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FROM THE COMMANDER'S HELM

Cdr Ellen Theriault, P

Happy New Year, everyone. I hope you enjoyed the holidays and are off to a great start in 2023.

We had a successful cruise to Conway in December. Three boats made the trip: Mary and Bob Lickfeld gained more experience as they prepare to make the Loop, Liza Garner and Scarlet Brisson did a great job on their first major excursion (with a little coaching by cruise director Marc), and Chris and Elaine Noonan led the way. Nine of us had a delicious dinner at the Crooked Oak Tavern. We were delighted to have Barbara McKinnon join us. Conway goes all out for Christmas. It was a festive evening, and a few of us put icing on the cake by spending the night at the Cypress Inn. What a treat!

Fourteen women attended the Ladies' Luncheon at Hickory Tavern. Juli Knight delivered three bursting bags of jackets to Jessie Mae Monroe Elementary in Ash, North Carolina. Thanks to the women for their donations Marc and I were sorry to miss the Christmas party, especially the potluck contributions that were, undoubtedly, scrumptious.

Please join us for our annual business meeting in January. We'll vote on the budget and slate of officers for the new watch year. In February, we'll hold our Change of Watch. It will be a great opportunity to celebrate our accomplishments in style. ABC North Strand has much to be proud of.

Long Bay held its final meeting in December. The plan is for Long Bay members to be transferred into North Strand. I hope that some of these transferees will attend our business meeting and COW. This is new territory for us; we'll see how it unfolds. Former Long Bay members can bring new energy and activities to our club, benefitting us all. That's an exciting prospect. I look forward to welcoming them.

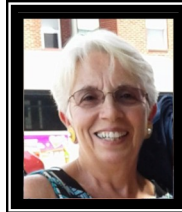
See you at the business meeting. Stay well.

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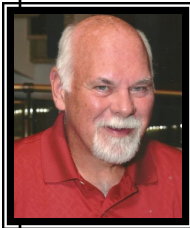
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The XO's Slip

Lt/C Frank Pope, JN

Season's Greetings.

Another year has passed and this one seemed to pass a lot quicker than the last year. Which also seemed to pass a lot quicker than the year before. We have had a lot of activities, gatherings and most importantly education opportunities over the past year and hope to do more in the coming year. The activities have increased but unfortunately the participation has decreased. We just had our Christmas party this past Monday and only 25 members attended. If you missed it, the food was fantastic, the entertainment awesome (Dusty is so talented) and the friendships and camaraderie were off the chart.

As the new year approaches and we all start thinking about our New Year resolution add one to get more involved in our boating club. It truly takes a village and there are so many opportunities to get involved. There are all levels of involvement so pick the right one for you. Reach out to someone and let us know what you are interested in. It could be more speakers, more fishing tips, more safety tips or even short seminars at the meeting to show how to properly fit a life jacket, how to prepare a ditch bag, or the difference between a EPIRP and PLB. Let us know and we will do our best to make it happen.

Also keep in mind that the MB Boat show (formally called the Grand Strand Boat and Sportsman Expo) is just around the corner on Jan 6,7 & 8. We are working closely with Longbay to be an exhibitor at the event. If everything works out, we will need help manning the ABC booth so keep at least one of those dates open to help. I will send out more info and we get it.

Fair winds, calm seas and get involved,



Educational Officer's Briefing

Lt/C John Cattuna, SN-CN

Educational Activities

We held a Marine Electrical Systems class with three students in November. The class schedule was 4 hours of class twice a week, allowing us to complete the class in two weeks with the exam on the third week. The exams are now at national for grading.

We have no additional courses scheduled this fall.

We have 3 ABC classes scheduled in 2023, A Boat Handling (Seamanship) class will follow the first ABC class and a Marine Navigation (Piloting) class will follow the second ABC in July.

As always, let the education department know if there are any seminars or courses you would like for us to present.



Roger Clark 12-16

Jeff Pazona 12-19

David Canty 12-21

Caroline Sever 12-24

Gary Walston 12-29



Nominating Committee Report



In accordance with the provisions of Section 11.1 of the North Strand Sail and Power Squadron Bylaws, the following members are placed in nomination for election at the January 2023 Annual Meeting by the Nominating Committee.

Commander	Lt/C Frank Pope JN
Executive Officer	Lt/C Tom Knight P
Squadron Educational Officer	Lt/C John Cattuna Jr., SN
Administrative Officer	Edward McNiff AP
Treasurer	Lt/C Chris Noonan P
Secretary	P/Lt/C Bea Norris P
Past Commander	Cdr Ellen Theriault P
Members At Large	Rules Committee
Elizabeth Yamashita P	P/C Bonnie Kanoy AP
Barry Lippincott P	Lt/C Elaine Noonan P
Donna Lippincott P	Lt/C Chris Noonan P-IN
Dave Leach	
Nominating Committee	Audit Committee
D/C Richard Norris SN-CN -1 Year (Chair)	John Schwab - 1 year (Chair)
D/Lt/C Marc Theriault AP - 2 Years	Lt Bill Duffy S - 2 years
Cdr Ellen Theriault P - 3 Years P	/Lt/C Jake Kanoy AP - 3 years

Also, according to Section 11.1, members can be nominated by petition: Petition in writing signed by at least 5 active members in good standing and filed at least 15 days before the date of election.

