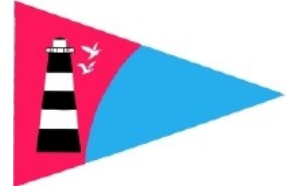




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FROM THE COMMANDER'S HELM



Hello, everyone. June was a rough month for our club. We lost Jack McKinnon and Alan Perry, two fine gentlemen who were long time club members. Jack was a past commander and district educational officer. Alan was a seasoned boater who had the distinction of being a Looper. Our thoughts are with Barbara McKinnon and Sandy Perry.

The June meeting was sparsely attended but enjoyable. It had been a while since we shared a potluck dinner compliments of the kitchen wizards of North Strand. Delish! Many present at the meeting signed up for upcoming social events: a Pelicans game, Le Grand Cirque's show "Zero Gravity," and Nights of 1000 Candles at Brookgreen Gardens. Watch your email for dates, times, and registration information if you missed the meeting.

The July meeting will be a picnic at McClean Park in North Myrtle Beach. Traditionally, the club does not meet in July. Last year we added a July meeting to keep our post-Covid momentum going. The July picnic was a success, so we decided to have it again this year.

In the June issue of Waypoints, I asked each of you to make a commitment to attend the monthly meeting and one other club activity per month for three months. I reminded you that I have spoken before about focusing on what each of us *can* do, and I know that there are members who cannot make this commitment. I ask you again to please do what you can. Consult our calendar and decide how you will participate. We need you.

Here's another way you can contribute to our club. When the current watch year ends in February 2023, there will be some key positions open. We will be replacing our Waypoints editor, Clare Pazona. Clare would be happy to have the new editor work beside her now to learn the process. No writing is involved; the position is a computer task of placing the articles into the newsletter format. Waypoints is published eight times a year.

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FROM THE COMMANDER'S HELM (cont.)

Juli Knight has spearheaded our social committee, planning the meeting menus, ordering the food, decorating the tables, and bringing the supplies to the VFW Hall and back to the storage facility. Juli makes this look easy, and she will share her knowledge of the process with her replacement. A pair of volunteers would be very acceptable.

Can you guess how many times Terri Azar has sworn that it's her last year of chairing the membership involvement committee? I think it's four or five, but I've lost count. Membership involvement plans the non-boating social events for the club. That means the happy hour locations and at least one other event per month. The committee usually meets just twice a year. The more people who come to the meeting, the less each person needs to do. Terri has the planning format laid out. The committee chair calls the committee together, leads the meetings, assigns the tasks, and follows up with the people handling the tasks. Surely someone is willing to take the helm of this important committee.

Thanks for your attention. Stay safe and healthy. See you at the meeting.

Cdr Ellen Theriault, P

NSSPS Hosts D/26 2022 Spring Cruise and Rendezvous



First, let's get you signed in.



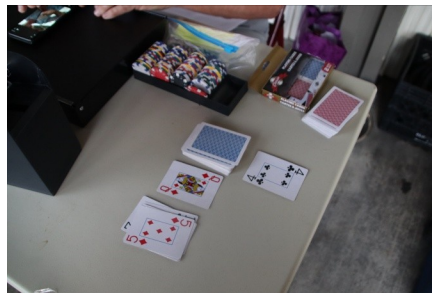
The poker run dock walk was popular.



Several members graciously opened up their boats for the dock walk.



John's boat was a popular destination.



A winning hand in the making?



At the commander's reception.

More pics can be found throughout this issue of Scuttlebutt.



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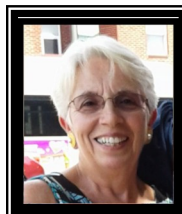


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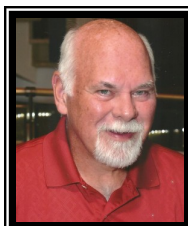
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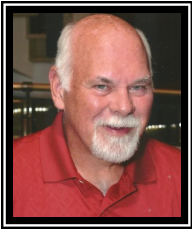


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From The AO's Wheelhouse



Membership: North Strand Sail and Power Squadron recruited 4 new members this quarter. Our current membership stands at 83. It appears we may have turned the corner on our membership decline post-covid pandemic. We're not out of the woods yet. A lot of work is to be done to continue a sustained membership increase.

