



# SCUTTLEBUTT



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Cdr Ed McNiff

FROM THE COMMANDER'S HELM



How did it get to be August? Summer seems to be flying by. I hope everyone is getting out on the water, whether it's on your boat, your friends' boat, out to the beach or just going to dinner at a waterfront restaurant!

Thanks to our Cruise Director, Ed Bullwinkle, we had a successful cruise to Conway on July 17<sup>th</sup> with lunch at the Bonfire Taqueria (see the photos elsewhere in this newsletter). We had hoped to make the boat trip on the previous week when more Squadron boaters were available, but the remnants and waterway effects of tropical storm Chantal forced us to move the cruise to the 17<sup>th</sup>. Members of the Shallotte River Squadron also joined us on the trip to Conway making it a multi-Squadron/multi-District event! NSS&PS members also had the opportunity to join the Shallotte Squadron's lunch cruise to Barefoot Landing on July 29<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully we can get additional boating opportunities set up for the rest of the boating season, including some Co-op charting and ATON inspections.

Remember that hurricane season lasts until November, so continue to watch the weather and make sure the storm preparations for your houses and boats are up to date. Stay cool while continuing to enjoy the hot and humid South Carolina summer weather and let's get the boats out.



## Educational Officer's Briefing



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

A Engine Maintenance class has been scheduled, with 4 students attending. The class is being held twice per week for about 5 weeks

As always, if there are any classes you are interested in, please contact me..

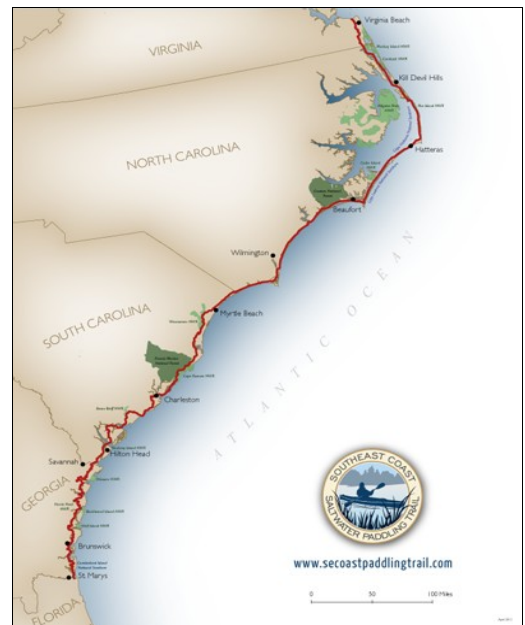
## USPS PADDLE SMART SEMINAR



Whether paddling on a calm lake or taking a rip-roaring adventure on white-water rapids, this seminar is the place to start. Learn about:

- Types of paddle craft
- Making equipment choices
- How different paddle craft handle
- Basic paddling strokes
- Paddling safety and life jackets

**The Southeast Coast Saltwater Paddling Trail (SECT) connects the Chesapeake Bay and the Georgia-Florida border. For over 800 miles, the SECT hugs the coastal waters of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia, providing a unique opportunity for paddlers to experience an unbroken trail through four states in the tidal marshes and rivers of the southern USA. For the truly adventurous paddlers, the SECT provides a connection between two other well-known regional trails. The northern terminus connects with the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail and the southern terminus connects with the Florida Circumnavigation Saltwater Paddling Trail.**



# STORAGE UNIT CLEANOUT

BY LIZ YAMASHITA

On a hot Monday (July 14), XCom members, Commander Ed McNiff, Executive Officer Bob Mattison, Educational Officer John Cattuna, and yours truly, Treasurer Liz Yamashita consolidated the decades of NSS&PS's 'stuff' into a smaller storage unit. This move was initially done to preserve our dwindling funds, but also served as a clean up for some aged materials once used for parades, special gatherings, and other events. Prior to this clean out, Twila Nahama took the initiative to purge old meeting supplies and brought some cute items to a monthly meeting for folks to take home. We also sold (at a very reduced cost) some squadron shirts.

Although nostalgic, anything with the old US Power Squadron logo was removed. We don't have a historian any longer, but we saved the many years of photos and other paraphernalia. We also discovered a lot of materials that were purchased in bulk over the years that remain very useful such as burgees, boating safety materials, and donated educational supplies. Come to the August monthly meeting, and we will have some free and 'cost effective' items to share with members.



