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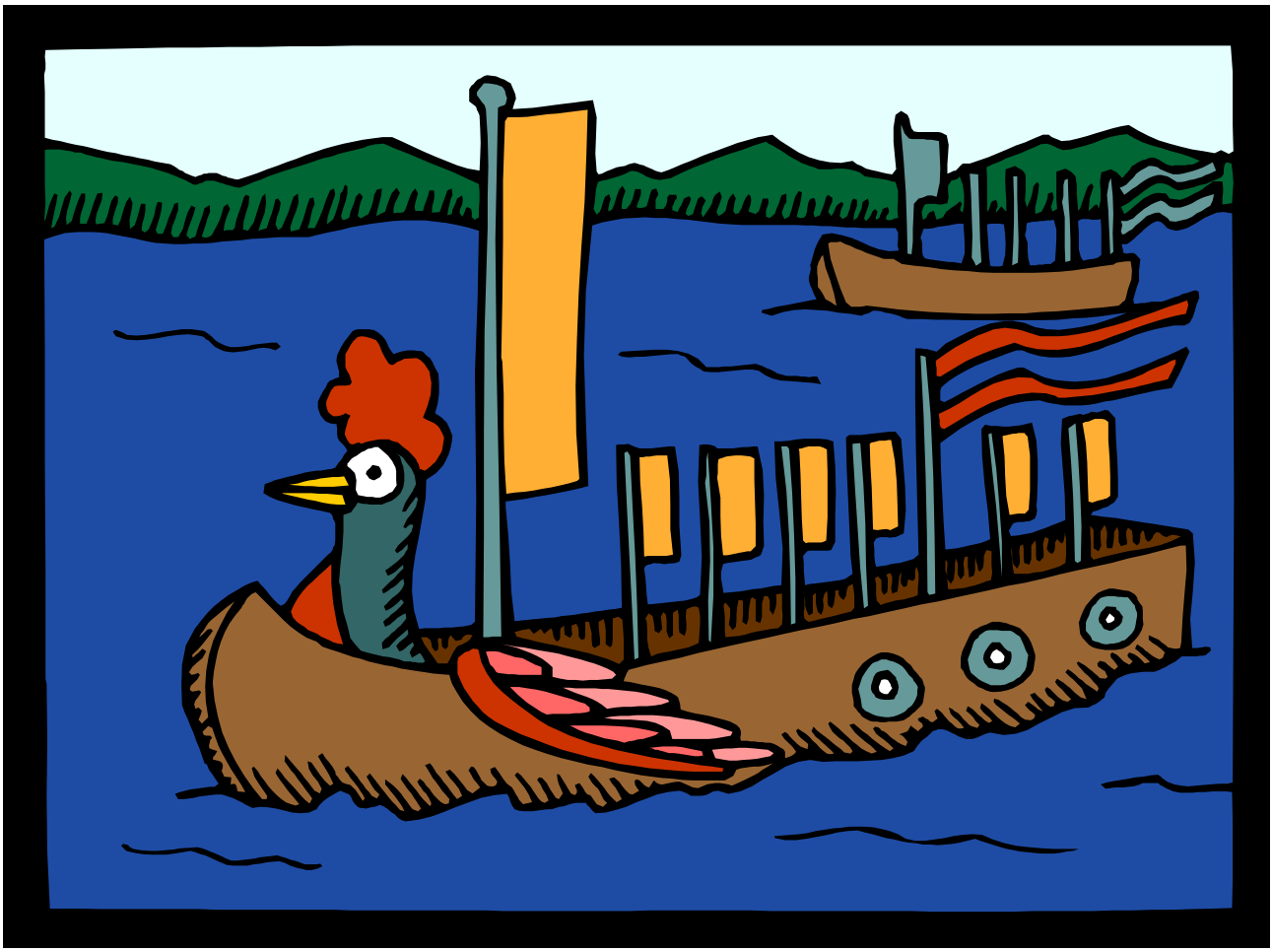

"Happy Thanksgiving"

November

Event Calendar

17 Nov. Membership Meeting at new location: Dockside Seafood
2520 Lewisville-Clemmons Rd.
6:30pm

6 Dec. Communication Briefing at Breault's Boston Bar & Grill

18 Dec. Christmas Party at Dockside Seafood Restaurant
2520 Lewisville-Clemmons Rd.

Nov. 17

Year in Review

Cmd. Joel Williams, AP

Visit with us at
Dockside Seafood Rest.
In Clemmons

Order off menu
Guests encouraged

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Feel free to contact any of the officers above if you have concerns or questions.

Our meetings are always open to the public. Please visit with us anytime.

From the Helm

Cdr. Joel Williams, AP

HAPPY THANKSGIVING,

Let us all be thankful for our many blessings.

