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Veterans Day Cruise and Rendezvous Highlighted November Activities

Veterans Day Cruise and Rendezvous

By Lt Mark Stacy, AP* Lt Mary Ellen Simmons, P

Cape Fear Sail and Power Squadron celebrated its last boating activity of the season with a cruise and rendezvous to Wilmington City Docks on the week-end of 11-13 November. The participating vessels were *Cap'n's Choice* with P/C Hubert Bordeaux, SN and



Helen Bordeaux, P; *Happy Ours* with Cdr Roger Simmons, SN and Lt Mary Ellen Simmons, P; *Windansea* with Lt Mark Stacy, AP* and Jean Stacy, S; *Saint 'n Sinner* with Steve Worcester, AP and P/C Mary Jo Worcester, S; *Magic Genie* with Lt Lank Lancaster, AP and Genie Lancaster, S; *Adventures* with Lt Jimmy Thomas and Gaye Thomas; *Cataline* with Lt John Kelly, JN, Jill Kelly, S and Lt/C Ted Poucher, JN; *Midlife III* with Robert Hagendorf, S; *Adonai* with Bill Karr, III, S and Diane Karr; *La Margherita* with I/Lt Brook

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**Change Of Watch
Porter's Neck Country Club
6:00PM Start Time 21 Jan. 2012**

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Commander's Report **Cdr. Roger Simmons, SN**

Greetings: Chances are most of you are gearing up for the upcoming holiday season. The season will pass in a flash, and we will begin our annual slowdown as we wrap up our personal activities and prepare for the onset of another new year. Such is certainly not the case for the Cape Fear Sail and Power Squadron. November ushered in not only a Thanksgiving Holiday, but also a weekend cruise to downtown Wilmington, a Veteran's Luncheon attended by 85 members and guests, and a New Members' reception. All this will be followed by our Annual Membership Meeting and Holiday Social to be held at Landfall Country Club on 12 December and our Annual Change of Watch at Porters Neck Country Club on 21 January 2012. So, as you can readily see things are really active within our squadron.

Our New Members' Reception, held at Seapath Yacht Club in Wrightsville Beach on 28 November, was attended by 31 members including 9 new members. This was actually our second reception this year (the first was held on 27 June) and the turnout was impressive. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Good food, mixing and mingling, and a bit of history about Cape Fear Sail and Power Squadron, its organization and its structure all contributed to a delightful evening. In total, 21 new members attended our receptions this year and 27 of our members earned credit for completion of operations training and have either received their certificates or are in the process of receiving them. Special thanks are extended to P/C Hubert Bordeaux, SN for securing our meeting place, and thanks are extended to all our members who either assisted in organizing or participated in the program.

The months of November and December are times for honoring and remembering our veterans and their efforts and sacrifices exerted while defending our Country and preserving our freedoms; it's a time when we express thanks to God for all our bountiful blessings; and it's a time when we express our kindness and generosity by remembering the needy and less fortunate.

For those of you in attendance at our most recent Veterans Luncheon, held at the George Restaurant, you know that the event was much more than just having fun and enjoying a good lunch; rather, it was a time to be patriotic and display our patriotism by honoring our veterans and thanking them for their sacrifices, a time to sing patriotic songs and a time to listen to our guest speaker USCG Captain Anthony Popiel deliver his message on this subject. The event was also an occasion for acknowledging and remembering our current and past commanders of Cape Fear Sail and Power Squadron and also a time for remembering our past squadron members "crossing the bar."

Our squadron makes a special effort this time of the year to help the needy and less fortunate. P/C Joan Payne, S is heading up a project this year through New Hanover County Department of Social Services where squadron members are given Christmas "wish lists" of needy and orphaned children, the objective being to provide a child with an item from his or her wish list. What better way is there for us to show our kindness and generosity this Holiday Season than by ensuring a needy child has a Merry Christmas? Last year Commander Payne undertook a similar mission, collecting coats and jackets for distribution to deserving kids. Many of our members serve active roles in charitable organizations serving the poor and needy, such as the Good Shepherd Ministries and other charities, and as such give back to our community and help the less fortunate. For your efforts in this endeavor, we are very grateful.

