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MERRY CHRISTMAS

And

HAPPY NEW YEAR

December 2005

Calendar of Events

15 December	**Christmas Party** *Bermuda Run Country Club*
28 January	**Change of Watch** *Piedmont Club*
03 January	**Bridge Meeting** *at the Commander's home 336/924-2698*
03 January	***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

Christmas Party

Thursday

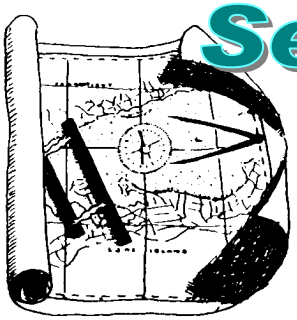
December 15

at Bermuda Run Country Club

Dinner Cost $25/pp
(Bring a $5ish gift to exchange)

Make Checks out to WSSPS
Collect at door

Guests are always welcome, but a reservation is required.



Setting the Course

Cdr Kristine S. Cranford, AP

As of the November meeting, we have a complete roster of officers. They deserve our deepest gratitude for accepting their positions and agreeing to serve the squadron next year. Our special thanks should go to Leon Corbett who will be our commander next year. Let us give all our officers our help and support, assisting them in every way
we can so their tasks will be a pleasure and not a burden.

We are looking forward to the Christmas party on December 15. That is a Thursday. The cost is $25 per person for heavy appetizers, an open bar, and all the fun you can stand. No need to pre-pay, just RSVP your caller. Please bring a gift costing no more than $10. Joke gifts are fine. We start at 6:30 PM at Bermuda Run.

On Saturday January 28, 2006, we will have our Change of Watch at the Piedmont Club. For those members who have never attended a COW, this is when we relieve the present officers of their duties and install the new officers. This year we plan to have a classical guitarist providing music, a social hour that actually lasts an hour, a gourmet dinner and awards and recognition. I'm sure there will be a group who will attempt to "roast" the outgoing commander, but I don't see how they could possibly find any imperfection in her.

We are making progress on planning cruises for next year. We will attempt again to do the Dismal Swamp Canal route-the third time could be the charm! Also the Greek Cruise planning has begun. If you signed up and did not attend the meeting, let me know if you are still interested. It will be a gorgeous trip with everything looking so beautiful from the water.

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Squadron Contacts

If you have any questions concerning any of the upcoming events, classes, or any other items about the Power Squadron, please feel free to contact any of the people listed below.

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Lt/C Alexander Cooper, JN	**760-2994**
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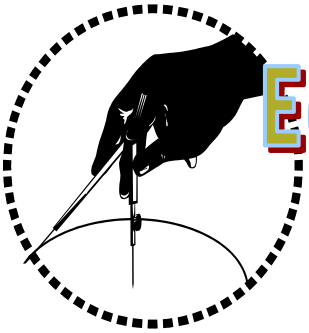

Educational Officer

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

This is a brief report because all the classes are finished for this year.

Another year has slowly passed and we have completed three advanced grade classes and two public boating classes. I want to thank all the instructors for their time they gave to the success of this achievement. The students have stayed the course and I'm sure the knowledge they have gained will help them to have fun boating in a safe way. I hope they will keep passing the word along to others they meet about the benefits of our education program.

Education is the heart of any squadron, without it members lose. The need to keep the mind young is as important as steering the boat on the proper course. No one, I mean no one, is too old to learn something new. If you use the knowledge or just learn about it, it is rewarding. There are only five people, and one just at the door of finishing all the courses offered. There is plenty of time for the rest of you to consider taking classes. We want to keep our instructors happy and busy teaching. They enjoy telling stories of their experiences as well as sharing their knowledge. Let's not deprive them of this opportunity in 2006.

My final report will come in January because we will have a new SEO/ASEO in 2006. Until then have Happy Holidays.

Administrative Officer

P/C Alexander Cooper, JN

THANK YOU LEON

Leon has some wonderful plans for user groups and people with like interests for the upcoming year, but I will let him explain what he has in mind.

WSSPS
NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Nominees for 2006 Executive Committee Positions

Executive Officers

Commander	**P/C Leon Corbett, Jr., SN**
Executive Officer	**Robert Whittle, P**
Educational Officer	**P/C Donald Breault, AP**
Administrative Officer	**Lt Reid London, AP**
Secretary	**Margie Lamb, P**
Treasurer	**Lt/C 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**
Member at Large	**P/C Michael Cranford, AP**
Member at Large	**P/C Ray Travis, SN**
Member at Large	**Lt Sheila Breault, S**
Immediate Past Commander	**(Appointed by the By-Laws – not elected)**

General Committees

Audit	**Lt T.J. Todd, P**
Rules	**P/C Leon Corbett, SN**
	P/C K.B. Jennings, Jr., JN

Education

Assistant Ed. Officer	**P/C Dawn Gaskill, AP**

The above slate is respectfully submitted to you by the 2005 WSSPS Nominating Committee.

