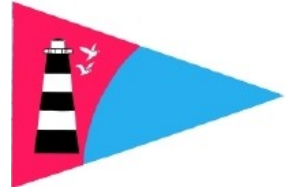




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FROM THE COMMANDER'S HELM

Cdr Ed McNiff

It's crazy that we still had 40° weather in April, but May is finally here and hopefully that will mean warmer weather. If you haven't already, it's time to get the boat cleaned up, serviced and ready to hit the water.

In April we had lunch at the Inlet View restaurant with members of the Shallotte River Sail & Power Squadron. It was great meeting new friends and sharing stories. There are plans to do this more often and share other squadron events such as cruises and education opportunities.

The April members meeting was held at a new venue – the Sun Colony Clubhouse in Longs. I think everyone who attended agreed that it was a great place to have our meetings. Thanks to Bea and Rich Norris for making this available! We'll be back at Sun Colony for the May meeting. Our June meeting will be the annual picnic and we're finalizing plans for that. Watch for the Constant Contact announcements in your email for more information.

In addition to the new members who have already joined the Squadron this year, we've had inquiries from several more potential members who are interested in joining the organization and learning more about boating. Hopefully, this will result in more new members - I am enthusiastic about growing our Squadron and having more friends who are boaters.

Let's get the boats out!



Educational Officer's Briefing

2025 National Safe Boating Week Offers Tips for All Boaters

CLEARWATER, FL – National Safe Boating Week will be held from May 17-23, 2025, reminding all boaters to brush up on boating safety skills and prepare for the boating season. This observance week is the annual kick-off of the Safe Boating Campaign, a global awareness effort that encourages boaters to make the most of their boating adventure by being responsible.

D/1st/Lt John Cattuna,

“We're committed to teaching boaters that the best boating experience is a safe day on the water,” said Peg Phillips, executive director of the National Safe Boating Council, a nonprofit dedicated to helping create a safe boating experience for all boaters and the lead organization of the Safe Boating Campaign. “This National Safe Boating Week, prepare for a great boating season by inspecting your boating safety gear and commit to providing comfortable life jackets for all your passengers to wear every time you go boating.”

U.S. Coast Guard statistics show that drowning was the reported cause of death in three out of every four recreational boating fatalities, and that 87 percent of those who drowned were not wearing life jackets.

There are many options for boaters when it comes to choosing a life jacket. When selecting a life jacket, a boater should check that it is U.S. Coast Guard approved, appropriate for the water activity, and fits properly.

“The best life jacket is the one you will wear,” said Phillips. “Whether you're going fishing or just enjoying a ride on the boat, make sure you're prepared for the adventure by wearing a life jacket and knowing how to use required safety gear.”

The National Safe Boating Council recommends these tips for boaters:

- Take a boating safety course. Gain valuable knowledge and on-water experience in a boating safety course with many options for novice to experienced boaters.
- Check equipment. Schedule a free vessel safety check with local U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary or U.S. Power Squadrons to make sure all essential equipment is present, working and in good condition.
- Make a float plan. Always let someone on shore know the trip itinerary, including operator and passenger information, boat type and registration, and communication equipment on board before you leave the dock.
- Wear a life jacket. Make sure everyone wears a life jacket – every time. A stowed life jacket is no use in an emergency.
- Use an engine cut-off switch – it's the law. An engine cut-off switch is a proven safety device to stop a powerboat engine should the operator unexpectedly fall overboard.
- Watch the weather. Always check the forecast before departing on the water and frequently during the excursion.
- Know what's going on around you at all times. Nearly a quarter of all reported boating incidents in 2022 were caused by operator inattention or improper lookout.
- Know where you're going and travel at safe speeds. Be familiar with the area, local boating speed zones, and always travel at a safe speed.
- Never boat under the influence. A BUI is involved in one-third of all recreational boating fatalities. Always designate a sober skipper.
- Keep in touch. Have more than one communication device that works when wet. VHF radios, emergency locator beacons, satellite phones, and cell phones can all be important devices in an emergency.
- **National Safe Boating Council**

NORTH STRAND APRIL ACTIVITY PHOTOS

HAPPY HOUR - APRIL 10
PATIO'S TIKKI BAR



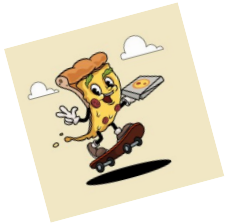
LUNCH WITH SHALLOTTE RIVER PS
INLET VIEW RESTAURANT



NORTH STRAND APRIL ACTIVITY PHOTOS



MAY 14 MEMBERS MEETING
SUN COLONY CLUBHOUSE



Join North Strand Sail and Power Squadron for a Spring Parrot Head Fest

[Saturday, May 24, 2025](#) 12:00 PM

La Belle Amie Vineyard, SC, 29566

Ticket Price: \$12.00

This ticket includes your Admission. You may add a wine tasting (s) to your admission at same time.

It's a trip to the islands, mon, with music Jimmy Buffett style by two very talented bands. The music is non-stop, and so is the fun. Plus, enjoy a beautiful outdoor venue, lots of friendly folks, the coolest of gift shops, your favorite wines, beers, beverages and outdoor food. Bring your own wine glass or purchase one of ours.

Patio seating opens at 11 am. Food service opens at noon. Music starts at 12:00 and wraps up at 4:30. Vineyard closes at 5pm.

Admission - Online Tickets: \$12 + booking fee. Walk-in: \$14 . Children 12 & under free. Over Age 80: \$6.00 (walk-in) Wine tastings additional \$9 + booking fee.