Respectfully submitted,

D/Lt Doug Thomas SN

P/C Marc Theriault AP



Marianne Schuler	7
David Leach	11
Richard Stetson	11
Jeffrey Horton	12
Pat Kohan	12
Jane Ellen Bonner	18
Dianne Straub	18
Edwin Mora	19
James McVey	23
David Craig	27



WINTER SAFETY MESSAGE

Lt Jeff Pazona

Well, it's toward the end of the year and I don't see too many boats heading offshore to fish, but I made a number of trips safely out to 85 miles with great success. My main problem which I solved is fuel. I have a 25 gallon bladder tank which I empty into my tanks once I reach the Gulf Stream. I burn 25 to 30 gallons getting there so I can't over fill my dual fuel tanks. Everyone on board has their life jacket on, 38 lbs of buoyancy, not the 24 lbs for inshore. We're set to fish.

I try to take people out who can take the 2 ½ out trip out without complaining too much, so I have a good crew. What I really have watch for is that no one has an accident, gets stuck with a hook, cuts themselves putting on bait, or falls. Falling is the worst or banging their head on the pipe. A real safety issue is if we are catching a lot of fish or someone hooks into a big fish or shark. Big fish are tough and even if you land them, they can knock you out. We had that experience a few trips ago where we hooked into two 40 inch redfish at the same time. They fought hard but we landed them quickly and released them back within a minute after a few pictures.

At the end of the day I set the auto pilot for Little River Inlet and head home. Another safe fishing trip. Until next time, be safe.



Look for details at the National Website

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Lt/C Chris Noonan, P-IN
Chair, Vessel Safety Check

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USCG guidelines for PFD decontamination

Because questions about how to decontaminate your personal flotation device are surfacing, the U.S. Coast Guard has posted recreational life jacket Decontamination Guidance on their website www.uscgboating.org.

If you think your product has been exposed to a virus, clean as recommended by the manufacturer and then let dry in warm, low humidity environment for at least 72 hours before reuse.

Manufacturer's recommendations for cleaning your PFD:

CLEANING AND STORING YOUR PFD: To clean your inflatable PFD, hand wash or sponge down in warm, soapy water, taking care not to submerge the inflator. Rinse your PFD with clean water and hang to dry on a plastic coat hanger. Do not dry-clean, use chlorine bleach, or apply direct heat. Always store your fully dried PFD in a warm, dry, well ventilated place out of direct sunlight.

Inherently buoyant PFDs (foam) are cleaned in the same manner except they may be fully submerged.

If you must reuse your product within 72 hours, the following precautionary guidance is suggested.

COVID-19 virus may exist 3 days on or in clothing. Virus can exist longer on porous surfaces. Synthetic fabrics, plastic and metal surfaces may harbor the virus longer.

Buckles, zippers, other hardware and hook/loop fasteners (e.g. Velcro®) are hard to clean due to crevasses and metal/plastic construction.

Using 60 – 90% solutions of alcohol sprayed/wetted on these components is acceptable.

Avoid spraying inflatables with specific disinfectants that are detrimental to the fabric. e.g. bleach-based products.

Do not machine launder life jackets.

Life jackets should be hand-washed with gloved hands – wash as hot as possible (< 60C) to kill virus.

Ensuring complete drying is critical, heated air drying is encouraged < 60C

Virus likes moisture and can survive in cold – virus dies by drying out and by heat, which some fibers can enhance.

This pandemic is a new challenge and it is truly not known how all materials and the virus respond to laundry.

If hang to air dry, allow 72 hours (3 days) before reuse.

Do not share garments.

DISCLAIMER: Remember it is not possible to carry out or guarantee complete disinfection, the goal is to minimize risk.

For more information on the LJA please visit their website at www.lifejacketassociation.org



NORTH STRAND SAIL & POWER SQUADRON

Upcoming Events

JANUARY

5	7PM	X-COMM MTG
9	5PM	SQUADRON MONTHLY MTG
18	3:30PM	HERITAGE SHORES CLEANUP

FEBRUARY

9	7PM	X-COMM MTG
13	5PM	SQUADRON MONTHLY MTG
15	3:30PM	HERITAGE SHORES CLEANUP

MARCH

9	7 PM	X-COMM MTG
13	5PM	SQUADRON MONTHLY MTG
5	3:30PM	HERITAGE SHORES CLEANUP

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

Upcoming District 26 Events

Spring 2023
D26 Conference & Change of Watch
When: March 17-19, 2023

Where: Marriott Greenville Hotel
Greenville, SC
Hosted by: Golden Corner Lakes and Lake Hartwell



See D26 website for the latest news on plans for our conference and wonderful activities that are sure to make this a great weekend with D26 friends.

Registration Form - Will be issued to all members via Constant Contact in January 2023.

NSSPS DECEMBER 2022 HOLIDAY PHOTOS



2022 North Strand Ladies Luncheon



2022 North Strand Christmas Party

