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FROM THE COMMANDER'S HELM



Cdr John Cattuna

Hello fellow North Strand Sail and Power Squadron Members,

We have had a great start to the 2026 boating season;

On April 22nd we participated in a joint lunch cruise to Inlet View Restaurant with the Shallotte and South Port Sail and Power Squadrons. In total we had 34 people join in made up of 7 NSSPS members, 9 South Port members the remaining were Shallotte Members, with some arriving in the 5-6 boats that joined.

On April 25th we held our first ABC class for 2026 held at Tide Water club house with 6 students passing. As always reach out to James Cross, SEO, to take advantage to any of the great courses or seminars our club has to offer.

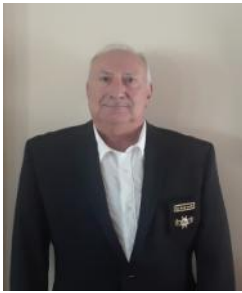
On May 1st we are holding a Lunch cruise to Barefoot Landing and are expecting some Shallotte members to join us by boat.

May 16th -22nd is National Safe Boating Week with emphasis on boating education, weather awareness, and proper boating equipment. If you have not had your boat inspected by a VSC examiner, now would be a great time.

The fall District 26 Cruise and Rendezvous is being hosted by Golden Isle Sail and Power Squadron which in the St Simon and Jekyll Island area. That part of Georgia is beautiful; there are a number of on the water fun activities planned for the event. I Hope many of you can attend.



EXECUTIVE OFFICER



XO Rich Norris

Greetings To All!

As VSC Chairperson, I want to let you know we're hitting the ground running! John Cattuna took 10 stickers, Andy Hyman took 20 (and said he'd likely need more.)

Twila and I have completed examinations on the Freedom Boat Club fleet at Habourgate Marina, we sponsored a free VSC Event at the Myrtle Beach Yacht Club two Saturdays ago, and we are sponsoring a similar event at Lightkeepers on May 2. If any of you want your boats inspected, just let us know!

Speaking of "hitting the ground running," nobody has come forward to fulfill the role of 2026-27 Commander. As I mentioned before, I will not be Commander next year and come January, we will be left with no choice but to shut the Club down! Seriously, I don't want to see the Club fold, and I can only hope many other members feel the same. We need someone to step up and volunteer!

SAFETY VESSEL EXAMINERS

Rich Norris
Twila Nahama
Andy Hyman
John Cattuna

EDUCATIONAL OFFICER



SEO Jamie Cross

Greetings, Members!

Last Saturday we conducted an ABC Boating course with six students participating. Four of the six students were under the age of 18. I am very happy to report that all six passed with flying colors! It also appears that we have a strong possibility of recruiting at least one new member from that class...cross fingers.

It was interesting to learn that one of the youth who attended came from Georgetown, and his family stayed in a nearby hotel so they could be on-time for the class! That could be a new distance record for an attendee!!

I want to recognize the outstanding team effort on the part of so many individuals who made the course a success: John Cattuna, Doug Thomas, Craig Huber, Rich Norris, and Barry and Donna Lippincott.

The Marine Electrical Systems course is in the home stretch. The three students are hanging in there, with two classes left to go. We had the pleasure of hosting Cdr John Cattuna at the April 22 class so he could check out what we are up to and give everyone encouragement.

Our next educational activity will likely be another ABC Boating class, scheduled for July.

As always, your SEO is open to suggestions on future courses or seminars of interest to you, our membership.

In the meantime, enjoy the warm weather and fun times on the water - with safety always foremost in your minds.

April ABC Class Photos



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT



Hard to believe we're entering May already. I assume boats are spit and polished and are already out cruising the area. ABC North Strand

AO Doug Thomas

has just completed another ABC safe boating class held at Tidewater Plantation. Our new SEO, Jamie Cross, has done a fantastic job organizing and presenting the course.

Hopefully, you have taken the opportunity to attend some of the social activities our Membership Involvement committee, headed by Donna Lippincott, has organized for you. The success of our squadron depends in part on your participation in these events. Come on out, enjoy the weather and event, and socialize with your fellow boating friends.

We have also been busy in the world of Social Media. As you are aware, we've completed our new Website at abcnorthstrand.org. But, in addition, we've made our presence known on Instagram, X and Yelp and we're currently working on getting listed on Google Business. Hopefully, this will expand our presence in the community and drive more boaters to our boating classes. We also encourage our members to follow us on these platforms.

We're looking forward to our lunch cruise to Barefoot Landing and the Flying Fish. Hope to see you there!



D26 Summer Conference, Lake Murray, SC



**CONGRATULATIONS MARY JANE THOMAS FOR HAVING
ATTAINED THE STATUS OF LIFE MEMBER IN THE UNITED
STATES POWER SQUADRONS.**



Mary	Lickfeld	14
Marilyn	Hyman	14
Andy C.	Hyman III	17
Mary Jane	Thomas	20



At our April Membership Meeting, 2025 D26 and National Awards were presented to North Strand Sail and Power Squadron and members for Vessel Safety Checks, Educational Proficiency, Scuttlebutt, and Co-op Charting, as well as the Life Member Award.



Inlet View Luncheon with Grand Strand, Shallotte and Southport Sail and Power Squadrons





North Strand May 2026 Calendar of Events

2026

CALENDAR YEAR

MAY

CALENDAR MONTH

MONDAY

FIRST DAY OF WEEK

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
27	28	29	30	01 1200: Lunch cruise to Barefoot Landing, lunch at Flying Fish Restaurant, 4744 Hwy 17 S, North Myrtle Beach, SC	02	03
04	05	06 1500 - 1700: Heritage Shores Park Clean-up, W. end of 53rd St. N, North Myrtle Beach, SC	07 1900: ExCom meeting via Free Conference Call	08	09	10
11 1700 - 1900: General Membership Meeting, Sun Colony Clubhouse, 100 Sun Colony Dr., Loris, SC	12	13	14	15	16 Safe Boating Week	17 Safe Boating Week
18 Safe Boating Week	19 Safe Boating Week	20 Safe Boating Week	21 Safe Boating Week	22 Safe Boating Week	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Please note that the May Membership Meeting WILL NOT be held at the Sun Colony Clubhouse. Further information regarding the meeting venue will be forthcoming.