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June 2005

Calendar of Events

15 June	**Walt's Fabulous Fish Fry** *Walt's Home*
09 July	**Frazier's Rendezvous** *Lake Norman*
27 June (due to holiday)	**Bridge Meeting** *at the Commander's home 336/924-2698*
28 June	***Tarheels* Articles Due** *E-mail prefered* *mcranford@triad.rr.com*

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(As a note, all squadron members are always welcomed and encouraged to come to the monthly Bridge Meeting on the 1st 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

Walt Blackman's Fabulous Fish Fry

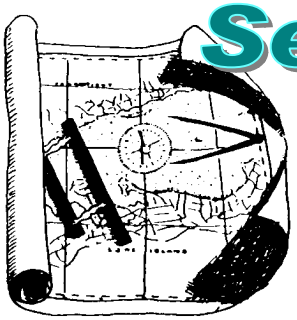
June 15

at Walt's home
2443 Lyndhurst Avenue
Winston-Salem, NC 27103
727-0428

Dinner Cost $15/pp
Make Checks out to WSSPS

Social begins at 1830
Dinner shortly thereafter

Guests are always welcome, but a reservation is required.



Setting the Course

Cdr Kristine S. Cranford, AP

Last weekend I attended the Spring Governing Board in Charlotte. What impressed me was how committed National is to long-term planning, and we should be too. We do a good job locally with our programs, activities, and classes and I cannot heap enough praise on the people who make those things happen. But we really need to do some thinking about making changes that will keep our squadron viable in time to come. At the end of last year we had a meeting during which members presented ideas about making our Squadron more attractive and efficient. Well, it's time to discuss those ideas again and choose and implement those which will serve us the best. The new meeting will be at the Community Center on Shattalon Drive at 6:30 PM, June 23. We need the input of all interested members. No work required; just brain power. Please come and help keep this squadron strong.

At the Governing Board we received another award- this one in recognition of graduating the second highest number of navigation students in the nation last year. Perhaps you have noticed how many of the awards we receive have to do with education. That is because we have the best instructors, the most classes, and most of all, the most excellent Educational Officer with which any squadron could be blessed, Lord Nelson, sometimes known as Ray Travis.

Thank you Cindy and K.B. Jennings, Jr. for volunteering to take over the Calling Committee.

Please all of you who have not renewed and intend to, send your check to Eddie. He loves to get checks. If you don't plan to renew, please let us know why, we always welcome input.

Please note that for our special meeting on July 20 you will need to pre-pay by July 13. There will be no business meeting that night, just food, drinks, friendship and Claiborne Young. See you at Walt's Fabulous Fish Fry!

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Educational Officer

Tell Tails Tale

P/C Ray N. Travis,

Education? Why is education for boaters important? Agonizing over plotting a course line from one location to another seems to be an endless task. We ask ourselves over and over, why? Why do I have to do this? I'll just steer by GPS. Why should I take Seamanship, or Cruise planning?

Any member of the USPS who boats, whether it be for a day, weekend or lengthy cruise, has been thankful for taking classes. This can be proven by four of us, Cdr. Kris Cranford, AP, P/C Michael Cranford, AP, B Travis, AP and P/C Lord Nelson, SN who went on an adventure with Blue Water Sailing School last month. Blue Water is certified by The American Sailing Association and NASBLA. Our goal was to learn how to sail and become certified to charter a large sail boat 36'-50'. What a vacation we had planned! Learning to sail, snorkeling, relaxing and cruising down the coast of Florida to Miami and then cut inside and go to Key Largo. Wow! Boy, were we WRONG!

Here is a brief glimpse of our trip.

First of all the courses, Seamanship, and Cruise Planning came into play. Prepare for your trip. We had a checklist to go through. We checked all the safety gear, its location and condition. Checked the bilge and made sure the bilge pump worked. We went through the entire boat checking off everything that was on the checklist. This had two purposes. One was to be able to find everything and the other was to make sure it was all working. This is called "Planning for the trip" as we were taught in the classes.

