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Commander's Message

It seems only a short time ago I stood before most of you at the Twin City Club taking the oath of office as the 45th Commander of the Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron. This year has flown by very fast for Sheila and me.

I would like to tell you how hard this job is as Commander. But that would not be true at all. The real hard work is spread over several people in this Squadron. Not just members of the Bridge, but all of the members who have participated and did some little thing to help our programs become what they are. All I did as Commander is run the bridge meetings and the monthly membership meetings. Each and every person in this Squadron that has done something has my gratitude and admiration for a job well done. Winston-Salem has risen to be one of the best Squadrons in the country because of our membership involvement.

I want to express my gratitude and thanks to both Beth and Jack Cummins for all of your hard work and dedication over the years. Beth is our outgoing Treasurer for 2 years, and Jack as our immediate Past Commander, will be moving to the coast in a couple of months. We will miss your dedicated support, witty humor, and most of all your friendship. I also want to thank P/C Michael Cranford, AP for his dedication and creative work as our editor of the Tarheels. This publication in my opinion is the best in all of D-27. I also want to mention that P/C Ray Travis, SN has brought the educational program in our Squadron to new levels we have never seen before. He has earned recognition from National as well as District for his hard work.

It would not have been possible for me to serve as your Commander without the help and support of my wife Sheila. She has been the hostess at all of the bridge meetings, gave up a lot of vacation days to attend Squadron functions and activities, and she also held the job as Squadron Secretary this year.

Wonderful things are in store for this Squadron going into 2005. You have elected an outstanding bridge that will lead this Squadron this year. These people are also well supported by many outstanding individuals who have once again stepped up to the plate. With your help as members, this bridge will make it happen, and you will make it fun.

See you at the Change of Watch.

By Cdr Donald R. Breault, AP

Cdr Breault gets Naughty at the Christmas Party. See more pictures pages 8 and 9.

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It's better in COLOR!

January Calendar of Events Monthly Meeting 2005

22 January	**Change of Watch** *Twin City Club*
07 February	**Bridge Meeting** *at the New Commander's home 336-924-2698*
01 February (Or Earlier)	***Tarheels* Articles Due** *E-mail prefered michael@ki-corp.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 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.)

SELF EDUCATION CIVIC SERVICE
USPS
FRATERNAL BOATING CLUB

Winston-Salem Sail & Power Squadron

Change of Watch

Saturday 22 January

Twin City Club
350 North Marshall Street
Winston-Salem, NC 27101
724-7471

Cost $35/pp
By Invitation
Make Checks out to WSSPS

Social begins at 1830
Banquet at 1900

Guests are always welcome but a reservation is required.

Executive Officer's Report
Lt/C Reid London, AP

Where Has This Year Gone?

Dad always told us when we were kids how fast time went by. Did we understand? No. But as we have gotten older somehow it begins to sink in exactly what dad was trying to tell us. I started out this year (2004) with hopes of becoming the Commander of the WSSPS for 2005. I really knew very little about the WSSPS. My job was to learn as much as possible, and as fast as possible. The job of the Executive Officer keeps you in the know, and the web site for the USPS is a fantastic place to learn from. One could spend months in the web site, and with enough time could learn all you want to know about the USPS. Well as many of you already know my job at Sara Lee Branded Apparel changed. The change took away all of my spare time. Travel was again in the forecast, and the new job responsibilities forced me to back away from the Commander position. At this point, I tried to focus on the job of the Executive Officer for the remainder of the year and one of the strong points was Safety. Many of the articles that I put together were focused on Safety:

March: **What is this thing they call "Safety"?**

Lets think a minute:

Are my life jackets readily accessible?
Or, are they in a plastic bag under the bed in one of the staterooms.

Are my fire extinguishers hanging visibly for all to see?
Or, are they in a box we bring out when the VSC Officer is there to inspect our boats.

What about those Flares, do I really know where they are?

April: **Are we going to talk about "Safety" again?**

There are five simple steps to dramatically reduce your chances of being hurt or killed in a boating accident.

#1 WEAR YOUR LIFE JACKET!
#2 STAY SOBER IN YOUR BOAT!
#3 TAKE A SAFE BOATING COURSE!
#4 GET YOUR BOAT CHECKED!
#5 BE AWARE OF CARBON MONOXIDE!

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Lt/C Beth Cummins, AP	**377-3651**

Educational Officer's Report

Squadron Educational Officer
P/C Ray N. Travis, SN

It's Time To Plan Now!

I am proud to announce that the AP Beta class has finished and with great success. There are 5 new members joining the rank of AP. P/C Michael Cranford, AP, L/t Kristine Cranford, AP, Mary Ann Lewis, AP, and Cindy Jennings, AP, B Travis, AP. I would like to thank both the instructors and students – their feedback has helped to improve the new AP course.

We are about to embark on another year in Education for WSSPS. The Piloting class starts on January 17 (Monday nights) and the Weather class starts on January 19 (Wednesday nights).
We are looking forward to another successful year with the public boating course starting in February with P/C Leon Corbett, (very soon to be SN) chairing this class.

