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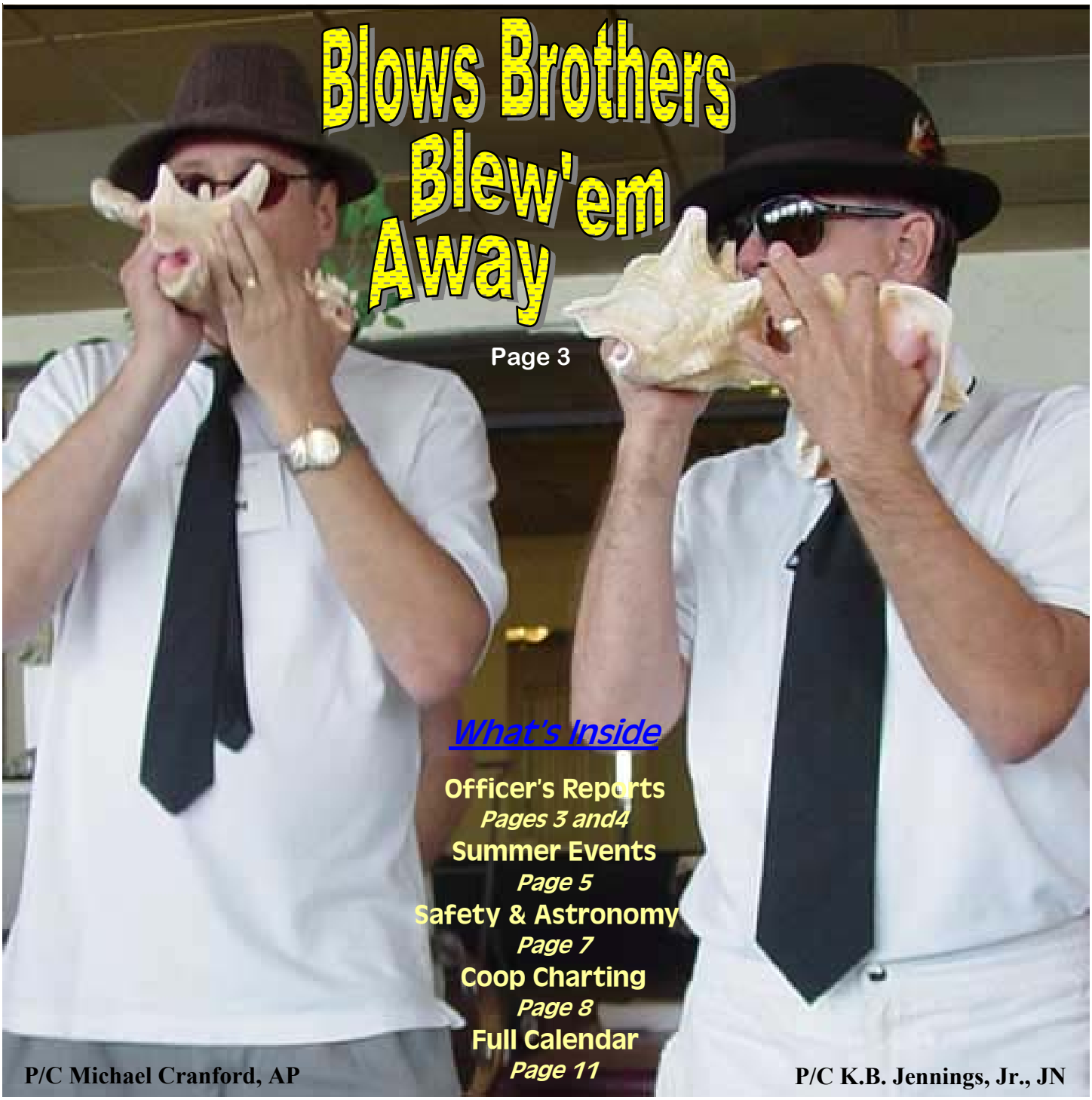

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P/C Michael Cranford, AP

P/C K.B. Jennings, Jr., JN

August 2005

Calendar of Events

17 August	**Simple Astronomy** *Piedmont Club*
03-05 Sept	**Coop Charting & Rendezvous** *Morehead City*
August 29	**Bridge Meeting** *at the Commander's home 336/924-2698*
August 29	***Tarheels* Articles Due** *E-mail prefered mcranford@triad.rr.com*

See the Full Calendar on page 11

(As a note, all squadron members are always welcomed and encouraged to come to the monthly Bridge Meeting on the last Monday of every month. The regular time for these meetings is 1900 at the Commander's home at 5854 Woodsway Drive, Pfafftown. Call 924-2698 for directions. Come out and join us. We would like to have your input.)

