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Upcoming Meetings

23 September 2019
Bluewater Waterfront Grill
1800 (6:00)
Speaker: Andy Wood
(see flyer to right)

28 October 2019
Del Webb Clubhouse
1800 (6:00)
Halloween Party! (see p. 8)



Cape Fear Sail & Power Squadron Membership Meeting



*The Cape Fear River, Its Tributaries,
and Communities It Supports*

23 September 2019

TIME: 1800 (6:00 pm) Social
1900 (7:00 pm) Meeting with Speaker to follow

PLACE: Bluewater Waterfront Grill
4 Marina St, Wrightsville Beach

SPEAKER: Andy Wood, Author and Ecologist

Andy Wood is a fourth generation biologist and graduate of Texas A&M University where he studied wildlife management, natural resource conservation, and museum science. His career includes 12 years as Curator of Education for the North Carolina Aquariums, 11 years as a State Education Director for the National Audubon Society, and 28 years as a volunteer nature commentator for public radio station WHQR. A collection of his commentaries were published in his first book, Backyard Carolina. Today, Andy directs COASTAL PLAIN CONSERVATION GROUP—a non-profit organization working to protect rare and imperiled habitats and the plants and wildlife they support.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: 22 September 2019

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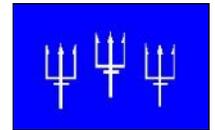
COMMANDER'S REPORT**Cdr Ed Oeters, SN**

Late summer always seems to be an exciting time on the water. Unfortunately, much of the excitement has been preparing for and surviving a hurricane. While Dorian thankfully stayed offshore, the tornadoes spawned along the northeast edge were pretty scary. It seemed that tornado warnings were being generated every 15 minutes all Thursday morning. I hope that everyone survived with minimal or no damage. With Hurricane Dorian now history, we can take a deep breath, while we wait for the next one. Humberto (Tropical Storm Nine) may impact our area next so stay alert.

Weather did have an adverse impact on the Cruise to Beaufort. Two days of heavy thunderstorms at the start of the trip caused several participants, myself included, to cancel. Two boats started the cruise, Lt/C Steve Thompson, JN and Lt Sue Thompson, S on *Forever Dreamin*, and Ron Shaw and Sheila Eubanks on *MerJen Seas* and docked at Bridge Tender Marina on Friday. They were met by several of the other boaters for dinner at Bridge Tender Restaurant. The place was packed because the heavy rains forced everyone inside. Dinner was great, even if the place was a bit noisy. Everyone had a good time. Only *MerJen Seas* continued on Saturday. Traveling alone, they made stops in Swansboro and at Town Creek Marina and City Docks in Beaufort. They returned home to Port City Marina on Wednesday. After a wet start to the cruise, they had some good weather and enjoyed the cruise. Next year we will have to try this cruise earlier in the year to hopefully avoid the adverse weather.

Congratulations are due to two of our members. P/C Wilbur Chapman, SN and Lubov Dunlap, P have reached the special distinction of being members for 25 years. This is deserving of our sincerest appreciation and thanks. To show our congratulations, each will receive a special gold-wreathed 25-year pin to wear proudly.

The District 27 Fall Council/Conference will be held in Charlotte, NC 11-13 October 2019 with a Low Country Boil Friday night and a Titanic-themed dinner and show on Saturday. This should be lots of fun. Maureen and I will attend. If you plan to go, please let me know.

**SUNSHINE COMMITTEE****Lt Jan Hilbert**

We've had two months off from the *Foghorn* publication and within that time, Dorian has left us, praise be, and school has started. Welcome to Fall. Life, indeed, goes on!



It has been reasonably quiet across my desk, but two cards were sent over the hiatus.

A Get Well card was sent to 1/Lt Jean Stacy, S who had cataract surgery in mid-July followed by a dermatology procedure at the end of July. No doubt, Jean is relieved that this is behind her.

