



AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB

New Bern 

Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron
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Upcoming Events:

Monday, July 6, 1900
July ExComm Meeting
Via Zoom

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

Saturday, July 11, 1000-1400
Vessel Safety Inspections
Eastern Carolina Yacht Club

Monday, August 3, 1900
August ExComm Meeting
via Zoom

Thursday, September 10, 1800
September Dinner Meeting
Paula's Italian Restaurant

Saturday, September 19, 0800-1500
Historic Bike MS
New Bern

Saturday, October 17
Chili Cook-off
Red Sail Park, Fairfield Harbour

CLSPS cleans out the Neuse River Keeper and Sound
Rivers New Bern "Trash Trap" on Sunday, May 31



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On July 4th, 1776, 55 Patriots representing the 13 American Colonies, signed the Declaration of Independence. They were committing treason against the British Crown which would cost them their lives if Great Britain were to win the war that was sparked by this document. For the last 250 years, the spirit of the Declaration has been kept alive by millions of men and women that believed that America should be a free and independent country. Thousands have given their last full measure for the United States of America. That spirit is still alive today in every person in the military services, police departments, fire departments, medical emergency services, and everyone else that stands up to protect and defend the citizens of this great country. It makes no difference if they were born here or came here seeking freedom from oppression around the world.

We can do our part every time we go out on the water by behaving in a manner that brings credit to the United States Power Squadron and Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron. We need to operate our boats legally and safely. We need to be ready to help any boater in distress by carrying the proper equipment with us and learning what to do in emergency situations. Take classes offered by USPS and participate in squadron activities and be ready to share your knowledge of boat handling and good safety practices with others.

Fair Winds,
Bud



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

<http://www.clsps.org>



Education in Motion –

Building Momentum for Summer and Fall

As we settle into the warm days of the boating season, your Squadron Education Department continues to make steady progress—both behind the scenes and out in the community.

On **May 27th**, the Education team met to review current course and materials pricing. After thoughtful discussion, we agreed it’s time to simplify and modernize how we present pricing on our website. Moving forward, rather than distinguishing between member and non-member pricing, we will clearly show the cost of **hard-copy materials** versus **e-copy options**. This change will make it easier for students to understand their options and choose the format that best fits their learning style.

In support of these updates, I recently met with **Lt Marty Warner** to begin a knowledge transfer on administering our squadron website. While this is still a work in progress, I now have a solid understanding of the framework, required software, and administrative access needed to support future updates. This is an important step toward keeping our online presence current, user-friendly, and aligned with our education goals.

Out in the community, we had a fantastic showing at the **Great Trent River Raft Race** on **June 6**, where we connected with many enthusiastic boaters and future students. There was strong interest in our upcoming America’s Boating Course. We were also able to reconnect with our Craven Community College liaison, **Bethann Durlin**, to begin planning our fall course. We’re currently looking at scheduling

two Saturday sessions in **October or November**—more details to come soon!

As we continue to grow our education program, here’s a helpful reminder of the updated **America’s Boating Club course naming conventions**:

Legacy Name (USPS)

Current Name (ABC)

**Seamanship (S)
Piloting (P)
Advanced Piloting (AP)**

**Boat Handling
Marine Navigation
Advanced Marine
Navigation**

**Junior Navigation (JN)
Navigation (N)**

**Offshore Navigation
Celestial Navigation/
Advanced Offshore**

With new members joining us after completing the ABC course, now is the perfect time to plan your next step. **Boat Handling** is the natural follow-on course and leads to earning your Seamanship (S) grade. For our more advanced students, **Advanced Marine Navigation** is the next milestone toward achieving the Advanced Piloting (AP) grade.

If you’re ready to continue your boating education, please reach out and let us know which course interests you—we’re ready to start scheduling based on demand!

Looking ahead, we’re excited to confirm that we will be partnering with the **East Carolina Yacht Club** on **July 11th** to conduct **Vessel Safety Checks**. This is a great opportunity to support safe boating in our community. If you’d like to have your vessel inspected—or want to assist with the event—please connect with me and I’ll help get you involved.

