

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB

New Bern 

Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron
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Upcoming Events:

Sunday, May 31, 1600
**New Bern Trash Trap
Clean Up**

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

Monday, June 1, 1900
June ExComm Meeting
Via Zoom

Thursday, July 9 1800
July Dinner Meeting
Paula's Italian Restaurant

Clair Mixon receives Membership Involvement Award at the District 27 Change of Watch. Judy Alter and P/D/C Connie Shay presented the award.



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HURRICANE PREPARATION

It is hard to believe Hurricane season is quickly approaching. I thought this would be a good time to share some reminders about these powerful destructive storms (and all her little sisters). Hurricanes have three main ways to make life miserable along the North Carolina coast. I classify them as WIND, STORM SURGE, AND RAINFALL. We will see all three to one degree or another for the next 6 months.

Wind circulation around a hurricane is counterclockwise. It starts weakly as the storm approaches and is strongest in the eyewall. Depending on which side the track passes us here along the coast will determine how the storm will affect us. If the track is offshore in the water as it passes us, we will see strong Northeast winds that will push the water from the Albemarle and Pamlico Sounds up the Neuse River and cause a storm surge from inches to 10 feet (Florence). It has been my experience that this surge causes more costly damage than the other 2 forces combined if you live near the water. Florence flooded areas that had never flooded before (including Hazel in 1954). If you live away from the water, rainfall can be the major factor. In 1999 we had three strikes in three weeks. Dennis, Dennis again, and Floyd. During that 21 days, New Bern saw 36" of rain. Even with quick runoff to the river, a lot of flooding in low areas. Flooding like this is only one problem. The other one is strong local currents in places you never expected. These currents may not look like too big a deal until 6" of moving water can sweep you off your feet and a foot of moving water can wash your car off the street. You have all seen this destruction on the news every night when there is a storm anywhere in the state.

What I want to emphasize is to be prepared. Don't wait until the last minute to decide what you are going to do as these storms approach. Remember, everything you hold dear can be replaced, except your life or the lives of your family.

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

<http://www.clsps.org>

**Education
Officer**
Lt/C Duane Mixon, P



Education Department Gears Up for a Busy Boating Season

As we move into the heart of the boating season, your Squadron Education Department has been hard at work behind the scenes—planning, refining, and building momentum for a strong summer on the water.

While classroom activity was lighter this past month, your education leadership team is preparing for the future. During the last week of May—following what we hope is a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day weekend—we will be holding a dedicated internal education meeting. This session will bring together past Squadron Education Officer Cdr Bud Ellis, our newly appointed Assistant Education Officer Lloyd Moore, and myself to review and analyze updates to the cost of educational materials.

Together, we will evaluate whether adjustments are needed between digital and hard-copy course materials to ensure we continue delivering high-quality education in the most efficient and accessible way possible. This type of forward planning helps keep our

courses relevant, affordable, and aligned with the needs of today's boaters. We will also discuss scheduling the next course in our curriculum, Advanced Piloting. Be on the lookout for when that will be scheduled.

I also want to take a moment to extend a warm welcome to **Lloyd Moore** as he steps into the role of Assistant Education Officer. Lloyd has already demonstrated his commitment to our mission, and we are grateful for his willingness to volunteer his time and talents. Please join me in thanking him for stepping up to support our education programs—our success depends on members like Lloyd who are willing to lead and serve.

In support of improving how we track and recognize educational achievement, America's Boating Club has introduced a new "**All Courses Taken**" report on our Manage page under the Reports tab. This new feature provides a convenient snapshot of courses completed by our members and will help us better understand participation trends, recognize accomplishments, and plan future offerings. It's a simple but valuable tool that strengthens how we manage and grow our education program.

Looking ahead, we're also expanding our outreach efforts. Emeritus P/C Bill Ash and I recently attended the East Carolina Yacht Club meeting, where we shared details about our Vessel Safety Check program and announced plans for

an upcoming event tailored to their membership. This is a fantastic opportunity to build relationships within the local boating community while promoting safe boating practices.

We are currently working to finalize a Saturday date in June or July for this event and will be coordinating with East Carolina Yacht Club leadership before their newsletter publication on June 9th. Stay tuned for more details—this is a great opportunity for members to get involved, support our outreach mission, and make a visible impact on boating safety in our area.

Additionally, I will be meeting with Lt Marty Warner for a knowledge transfer session on administering the Squadron's website. This effort ensures continuity, strengthens our communication capabilities, and helps us better connect with both members and the broader boating community.

