



# SCUTTLEBUTT



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## FROM THE COMMANDER'S HELM



Cdr Ed McNiff

How did it get to be June already? As we got to the middle of May, we finally started to get some nice warm boating days. Hopefully by now everyone has their boat ready for the season and has had their VSC inspections performed. If not, please contact Bob Mattison or one of the other VSC inspectors and get it done! Information on VSC inspections and contact info for the inspectors is always available in the Scuttlebutt.

Despite the great effort by the Membership Involvement Committee in planning events for this year, it seems like we are still having scheduling issues. We did get a small turnout at the Parrot Head festival at La Belle Amie Vineyard, but we've had to cancel the planned June picnic since too many members had scheduling conflicts. We'll keep trying to find things that everyone likes to do. Don't be afraid to provide input or to offer suggestions on how we can improve things. A lunch cruise to Conway is in the works for July so watch out for Constant Contact announcements for details.

Remember that more members will make for more fun. Invite your friends, family and neighbors to a meeting or get them to take the ABC class.



# "LET'S GET THE BOATS OUT!"



## Educational Officer's Briefing



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

Our next ABC class is scheduled for June 14<sup>th</sup> at the United Methodist Church in Little River. We currently have 4 people signed up. I will be reaching out for participation from our Certified Instructors and other members for proctoring and paper grading when presenting this class. All help by members is beneficial.

At the last membership meeting we circulated a list of all the seminars USPS offers. we had two people sign up for 4 or 5 seminars each, neither selected the same seminar the other had signed up for??

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.

## District 26 2025 Cruise & Rendezvous

September 11-14, 2025

America's Boating Club®-Golden Corner Lakes, located in the upstate of South Carolina on Lakes Keowee and Hartwell, is excited to announce that we will be hosting this year's District 26 Cruise and Rendezvous. Please mark your calendars and plan to visit us for an extended weekend of fun starting on Thursday, September 11, until Sunday, September 14. Just after Labor Day is a wonderful time to welcome in the start of fall in this scenic, foothills region of South Carolina.

We plan to start the festivities on Thursday evening with Seneca's own Jazz on the Alley (the music is usually rock, country or Motown – not so much jazz). This is a weekly event in downtown Seneca that includes live music in the streets conducive for dancing and all out good fun. You can bring your own food and refreshments or purchase them from adjacent restaurants and food trucks.

On Friday, we will arrange a number of activities ranging from local tours, boating excursions, and area waterfall hikes. There will be a dinner together that evening. We are in the process of planning at this stage but hope to provide a number of options to satisfy all interests. And on Saturday we will have a day on the lake including an adventurous scavenger hunt on beautiful Lake Keowee followed by a casual dinner.

As for accommodations, we have secured a block of rooms at the Fairfield Inn in Seneca at a rate of \$119+ taxes. The room rate includes continental breakfast and reservations can be cancelled up to 48 hours prior to check-in without incurring charges. Rooms can be reserved now . There will also be a place where you would be able to keep your trailered boat or jet ski (s) while you are visiting us. More details will follow as plans get finalized, but please save the dates of September 11-14 for a relaxing and fun weekend with your boating friends on the upstate lakes of South Carolina.

**D** HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAYS



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| James G. | Cross      | 01 |
| Anke     | Cattuna    | 09 |
| Helen    | Locklear   | 12 |
| David G. | Mason      | 15 |
| D. Gary  | Stalvey    | 16 |
| Donna    | Lippincott | 28 |



**REMINDER**

**Canceled  
June 28, 2025**

**The North Strand Sail and  
Power Squadron Picnic**

**Vessel Safety Examiners**



P/C Robert Mattison S, Chair

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

**A total of 65 VSC's have been performed to date!**

Twila Nahama, SN

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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)

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| Heritage Shores<br>Clean-Up<br>May 7, 8:30 am               | Heritage Shores<br>Clean-Up<br>June 18, 8:30 am   | August Meeting<br>Monday, August 11,<br>5 pm<br>Anchor Bar, MB                    | Happy Hour<br>Thursday, Sep 18<br>Boardwalk Billy's<br>North Myrtle Beach         | Ladies Luncheon<br>December (tbd)<br>Clarke's<br>North Myrtle Beach   |
| May Meeting<br>Monday, May 12, 5 pm<br>Sun Colony Clubhouse | Heritage Shores<br>Clean-Up<br>July 2, 8:30 am  | Heritage Shores<br>Clean-Up<br>August 20, 8:30 am                                 | October Meeting<br>Monday, Oct 13, 5 pm<br>Sun Colony Club-<br>house              | December Meeting &<br>Christmas Party<br>Monday, Dec 8<br>Venue (tbd) |
| Heritage Shores<br>Clean-Up<br>May 21, 8:30 am              | July Meeting<br>TBD   | Heritage Shores<br>Clean-Up<br>September 3, 8:30 am                               | Heritage Shores<br>Clean-Up<br>October 25, 3:30 pm                                | Heritage Shores<br>Clean-Up<br>December 17, 3:30 pm                   |
| Music Event<br>May 24<br>La Belle Amie Winery<br>12:00 noon | Heritage Shores<br>Clean-Up<br>July 16, 8:30 am   | September Meeting<br>Monday, Sep 8, 5 pm<br>American Legion Hall,<br>Little River | Evening Music Event<br>Oct/Nov (tbd)<br>Greg Rowles Theater<br>North Myrtle Beach |   |
| Heritage Shores<br>Clean-Up<br>June 4, 8:00 am              | Lunch Cruise to Conway<br>July (Date is weather &<br>boats dependent)<br>Bonfire Restaurant | D26 Cruise and Rend.<br>Sept. 11– 14<br>Seneca, SC<br>Lake Hartwell               | November Meeting<br>Monday Nov 10, 5 pm<br>Logan's Steakhouse                     |   |
| Picnic Canceled   | Heritage Shores<br>Clean-Up<br>August 6, 8:30 am  | Heritage Shores<br>Clean-Up<br>September 17, 8:30 am                              | Heritage Shores<br>Clean-Up<br>Nov 19, 3:30 pm                                    |   |