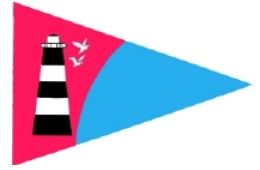




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## COMMANDER'S LOGBOOK FEBRUARY 2019



With January behind us, surely warmer weather is just around the corner. Before you know it, we'll be cranking up our engines and heading out to our favorite fishing holes or cruise destinations. But before we hit the ignition key, we need to be sure our vessel is in good repair and all maintenance items have been addressed.

If you winterized your boat, you'll of course need to flush your systems of anti-freeze. Be sure to power up your electronics to insure all your navigation electronics are in working order. Inspect the engine compartment for any fluid leaks, broken or brittle hoses, and check those hose clamps. Check your batteries and top off as necessary. Check their charge level and general condition. Do a radio check with the automated system on channel 27 (for this area). All these steps, except flushing anti-freeze, should be taken before leaving the dock every time, anyway.

Our SEO, Lt/C Frank Pope, AP, has been very busy putting together a great educational program for 2019. Check out the many offerings he has scheduled on the squadron calendar located on the NSSPS website at <http://northstrandsquadron.com>. Frank is also our webmaster and has been busy renovating and upgrading our website. Good job, Frank! I don't know how he finds time to work his real job.

As part of your spring fitting-out, don't forget to arrange for your Vessel Safety Check. Contact any of our examiners from the list in every issue of the Scuttlebutt. Every squadron member should have the VSC sticker prominently displayed on their vessel. This includes canoes, kayaks and dinghies. If you don't have a past issue of Scuttlebutt to reference, contact our XO, Lt/C Al Lehman, AP, at 910-575-0105 or [alehman@atmc.net](mailto:alehman@atmc.net) and he will get you in touch with an examiner. Al is also our VSC committee chairman.

The District 26 Spring Conference is fast approaching. Registration is required by 15 Feb 2019. It is located at the Crown Reef Beach Resort in Myrtle Beach. That's close enough for anyone to attend without having to spend the night. If you've never been to a District Conference, this is an excellent opportunity to attend one and see what it's all about. It is loaded with fun and educational programs alike. See the details on USPS District 26's website at [D26-SPRING](#).

And finally, the USPS National Meeting in Orlando is also just around the corner. It runs 18-24 February 2019. Registration is required and can be made on the USPS website at [www.usps.org](http://www.usps.org). Click on the "Member's Log In" tab, log in, and then click "National Meetings" button in the left column.

*Commander Doug Thomas, SN*

## FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, February 9,  
5:00pm

"Who Loves You, Baby?"



Spaghetti, Meatballs,  
Salad, Cannoli

\$15 members, \$18 guests

RSVP to Marcia Lehman

[Mdawley@atmc.net](mailto:Mdawley@atmc.net) or

TEXT 315-254-8053

We will be collecting for  
Sea Haven at the next meeting.

## HELP WANTED

**Fundraising Chairperson**

Contact Ellen Simpson  
201-674-3438-8053



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

## NORTH STRAND SAIL & POWER SQUADRON EVENTS

### FEBRUARY 2019

Tuesday, 5	6:30pm	Seamanship / Boat Handling
Wednesday, 6	6:00pm	Engine Maintenance
Thursday, 7	5:45pm	XCOM Meeting
Saturday, 9	5:00pm	Membership Meeting
Tuesday, 12	6:30pm	Seamanship / Boat Handling
Wednesday, 13	6:00pm	Engine Maintenance
Friday, 15	7:00pm	Simon & Garfunkel Story
Monday, 18	4:00pm	Heritage Shores Cleanup
	5:30pm	Happy Hour at Clarks
Tuesday, 19	6:30pm	Seamanship / Boat Handling
Wednesday, 20	6:00pm	Engine Maintenance
Saturday, 23	8:00am	ABC Class
Tuesday, 26	6:30pm	Seamanship / Boat Handling
Wednesday, 27	6:00pm	Engine Maintenance

### MARCH 2019

Tuesday, 5	6:30pm	Seamanship / Boat Handling
Wednesday, 6	6:00pm	Engine Maintenance
Thursday, 7	5:45pm	XCOM Meeting
Saturday, 9	5:00pm	Membership Meeting
Tuesday, 12	6:30pm	Seamanship / Boat Handling
Wednesday, 13	6:00pm	Engine Maintenance
Friday, 15	4:00pm	St Patrick's Day Boat Decorating
Saturday, 16	8:00am	St Patrick's Day Parade
Monday, 18	4:00pm	Heritage Shores Cleanup
	5:30pm	Happy Hour at 710 Billiards & Bowling
Tuesday, 19	6:30pm	Seamanship / Boat Handling
Wednesday, 20	6:00pm	Engine Maintenance
Wednesday, 27	6:00pm	Engine Maintenance



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



## SEO Report FEBRUARY 2019



We are starting the year fast and early and have put a curriculum together based on what we have gathered from your requests. Everything is in place and now we need YOU. Here is just a little of what we have going on in early 2019.

Engine Maintenance—taught by Ken Delson & Bob Candiano on Wednesday nights started on January 9 and will run through early March.

Seamanship—taught by Charlie Schuler will be at the United Methodist Church in Little River starting Tuesday, February 5 at 6:30PM. We have a

lot of room left in this class and we need students. We have about 60 members who have not taken Seamanship (which is the course after ABC) and we would love to have them all signup. If you know someone who has not taken Seamanship, please urge them to join Charlie's class.

ABC—first class is on Saturday February 23 at the Elks Lodge. This is the basic safety and knowledge class and will run from 8:00AM to 5:00PM. Even if you have taken the class, drop by and show all of our students and potential members what the Boating Club is all about. We are always looking for volunteers to help with lunch and the “meet & greets” during breaks.

Offshore Navigation—first time this class has been offered at North Strand in many years. The class will be taught by John Cattuna starting on Monday, March 18, held in John's shop in Little River. If you are an AP, this is the next step. We will be ordering books soon, so please let me know if you are interested.

Operations Training—Did you ever wonder what makes the Squadron tick? What is the XCOM? What does a SEO actually do? How do we work with the district and national organizations? Want to know a little more about a position you may like to step up and do? Here is the place to find about it all. This is an interesting 2-hour seminar being held at the Elks Club on February 26 at 6:30PM. The discussion will be led by past Commander Bonnie Kanoy, with other senior leaders from the Squadron assisting. The only thing better than learning all about Operations is that it is FREE. Make plans now to attend!

Lots of other classes will be hitting the schedule soon. As long as we have interest, we will try to get a class scheduled. Reach out to me and let me know what you would like offered and we will see if we can make it happen!

*Lt/C Frank Pope, AP*

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2/4 Ken Delson
- 2/5 Janine Huber
- 2/5 Ed McNiff
- 2/8 Alan Perry
- 2/8 Louise Rubis
- 2/9 Earl Hasselmark
- 2/11 Kim Leverich
- 2/12 James Sever
- 2/14 Lenore Schiavelli
- 2/17 Marc Theriault
- 2/20 Valerie Simmeth
- 2/22 Cort Farmer
- 2/23 James Blanton
- 2/25 Charlie Schuler



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

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