As summer kicks off, there is a growing sense of excitement for what lies ahead. From education planning and outreach events to new leadership and improved tools, your Education Department is laying the groundwork for another successful year.

Together, we are not just preparing for classes—we are building safer boaters, stronger partnerships, and a more vibrant squadron.

Here's to a safe, fun, and education-filled boating season!

**Administrative
Officer**
Lt/C Clair Mixon



We've had a busy spring and I've enjoyed so many fun outings with the squadron. Before Summer vacations and the heat take over we have The Great River Raft Race ahead of us on Saturday June 6. Our tent will feature an opportunity to talk to the community about our squadron and to provide a resource for boating safety to our youth in New Bern. We need all hands on deck so please plan to attend. Text or email me asap and let me know what time you can donate. We will offer cork sailboats, coloring books and knot tying. Duane Mixon will be on the water in a boat helping with the spectators and race participants. We hope to have a squadron sign on the boat to share the word about our organization.

Another matter at hand is maintenance of the New Bern Trash Trap. Please plan to help us clean the trash trap and park near the trap on Sunday May 31 at 4:00 pm. Bring gloves and any trash pick up devices you may have. We have some tools provided by Sound Rivers but many hands and tools make light work. The location is off 3rd Avenue in the park behind the

Stanley A. White Recreation Center. Please message Clair that you will be attending. Hats off to you all and see you out there ready to help make New Bern a better place to live, if that's even possible because I just love this tiny slice of heaven.

Oh, and make sure you don't miss our next dinner on July 9th as we will welcome a submariner!

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



To date, our Vessel Safety Examiners have completed 17 vessel safety checks. What that really means is we have helped those owners rest assured that they have met the necessary safety requirements to satisfy a safety stop/check by the USCG or NC Fish and Wildlife enforcement officers. It also indicates that those owners want to make sure that they and their crews have what they need in the event they

have an issue on the water that requires the onboard equipment to insure their safety.

Four of our squadron members have taken the time to have their vessels checked. Commander Bud Ellis, SEO Duane Mixon, Treasurer Ray Whitley, and P/C and Emeritus Bill Ash. Our leadership has taken the initiative to set the example for the rest of our members and support the USPS Vessel Safety Check program.

Our examiners would be more than happy to provide our services to each of you and any friends you have that wish to have a vessel safety check.

**Happy Birthday
to the
Following Members**



MAY

Tim Lane — 9 May
Peter Pagnutti — 17 May
Ray Whitley — 17 May
Linda Whitley — 22 May

SQUADRON OF THE YEAR — 2025 CAPE LOOKOUT SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON

P/D/C Connie Shay: “We are fortunate in D27 to have such outstanding squadrons so choosing one was a challenge, but one stood out among the others.

This squadron is small in size but mighty in purpose, mighty in activities, in spirit, and in involvement. They maintain membership, teach classes, inspect boats, find markers, impact the community, participate/lead district events, and conduct monthly meetings. Some meetings are tours, some are all business, some are area speakers, some are in pajamas for breakfast, and some are chili competitions.

This year’s Squadron of the Year is the Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron for their dedication, their efforts, and their spirit. Congratulations!”

“Congratulations on such a well-deserved honor. I have happy memories of visiting your group and working with you on the Rendezvous. Each visit showcased your dedication and fellowship to the organization and to your members. It was such an honor as the District 27 Commander to honor you with this recognition.” **Connie Shay**



Right—Numerous awards were given out to CLSPS Members at the D-27 Change of Watch.



Clair Mixon receives her award for Member Involvement from Judy Alter and P/D/C Connie Shay



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/>



Cape Fear celebrating 75 years

**Dear D/27 Squadron Commanders
and Friends,**

Cape Fear Sail and Power Squadron is celebrating our 75th year with a great luncheon, program, and tours on June 6th on the Battleship USS North Carolina in the Officers Wardroom.

Mayor Saffo from the City of Wilmington will be joining us with a Proclamation from the City of Wilmington celebrating our 75 years of service to the community in boating safety and education.

Founded in 1951, the Cape Fear Squadron is the oldest squadron in North Carolina and was sponsored by the Charleston Squadron. We also played roles in the beginnings of the New River, Myrtle Beach, and Shallotte squadrons.

We have a great history to celebrate together. It would be an honor to have you and your members join us as we celebrate this important milestone!

Also, please forward this information to any of your current or past members and friends who might enjoy the event.

Check-in is at 11:30, lunch at noon, followed by a program that recalls our history, favorite stories and memorabilia. At 2:00 we will do a group photo followed by tours of the ship. All that for just \$25, What a bargain!