We had a great Commander's Picnic. The food was delicious (thanks Ray) and we had a great turn out. Our auction went very well (thanks KB). Overall we made approximately $400.00. Great fun with great people. I would like to thank Ray and B. who hosted and Debbie , Reid , Faye, Tisha, Tom, & Jim who gave a hand. And thanks to everyone who brought dessert and all those who both donated and purchased auction items. It is everyone pitching in that makes things work.

Don't forget our Year in Review on November 17 at Dockside Seafood Restaurant in Clemmons.

Thanksgiving Delights
On Thanksgiving Day we're thankful for
Our blessings all year through,
For family we dearly love,
For good friends, old and new.
For sun to light and warm our days,
For stars that glow at night,
For trees of green and skies of blue,
And puffy clouds of white.
We're grateful for our eyes that see
The beauty all around,
For arms to hug, and legs to walk,
And ears to hear each sound.
The list of all we're grateful for
Would fill a great big book;
Our thankful hearts find new delights
Everywhere we look!
By Joanna Fuchs

Executive Officer

Lt./C Debbie Mayfield

Our 2010 year is coming to an end and Commander Joel Williams will be doing our November program, a year in review at our November meeting. In addition, we will be holding elections for our 2011 Officers. All members should plan to attend.

The October Pig Pickin' was great and as always Ray and Bea Travis out did themselves, Ray, our master chef and Bea the great hostess. KB Jennings did a great job with the auction which was very successful as well as entertaining.

Our donations for the Second Harvest Food Bank have been delivered. We had $200.00 in cash donations as well as large amount of food items that I delivered to the Food Bank after our October Pig Pickin'. Thanks for everyone who participated in this community service project.

On November 6, our squadron again participated in Belk Charity Days which is a fund raiser for our Squadron. Thanks to Mary Lou Corbett, Millie Williams, and Faye London for their help.

District 27 Squadron Training has been moved to Saturday, January 8, 2011. All the 2011 officers should plan to attend and any other interested members may attend. I am planning on attending as well as a few others. It is in Raleigh so we can plan a day trip.

Administrative Officer

P/C Don Breault, AP

"This Old Boat"

One of the many issues we have in owning and operating a live aboard boat is that someday things will wear out, break, and just become another victim of salt water corrosion. That first day you purchased this boat becomes the beginning of the countdown launch of when you have to plan to just replace various components and machinery. Part of the responsibility of ownership is the normal and abnormal maintenance needed to keep her afloat. In other words, anyone can muster the money and resources to purchase a used boat. The real rubber hits the road comes, when you have to make decisions to pay for the replacement of those very expensive components that made this old boat look like a great deal. No one looks at this venture as "This Old Boat" when they first buy it because it is this new boat to them and hopefully you are not yet thinking of the risks of expensive maintenance issues shortly thereafter.

The beginning of these issues can always start with the engines, transmissions, and other machinery support components that keep the boat moving forward and backwards. Then you can start to look at those creature comfort components that keep your water hot, food frozen and air cooled or in some cases heated in the winter. All of these wear items have a time span for self destruction. In my case it happens when you have guests aboard and just when you think it is all ok, the head is stopped up, the AC starts blowing warm air, and the fresh water pump fails so no one has water to wash up with. Then you start the generator and it quits working because there is a small issue with a component that only a 2 foot high "mini me" type person can reach.

Then there is that leak you were avoiding for a short time. It has just sounded off to you in the middle of the night while you were half asleep thinking about all of these headaches you have and this leak has decided to move itself up to the front of the priority list. Yes, you know the one I am writing about here, it is that old seacock you had some trouble with while the handle was getting a little stuck last month. Too bad you can not reach it because some fool boat designer put a bank of batteries in the way or some want to be marine engineer placed a bulkhead across some stringers that prevents a normal person to reach, stoop, or bend to service a sea cock handle 3 or more time per year.

Then you make a list and you check it twice. I hope you are not getting confused here are you? This is not a Christmas list for Santa but a priority list for this old boat. Hopefully this list is in two parts. One for all of those small maintenance items you can do yourself and one where you have to call that expensive marine mechanic who will come on your boat with equipment that can only be operated by more than one person at a time. Yes, when 2 or more marine mechanics have to get on your boat, you know this aint gonna be cheap. My daddy said if you break something that requires two workers to fix it, you should see about going with out it. He never had a big boat and would highly criticize me for getting one. His idea of a big boat is one that has to be on a trailer and not on the roof of the car or the bed of a pick up.