Audience capacity is restricted for all of our events.

Music (12:00-4:30) By: Latitude, and The Pour Buoy

FOOD (12:00 pm -3:00 pm):

- Stu'z Q BBQ - smoked pulled pork, ribs, brisket, CHUCK'S CHICKEN SALAD, PORK NACHOS, hand cut fries, mac n cheese
- Beach Bites - burgers, fries, wraps & sandwiches
- TJ's Chicago Hot Dogs and great Italian Beef Sandwiches.
- Vineyard Grill - cheese & fruit trays, snacks
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Note: Pets, food or beverages are never allowed onto vineyard. Answers to FAQ may be viewed at www.LaBelleAmie.com/FAQ/ Still have questions?

A Heads Up Before You Visit La Belle Amie Vineyard

Answers to FAQ's:

1. We are currently open to the public on Saturdays and Wednesdays for retail sales and wine tastings (10 a.m. - 5 p.m.) We are closed all other days.
2. Admission Tickets are required for vineyard access. They may be purchased via our website: LaBelleAmie.com (see Item 3), or on TicketSource.us.
3. Online Tickets (visit LaBelleAmie.com) are available Online but walk-ins are always available - Admission. Walk-in tickets will be available, but they will be a few dollars more. Online ticket booking fee is 10% in lieu of state and local taxes of 10.5%
4. Guests may never bring food, beverages, pets or weapons onto the vineyard property. Food and beverages are available for purchase during your visit. All seating/tables are available on a first come basis. You are more than welcome to bring your own chairs.
5. Over age 80 are admitted into the vineyard at half price (Saturdays - \$6, Wednesdays - \$2). No ticket needed, just show up. Ages 12 & under are admitted at no cost.
6. Those who only want to make a quick retail purchase in the shop may do so. However, access to food & beverages, the vineyard grounds, porches & cabanas, music and services of any kind requires a ticket & proper wristband.
7. We have ditched plastic cups for environmental reasons, so bring your own wine glasses or purchase one of ours.
8. The majority of the festival grounds are shaded as are the cabanas and tented areas, and we supply dozens of fans to help keep guests cool during the summer heat. But it is your responsibility to stay hydrated, and to consume alcohol responsibly, especially if you are driving and/or taking prescription medications.
9. The vineyard is a natural habitat with woods and ponds that is home to flora and fauna. Always watch where you step and where you sit. Not fond of ant bites? Don't stand in the ant bed.
10. Children are always welcome, but their supervision and safety are solely your responsibility. Do not take your eyes off of them even for a second.
11. Please do not turn electric switches, overhead fans, patio heaters, water spigots, etc.. on or off, nor ever move patio umbrellas or heaters. If you need assistance with any of the above, simply ask.
12. Leaving your car engine running while it is unattended is ILLEGAL in South Carolina, and against our policies.
13. We accept cash/credit cards at all of our indoor/outdoor service locations.

Still have a question? 843-855-5312.

D **HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS**



Jonathan	Pazona	11
Maurice	Royster	13
Mary	Lickfeld	14
Andy C.	Hyman III	17
Mary Jane	Thomas	20
Jacob	Kanoy	25



REMINDER

Mon. May 12th - 5:00-7:30

NEW LOCATION! Meeting will be held at the Sun Colony Clubhouse
200 Sun Colony Blvd, Longs (off Hwy 9)

Social hour at 5:00 with dinner at 6:00 followed by a short business meeting

For our dinner that evening, please bring a "heavy hors d'oeuvres" OR dessert, to share with the group. Thank you for bringing any necessary serving utensils.

Vessel Safety Examiners



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
- P/D/C Jeffrey H. Horton



NSSPS 2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Note that dates are tentative and will be confirmed via Constant Contact Announcements)

Heritage Shores Clean-Up May 7, 8:30 am	Heritage Shores Clean-Up June 18, 8:30 am	August Meeting Monday, August 11, 5 pm Anchor Bar, MB	October Meeting Monday, Oct 13, 5 pm Sun Colony Club- house	December Meeting & Christmas Party Monday, Dec 8 Venue (tbd)
May Meeting Monday, May 12, 5 pm Sun Colony Clubhouse	Heritage Shores Clean-Up July 2, 8:30 am	Heritage Shores Clean-Up August 20, 8:30 am	Heritage Shores Clean-Up October 25, 3:30 pm	Heritage Shores Clean-Up December 17, 3:30 pm
Heritage Shores Clean-Up May 21, 8:30 am	No July Meeting	Heritage Shores Clean-Up September 3, 8:30 am	Evening Music Event Oct/Nov (tbd) Greg Rowles Theater North Myrtle Beach	
Music Event May 24 La Belle Amie Winery 12:00 noon	Heritage Shores Clean-Up July 16, 8:30 am	September Meeting Monday, Sep 8, 5 pm American Legion Hall, Little River	November Meeting Monday Nov 10, 5 pm Logan's Steakhouse	
Heritage Shores Clean-Up June 4, 8:00 am	Lunch Cruise to Conway July (Date is weather & boats dependent) Bonfire Restaurant	Heritage Shores Clean-Up September 17, 8:30 am	Heritage Shores Clean-Up Nov 19, 3:30 pm	
June Meeting/Picnic Saturday, June 28 NBM Recreation Park	Heritage Shores Clean-Up August 6, 8:30 am	Happy Hour Thursday, Sep 18 Boardwalk Billy's North Myrtle Beach	Ladies Luncheon December (tbd) Clarke's North Myrtle Beach	