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## Cape Fear Sail & Power Squadron



### General Member Meeting & Speaker



Our speaker:  
**Captain Tim List,**  
Commander,  
Coast Guard  
Sector North  
Carolina



**Monday, April 22, 2024**

*Capt. List assumed command of Sector North Carolina in June 2023. He has 1,300 Active, Reserve, and Auxiliary Coast Guard women and men under his command. His command spans 3,375 nautical miles of inland, river, and coastal waterways. Capt. List received his commission in 2000 and has served across the Coast Guard's operations ashore community including field tours at Marine Safety Office Miami, Sector Los Angeles-Long Beach, Sector Honolulu, and Sector San Francisco.*

**Time:** 6:00 pm Social Reception  
7:00 pm Speaker/Meeting

**(Come early and enjoy a great meal in the dining room)**

**Location:** Waterman's Brewing Co.  
1610 Pavilion Place, Wilmington

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If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact:

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**Upcoming Meetings**

**April Membership Meeting**  
Waterman's Brewing Co.  
US Coast Guard  
April 22, 2024  
6:00 pm  
See flyer right

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**May Membership Meeting**  
Waterman's Brewing Co.  
Wrightsville Beach Ocean  
Rescue  
May 28, 2024  
6:00 pm



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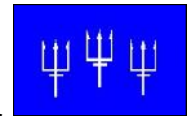


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## COMMANDER'S REPORT

### Cdr Joan Payne, S



Welcome to a beautiful spring in Wilmington. The Cape Fear Sail & Power Squadron offers beautiful beaches and the Cape Fear River for your enjoyment on the water. Our Squadron currently has 180-plus members, who welcome you and your family and friends to join us for fun days on the water as well as events on land.

Our meetings include both dinner and guest speakers as well as our most popular annual Past Commanders' Shrimparoo in July. Boating season is just around the corner, so get those boats up to speed with contacting one of our Vessel Safety Examiners to help make sure your boat is ready for the water.

In addition, please bring a friend to the Boat Show on the 13th of April. Our Squadron will be there to support Cape Fear Community College and their great marine technology programs as well. It is also an excellent time to sign up prospective candidates for our America's Boating Course® (ABC) classes. There are also various courses offered on the America's Boating Club® website.

And also, let's give special thanks to our Sunshine Committee, Lt. Jan Hilbert, who makes our days special by sending cards to those in need. She makes those days a little happier, which puts a smile on faces when needed most.



## EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

### Lt/C Jim Kennedy



Spring is here and the Cape Fear Sail & Power Squadron is hitting the ground running. This is a great time for members to pick up on Squadron activities and to become involved in our efforts to make the Cape Fear waterways safe for all of the boating public (including us!).

Each of the specialized committees under the Executive Officer are working hard, preparing for upcoming events or continuing their ongoing activities. Below is a summary of this activity. Please check out the various opportunities for your own involvement. As always, a great way to keep up with the activities of the Squadron is to peruse the Event Calendar on our website at <http://www.capefearsailandpowersquadron.org/calendar/month>.

### **Boat Shows (Lt Mike Cramer, S and Lt Wendell Lightner, S)**

If you are reading this before April 13, you still have time to come on down to the one-day Cape Fear Community College Boat Show. This is a great opportunity to meet area boaters and to make them aware of all the CFS&PS has to offer. Even if you haven't volunteered to do a shift at our table, come down and support your fellow members and get an idea of how we present our story so that you may be able to help at future shows. If you have any questions, please contact either Lt Mike Cramer ([mikeinwilmington@gmail.com](mailto:mikeinwilmington@gmail.com) or 410-935-9290) or Lt Wendell Lightner ([wendelllightner86@gmail.com](mailto:wendelllightner86@gmail.com) or 908-442-1010).

### **Safety Officer (Lt Dave Parker, S)**

Each year we contact area municipalities to request that they adopt proclamations in support of National Safe Boating Week (May 18-24, 2024). This is a way to make the community at large aware of this important event and to shine a spotlight on safe boating. These proclamations are adopted at local council meetings, and it is important that we have as many of our members there as possible. Dates and times for these events will be posted on the Squadron Calendar as they are scheduled (see link above). Please attend as many of these as you can. Contact Lt Dave Parker if you have any questions ([dparker@lilesparker.com](mailto:dparker@lilesparker.com) or 202-302-7595).

