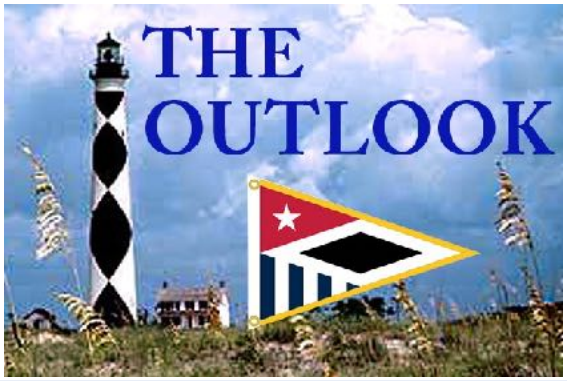


AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB
New Bern

Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron
January-February 2026 Volume 67, Issue 1

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, February 18 1230
Ladies Luncheon
Lawsons on the Creek

Saturday, February 21, 1000- Noon
2026-2027 Planning Session
Mary Ann & Charles Cleveland home,
301 Johnson St

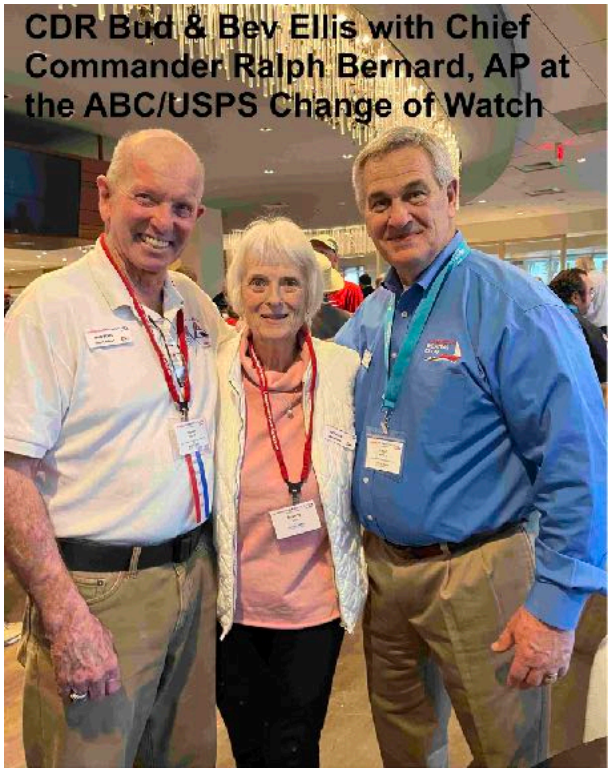
Saturday, February 28, 1130-1400
Change of Watch
Paula's Italian Restaurant

Monday, March 2, 1900
CLSPS ExComm Mtg
Via Zoom

Friday-Saturday, March 20-21
District 27 Change of Watch
Cary, NC. See Agenda page 7

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

CDR Bud & Bev Ellis attended the ABC/USPS Annual Meeting & Change of Watch



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Bud Ellis, Jr., SN

Boy, am I glad we moved to the Sunny South. We had a foot of snow on the deck when this picture was taken. The only way to get here was on foot and I broke the path from the house through two foot drifts. At this time the water surface had no ice but the next day it started to freeze.

I hope everyone was safe and warm through this very unusual weather event. It reminds us to be prepared for weather all the time. We did lose power for about an hour and we have had to rethink some of the items in our winter emergency kit.

We had to cancel the planning meeting and it has been rescheduled for the 21st just before the Change of Watch. There is still time to suggest any activity you would like to see this year. All suggestions gratefully received.

Bev and I will be leaving for the National Meeting on Wednesday morning, 11 February, and we are looking forward to our first time. I will bring back as much information as I can gather. One thing I am looking forward to is the SpaceX launch at 0538 Thursday. Hope to get some good pictures from the beach. I will attend the Instructor Certification course Thursday morning and then attend a couple of sessions Jane has asked me to attend. There are lots of opportunities to learn about changes from National. We will return home late Saturday.