I'll close for now and wish all of you a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. I ask that you remember the true meaning of the season, and make a special effort to make someone else's holiday a bit merrier. #



Executive Officer's Report **Lt/C Ronald I. Tilmon, JN**

Well folks, Thanksgiving is behind us and Christmas is on the way. I'm really looking forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming Annual Meeting/Christmas Party at the Landfall Country Club. You also need to consider attending our upcoming Change of Watch on January 21st at the Porters Neck Country Club. This meeting will serve to relieve the current Bridge and install the new Bridge for 2012 and serve as a means to present recognition/awards to members for their past accomplishments this year.

If you go to our website at <http://www.capefearpowersquadron.org/> you will find our calendar on the initial page with the event scheduled and even a map link to Google Maps. While you are there, if you haven't done so you should download the current version of our Membership Roster and you may even want to download a copy of our Associate Members Roster. In order to get into this

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Educational Officer's Report **Lt/C Peter Dahl, JN, SEO**

New Members Chance to Take Seamanship Course

Our roster shows that we have over 40 members that have joined the squadron in 2011. Congratulations and welcome. You all need to know that the primary goal of the USPS is education. The first of our core courses is *Seamanship*. It covers the basics in safe boat handling. Whether you own a boat or plan to be part of a crew, this will get you started in the right direction.

The *Seamanship* course is a natural first/next step in building a foundation for confidence and competence for safe and enjoyable boating on the water. It extends the knowledge and skills of the boater in handling and maneuvering a vessel, either sail or power. The course provides a better understanding of how boats behave under various conditions including close quarters and open water operations. Knowledge and skills are increased in the areas of anchoring, emergencies, rules of the road, and marlinspike/basic knots.

The class begins on Wednesday, January 11th at 7:00 PM. The location is Harbor United Methodist Church, 4853 Masonboro Loop Road, Wilmington. The cost is \$42.00 for the materials and may be shared by couples taking the course together. To sign up for this valuable course, email me at pdahl@ec.rr.com. #

A Brief Editor's Note **Lt Robert Raleigh, S**

It's seems like the two years I've served as editor on the *Foghorn* have flown by. Just the other day Mary Jo was showing me what the position involved, and today I am doing the same for Jean Stacy.

I had my rough spots—even though I was an experienced editor—but I had terrific support. That's why I feel it necessary to write this. Jean will do just great as the new editor of the *Foghorn*, and she will be grateful to have the same support I had. To her I wish the best.

This support comes from the top down: My two past commanders, Alan Smith and Roger Simmons, not only wrote much of the stuff we printed, but they were generous in their advice and adept as writers. Add to this the proof-reading skills of Nita Neumeister and the added contributions of the members of the Bridge and various other squadron participants, and it was relatively easy helping to produce such a newsletter.

The greatest credit, however, should go to the publisher. As George Ball says in his email "He's seldom far from his email." He never was when he provided me with the timely support to let me help him produce a fine product. He deserves much of the accolades that go to the *Foghorn*.

This is my last *Foghorn*. To all of you I send my grateful thanks for your support and for making the last two years' experience an enriching one. #

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section of the website, you will need to enter the username and password. This is done to protect our members personal information. If you don't have them or can't remember them, contact any member of the Bridge so you can get into this very important information. As always, we on the Bridge are here to serve you and are always willing to help and listen to any suggestions you may have.

I'm really looking forward to next year. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. #

Special Education Announcement: Engine Maintenance Course to be Offered - Lt/C Peter Dahl, JN

We are pleased to offer the latest revision of the *Engine Maintenance* class beginning January 11th. It will run for 10 weeks. The cost is \$40.00 for the text book and may be shared with a second family member.

One of our new members, Josh Roberts, has taught engine maintenance classes for many years before moving here from Philadelphia. We look forward to welcoming him as a new course leader.

The new *Engine Maintenance* course has been put into one 10-chapter course that stresses the diagnosis of modern systems, while also teaching the basics of engine layout and operation. Gasoline inboards, outboards, and diesel engines are taught in a way that reinforces the common aspects of how engines work.