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The following proclamation meetings are scheduled, with additional ones pending (meetings are held in the Council chambers for each municipality):

- **Tuesday April 9 6:00 pm** *Town of Carolina Beach*
- **Thursday April 11 5:30 pm** *Town of Wrightsville Beach*
- **Thursday April 25 6:00 pm** *Town of Kure Beach*
- **Tuesday May 7 4:30 pm** *Town of Surf City*
- **Tuesday May 7 6:30 pm** *City of Wilmington*

### **Vessel Safety Checks (Lt Pat MacDonald)**

We are looking to schedule days at local marinas and private HOAs/condos that have marinas to do multiple Vessel Safety Checks. This is a convenient way for boaters to have their boats examined by one of our Vessel Examiners without having to contact us individually. Please, if you are member of a local marina or yacht club, ask them if they would like to schedule a "VSC Marina Day" for us to come. We typically do these on Saturdays (mornings to early afternoon) but can schedule other days as well. Scheduling can be done through Lt Pat MacDonald ([pjmcd.fl@gmail.com](mailto:pjmcd.fl@gmail.com) or 443-812-3874).



So far we have completed 64 vessel checks, with 51 boats passing and receiving decals. We have four Examiners in the final phase of certification. When they have completed their five supervised VSCs, we will have a total of 20 VEs – the most Examiners of any Squadron in District 27.

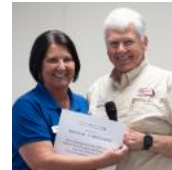
### **CFS&PS HOSTS DISTRICT 27 ANNUAL MEETING AND CHANGE OF WATCH Lt/C Barbara White, AP**



Several of our members are active on both the Squadron and District levels. At the recent District 27 Annual Meeting and Change of Watch held in Wrightsville Beach on March 15-16, members were recognized for their service, sworn in for Bridge positions, and recognized for their commitment to positions within the District.

#### **Awards:**

- D/Lt Francine Hall, AP, P/D/C Jerry Hall, SN, and P/C Juanita Neumeister, AP were recognized for 25 years of service and became Life Members.
- Chuck Eldridge, S was recognized with the Century Award for conducting over 100 VSCs in one year.
- CFS&PS received a certificate for 3rd place in Membership Growth within the District.
- Our VSC program was recognized for being in the top ten squadrons in the District.
- And, once again the *Foghorn* and Squadron website were recognized for excellence!



#### **District Leadership:**

- At the Change of Watch, our Past Commander Otis White, P was sworn in as District Commander
- Lt/C Barbara White, AP was again sworn in as Assistant Secretary.
- P/C Woody Williams, SN-CN is on the District Audit Committee
- Lt Pat McDonald is continuing as the VSC Chair for District 27.



**Hosts for the Meeting:** Our Squadron was the host for the District 27 meeting this year. That meant lots of coordination and showing up at early hours! A huge thank you to those who made this possible:

- Commander Joan Payne, S and Cort Farmer, P for running the registration desk;
- Jade Williams and Gail Farmer, P for running the Silent Auction;
- Billy Graham and Ed Bianchi for donating their amazing artistic work;
- P/C White and Rafael Toro for their auction donations;
- 1/Lt Jean Streatfeild for working the Saturday luncheon;
- P/C White for arranging the location, speaker and food for the event;
- Lt/C Jim Kennedy, S for his photography skills;
- Lt/C John Streatfeild, S for a very successful 50/50;
- All who were there and helped with setup, cleanup, and celebrating the new Bridge!
- Also, a shout out to P/C Abe Walston, SN for arranging for the COW to be held at the wonderful Surf Club!







### SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER'S REPORT Lt/C Ned W. Rhodes, SN



The **Piloting/Marine Navigation** course has ended, and exams have been sent off to National to be graded and returned. As this is a new class with a new structure, we will be conducting a survey to allow the students to critique the class.

The next **America's Boating Course**® (ABC) will be starting on June 22 at the New Hanover County Arboretum - NC Cooperative Extension classroom. The final ABC class for 2024 will be August 3-4. Signups are underway, and the number of students is increasing.

