

## America's Boating Club North Strand



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## FROM THE COMMANDER'S HELM



Cdr Ellen Theriault, P

Hi, everyone! It's hard to believe that this is my last article as commander. I hope you're planning to attend the Change of Watch at Joey's Clubhouse Grille on February 13. Frank has worked hard to make this year's COW affordable. Let's all show our support for the new commander and his bridge!

Once again, I encourage you to find a club activity to participate in. Working and relaxing together is what turns a bunch of strangers into a cohesive group. Finding something you can do makes this "our" club instead of just "the" club. I'm far from being a commander with a wealth of boating knowledge, but I have always believed there's something special about the members of ABC North Strand. Being an active member is fun, rewarding, and something to be proud of.

You may or may not be aware that we have a formal agreement with the city of North Myrtle Beach to keep Heritage Shores Nature Preserve free of litter. We could use a few more volunteers for the clean-ups. When lots of volunteers show up, we're able to protect our waterways by also cleaning up the fishing pier and boat ramp area. Help4Kids will be starting food drives at Walmart for Backpack Buddies. We might want to volunteer at the food drives. Consider becoming a vessel safety examiner or an instructor. Bring your ideas to the Executive Committee and be willing to pitch in.

We do have at least two important roles yet to be filled for the new watch year: Membership Involvement Committee and Social Committee chairs. The Membership Involvement Committee typically meets twice a year to plan monthly happy hour locations and additional social activities. The chairperson solicits ideas from committee members, coordinates the calendar, and assigns the planning of each activity to committee members. The chair follows up to make sure the activities are in place (tickets purchased, reservations made, etc.) and that the activities are on the club calendar. The Social Committee arranges the food and decorations for our monthly meetings and sets up the room. That includes bringing needed items to our storage unit and returning them after the meeting. It can be a committee of two or a larger committee with fewer responsibilities for each person. Any volunteers?

Thank you for your support and good humor this past year. I wish you all health.



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## The XO's Slip



Lt/C Frank Pope, JN

This is the last month that I will be performing the Executive Officer (XO) duties as our COW is only 2.5 weeks away and a new person will step in and take the reins. As XO you are responsible for the following committees:

- Boat Show Committee
- Cooperative Charting
- Environment
- Marketing
- Public Affairs
- Safety
- Vessel Safety Checks

Having talented people that step up and agree to lead a committee takes all the pressure away from the XO. We took over the MB Boat Show from Long Bay this year and had a successful event. Lots of lessons learned and a special thanks to those that spent many hours at the booth. **Doug Thomas** not only led us as the Coop Chair but also led D26 Chair as well where we placed 1<sup>st</sup> in D26 and 4<sup>th</sup> in the nation. **Jeff Pazona** led our safety chair and provided great advice and articles for all. We improved our marketing as the year went on and that was evident by the turnout of our latest ABC class. We were averaging around 6 – 10 and ended the last class with over 20 students. Our Vessel Safety Examiners led by **Chris Noonan** completed over 100 safety checks. Thanks to all who cleaned the park every month gathering countless bags of trash and possibly saving wildlife from the potential harm that trash does to our environment.

We all joined America's Boating Club with the promise to get involved. Our membership qualifications state: "You must be able and willing to contribute time, energy, and skills to the objective of USPS/America's Boating Club." Try and get involved. We need all of you to make this work.

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## NORTH STRAND SQUADRON VESSEL SAFETY EXAMINERS



Call for your **FREE** Vessel Safety Check today (843-427-7119). All it costs is a few minutes of your time. You'll be glad you did and so will your crew and guests.

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?

### Lt/C Chris Noonan, P-IN, Chairman



Craig Huber  
Tom Knight

Chris Noonan  
Frank Pope

John Schwab  
Marc Theriault



Lt/C John Cattuna, SN – CN

## Educational Officer's Briefing

We held our first ABC class of 3 ABC classes scheduled in 2023 on Jan 21, 2023. At this class we had 24 attendees.

A Boat Handling (Seamanship) class was scheduled for Jan 31, 2023 at the clearance price of \$15.00 for members but unfortunately we only had two non-members sign up, so the class was canceled.

Our next ABC class is scheduled for June 17th.

The Marine Navigation (Piloting) class will follow the second ABC starting on July 11th.

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



## REMINDER

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB NORTH STRAND

2023 Change-of-Watch

*Joey's Clubhouse Grille*

at Tidewater Golf Club  
1400 Tidewater Dr.  
North Myrtle Beach

Monday, February 13

5:00 Social/Happy Hour

6:00 Buffet Dinner

Followed by Change-of-Watch

RSVP by Feb 1

See January 14 email for more details



Look for details at the National Website

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BRIDGE  
2022-2023

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JUST FOR FUN

This is a transcript of an ACTUAL radio conversation between a U.S. Navy ship and Canadian authorities off the coast of Newfoundland in October 1995. Radio conversation released by the Chief of Naval Operations 10/10/95:

**CANADIANS:** Please divert your course 15 degrees South to avoid a collision.

**AMERICANS:** Recommend you divert your course 15 degrees North to avoid a collision.

**CANADIANS:** Negative. You will have to divert your course 15 degrees to the South to avoid a collision.

**AMERICANS:** This is the captain of a US Navy ship. I say again, divert YOUR course.

**CANADIANS:** No. I say again, you divert YOUR course.

**AMERICANS:** THIS IS THE AIR-CRAFT CARRIER USS LINCOLN, THE SECOND LARGEST SHIP IN THE UNITED STATES' ATLANTIC FLEET. WE ARE ACCOMPANIED BY THREE DESTROYERS, THREE CRUISERS AND NUMEROUS SUPPORT VESSELS. I DEMAND THAT YOU CHANGE YOUR COURSE 15 DEGREES NORTH. I SAY AGAIN, THAT'S ONE FIVE DEGREES NORTH, OR COUNTER-MEASURES WILL BE UNDERTAKEN TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THIS SHIP.

**CANADIANS:** This is a lighthouse. Your call.



Bea Norris	01
Edward McNiff	05
Kimberly Leverich	11
James Sever	12
Marc Theriault	17
Valerie Weede	18
Charles Schuler	25
John Smith	25





**NORTH STRAND SAIL &  
POWER SQUADRON  
Upcoming Events  
2023**

**February**

- 9 7pm X-Com Meeting
- 13 5pm Change-of-Watch
- 15 3:30 Heritage Shores Cleanup

**March**

- 9 7pm X-Com Meeting
- 13 5pm Squadron Mthly Mtg
- 15 3:30 Heritage Shores Cleanup

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

**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 - Was issued to all members via Constant Contact in January 2023.



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