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Mental Patient Caught at Bus Driver Convention!

Our very own "Lord Nelson" Loose Again!

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20 April	**The Periauger** *Twin City Club*
07 May	**Yard Sale Fundraiser** *Friends Church Reynolda Rd.*
02 May	**Bridge Meeting** *at the Commander's home 336/924-2698*
25 April	***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

The Periauger

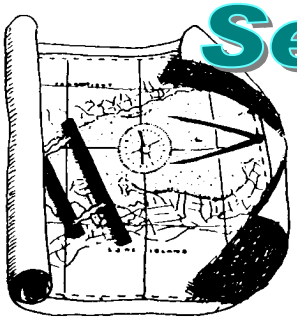
Sailing Adventure with Lord Nelson and Reid London

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

Dinner Cost $15/pp
Make Checks out to Twin City Not 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

First March Madness, Now April Fools!

First March Madness and now April Fools. What the front page photo really represents is the new District Bridge of which two members are from Winston-Salem, namely Mary Lou Corbett who is the new District Secretary and Ray Travis who is the new District Assistant Educational Officer. We congratulate them, for they have worked hard to be elected to these positions. Four other of our members will also be involved in district activities this year: Leon Corbett, Dawn Gaskill, Jack Cummins, and David Blankenbeckler.

My heartfelt thanks goes to those who helped with the hospitality room on the Friday night before the district meeting. We had a terrific evening, offering delicious food and beverages to all comers. We tremendously appreciate Cdr George and Helen Ellis who co-hosted the room with us for the Lake Norman Squadron.

On Saturday we attended the meetings and that night at the banquet we collected two special awards. Ladies and gentlemen we are the District 27 Squadron of the Year! In addition Leon Corbett received the Pou Bailey Award for Leadership. Afterwards, plaques and trophies clutched to our bosoms, we retired to the Commander's room to party a little more and to celebrate by watching Wake Forest lose the basketball game. You can't win them all.

We should all give ourselves a pat on the back for the Squadron of the Year Award. I believe we won because we have such a high level of membership participation for all our programs and activities. I think we won also because we have been willing to try new things and take on new challenges. I was so proud at the District meeting to be Winston-Salem's new Commander. Cinderella at the ball could not have been happier.

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Lt/C Ray N. Travis, SN	**940-3168**
Lt/C Cindy Jennings, AP	**768-3134**
Lt/C Edward Shinlever, P	**725-6334**

Educational Officer

ADEO Lord Nelson
(AKA D/1st/Lt Ray Travis, SN

This is my first report as your SEO/ADEO. With a District Secretary and ADEO among our members, more opportunities will surface in both areas. It is a great time to get involved with teaching and committees. It will help reduce the work load on a few dedicated souls.

A new approach to understanding and teaching is bubbling to the surface. There are going to be some changes in the courses in 2006 with a new Public Boating course and Seamanship course. The idea is to have a seamless transition from the Public Boating course into the Seamanship course and to flow smoothly to Advanced Piloting. The emphasis on electronic navigation will be stressed throughout the courses. WSSPS has some instructors knowledgeable in the use of electronic navigation and they will be asked to share this with other instructors so we can be prepared for the upcoming changes. Upgrades in the JN and N are in the pipeline and we should be hearing about this soon.

Spring ABC Public Boating Course:

We have just finished our spring Public Boating course (ABC) with 11 students taking the exam and all passing with high marks. I thank P/C Leon Corbett, SN for his fine, no, **great** job in putting this class together. I thank Cdr Kris Cranford, AP, D/Lt/C Mary Lou Corbett, AP, P/C Don Breault, AP, B Travis, AP and Reid London, AP, for all the help and teaching. I have found that WSSPS is not short on members who are willing to teach and help with any class if I ask them and I thank you all. This takes a lot of work off the SEO.

Seamanship:

We will start a Seamanship class beginning Monday nights April 11 at the Boy Scouts Center on Silas Creek Parkway. The class will be from 1900 to 2100. If any member has not taken Seamanship, now is the time to have fun. D/Lt/C Mary Lou Corbett, AP will chair the class and has a great line up of qualified instructors to tell their sea stories and keep the students awake while beginning the journey through the Advanced Grades. They will learn good seamanship along the way as well. Take advantage of this class.

Piloting:

The new Piloting class is just finishing and I cannot express enough thanks to Fred Eldridge, JN. His chairing and teaching this class with 11 students has been a tough chore because of all the exercises required to get through the course. P/C Alex Cooper, JN, P/C Leon Corbett, SN, Reid London, AP deserve an ATTABOY for all the help they gave Fred to make this class a success.