MONTHLY MEETING

WSSPS Membership Meeting

Darle Shouse

Simple Astronomy

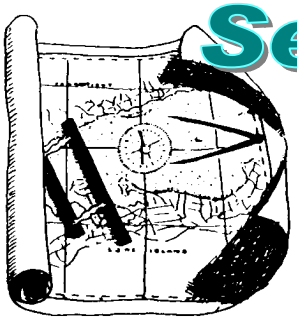
August 17

at Piedmont Club
BB & T Financial Center
19th Floor
724-7077

Must be Prepaid by August 10
Dinner Cost $15/pp
Make Checks out to WSSPS
Send to Eddie Shinlever
2275 Pisgah Church Road
Kernersville, NC 27284

Social begins at 1830
Dinner shortly thereafter

Guests are always welcome, but a reservation is required.



Setting the Course

Cdr Kristine S. Cranford, AP

August is here and I hope everyone is having a great boating season.

Our meeting in July featuring Claiborne Young was very well received. If you could not attend and you boat at the coast it might be well worth your while to buy his new book and cruising guide. Between hurricanes and new development so much has changed down east that the old information no longer pertains. I found it to be saddening to contemplate so many wonderful old places being altered forever by the current real estate boom. Michael and I have taken to wandering around shooting photos when we go to the coast, trying to record what the area looks like before it is a world gone away.

We shall meet again at the Piedmont Club in August when our program will be about astronomy. Our speaker will be Darle Shouse who has developed this presentation for us. The Piedmont Club has worked hard to keep our price point at $15 per person, including parking. We regret that members will again have to pre-pay for the meeting but we need to do this in order to provide the club with an accurate attendance figure so that they know how much food to prepare. In September we will meet at the newly renovated Twin City Club.

In July many of us attended the District Rendezvous in beautiful New Bern. We had a wonderful time, highlighted by the Conch Blowing Contest. We are proud to announce that we won two first places, the first by K.B. Jennings for the "Longest Blow" and the second by K.B. and Michael Cranford, Cindy Jennings and Yours Truly (on tambourines) as the " Blows Brothers and the Soul Sisters". We won for best new act, proving irrefutably that Winston-Salem is just as adept at silliness as it is at everything else. My heartfelt thanks go to Linda and Dennis Brigadier who not only hosted the squadron hospitality boat, but allowed conch-blowing practice on board, to Spooner's great distress.

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Educational Officer

P/C Ray N. Travis, SN
(AKA "Lord Nelson")

There is not much going on in education, boating season is in full swing.

There are only two classes scheduled for this fall.

I am going to set up a class on the use of the Map Tech CD and digital chart, I hope to have this set up by end of August and will notify the prospective AP students.

Advanced Piloting is scheduled to start September 12 on Monday nights 1900-2100. I will chair this class and I'll be asking for instructors to help teach. The class will be held at the Scout's center on Silas Creek Parkway.

The other class that is scheduled is the ABC public boating class. It will start on October 11 on Tuesday nights from 1830-2030 at the Old Town Park Rec. Center on Shattalon Road. P/C Leon Corbett, SN will chair this class and will be asking for instructors to help teach this course

Sorry this report is short, but is it is summer and boating season. Members are enjoying their boats and putting together all their knowledge they learned in our classes. It great to know they are safe boaters and are encouraging others to be safe boaters.

Have a great, what is left of the summer.

Administrative Officer

P/C Alexander Cooper, JN

I pulled into a gas station at Lake Norman recently followed closely by a big truck with racing decals all over it and pulling a " go fast " boat in the same paint scheme. My first impression was…I bet this NASCAR dummy doesn't even know the correct way to put on a life jacket.