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

http://www.clsps.org

Below is the slate of officers as it currently stands. As you can see, there are a few open slots that it would be terrific to fill. If you would consider stepping up to take an open position, please contact me at your earliest convenience.
Texting to my cell is best: 310 804-2274.
Thank you!
Lydia

CLSPS Slate of Officers for 2026-2027

Commander -	Glover L. (Bud) Ellis, Jr., SN
Executive Officer -	Open
Squadron Education Officer -	Lt/C Duane Mixon, P
Asst. Education Officer -	Open
Administrative Officer -	Lt/C Clair Mixon, P
Asst. Admin Officer -	Lt Annalee Ash, S, Lt Linda Whitley
Treasurer -	Lt/C Raymond Whitley, AP
Asst. Treasurer -	Lt Rhoda Fort, S
Secretary -	Lt/C Jane Moore, AP
Asst. Secretary -	Lt Juli Voelker

Respectfully submitted,
P/C Lydia Ash, S
January 8, 2026

Excutive Committee

P/C Lydia Ash, S
P/C Robert D. Burget, AP
Charles T. Cleveland, S
Mary Ann Cleveland
P/C John Kwak, JN
P/C Elaine Lechner, AP
Lt Roger Martin Warner, JN

Nominating Committee Chair: P/C Lydia Ash, S
Rules and Audit Committees Chair: P/C Lloyd Moore, SN

CLSPS Change of Watch (COW)
Saturday Feb 28, 2026 · 11:30am – 2pm
Paula's Italian Restaurant, 3946 Dr. M.L.K. Jr Blvd, New Bern

Commander Bud Ellis Jr., SN cordially invites you to attend the Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron 65th Annual Change of Watch luncheon on Saturday, 28 February 2026 at Paula's Italian Restaurant, New Bern, NC.

Attire: Blazer or other appropriate attire.

We will order off their menu and pay with separate checks. We do need to make a reservation and please let Linda Whitley know by Feb. 23rd if you are planning to attend. Email: lindaswhitley@gmail.com or cell: 301 651-2445.

Chairman, Vessel Safety Program

P/C Owen Smith, AP

The stickers for the 2026 Vessel Safety Checks have arrived. You can schedule a safety check for your vessel with one of our Examiners at your convenience. Commander Ellis is way ahead of you as he has already had a VSE for Fair Winds. Bravo Zulu Bud.

Our squadron now has only 3 Examiners, so if you are interested in providing this service for Cape Lookout, we need you. Almost everything can be done on-line, i.e. reading the manual and taking the open book exam. After that, just do three Vessel Safety Checks under the supervision of one of our Examiners and you are good to go.

If you are interested in joining our crew of examiners, let me know and I will help you get started.

CLSPS Ladies Luncheon February 18 at 12:30 PM at Lawsons on the Creek

Meet at Lawsons on the Creek for lunch on February 18 at 12:30 pm.

Hope you can join us. Please let me know so I can make a reservation.

Lt/C Jane Moore

Power Squadron Spring Sweep, May 2, 0900

Meet up Location: Craven County Administration Building parking lot at 406 Craven St, New Bern

If you are new to the Clean Sweep, the sign-in location will have gloves, orange vests, trash bags, and a pick up tool.

You might consider adding the following to your personal equipment list: Water bottle, Sunscreen, Bug Spray, 5-gallon pail with handle, Shoes—closed toe and moisture protected(or a couple plastic bags to provide moisture protection), and Sunglasses

City Clean Sweep contact: Pam - 252-633-0397

Power Squadron contact: Anne Brittle - 972-310-0908

After the Sweep we usually have brunch

2026-2027 Planning Session

On Saturday, 21 February, we are having our 2026-2027 Planning Session from 10 am to noon at the home of our members Mary Ann and Charlie Cleveland. Please bring your calendar, suggestions, ideas for social events, speakers etc., if you can make it.

Lt/C Jane Moore

Happy Birthday to the Following Members

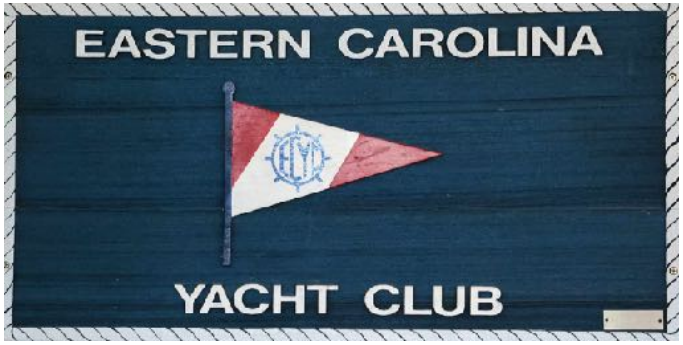
January

Bud Ellis — 1 January
Eric Lind — 5 January
Christine Zellers — 15 January
Deborah Ann Morton — 18 January
Lydia Ash — 19 January
Marty Warner — 19 January
John Kwak — 24 January

February

Donald Scott Morton — 6 February
Ian H. MacGregor — 18 February

December Holiday Party, 13 December 2025, at the Eastern Carolina Yacht Club



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/

Lydia, Owen, Duane, Bill

Clair
checks out
Hubs

Jane likes
her
Caramels

John has
a surprise

Linda's not sure

Ron
Davis
What's
this?

