

## America's Boating Club North Strand



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### FROM THE COMMANDER'S HELM



Cdr Frank Pope, JN

As you read this we will be into March and the weather is starting to warm with boating season is just around the corner. We installed our new officers at the February Change of Watch and had an awesome night at Pine Lakes Country Club. It was a wonderful night spent thanking and appreciating all of the members that volunteered time in 2023, and welcoming our new Executive team for 2024. The food was awesome. Great appetizers, especially the Tubbs inlet crab balls. They had to have come from Tubbs because they were so good. The salad, dinner and dessert was top notch. What makes a great meal even better was the price. Thank you, ABC North Strand, for showing appreciation to all members and guest by picking up the entire bill. It was greatly appreciated by all that attended.

If you were not able to come to the membership meeting at Marc & Ellen's home, we had an exciting meeting with a great pizza/salad dinner (thank you Marc & Ellen) and a lot of activities planned for 2024. The group worked "outside of the box" and has some new locations for day cruises, a couple of new monthly meeting locations, as well as some exciting social events. We are starting to get them on the calendar so check out our calendar on the website at [www.usps.org/localusps/northstrand](http://www.usps.org/localusps/northstrand).

Our new XCOM will be reaching out for assistance in planning all of the activities, so reach out and volunteer. If everyone would volunteer to help a group plan just one even, you would be amazed at the fun you would have, and it would help those that are volunteering for everything to get some time back. We need you to make our boating club the best it can be, and it helps ensure we are doing what you want to do. Get involved and come to more than just dinner once a month!

We had a great ABC class this past Saturday with a good number of students. I want to thank John for all his hard work in setting it up and planning the day. I was also pleased to see all of you that showed up to teach, meet with the students and help grade test. It was exciting to see the number of members that showed up. I am sure the students also noticed and appreciated so many of us being there.

Hope to see you at the meeting on Monday, March 11.

Fair winds and following seas...

## Educational Officer's Briefing



Lt/C John Cattuna, SN -CN

We held the first 2024 ABC class on February 24<sup>th</sup> with 13 students. All passed the closed book exam. Thanks to all those that helped 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.

Our 2024 Junior Navigation (JN) Offshore Navigation class is ongoing, exams are ordered, the class is scheduled to run through April 30<sup>th</sup>. This is our first course in Celestial Navigation which is great for those interested in learning the navigation techniques used by ancient mariners. This technique is still commonly used today. We currently have 4 students.

We have had a request by a couple of members for the USPS Weather course. In this course, students will become keener observers of the weather and how to interpret the observations for a short term forecast. The course focuses on how weather systems form, behave, move, and interact with one another and reflects the availability of all sorts of weather reports and forecasts on the Internet. It is a general weather course benefiting those sitting in their living rooms, as much as those standing behind the helm. The Weather Course is designed to be conducted over ten two-hour sessions including time for review and the multiple choice closed book exam. Anyone interested be sure to let us know so we can get the class on the schedule.

We have had some interest in presenting the USPS Engine Maintenance Course. The Engine Maintenance course consists of a ten chapter course that stresses the diagnosis of modern systems, while also teaching the basics of engine layout and operation. Gasoline inboards, outboards, and diesel engines are taught in a way that reinforces the common aspects of how engines work. The Engine Maintenance course also covers basic mechanical systems such as drive systems (propellers), steering systems, and engine controls discussing solutions you might use to problems that could occur while afloat and away from a repair facility. Again, if there is any interest in this course, please let us know so we can get the class scheduled.

Anyone interested in any of the great boating education courses or seminars that the USPS offers, please let us know; we are here to provide the education that our members desire.





Stacy M.	Stetson	02
Nicholas	Jebaily	06
Twila M.	Nahama	13
Melissa	Selph	15
Scarlett P.	Brisson	20
Ellen V.	Theriault	23
Holly	Mora	27

## REMINDER

There will be a general membership meeting on Monday, March 11, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. Please bring a soup or salad to share and **candy which will be handed out during the St. Patrick's Day Parade.**

Dessert will be provided.

We will have a guest speaker from Towboat US.



## America's Boating Club North Strand is participating in this year's North Myrtle Beach's **St. Patrick's Day** Parade!

We'll meet at the Lippincott's, 1505 Hillside Dr. N, North Myrtle Beach on Friday, March 15, at 3:00 p.m. to decorate the Jet Ski provided by Mark and Ellen Theriault. A light dinner and refreshments will be provided.

The parade starts at 9:00 a.m. on **Saturday, March 16**. Please meet at the Lippincott's at 7:30 a.m. Coffee and donuts will be provided. We will need at least 8 people to walk with the parade and hand out candy. The more the merrier!!!!

If you have any questions please call @ 484-358-8646 or 848-359-2419

Come join us for a fun filled Friday afternoon and Saturday morning!!!



## 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 2983

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](http://admiralsinntybee.com)

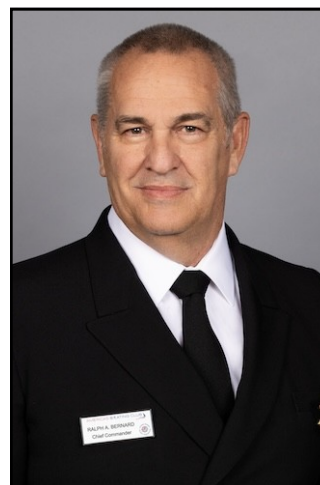
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## 2024 National News

### 2024 Governing Board Meeting

Sept. 22–30, 2024 in Pittsburgh PA



February 21st Happy Hour at Roca Rojas Cantina.

**Chief Commander Ralph Bernard** has been a United States Power Squadron, America's Boating Club member for over 45 years and is currently serving as the Chief Commander. When not working with USPS/ABC, Ralph and his wife Nance are boating on the Chesapeake Bay in their 40' Silverton, Four Play.

C/C Bernard will officiate at the 2024 D26 Change of Watch hosted by Thurmond Lake Sail and Power Squadron on March 9th, in McCormick, S.C.

## **NORTH STRAND SAIL & POWER SQUADRON**

### **Calendar of Events**

**2024**

#### **MARCH**

Mar	05	5:00 PM	Squadron Monthly Meeting
Mar	16	7:30 AM	North Strand St. Paddy's Day Parade volunteers meet.
Mar	20	3:30 PM	Heritage Shores Clean-up
Mar	26	TBA	Lunch-Barefoot Landing

#### **APRIL**

Apr	08	5:00 PM	Squadron Monthly Meeting
Apr	17	3:30 PM	Heritage Shores Clean-up
Apr	20	TBA	Bird Island Raft-up

**Please see the online Squadron Calendar for all current events.**

### **AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB NORTH STRAND BRIDGE**

**2024-2025**

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### **Things to do in March in Myrtle Beach**

#### **Huntington Beach State Park Kite Festival**

##### **March 23rd & 24th at Huntington Beach State Park**

Head down south to Huntington Beach State Park for the 3rd annual Kite Festival this month. Families and friends flock to the beach to fly their kites of all sizes and shapes along the beautiful Murrells Inlet coastline. The park will have plenty of family-friendly activities and things to see and do all throughout the weekend's festival. The event will take place each day from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m.

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