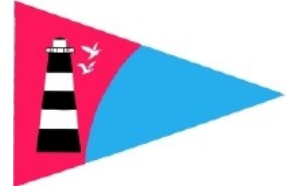




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FROM THE COMMANDER'S HELM



Happy spring to everyone! I hope warmer weather will allow us to get out on the water and enjoy ourselves. Those of us who attended the Bird Island raft-up, which was a new Polar Bear Cruise experience, had a fun time. Now we are looking forward to the Conway Cruise from April 7 to 10.

If you attended the March meeting, you heard Whit Jones from Wounded Nature talk about the clean up work done by the organization's volunteers. They remove derelict boats, tires, orphan crab traps, glass bottles, and other debris. They also lay oyster beds. Frank Pope has volunteered to keep in touch with Whit with the goal of organizing a clean up event with Wounded Nature's help and guidance. We will keep you posted.

Chris Noonan has held two vessel safety check events in our area. Thank you to Chris and the examiners who participated. These events are a win-win. We help ensure the safety of others' boats and gain exposure as a boating club.

The registration deadline for the Cruise and Rendezvous is April 15. If you have yet to register, please do it now. District response has been disappointing. We speculate that fuel prices may be discouraging district members from participating. As of this writing, the C&R will still take place, albeit with a cookout instead of dinner at the Officers Club Saturday night.

Thanks to everyone who is donating to our club through their Amazon Smile purchases. This quarter we earned \$41.16; our overall earnings are \$390.23. If you buy through Amazon, please sign up at smile.amazon.com and select North Strand Sail and Power Squadron for your donations. A tiny portion of funds from every purchase you make on Amazon Smile is donated to our club, and all those little amounts add up.

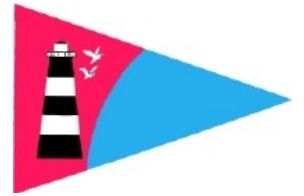
Lastly, I speak for all of us when I extend hearty congratulations to our member Julianne Selph on her achievement of the rank of Eagle Scout. Brava, Julianne.

Stay safe, everyone.

Cdr. Ellen Simpson, P



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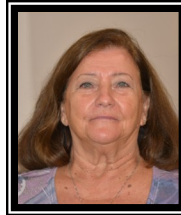


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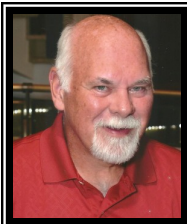
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Geodetics



Another year, another Geo recovery season. And this season has started out with a BANG! The first monthly standings were just published and NSSPS has started out #2 in the nation! This is due to the unprecedented number of NSSPS members who have started out doing recoveries already. Thank you all who have given us a great start out of the gate.

Let's keep up the great effort. It's going to take a strong effort from the whole team to stay on top! Lake Hartwell is number 3 in the nation. They obviously have us in their sights!

District 26 is also #2 in the nation. That's due to a strong showing by several squadrons in our district. All marks in Little River and Cherry Grove and many in N. Myrtle Beach are now available. Let's go get 'em!

Pl/C Doug Thomas, SN

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

15 Roger Bonner

19 Flo Clark

22 Art Joye

22 Doug Thomas

28 Craig Huber



Please let [Kathy Franklin](#) know if we've missed your birthday, so we can update our records.

NORTH STRAND SQUADRON VESSEL SAFETY EXAMINERS

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Check out <https://usps.org/national/vsc> to learn all about everything in the VSC program.

Maybe you'll even be interested in becoming an examiner?

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Educational Officer's Briefing



We have two members who can now add the letter P to their USPS Grade as they have recently passed the Marine Navigation Class.