Chairperson – P/C Michael Cranford, AP

"Experience"

by P/C Donald Breault, AP

In the real world of boating, one will encounter many challenges. Most you will least expect, and some you will see coming at you like a freight train. But the most important ingredient you can have to combat this challenge is the combination of our educational program and on the water experience. For some, the experience opportunity is somewhat limited. For others, the day to day operational experience is what they strive for. Whatever boating you do such as blue water, coastal cruising, or lake boating, each and every one of these has its own unique challenge that can only be properly addressed with experience.

Our Squadron like many others has a wealth of different experienced boaters. Some are new and some are old salts. We provide opportunities for one another to help strengthen our skills behind the helm. Our self-educational program is by far one of the most successful programs in public boating today. Sometimes no matter how much experience one has and how much you prepare and protect your boat, things will go wrong.

How do we get this experience? If you own a boat, that speaks for itself. Just get out in the boat and try it. Then take it to the next level. Don't forget to let the better half of the team get some experience. This is so important in case of emergency situations. If you don't own a boat, then the experience level can be more challenging. However, there are a lot of Squadron Members who will gladly let you have a crack at the helm. This is good for those who own small boats and then are a guest on a much larger more sophisticated Boat. How many opportunities do you have to pilot a larger 38 plus foot vessel? This is important to those who are thinking of purchasing a larger boat or moving up from the sport boat to a motor yacht.

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District 27 Change of Watch and Conference
10-12 March 2006

Hilton Hotel – Greenville, N.C.

Room Rate: $89.00 plus Taxes Reservations made by calling 252-355-5000

Ask for "United States Power Squadrons District 27" room block Cutoff date is 8 February 2006

FRIDAY 10 March:
1315 Spice Bouquet Plant Tour (30-minute drive from hotel) – advance registration required – no charge
1400 Grady White Boats Factory Tour – advance registration required – no charge
1500 – 1800 Member Registration (Lunch Tickets and Banquet Tickets) and Voter Registration
1800 – 2000 Cash Bar and Reception sponsored by Tar River Squadron

SATURDAY 11 March: Uniform of the Day: Uniform F
0700 - 0900 Member and Voter Registration
Pick up lunch tickets. (Need to be prepaid for lunch) and Banquet Tickets
0700 - 0830 Commanders' Breakfast
0900 Council Meeting Convenes
1100 - 1400 Spouses' Mediterranean Cooking Demo & Luncheon – advance registration required
1200 - 1320 Members' Luncheon (Preregistered and paid)
1330 Meeting Reconvenes
1600 Meeting Adjourned
1800 Cash Bar
1900 District 27 Change of Watch Banquet - ***Uniform A or Suitable attire***

SUNDAY 12 March:
900-1000 Cooperative Charting and Geodetics

----------DETACH AND SEND----------

D-27 Change of Watch & Conference

Reservation Form

Rank, Name & Grade Squadron	Spice Bouquet Tour (#)	Grady White Tour (#)	Friday Reception @ $18.00	Saturday Cooking Demo & Luncheon $27.00	Saturday Member Lunch @ $15.00	Saturday Banquet Buffet @ $35	TOTAL

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Location to be determined

Get ready to clean out your closets, attics, garages, cellars!

We will need volunteers and donated items

Questions or Donations
Sheila Breault 712-0661

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 - Piedmont Club
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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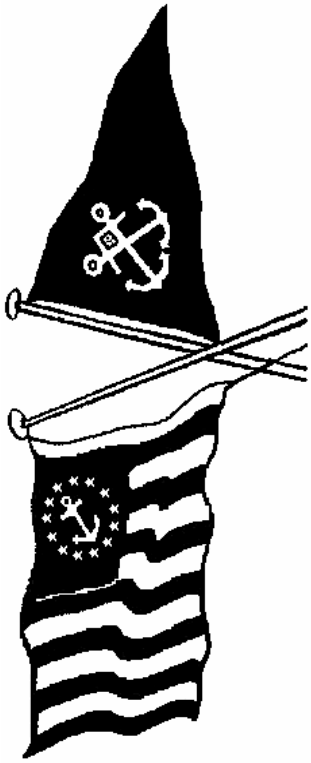

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

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04-08 January	**USPS Annual Meeting** **Orlando, FL**
28 January	**Change of Watch** **Piedmont Club**

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