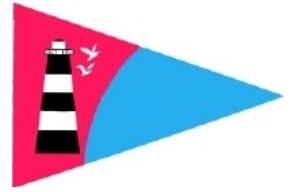


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Cdr Frank Pope JN

FROM THE COMMANDER'S HELM

It is hard to believe, as I sit and write this article, that two years have passed since I had the honor of being elected as your Commander. I feel like we have a much stronger core group, and we have done some fun and exciting things in the past two years. It also seems a little weird that after the last six plus years on XCOM as SEO, XO and Commander that I will have a new title, that of Past Commander. Every past commander that I have known and worked with tells me that is the best title to have, so I must admit, I am looking forward to it.

The best news is that I am leaving you in some very capable hands with you new Commander Ed McNiff. He will bring in new ideas and ways of doing things along with maintaining things of the past that have worked well. Ed has a very capable and strong XCOM supporting him for exciting things in 2025. Bob, John, Liz and Bea are strong leaders and will support Ed in moving forward and working under the constraints and challenges from the National organization of the last two years.

I am looking forward to 2025 and seeing what the new group of leaders brings our way. Remember, they can't do it alone and need your help. Please get involved and let them know what you would like to see from your boating club. It takes a team and can't be done alone. Make this the best club in the area by getting involved.

Fair Winds and Following Seas

(Soon to be) P/C (Past Commander) Frank Pope, JN

Educational Officer's Briefing



D/1st/Lt John Cattuna, SN -CN

- Our first ABC class of 3 ABC classes scheduled in 2025 will be held on February 8, 2025. At this time we have 8 people signed up through USPS and SCDNR.
- We currently have the Navigation, Global Navigation Celestial and Electronic Class under way with 3 class participants. This class is scheduled to run through April.
- Our Next ABC class is scheduled for June 14th
- We have had one or two requests for the Engine Maintenance Course. The new Engine Maintenance course 2011 has been put into one ten chapter course that stresses the diagnosis of modern systems, while also teaching the basics of engine layout and operation. Gasoline inboards, outboards, and diesel engines are taught in a way that reinforces the common aspects of how engines work. This new course is complete in one book with one exam. The key word here is the basics, you will not be an engine technician after completing this course but you will know a whole bunch more about how engines work and some basic do-it-yourself skills.
- Additionally we have had a few requests for the Sail course. Sail is a complete sail course beginning with basic boat designs, rigging and sail processes for the non-sailor and experienced sailor as well. The course proceeds into the physical aspects of sailing, sail applications, marlinespike, helmsmanship, and handling of more difficult sailing conditions, navigation rules, and an introduction to heavy weather sailing. Many of the heavy weather sailing techniques also apply to motor driven vessels.
- If we can amass a small group of students for either course we will endeavor to present them in 2025.
- As always, let the education department know if there are any seminars or courses you would like for us to present.

Vessel Safety Examiners



Please take advantage of the FREE Vessel safety exams.

See one of the 2025 Safety Examiners

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24th Annual North Strand Sail and Power Squadron

Change of Watch and Awards Ceremony Mon. February 10th - 5:00-9:00

*The Officer's Club, 714 Hwy 17, Little River SC
29566*

*The meal will consist of a plated dinner including salad with
your choice of:*

*Appetizer - Mozzarella Fritti or Mini Meatballs,
Choice of:*

- 1. 10 oz. Ribeye topped with Crispy Fried Onions with a
horseradish cream sauce*
- 2. Chicken Parmesan over Angel Hair Pasta*
- 3. Fried or Grilled Flounder with Roasted Potatoes & Green
Beans*
- 4. Butternut Squash Ravioli in a Brown Butter Sweet Pota-
toe Pecan Sauce*

Choice of Dessert - Red Velvet Cake or Tiramisu

*The cost will be \$25.00 / person plus a cash bar.
Dress will be business casual.*

*Social hour at 5:00. Dinner at 6:00 followed by the Awards Cere-
mony and COW. This will also serve as our February Membership
meeting.*

*Please RSVP to Liz Yamashita with your Appetizer, Dinner and Dessert
Selection to: mzlizy@comcast.net or text 843-653-0606.*



Happy Valentine's Day

Bea	Norris	01
Edward F.	McNiff	05
Kimberly D.	Leverich	11
James W.	Sever	12
Valarie J.	Weede	18
Charles W.	Schuler	25
John William	Smith Jr.	25



D DISTRICT 26 NEWS

NSSPS CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025

**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

FEBRUARY

- 10 5:00 PM Change of Watch
- 19 3:30 PM Heritage Shores Cleanup

MARCH

- 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