

## America's Boating Club North Strand



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Cdr Frank Pope JN

### FROM THE COMMANDER'S HELM

The first day of fall was September 22 (at 8:44 AM EDT) which means we are planning the October meeting as well as preparing the October Scuttlebutt. Make sure you have your calendars marked to attend the October 14th meeting at the VFW. The committee is planning on a barbeque feast from a new venue for us. The social committee is also working on our Christmas party in December so if there is something you would like to see or have at the party, reach out to the committee and give them your suggestions. Better yet, reach out and volunteer some time to help. I am sure they would appreciate it as they have been working hard all year. As we discussed at the last meeting, we have already started working on filling positions for next year. We need some new blood and fresh ideas to help soon to be Commander Ed. I am sure he would be happy to hear from you on any thoughts you may have.

The Governing Board meeting was this past weekend in Pittsburg. The meeting was also live streamed on You Tube so I joined. I was able to sit thru most of it, but will admit I didn't make it to the end since the weather outside was so nice. I heard enough to hear that many of the chapters are just like us; hard to get new members, hard to get people to come to education and hard to get current members to volunteer their time. Membership is down and many clubs are referring themselves as a dinner club. Even within our own district Savannah River is in the process of shutting down. The upside is Tybee Light can now change their name to Savannah and National has already approved the change.

Plan to join us on October 19 for our annual Bird Island raft-up. We will have plenty of room on someone's boat should you want to join and don't have a boat. Hopefully, it will be a beautiful day .

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## Educational Officer's Briefing



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

The USPS Weather course test was taken on September 4<sup>th</sup> by five students. They were sent to National for grading and we are waiting for them to return with their critiques.

Our ABC class scheduled for Sept 14th was canceled due to lack of interest.

We are planning on presenting the Navigation Course, now called Offshore Navigation, which is the last class of the Advanced Grades. Anyone that has completed the JN course is eligible to take this course. The class will be scheduled to start in early 2025 lasting 12-14 weeks. Anyone interested in this course please let me know so books can be ordered and other preparations can be made.

We will be coordinating some Co-Op charting trips to inspect Aids to Navigation for Discrepancies and Verify that the Aids position is consistent with the USCG Light List, and perform some bridge surveys for damage or missing signage. Additionally, this year we will try to include some Chart Discrepancy reports to ensure that the charts features are accurate with on-scene observations.

As always, if anyone interested in any of the great boating education opportunities or seminars that the USPS offers please let us know. We are here to provide the education that our members desire.

1. Clemson
2. Milk
3. Sugar Cane Syrup
4. Carolina Low County
5. Louisiana

ANSWERS

## Vessel Safety Examiners' Column



**Twila Nahama, SN**

Please take advantage of the FREE Vessel safety exams.

### See one of the 2024 safety Examiners

Lt Twila Nahama, SN Chair

D/1st /Lt John Cattuna SN-CN

P/D/C Andy Hyman III SN-ACN

P/Lt/C Craig Huber JN

Captain John Schwab

Cdr Frank Pope JN

P/D/C Jeffrey H Horton

The Nominations Committee is actively seeking candidates for our next watch year. Positions available include Administrative Officer, Executive Officer, Audit Committee, Rules Committee, and Nominations Committee. To express interest or ask questions, please contact:

Rich Norris 610-703-6650

Ellen Theriault 201-674-3438

Marc Theriault 843-655-4609



Squadron Meeting

Mon. Oct 14th - 5:00-7:30

The Meeting will be held in our normal location at the VFW. We are working on a speaker but no decision yet so TBD for now. Dinner will be catered by the BBQ House. We will have BBQ, chicken, mac & cheese, baked beans, Cole slaw, rolls, hush puppies, tea and banana pudding.

**We need your RSVP by Sunday Oct 6.**

LOCATION

VFW - 111 Hwy 57 N. Little River SC 29566

DATE AND TIME

10/14/24 5:00 pm - 10/14/24 7:30 pm

Social hour at 5:00 with dinner at 6:00 followed by a short business meeting.