While Arleen and I were in Marathon, Florida for the month of March, I was able to visit their ABC class, which they conduct over two four-hour days. They had two students for this class, which they run annually. Seven had been signed up, but some were unable to get from their boats to shore for the class, probably due to the high winds at that time.

The following Monday Arleen and I attended their Local Knowledge class. There were eight of us there; we were told that in the past they have had as many as 70 attend. They reviewed places to anchor and snorkel as well as the local marinas. They also had a charter fisherman come in and discuss what fish could be caught, along with tips on where to go and what to use to catch them.

Their Squadron currently has only ten members, and we were able to meet most of the Bridge (Commander, Educational Officer and Executive Officer) – nice people, and it was great to see what other Squadrons are doing.

Contact me at [educationofficer@capefearsailandpowersquadron.org](mailto:educationofficer@capefearsailandpowersquadron.org) to let me know which courses you are interested in taking, if you have questions about our current offerings, or if you'd like to become an instructor with the Education Department.



### MEMBER BENEFIT: PRESCRIPTION SAVINGS CARD Nancie Kennedy

There are many prescription drug savings cards available to help with the costs of prescriptions. Here is one offered by the USPS called US Pharmacy Card. Check out the website and see if this may be a good option for you. Members can save up to 75% on every prescription filled by comparing the various local pharmacy pricing. Download your FREE card now and start saving today! No fees and it never expires. It's accepted at over 59,000 pharmacies. One card covers your entire family, including pets. Click here to learn more: <https://www.uspharmacycard.com/>.



### SUNSHINE COMMITTEE Lt Jan Hilbert



This month, a Get Well card was sent to P/C Otis White, P, who suffered a bad bout with pneumonia. He is doing much better now and we couldn't be more pleased.

A Thinking of You card was sent to D/Lt Francine Hall, AP, who was awaiting a surgery date. We sent our prayers and warm thoughts that all goes well.

A Sympathy card was sent to P/C Dianne Marshburn of Tar River Power Squadron on the sudden death of her beloved husband, Past Chief Commander of the United States Power Squadrons Ernie Marshburn of Greenville, NC. So many people knew and loved Ernie as he was accomplished in all he did and was described as "creative, kind hearted, loyal, magnanimous and without question, a friend to all!" Surely he will be missed and long remembered by Dianne, his family and his many friends. Prayers of comfort for all.

If you know of anyone in need of a card, please phone me at 910-350-0902, text to 910-685-0213 or email [hijanh@charter.net](mailto:hijanh@charter.net) and I will send good tidings.

## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

### Lt/C John Streatfeild



Squadron activities have started to ramp up. In addition to our own Membership meeting, the Squadron hosted the District 27 COW meeting in Wrightsville Beach. The event was well attended by our own members and others throughout the District. The highlight of the two-day conference was the swearing in of our own P/C Otis White, P as District Commander. Be sure to congratulate Otis the next time you see him, and remember we now have a "friend in high places."



On March 19, several of our members had a guided tour of the Karen Beasley Turtle Sanctuary in Surf City. Due to the number of members attending, they divided us into two groups. We were the only ones there, so the guides were able to spend extra time with us. The Sanctuary is an impressive facility. They keep dozens of rescued sea turtles that are rehabilitated and then returned to their natural habitat. Unfortunately, not all the turtles are healthy enough to be returned to the sea. A few may spend their entire lives at the habitat, which can be as long as 100 years – a major long-term commitment on the part of the Sanctuary.



### Upcoming Meetings and Events

Looking forward, our speaker for the **Monday, April 22 Membership Meeting** will be Capt. Tim List, Commander of Coast Guard Sector North Carolina. During the business portion of the meeting we will be discussing our Interest Groups. We hope to identify two Co-Chairs for each group who will help to organize at least two events for each group this year. We will also be recruiting members to be one-on-one mentors to new members. An email will be going out in advance explaining more about this program.

Also in April we will have a New Member Reception – date and place to be determined.

The Cape Fear Community College Boat Show is scheduled for April 13. As usual, we will have a booth at the show and are looking for volunteers to man the booth. You can sign up on our website. This is a great opportunity to recruit new members and get the word out about our various educational offerings.

