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## COMMANDER'S LOGBOOK JANUARY 2019



I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! By now, the Christmas dinner leftovers have probably been cleaned up and the New Year resolutions have been made. We're ready for a new year with a clean slate. I hope to make it, at least, to the first weekend of the year with my resolution intact.

On the top of my resolution list is to continue the traditions of NSSPS and continue to grow the squadron and make it ever stronger. To do this, I need your help. I challenge each of you to recruit one or more new members this year. Just think, if every one of our members could recruit *just one member*, our membership would **double** in just one year!

Think about your circle of friends and family members outside the squadron. Your dock-mate or marina acquaintance. Your adult child. Even a grandchild over the age of 12 and under the age of 18 qualifies for Apprentice membership, if their parents are not members. With a little imagination, the possibilities are limitless. And if you recruit a couple, you've just doubled your quota! Think of someone you'd like to introduce to NSSPS and invite them to one of our dinner meetings, cruises and/or other events. Guests are always welcome!

To help you get the word out, we have a substantial amount of USPS literature available to introduce the public to USPS. I will see to it that it is made available at the monthly general membership meeting. It is also available at most marinas from Cricket Cove to Barefoot Marina and most boating stores, including West Marine and Boater's Supply. If you don't see it on their shelf, ask for information about USPS. If they don't have it, let me know. As PRO/Distribution chairman, I'm responsible for keeping them supplied.

Next, join me in welcoming our new members listed in upcoming issues of Waypoints and the Scuttlebutt. This will be a new monthly feature of our newsletters. Our new members are our new friends, as well as the lifeblood of the squadron. Remember when we were all new members at one time. WELCOME!

Finally, I hope to see you all at the January dinner meeting, which will be a catered event by Mission BBQ. Yummy!

*Commander Doug Thomas, SN*

NORTH STRAND SAIL AND  
POWER SQUADRON

**Membership Meeting**  
**January 12, 5:00 PM**

Little River Elks Lodge

catered by **Mission BBQ**



Be on the lookout for more  
details in your membership  
email and our website!



Juli Knight was the winner of our very first cookie raffle. The cookies were baked by members who attended the Christmas cookie exchange hosted by JaneEllen Bonner. Juli kindly donated the cookies to Sea Haven, a charity our squadron has supported in the past.



Further details and the membership form  
are on our NSSPS website at  
<http://northstrandsquadron.com>

## NORTH STRAND SAIL & POWER SQUADRON EVENTS

### JANUARY

- 10— Executive Committee Meeting — 5:45 PM @ Little River Elks Lodge
- 12— Membership Meeting — 5:00 PM @ Little River Elks Lodge
- 16—Heritage Shores Nature Preserve Cleanup — 4:00 PM @ Cherry Grove
- 16— Happy Hour — 5:30 PM @ Wild Wings, 4706 Hwy 17 S, North Myrtle Beach

### FEBRUARY

- 7 — Executive Committee Meeting — 5:45 PM @ Little River Elks Lodge
- 9 — Membership Meeting — 5:00 PM @ Little River Elks Lodge
- 20— Heritage Shores Nature Preserve Cleanup — 8:30 AM @ Cherry Grove
- 20— Happy Hour — 5:30 PM @ TBD
- 21-24— USPS National Meeting — Orlando, FL
- 23— ABC Class — 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM @ Little River Elks Lodge

See our website calendar at <http://northstrandsquadron.com> for updates and detailed information



## SEO Report JANUARY 2019



By the time you read this it will be 2019, with 2018 adding itself to those years that just flew by. I am looking forward to 2019 and all of those New Year's resolutions we will make and probably not keep. One I do plan on keeping is to try and attend all of the week-end boat trips and dock parties. Another that I will keep is to have more classes, so please reach out if there is anything that you want to have offered.

We are starting early this year with our first Engine Maintenance class in many years. Class starts on January 9th; we already have the books and hopefully will be distributing before class so that we can get a running start on the first night. No one wants engine trouble but it will happen. Some of the techniques learned in this class will easily pay you back for the class fee with the savings you get by knowing how to fix some simple issues. I think there has been a demand for this as we have 10 students signed up and 2 of the 10 are the Admirals (ladies, bosses, etc.).

Our first ABC class of the year is Sat, February 23rd. We would like to invite all of you to come and show support and talk to these new people wanting to learn more and be safer on our waterways. This is also a great way for North Strand to get new members, so please come out to meet and greet these new people.

Watch out calendar as we start finalizing dates for classes. We will be putting out dates in the near future for Seamanship (now known as Boat Handling), Piloting (now known as Marine Navigation), Advance Piloting (now known as Advance Marine Navigation), and Junior Navigation (now known as Offshore Navigation). We are also planning a couple of seminars in 2019. At the top of the current list is Partners in Command and Emergencies on Board. I would also like to add a Sailing Course for Sailors and non-Sailors alike. I think a lot of us 'power boaters' could benefit from understanding our 'sailing brethren' and help make it safer for all.

Hope to see you in class!

*Lt/C Frank Pope, AP*

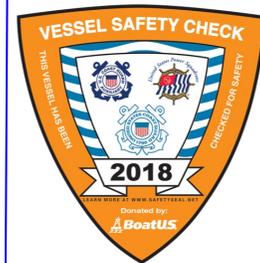
## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1/1 Genie DesMarteau
- 1/1 Lavonia Criner
- 1/4 Daniel Murphy
- 1/5 Barb McKinnon
- 1/6 Isabel Jankowski
- 1/7 Marianne Schuler
- 1/14 Gail Dale
- 1/15 Rosemary Field
- 1/16 Keith Cooper
- 1/18 Jane Ellen Bonner
- 1/18 Dianne Straub
- 1/19 Robert Jankowski
- 1/20 Eric Coates
- 1/21 R.W. Dale
- 1/23 James McVey
- 1/24 Annette Cooper

*Please let me know if I've missed your birthday, so I can update my records.*

## Heritage Shores Cleanup

Heritage Shores Park, Wed, 1/16, 4:00PM—followed by Happy Hour at Wild Wings, 4706 Hwy 17 S, North Myrtle Beach



*Don't forget to have your Vessel Safety Inspection!*



Check out North Strand Squadron's Website and Facebook Page for lots of great photos and helpful information:

<http://northstrandsquadron.com>