As always, I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful weather and making the most of their time on the water. Let’s continue to stay safe, keep learning, and share our passion for boating with others here in New Bern.



Earlier this month, our member, 1/Lt Rhoda Fort, S, called to ask me to add Ron Davis as an active member to her membership. Ron has been attending our meetings over the past several years and we welcome him as our newest member. Ron sent a brief bio to help us get to know him:

“Ronald (Ron) Davis, originally from Raleigh. Graduate of UNCW. Retired City of Raleigh Engineering Dept. -Stormwater Engineering. Post retirement- Environmental Engineering consulting work.

He has Three Awesome Daughters 20, 23 and 26.

His Boating experience includes owning a 23 ft lake runabout and two jet skis, where he managed to tow the girls and friends around Lake Gaston for 8 years without incident.

He’s thankful for the club members making him feel welcome these last couple of years. He’s a big believer in boating safety as he had a close friend who had a terrible accident on the same lake he boated.

He looks forward to see us all soon.”



We thank all our members for their continued support over the years. This year Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron is celebrating sixty-six years as a Squadron in the New Bern area.

Recently, we attended the 75 th Anniversary for Cape Fear Sail and Power Squadron in Wilmington. We enjoyed the celebration aboard the USS North Carolina (BB-55) with lunch in the Officers Wardroom, program and a tour of the battleship.



JUNE

Cam MacGregor — 11 June
Juli Voelker — 16 June



As of this writing on June 20, our Vessel Safety Examiners have completed 18 vessel safety checks. Only 4 of those have been vessels owned by our own squadron members. Surely we can do better than that with our members supporting a very important USPS program that promotes safety on the water.

Remember we can do a vessel safety check wherever your vessel might be: your driveway on a trailer, at your slip at home or in a marina, basically just about anywhere. A vessel safety check usually only takes a few minutes, not including boating stories shared, and it is free with a really cool sticker to apply to the port side of your boat.

The contact information for our 3 examiners is listed here in the “Outlook”, so let us know when we can be of service to you.

CLSPS participates in cleaning out the Neuse River "Trash Trap"

The Neuse Riverkeeper along with the nonprofit Sound Rivers have installed passive floating devices (Trash Traps) to catch and remove floating litter before it can pollute the Neuse River system and Tar-Pamlico watersheds. There are Trash Traps located in Raleigh, Clayton, Smithfield, Goldsboro & Kinston, as well as New Bern.

CLSPS volunteers helped clean out the Trash Trap in New Bern. On Sunday, May 31, ten members removed over 30 pounds of trash!

Photos provided by Bud Ellis



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/>



CLSPS had an informational booth at the Great Trent River Raft Race

On Saturday, June 6, our volunteers provided educational and boating safety information as well as information about what our Squadron does. We also helped kids build sailboats and sailed them in a small pool.

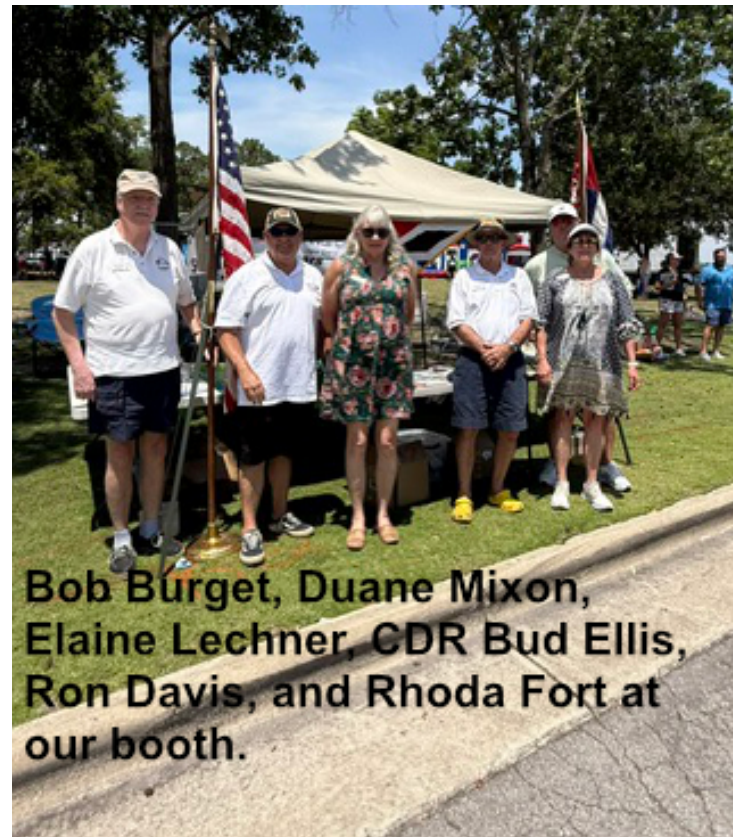
Commander Bud Ellis used the opportunity to present Bob Burget with his award for the 2025 Number One Individual in Coop Charting in District 27.



