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Cdr Ed McNiff

FROM THE COMMANDER'S HELM



I hope everyone had an enjoyable July 4th and managed to avoid all the boating craziness that tends to accompany the holiday weekend.

It looks like boating activities for the beginning of July will be questionable as Tropical Storm Chantal is heading for the Carolinas. For those who don't already have a storm preparation plan, it's not too late to take the Hurricane Preparation for Boaters course offered by BoatUS Foundation in cooperation with USPS (www.boatus.org/hurricane).

Plans are still underway for the July Cruise to Conway. Several boats are planning to make the trip, so those interested in getting a boat ride to lunch should follow the information that was provided in the Constant Contact announcement and get back to Cruise Director Ed Bullwinkle. If the dates of our cruise do not fit your calendar, Shallotte River Squadron is also planning a lunch cruise to Myrtle Beach at the end of July and has invited our members to join. Information on this cruise was also provided in a Constant Contact blast.

I hope the weather for the rest of July will be more amenable to boating, and let's get the boats out!



Educational Officer's Briefing



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

Our June 14th ABC class at the United Methodist Church in Little River was attended by 6 people, all of who passed the test. Thanks to all of our Certified Instructors and other members for proctoring and paper grading for this class. Our next ABC class is scheduled for September 20th.

I am currently working on acquiring an old outboard engine and a small engine for us to use as show and tell in an Engine Maintenance class that I will schedule in the near future.

If anyone is 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.



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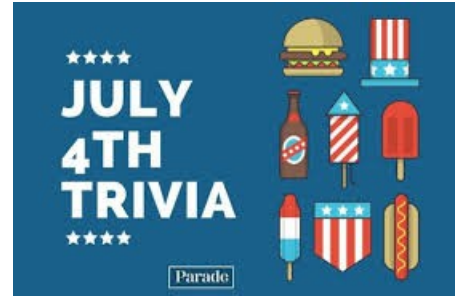
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Happy *July Baby* BIRTHDAY

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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 |






Visit Our New Website

www.abcnorthstrand.org

And many thanks to P/C Frank Pope for all the effort he put in to make it a valuable tool for all of us to use and enjoy.

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 104 VSC's have been performed to date!

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

- 1) How many times does the Liberty Bell ring on each Independence Day?
- 2) How many original copies of the Declaration of Independence are believed to have been printed?
- 3) Where was the Declaration of Independence stored during World War II?
- 4) How many stripes are on the US Flag?
- 5) How many people signed the Declaration of Independence?
- 6) Which president established July 4th as a federal holiday?
- 7) "Proclaim Liberty Throughout All The land unto All the Inhabitants Thereof. Leviticus XXVX" - is inscribed on what famous US symbol?
- 8) Why is the flag of the US folded into a triangle?
- 9) In what year was the Star Spangled Banner proclaimed the national anthem?
- 10) What color were the fireworks used during the first Fourth of July celebration in 1777?

See Pg 5 for answers.

DISTRICT 26 NEWS

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.

Weekend Highlights:

Thursday, September 11 – Welcome Celebration at Jazz on the Alley

Kick off the weekend with Seneca's popular *Jazz on the Alley* (a bit of a misnomer—expect a mix of rock, country, and Motown!). This vibrant street festival in downtown Seneca features live music, dancing, and great food. Bring a folding chair and your favorite beverage, or enjoy tasty offerings from nearby restaurants and food trucks. Water and snacks will be provided.

Friday, September 12 – Choose Your Adventure

After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy one of several exciting daytime activities:

- Two distinct boating excursions
- A tour of stunning local gardens
- A guided hike to a picturesque waterfall

Cap the day with social time and dinner back at the hotel with fellow attendees.

Saturday, September 13 – Lake Keowee Fun & Dockside Dinner

Spend the day out on the water with a boating scavenger hunt across Lake Keowee, followed by optional swimming and a laid-back dinner dockside at a member's home. It's the perfect way to soak up lake life and make new memories.

Sunday, September 14

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel, or on your own, and then off you go!

NATIONAL NEWS

FEB 2026 CARIBBEAN CRUISE

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NSSPS 2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

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| 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 | Happy Hour Thursday, Sep 18 Boardwalk Billy's North Myrtle Beach | Ladies Luncheon December (tbd) Clarke's North Myrtle Beach |
| 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 | October Meeting Monday, Oct 13, 5 pm Sun Colony Club- house | December Meeting & Christmas Party Monday, Dec 8 Venue (tbd) |
| Heritage Shores Clean-Up May 21, 8:30 am | July Meeting TBD | Heritage Shores Clean-Up September 3, 8:30 am | Heritage Shores Clean-Up October 25, 3:30 pm | Heritage Shores Clean-Up December 17, 3:30 pm |
| 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 Salt and Lime Bar & Grill 74th St Myrtle Beach | Evening Music Event Oct/Nov (tbd) Greg Rowles Theater North Myrtle Beach | |
| Heritage Shores Clean-Up June 4, 8:00 am | Lunch Cruise to Conway July (Date is weather & boats dependent) Bonfire Restaurant | D26 Cruise and Rend. Sept. 11– 14 Seneca, SC Lake Hartwell | November Meeting Monday Nov 10, 5 pm Logan's Steakhouse | |
| Picnic Canceled | Heritage Shores Clean-Up August 6, 8:30 am | Heritage Shores Clean-Up September 17, 8:30 am | Heritage Shores Clean-Up Nov 19, 3:30 pm | |

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