The next task was to stow all our gear on this 39' O'Day sailboat. This chore required a person to have a BA in interior decorating or something of that nature. The idea was to place all this stuff **we should not have brought.** Studying Cruise Planning and doing a little more research on your trip will help you be a little more prepared for this sort of feat.

Checklist complete and gear stowed it was time to meet our Captain. Joe Logan was his name and toughness was his game. After the introductions, Capt. Joe stated "I'm going to be tough on you guys. You can put away that novel or other entertainment you may have brought, because you are not going to have time to do anything but, study, work, sleep and maybe eat." The expressions on our faces changed from eager anticipation to trepidation. What have we gotten ourselves into?

On our first day out and sailing down the coast in 3' seas on a close reach Capt. Joe said "You are now going to learn how to sail by the tell tails on the jib." We knew what he was talking about because we took the Sail Class. It was not an easy task, leaning out from the helm and trying to see the jib while getting bruised trying to stay in the boat. The Sail Class taught us the terms and what to look for, but to be out in the ocean and fighting the elements was a different story. Capt. Joe was determined that we all learn how to do it. We did learn along with the bruises. Finally about 1900 we made for an anchorage in the Bay of Biscayne. Exhausted, we dropped anchor after a few lectures on the proper way to rig a snubber line for the anchor rode. Then it was time for a well deserved cocktail. Now we realized we were trapped. For six more days we were going to be tortured. The only escape was to be an Olympic class swimmer and speak Spanish.

A typical day's routine was as follows: Up at 0630, brewed several pots of coffee, studied for two hours. After a wee breakfast and before we weighed anchor (this is a story in itself) Capt. Joe lectured at 0900 and assigned the captain of the day who chose two navigators and a helmsman. We all shared duties at the helm ***Cont'd page 6***

Administrative Officer

P/C Alexander Cooper, JN

2005 is looking up to be a great year for the Winston Salem Sail and Power Squadron. We have had several excellent programs of late as well as a chance to attend nearby District as well as National events. I hope you were able to go.

Being a member of WSSPS takes on added meaning during these summer months. It is a chance to show fellow boaters just how easy it is to be safe on the water.

I worked for Duke Power Company some years and they had a saying that holds true for boating as well…it was… " No activity is so important that time cannot be taken to do it safely…of course handling high voltage power lines incorrectly meant " instant eternity " and boating without thinking could also spell trouble.

I also recently ran into a young man who was in the hospital physical therapy department for treatment of a broken back when he said " if only I had gone in feet first like my friends pleaded with me to do…

Accidents always happen to the other guy…and to me you are the other guy.

THINK..see you at a WSSPS function soon.

Executive Officer

Lt/C R. Scott Foster, Jr., S

Due to the fact that we had a bridge meeting after the due date of the articles I thought I would use this time as a little reminder.

With the summer approaching very quickly I thought it might be a good reminder about alcohol consumption and boating, which oftentimes is a deadly combination. Here are some important reminders:

- In North Carolina, it is unlawful to operate a boat while intoxicated (including having a loss of mental or physical faculties or a blood alcohol content of .08 or higher). Please don't drink alcohol and operate a boat.
- Designate a boat operator who will not drink alcohol.
- Alcohol impairs one's sense of balance. A moment of dizziness can be disastrous on the water.
- Safe boating requires good vision. Alcohol can restrict vision, including peripheral vision. It can impair the ability to focus on objects and reduce night vision, especially for reds and green — the colors of boat navigation lights and buoy lights.

Operating a boat is at least as complicated as driving a car and a boating accident can be just as dangerous as an automobile accident. Many people who would never drive a car drunk have the mistaken idea that it is safe to operate a boat while under the influence of alcohol. Violators of boating while intoxicated laws can receive fines and jail time, lose their driver's license.

Let's all have a safe boating season and be responsible.

P.S. Leon, if I have stated anything wrong please let me know.