Modern engines offer high reliability and good performance through the use of computerized systems for fuel delivery and engine timing. Most of these systems are "black boxes" that can no longer be serviced by weekend mechanics with ordinary tools. The course covers those repairs that do-it-yourselfers can still perform, teaches how to diagnose problems that might be beyond your ability to fix, and how to share information with your mechanic so the right repairs get performed.

The new *Engine Maintenance* also covers basic mechanical systems such as drive systems (propellers), steering systems, and engine controls. The last chapter discusses solutions you might use to problems that could occur while afloat and away from a repair facility. Gasoline, diesel, and outboard engines are treated independently in this chapter.

We require a minimum of 6 students to run our classes, so please contact Lt/C Peter Dahl JN SEO at pdahl@ec.rr.com to sign up for the course. The location will be chosen and students advised appropriately #



Picture from New Members Reception

NOMINATIONS: OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES OF THE CAPE FEAR SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON FOR 2012

Submitted By: P/C Mary Jo Worcester, S, Chair Person, Nominations Committee

Election of the Cape Fear Sail & Power Squadron officers for the year 2012 will take place at our Annual Meeting on 12 December 2011. Below is the slate of officers and committee members.

Commander	Lt/C Ronald Tilmon, JN
Executive Officer	1/Lt Jonnie' Chardonn, P
Educational Officer	Lt/C Peter Dahl, JN
Administrative Officer	Lt/C Benjamin Van Etten, P
Secretary	Lt Thomas Bello, AP
Treasurer	Lt/C Edward Poucher, JN
Assistant SEO	I/Lt Brook Lindbert, SN
Assistant Administrative Officer	Christine Miller
Assistant Secretary	I/Lt Susan Van Note, S
Assistant Treasurer	I/Lt Timothy Jenkins, P
Three Members At Large	Robert Hagendorf, S Edward Lobalbo, S Lt Doug Murray
Two Nominating Committee Members (3 years)	Cdr Roger Simmons, SN Maureen Oeters, P
Two Rules Committee Members (3 years)	P/C Francine Hall, AP P/LT/C Lee Hebner, AP
One Auditing Committee Member (3 years)	Lt/C David Echevarria, P
Most recent P/C to Exc. Committee	Cdr Roger Simmons, SN

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Lindbert, SN and Lt Margaret Lindbert, JN.

Most of the cruisers arrived at Wilmington City Docks on Friday after a cold and rough trip up the Cape Fear River. The rest arrived on Saturday morning on a very clear, calm day. Everyone enjoyed docktails on Friday evening despite the very cold and rainy conditions.

The highlight of the Rendezvous was the Veteran's Luncheon at the George Restaurant on the River Walk Downtown. Eighty-five members and guests attended the Luncheon and celebration. It was a time to honor our veterans and celebrate Cape Fear Sail and Power Squadron's 60th anniversary. The agenda included some opening remarks by Commander Simmons, SN followed by the invocation by Alex Wrenn, N, an associate Member from the Greensboro Power Squadron, and District 27 Chaplain. Lt Doug Murray led the members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance and led the group in the singing of "God Bless America."

Commander Simmons recognized member veterans and past commanders in attendance and also recognized those past members "crossing the bar." New members Dave Jones and Joan Croft- Jones were installed into the Squadron. The keynote speaker for the occasion, USCG Captain Anthony Popiel, Commander of Sector North Carolina, addressed the audience with a brief history lesson about the USCG and the importance of its vital role in preserving our National security.

The event finished up with birthday cake and a brief presentation about the Squadron's rich nautical history and some remarks about the Cape Fear Sail and Power Squadron burgee. #



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Veterans Day Recognition
Cruise and Rendezvous
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**Entire Boating Class Completes On-The-Water Training
P/C Alan Smith, AP***

The Squadron's most recent running of America's Boating Course concluded on the drizzly morning of December 5th as the last three students ran through a hands-on syllabus aboard *Gotta Go II*, captained by Lt/C Ben Van Etten, P. Ben followed in the wake of Lt/C Ted Poucher, JN, who took four students through the same program aboard his boat *Minor Therapy* on November 14th. This is the second time we've included an on-the-water (OTW) session in the ABC course, and it's been well received each time. All who've participated agreed that it reinforced the "book learning" from the classroom and was a lot of fun to boot. Thanks to Ted, Ben and Lt Ed Cathey, AP, who've all volunteered their time and boats to OTW training during the past two courses for making this activity so simple and effective.

