



AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB

New Bern

Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron
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Upcoming Events:

Monday, August 31, 1900
September ExComm Meeting
Via Zoom

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

Saturday, September 19, 0800-1500,
Historic New Bern Bike MS, Rest Stop
Bethany Christian Church, Arapahoe

September 20-27, 2026
ABC Fall Governing Board
Cary, NC

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

July 9, 2026, CLSPS July Dinner Meeting



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Careful What You Wish For!

Remember back in January when we were asking for it to warm up? Welllllll! It did. This has been one of the longest and hottest periods I can remember since we moved here 35 years ago. This period has not only been uncomfortable, but it has been dangerous and expensive. I can tell you it has really limited our outdoor activities, both work and play. When you do venture outside, please be sure to take precautions to prevent heat injuries. Always drink plenty of water and make sure everyone with you drinks plenty of water also. Wear loose protective clothing and a hat. Use sunscreen and sunglasses when exposed to the sun. Remember, if you are out on the water, you are not only exposed to the sun directly but also to its reflection off the water.

We spend most of our time in air-conditioned spaces; homes, cars, and businesses. We are conditioned to be cool most of the time. This causes us to be affected by hot weather even more when outside. Plan your time outside for the cooler part of the day (relatively speaking). Avoid strenuous labor during mid-day. Never leave a child in a hot car unattended. A quick trip into a store can be lethal for them.

If you are trying to keep a boat cool with a reverse cycle HVAC unit you may be getting a high pressure shut down. Today, the water temperature was 85 degrees F. Even the best units can only change the inside temperature about 20 to 25 degrees from the water temperature, either up or down.

Lastly, don't forget your pets. They need lots of fresh water and shade. Don't leave them in hot cars just like you won't leave a child in a hot car. If you walk your pets on pavement, if you cannot walk on the pavement barefoot, neither can they. This applies to boat decks too.

Be Safe,
Bud

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

<http://www.clsps.org>



Education Department Update

Summer is in full swing, and it has been great to see boating education making a positive impact both within our squadron and beyond. We're pleased to announce that **Craven Community College has confirmed future America's Boating Course dates**, with classes scheduled for **November 7 and 14, 2026**, and again on **April 3 and 10th, 2027**.

In addition, our instructional team continues to stay current and qualified. Congratulations to **Elaine Lechner, Lloyd Moore, and Jane Moore**, who completed the Instructor Recertification Seminar in June and are now certified through 2030. **Cdr Bud Ellis** was also recently recertified at the ABC/USPS Annual Meeting through 2030. These dedicated volunteers help ensure we continue delivering high-quality boating education for years to come.

One of the most rewarding aspects of boating education is seeing how classroom knowledge translates into real-world opportunities. After completing our America's Boating Course this past spring, **Christopher**

Mixon expanded his skills by completing both a CPR course and a Maryland Personal Watercraft (PWC) course. He then spent the summer working in Ocean City, MD as a **PWC guide**. Likewise, another recent ABC graduate, **Travis Mixon**, my brother, took the course online before a family vacation to Alabama and was able to confidently and safely enjoy time on PWCs with family members. These are excellent examples of how boating education builds confidence, safety awareness, and opens doors to new experiences on the water.

Looking ahead, the Education Department is preparing to schedule both **Boat Handling** and **Advanced Marine Navigation** courses. If you're ready to continue your boating education journey, please reach out and let us know which course interests you. Whether you're working toward your Seamanship grade or advancing your navigation knowledge, we'd love to help you take the next step. Enjoy the remainder of the summer, stay safe on the water, and keep learning!



Our squadron now has 33 Vessel Safety Checks logged at national. Of those, 8 were completed within the squadron with 4 members participating: Bill Ash, Bud Ellis (2), Duane Mixon (4), and Ray Whitley. Thank you for supporting the USPS Vessel Safety Program, as well as Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron.

Also, a special thanks to the Eastern Carolina Yacht Club for supporting the VSC program by inviting us to their marina to complete vessel checks for their members. Lloyd and I did 15 VSCs that day. Thanks too, to Bill and Lydia Ash for their support by sponsoring our visit. All in all, a very good day for our squadron.