Tiki has a
solar light
SOLAR
FLAGPOLE
MICRO LIGHT

Lydia Ash
unwrapping

District 27 Change of Watch March 20-21, 2026 Cary NC

We hope that you are able to attend this fun-filled event to celebrate the current Bridge and welcome in the new Bridge.

The commanders have all of the information for you - hotel info, registration info, agenda, and Marshburn/Alter awards info.

Celebrate with us and celebrate USA 250!

Below is the link to the D27 Website "Calendar" Page for the above information.

https://uspsd27.org/php/d27Calendar.php

Agenda

District 27 Spring Meeting & Change of Watch

March 20-21, 2026

Hilton Garden Inn

131 Columbus Ave, Cary, NC 27518

For Hotel Reservations: see Announcement & Registration Form on the D27 Calendar Page

FRIDAY, 20 MARCH

Dress: Casual, USPS/District/Squadron Shirt or appropriate

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	EVENT LEADER
1500-1700	Check-In Registration - Get Tickets	"Library"-Lobby Area	Raleigh Squadron
1500-1700	Voter Registration	“Library"-Lobby Area	D/Lt/C Kay Graham, S, Cdr Barbara White, AP
1500-1700	Silent Auction	Bradford A&B	Raleigh Squadron
1800-1930	Celebration Dinner/Recognitions	Bradford A&B	D/C Connie Shay, S
	Optional - Wear your Red, White, and Blue!		

Note: D27 NomCom, PlanCom, Finance & Budget will meet by Zoom prior to the Spring Meeting.

SATURDAY, 21 MARCH

Dress Daytime: USPS/District/Sq Shirt or appropriate - COW: Uniform, Sport Coat or appropriate

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	EVENT LEADER
0800-0915	Check In - Get Tickets - 50/50	"Library"-Lobby Area	Raleigh/Cape Fear Squadron
0800-0915	Voter Registration	"Library"-Lobby Area	D/Lt/C Kay Graham, S, Cdr Barbara White, AP
0800-1330	Silent Auction	Bradford A&B	Raleigh Squadron
0930-1030	**Convene the Conference**	Bradford A&B	D/C Connie Shay, S
	Pledge of Allegiance		Stf/C Otis White, P
	National Anthem		Cdr Kris R. Meyer, P
	Invocation/Last Horizon Report		Cdr Kris R. Meyer, P
	Introduction Officers & Guests		P/R/C Bob Howd, SN-CN
1030-1145	**Guest Speaker Presentation**	Bradford A&B	Dr. Stanley Riggs
1200-1315	**Lunch & Awards Program**	Bradford A&B	D/C Connie Shay, S
1330	Silent Auction Closed - winners will get text message!		Raleigh Squadron
1330	**Reconvene the Conference**	Bradford A&B	D/C Connie Shay, S

1345	Open Town Hall Meeting		P/D/C Greg Shay, SN-ACN
	National Rep and C/C Message		C/C Ralph Bernard, AP
	D27 Officer Reports		D27 Bridge
	General & Standing Com. Reports		D27 Chairpersons
1630	**Adjourn the Conference** – will reconvene at the COW		D/C Connie Shay, S

Saturday, 21 March – Change of Watch

1730-1830	**Reception** Foyer		
1845-1945	**Buffet Dinner**	Bradford A&B	D/C Connie Shay, S
1945-2130	**Reconvene the Conference for COW**	Bradford A&B	D/C Connie Shay, S
	Officer of the Deck		Cdr Tom Taylor, AP
	Special Awards Presentations		D/C Connie Shay, S
	Chief's Rep for Change-of-Watch		P/C/C Ralph Bernard, AP
2115	50/50 Raffle		P/C Marvin Chaney, SN
2130	Adjourn the Meeting – Incoming District Commander		D/Lt/C Charles (Bo) Ibach, III, SN-ACN

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

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 out-side of New Bern (Trent Woods), we will not prevent mishaps within this present generation. Every day, or all-most 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. Harnglas. Munchen. 1931.

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Ships Store Inventory

Base Ball Caps: White with CLSPS Logo In Stock (6). $15.00

Knit Polo Shirts: Ladies short sleeve knit shirts - $15. navy.
Navy sizes: Ladies: XS,M, & L

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

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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

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.

Boat US offers a 50% discount to USPS members. Our Boat US group number is GA80679P and must be used to claim your $12.50 discount.

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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- rwarner4@ec.rr.com

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