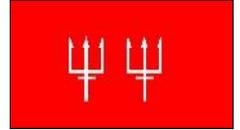
D/Lt/C Hugh Hayes had a heart surgery bypass procedure at the end of August. We sent our best wishes to him from our Squadron for a rapid recovery. We hope that Hugh is doing extremely well.

If you know of anyone in need of a card, please phone me at (910) 350-0902 or email me at hijanh@charter.net as you never can enjoy too much SUNSHINE. I'll spread the cheer.

**New
Members**

Don't forget to look for new members at our meetings and welcome them into the CFS&PS! For information on new members or to serve as sponsors, contact: Lt Linda LeBer, P at membership@capefearsailandpowersquadron.org

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT
Lt/C Otis White, S, Administrative Officer



Vessel Safety Checks (Co-Chairs Lt Twila Nahama, N and Lt Richard Pagan, S): The Vessel Examiner's events since last report have included a number of successful visits to our local marinas including Sea Path, Harbour Village and the marina at Oceana. The vessel check at Oceana also netted us three new members with boats (one complete and two in process)! We currently have approximately **425** VSEs completed for the year as of 12 September. It has been a very busy summer season for us (with some great weather!) and we have our Vessel Examiners to thank for the progress we have made.

Currently we are working toward the submission deadline of 30 November. Our nearest competition, Cape Lookout Squadron, has 453 exams so far and we are catching up fast. Our goal is a record breaking 475 and we have some great Examiner events planned. On 28 September we will be back at Inlet Watch for our third visit this year. On 5 October we will participate in the Fall celebrations at Wilmington Marine where our Squadron has several members berthed. Following those dates we will be back at Harbour Village and Oceana for some end-of-the-year VSEs. And we are planning on a November celebration with food and beverages for all our hard-working Examiners.

Reminder: Neighborhoods often have HOAs that are willing to send out emails to advertise VSEs for those with boats. It's a great way to build numbers and help make the boaters in your neighborhood more safety conscious.

If you know of boat, PVC and kayak rental operations in the area, please let me or Lt Nahama know by email at administrativeofficer@capefearsailandpowersquadron.org. There is a special process to follow but all of these operations add to our numbers!

Public Relations Committee (Co-Chairs Lt Sandie Bateman, S and Lt Selby Bateman, S): The committee continues doing a great job of rebuilding the PR side of our public efforts and they are preparing articles for the *StarNews* as well as many other local online posts. These submissions are bearing fruit for both the Education efforts of the Squadron as well as the boating safety and public awareness efforts that are so much a part of our mission. Some of the publications they have supplied articles and press releases to include:

StarNews
Port City Daily
Island Gazette
Lumina News

Pender-Topsail Post & Voice
 WWAY TV
 WECT TV

Safety Officer (Lt David Parker, S): The Squadron is working on a new Welcome information packet that will cover local weather, tides, currents, shoaling, local services, hurricane preparedness and inlet conditions, to name a few topics. We want CFS&PS to become the go-to for all information in the Cape Fear region for new boaters. Our goal is to have this information on the website as well as a possible printed booklet. A team is being formed to help prepare the different topics. Please contact either Lt Parker, S (dparker@lilesparker.com) or me (ojwhite3@gmail.com) for more information. We believe this effort will have the effect of filling the great educational classes we run and helping spread the word among new residents in the area that CFS&PS is the place to be for boating knowledge and fun on the water.



Important Note to Members: We need the help of our members to update roster information regarding members having boats and those that do not.

You will receive an email from the Squadron Secretary soon with [instructions on how to update your information on the United States Power Squadrons® website.](#)

Please take a moment to update so we can know which members still have boats and what kinds of boats are in the Squadron. This is very important for planning cruises and boating events.





SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER'S REPORT

Lt/C Ned W. Rhodes, SN



Boat Handling class has concluded with 16 students taking the exam and 15 passing.

P/C Ron Tilmon, SN-CN has stepped up to teach **Piloting** which begins 25 September. Currently we have nine students signed up and the materials have been ordered and received.

A check for \$2,000 was sent to Cape Fear Community College for the Marine Technology Scholarship program. Thank you all for your generous donations. I will update you once we hear about the scholarship recipients.