Lloyd and I stand ready to complete a VSC for your boat whenever and wherever you need us to be. Your marina, your driveway, whatever. Just let us know. Our contact information is posted elsewhere in this issue.





Help wanted for 2027-2028 – Squadron Secretary

On the usps.org website, there is an updated Operations Manual, 25 July 2025. Please take some time to review the Squadron Organization information for the most up-to-date job descriptions, Chapter 5. All Squadron positions are described.

Our Nominating Committee Chair, P/C Lydia Ash, S and her committee will be contacting Squadron members to fill the Slate of Officers for the 2027-2028 Bridge and Executive Committee for publication in the November or December newsletter, The Outlook. The election is held at our Annual Meeting on January 14, 2027. Installation of officers will be at the Change of Watch on Saturday, February 27, 2027.

5.10.5 Squadron Secretary – The primary duty of the Secretary is to ensure that the squadron maintains adequate business records. The Secretary is a member of the Bridge, a member of the ExCom, has general supervision of the Secretary's Department as directed by the membership, the Commander, or the ExCom, and is, *ex officio*, a member of all

committees of the Secretary's Department. In order to provide stability within the squadron, secretaries normally serve for a period of three years, although they must be elected annually.

The Secretary's Manual contains the information necessary to guide secretaries in the performance of their duties and responsibilities. The manual is located on the Heritage and Document Committee's (HADCom) webpage under the Operations Manual's download section.

In February 2027, it will be the end of my third year as Squadron Secretary. I also served as Squadron Secretary from 2013 to 2015. I will always be available to assist and answer any questions to help the incoming Squadron Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,
Lt/C Jane Moore, AP



JULY

Mccallum, Belonora F. — 8 July
Smith, Carolyn P. — 8 July
Lechner, Elaine M. — 18 July
Burget, Robert Dale — 24 July

AUGUST

Mixon, Duane P. — 20 August

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

**2026 Historic New Bern Bike MS
Volunteer List for Rest Stop #6
Saturday, September 19, 2026**

Rest Stop #6: Bethany Christian Church, 8126 NC-306, Arapahoe, NC



Here are the volunteers we have so far:

Name	T-Shirt Size	AM (8-12AM) or PM (12-3PM) Session
Marty Warner	XL	All Day
Tiki Warner	S	All Day
Bud Ellis	XL	All Day
Clair Mixon	XXL	All Day
Duane Mixon	XL	All Day
Elaine Lechner	L	All Day
John Kwak	XL	All Day
Juan Amaral	M	AM
Mercedes Campos	S	AM
Ray Whitley	XXL	AM
Linda Whitley	XXL	AM
Jane Moore	XL	AM
Lloyd Moore	L	AM
Juli Voelker	XXL	PM

You can see we have a shortage of PM volunteers. If you would like to move from AM to PM, please let me know. If you would like to volunteer, just send me your name and T-shirt size.

Things to bring for yourself: CLSPS Name Tag, a chair, sunscreen, a hat, something more to drink.

Bike MS provides EZ UPs, but they are used to cover the food and drinks, a nurse station, and a bicycle repairman. If you have an EZUP it would be great for shade and/or rain cover. We'll bring a meat tenderizer hammer (to break up the ice), and two large coolers (keep the ice cold). If you have an ice scoop or a large 3-5 gallon water jug with a spout, please bring it. Don't forget to put your name on anything you bring.

On Saturday, the bike routes that will visit us are 50, 75, and 100 mile routes. The folks on the 75 and 100 mile loops will be especially tired and thirsty. They tend to come in groups, and we need to be prepared with lots of water etc when they show up.

Don't forget Saturday night at the New Bern Convention Center there is a dinner for everybody, including all volunteers—Wear your Volunteer T-shirt. It's good, it's free, and it's fun. And you may run into a biker or two that you met that day.

