



SCUTTLEBUTT

JULY 2026



Volume XXVI, Issue 7
Editor: Lt/C Bea Norris, P
Wind6769@aol.com

National: www.americasboatingclub.org
District 26: www.ABClub26.org
NSSPS: www.abcnorthstrand.org
Facebook: www.facebook.com/americasboatingclubnorthstrand

FROM THE COMMANDER'S HELM



Cdr John Cattuna

Hello Fellow North Strand Sail and Power Squadron Members,

On June 6th NSSPS held a picnic and cookout at the North Myrtle Beach Sports Complex. A special thanks to Donna and Barry Lippincott, Kathy Johnson, Yvonne Hoch, and the others who worked hard to make this event happen. In spite of the turnout, this event was a lot of fun.

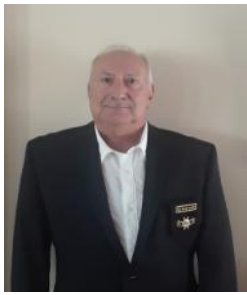
NSSPS was invited to participate in a lunch cruise to South Port with the Shalotte River Sail and Power Squadron and South Port Sail and Power Squadron.

Please continue to promote the benefits of participating in our organization with activities like our Vessel Safety Check program and our boating education opportunities. July would be a great time for us to organize a Co-Op charting event. It gets us out on the water while enjoying our boats, camaraderie and with other members, and provides a greater civic service to the boating community.

Another fun event could be a Predicted Log Contest where every boat is to follow a prearranged course and must predict the amount of time it will take our boats to complete the cruise using only traditional navigation skills, a chart, the compass, piloting skills and tachometer/speedometer (no chart plotters, no watches or clocks.) This could be followed by a group lunch possibly at Barefoot Landing at a favorite restaurant with docks.

Hope to see you all soon out on the water.





EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Once again, GREETINGS TO ALL!

It seems that there hasn't been enough time since my last article for the "ink" dry, and here we are again.

XO Rich Norris

I was recently made aware of a US Coast Guard website that indicates anyone looking for a Vessel Safety Check can enter their contact information and the location of their boat and the closest VSC Examiner is contacted to handle the task. The problem is some of the names (including John's and mine) are missing from the list. We're trying to get it rectified.

The following is too IMPORTANT not to address again. Of all our entire Membership, NO ONE has come forward to step up to the plate and become a "Commander in training" to take the helm in 2027. If you think the Bridge has been kidding about shutting this Club down if nobody comes forward, you're kidding yourselves. I've been a Squadron Commander twice, a District Commander for 18 months, and have 32 Merit Marks, so I've been very actively involved in my 32 years as a member. Other members of our club have been just as dedicated and active as I have been and it's time other Members show that they value our Club and the entire Organization, and pitch in and play a crucial role in our survival. We need you in order to carry on with our great organization.

Have a fun and Safe Summer on the water!



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

AO Doug Thomas

This year's annual picnic was a smashing success. If you missed it, you missed a great time. Grill Meister Barry Lippincott kept the perfectly grilled burgers and dogs flowing off the grill. Corn hole was a perennial favorite and we were taught a fun game, Buzzword, by new member Diane Schroeder.

Speaking of Diane, be sure to greet her with a warm NSSPS welcome when you see her. She's a real spark plug and is eager to get involved. Just the kind of new member we need.

I know you've all heard this before, but it warrants repeating. You get out of the squadron what you're willing to put into it. So, get involved and get the most out of your investment (annual dues.) The pillar of the squadron is based on the efforts of its volunteers. Remember, we are all volunteers.

Also, keep in mind, we tailor our education program to the membership. We have many, many courses available to the membership. Go to our website, abcnorthstrand.org, to see the course catalog. When you see something that interests you, contact our SEO, Jamie Cross, and we can set you up for the course. The electives, advanced grades and seminars are instructor led. But don't overlook the many self-paced courses, as well.

I hope all you dads had a great Father's Day. I know I did!

NSSPS JULY PICNIC



HAPPY HOUR



Come join your NSSPS friends on July 16 at 5 PM for a Happy Hour at The Myrtle Beach Yacht Club!!!

A Constant Contact news blast will be sent out prior to the event.



HERITAGE SHORES NATURE PRESERVE

Heritage Shores Cleanup Schedule

JULY 1 CANCELED

JULY 15 8:30 AM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

VESSEL SAFETY EXAMINERS



P/D/C

Rich Norris,
Chair

P/D/C Rich Norris, SN-CN

Twila Nahama, SN

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

P/D/C Andy Hyman III, SN-ACN



250th Anniversary of the USA –

Notable Quotables

Do not let anyone claim tribute of American patriotism if they even attempt to remove religion from politics."
– George Washington's Farewell Address to Nation

"Under God" and the Pledge of Allegiance
The words "under God" were taken from Abraham Lincoln's famous Gettysburg Address, "...that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth..." and were added to the Pledge of Allegiance on June 14, 1954 by a joint resolution of Congress, 243 (Public Law 83-396). (The Pledge was initially adopted by the 79th Congress on December 28, 1945, as Public Law 287.) On June 14, 1954, President Eisenhower signed into law the pledge

"Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we will pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, in order to assure the survival and the success of Liberty."
– President John F. Kennedy, Inaugural Address, Friday, January 20, 1961

"Freedom is the last, best hope of earth."
– Abraham Lincoln

"The U. S. Constitution doesn't guarantee happiness, only the pursuit of it. You have to catch up with it yourself."
– Benjamin Franklin

"Every generation of Americans needs to know that freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought."
– Pope John Paul II

FUN JULY OBSERVANCES



North Strand July 2026 Calendar of Events

2026

CALENDAR YEAR

JULY

CALENDAR MONTH

MONDAY

FIRST DAY OF WEEK

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
29	30	01	02	03	04 Independence Day	05
06	07	08	09 1900: ExCom meeting via Free Conference Call	10	11	12
13 No General Membership Meeting	14	15 08:30 - 10:00: Heritage Shores Park Clean-up, W. end of 53rd St. N, North Myrtle Beach, SC	16 1700: Happy Hour @ The Officer's Club, MBYC, 714 US-17, Little River, SC	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	01	02



NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN JULY