here comes summer. Doing a rain dance over here in my dying garden. We've had a busy and fun time lately and I hope you enjoy some photos. First off, I'd like to give thanks to the people who support me. Linda Whitley is my right-hand and completely runs the organization of our dinners. Huge thanks to her and for what she does. Over the course of last year, Elaine Lechner was a great help too. She offers great ideas of activities the club would enjoy and took the lead on trips to the theater and coordinated the chili cookoff. To those of you who give me leads or coordinate guest speakers when I'm coming up short, Thank You too!

The activities of late seem to have been enjoyed by all. We LOVED the turtle hospital. My parents, Don & Lynn Zeringue joined us for this adventure. What those folks do is so important for these very fragile creatures and we really felt the love of all the volunteers. If you haven't been, add it to your list of fun things to do near us. We enjoyed an outdoor lunch on the water and Bob Burget, Jane Moore and Duane Mixon tried to locate a seemingly camouflaged

geodetic marker, we came up short unfortunately. The visit to the Maritime Museum in Beaufort was nice and very educational. I learned that if ever at sea and a mermaid asks you if King Alexander is dead or alive, always say "Oh, yes, he lives and reigns and conquers the world." If you'd like to watch the presentation for all the details, here is a link: <https://youtu.be/ctM3YGAB9n8?si=9kOo1bm32V4wqLkX>

We've got some RSVP business to finalize. I have to have your reservations for the Sylvan Heights Bird Park Tour on 5/8 and the theater trip on 5/3 for the play 9 to 5. Please let me know as soon as possible. Give me a call so I can arrange to pick up advance payment payable to CLSPS. All of our other events are more casual with no prepayment. I hope to see you at the next meeting/dinner, NC Shell Show, or Clean Sweep.

As far as new items, we do have the responsibility of managing the trash trap for Sound Rivers. Be on the lookout for an email from me on how we will organize that similar to last year. We have it through May. I did get our spot at the Great Trent River Raft race on June 6th so please save a few hours for us as we educate and enjoy the kids area with sailboats again.



Raymond Whitley, Duane Mixon, John Kwak, Jane Moore, and Cdr Bud Ellis. Outside Turtle Hospital



Lynn Zeringue and Bev Ellis outside the Turtle Hospital

Sylvan Heights Bird Park Trip May 8, 1330

Sylvan Heights Bird Park, 500
Sylvan Heights Park Way, Scotland
Neck, NC 27874

This location is 2 hours away so I think we should plan to meet at LaCasetta Restaurant at 900 Main St. Scotland Neck NC 27874 around 11:30 am. I will plan to leave New Bern at 9:30am. If you need a ride, let's coordinate car pools.

Here's a link to the website for the facility: [Front Page - Sylvan Heights Bird Park](#)

Sylvan Heights Bird Park, located in Scotland Neck, NC, is home to over 2,500 birds, primarily rare waterfowl, and offers a unique experience for visitors of all ages. Sylvan Heights Bird Park is the largest bird sanctuary in North Carolina, featuring 200 species of rare waterfowl and exotic birds. Established in 2006, the park spans 18 acres and includes walks through

aviaries and natural wetlands habitats, providing an interactive experience for visitors.

CLSPS Booth at Farmer's Market @ New Bern Saturday, May 16

We will have a CLSPS Booth to promote Safe Boating Week. Come by to say Hello or work at the Booth.

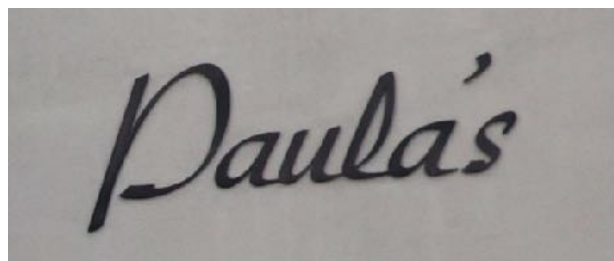


Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron May Dinner Meeting, Thursday, May 14 , 1800 Paula's Italian Restaurant

Guest speaker: Julia Culver – US Marine Corp Operational Meteorologist with experience supporting aviation operations and asset protection.