The Seamanship class will soon follow the public boating course (ABC) With P/C Mary Lou Corbett, AP chairing the class. If this past year was a look into the future, we will have a banner year in education with many new members.

I will serve as SEO for our squadron in 2005 as well as ADEO for our district. The new SEO coming forward, Cdr Don Breault, AP in 2006 will do a great job in keeping our squadron tops in education. Your support in taking classes and making recommendations to the SEO or ASEO will be greatly appreciated. One of the primary goals in the USPS is education. The news is full of tragic accidents that knowledge from our basic boating course could have prevented.

Members who take classes and increase their own knowledge set a good example for other boaters. We should be proud of what we do and get the word out to the public about our public boating course.

Look at the class schedule and plan to take a course if you have not done so in the past. It is not too late to sign up for any of them. Remember that we are never too young or old to learn. It is to your benefit.

2005 WSSPS Officers

Commander	**Lt Kris Cranford, AP**
Executive Officer	**Scott Foster, S**
Educational Officer	**P/C Ray Travis, SN**
Administrative Officer	**P/C Alexander Cooper, JN**
Secretary	**Cindy Jennings, AP**
Treasurer	**Eddie Shinlever, P**

Elected members of the Executive Committee

Member at Large	**Lt Sandra Breda, SN**
Member at Large	**Lt James Frazier, Jr., S**
Member at Large	**P/C Dawn Gaskill, AP**
Immediate Past Commander	**(Appointed by the By-Laws – not elected)**

Education

Assistant Ed. Officer	**Donald Breault, AP**

Please plan on attending the Change of Watch - 22 January.

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May: **Did you know that May is National Boat Safety Month?**

Each year the United States Sail and Power Squadron has a national safety week. National Save Boating Week highlights the need for boaters to take command of their safety by wearing a life jacket at all times while on the water. Wearing your life jacket is the number-one action you can take to greatly increase your chances of surviving a boating accident.

December: **What is EAS?**

The EAS is our National, State, and Local Emergency Alert System. It serves, as the means to get information to all of us when emergencies are potentially coming together that will affect our lives.

Safety should always be our number one focus when we are on the water.

Even though I will not be your Commander for 2005, I will be working very hard behind the scene to continue the good work of this Squadron. WSSPS is one of the best Squadrons in the nation and we should all stand proud to be part of the membership.

Lt/C Reid London, AP
Executive Officer
WSSPS year 2004

BOATS FOR SALE (SAIL)

1993- "Precision" 23 foot, sloop rigged sailboat - displacement = 2,450 pounds - draft = 5/2 feet with the board down/up. This is a great lake boat plus it can be trailered for coastal sound type cruises. In the cabin there is a V berth, table, sink, stove, porta potty and twin settees. The boat is equipped with an 8 hp, 2 cycle, electric start Nissan outboard motor – The Espirt sails include a main and 2 jibs (150&110). Some of the extras include - tiller tamer- tiller extender- Danforth anchor- VHF radio- compass- boat hook- whisker pole- cockpit cushions- 5 PFDs'- cockpit halyard controls. After completing its winter maintenance that included new drop boards, a new fuse panel, bright work conditioning and bottom paint, the boat is currently in a slip on Lake Norman and ready for a trial sail. The owners are asking ~~$12,750~~ with these additional points of negotiation- supplying a Schaefer jib furlering system- supplying a trailer at cost, including the current slip through the end of the year and delivering/ rigging/ launching the boat at the buyer's marina. Please call 336 765 5202 or 336 765 9527 or 336 765 3619 for information. **Price reduced to $10,950 for the winter. Will go back up March 1.**

New (never installed) Schaefer snap-on furler system CF-500, CF-500-19 and CF-500-22 for $675. Call Fred Eldridge at 336-765-5202.

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Happy New Year USPS members,

Time for a New Year's Resolution to include a Community Outreach initiative that will benefit both the residents in your town and the Member Involvement & Retention Program in your squadron.

As many of you may know, we are expanding the National Membership Committee Youth Team to include Retention - Involvement Programs. The idea is to encourage our squadron members to get involved with Community Outreach or Civic Service commitments involving families and those living in our towns that can use our assistance. The intent is to expand our membership reach and PR/Marketing base within our communities while we assist with much needed help in community programs.

There are many ways to do this from cleaning up parks, waterways of trash to collecting Toys for Tots to help the Marines. Contact me or your area Membership Rep to sign your squadron up for the "My Soldier Program" and send letters and "goodies" to our Soldiers overseas in Iraq. Mentor a Boy Scout troop by teaching them BoatSmart or arrange for Beta testing of the WaterSmart in an AfterSchool program. Contact your local schools and have them participate in the Youth Poster Contest. The national winners will each receive a $100 bond. Many of these ideas were featured at the EXPO in Orlando in Jan 2005 so your National Membership Rep should be forwarding to your commander info on these activities. For your area contact [insert name NMR] and her/his email address is {insert email} Contact her/him directly for assistance.