The classroom phase of the last course was similarly successful. Eight squadron instructors like Lt/C Ron Tilmon, JN helped all the students pick up a big dose of practical boating lore and pass the final test. That insured all received their NC boat operator's cards and an opportunity to accept a trial membership in our squadron.

Special kudos go to Lt Mary Ellen Simmons, P for her role in publicizing the last course. Thanks to her well-placed ads in the smaller local papers, we had a class of well-qualified, interested students. Pass the word that we'll be repeating this course and the OTW training three times in 2012, with sessions beginning on February 4th, April 28th, and October 28th. #

People in the boating photos: December 5th OTW (Students aboard *Gotta Go*) L to R: Roger Piburn, Ben Van Etten, Janine Piburn, Carl McIntyre



November 14th OTW (aboard *Minor Therapy*) L to R: Paul Briggs, Buddy Coleman, Seymour Shaw, Cowboy McIntyre, Ted Poucher



Below: Lt/C Ron Tilmon, JN Leads the ABC Class



Pictures
from the
ABC Class

**Halligan's Book Club
Tina Miller**

The Halligan's Book Club met on the 29th at our usual haunt. While waiting for the other ladies to arrive I took time to peruse the menu and learned that a halligan is a tool designed for use by law enforcement and fire/rescue personnel for accomplishing forcible entry into buildings. It is three tools combined into one, a claw, a pick and a blade. It can open any locked door regardless of which way the door swings. What an apt analogy for our club. Men of valor use a halligan to open physical doors, and we are using books to open mental doors. The club's three tools are friendship development, an introduction to worlds outside our own, and analysis and discussion of what is real or truth. GO Halligan's!

The book for discussion this month was *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand. It is a poignant story of an Olympic athlete turned Japanese prisoner-of-war. Studying a man mentally and physically able to survive years of torture and starvation can be a hard task, especially for a small town girl who has always been protected from the evils of the world. The book gave us a glimpse at the conditions on the Asian front, the chess game in the Pacific, the devotion of soldiers in the death game of war,

and the toll it has on human lives. Thank you, Sue Van Note, for helping us "open another door."

Jean Stacy has recommended *The Postmistress* by Sarah

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**Potluck Club Wraps Up A Pleasant Season
Jean Stacy, S**

Our last gathering on December 1st, hosted by Doris Smith, Mary Ellen and Roger Simmons, was a delightful evening at the Simmons' home. There were no games, no bonfires, or rain checks this time. Over the outstanding Southern meal prepared by Doris, we shared more about ourselves, especially boating stories. Robin and Larry King, Steve and Mary Jo Worcester, Jean and Mark Stacy, Bill Miller (minus his bride who was ill), Pat Grooms, and our hosts all agreed on one thing:

The purpose of the potluck club was definitely fulfilled by our group as we met over the last six months. We are saddened our little group now has to split up but have made a deal we will definitely get together on our own. If you haven't joined the Potluck Club you are missing an excellent opportunity to bond with other members of the CFS&PS on land! #



**Book Club #1 November Meeting
Audry Bickwid**

The CFS&PS Book Club #1 met on Tuesday, November 15 at the home of Nita Neumeister. Those present included Nita, Audry, Marilyn, Genie, Linda and Francine. We missed Sara, Gaye, Keena, Beverly and our traveling friends Pam and Nancy (hope they are having a great time heading south on the ICWW.)

The book was *Protect and Defend* by Richard North Patterson. The discussion was lively. It seems the book had many main characters and all with very strong opinions. The book dealt with pro-life and pro-choice, a very strong topic to discuss. Nita served wonderful desserts, as usual.

Our holiday luncheon was on December 7 at the Olympia Restaurant on Oleander at 12:30. Please bring a new unwrapped children's book that Genie will take to the Domestic Violence Shelter for us.

On another note: I am stepping down as your book club leader as of the January 1, 2012. Marilyn Freeman has graciously volunteered to take my place, and I know she will do a wonderful job-- thank you, Marilyn. I have enjoyed these three years of running this group and getting it off the ground. I will remain as a loyal member.