Our August **America's Boating Course**[®] was one of the smallest classes ever. Sixteen students sat for the test and passed. Two students have indicated they will take the exam at a later time and 12 canceled before class. Please continue to spread the word about our ABC classes while you are talking boating with your neighbors.

We will start **Navigation** classes 15 October. So far two students have signed up.

We will be doing the **Advanced Piloting** course sometime in March and **Weather** near the end of April.

I think we are also going to offer the **Emergencies on the Water** seminar and **Radar for Boaters** course in the Spring. Two members need those two classes for their Boat Operators Certification, so it makes sense to schedule those for all in the Squadron.

Contact me at educationofficer@capefearsailandpowersquadron.org to let me know which courses you are interested in taking, if you have questions about our current offerings, or if you'd like to become an instructor with the Education Department.

AUGUST AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE[®] A SUCCESS

ASEO 1/Lt Meg Morrison, JN



Once again, I am forever grateful to the instructors that make our class entertaining, educational and fun. This includes P/C Ron Tilmon, SN-CN, Lt/C Ned Rhodes, SN, Dave Munnikhuysen, SN, John Kelly, JN, P/C Jerry Hall, SN, Lt/C Otis White, S, P/Lt/C Rick Sorrenti, AP and Lt Ed Kreul, JN.



We also had a perfect day on the water on the Wilmington Water Tours boat *The Wilmington* for the teaching cruise on Sunday. One student commented "Loved that there were various instructors who each had extra expertise in certain areas. I enjoyed experiencing your camaraderie." Another student said, "Super Instructors who are passionate about the subject matter!" Several students said their favorite part was "Going out on Sunday and putting what we learned into practice." Enrollment was less than usual with a surprising number of registered students cancelling at the last minute (12 total). Sixteen students earned their boating certificates and two students had to postpone taking the test due to personal commitments that afternoon.

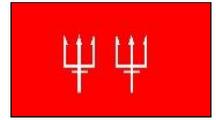
P/C Ron Tilmon, SN-CN demonstrated the inflatable life jacket with a volunteer student at the ABC class.





ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Lt/C Otis White, S



Membership (Lt Linda LeBer, P): There have been three new members, one reinstatement from years past and a transfer in from Ohio since our last publication for a total of five new faces in our Squadron. Please welcome new members Bo Furr, Eric Gayan and Laura Burkes to the Squadron! Our returning member is Jerry Dimeo who has now moved here permanently from Rocky Mount and our transfer member is P/Lt/C Dan Charna, AP who joins us from District 29 in Ohio. Please introduce yourself to Bo, Eric, Laura, Jerry and Dan at the next meeting. Welcome!

We are also preparing an email to the graduates of the August America's Boating Course® to remind them of their 18-month special offer. This is a great offer for folks interested in the Squadron to enjoy 18 months of membership in their first year after they graduate from the ABC class. Membership is still planning a New Member Reception for all new 2019 members. 2018 new members will be included in the celebration also. An October date for the meeting is being planned.

Meetings and Programs: Our August meeting was a great success and we learned a great deal about the waters around us from Dr. David Eggleston. His presentation was engaging and wide ranging and was enjoyed by all who attended. Over 60 members attended and we are working on bringing David back next year to discuss his research.

On 10 August we collected plastic trash with the Cape Fear River Watch folks and some of the plastics we collected have been sent off to be turned into fuel! Lt Rafael Toro will be bringing the fuel to a future meeting so we can see what results from this exciting new recycling system. The event was great fun and a learning experience for our Squadron as well as a great day outside in the beautiful Cape Fear River Watershed. Thanks to those who came out!