Was I surprised when I saw a 2005 VSC sticker on his cigarette… on the wrong side, but still it was on the boat.

So on my way back to the house I began thinking just because a person doesn't " look " like a boater doesn't mean he isn't. I bet you know someone who could give you all kind's of knowledge about boating if only you would open up to them…. so the next time you see a new member at a function, stop and introduce yourself to them… you know they like boating or they wouldn't be there in the first place.

USPS has become a revolving door of members who get interested, then leave when no one pays attention to them…help us stop that.

Sea Scouts July 4th Trip To Cape Lookout

Rendezvous at the Frazier's

D27 Rendezvous in New Bern

SUMMER EVENTS

Commander's Message
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Also last month we had our rendezvous at the Fraziers' on Lake Norman. Our thanks to them for their hospitality. If you missed this event, you missed some great food and a ride on Dwight Evans cool new pontoon boat (the fastest on Lake Norman, we believe.)

Our Planning Committee is making progress revamping some of the ways in which our squadron is organized. We are beginning to get a clearer view of the things we need to do to make Officers' jobs less taxing and membership more satisfying. We hope to have proposed changes ready to be voted on by the general membership in November. Hopefully we can publish those changes in the newsletter before the general membership meeting. Our chairman for the Planning Committee is Leon Corbett and the members are K.B. Jennings, Dwight Evans, Robert Whittle, Ray Travis and Kris Cranford.

Over Labor Day week-end we will have a rendezvous at Morehead City at Frank Styers' Peltier Creek Country Club and Yacht Basin. This will include a big cook-out on Saturday night, and lots of boating and co-op charting. If you can get to the beach, this should be a great time. Let an officer know you are interested and he will update you as plans evolve.

I hope everyone is having a marvelous summer.

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GUIDELINES FOR SAFE ANCHORING

1. Select an anchor designed for the type of bottom encountered in your boating area. Even with a small boat, 5 or 6 feet of coated chain is desirable. Shackle the chain to the anchor. Place a thimble on the end of the anchor line and shackle to the chain...The anchor line (rode) should be nylon which has elasticity to absorb shock and keep the anchor set.

2. Pick your anchorage carefully. If other boats are anchored nearby, you will need to "guess" at their potential swing. A shallow draft boat will be more affected by the wind, whereas a deep draft boat will be more affected by the current.

3. Put your bow into the wind or current (whichever is having the greatest affect on your boat), power up slowly to or just beyond where you want your anchor to lie and check your forward motion with your reverse gear..

4. Don't throw the anchor – it may tangle. Release slowly by holding the chain or line, making sure that the chain and line are free, and drop the anchor straight down off the bow.

5. Once you see slack in the line, feed out the proper amount of scope as the boat drifts back. (Good to have your anchor line marked in 25 foot increments). Average "recommended" scope is somewhere around 7 to 1 ..If water is 20 feet deep and bow height above water is 5 feet, then a 7-1 scope would require 175 feet of anchor rode. In strong winds or currents a greater scope will be required.

6. Once the rode is out for required scope , secure the line (Cleat and Chock) and "back down" on the anchor keeping your bow into the wind/current. Idle speed is usually sufficient to make the anchor "bite" into the bottom and "set".

7. Put the engine in neutral and get your "bearings". Using visual reference points, sit there for a few minutes to make sure you are not dragging anchor and need to reset.

8. Now have fun doing whatever you planned when you decided to anchor.

DARLE SHOUSE, Safety Officer

ASTRONOMY NOTES

PERSEID METEOR SHOWER

The best- known annual meteor shower should reach its peak this year on Thursday and Friday nights, August 11-12, 12-13. The first quarter Moon will set in mid to late evening, leaving the sky nicely dark for the prime meteor watching hours from about midnight until the first glimmer of dawn. The showers radiant point, located between Perseus and Cassiopeia, will be getting high in the northeast – so meteors should flash across all parts of the sky at a rate of about one a minute .