See details in the attached flyer.

Please sign up to attend the celebration at this link: <https://pci.jotform.com/form/73203913302949>

If you have any questions, you can reach me at 480-205-6022
Hope to see you there!

All the best,
Barbara

Barbara G. White, AP
Commander
Cape Fear Sail and Power Squadron
480-205-6022

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.

\$10 a person is a suggested amount per year.

2026 Booster Club

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

Audit Committee Report

The Audit Committee, along with member Rhoda Fort, met with squadron Treasurer Ray Whitley on April 14, 2026 and April 23, 2026 to review certain aspects of the Squadron's checking account.

Findings: The squadron's financial records were found to be in good order. Several minor discrepancies in the spreadsheet maintained by the Treasurer were found and corrected. None of these discrepancies affected the totals, or reconciliation with the bank statements. All supporting documentation has been preserved, and each monthly Treasurer's report accurately reconciled with the bank statement.

The complete report was presented to the Executive Committee and was accepted.

Lloyd Moore
Chair, CLSPS Audit Committee

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



Memories from the Future

P/C William J. Ash, SN Emeritus

Horatio Hornblower and I recently returned to my slip at ECYC after spending three nights aboard his ship. It was a productive trip dedicated to both relaxation and planning for the future of Cape Lookout. Watching his "Captain's Carrier" in motion, with eight oarsmen rowing in perfect symmetry, remains a truly impressive sight.

Our primary mission was to determine the content for our upcoming monthly Outlook articles. "My goal is to ensure our programs remain first-rate and substantive." After much discussion into the wee hours over coffee at WaldHaus Ash, I bid Horatio a "Sleep tight!" and showed him to his guest quarters down the main hallway, then retired to my bedroom.

Strong coffee and too many bright ideas kept me from sleep. I tossed and turned and eventually made my way back downstairs only to find Hornblower indulging in yet another cup of brew. "Horatio! What keeps you awake at this hour? You are not a young man!" "What are you doing coming down, at this time, to annoy me?" He had me there...

We touched upon the importance of squadron, district, and national administrative procedures.

"While administration may not always be the most engaging subject, it is vital that our younger members understand they are the future administrators as they will be the ones teaching these courses and leading this organization for generations to come."

Furthermore, as we look toward our educational programs, I want to emphasize the importance of mastering the basics before moving to advanced material. Our instructors have been preparing their introductory courses for months. As a reminder to those progressing through their studies: do not attempt to pass Navigation without first completing Advanced Pilot (AP) and Junior Navigation (JN).

"Listen, P/C, we don't have courses called AP and JN. Best you read up on the changes that have taken place over the past few years. You'll have the students confused. AP and JN are things of the past. Look up the new names for the advanced courses. Get with it, old man. I know you can do this."

Well, that's it for now! Remember! USPS is the leading maritime educational organization in the world. Let's continue to take pride in our women and men, our members, who have worked so hard to make us #1 in District 27 and let's continue building our membership!!



May 8, 2026 tour of Sylvan Heights Bird Park, Scotland Neck, NC

Tour Guides



**May Dinner Meeting
May 15, 2026
Held at Paula's Italian
Restaurant**



Christine Zellers



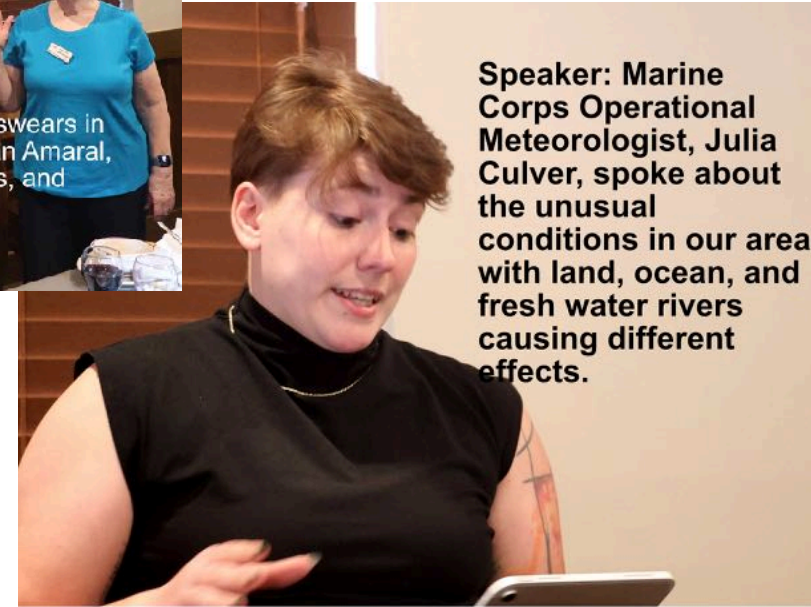
Bev Ellis



Commander Ellis swears in new members Juan Amaral, Mercedes Campos, and Carolyn Smith.