Plastics being sorted & cleaned for shipment

Our next meeting is on **23 September 2019** with Andy Wood. Andy is a replacement for Kemp Burdette who has been called to a NC-wide Conservation Meeting on the date of our meeting. Andy's talk will cover The Cape Fear River; its tributaries, and communities it supports. **Please sign up ASAP on the squadron website or [HERE](#) to attend.**

Andy Wood is a fourth generation biologist and graduate of Texas A&M University where he studied wildlife management, natural resource conservation, and museum science. His career includes 12 years as Curator of Education for the North Carolina Aquariums, 11 years as a State Education Director for the National Audubon Society, and 28 years as a volunteer nature commentator for public radio station WHQR. A collection of his commentaries was published in his first book, *Backyard Carolina*. Today, Andy directs COASTAL PLAIN CONSERVATION GROUP—a non-profit organization working to protect rare and imperiled habitats and the plants and wildlife they support.

On **28 October 2019** we are hosting a great **Halloween Costume Party and General Meeting** at the Lodge at Del Webb in RiverLights. Thanks to Lt Sue Thompson, S and her team for putting on this great Fall Celebration! See the flyer in this issue of the *Foghorn* for more info and registration.

The Membership Involvement Committee (Lt Dawn Buboltz): Lt Rafael Toro led a group of intrepid ecological warriors on a clean-up with the Power Squadron & Cape Fear River Watch and the Antilles Plastics Project. We cleaned up a couple of retention ponds in the Greenfield Lake area. As part of the cleanup, we diverted "landfill bound" plastic waste to our goals of creating fuels. After sorting and cleaning, 48 pounds of plastic is being sent off to be converted to diesel. We will have a boat powered by this soon!

Remember to sign up for the **Wilmington Port Tour on 19 September 2019**. This tour enables visitors to get a first-hand look at terminal operations including truck interchanges, yard operations for both containers and general cargo as well as vessel operations for both containers and general cargo. Participants will also receive a brief overview of the NC Port's history and its commitment to enhancing the economy of North Carolina.

On the day of the tour, all visitors must bring their submitted ID for safety and security. Seating is limited to 25 participants (only nine seats left!). Guests are welcome so tell your friends! Presentation time - 9:30 am – bring Driver's License to check-in. Tour time 10:00 – 11:00 am – Trolley leaves promptly at 10:00 am. Place: Port of Wilmington Administrative Offices, 2202 Burnett Blvd., Wilmington (park in the lots located on either side of the building) COST: \$15.00 per person – Sign up today on the Squadron website or [HERE](#)

Boating Activities (Lt Ron Hottes, Boating Activities Chair): Our annual Hearty Souls Cruise will be to Bald Head Island from 1 – 3 November 2019 and is captained by Lt/C Steve Thompson, JN and Lt Sue Thompson, S. This cruise will be a great time to tour this beautiful piece of the NC and Cape Fear coast. For more information see their article in this issue of the *Foghorn*. You can register at the Squadron website or [HERE](#). Also, see the note at the bottom of on [page 3](#) about updating your boat data in the database.

PREPARING BIG BOATS FOR THE STORM

1/Lt Meg Morrison, JN



Boat preparations prior to a hurricane for larger vessels is involved (and somewhat costly). It dawned on me that it's good advice to mention this to those considering buying a larger boat. The insurance companies often prefer that a boat is hauled out of the water and blocked on land. Their logic is that the potential damage on land would be less to repair than a sunken boat.

Planning where you will take her requires several phone calls to marinas and boat yards early in the year. Many boat yards have haul out reservations that require a down payment to guarantee a spot if a storm comes. These spaces are limited and if you wait to call, they may be full. Also, this reservation fee is a "use it or lose it" cost – if there is no hurricane in a season, the fee is not returned. If there is a hurricane, then there are added costs for the actual haul out, shore power, bottom cleaning, and possibly a storage fee if a specified time frame on the hard is exceeded.

Once she is safely blocked on land, it's time for the owner to climb a ladder to get aboard to remove the bimini, flags, fenders, lines, and other items. Once the storm passes, hopefully, there is a collective sigh of relief that no damage was incurred. We hope that all of you had minimal damage from Dorian and are back on the water soon. The following photos were taken at Wilmington Marine Center on Tuesday 3 September.



Saint 'n Sinner on the hard with Steve Worcester, AP securing what he can.



