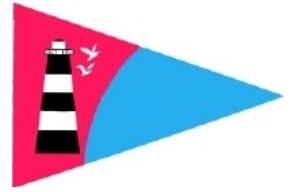


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Cdr Frank Pope JN

FROM THE COMMANDER'S HELM

I hope everyone had a safe and joyous holiday season. As usual, this past year has flown by but has left us with a lot of good memories of things past. My biggest regret, as always, has been not spending enough time on the water, and my New Year's resolution, as usual, will be to spend more time on the water. That, added with the typical resolutions of eating better, losing a few pounds, exercising more, and getting healthier will keep me busy in 2025.

I hope everyone is looking forward to the upcoming year. We will start with our January meeting on the 2nd Monday which is the 13th, back at the VFW on highway 57. Following that will be our Change of Watch (COW) on Feb 10th. COW is a time where we thank and celebrate our leaders (executive committee, members at large, chairpersons) and all the volunteers that have planned all the meetings, cook-outs, cruises, civic events, and parties from the previous year. It is also a time where we show our thanks to those new people stepping up to help run the organization for the up-coming year.

I will be stepping down, as this was my final year serving a two-year term as Commander, and our new Commander will be taking over with new plans and new ideas for 2025. I would like to thank all our members who helped with the success of the club by putting on our boat education classes (ABC and advanced classes), our Vessel Safety examiners and the 100+ boat examinations they did, the volunteers and planners for the monthly beach clean-ups, and those who donated coats for the annual Ladies luncheon coat drive. It has been a pleasure watching you execute these wonderful events in 2024.

As we enter 2025, make one of your resolutions be to get more involved in the boating club. This organization has an awesome goal of fellowship and boating education. Make sure you become part of that in the coming year. Get involved and pay it forward and you will be rewarded with a fun time, good friends, and a safe boating experience.

Hope you had a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year, and lots of time with family and friends. Safe travels with Calm Winds and Following Seas!

NSSPS LADIES CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON PHOTOS



Vessel Safety Examiners



Please take advantage of the FREE Vessel safety exams. In 2024, 128 vessel safety checks were done by our dedicated examiners!

See one of the 2025 Safety Examiners

Lt/C Robert Mattison , S Chair

Lt Twila Nahama, SN

D/1st /Lt John Cattuna SN-CN

P/D/C Andy Hyman III SN-ACN

P/Lt/C Craig Huber JN

Cdr Frank Pope JN

P/D/C Jeffrey H Horton

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

December 4, 2024

Dear Lt C Bea Norris,

As per the bylaws of the North Strand Sail and Power Squadron, The Nominations Committee is sending you, the squadron secretary, the nominations report for Watch Year 2025. Members of the committee are Rich Norris, Marc Theriault, and Ellen Theriault.

Respectfully submitted,



Commander Ed McNiff

Executive Officer Bob Mattison

SEO John Cattuna

Administration Officer OPEN POSITION

Treasurer Liz Yamashita

Secretary Bea Norris

Past Commander Frank Pope

Members at Large Donna Lippincott and Mary Jane Thomas

Rules Committee

Doug Thomas

Kathy (previously Thorne) Johnson

Mary Lickfeld

Nominations Committee

Frank Pope

Rich Norris

Twila Nahama

Audit Committee

Jake Kanoy 1 year, but not the chair

Jamie Cross 2 years

Bob Lickfeld 3 years



Marianne M.	Schuler	07
David A.	Leach	11
Richard H.	Stetson	11
Jeffrey W.	Horton	12
Edward P.	Bullwinkel	15
Jane Ellen J.	Bonner	18
Edwin H.	Mora	19
James R.	McVey	23

Grand Strand Boat Show and Sportsman Expo

Date: January 10, 2025 – January 12, 2025

Location: Myrtle Beach Convention Center

The Grand Strand Boat Show and Sportsman Expo is a premier event showcasing the latest in boating, fishing, and outdoor sports gear. Attendees can explore a wide range of exhibits, enjoy interactive demonstrations, and connect with industry experts.

WHERE GO THE BOATS?

Robert Louis Stevenson

Dark brown is the river.
 Golden is the sand.
 It flows along for ever,
 With trees on either hand.

Green leaves a-floating,
 Castles of the foam,
 Boats of mine a-boating—
 Where will all come home?

On goes the river
 And out past the mill,
 Away down the valley,
 Away down the hill.

Away down the river,
 A hundred miles or more,
 Other little children
 Shall bring my boats ashore.



DISTRICT 26 NEWS

2025 Spring Conference & Change of Watch

When: February 28 – March 2,
2025

Where: Sonesta Resort
Hilton Head Island
1-800-SON-ESTA

Hosted by:
Hilton Head Sail & Power Squadron,
America's Boating Club Hilton Head

SEE D26 WEBSITE FOR MORE
INFORMATION

NSSPS CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025

JANUARY

13 5:0 PM MEMBERSHIP MEETING
15 3:30 PM HERITAGE SHORES CLEANUP

FEBRUARY

10 5:00 PM MEMBERSHIP MEETING
19 3:30 PM HERITAGE SHORES CLEANUP

NATIONAL NEWS



AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB
UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS

Annual Meeting
February 5-9, 2025
Orlando, Florida