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Boat Re-Naming Brings Out the Merriment!

August

Event Calendar

18 Aug.

"Living Aboard in the Tropics"

P/C Dana Breda SN

Yacht House Restaurant 6:30pm

Order off menu
Guests Encouraged

18 August	Membership meeting at Yacht House Restaurant 6:30pm
7 Sept. (Tuesday)	Communications Mtg at "London Time Lounge" 6:30pm
24-26 Sept.	D27 Fall Conference, Hilton Riverfront, New Bern, NC

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

From the Helm

Cdr. Joel Williams, AP

It has been a very hot summer. Not hurrying things along, but fall is just around the corner. We need to have volunteers to help with Christmas and the January Change of Watch. It is also time to think of a new Bridge. I am in my "lame duck" year and we have several positions to fill. Please contact me if you are interested .

Good News! Our 50th Anniversary Celebration is pictured in this month's WSSPS Ensign Magazine. We have a copy if you would like to see it.

Please attend this month's WSSPS meeting. Our own Past Commander, Dana Breda, SN, has a presentation guaranteed to be entertaining. Also, the D27 Fall Conference is scheduled September 24-26. Registration forms will be emailed to you soon.

Meditation of the Old Fisherman"

By William Butler Yeats

YOU waves, though you dance by my feet like children at play,
Though you glow and you glance, though you purr and you dart;
In the Junes that were warmer than these are, the waves were more gay,
When I was a boy with never a crack in my heart.
The herring are not in the tides as they were of old;
My sorrow! for many a creak gave the creel in the-cart
That carried the take to Sligo town to be sold,
When I was a boy with never a crack in my heart.
And ah, you proud maiden, you are not so fair when his oar
Is heard on the water, as they were, the proud and apart,
Who paced in the eve by the nets on the pebbly shore,
When I was a boy with never a crack in my heart.

Executive Officer

Lt./C Debbie Mayfield

As everyone who has ever become a boater knows, enjoying water gets into one's blood and never leaves regardless of whether they still have a boat. I have just returned from a second boat trip on the Chesapeake Bay which clearly reminded me of this fact. I am no longer a boat owner so I don't have the opportunity to enjoy boating as I once did but though my current quest of visiting lighthouses, I am able to reclaim the enjoyment on the occasions when I take cruises in search of photographs of lighthouses not accessible from land.

I have spent 2 different weekends over the past month which resulted in 24 hours of cruising time on the Chesapeake Bay photographing 23 lighthouses and/or sites of past lighthouses. All three days I spent on the Bay were a power boater's dream with calm seas and fair skies. I would like to share with you some of my photographs and knowledge I gained on Bay Lighthouses on these boat trips.

Everyone is familiar with the Thomas Point Lighthouse outside of Annapolis Maryland. It is important to note that this is the only remaining screw pile lighthouse in it's original location and still operating on the Chesapeake Bay. The screw pile was a popular design used in locations with soft bottoms such as the Chesapeake Bay. At one time there were over 40 screw lighthouses located on the Chesapeake Bay. Unfortunately the design had problems on the Chesapeake Bay where there were ice flows causing the house portion of the lighthouse to become detached from the frame often times destroying the lighthouse. There are 3 other screw pile lighthouses which can be seen on the Chesapeake Bay but they are all now part of museums. The Hooper Strait Lighthouse is located at the Chesapeake Maritime Museum in St Michaels MD on Maryland's Eastern Shore. It was purchased in 1966 by the museum and relocated from it's location on the Bay which was at the mouth of the Tangier sound after it was decommissioned by the US Coast Guard. Drum Point Lighthouse is located at the Calvert Marine Museum on Solomon's Island Maryland which is on the mainland side of the Bay. It was relocated there from it original location, Solomon's Point in 1975 after being decommissioned by the US Coast Guard in 1962. The third lighthouse, Seven Foot Knoll Lighthouse, is now located at the Baltimore MD inner harbor and is part of the Baltimore Maritime Museum. It has the distinction of being the oldest screw pile lighthouse in Maryland. It was build in 1855 and was one of the first lighthouses assembled from prefabricated parts. Originally it was an octagonal cottage made from cast iron which was later replaced in 1875 by a round building. It was relocated to Baltimore in1988 as part of the City of Baltimore's development of it's Inner Harbor after it was removed from it's location at the mouth of the Patapsco River on Seven Foot Knoll and replaced by a simple skeletal tower.

There are 2 sets of range lights on the Patapsco River which are used to assist boats into Baltimore Harbor. One set is called the Craighill Channel Upper Range originally built around 1886 and automated in 1929 and the second set is known as Craighill Channel Lower Range built around 1873. The upper light was in this pair was automated in 1930 but the lower light wasn't fully automated until 1964. This lighthouse has 2 lights, one is a 4th order fresnel lens on top that functions as a traditional lighthouse and the 2nd is a light on the side that is the range light. This light is the first caisson lighthouse built in the United States.

