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## FROM THE COMMANDER'S HELM



Cdr Frank Pope, JN

Thank you all for attending the February Change of Watch and showing your support for your new Executive Committee. If you missed it, you missed a great time. The venue was really nice and the food was amazing. I think they have some of the best fried chicken around. A special thanks to the Noonan's for surprising us with an appearance with Dusty, the same person that performed at our Christmas party. He is very talented and always does a great job. He was there during happy hour and really brightened up the room.

I am excited to work with such talented people of your Executive Committee and look forward to continuing the work that the XCOMs in the past have started. One of our first goals will be to find out what direction YOU our members want us to take. This club is about you and for you so we need your direction and participation to make it the best squadron we can.

We will be reaching out for your input and participation so don't be shy. Let us know what you like and dislike about meetings, events, happy hours etc. I am disappointed that we didn't have enough people volunteer to put a float in the St. Patty's Day parade this year but that is a message we received from you. It would have given us a lot of publicity and now we need to figure out other ways to get our name in front of the public so your ideas would be appreciated.

Don't forget the March "Madness" meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup>. The invite will be coming our on March 1<sup>st</sup> so please RSVP so we know how order the food. There are a lot of things being worked on by your XCOM so look for announcements and things to come. We will also be holding our first Member Involvement meeting, led by Doug Thomas, at Boulineau's (12 :00 on March 2<sup>nd</sup>). Come and give us your ideas and things you would like to see happen in 2023.





Lt/C John Cattuna, SN -CN

## Educational Officer's Briefing

We currently do not have any classes ongoing. As always, let the educational department know if there are any seminars or courses you would like for us to present.

Future courses include:

Boat Handling (Seamanship) class is available at the clearance price of \$15.00 for members and \$45.00 to nonmembers. This course picks up where the ABC course leaves off reinforcing and going further in depth on many of the boat handling topics covered in the ABC course making it a logical step for both people new to boating and experienced boaters as well.

The Seamanship manual has 6 chapters covering the following topics:

- (1) Rules of the Road: A Practical Approach,
- (2) Confidence in Docking and Undocking: Slow-Speed Maneuvering,
- (3) Boating with Confidence: Handling Your Boat Underway,
- (4) Anchoring with Assurance: Don't Get Carried Away,
- (5) Emergencies on Board: Preparation for Handling Common Problems, and
- (6) Knots and Line Handling: The Knots You Need to Know.

Our Next ABC class is scheduled for June 17 th

The Marine Navigation (Piloting) class will start on July 11 th . This is the latest edition (Jan 2023) of this course. The new course covers electronic navigation and paper charts. Additionally, the new course teaches both inland and coastal navigation.

**REMINDER**

## March Madness Meeting

**Mon. March 13 -  
5:00-7:00**

Pizza & Salad will be catered by Chris's Pizza and Pub. Happy Hour @ 5:00 and dinner @ 6:00.

**WE NEED YOUR RSVP** (click a choice on the original e-mail) **BY Mar 9 to GET FOOD ORDERED & the price**



Time to  
Spring Ahead

Happy  
St Patrick's  
Day



# Safety tips for DIY boat repair

When you finally get around to tackling those boat repairs you've been putting off, don't overlook the dangers many products pose to your health and the environment. You can minimize these risks by following a few safety tips for DIY boat repair.

## Fiberglass

Always wear a mask any time you drill, cut or sand fiberglass. The resulting silica dust can lead to [silicosis](#), a type of obstructive lung disease, when inhaled. Although fiberglass is thought to be less carcinogenic than asbestos, it can still be harmful. Be aware that some older fiberglass boats also contain asbestos.

## Paint

When repainting your boat's interior, consider using latex paint instead of smelly, slow-drying, hard-to-clean oil-based paints. When painting over oil-based finishes, look for a primer that allows recoating with water-based latex. If you must use an alkyd paint, work in a well-ventilated area and keep away from open flames. When painting in enclosed spaces, wear appropriate clothes, gloves and a good-quality respirator designed for organic vapors.

## Heavy metals

When getting rid of batteries or anything else containing toxic metals like lead, antimony, cadmium and arsenic, dispose of them properly. Many retailers offer [battery](#) recycling, so you can return your battery to the place where you bought it. Some retailers may even give you a discount. Otherwise, find a local battery recycling center, such as a hardware or big box store.

## Electronics

Many solder joints contain lead and sometimes antimony. Wear protective gear when working with solder, and work in a well-ventilated area if possible. Wash your hands afterward. *—Frank P. Scalfano*

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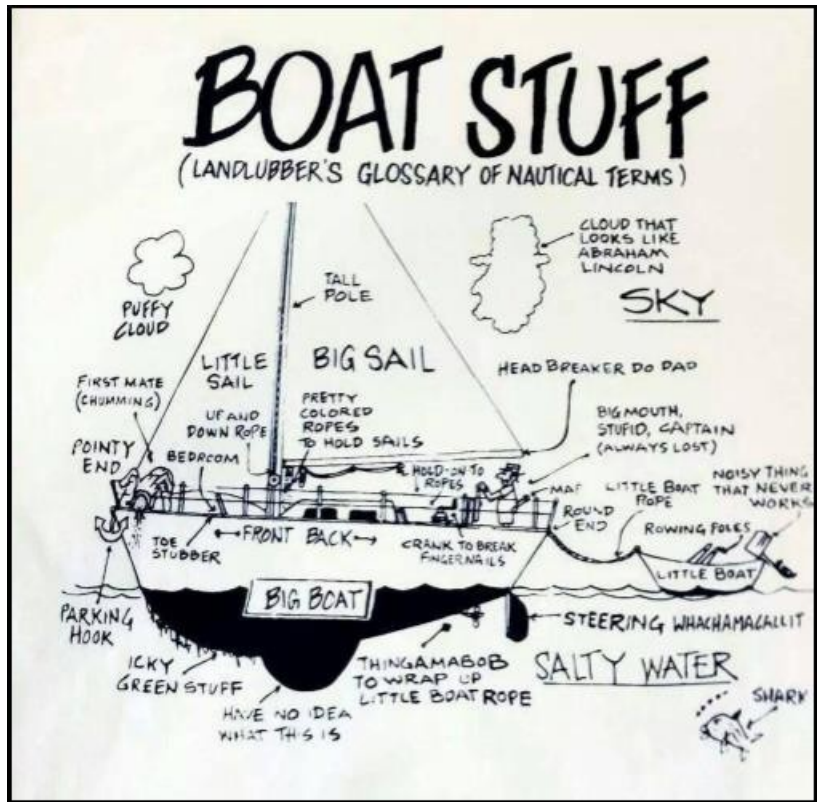
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JUST FOR FUN



MARCH BIRTHDAYS



Stacy Stetson	2
Madeline Turner	2
Twilia Nahama	13
Melissa Selph	15
Scarlett Brisson	20
Ellen Theriault	23
Holly Mora	27

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

**March**

- 02 12pm Member Involvement Mtg.
- 06 1pm X-Com Meeting
- 13 5pm Squadron Mthly Mtg
- 15 3:30pm Heritage Shores Cleanup

**April**

- 10 5pm Squadron Mthly Mtg
- 13 7pm X-Com Meeting
- 19 3:30pm Heritage Shores Cleanup

**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.



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



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