In 2024 we will make a greater effort to raise funds for our Squadron. We have been operating at a deficit for the past few years, and this can't continue if we expect to survive. We are planning to have two silent auctions and to participate in a fundraiser sponsored by Belk's department store (details to follow).

### Membership & Member Involvement (P/C Otis White, P, Chair)

This past month we added seven more members to our Squadron. We lost a few to non-renewals but each had some good reasons for dropping. We are at 187 members at this writing and going strong. We remain the largest squadron in District 27 (covering NC and one squadron in SC). We are an active squadron working for boating safety, navigational education, and great social and speaker opportunities. Please renew your membership so we can keep up our excellent service to the marine environment of the Cape Fear.

We have six new members to welcome to our Squadron this month (all graduates of the February ABC class):

Jim & Wendy Miller of Sneads Ferry  
Rocco & Karen Parisano of Wilmington  
Daniel Boruta & Jodi Stamey of Wilmington

Welcome to these members; and we hope to see you at the April meeting so you can be formally welcomed to the crew!

**Existing Members:** *Please remember to renew your membership when your invoice comes in the mail or by email.*

Let's all keep the growth going! And please attend our meetings and events to get to know your fellow Squadron members. We are a great bunch and fun to be with! If you have any questions about renewing, please let me know at [ojwhite3@gmail.com](mailto:ojwhite3@gmail.com).

### Where's our Burgee?

P/C Mark Stacy, AP and Jean Stacy, S are on the trail to Italy again. Pictured in this issue is a shot of our burgee at the Arena di Verona. The Verona Arena is a Roman amphitheater in Piazza Bra in Verona, Italy built in 30 AD. It is still in use and serves as a venue for large-scale opera performances. It is one of the best-preserved ancient structures of its kind. In ancient times, the arena's capacity was nearly 30,000 people. Thanks, Mark and Jean, for sharing your trip!



Remember that if you don't have a burgee, you can pick one up from P/Lt/C Steve Thompson for \$25—get yours soon! Just drop him an email to him at [foreverdreamin06@gmail.com](mailto:foreverdreamin06@gmail.com), or come to a meeting where he brings them for sale.



## CAPE FEAR SAIL & POWER SQUADRON



### General Membership Meeting Presentation by Samuel Proffitt, Wrightsville Beach Ocean Rescue and Fire Department Captain



*Although he looks the part, Sam is not your typical "Bay Watch Life Guard." He has a very impressive academic background, including two master's degrees. He is currently nearing completion of a PhD from Virginia Tech. Among other things, he has done extensive research and co-authored a publication on ventilation-focused resuscitation protocol for drowning.*

## Tuesday, May 28

Waterman's Brewing Co.  
1610 Pavilion Place, Wilmington  
6:00 PM Social Hour  
7:00 PM Speaker/Meeting

Let us know you are coming! **Register [Here](#)**

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Photos will be taken at this event for publication in the *Foghorn* and Squadron website. If you do not wish to have your photo taken, please sign the Opt-Out sheet at this event.

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# Birthdays

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10	Leonard	Pattison
11	Barbara H.	Cruz
11	Jill W.	Kelly
11	Juanita S.	Neumeister
15	Bryan	Shaleuly
17	P. Ruth	Arnold
17	Benjamin R.	Levy
22	Dennis	Kelleher
23	William C.	Eldridge
26	Joni L.	Midgett
28	Mark G.	Stacy
29	Arleen	Rhodes

MAY		
DAY	NAME	
4	Joseph J.	Simons
4	Teresa	Sorrenti
6	Sarah B.	Sowers
7	Ann	Deibel
8	D. Morgan	Lee
9	Alice A.	Cavin
15	Stephen Alan	Worcester
22	John	Streatfeild
22	Elizabeth	Woodard
24	Eileen	Pattison
26	James	Miller
30	Nancie	Kennedy

2024 - 2025 Schedule for District 27 and USPS National Events		
District 27 Rendezvous	August 2-3, 2024	"Little" Washington, NC
National Fall Governing Board	September 22-30, 2024	Sheraton Pittsburgh Hotel at Station Square
Annual Meeting	February 1-10, 2025	TBD





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