Membership Involvement: On June 9 at 12:00 PM, our Membership Involvement chairperson, Terri Azar, held the summer MI committee meeting. Many events were discussed and planned. Watch your email for details on each event, as well as the Scuttlebutt calendar and the squadron online calendar. The events include: Art (Craft) Show, Nights of 1000 Candles, Christmas Parade and Boat Decorating and the Ladies' Christmas Luncheon. Some planned Happy Hour locations are: Hurricane's and 810 Billiards & Bowling. See the calendar on the last page of this issue of Scuttlebutt for details of additional events/happy hours already scheduled.

Lt/C Tom Knight

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 6 John Schwab
- 8 Beth Schwab
- 15 Rose Duffy
- 17 Bob Boal
- 17 Karl Straub
- 27 Michael Jordan
- 28 Kerry Westfall



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

April Happy Hour @ Boardwalk Billy's



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

Lt/C Chris Noonan, P, Chairman

Craig Huber
Tom Knight

Chris Noonan
Frank Pope

John Schwab
Marc Theriault

Educational Officer's Briefing



Education Department Activities

- On June 11th we held our second 2022 ABC class with 10 people attending including 2 teenagers. Everyone passed the course, with one couple joining our squadron.
- We had 3 NSSPS members attend the recent USPS Boat Operator Certification (BOC) program hosted by Hilton Head Squadron and overseen by the Chairman of the BOC program who came in from San Diego. NSSPS now has 3 Certified Inland Boat Operators, 2 Certified Coastal Navigators, and 2 Inland and Coastal Boat Operator Certifiers. District 26 now has 10 Boat Operator Certifiers.
- We have an ongoing Advanced Marine Navigation class with 5 members attending.
- We will hold the Boat Handling course, formerly called Seamanship, starting on September 6th. Anyone interested in advancing their knowledge of boat handling skills will greatly benefit from this course.
- Our next ABC class is scheduled for Sep 17, 2022.

Lt/C John Cattuna, SN



Not sure what the small glass is for, but I'm impressed with the job he's doing with the big one!



And we were blessed with a presentation of 19th century lighthouse keeper life by our own Anna Holmes.



Several attendees enjoyed a lovely cruise to Bird Island.



Quite a turnout at the Commander's reception when you yell "Free Drinks!".



Very tropical, guys. I'm heading out for a coconut rum drink and a tiki hut on the beach!

Summer Safety Message



New Safe Boaters

It's very hard to write a safety article with the passing of our club members Jack and Alan. They will be truly missed. But as one door closes another opens. Last week I had the opportunity to put boating safety into action taking my friend Chris and his 4 eldest daughters out fishing. He has 6 daughters. The youngest 2 couldn't make it. They are 4 months and 2 years old. The 4 daughters were 5, 6, 7, and 8. They came aboard all wearing age appropriate life jackets, sunglasses, boat shoes, and the eagerness to go fishing. I explained to them all the safety features of the boat and with the attentiveness only young boaters displayed we were ready to head out.

As we got out of the inlet, the seas were 1 to 2 feet. But heading out, the seas built to 2 to 3 foot rollers. I turned and said to them, "Do you want to head back in and fish in the intracoastal?" They all shouted, "no!" The sea built to 3 to 4 feet as we approached my fishing spot and we were ready to fish. The trolling motor held in the seas and we were catching sea bass, pin fish, and small grunts. Each of the girls had their own rod and sometimes it took 2 of them to hold the rod and reel in the fish. As kids do, no complaints about the seas and nothing but smiles. They hooked into 2 cobia but we couldn't land them due to the light tackle. We did manage a 4 ft Atlantic sharp nose shark with lotsa help from Chris and Uncle Dan who was aboard for ballast.