Weather:

The Weather class is in midstream of wx102 and should be finished by May. Six eager students are sticking with the class and learning a little about what boaters should look out for when on the water. It is good information for all who want to stay out of the clutches of summer squalls, and have an umbrella of safety from the strikes of high energy lightning bolts. This knowledge will help everyone have a safe boating weekend.

Junior Navigation:

The JN class is starting their 2 days at sea cruise and looking forward to navigating with a sextant after they find out that their GPS and Radar have failed. This delicate method requires skill and patience which all the students have. Their efforts in this class have given them the knowledge to reach their port of call safely.

That's about it for our spring education program. I hope to see you all taking classes.
Just remember that it's never too late to teach your brain something new. It helps to keep the body young. Just look around, we all need a drink from the "Fountain of Youth". Education is the best thing that we have going.

Executive Officer

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

It is time once again for another report on the bridge meetings. Yes, you read that correctly meetings. A vote was made to move the bridge meeting to the last Monday of the month, so we had two. Great food and spirits were had at both meetings at Commander Cranford's home.

During the first meeting it was decided that the Commander's Picnic would be October 15, 2005 (Make sure you put it on your calendar). Once again Don reviewed the cruise sign-ups for the upcoming year. It sounds like we need more people to sign up otherwise Don and Sheilar might get lonely.

In an effort to save money it was decided that we would e-mail the *Tarheels* to as many people as possible. If we do not have your email address *please* give it to Mike Cranford. Speaking of money, apparently Lord Nelson likes to spend it, he requested that we purchase a new computer, projector, and screens for the education classes. It was passed unanimously that we take the money out of the Raymond James account to pay for it, money well spent.

During the second meeting of the month, it was proposed that the money from the upcoming May 7 fundraiser be used to pay back the Raymond James account that Lord Nelson likes to spend. It was also suggested that we invite the Greensboro squadron to the Commanders picnic in October, which you have already put on your calendar.

It was a busy but productive month. We would love to have you at the next bridge meeting, which I understand has been moved to May 2, 2005. Look forward to seeing you there.

Administrative Officer

P/C Alexander Cooper, JN

The United States Power Squadrons
Administrative Department has begun a program called:

THE POWER OF ONE.

The program stresses membership, member benefits, involvement and retention and more. Membership participation is being stressed…so is increased recruitment resulting in squadron growth. Everyone is encouraged to become involved in more than just the monthly meetings. Ideas are being collected and funneled to where they will do the most good…so if you think you have a good idea don't just sit on it, let someone on the bridge know how you feel.

Members are being encouraged to lend a hand in community projects and to let the organizers know that it was the Winston Salem Sail and Power Squadron that helped make the project a success…in turn when merit mark time comes you will be rewarded for your efforts. IN OTHER WORDS SHOW THE COLORS.

Here's a web site for you to check out…the next time you can't remember the name or telephone of a marina or boat yard go to http://www.anywho.com. This is the online Bell South directory assistance. You can find names or reverse lookups for telephone numbers…all sorts of stuff.

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 April 1.**

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Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron
Cruise Programs
2005

The following cruises are being planned for 2005 and 2006.

Domestic programs

1. Pamlico Sound Tour in August 2005
2. Norfolk, VA via Dismal Swamp Canal and return via ICW. Date: TBD
3. Georgetown, SC with stops in Bald Head Island, Southport. Date: TBD
4. D-27: 3 day weekend cruise to New Berne, NC in July 2005
5. Long 3 day weekend trips to: Washington, NC, Bellhaven, NC, or Ocracoke Island, NC

International Program

1. Greek Islands bareboat charter planned for September or October 2006

   This exciting cruise is planned in the Ionian Sea off of the West Coast of Greece. Experience the clear sub tropical waters of the Mediterranean Sea, and the sights of a land rich in cultural history.

For the domestic cruises, you do not have to own a boat or have a boat with sleeping accommodations. Most boats participating on these cruises need crewmembers. Those boats participating all have room for crewmembers who want to go for the ride and those marina's we select at these various destinations have hotel accommodations on site. The fun part is the experience, the ride, and the fellowship shared along the way. There are many sights to see, and you will never forget these cruising experiences as long as you live.
Anyone interested in any of these cruises, please complete the sign-up sheet below, and turn it in to
P/C Don Breault.

Cruise sign-up sheet

Please check off those cruises you want to participate in. Also indicate those dates you would like to go or you are available to go.

Please turn this in to P/C Don Breault, AP no later than March 31, 2005 for all domestic cruises. If you are interested in the Greek Bareboat Cruise in 2006, there will be a more detailed meeting on this later on this year. We just need an approximate number of people who want to go on this trip for now.

