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Cdr John Cattuna

FROM THE COMMANDER'S HELM

Hello Fellow North Strand Sail and Power Squadron Members

Anke and I attended the October 15-18 D26 Cruise and Rendezvous hosted by the Golden Isle Squadron in the St. Simon Island and Jekyll Island area in Georgia. On hundred sixteen D26 members attended. We were able to enjoy a boat ride on the waters around the islands as well as touring Jekyll Island with some of the most amazing Live Oaks tunneling several of the roads, a historical area from the early 1900's with mansions built by the wealthiest industrialists of that area.

The Christmas Party is scheduled at Chestnut Hill Restaurant tor December 7, 2026 starting at 5:00 PM. This the same place we had it last year, in an upstairs private room. The cost is $40 per person. Please refer to the Constant Contact to RSVP by November 23.

Additionally we have to have a membership meeting in December to elect the 2027 Bridge as well as the Members at Large. A time and place for this meeting will be designated next week.

We have scheduled a seminar called Trailering Your Boat at the Bass Pro Shop on November 14th.

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

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

Hope to see you all soon out on the water.



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

AO Doug Thomas

I am pleased to announce we have two new members that recently joined our family of boaters. They are Jeff and Sue Ann Wright from right here in Little River. They own several boats and they just transferred over from the Myrtle Beach Coast Guard Auxiliary flotilla. I'm sure they will both be very valuable members with all their past experience. Be sure to welcome Jeff and Sue Ann when you see them in our classes and events.

We are pleased to announce two new links added to the NSSPS website for your convenience. The first is a link to our squadron roster at National. It can be found on the "Club Info" page, upper right side below our squadron burgee. I would suggest everyone go to that page and check your entry for accuracy. You can also use it to contact any other member of the squadron, whether it be a bridge member, committee member or general member. It does require you to log in with your membership number and password.

The next link is to your member benefits page. This page does not require a login. It is open to all members as well as the general public. You may not be aware of the many benefits of USPS membership. There are quite a lot. I strongly encourage everyone to check out this page. It can be accessed through our website from the "Join Us" page.

Our website address is http://abcnorthstrand.org.

Finally, we encourage everyone to leave a review of their experiences with North Strand Sail and Power Squadron. This helps the public find us and our courses through the Google search engine. Scan the following barcode with your phone's camera to proceed to the page where you can leave your review.

It's hard to believe we are already in to November. My how time flies.

Keep an eye out for an email with details of our upcoming Christmas party on December 7 at Chestnut Hill restaurant. Details will be included in that Constant Contact email. Hope to see you all there.



EXECUTIVE OFFICER

XO Rich Norris

Hello once again and I'll repeat myself, "WELCOME to the best time of the year to be out on the water."

As I get older, the days, weeks, even YEARS fly by. Here I sit already writing my 2nd to last Article for Scuttlebutt, as I will not be repeating as XO next year. It's been a pleasure serving and believe it or not, I'll miss it.

It's been a tough year for the Squadron, but the good news now is it seems to be coming back to life. We've had a handful of new members join us recently, a couple of which are coming to us from the Coast Guard Auxiliary; can this be a new pattern? Let's all hope so. I'll remain positive with that thought.

There hasn't been much activity regarding the VSC program. The Coast Guard has a link on their website where anyone who wants a VSC can click on the link, provide their information and location and they were supposed to contact ANY examiner, Coast Guard Auxiliary or USPS, whichever were the closest, (so they said) but we were NEVER contacted.

Don't forget our Marketing plan, showing off and offering to load our USPS App.

There's still time to join in on our Holiday celebrations, our Annual Christmas Party, so sign up and join us, okay?

2025 DISTINCTIVE COMMUNICATOR AWARD NEWSLETTER

October 26, 2026

To: Lt/C Bea Norris
Subject: Nominations Report for Squadron Year 2027

As per the bylaws of the North Strand Sail and Power Squadron, the Nominations Committee is sending you, the squadron secretary, the nominations report for Watch Year 2027.

