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FROM THE COMMANDER'S HELM



Cdr John Cattuna

Hello Fellow North Strand Sail and Power Squadron Members,

On August 1st we had a lunch cruise to Wacca Wache marina leaving from Osprey Marina which was coordinated by Kathy Johnson.

We would like to get scheduled a Co-Op charting activity. This is a civic boating activity where we travel the waters that we use each time we are out on the Waterway. We visually check the position and condition of the channel markers along the waterway and Inlet. Any issues we discover we report to the USCG and NOAA. We'll need some members to volunteer their boats for this activity as well as observers and data entry help.

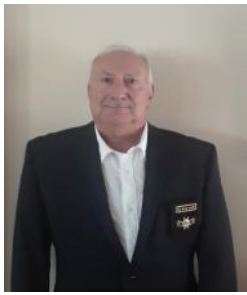
We are planning to hold our 2nd 2026 ABC Class on Sept. 12th at the Sun Colony Club House. So far we have 10 people signed up to take the class.

Members interested in any of our great classes or seminars should contact our Education department so we can get the class scheduled.

Please continue to promote the benefits of participating in our organization with activities like our Vessel Safety Check program, and our boating education opportunities.

Hope to see you all soon out on the water.





EXECUTIVE OFFICER

GREETINGS TO ALL!

Well, Summer is almost gone and it's been a scorcher! It was just too hot for us to be on the water. We welcome Fall so we can get back out there again!

XO Rich Norris

In USPS, the Marketing Committee is part of the Executive Department and thus falls under the responsibility of the Executive Officer. But Marketing the benefits of USPS membership should be done by every one of our members.

Each day we encounter potential new members and when your interacting with other boaters, show them the America's Boating Club App. Download it for them! It's a wealth of boating information such as tide charts, navigation lights and flags and rules, USPS courses and on the water training. Every time they use it they'll hopefully think of North Strand SPS and where they can further their boating education by taking courses and on the water training.

Also included on the app is America's Boating Channel. Another excellent Marketing tool. It is a huge library of short videos about real on-the-water experiences and situations and how to react and avoid trouble while boating. Something every boater will appreciate.

If YOU don't have the America's Boating Club App on your phone, now's a good time to download it and get familiar with the great things it has to offer.

Hope to see you at a meeting or function soon.

Safe Boating to ALL.



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

AO Doug Thomas

Hard to believe summer is almost over. Next weekend is Labor Day. Schools open, tourists with kids have left, traffic has subsided (somewhat). But, fortunately in our area, boating season continues unabated.

Fortunately for NSSPS, we continue adding members to our roster. This year is going to witness our best recruiting result in years. And I just heard from our commander that we have a nearly full ABC class coming up. Another very positive event for our squadron.

We still have not had the results from our Google account we would like. We need people to go online and create a review of our squadron so that we will show up on the Google search engine. Please help us get the word out about North Strand Sail and Power Squadron. We need each and every one of you to assist the squadron in this endeavor.

Remember, too, that the squadron website at abcnorthstrand.org has lots of good information about our boating classes and, via the online calendar, our social and civic activities and most of all our upcoming boating classes. We look forward to your participation in any/all of these events. Get the most out of your annual dues by getting involved in the squadron. If you haven't been involved lately, come on out. You've got a lot of potential boating friends waiting to greet you.



CRUISE DIRECTOR,

KATHY JOHNSON



Twelve folks came by boat or car to meet on August 1st for lunch at Outriggers restaurant/Wacca Wache marina. Six visitors joined the fun, some of whom showed interest in possibly joining the Squadron.

Members who attended lunch at Wacca Wache Marina were:

Doug and Mary Jane Thomas

Kathy Johnson

Barry Lippincott

Diane Schroeder

Bob Verona

Visitor Tom Jensen offered to take his boat from Osprey Marina, so all boat riders ended up having an extra special cruise on his spacious (and air conditioned) yacht! Lunch was good and everyone seemed to enjoy a fun day on the water.



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HERITAGE SHORES NATURE PRESERVE

Heritage Shores Cleanup Schedule

9/02/2026 8:30 am

9/16/2026 8:30 am

Donna Lippincott has parking passes for anyone who needs one.

North Myrtle Beach—Keep NMB Beautiful is asking for donations of single-use plastic bags to refill the doggie bag station.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Kathy Johnson	04
Richard Norris	06
Charles Weede	09
Betty J. Bullwinkel	25
Jeffrey Horton	30



South Carolina Boating News - September 2026

South Carolina boating safety remains a top priority after eight fatalities in 2026, with SCDNR urging life jackets, sober boating, and kill switches.

Safety Alerts and Education

The **South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR)** has issued strong safety recommendations following multiple boating-related deaths in 2026. With **Memorial Day weekend** marking the unofficial start of boating season, officials stressed that these incidents are preventable and called for simple precautions such as:

- Wearing a **life jacket** at all times.
- **Slowing down** in traffic.
- **Designating a sober skipper**.
- Using an **engine cut-off switch** ("kill switch") to stop the boat if the operator is thrown overboard.
- Keeping passengers **inside** the vessel while underway, as bow riding and jumping from moving boats are illegal and dangerous .

Reminder



The September Membership Meeting will be held at the Sun Colony Clubhouse on Monday, September 14th at 5 PM. It will be Pot Luck so please bring an entrée or desert to share. This is BYOB. Water will be available. See you there!!!





America's Boating Club
2026 Fall Governing Board Meeting
Sept 20-27, 2026

Hotel, Meals, Attractions and Event Reservations are now **OPEN...**
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Fall Governing Board
September 20-27, 2026
Raleigh, North Carolina



America's Boating Club-District 26

2026 Fall Cruise & Rendezvous
Oct 16 - Oct 18, 2026

St Simon
Best Western Plus
301 Main Street
St Simon
912-638-7805

Group Code - America's Boating Club Golden Isles Event

Images, if available, may contain additional links.

Hosted by:

America's Boating Club - Golden Isles

North Strand September 2026 Calendar of Events

2026

CALENDAR YEAR

SEPTEMBER

CALENDAR MONTH

MONDAY

FIRST DAY OF WEEK

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
31	01	02 08:30 - 10:00: Heritage Shores Park Clean-up, W. end of 53rd St. N, North Myrtle Beach, SC	03	04	05	06
07 Labor Day	08	09	10 1900: ExCom meeting via Free Conference Call	11	12 0800-1700: America's Boating Course , Sun Colony Clubhouse, 200 Sun Colony Dr., Longs, SC	13
14 1700 - 1930: General Membership Meeting, Sun Colony clubhouse. 200 Sun Colony Dr., Loris, SC. Dinner: Potluck - bring your favorite dish to share	15	16 08:30 - 10:00: Heritage Shores Park Clean-up, W. end of 53rd St. N, North Myrtle Beach, SC	17 1700: Happy Hour @ Patio's Tiki Bar & Grill, 4495 Mineola Ave, Little River, SC	18	19	20 ABC Fall Governing Board, Embassy Suites, 201 Harrison Oaks Boulevard, Cary, NC
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