You need no experience to watch the Perseids. Just find a spot with an open sky view and as little light interference as possible. Bundle up warmly (even August nights can be cool), lie back on a ground pad or reclining lawn chair, and watch the stars. Be patient and give your eyes time to dark adapt. The direction to watch is probably not toward Perseus, but STRAIGHT UP.

Keep count of meteors sighted and we can compare numbers at the August meeting

Darle Shouse

Coop Charting

As we move into the middle of the boating season, here are a few words regarding coop charting and what you can do to help. This service will benefit all that use our intracoastal waterways. The organizations that assist in chart development and improvements are NOAA and the Coast Guard. So doing coop charting is a valuable public service the Power Squadron provides. Because it is a public service that you do on your own accord, at your own expense, you may be entitled to certain tax deductions associated with your expenses in doing this service. The mileage you incur from your home to and from the coop charting activity are tax deductible, and the expenses of operating your boat could be as well, if used for that activity. Please consult your tax advisor for any details regarding your eligibility.

Many times we would organize a coop charting activity as a Squadron where we would select a specific section of the Intracoastal Waterway and assign various participants a series of aids to navigation to review and report to NOAA. However, this should not be the limitation of this valuable service. If you as a boat owner decide that you would like to do some coop charting on your own, please do so whenever it is convenient for you. You are not limited to participating in a Squadron organized event to do this. Here is an example of what you could do to help with this valuable service: When you know you are going to use your boat on a specific trip along the waterway, select on the chart, a series of aids to navigation that you could chart along the way. Record the following information: Marker number, chart number, GPS coordinates, depth, and the date and time of day. Also report anything that is not shown on the chart that you can see such as submerged obstructions. Report any item that may be missing from the chart such as an aid to navigation that could have been damaged and or moved by recent storms. When you have collected this data in a log form, please contact P/C Ray Travis, SN, or myself and we will show you how to report this data on line. Make sure that you note all members who were on your boat at the time of the coop charting exercise. Every member present on your boat is entitled to get credit.

Remember that this is a valuable volunteer service you are providing to the boating public. There are no other organizations I am aware of that provide this service to NOAA, so the resources for finding those problems on charts are limited. The other benefits are; we as a squadron will get credit for the combined efforts of all of our members who participate. U.S.P.S. and NOAA will recognize you as an individual, and our district will get recognition for the combined efforts of all the Squadrons that do coop charting. Let us make the honor roll again!

We have a planned Coop Charting weekend in Morehead City over the Labor Day weekend in conjunction with our rendezvous. We'll have a cook-out Saturday night at Frank Styer's. Please come join in the fun and earn credit. You DO NOT have to have a boat. Crew is needed on available boats.

P/C Don Breault, AP

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September 23 – 24, 2005
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Be sure to ask for District 27 USPS block of rooms
Cutoff date for rate is September 2, 2005

FRIDAY 23 SEPTEMBER: Hampton Inn - Uniform – Casual Attire

1530 – 1730 Member Registration and Voter Registration
1830 – 2100 Hospitality Room with Heavy Hors d'oeuvres in the Cardinal Room of the Hampton Inn. **(Must be prepaid)**

SATURDAY 24 SEPTEMBER: Nash Community College - Uniform – Blue Blazer w/D/27 or Squadron Knit Shirt

0730 – 0830 Member Registration and Voter Registration
0830 Meeting Convenes
0930 Meeting Recesses
0940 – 1040 Breakout Sessions – Squadron Commanders' & Executive Officers
CCWEB – Covers how to enter information
Nominating Committee (CLOSED)
1050 – 1150 Breakout Sessions – Educational
N Club
Winterizing Your Boat
1200 – 1315 Members' Lunch **(Must be prepaid)**
1320 Meeting Convenes
1420 Meeting Recesses
1430 – 1530 Breakout Sessions – Roundtable with National Rep
DB 2000 – Covers MM, OD-1 & Importing New Information
Planning Committee (CLOSED)
1540 Conference Meeting Reconvenes
Report of
General Committees
Standing Committees
Commander's Report
1630 Adjourn

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USPS Position Statement regarding National Weather Service