After a hour or so the seas weren't getting better so we headed in to a closer spot. The girls were still active like the Energizer Bunny. They listened, moved around the boat, ate lunch, no chumming, and going strong. But Captain Jeff wore them down and we went in. They all fell asleep coming in and we docked safely. After unloading the boat, they helped wash down the boat and we were ready to go home. These girls never whimpered a complaint in seas where adults were turning green. I told them how brave they were, how safe they were and how proud I was of them. If you teach safety correctly as their father did, you can see the results of boating safety. I've been fishing with Chris for 4 years now and as his daughters grow up, I have new safe fishing friends.

Next time,

Lt. Jeff Pazona



THANK YOU to the many members who provide the terrific photos you see in our North Strand Squadron publications. Your contributions are greatly appreciated!!

Become a Vessel Examiner

Any USPS member who is at least 18 years old may become a VE by attending a training session, passing a proctored open-book test, and performing five VSCs under the supervision of a certified Vessel Examiner (either USPS or USCGA).

Where to Start

The first thing a prospective VE should do is read and become familiar with the US Coast Guard Vessel Safety Check Manual COMDTINST M16796.8A October 2014 which can be found on the VSC page of the USPS.org website. After becoming familiar with the manual, it is suggested that the prospective VE candidate take the "VE Practice Test" prior to tackling the Open Book Test.

Interested? Let me know.

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VSC Chair

A Warm and Cordial Welcome Is Extended to Our Latest New Members!

Dave Leach

Charles Weede

Theresa Leach

Valarie Weede

Please look for these folks at future events and make them feel at home in our club.

Congratulations, Julianne!

Julianne Selph, S, daughter of Ethan, S and Melissa Selph, recently earned the achievement of Eagle Scout. All three family members joined NSSPS on March 20, 2017. The Eagle Scout achievement is conferred on only 4% of all scouts. **Great job, Julianne!!!**



D26 Commander's Reception



Happily enjoying the festivities.



A round of applause for a job well done!



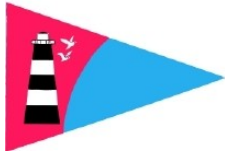
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NORTH STRAND SAIL & POWER SQUADRON

Upcoming Events



JULY

- 6 Heritage Shores Park Cleanup - 8:30 AM @ Cherry Grove (end of 53rd St. N)
- 7 Virtual Executive Committee Meeting - 7:00 PM via ZOOM
- 11 General Membership Meeting - 5:00 PM @ McLean Park, NMB
- 14 Pelican Baseball Game - 5:30 PM at shelter; 7:05 PM Gametime
- 20 Heritage Shores Park Cleanup - 8:30 AM @ Cherry Grove (end of 53rd St. N)
- 20 Happy Hour - 5:00 PM @ Patio's, Little River

AUGUST

- 3 Heritage Shores Park Cleanup - 8:30 AM @ Cherry Grove (end of 53rd St. N)
- 4 Virtual Executive Committee Meeting - 7:00 PM via ZOOM
- 6 Grand Dunes Cruise
- 8 General Membership Meeting - 5:30 PM @ VFW Post 10804, Little River
- 17 Heritage Shores Park Cleanup - 8:30 AM @ Cherry Grove (end of 53rd St. N)
- 17 Happy Hour - 6:00 PM @ Sunset Beach, NC. Chairmen of the Board concert.
- 19-22 Wrightsville Beach Cruise
- 24 LeGrand Cirque Zero Gravity Broadway Theater - 4:00 PM, dinner after TBD

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Cricket Cove Picnic - 4:00 PM @ Cricket Cove Marina picnic area
- 6 Boat Handling Class (9 weeks) - 7:00 PM @ United Methodist Church, Little River
- 7 Heritage Shores Park Cleanup - 8:30 AM @ Cherry Grove (end of 53rd St. N)
- 8 Virtual Executive Committee Meeting - 7:00 PM via ZOOM
- 10 Barefoot Cruise
- 12 General Membership Meeting - 5:30 PM @ VFW Post 10804, Little River
- 17 ABC Class - 8:00 AM @ United Methodist Church, Little River
- 21 Heritage Shores Park Cleanup - 8:30 AM @ Cherry Grove (end of 53rd St. N)
- 21 Happy Hour - 6:00 PM @ Dirty Don's Oyster Bar & Grill, 661 Main St., NMB
- 28 Inlet View Lunch 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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