Now you have your list and all of your expectations are set in motion. Then that phone call comes from one of the several workers who have been trudging aboard your boat for a week or so. Mr. Breault, this is Ricky Bobby, the guy you hired to fix your yacht? You see we got to playing with that loose fanitinbun you complained about and we can't get it out because it is rusted too far, so we have to get a welder to cut it out. We did and while he was working in that area we found another problem. Your not gonna want to hear this but;……..You see, it always goes like this. Figure what it may cost and add 100% to it and then double it and you may be almost close to the repair bill. Solution: just don't tell your wife what it cost. Get it fixed and dazzle her with another trip to the cape when all of the "Bankers" are running and splashing on the beach. Let her soak her feet in the warmer waters of the outer banks and then say something like; isn't this all worth it? You can always anticipate the response.

See you on the water,
P/C Don Breault

"The Liberty"

Education Officer

P/C Dawn Gaskill, AP

I am hoping we can get a very good educational class set up for the 2011 year. We are now starting the Engine Maintenance Class at the Little Creek Recreation Center. This is being chaired by P/C Wayne Creekmore, JN. Class is Tuesdays at 1830. You still have time to join the class if you have not done so already.

In January, a Piloting class is planned, also chaired by Wayne. Let either he or myself know if you are interested. After Piloting we will try to go straight into Advanced Piloting. We need to know what else you may be interested in studying. So far I know we want a Weather class and possibly a Sail class.

Do you know someone interested in taking our classes but not sure about joining WSSPS? We can give them the course now, but the cost will be about the same as if they joined. USPS calls this "USPS University" . I believe in really promoting the membership. Here are some benefits you can find online, and you can show others why they should join.

- **Free Education**
- **Tax Deduction on Dues and some Travel Expenses**
- **GPS for Mariners**
- **Discounts on Computer Software and Hardware**
- **USPS Boat Insurance Program**
- **Reduced Membership Dues with Boat US and all their Programs**
- **USPS Port Captains**
- **Liaison with governmental agencies - Web site**
- **Discounts with Maptech**

Get to talking to your friends, acquaintances, and family. Let's get them interested in classes and joining. I also want you ready to take a new class!

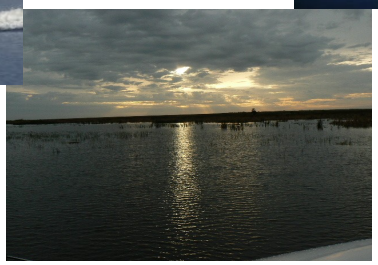
Photo memories from recent trips

"Gary's Gal"

New Bern

"Afterglow"

"Gemini"



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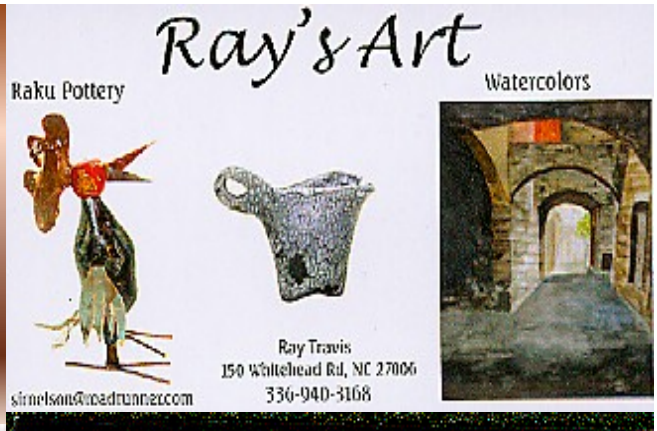