BSH Pedal Boat. Abigail Mixon was the helmsman.

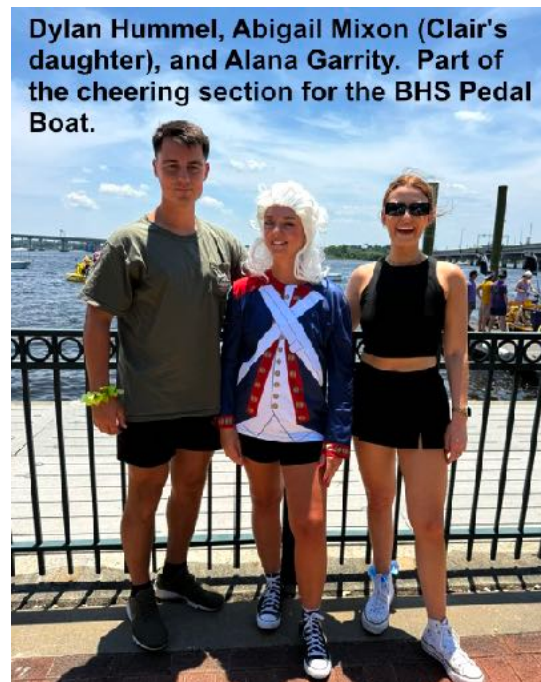


CLSPS booth for Trent River Raft Races. Kids sail boats in pool.

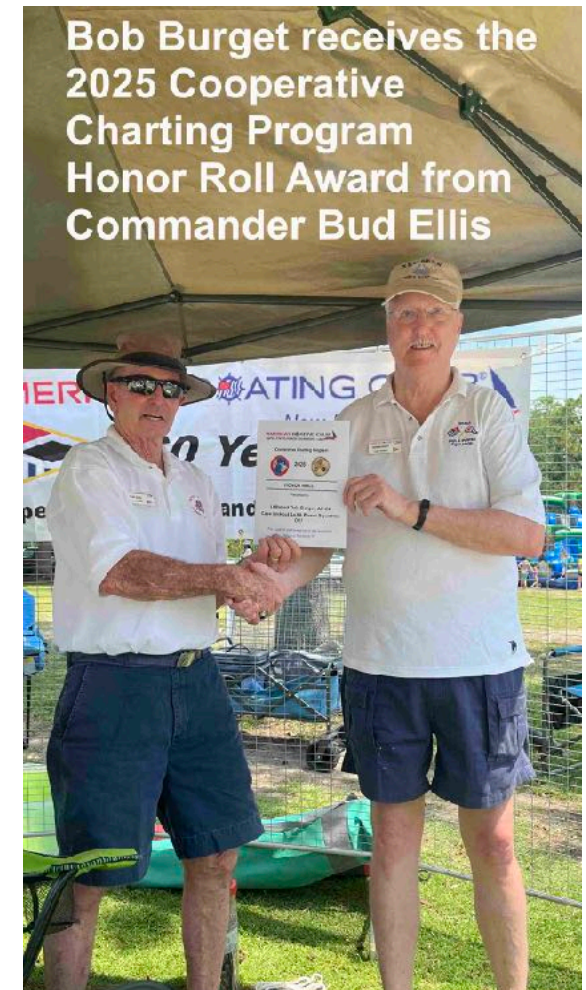


Bob Burget, Duane Mixon, Elaine Lechner, CDR Bud Ellis, Ron Davis, and Rhoda Fort at our booth.

photos provided by Clair Mixon



Dylan Hummel, Abigail Mixon (Clair's daughter), and Alana Garrity. Part of the cheering section for the BSH Pedal Boat.



