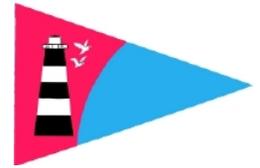




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COMMANDER'S LOGBOOK OCTOBER 2019



Well, the squadron year is quickly coming to a close. The nominating committee has presented a slate of candidates for the elected positions in the squadron to be voted on at the October general meeting. We hope to see you there.

In early November we will be holding our Change of Watch, again at the beautiful Pine Lakes Country Club. Make your plans now and reserve the date – 08 Nov 2019. Some of our bridge officers will be retiring from the bridge and others will be signing on. Please come out and support the new incoming bridge. We will also be recognizing some of our outstanding members during the awards presentations. And, as

you might expect, the meal presented by the Pine Lakes Country Club staff is superb!

Along with the change of elected officers, several department chairs will also be retiring and those positions will need to be filled. I hope if you are asked to serve in one of these appointed positions, you will step forward and accept the opportunity to serve North Strand Sail and Power Squadron.

At the end of the year, I collect the hours our members have contributed towards furthering the goals of NSSPS from our SARS chairman, Al Lehman, for consideration for a merit mark recommendation. Remember, this is the only real payment you receive for all your efforts throughout the year working on committees and events. If your hours qualify, you will be recommended and if/when approved, you will receive a maximum of one merit mark per year. If you eventually accumulate 25 merit marks, you will be recognized as a Life Member in USPS and will be exempt from paying any future dues to USPS/D26/NSSPS. It is important that all our qualifying members be recognized for all their hard work and accomplishments. So, between now and October 1, be sure to report all your hours worked to Al Lehman, alehman@atmc.net or 717-816-0366, for inclusion in the SARS database. Also, if you are a bridge officer or department chairperson, be sure all your people have been credited for their hours worked. Don't worry about duplications coming from individuals and chairpersons/bridge officers. We'll sort that out. We just want to be sure everyone has been covered.

Don't forget the D/26 Fall Conference and Change of Watch is also coming up October 18-20. Details can be found at the bottom of page 5 of the Fall Scuttlebutt just published. Tybee Island looks to be a beautiful venue for this event and many activities have been made available. See you there!

Commander Doug Thomas, SN

**OCTOBER
MEMBERSHIP MEETING**
Saturday, OCTOBER 10,
2019—5:00pm

Change of Watch

8 November 2019

5:00 PM (1700)

Pine Lakes Country Club

5603 Granddaddy Dr.
Myrtle Beach, SC

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<https://www.usps.org/localusps/northstrand/pdfs/COW2019.pdf>

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Elke Boal	10/3	
Lawrence Hasson	10/8	
Clare Pazona	10/13	
Barbara Schuetz	10/13	
Bonnie Kanoy	10/15	
Fred Lebschi	10/21	
George Theriault	10/24	
Julianne Selph	10/29	
Marelda Hart	10/31	



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

and on facebook:

NORTH STRAND SAIL & POWER SQUADRON UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2019*

Wed Oct 2, 2019

5:30pm - 7:30pm- Advance Navigation

Wed Oct 9, 2019

5:30pm - 7:30pm- Advance Navigation

Thu Oct 10, 2019

3pm - 5pm- Basket Weaving Class

Tidewater Community Center

5:45pm - 6:45pm- XCOM Meeting

Little River Elks Lodge, 250 State Hwy 57 S, Little River

Sat Oct 12, 2019

5pm - 8pm- Membership Meeting

Little River Elks Lodge, 250 State Hwy 57 S, Little River

Tue Oct 15, 2019

6:30pm - 8:30pm- Operations Training

Wed Oct 16, 2019

4pm - 5pm- Heritage Shores Clean Up

Heritage Shores Nature Preserve, 5611 Heritage Dr, North Myrtle Beach

5pm - 7pm- Happy Hour, TBD

5:30pm - 7:30pm- Advance Navigation

Thu Nov 7, 2019

5:45pm - 6:45pm- XCOM Meeting

Little River Elks Lodge, 250 State Hwy 57 S, Little River

Fri Nov 8, 2019

5pm - 9pm- Change of Watch

Pine Lakes Country Club, 5603 Granddaddy Dr, Myrtle Beach

*See our website [calendar](http://northstrandsquadron.com) at <http://northstrandsquadron.com> for updates and detailed information, and be on the lookout for more details in your membership emails!



SAIL AWAY BOOK CLUB: The book for October is *Longitude* by Dava Sobel. We'll meet at 6:30 on Tuesday, October 15. Location TBA.



SEO Report OCTOBER 2019

As you sit down to read this article, it will probably be very close to if not the first of October and time to start thinking about Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. This is also a great time to slow down a little and start thinking about boating education. If you joined the boating club in 2019 you have had the opportunity to take ABC, Boat Handling (Seamanship), and Navigation (Piloting). We are getting ready to offer Advance Navigation (Advance Piloting) in October. We have 17 members in the boating club that have achieved the grade of P meaning you have taken all of the courses up to Navigation. I would like to invite you all to join the 13 members that hold the grade of AP (Advance Navigation). That would put you in the top 95 percentile because only 11 members hold a grade of JN or SN.

Out of the 134 members, only 64 (or a little less than 50%) have taken advantage of our Education. Let's strive to increase that in 2020. I am asking as you start thinking about your New Year Resolution, make Boating Education one that you will keep. Education of our fellow boaters makes us all safer on the water.

We continue to stay busy offering classes every month. We started a Marine Electronics class on August 21 with plans to complete it in the next 2 weeks. Hopefully we will have enough students to start the Advanced Navigation immediately after and wrap up before Thanksgiving.

National has told us that the new Boat Handling curriculum will be available in October. One of the noteworthy changes that I see is that the Rules of the Road section has been significantly expanded. Another difference is that BH can be taught as the full course or six individual seminars. If you are interested in just Rules of the Road you can attend just that night of the BH class as the seminar. If you sit for the full class you will get credit not only for the Boat Handling class (Grade is S) but will also get credit for the 6 seminars as well. If you are one of the 70 members yet to take the Boat Handling (Seamanship) class, make the plans now and block out the 7 Wednesday nights starting in mid-January.

As usual, let me know if you are interested in some other education—if there is interest we can get it on the calendar!

Lt/C Frank Pope, JN

Squadron Education Officer & Certified Instructor
America's Boating Club of North Strand