Elke	Boal	03
Martha Sue	Royster	04
Summer M.	Perry	08
Clare	Pazona	13
Tami A.	Casey	14
Bonnie	Kanoy	15
Gerard C.	Jebaily	24
Kathy	Franklin	28
Marelda	Hart	31

Bird Island Raft-Up

Saturday October 19th

Due to scheduling conflicts, we are moving the bird Island Raft-Up to October 19. Hoping that doing it on a Saturday will be a better fit for everyone's busy schedule.

**Edward Bullwinkel - (908) 216-1536 - [bjedbully@aol.com](mailto:bjedbully@aol.com)**

**Date and time: 10/19/24**

**11:00 am - 3:00 pm**

**A notice was previously sent out via Constant Contact.**

**D26 Virtual Fall Conference**  
October 26, 2024, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

We have completed the agenda for our (virtual) Fall Conference, which is scheduled for October 26, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM and will focus on communications to members and squadrons.

Four (4) primary areas will be discussed: District Business, National Update, Chief Commander's Message and Special Topics. Each department and Cdr Sommers will update us on key activities or initiatives undertaken the past six months; updates on initiatives National is or will be undertaking and how we might leverage at the District or Squadron levels; a summary of the Chief Commander's fall message; and two (2) Special Topics covering SARS and the iMIS rollout. See below for more details.

**District Conference Business Meeting**

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Chair: D/C Barb Sommers, AP

Participants: This session is for all members of D26 Squadrons. Some agenda items require a vote by voting members. Voting members are: Squadron commanders, Squadron delegates, the D26 bridge officers, our immediate past District commander, and the chairs of the District's nominations, rules, and audit committees.

Agenda:

- Welcome
- Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, Last Horizon
- Confirmation of Quorum
- Approval of Spring Conference Minutes
- Department Reports
- District Commander's Remarks

**National Update**

10:00 AM – 10:20 AM

Chair: (TBD)

Description: Update on initiatives introduced at the 2024 Governing Board meeting and how they may be leveraged and beneficial to the Squadrons and the District will be discussed.

**Break**

10:20 AM - 10:30 AM

**Chief Commander's Message**

10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Chair: (TBD)

Description:

- C/C Ralph Bernard, AP Fall Message.

**Special Topic - iMIS Rollout Update**

11:00 AM - 11:20 AM

Chair: D/C Barb Sommers, AP

Description:

- A report out from the Governing Board meeting on the status of the iMIS rollout.

**Special Topic: SARS - Benefits to Users and Ease of Use**

11:20 AM - 11:35 AM

Chair: P/D/C Jim Wilkins, AP

Description:

- A brief overview of the benefits to a squadron in using SARS and to how easy it is to use, including some of the recent enhancements that have been made available. Note that Jim Wilkins and the SARS creator, Al Lehman, are willing to hold a virtual workshop with any squadron to provide a more in-depth demonstration on using of SARS.

**Discussion and Wrap-up**

11:35 AM - 11:50 AM

Chair: D/C Barb Sommers, AP

Description:

- Time for questions and answers, and any last minute items to discuss.
- Benediction
- Adjourn



OCTOBER 11 TH IS :  
SOUTHERN FOOD HERITAGE DAY

Southern Food Heritage Day is a reminder of the profound cultural significance food holds. It tells tales of hardship, resilience, community, and love. As you indulge in your favorite Southern dish this October 11th, take a moment to appreciate the history on your plate and the hands that crafted it.

So, whether you're a true Southerner or just an admirer of the cuisine, let's come together to celebrate the deep-rooted culinary legacy of the South.

**SOUTHERN CUISINE QUIZ**

What university is associated with blue cheese?

What is the state beverage of South Carolina?

What kind of syrup do Southerners pour on their pancakes?

Where does the dish Hoppin' John originate?

Where does spicy gumbo originate?

**NSSPS CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024**

OCTOBER

- 14 Meeting at VFW 5:30 PM
- 16 Heritage Shores Cleanup 3:30 PM
- 19 Bird Island Raft up TBA
- \*24-26 Conway Cruise and Dinner TBA
- \*25 Theater of the Republic TBA

NOVEMBER

- 02 Southport Wooden Boat Show  
(tentative Cruise)
- 11 Meeting at VFW
- 20 Heritage Shores Cleanup 3:30 PM

DECEMBER

- 4 Ladies Lunch/Jacket Collection
- 9 Christmas Party
- 18 Heritage Shores Cleanup 3:30 PM

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