Thank you for volunteering!!
Marty



May 14, 2026 CLSPS May Dinner Meeting

Photos by the Editor

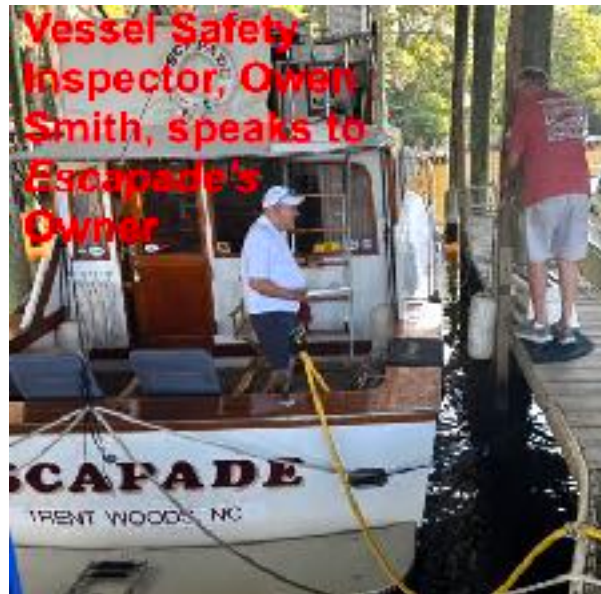


**July 9, 2026, CLSPS July
Dinner Meeting**

Photos by Clair Mixon



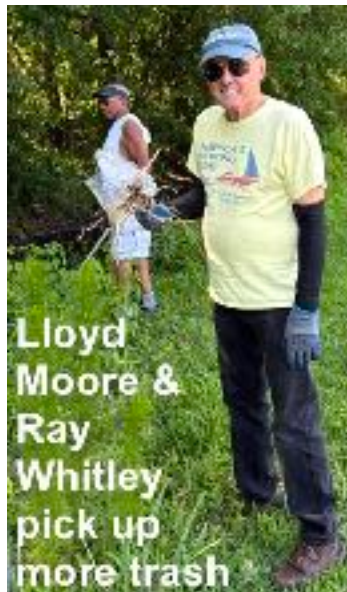
**Owen Smith and Lloyd Moore
performed 15 Vessel Safety
Inspections at Eastern
Carolina Yacht Club. July 11,
2026**



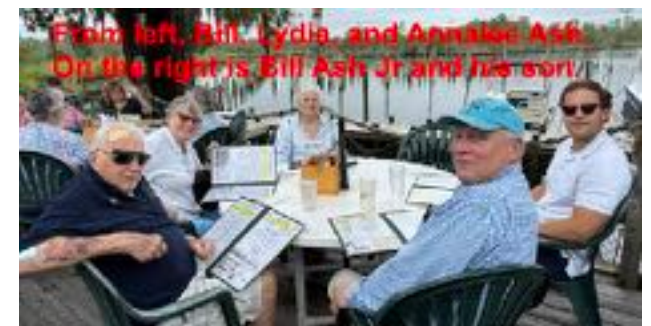
**Trash Trap Clean-up, July 14,
2026**

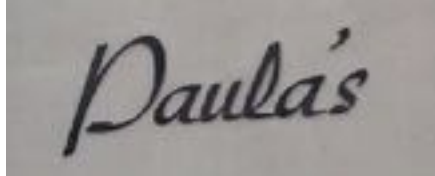


More Trash Trap Cleanup



July 24, 2026 Visit to the Carolina Museum of the Marine





**Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron
September Dinner Meeting, Thursday, September 10, 1800
Paula's Italian Restaurant
Squadron members will tell travel stories
Meal is: Order off the Menu**

Please contact Lt AnnaLee Ash at annaleeash07@gmail.com or text 202 412-9499- by Sunday, September 6th with the number off attendees in your party in order to notify restaurant.



What a quick but enjoyable summer we've had. I am excited to see you all talk about your summer travels at the next dinner. Please send me your photos (5) and be prepared to tell us where you went this summer, even if you stayed in town!

I want to thank everyone for all their work in helping clean the Sound Rivers Trash Trap clean here in New Bern. We collected around 45+ lbs of trash this year and more importantly, we kept it out of the river.

We also had a really good time at our outing to the new Marine Museum of the Carolinas. It was a very touching experience, and I encourage you to go if you weren't with us on this trip.

As we look forward, start getting your chili recipes ready!

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@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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