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Cape Fear Sail & Power Squadron

General Membership Meeting & Speaker



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Monday, March 25

Where: Waterman's Brewing Co.
1610 Pavilion Pl., Wilmington

Times: 6:00 pm Social Reception
7:00 pm Speaker/Meeting

(Come early and enjoy a great meal in the dining room at 5:00 pm)

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Upcoming Meetings

March Membership Meeting
Waterman's Brewing Co.
March 24, 2024
6:00 pm
See flyer right

April Membership Meeting
Waterman's Brewing Co.
April 22, 2024
6:00 pm
See flyer page 6



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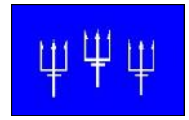
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**COMMANDER'S REPORT
Cdr Joan Payne, S**

As we move into the month of March, we begin to look forward to spending time on and around the water. I want to take this time to tell you how exciting it is to be a part of the Cape Fear Sail & Power Squadron. We are an organization of members who are dedicated to making boating safer and also more enjoyable by having our Education department teach classes in Boat Handling/Seamanship and other boating-related subjects. Our members consist of families who enjoy our waters and also some who contribute their time and effort to teaching safe boating classes and performing safety vessel checks. We also enjoy building memories through on-the-water cruises and making new friends by building memories through our on-land social activities.

We know that a great day on the water or enjoying a social activity on land can be something our Squadron can make happen for you and your family. The Cape Fear Sail & Power Squadron offers a world of FUN and EXCITEMENT for both you and your family. Come join us and invite both your family and friends to join us for a great time with the Cape Fear Sail & Power Squadron.

Finally....come join us for the for the District 27 Spring Council and COW on March 15-16 at Shell Island Resort at Wrightsville Beach, NC.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT
Lt/C Jim Kennedy**

Spring is almost here. That means some important Squadron activities are around the corner, especially Vessel Safety Check days at local marinas and boat shows. These are not only important events in their own right, but also great opportunities for members to be involved in Squadron activities. As a volunteer for one of these activities you not only are helping the Squadron but you also are meeting other members in a nice, relaxed environment where you can share your boating interests. You'll make some good connections with experienced members who may be great sources of advice for you in the future. Participation in boat shows and the Squadron's other information events requires NO experience or special expertise—just a few hours of your time.

Coming up soon are two events that can be great first-time Squadron activities for newer members:

Saturday, March 23 at West Marine: We will have an information table at West Marine. We use this opportunity to make local boaters familiar with the important safety, social, and educational opportunities available through the CFS&PS. Since we have plenty of informative material at the table, staffing this does not require any in-depth knowledge, just a smiling face. Please contact Lt Pat MacDonald (pjmcd.fl@gmail.com, or 443-812-3874) to offer your time for the West Marine event.

Saturday, April 13 at Cape Fear Community College Boat Show: CFS&PS has participated in this event for many years. Our information table at the boat show is a great place to meet experienced and new local boaters. We have often obtained interest in memberships and in our education courses through contact with the community at this boat show. Please volunteer for a morning or afternoon shift at this one-day event. If you can spare a little time for this event, please contact either Lt Mike Cramer, S (mikeinwilmington@gmail.com, or 410-935-9290) or Lt Wendell Lightner (wendelllightner86@gmail.com, or 908-442-1010).

We always have experienced members at these events, so you will have plenty of support if it's your first experience.

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Vessel Safety Checks (Lt Pat McDonald)

At the end of February, we had completed 39 VSCs with 34 passing.

The Coast Guard has issued a mandatory 2024 workshop for Vessel Examiners. This online material has been distributed to all Squadron VEs. As mentioned last month, there were changes to the requirements for fire extinguishers (all must have a date of manufacture). There is also a new emphasis on informing boat owners of the means and reason for registering your VHF with the MMSI registry, as this makes any distress calls from your radio much more effective.



Please remember that our website has a list of Squadron Vessel Examiners and a place to sign up for a VSC of your own boat ([Vessel Safety Check – Cape Fear Sail & Power Squadron \(capefearpowersquadron.org\)](http://Vessel Safety Check – Cape Fear Sail & Power Squadron (capefearpowersquadron.org))). Let's make sure all of our Squadron's vessels are checked for the coming season.

We have two upcoming VSC events:

Saturday, March 9 – Inlet Watch Yacht Club (9 am to 1 pm): All VEs have been contacted to sign up.

Saturday, March 23 – West Marine (9 am to 1 pm). We will perform VSCs in the parking lot for trailered boats and paddle craft. Please contact Lt Pat MacDonald if you are available.