Bob Burget receives the 2025 Cooperative Charting Program Honor Roll Award from Commander Bud Ellis

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



SAILING THRU STUFF I MIGHT REGRET

P/C William J. Ash, SN Emeritus

These are peculiar times. The art of politics is ugly, about which our politicians will, or rather, should agree. Our Action Agencies are being challenged instead of being honored with cooperation. Public actions have turned violent. People don't like each other. There are people 'out there' who I don't like, and I suspect they don't really care for me, but I doubt very much we will throw 'haymakers' at each other. But, it is there, isn't it? We need to deal with it! Don't we? I truly want peace for all of us with a country having instructions to protect us from those who might harm. Why, on Earth, would I choose to start my message with language as this?

I'll try to explain. Be patient. Here goes! We, members of a national organization, are also samples of a population of the citizenry of the U.S.A. We mortals belong! To what? As an organization of persons interested in safety on the world of water we are samples of the U.S. citizens who have chosen to make the world a better place

through safety. We have chosen a very difficult task. From my observations of boating on the 'wee' Trent River, just outside of New Bern (Trent Woods), we will not prevent mishaps within this present generation. Every day, or almost every day, when I visit the banks of the Trent I observe something not quite correct in the boating world. Admittedly, I have a major problem in not knowing the legal speed limit for this river, or the parts of the river*. Regardless, boaters exceed those limits. This has bothered me to the core; frequently I think of fatal mishaps inside our waters and wonder when the next will occur.

Here is another, rather innocent item our neighbors have overlooked. Next time you have an opportunity to visit a boatyard of wrappings around cleats where boats are tied, examine the various types of knots, loops and hitches used by folks who will tell you, "Heck, I've been using this river for fifty years and nobody has called my knots unwieldy, so buzz off. So I buzz off and ultimately read in the newspaper about the huge fire at Squint's Marina*. Emery Knowitall had a small fire in the cockpit of his seagoing Lightning Blitz and is responsible for setting the whole marina on fire. His excuse was he could not get his boat away from the dock. With ninety-five wraps around his cleats topped with dozens of square knots, hitches and whatever, he surely couldn't get anything away from the pier. What

simple way of attaching his vessel to the cleats should he have used?

*Ash, William J., Exercises in Recognizing Errors in Boating. Whopping Tales of Fictitiously True Stories. Lugner u. Harnklas. Munchen. 1931.



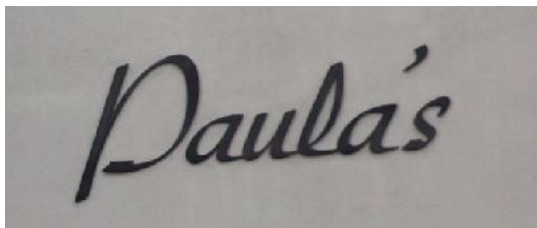
Best way to untie this—Use a Sharp Knife

Booster Club

Donations to the Booster Club help defray costs for Dinner Meeting Guest Speakers, and other incidentals (cards and flowers) A donation of \$10 per person per year is suggested amount

2026 Booster Club

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



**Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron
July Dinner Meeting, Thursday, July 9, 1800
Paula's Italian Restaurant**



**The scheduled Guest Speaker is unable to attend—Be Prepared for Story time
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.

Lloyd & Jane Moore and Wilbur & Morgan Chapman on the deck of the USS North Carolina during the 75th Anniversary of the Cape Fear Sail and Power squadron



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.
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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@clsps.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

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