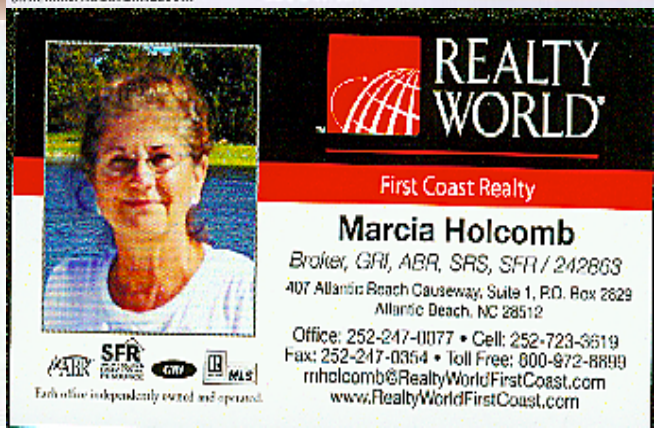

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January 4, 2010	Communication Briefing - "Breault's Boston Bar & Grill"
January 15-17, 2010	D27 Winter Council/Squadron Officer Training - Durham, NC - Hilton RDU Airport
January 23, 2010	WSSPS Change of Watch - Pine Brook Country Club
February 1 - 7, 2010	USPS Annual Meeting/COW - Anaheim, CA - Orange County - Hyatt Regency Hotel
February 2, 2010	Communication Briefing - "Breaults Boston Bar & Grill"
February 17, 2010	Yacht House Seafood Restaurant - "Yadkin River Keeper"
March 1, 2010	Communication Briefing - "Tom & Cathy Loveless House"
March 17, 2010	Yacht House Seafood Restaurant - "Austin Caviness, WXII 12 Weather"
March 19 - 21, 2010	D27 Annual Meeting/COW - Wrightsville Beach, NC
April 5, 2010	Communication Briefing - George & Margie Lamb House
April 14, 2010	(2nd Wednesday) Yacht House Seafood Restaurant - "United States Coast Guard"
April 21 - 25, 2010	Cruise - New Bern & Oriental, NC
May 3, 2010	Communication Briefing - "London Times Lounge"
May 19, 2010	**Yacht House Seafood Restaurant - "Blackbeard, The Man Behind The Legend" by Margaret Hoffman**
May 23 - 30, 2010	Cruise - "Ocracoke Island"
June 7, 2010	Communication Briefing - "Mike & Kris Cranford House"
June 11 -13, 2010	D-27 Rendezvous. Oriental, NC
June 16, 2010	Ray and B Travis Home "Low Country Boil & Auction"
July 2-5, 2010	4th July Rendezvous, Cape Lookout
July 10, 2010	Rendezvous - Jim and Genny Frazier's Lake Norman Home
August 2, 2010	Communication Briefing - "Mike & Kris Cranford House"
August 18, 2010	Yacht House Seafood Restaurant - "Living Aboard In The Tropics" By Dana Breda
September 1-5, 2010	USPS Fall GB, Bellevue WA
September 7, 2010	(Tuesday) Communication Briefing - "London Times Lounge"
September 15, 2010	Yacht House Seafood Restaurant - "Hard Aground Again" By Eddie Jones
September 22 - 26, 2010	Cruise - "Oriental & New Bern, NC"
September 24 - 25, 2010	D-27 Fall Council Meeting - New Bern, NC
October 4, 2010	Communication Briefing - "Michael & Marilyn Shuping House"
October 20, 2010	Commanders Picnic Ray & B Travis Home "Southern Style Bar B Q"
October 22 - 24, 2010	Cruise - Beaufort, NC
November 1, 2010	Communication Briefing - "Tom & Cathy Loveless House"
November 4-7	Cruise - "Shackleford Banks"
November 17, 2010	Dockside Seafood Restaurant, Clemmons, NC - "Our Year in Review"
December 6, 2010	Communication Briefing - "Breault's Boston Bar & Grill"
December 18, 2010	Saturday Night Annual Christmas Party, "Dockside Seafood Restaurant", Clemmons, NC
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January 3, 2011	Communication Briefing- "London Times Lounge"
January 15, 2011	D-27 Squadron Training, University Club, Raleigh, NC
February 5, 2011	WSSPS Change of Watch - Pine Brook Country Club
February 7, 2011	Communication Briefing- "Tom & Cathy Loveless House"
February 16, 2011	Dockside Seafood Restaurant, Clemmons, NC - "Cruising The ICW From Florida"
March 7, 2011	Comminication Briefing- :Michael & Marilyn Shuping House"
March 16, 2011	Dockside Seafood Restaurant, Clemmons, NC - "Boat Buying Basics"
April 4, 2011	Communication Briefing- "Breault's Boston Bar & Grill"

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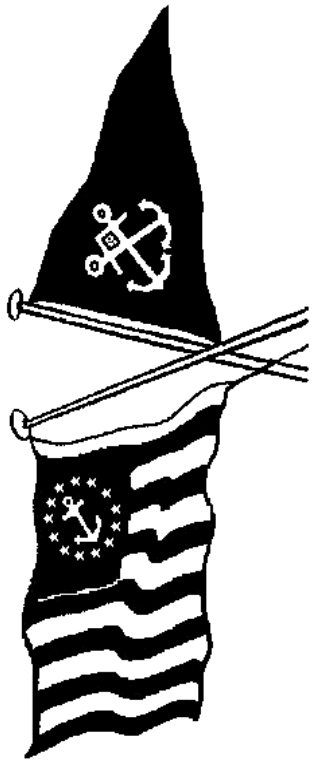

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Important events

17 Nov.	Membership Meeting: Dockside Seafood 2520 Lewisville-Clemmons Rd., 6:30pm
6 Dec.	Communications Meeting: Breault's Boston Bar and Grill
18 Dec.	Annual Christmas Party at Dockside Seafood 2520 Lewisville-Clemmons Rd., 6:30pm

WEAR IT NORTH CAROLINA!

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