In June we will present the Advanced Marine Navigation Class, which is the second in the sequence of USPS courses on navigation. It continues to build coastal and inland navigation skills, allowing the student to take on more challenging conditions – unfamiliar waters, limited visibility, and extended cruises. GPS is embraced as a primary navigation tool while adding radar, chartplotters, and other electronic navigation tools. The course includes many in-class exercises, advancing the student's skills through hands-on practice and learning. Ten classes of two hours each normally are scheduled for presentation of this course. In addition the students have seven days to complete the open book exam. Topics covered include:

- Review of skills learned in Marine Navigation

- Advanced positioning techniques such as advancing a line of position

- Other electronics: radar, depth sounders, autopilots, chartplotters, laptop computer software, etc.

- Hazard avoidance techniques using electronics (e.g., “keep out” zones in GPS)

- Collision avoidance using radar and GPS

- Working with tides: clearances, depth, effects of current

- Piloting with wind and currents

- The “Seaman's Eye” – simple skills for checking that one is on course

Our Next ABC Class is scheduled for June 11th at the United Methodist Church in Little River.

As always, if there are any other courses or seminars anyone would like to see presented please let us know.

Lt/C John Cattuna, SN

America's Boating Club North Strand

2022 St. Patrick's Day Parade Float



The Cruise Director's Corner



Hi Cruisers,

The Polar Bear Cruise was an outstanding success this year. We rafted up at Bird Island, cooked hamburgers and hotdogs and had some great sides and desserts. Everyone in attendance had a great time.

April is the cruise to Conway. A blast was recently published outlining the plans. Departing MBYC at 9AM on Thursday April 7, returning on April 10. Thursday night is the play at the Theater of the Republic after docktails and dinner out on the town.

May is C&R month. Registration from the District is very low, so we have canceled the dinner on Saturday night, but we will have a cook out at the MBYC Pool Deck. All other activities are continuing as planned for the time being.

June is Georgetown and July is Charleston for the 4th. Charleston Harbor Marina is only taking reservations through Dockwa so please make your reservation. In the comment section, mention you are with North Strand. The dockmaster said she would keep us all together.

Please let me know ASAP if you're interested in any of the cruises. Dates are all on the Squadron Calendar. I need to know as soon as possible to arrange dockage and plan events.

Thanks,
Marc

America's Boating Club North Strand

2021 Christmas Party





NORTH STRAND SAIL & POWER SQUADRON

Upcoming Events



APRIL

- 4 Virtual Executive Committee Meeting - 7:00 PM via ZOOM
- 7 Conway Cruise
- 11 General Membership Meeting - 5:30 PM @ VFW Post 10804, Little River
- 15 Heritage Shores Park Cleanup - 3:30 PM @ Cherry Grove (end of 53rd St. N)
- 16 Happy Hour - 5:00 PM @ Boardwalk Billy's
- 27 Barefoot Landing Cruise - 12:00 PM @ TBD

MAY

- 2 Virtual Executive Committee Meeting - 7:00 PM via ZOOM
- 9 General Membership Meeting - 5:30 PM @ VFW Post 10804, Little River
- 18 Heritage Shores Park Cleanup - 3:30 PM @ Cherry Grove (end of 53rd St. N)
- 19 Happy Hour - 5:00 PM @ Crooked Hammock (Barefoot Landing)

JUNE

- 2 Wacca Watchee Cruise
- 3 - 6 Georgetown Cruise
- 9 Virtual Executive Committee Meeting - 7:00 PM via ZOOM
- 11 ABC Class - 8AM-4PM @ United Methodist Church, Little River
- 13 General Membership Meeting - 5:30 PM @ VFW Post 10804, Little River
- 15 Heritage Shores Park Cleanup - 8:30 AM @ Cherry Grove (end of 53rd St. N)
- 15 Happy Hour - 5:00 PM @ Clearwater Oyster Bar - 9717 Hwy 17, Myrtle Beach
- 18 Barefoot Landing Cruise - 12:00 PM @ TBD
- 30 - Jul 6 Georgetown/Charleston Cruise

**These dates may change over time and additional events added.
Please see the online [Squadron Calendar](#) for all current events.**

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