1/Lt Meg Morrison, JN aboard her Endeavour *Detente* as she comes out of the water



Lt Richard Pagan, S carrying main sail off *Detente* for storage.



Impulse being hauled out with Lt/C Ned Rhodes, SN watching.



U.S. COAST GUARD RELEASES 2018 RECREATIONAL BOATING STATISTICS REPORT

The U.S. Coast Guard recently released its 2018 Recreational Boating Statistics Report, revealing that there were 633 boating fatalities nationwide in 2018, a 3.8 percent decrease from 2017. From 2017 to 2018, overall recreational boating injuries also decreased 4.5 percent (2,629 to 2,511), and the total number of accidents decreased 3.4 percent (4,291 to 4,145).

Alcohol continued to be the leading known contributing factor in fatal boating accidents in 2018, accounting for 100 deaths, or 19 percent of total fatalities. The report also shows that in 2018:

- The fatality rate was 5.3 deaths per 100,000 registered recreational vessels, which tied as the third lowest rate in the program's history. This rate represents a 3.6 percent decrease from last year's fatality rate of 5.5 deaths per 100,000 registered recreational vessels.
- Property damage totaled about \$46 million.
- Operator inattention, improper lookout, operator inexperience, machinery failure, and excessive speed ranked as the top five primary contributing factors in accidents.

Where the cause of death was known, 77 percent of fatal boating accident victims drowned. Of those drowning victims with reported life jacket usage, **84 percent were not wearing a life jacket**. Where boating instruction was known, **74 percent of deaths occurred on vessels where the operator had not received boating safety instruction**. The Coast Guard recommends that all boaters take a boating safety course that meets the National Boating Education Standards prior to getting out on the water. The most common vessel types involved in reported accidents were open motorboats, personal watercraft, and cabin motorboats. Where vessel type was known, the vessel types with the highest percentage of deaths were open motorboats (50 percent), kayaks (13.5 percent), and canoes (7 percent). **The Coast Guard reminds all boaters to boat responsibly on the water: wear a life jacket, take a boating safety course, attach the engine cut-off switch, get a free vessel safety check, and boat sober.**

To view the 2018 Recreational Boating Statistics, visit http://uscgboating.org/statistics/accident_statistics.php. For more information on boating responsibly, visit <http://www.uscgboating.org>.

HARDY SOULS CRUISE
1-3 NOVEMBER 2019, BALD HEAD ISLAND
Lt/C Steve Thompson, JN and Lt Sue Thompson, S, Cruise Coordinators

It's time to think about the Hardy Souls Cruise and this year we will be heading to Bald Head Island, 1-3 November. Although Wilmington City Docks has been the historical Hardy Souls cruise destination, your cruise captains believe it is time for a change, time to try something new. The nautical distance from Carolina Beach is just about the same whether going to Wilmington or Bald Head Island. Those desiring to participate by land yacht will find the journey a bit more challenging; but why not make the challenge a part of the journey to enjoy?

Since the tourist season will be finished the marina will be decreasing their slip fees to \$1.50 per foot, and has informed the cruise captains that if at least six boats participate there will be an additional 10% discount. Currently we have five boats signed up. (There is a 24' minimum for the slip fee.) You can rent a golf cart and explore the island on your own as well as participate in activities currently being planned, such as an Old Baldy Foundation historic tour (at an additional cost to be determined) with a stop at infamous Old Baldy Lighthouse. Golf cart rental is \$75/day for a four-passenger cart. Dinner will be at Mojo's on Friday and Delphina's on Saturday. And yes, the ice cream shop will be open for business that weekend, as well as some (but not all) of the local shops. For those who prefer to travel by land yacht, rental prices can be high. Check out the Bald Head Island website for suggestions.

Stay tuned for more info as the time gets closer to this fun-filled event. If you have any questions, please contact the Thompsons at foreverdreamin06@gmail.com. Hope to see you there.