Public Relations (1/Lt Meg Morrison, JN)

Please be sure to read Meg Morrison's wonderful article in this edition of the *Foghorn*. It describes a very unique and moving public service performed through our Squadron. Reading this article will give you a real sense of the almost unlimited potential of our Squadron to impact the community.



MEMBER BENEFIT: WEEMS & PLATH Nancie Kennedy

Weems & Plath is an online store selling quality marine and navigation items to USPS members for a 25% discount. On their website you'll see several product categories besides navigation tools, such as lights, weather instruments, charts, compasses, and so on. Those of you taking the Marine Navigation course might want to check out some of their navigational instruments (which they are known for). To get your 25% discount on anything you order; use the Promotion Code USPS25 and give it a try by going to <http://www.weems-plath.com/>.



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE Lt Jan Hilbert



I have nothing to report this month, so either we are very healthy, or no one is sharing (hoping it is the former!).

If you know of anyone in need of a card, please phone me at 910-350-0902, text to 910-685-0213 or email hijanh@charter.net and I will send our message.

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all!



SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER'S REPORT

Lt/C Ned W. Rhodes, SN



The **Piloting/Marine Navigation** class is underway with 18 students. The class is being held at the New Hanover County Arboretum in the NC Extension classroom. The facility is great, and there is plenty of free parking.

The next **America's Boating Course® (ABC)** on June 22 will also be held at the NC Extension classroom. Our final ABC class for 2024 will be on August 3.

All 26 students in our February ABC class passed. We had a wonderful teaching cruise on the river on the second day.

Upcoming classes that we are considering, assuming there is sufficient interest:

Weather in the spring – an email has been sent to gauge interest

Advanced Piloting in the summer or fall

Boat Handling in the fall

The recent Instructor Recertification class in February was a success, and all students received an additional four years on their teaching certificate. We also vetted Lt/C Gary Church, S as an ABC instructor, and we are hopeful that he will be able to help us teach in August.

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



ABC STARTS 2024 AT A NEW VENUE

1/Lt Meg Morrison, JN



Twenty-six students attended and passed our **America's Boating Course® (ABC)** on February 24-25. Unfortunately, Cape Fear Community College is no longer allowing us to use their facility. Squadron member Catherine Fort passed along a contact at the Girls Leadership of Wilmington (GLOW) Academy during our search for a new facility, and it worked well as the new location for the February class.

What makes our ABC class unique is the optional 2-hour teaching cruise in partnership with Wilmington Water Tours. As we traveled down the Cape Fear River and back, our students observed cargo container unloading at the Port of Wilmington and learned how to cross the large wakes from the boat traffic. This was in addition to learning about charts, navigation aids, tides and currents, weather, local resources, and historical and geographical facts of interest.

My gratitude goes to our dedicated volunteer instructors: P/C Ron Tilmon, SN; David Munnikhuysen, SN; P/Lt/C Steve Thompson, SN; Ed Kreul, SN; P/C Otis White, P; Lt/C Ned Rhodes, SN; and Lt Pat McDonald. Finally, the efforts of Lt Arleen Rhodes, our Registrar, are invaluable to the course's success.





ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT Lt/C John Streatfeild



2024 has started out with mixed results. Our January Awards Ceremony was well attended and many awards were presented to very deserving members of our Squadron. Unfortunately, we had to cancel our February Soup Cook-Off due to lack of participants. Now things are looking up again as we've had a great response for the Turtle Sanctuary tour on March 19. (See our website for more information and to register.)

We are continuing to fill out this year's Events Calendar. At our meeting on **Monday, March 25**, Hunter Ingram, Assistant Director of the Burgwin-Wright House & Gardens will be our guest speaker. He will discuss the unique and colorful history of this 1770 House, one of the finest examples of Georgian architecture in the state, and a true Wilmington treasure. See the flyer in this issue or our website for more information or [REGISTER HERE](#).

On **Monday, April 22**, we will hear from Captain Tim List, Commander of the Coast Guard Sector North Carolina. Capt. List has over 1,300 personnel under his command and his area of responsibility spans 3,375 nautical miles of inland, river and coastal waterways. See the flyer in this issue or our website for more information or [REGISTER HERE](#).

We will be implementing a New Member Mentoring Program this spring and will be asking members to volunteer. Mentors will be asked to encourage new members to attend meetings and get involved in one or more of the interest groups. The mentors are expected to stay in contact with the new member for the first six months of their Squadron membership.

Last year, eight Interest Groups were formed and members were asked to indicate the groups they would like to join. As a next step, we are going to email the list of groups to all members and ask you to confirm your interest and/or indicate what other group(s) you may be interested in. We will also ask for two co-chair volunteers from each group who will be responsible for planning and organizing at least two events during the year. If we don't get two volunteers from an interest group, we will remove the group from the list.

