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FROM THE COMMANDER'S HELM



Cdr Frank Pope, JN

As fast as 2023 came and went, January 2024 seemed to have come and gone even faster.

We had a great turn-out of volunteers helping at the Myrtle Beach Boat Show and I want to thank you all again for helping get our message out. We didn't have as many people come by the booth as we had last year, but there didn't seem to be as many people at the show. I talked to several of the boat dealers and they said sales were not as good as the previous year and they felt attendance was down, possibly due to the higher interest rates.

This month is our annual Change of Watch where we will give thanks to our outgoing leaders for their service in 2023 and pledge our new leaders for 2024. Without these people volunteering to step up and give the club direction, we would not be able to continue our mission for 2024. We have a great group and hopefully will have a lot of new ideas and opportunities in this new year.

Hopefully you all made it to the Membership involvement planning meeting on Feb 2 at Marc & Ellen Theriault's home. In Ellen's own words "many hands make light work, and many brains make plentiful ideas" or, get involved and you will have more fun and help guide us in the direction you would like to go. Volunteers are what make this organization survive and succeed, so get involved. Involvement doesn't have to mean you are leading meetings or working on your own, but could be joining a committee and spending 1 or 2 hours every other month. We need you to keep this organization alive and thriving.

Fortunately for us living in the south, our boating season will be upon us before you know it. Now is the time to check out the boat and get your brain back in the boating mode. Pull out your pamphlets on Federal and State regulations and give it a 'refresher' read. They are short and easy to glance over and may even get those 'on the water juices' flowing especially after the cold couple of days we recently experienced.

Now is also a great time to reach out to one of our vessel examiners to get the 2024 sticker. We will be reaching out to all to see if we can get 100% of our boats inspected this year. Twila Nahama is our 2024 VSE Chair so if you can't get one of the VSE to do your inspection, give Twila a call and she will get you set up on your schedule.

Educational Officer's Briefing



Lt/C John Cattuna, SN -CN

We have rescheduled the January 20th ABC class for February 24th due to lack of student interest. As always we'll need some help with presenting the class, setting up the classroom, grading papers and proctoring. Helping others learn is one of the best ways to stay abreast in boating changes, updates or techniques. Anyone able to help out please let us know.

Our 2024 Junior Navigation (JN) Offshore Navigation class began on January 16th and will run through April 30th. This is our first course in celestial navigation which is great for those interested in learning the navigation techniques used by ancient mariners, and this technique is still used today. We currently have 4 students.

If anyone is interested in any of the great boating education courses or seminars that the USPS offers, please let us know.

REMINDER

NSSPS Change of Watch

DATE: February 12, 2024

TIME: 5:00 PM

Pine Lakes Country Club

5603 Granddaddy Drive
Myrtle Beach, SC 29577



An **important message** to all NORTH STRAND SQUADRON VESSEL SAFETY EXAMINERS (and anyone interested in becoming and examiner) from VSC Chair, Twila Nahama, SN.
tnaama@yahoo.com

There will be a mandatory meeting February 17 from 10:30 to noon (including lunch) for current VSC Examiners and anyone interested in becoming a VSC Examiner at Chris Noonan's club house: Fox Hallow HOA Clubhouse, 1451 Hounds Way, North Myrtle Beach.

**COLD WEATHER
NO EXCUSES
FRESH AIR
DRESS WARM**

**WIND CHILL
SAFETY FIRST**



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Remember to take specific measures to protect yourself and others. At the end of your trip, take or encourage others to take the necessary steps to ensure the safety of the vessel and its occupants. For more information, visit www.SafeBoatingCampaign.com.



2024 DISTRICT 26 NEWS

Spring Conference & Change of Watch

When: March 8–10, 2024

Where: Savannah Lakes Village Recreation Complex,
385 Country Club Dr,
McCormick, SC 29835

Hosted by:
Thurmond Lake Sail & Power Squadron



Cruise & Rendezvous

When: September 20–22, 2024

Where: Admiral's Inn
1501 Butler Avenue,
Tybee Island, GA 31328
912-786-0700
(ask for TLSPS group reservation)
admiralsinntybee.com



Hosted by:
Tybee Light Sail & Power Squadron,
America's Boating Club Savannah

2024 National News



2024 Annual Meeting – February 3–12, 2024 in Orlando, FL
2024 Governing Board Meeting – Sept. 22–30, 2024 in Pittsburgh



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Edward F.	McNiff	05
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Valarie J.	Weede	18
Charles W.	Schuler	25
John William	Smith Jr.	25



JANUARY 17TH HAPPY HOUR AT SNOOKY'S OCEANSIDE



NORTH STRAND SAIL & POWER SQUADRON

Calendar of Events

2024

FEBRUARY

Feb	12	5:00 PM	Change of Watch
Feb	21	3:30 PM	Heritage Shores Cleanup
Feb	21	5:00 PM	Happy Hour—Roca Roja Cantina
Feb	24		ABC Class

MARCH

Mar	05	5:00 PM	Squadron Monthly Meeting
Mar	20	3:30 PM	Heritage Shores Cleanup

Please see the online Squadron Calendar for all current events.

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2024-2025

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