Cont'd from page 4 and the running rigging. I was the first navigator and B was my assistant. We had to find our position on a chart that was antiquated, with landmarks no longer existing due to hurricanes. I finally saw a daymark. Using the daymark and the edge of an island I acquired a fix. B drew the bearing lines and labeled the fix. Once we had the fix we plotted our course line, measured our distances and established our ETA's. Trust me, when you draw a course line and assess your set and drift, stick to it. It works. We steered a compass course of 190m and we reached the entrance to the channel 30 seconds behind our ETA. We spent the rest of the day learning sailing skills. By days end at 1900 the anchor was set and we were exhausted. Cocktails and a bit to eat then off to our **Galley Cupboards for a sleepless night.**

The sailing skills that each of us had to learn were to sail the boat on all points of sail and go through a controlled jibe and perform man overboard drills using the figure eight technique using two different points of sail. The dreaded docking practice came the last day before we headed back to home port. Each of us did a great job in docking this big boat. I am proud of my crewmates for a great job in putting to use the piloting skills that they learned in the classroom. Our last day in port was a long morning of studying and taking the last of three exams. By this time, I was a person with a dead brain and exhausted body.

The education we received in the USPS courses was a major plus for us. It made this hell week bearable. I, for one of the four, am glad we took this trip and the experience gained **WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN.**

Cdr. Lord Nelson

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MAN OVERBOARD

PREVENTION

- Guardrails should be continuous around the upper deck
- Treat any slippery areas with non-skid paint or stick- on strips
- Use harness in rough weather and at night
- Wear suitable protective clothing and a lifejacket fitted with reflective tape and a light
- Have the necessary safety equipment so that it is ready for immediate use , such as HORSESHOE LIFEBOUY, BOUYANT HEAVING LINE
- Practice man overboard drill regularly

ACTION

- When someone goes overboard , DON'T PANIC
- If person is on a lifeline, stop boat and recover them
- Immediately throw a lifebuoy and attachment overboard to person in water
- Raise the alarm by shouting " MAN OVERBOARD "
- Instruct a crew member to watch person in the water and point continuously
- Start your recovery drill as you have " practiced" it
- If possible, note your position- most navials have a MOB function
- If you are the only person on deck , don't leave the deck as you may become disorientated and loose sight of the person in the water
- During the hours of darkness, a white parachute flare, which will pick up the reflective tape on clothing/lifejacket, can be used to illuminate the area
- If you cannot see the person in the water , or have any doubt about your ability to recover him/her, send a MAYDAY call on your VHF radio.

- ENJOYABLE AND SAFE BOATING

Lt. Darle Shouse, N, Safety Officer

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(828) 478-2728

BY WATER

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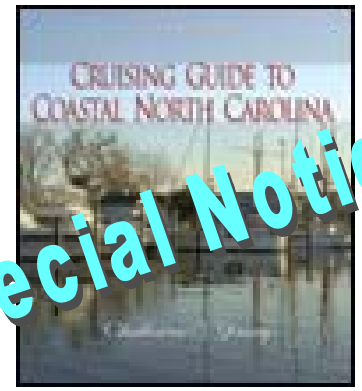

Special Notice

This is a Special July Meeting
(with FOOD but NO meeting).

Must be <u>Prepaid</u> - Send your check for $15.00 p/p made out to WSSPS. Mail to: Eddie Shinlever, 2275 Pisgah Church Rd., Kernersville, NC 27284. Checks must be received by July 13.

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 - Co-op 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
17 August	Membership Meeting - “Simple Astronomy” - Darle Shouse
03-05 September	Rendezvous - 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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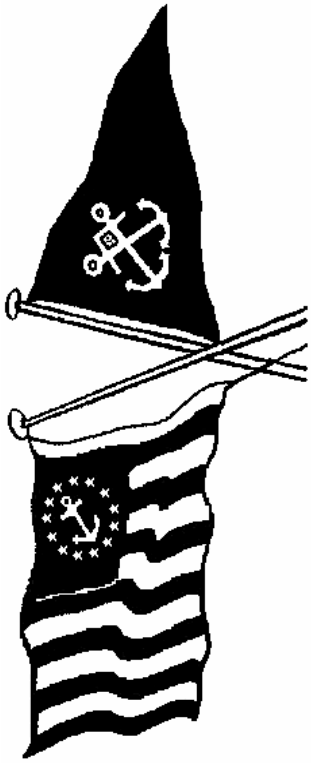

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20 July	**Claiborne Young's Guide Piedmont Club - Prepaid**

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