Under review by the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation since 14 April 2005 is Senate bill 786, National Weather Services Duties Act of 2005, proposed by Sen. Rick Santorum (R-Pa.). It is the position of United States Power Squadrons (USPS) that adoption of this bill, which in essence restricts the National Weather Service to provide only severe weather information, would be detrimental to the safety and well-being of not only boaters, fishermen and other outdoor enthusiasts, but to the general public
who rely on a variety of information NWS now furnishes. As an integral component of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), NWS provides weather, hydrologic and climate forecasts and warnings for the U.S., its territories, adjacent waters and oceans for the protection of life
and property. With its extensive network of Regional and National Support Centers, NWS is the preferred entity which can provide the scope of observations, forecasts and research at reasonable expense to the American people. Millions of others benefit from NWS data as well. USPS strongly encourages you to oppose S. 786 as individual and concerned citizens.

Approved by the Operating Committee,
United States Power Squadrons
25 July 2005

If you would like further information, you are urged to visit www.senate.gov and reference the bill by number or name. If you have any other questions or comments, please contact any member of the Operating Committee or the following who is the sender of this message:

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United States Power Squadrons

Winston-Salem Sail & Power Squadron
Calendar of Events for 2005

Date	Event
05-08 January	USPS Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL
22 January	WSSPS Change of Watch, Twin City Club
16 February	Membership Meeting - “New Experienced Boater’s Course”
18-20 March	D27 Annual Meeting & Change of Watch - Greensboro, NC
16 March	Membership Meeting - “BVI Trip” WSSPS Group Effort
20 April	Membership Meeting - ”The Periauger”
7 May	Fundraiser - Yard Sale - Call Sheila Breault or B Travis
18 May	Membership Meeting - “Self Defense for Boaters”
28-30 May	Memorial Day Weekend - Coop Charting - Morehead City, NC
01-05 June	USPS Spring Governing Board -Charlotte, NC
17-18June	D27 Spring Council - Fayetteville, NC
15 June	Membership Meeting - Walt Blackman’s Fabulous Fish Fry
04 July	July 4 Impromptu Get-Together Morehead City
09 July	Winston-Salem Sail & Power Squadron July Rendezvous at Jim and Genny Frazier’s Lake Norman Home
20 July	Membership Meeting - ”Claiborne Young’s New Book” - Piedmont Club
15-17July	D27 Rendezvous - New Bern, NC
06-07 August	Rendezvous - Morehead City, NC - Cancelled
17 August	Membership Meeting - “Simple Astronomy” - Darle Shouse
03-05 September	Rendezvous and Coop Charting - Morehead City, NC
06-11 September	USPS Fall Governing Board - Portland, OR
21 September	Membership Meeting - ”Scuba Diving with Blue Dolphin”
23-25 September	D27 Fall Conference - Rocky Mount, NC
15 October	Commander’s Picnic - Tanglewood Park, Shelter #3
16 November	Annual Business Meeting - Year in Review
15 December	Annual Christmas Party - Bermuda Run Country Club
04-08 January ‘06	USPS Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL
28 January ‘06	WSSPS Change of Watch - Piedmont Club

Many dates are tentative and subject to change as well as new events being added on a regular basis. Please make sure you check for those changes and additions in <u>each</u> month’s issue.

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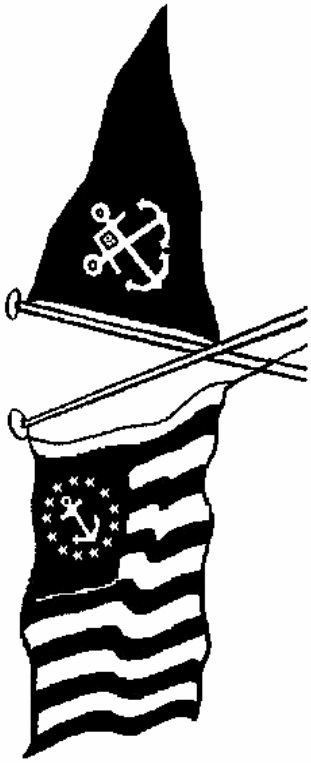

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03-05 Sept	**Coop Chart/Rendezvous** **Morehead City**
06-11 Sept	**USPS Fall Governing Bd** **Portland, OR**

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