Respectfully submitted,

P/D/C Rich Norris SN-CN
P/C Doug Thomas SN

Commander	John Cattuna
Exec. Officer	Rick Lappine
SEO	James Cross
Admin Officer	Doug Thomas
Treasurer	Anke Cattuna
Secretary	Mary Jane Thomas
Asst. SEO	John Cattuna

Members at Large:

Donna Lippincott
Diane Schroeder
James Stephens
Kathy Johnson

Rules Committee

Mary Lickfeld – Chairperson
James Cross
Carolyn Cross

Audit Committee

James Cross — 1 yr.
Bob Lickfeld —2 yrs.
John Cattuna — 3 yrs.

Nominating Committee

Doug Thomas - Chairperson
Richard Norris
OPEN



INTERESTED ?

Greg Rowles Christmas on Main
November 20th, 07:00 pm
Tickets are $40.00 - Group Rate

We need 15 people to get the group rate. Members, friends, family welcome to join us!

Final count due Monday November 9th.
Payment due Thursday Nov 12th.
Please contact Donna Lippincott if you are interested.
donnamlipp@gmail.com
484 358 8646



VESSEL SAFETY EXAMINERS

P/D/C Rich Norris, Chair

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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



Liz Yamashita	1
Bob Lickfeld	21
Bob Verona	26

Reminder



November Membership Meeting

will be held at the Sun Colony Clubhouse on Monday, November 9th at 5 PM. It will be Italian/ International themed pot luck. . Lippincotts are bringing two trays of lasagna. Water will be available. This is a BYOB event.





HERITAGE SHORES NATURE PRESERVE

Heritage Shores Cleanup Schedule

11/21—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!



The December Membership Meeting will be held at the Tidewater Meeting Room on December 14th. This meeting is necessary so we can vote on the 2027 Bridge and XCom . Further information will be forthcoming.



USPS NATIONAL NEWS

USPS National Annual Meeting

2/7/2027 - 2/14/2027 5:00 PM Eastern Standard Time

Embassy Suites USF/Busch Gardens

3705 Spectrum Blvd

Tampa, FL 33612



America's Boating Club-District 26

The District 26 2027 Spring Conference and Change of Watch will be held virtually this year on March 20, 2027 from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM.

The preliminary agenda for this event is as follows

9:30 am - 9:45 am:	Welcome and Introductions
9:45 am - 10:45 am:	Officer Reports
10:45 am - 11:00 am:	Break
11:00 am - 11:15 am:	New Business
11:15 am - 11:30 am:	National Representative Items
11:30 am - 1:00 pm:	Lunch
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm:	Award Presentations
2:00 pm - 2:15 pm:	Break
2:15 pm - 2:30 pm:	Award Presentations (continued)
2:30 pm - 2:55 pm:	Change of Watch
2:55 pm - 3:00 pm:	Benediction
3:00 pm:	Adjournment

The final agenda and link to join the meeting will be sent prior to the meeting.. Please save this date and plan to join us for this important meeting.

North Strand November 2026 Calendar of Events

2026	NOVEMBER	MONDAY
CALENDAR YEAR	CALENDAR MONTH	FIRST DAY OF WEEK

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
26	27	28	29	30	31	01
02	03	04	05 1900: ExCom meeting via Free Conference Call	06	07	08
09 1700: General Membership Meeting, Sun Colony Clubhouse, 200 Sun Colony Dr.,Longs, SC Meal: Catered Lasagna	10 Coop Charting (Marine), Departing from Lightkeepers Marina, Little River,SC, Capt. Jeff Wright	11 Veteran's Day	12	13 Coop Charting (Marine), Departing from Osprey Marina, Myrtle Beach,SC, Capt. Rich Lappine	14 12:00 - 3:00 PM: Trailer Boating Seminar at Bass Pro Shops conference room, 10177 N Kings Hwy, Myrtle Beach, SC	15
16	17	18 08:30 - 10:30 AM: Heritage Shores Park Clean-up, W. end of 53rd St. N, North Myrtle Beach, SC	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving	27	28	29
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