The first meeting of the New Year is on January 17, 2012, at Genie Lancaster's home, the book we are discussing is *A Dog's Purpose* by W. Bruce Cameron.

From the Members of Book Club #1:

The women of the Book Club #1 want to thank Audry Bickwid for her leadership in creating, organizing and helping to sustain our group over the last three, almost four, years. The joy of reading diverse books and then sharing our thoughts with a wonderful group of bright, insightful, and warm women whom we have come to know and trust has and continues to be a monthly experience we all relish. #

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Blake for our next reading. This book should bring the war a little closer to home as it ties life in a small town in Massachusetts with the ravage of Europe in WWII.

Halligan's Book Club will meet again on January 24th. We will all be very busy during the month of December, so we take a moment now to wish all our CFS&PS brothers and sisters a Merry Christmas and a book in your stocking. #



**Book Club #1- December Meeting
& 2012 Plans -Marilyn Freeman**

Wednesday, December 7, 2011, was the annual Holiday luncheon, held at The Olympia Restaurant for Book Club #1. Those who attended and enjoyed the food and company were Audry Bickwid, Linda Van Etten, Genie Lancaster, Gaye Thomas, Keena Newland, Sara Raleigh, Nancy Barnett, and Marilyn Freeman (absent were Beverly Smith, Pam Bramhall, and Nita Neumeister).

Audry Bickwid stepped down as chairperson after having started the book club and directed it for three years. Her replacement is Marilyn Freeman. Audry was honored for her service with a gift certificate to Barnes and Noble (how appropriate). Members brought new childrens' books to be donated to the Domestic Violence Shelter. Genie Lancaster collected them for delivery, thank you Genie.

The business of the day was the reading and hosting schedule for 2012. Members offered suggestions for reading the following books:

- The Year of Wonder* by Ann Patchett
- An Element of Grace* by Mary Dora Russell
- The Last Child* by John Hart
- A Gathering of Old Men* by Ernest Gaines
- Mrs. Kimble* by Jennifer Haigh
- A Town Called Alice* by Neville Shute
- Still Alice* by Lisa Genova

Meeting	Hostess	Book
January	Genie Lancaster	<i>A Dog's Purpose</i>
February	Keena Newland	<i>The Last Child</i>
March	Audry Bickwid	<i>The Year of Wonder</i>
April	Sara Raleigh	<i>The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks</i>
May	Francine Hall	TBD
June	Gaye Thomas	<i>Thirteen Moons</i> by Charles Frasier
July	Linda Van Etten	TBD
August	Marilyn Freeman	<i>A Gathering of Old Men</i> by Ernest J. Ganns
September	TBD	TBD
October	Nancy Barnett	<i>The Unbroken</i> by Laura Hillenbrand
November	TBD	TBD
December	Luncheon	TBD #



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Sunshine Report
Lt. Jan Hilbert



It is always great when we have very few cards to send out as it means we're trying our best to remain healthy. I did, however, send cards to Robert Raleigh and James Kreimer. Both men had heart procedures done. In addition, a card was sent to Ron Toussaint who recently hurt his back. Good wishes to all for a speedy recovery.

If you know of anyone in need of a card, please call me at 910-350-0902 or email hijan@charter.net. #

Cape Fear Sail & Power Squadron 2011-12 Calendar

Date	Event	Location	Captain
12 Dec	Annual Meeting & Holiday Social	Landfall Country Club	1 Lt Jonnie' Chardonn, P
20 Dec	Book Club I	Olympia Restaurant	Audry Bickwid
7 Jan	D/27 Winter Training	Raleigh, NC	Cdr Roger Simmons, SN
9 Jan	Joint Executive Committee Meeting	TBD	Cdr Roger Simmons, SN
12 Jan	Foghorn submissions Required	E-mail to Editor	Jean Stacy, S
17 Jan	Book Club I	Lt Genie Lancaster's Home	Lt Genie Lancaster
21 Jan	Annual Change of Watch	Porters Neck Country Club	Cdr Roger Simmons, SN
	Book Club II	Halligan's Restaurant	Tina Miller
9 Feb	Foghorn submissions Required	E-mail to Editor	Jean Stacy, S

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