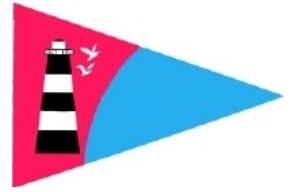


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FROM THE COMMANDER'S HELM



Cdr Ed McNiff

Spring has officially sprung and with it, hopefully the weather will warm up too. It's time to clean the boats and make sure they're ready. Watch for important boating tips in your email from America's Boating Club | United States Power Squadrons (make sure they don't go to your spam folder!).

As mentioned at the March monthly meeting, the Membership Involvement Committee met to schedule this year's activities. We will be holding the monthly meetings at different locations to find the best 'home' for us. We've also planned a couple of happy hours and hope to have several boating activities (of course, weather dependent). The Squadron website will go live soon, and you'll be able to see the various events on its calendar.

I look forward to seeing everyone at April's monthly meeting which will be held at the Sun Colony Clubhouse off Rt 9 in Little River. Watch out for the meeting announcement in your email which will provide the location details and dinner plans.

Let's get the boats out!



Educational Officer's Briefing



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



North Strand Sail and Power Squadron Receives 2024 District and National Awards

.Our 2025 Navigation (N) Global Navigation class is ongoing, the class is scheduled to run through April 30th. This is our last course in the Advanced Grades which is great for those interested in learning the navigation techniques used by ancient mariners navigating with the Sun, Moon, Stars and Planets. This technique is still commonly used today. We currently have 3 students.

We have had some interest in presenting the USPS Engine Maintenance Course. The Engine Maintenance course consists of a 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. The Engine Maintenance course also covers basic mechanical systems such as drive systems (propellers), steering systems, and engine controls discussing solutions you might use to problems that could occur while afloat and away from a repair facility.

If there is any interest in this course please let us know so we can get the class scheduled.

Anyone interested in any of the great boating education courses or seminars that the USPS offers please let us know, we are here to provide the education that our members desire.



D/1st/Lt John Cattuna presented the following awards, received at the District Change of Watch in Hilton Head, at the March 13 Membership Meeting:

Distinctive Communicator for the Newsletter, Scuttlebutt. Thank you Bea Norris.

3rd Place Award for the Number of Vessel Safety Exams performed, and the Average Number of Safety exams performed per Examiner. Thank you, Twila Nahama, for coordinating the VSC program in 2024.

Certificate of Educational Proficiency for completing Advanced Grade Education courses through AP and at least 3 Elective Courses. Congratulations Commander Ed McNiff !

Runner-Up Certificate for the Prince Henry the Navigator Award which is given to the squadron demonstrating the greatest improvement in Advanced Grades(AP, JN, and N)

Wolf-Ewing Education Award for having the highest number of members passing courses and Achieving Educational Proficiency during the Year plus the number of members with Full Education Certificates divided by the number of members.

Certificate of Merit for the Squadron's 24th year of participation in contributing to the USPS Educational Fund.

Honor Roll for the 2024 Cooperative Charting Program



PRINCE HENRY THE
NAVIGATOR AWARD

Vessel Safety Examiners



We have talked with (and passed out posters and flyers on Vessel Safety Exams) Lightkeepers Marina, Myrtle Beach Marina, and Cherry Grove Marina. We hope to book a Saturday in April at each marina to do VSC's.

If your boat is in need of a 2025 VSC, please see one of our Vessel Safety Examiners:

P/C Robert Mattison, S, Chair

Twila Nahama, SN

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

P/D//C Andy Hyman III, SN-CAN

P/Lt/C Craig Huber, JN

P/C Frank Pope, JN



Roger Edward	Bonner	04/15
Florence T.	Clark	04/19
Douglas L.	Thomas	04/22
Denise M.	Lenzo	04/25
Craig M.	Huber	04/28

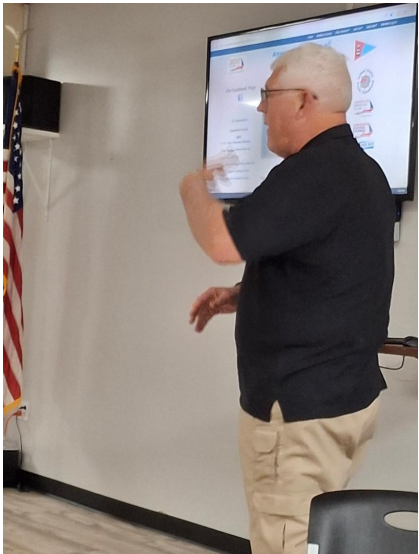
March 13 Membership Meet-

Our March Membership Meeting was a busy one! We had a chili cook-off with five or six incredible entries (winner -Rich Norris) as well as other dishes that complimented the chili. Included with the desserts was a cake for Terri Azar, who is relocating and leaving the squadron. We had District and National awards, presented by John Cattuna and two new members pledged! P/C Frank was there to introduce us to the new website. All in all, a great meeting.

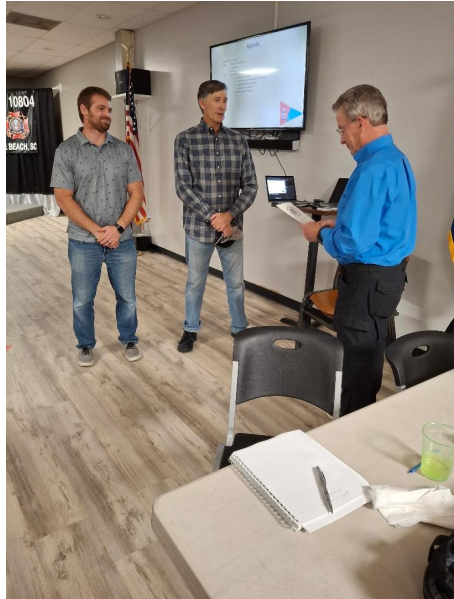


MORE MARCH PHOTOS

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NEW MEMBERS



At the March 13 member meeting we were pleased to welcome and pledge new members, Stephen Taylor and Zach Morris. Nichole Taylor is also a member but was not at the meeting.





REMINDER

APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

April 14 2025

SUN COLONY CLUBHOUSE

RT 9, LITTLE RIVER

5:00 - 6:00 HAPPY HOUR

6:00 - 7:00 DINNER

7:00 MEETING

More info coming via Constant Comment

NSSPS CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025

APRIL

14 5:30 PM MEMBERSHIP MEETING

16 3:30 PM HERITAGE SHORES

MAY

12 5:00 PM MEMBERSHIP MEETING

21 3:30 PM HERITAGE SHORES



Happy Earth Day!
April 22



Happy Easter