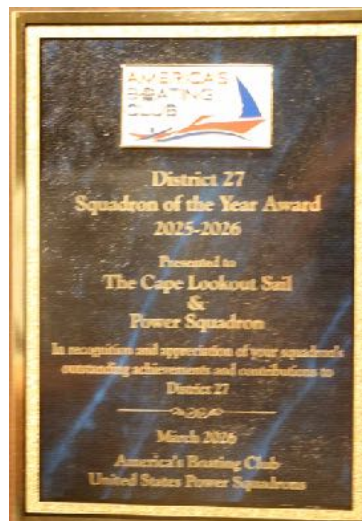
Ray Whitley prepares 50-50 tickets



Speaker: Marine Corps Operational Meteorologist, Julia Culver, spoke about the unusual conditions in our area with land, ocean, and fresh water rivers causing different effects.



Juan Amaral



**District 27
Squadron of the Year Award
2025-2026**

**Presented to
The Cape Lookout Sail
&
Power Squadron**

*In recognition and appreciation of your squadron's
outstanding achievements and contributions to
District 27*

March 2026

America's Boating Club
United States Power Squadrons



**COOPERATIVE CHARTING PROGRAM
DISTRICT 27**

*The Cooperative Charting Committee recognizes the following
for their efforts and participation in the established
Nautical or Geodetic programs of the United States Power
Squadrons, America's Boating Club.*

**2025
NUMBER ONE INDIVIDUAL
P/C ROBERT D. BURGET, AP-IN**

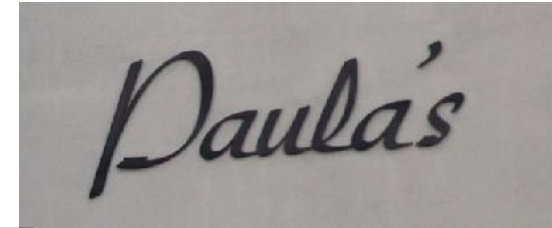


**Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron
July Dinner Meeting, Thursday, July 9, 1800
Paula's Italian Restaurant
Guest Speaker: A Submariner**



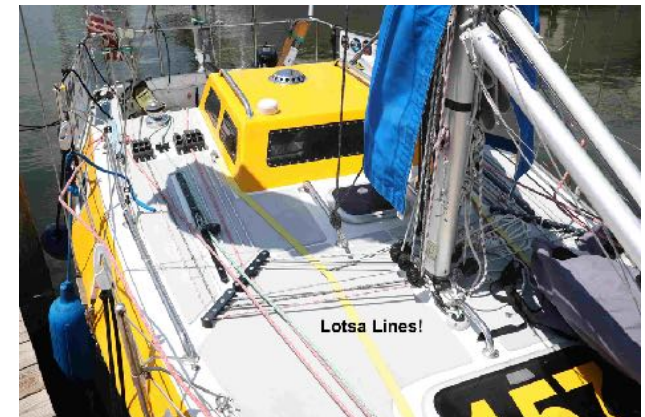
Meal is: Order off the Menu

Please contact Linda Whitley at lindaswhitley@gmail.com or 301-651-2445 text – by Friday, July 3rd with the number off attendees in your party in order to notify restaurant.



Josh Kali finishes Solo 5.80 Mini Globe Around the World Race

Josh Kali (from Washington state) was the only American (USA) sailor to finish the Solo Around the World Mini Race, sailing from Antigua westbound and return. He built his own boat—they are all One Design 19 footers most of whom built their own boat from plans or a kit. Our own local boat builder, Graham Byrnes sold the kit to Josh from right here in Pamlico County—B&B Yacht Designs. Josh built the boat in Washington state, shipped it to Oriental and launched it in 2025. After finishing the race in Antigua, he sailed it back to Oriental arriving May 13, 2026. That's quite a trip! For more info about these boats (5.80) and Josh go to: <http://bandbyachtdesigns.com>. Here's some pictures.



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

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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

Please provide information to the **Editor by the 20th of the month by e-mail** for the next newsletter. Late items will appear in the next issue of the Outlook. Marty Warner-
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