WEATHER NOTES
P/Lt/C Rick Sorrenti, AP

Hurricane Dorian is history for the U.S. but incidents during the hurricane only requires heightened awareness from all of us. The CFS&PS has been recognized as a NOAA/NWS Weather Nation Ambassador and I wanted to get word out about milestones coming up and ask you to review the below links and help spread the "safety awareness" news.

Fall Safety Campaign: <https://www.weather.gov/wrn/fall-safety>. Check out the latest infographics, and popular content that you can share with others.
<https://www.weather.gov/wrn/fall-infographics>

September is National Preparedness Month. NOAA and the National Weather Service are partnering with FEMA and many other organizations to get everyone involved in National Preparedness Month. Learn more about how to be "Prepared, Not Scared." www.ready.gov/september

WRN Ambassadors of Excellence Campaign is 16-30 September. For the third year, offices across NOAA/National Weather Service will recognize their local "Ambassador of Excellence" to highlight innovative efforts that have made an impact on community resilience. Learn more at: www.weather.gov/wrn/ambassador_recognition.



GREAT YEAR FOR THE ICW
P/Lt/C Rick Sorrenti, AP

Many of you know I asked Congressman David Rouser for his support in Washington for improvements in the condition of the ICW. We undertook a letter writing effort to the *StarNews* and we were successful in getting support from United States Power Squadrons® District 27 HQ for the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway Association efforts. I wanted to share the short article below that just hit the news.

"The Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway (AICW) has received much attention this past year. As a result, it's in the best shape it's been for the past 10 years. Major funding increases for dredging has improved the depths through some areas that haven't been dredged in decades, in addition to routine dredging for places like Lockwoods Folly and Shallotte. In no previous year would you have seen such a long list. Through the efforts of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway Association (AIWA), local agencies, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and others, funding to maintain the beloved Atlantic ICW was at its highest this past year over many previous years."



Cape Fear Sail & Power Squadron

2019 Halloween Costume Party & Membership Meeting 28 October 2019

**Place: *The Lodge at Del Webb*
624 Lyrebird Avenue, Wilmington
(At the Del Webb Neighborhood in RiverLights)**

Time: 6:00 pm to ???

**It's a Potluck: Bring a "finger food" to Share
(No Eating Utensils Provided)**

BYOB: Ice and cups provided

Lots of fun and Games Planned!

Awesome Prizes!

No fee, but please register by clicking below:

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For additional information, please contact:

Lt/C Otis White, S, Administrative Officer at administrativeofficer@capefearsailandpowersquadron.org

Photos will be taken at this event for publication in the *Foghorn* and Squadron website.
If you do not wish to have your photo taken, please sign the Opt-Out sheet at the registration table



September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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29	30					



October 2019

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Birthdays

SEPTEMBER		
DAY	NAME	
2	Carol A.	Lupton
3	Edward J.	Kreul
4	Richard	Pagan
4	Margaret J.	Richards
7	Janet L.	Crisp-lacy
7	Ronald Dwain	Shaw
9	Shelby W.	Battle
10	Kurt W.	Schreiber
14	Brittany	Eller
16	Aaron	Jacobs
18	Peter O.	Cox
23	Daniel J.	Cookinham
25	Coral E.	Grimes
28	Roger Dell	Cando
28	William H.	Miller

OCTOBER		
DAY	NAME	
5	Paul A.	Cook
7	David S.	Buckles
8	Lubov M.	Dunlap
15	Katie	Norris
16	Carol M.	Walston
18	Walter L.	Sheffield
18	Barbara G.	White
24	Brenda K.	Tondeur
25	Alexander	Wrenn

2019-2020 Schedule for District 27 and National Events		
D 27 Fall Conference	11-13 October 2019	Hilton Garden Inn - Charlotte-Ayrsley Charlotte, NC
Winter training for new officers	11 January 2020	Resurrection Lutheran School/Church
USPS Spring Annual Meeting	9-16 February 2020	Sawgrass Marriott Ponte Vedra, FL



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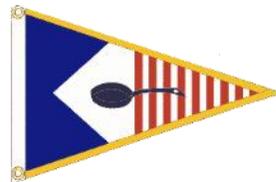
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