Work in progress



Off to greener pastures



Our new home

# CONWAY CRUISE

BY Liz Yamashita



Thanks to the great planning of our Cruise Director Ed Bullwinkle, two boats (*Party Boat II* and *The Reel Thing*) cruised to Bonfire in Conway on Thursday, July 17. We had 7 people join (Ed and Betty Jean Bullwinkle, Ed McNiff, Bob Verona, Liz Yamashita and 2 guests from the Shallotte River Squadron, Darla and Betsy).

*The Reel Thing* started at the Myrtle Beach Yacht Club and met up with the *Party Boat II* at the junction of the ICW and the Waccamaw River. As *The Reel Thing's* first mate, I was impressed at the impeccable timing that the captains arranged for the meet up!

The weather was a little toasty, but we had a nice breeze as we moved from looking at houses and buildings along the ICW to beautiful natural woods along the Waccamaw.

The Bonfire food was also very good, and fueled us for the ride back to the home marinas.

Be sure to look for other outings as we now have multiple boats in our Squadron!



## SOUTH CAROLINA LIGHTHOUSE NEWS



Huntington, SC Lighthouse

The Huntington Lighthouse Preservation Society (HLPS) is marking its **40th anniversary** this year with expanded public tours, a [new website](#) and ongoing renovation efforts to maintain the 113-year-old landmark.

Founded in 1985 to save the offshore lighthouse from demolition, HLPS has since raised over \$3.5 million for preservation and restoration, relying entirely on volunteers, donations, grants and seasonal events.

The 2025 tour season is now underway, with the next public lighthouse tour set for Sunday, July 13. Tours continue on select Sundays through September. New this year, visitors can [reserve and prepay online](#). Each 90-minute experience includes a round-trip boat ride from Gold Star Battalion Beach in Huntington to the lighthouse, where guests can explore the structure and learn about its history. Tours are open to ages 5 and up and are weather-dependent.

Remaining 2025 tour dates include: July 13, July 27, August 10, August 24, September 14 and September 28.

Restoration efforts remain a key part of HLPS's mission. This spring, custom-fabricated windows – designed to match the originals – were installed thanks to funding from the [Gardiner Foundation](#) and a matching private donation. Other upcoming projects include roof and masonry repairs, new railings and installation of a watch deck door.

Because of the lighthouse's offshore location, all work and materials must be transported by boat and completed within a limited seasonal window.

HLPS also recently launched a redesigned website to support online bookings and merchandise sales. In partnership with [Discover Long Island](#), the lighthouse is featured in a new commercial airing this summer to promote it as a local tourism destination.

Visitors may also spot the lighthouse's resident ospreys, who returned to their reinforced nesting platform earlier this season. Two eggs have been spotted in the nest, with updates expected as the summer progresses.

For tour reservations, updates and more information, visit [huntingtonlighthouse.org](http://huntingtonlighthouse.org) or follow along on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

## AUGUST HOLIDAYS and FUN DAYS



NATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE DAY  
AUGUST 7, 2025



## 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

**6 days: 16-22 Feb 2026**

**Roundtrip from Port Canaveral on the beautiful SKY PRINCESS**

**Itinerary: Nassau, Freeport, Grand Turk**

**GROUP PRICING FROM \$789pp**

**Inside from \$789pp**

**Balcony from \$1139pp**

**Mini suites from \$1409pp**

**Travel protection & transfers are additional.**

**OR-take advantage of current promotional pricing at time of booking.**

**A hotel block is already arranged for Sunday night in Cape Canaveral including parking during the cruise**

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## NSSPS 2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Kay	Pope	06
John J.	Cattuna	08
Juli	Knight	12
Mary C.	Horton	16
James Wiley	Tucker	20
Carla H.	Booth	21
Frank L.	Pope	25
Barry L.	Lippincott	27

### 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

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
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
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 September 3, 8:30 am	Heritage Shores Clean-Up October 25, 3:30 pm	Heritage Shores Clean-Up December 17, 3:30 pm
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	
D26 Cruise and Rend. Sept. 11- 14 Seneca, SC Lake Hartwell	November Meeting Monday Nov 10, 5 pm Logan's Steak-house	

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