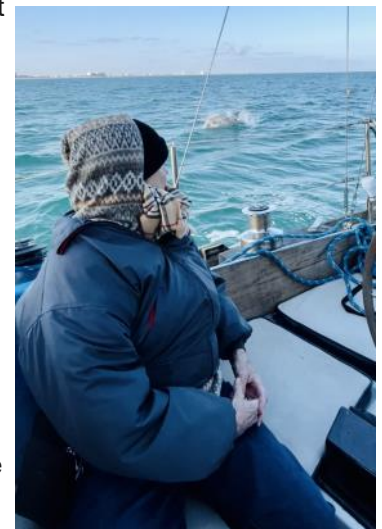
Our Squadron continues to do well, and we currently have 185 members. We are the largest squadron in North Carolina and in District 27. We have one new member, Reuel K. Sample, who will be introduced and sworn in at our March meeting. Reuel has extensive boating experience and will be a valuable new member.

CFS&PS FACILITATES BUCKET LIST WISH 1/Lt Meg Morrison, JN and Captain Jim Sheegog

The Cape Fear Sail & Power Squadron in partnership with Shamrock Sailing Adventures recently brought pure joy to a very special woman. We received a call from a local hospice organization, Lower Cape Fear Life Care. A humble "bucket list" request had arrived, and our Squadron appeared to be just the right nonprofit to find a solution.

Lower Cape Fear Life Care requested an offshore cruise for a remarkable sailing captain who longed for one more sail on the ocean blue. While our Squadron sailboats were not readily available, a sailboat that had received a courtesy vessel safety examination was eager to assist. We asked Jim Sheegog, a local U.S. Coast Guard licensed captain, if he could arrange a day sailing adventure on the Atlantic Ocean. Jim, the owner of Shamrock Sailing Adventures, welcomed the idea, offering his classic 1977 Sparkman & Stephens 42-foot Allied yawl to fulfill the request.

On the afternoon of February 25 SV/*Shamrock* headed out to sea with three very special guests—a retired woman with a request to revisit her sea captain years; her loving husband; and her Lower Cape Fear Life Care healthcare nurse. With light but steady winds and mild temperatures, the sailing vessel made its way into the Atlantic on an incoming tide. Several miles offshore, a dozen playful dolphins swam with the sailboat, breaching several times as if to say "hello." Jim loves the accidental conversations that emerge when the jib and mainsail take over and the auxiliary engine shuts down and the conversation begins. His special guest revealed she was a former transatlantic sea captain. She was also a member of Jim's graduating class of 1973 at Jacksonville Senior High School. As most cockpit conversations go, her life story was just amazing—being the first woman to graduate from Cape Fear Community College's boat building program, and going on to work at Westsail Yachts, formerly of Wilmington.





Cape Fear Sail & Power Squadron



General Member Meeting & Speaker



**Our speaker: Captain Tim List, Commander,
Coast Guard Sector North Carolina**

Monday, April 22, 2024

Capt. List assumed command of Sector North Carolina in June 2023. He has 1,300 Active, Reserve, and Auxiliary Coast Guard women and men under his command. His command spans 3,375 nautical miles of inland, river, and coastal waterways. Capt. List was commissioned in 2000 and has served across the Coast Guard's operations ashore community including field tours at Marine Safety Office Miami, Sector Los Angeles-Long Beach, Sector Honolulu, and Sector San Francisco.

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Birthdays

MARCH		
DAY	NAME	
1	Joel A.	Pierce
2	Francine	Hall
2	Leon	Levitt
2	Lisa	Phelps
2	Rebecca A.	Wagner
3	Douglas G.	Warren
4	Elsie A.	Budewig
7	Joan H.	Payne
9	Leah	Zuckerman
10	Helen M.	Bordeaux
10	Gary	Church
15	Jennifer L.	Favorito
16	Rafael	Toro
17	Phyllis	Sammis
20	Alejo J.	Cruz
22	William R.	Freund
24	Jonnie K. C.	Chardonn
24	Maureen L.	Oeters
30	Lesley G.	Parker

APRIL		
DAY	NAME	
3	Eileen J.	Simon
10	Richard K.	Barnet
10	Leonard	Pattison
11	Barbara H.	Cruz
11	Jill W.	Kelly
11	Juanita S.	Neumeister
15	Bryan	Shaleuly
17	P. Ruth	Arnold
17	Benjamin R.	Levy
22	Dennis	Kelleher
23	William C.	Eldridge
26	Joni L.	Midgett
28	Mark G.	Stacy
29	Arleen	Rhodes

2024 Schedule for District 27 and USPS National Events

District 27 Spring Council Conference and Change of Watch	March 15-16, 2024	Shell Island Resort Wrightsville Beach, NC
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