Another program which is offered that is in need of help is the Life Jacket Loaner Program, provided by BoatUS. They are asking for our support to find additional marinas, supervised launch ramps and waterfront businesses to host this program. Your squadron members can make the connection between the business and Boat/US. Reach Out USPS Members and get involved with your community!

I am also looking to recruit folks to the Community Outreach Program – Youth = Retention team. Please let me contact me directly if you are interested or have any suggestions.

New Life Jacket Loaner Sites Needed Applications are now being accepted for the Life Jacket Loaner Program for Kids, which allows families to borrow kid's life jackets from marinas, launch ramps, and waterfront businesses across the country.

Marinas and waterfront facilities that serve the public are eligible to apply - especially those located in the target states of Idaho and Wyoming where we don't have any current sites.

Help us make sure kids in all 50 states have access to this program! Accepted sites will receive 12 life jackets to fit children weighing up to 90 pounds, as well as signs to draw boaters' attention and sign-out forms to easily track usage. There is no cost to become a loaner site. Applications are available at <http://my.boatus.com/emailtracker.asp?description=LinkToLifeJacketLoanerProgram&url=http8764323456385%2F%2Fwww%2Eboatus%2Ecom%2Ffoundation%2FLJLP&MemberNumber=65> http://www.BoatUS.com/foundation/LJLP and must be submitted online by midnight or postmarked on or before February 21, 2005. Accepted groups will be announced in Spring 2005.

As Staff Commander for the COPY=Retention Team, I am also looking to recruit folks to this division of the Membership Committee. Remember Community Outreach Program - Youth = Retention team. Please let me know if you are interested or have any suggestions for personnel.

R/C Bruce Troth, Stf/C Lyle Rea, myself and all of the members of the National Membership Committee hope that you enjoyed a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah and wish you a healthy and Happy New Year.

Roberta L. Dougherty, AP
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The Grinch finally got his heart and gave back all the presents.

Christmas Party at Bermuda Run Country Club.

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Coffee Mug with our logo printed on both sides. Comes with a no spill lid. Only $5.00.

Show your support for our Squadron. Call Jim Frazier at 336-998-6998 or get yours at some of our meetings.
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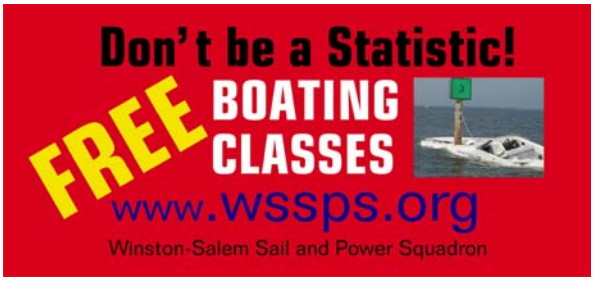

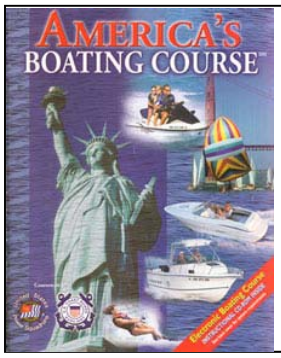

ABC classes begin February 1, 2005 at Polo Park Recreation Center. Please let P/C Ray N. Travis, SN know if there is anyone who wants to take this course. It is open to the public.

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 - "The Periauger"
18-20 March	D27 Annual Meeting & Change of Watch - Greensboro, NC
16 March	Membership Meeting - "BVI Trip" WSSPS Group Effort
16 April	Fundraiser - TBD
20 April	Membership Meeting - "Queen Anne's Revenge"
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
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
23-25 September	D27 Fall Conference - Rocky Mount, NC
15 October	Rendezvous - Belews Lake
19 October	Membership Meeting - Commander's Picnic - Tanglewood
16 November	Annual Business Meeting - Year in Review
15 December	Annual Christmas Party - TBD
04-08 January '06	USPS Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL
28 January '06	WSSPS Change of Watch - Twin City 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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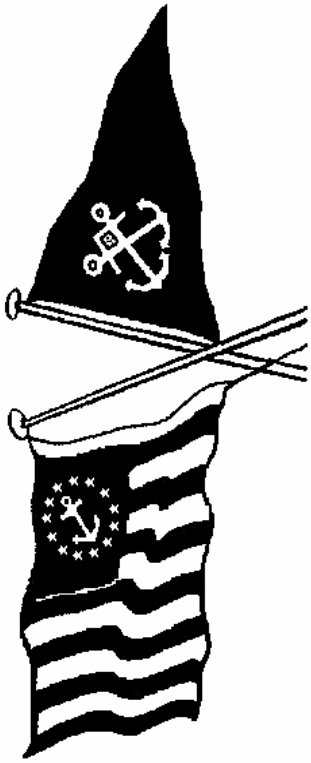

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UPCOMING IMPORTANT EVENTS

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07 February	**Bridge Meeting** **New Cdr's Home**
16 February	**Membership Meeting** **Twin City Club**

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