_____ Pamlico Sound Tour, August 2005

_____ Norfolk, VA Dismal Swamp Cruise

_____ Georgetown, SC Cruise

_____ D-27 New Berne weekend cruise, July 2005

_____ 3 Day weekend Cruise to Ocracoke Island, or Washington, NC

_____ Greek Island Bareboat Cruise in the Fall of 2006

Print your name: _____ Number of people in your group_____
If you are using your boat, please indicate OAL, Beam and Draft _____

Mail this form to: P/C Don Breault, AP, 1200 Arboretum Dr., Lewisville, NC, 27023

New D27 OFFICERS

New SN's

Thanks to everyone who helped Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron become the Number 1 squadron in District 27. Cdr Kris Cranford, AP handed over the trophy to P/C Don Breault, AP. (Photo below.)

Top Photo: D/Cdr Ben Reed, AP takes his oath while his new Bridge looks on from behind. L—R: D/Lt/C Mack Gordy, Jr., AP (Administrative Officer), D/1stLt/C Ray Travis, SN (Asst. Educational Officer), D/Lt/C Tom Helms, SN (Executive Officer) , D/Lt/C Larry Colwell, SN (Educational Officer), D/Lt/C Mary Lou Corbett, AP (Secretary), D/Lt/C Ann Bailey, AP (Treasurer), D/1st /Lt/C Jerry Hall, AP (Assistant Treasurer) with R/C Joseph R. Mesenburg, SN at the podium.

Middle Photo: L—R: P/D/C Stephen Puckett, AP, R/C Joseph R. Mesenburg, SN, P/C Leon Corbett, Jr., SN, D/1stLt/C Ray Travis, SN and D/Lt/C Larry Colwell, SN. The occasion was the awarding of Full Certificates to P/C Corbett and D/1stLt/C Travis. We are proud to have two more Senior Navigators in our midst.

Carbon Monoxide -- The Silent Killer

The U S Coast Guard advises boaters not to "Teak Surf." This is a new and dangerous boating fad that involves an individual holding on to the teak swim platform of a vessel while a wake builds up, then lets go to body surf the wave.. Recent boating reports revealed that carbon monoxide (CO) emitted from a vessel's exhaust resulted in CO poisoning and the death of teak surfers. Teak Surfing places the individual in position directly exposed to the CO in the engine's exhaust. In addition Teak Surfing dangerously exposes the individual to a possible propeller injury, and since it is done without a PFD it increases the probability of drowning.

CO is a colorless, odorless, tasteless gas produced when a carbon based fuel is burned. The most common source of CO is exhaust from gasoline or diesel engines, cooking ranges, heaters and charcoal grills. CO is a cumulative poison. Low concentrations may accumulate in the victims blood over a period of time with serious or fatal results. CO poisoning may be easily overlooked because of similarity to other health-related problems aboard boats such as seasickness, colds, overuse of alcohol, and the normal stresses of a day spent on the water.

SYMPTOMS------itchy eyes, flushed appearance, throbbing temples, lack of concentration, ringing in ears ,tight chest, headache, vomiting, collapse, convulsions.

HOW TO TREAT----- Evacuate – Ventilate – Investigate – Contact Medical Help
If victim is not breathing- perform artificial respiration until medical help arrives.

CO DETECTORS------Boaters are unlikely to detect the presence of unsafe levels of CO. The USCG recommends that boaters install CO Detectors in living and sleeping areas of boats. The most recommended CO alarm systems respond with a light and sound signal. CO detectors must be recalibrated as prescribed by the manufacturer no less often than annually.

OPERATING SAFELY------ CO discharged as engine , generator , or appliance exhaust may re-enter your boat through any opening. Assuming all engines produce some CO, we need to maintain a steady flow of fresh air moving through the boat to eliminate the hazard. The danger comes when there are pockets of stagnant air loaded with CO.

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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 - Tentative	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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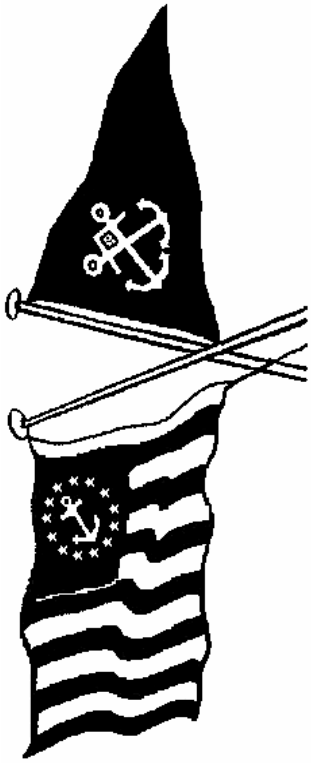

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01-05 June	**Spring Governing Board** **Charlotte**

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