Meal is: Order off the Menu

Please contact Linda Whitley at lindaswhitley@gmail.com or 301-651-2445 text – by Monday, May 11th with the number off attendees in your party in order to notify restaurant.



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 (50-50 drawing) helps defray the cost of our Dinner Meeting speakers and other incidentals (cards & flowers). We appreciate your help keeping our books in the Black.

2026 Booster Club

Ray & Linda Whitley
Lloyd & Jane Moore
Carolyn and Owen Smith
Marty & Tiki Warner



L-R Clockwise. Ray Whitley, Don Zeringue, Carolyn & Owen Smith, Bev & Cdr Bud Ellis, Annalee & Bill Ash, John Kwak, Juli Voelker, Bob Burget, Clair Mixon, Lloyd & Jane Moore



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



Those Who Can, Do—Those Who Understand, Teach

William Bush, Hornblower's First Lieutenant on the Lydia, was having difficulty getting his point across to the skipper of the Notwen Gif, the Welsh built supply boat. Bush was accustomed to conflict, having had cannon balls and grape shot sing within inches of his head, swords and daggers narrowly missing his thoracic anatomy and rogue waves thundering down upon his body and soul as he fought to keep his frigate from descending into Davy Jones' locker. Hornblower and I, standing in the doorway leading to the Ashaway sail loft, remained silent as Bush finished his argument.

"No, no old chap, you have it all wrong. They jolly well are not selling autocars equipped with four Fig Newtons. By jove, listen more closely! The autocar manufacturer is advertising the product as having "fahrvergnügen". Its a bloody sales gimmick so don't get your knickers in a twist."

Hornblower and I, realizing we couldn't help the frustrated Bush,

continued to the lofting deck. At its far end sat a chap busily stitching the after end of the foot of a large sail. With his sailmakers palm clearly in evidence he finished his work on the canvas in the blink of an eye (im Augenblick, for those of you who insist on my noting it in German). Again, im Augenblick, this crafty needle-wielding magician had another sail in place and, as Hornblower called to my attention, began stitching the after end of the foot of the large quadrilateral piece of canvas. I exchanged winks with the sailmaker. Clewsew was on the job, and sailmaking was not his major profession.

I suggested to Hornblower that we move along to the Jolly Tar to continue our conversation and to try a nip of the ale mixed with bubbly ginger (in London it's called a shandy).

"I'm amazed, old P/C, that the Squadron's spring Boating Course is now in the history books. Cape Lookout Sail & Power Squadron, so unselfishly, has given East Enders a remarkable chance to upgrade their nautical skills, and all of it for no cost other than materials. You don't get paid do you?"

"We do get pay of sorts my friend," I replied. "This arm full of merit marks represents pay. For each year that I contributed a worthwhile service to the Squadron USPS saw fit to award me a merit mark. Some of our members need a sling, while in uniform, to support

their left arms. You remember the chap from East Quoque? He had difficulty with his knife and fork at dinner.

"He did eh?" Hornblower wasn't convinced in the least. "We never had an opportunity to learn things nautical in this way. Ours was the school of hard knocks. For us it was up the ratlines, straight away. But don't you get tired of teaching all that material semester after semester?"

"It is somewhat fatiguing," I replied., "but we do get enormous satisfaction from knowing our efforts help make for safer boating. Remember, my friend those who can, do— those who understand, teach." I caught a glimpse of Clewsew through the portlight.



Ships Store Inventory

5 x Base Ball Caps: White with CLSPS Logo.
In Stock \$15.00

Knit Polo Shirts: Ladies short sleeve knit shirts -Navy w/CLSPS 50th Anniversary \$15
1 X Small
2 X Medium
1 X Large

9 X Squadron Burgee sells for \$30.00.
In Stock. 12"x18"



6 x Pennant magnets are priced at \$5. They can be placed on your vehicle or refrigerator.

1 x 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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NEW ADDRESS:

Members can update their information through the Member Portal. Please notify Lloyd Moore (252-571-2391) 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. OR members can update themselves with iMIS Member Portal

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