The remaining lighthouses still located in the water on the Bay are different styles of caisson lighthouses. These lighthouses were built between 1873 and 1914 and have withstood the test of time. Most were build as main channel lighthouses to guide shipping traffic in the deepest channels of the bay but some were used to replace screw pile lighthouse that were destroyed by ice. The caisson is a heavy metal cylindrical cast iron tower that was pre built and towed to it's final designation and then leveled. It was then filled with large stones and cement. The lighthouse was added to the top. The lighthouses were made of metal, brick, and/or wood. Sharps Island Lighthouse is a metal topped caisson light. It was a replacement light for a previous light. It currently has about a 15 degree tilt due to ice flow in the late 1970s. Baltimore Light and Sandy Point Light are examples of brick houses on top of the caisson which are octagonal in shape with colonial architecture.

In addition, there are several styles of lighthouses that are land base. Small towers such as Poole's Island Lighthouse and Cove Point Lighthouse which had separate keeper houses from the lighthouse. Point Lookout is an example where there is a house with a light in the center.
the water.

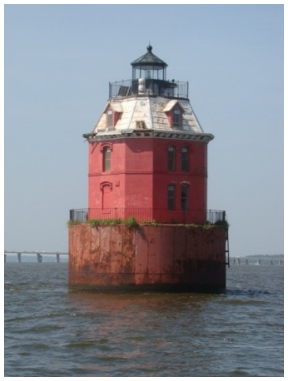
As you can see, the Chesapeake Bay has much to offer in lighthouse history as well as still using lighthouses as navigations aids. Not only that, it is a great place to ride a boat and enjoy.

Chesapeake Bay Lighthouses

Hooper Straight

Solomon's Point

Cove Point



Craighill Channel Lower Range

Craighill Channel Upper Range

Point Lookout

Education Officer

P/C Dawn Gaskill, AP

Take a Seminar! We have several, no test to take, unless you consider the use when you go boating! Here is a list of Seminars available now.

- ***Advanced Powerboat Handling***
- ***Anchoring***
- ***Basic Coastal Navigation***
- ***Boat Handling under Power***
- ***Boating on Rivers, Locks and Lakes***
- ***How to Use a Chart***
- ***Hurricanes and Boats***
- ***Knots, Bends and Hitches***
- ***Marine RADAR***
- ***Mariner's Compass***
- ***Mastering the Rules of the Road***
- ***Onboard Weather Forecasting***
- ***Paddle Smart***
- ***Partner in Command***
- ***Sail Trim and Rig Tuning***
- ***Trailering Your Boat***
- ***Using GPS***
- ***Using VHF & VHF/DSC Marine Radio***

Our advanced and elective grades can be fun also. Let me run thru them quickly… And start learning and having fun!

Seamanship- Students learn practical marlinespike, navigation rules, hull design and performance, responsibilities of the skipper, boat care, operating a boat under normal and abnormal conditions, what to do in various emergencies and weather conditions, nautical customs and common courtesy on the water

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Piloting- Piloting is the first of the navigational classes focusing on techniques for piloting a boat in coastal and inland conditions. The course emphasizes planning and checking along with the use of GPS for determining position, and introduces digital charting along with traditional charting, compass and dead reckoning skills.

Advanced Piloting- Advanced Piloting is the final part of the inland and coastal navigation series. This material continues to build on the base developed in Piloting, and includes practical use of additional electronic navigation systems and other advanced techniques for finding position.

Junior Navigation and Navigation- A two-part program of study in offshore (open coast) navigation. It is designed as a practical, how-to course using GPS for offshore navigation with sun sight taking using a sextant as a backup technique.

Elective courses-

Cruise Planning	**Instructor Development**
Engine Maintenance	**Marine Electronics**
Sail	**Weather**

Call 785-0996 or email WSSPSedu@yahoo.com and let me know what course ***YOU*** want and lets have some fun!

Administrative Officer

P/C Don Breault, AP

" The Cape Connection"

The Cape Connection is a magical experience you endure when you want a low keyed weekend getaway less than 20 miles from places along the Bogue Sound. You can venture out on most days in any midsized live aboard trawler or small day use type boat with a shallow water draft and within one hour's cruise; you can be beached or anchored in the hook of Cape Lookout. Also called "Power Squadron Spit".

On most late July days, you may get to see the playful action of dolphins surfing your wake, or witness the many Loggerhead Sea Turtles surfacing near your boat being curious as to your presence. Some days you can witness the playful prancing of the many "Bankers" splashing along the beaches of Shackleford Banks. Then you can relax on the many miles of uncrowded sandy beaches watching the majestic appearance of the Cape Lookout Light House.

When you traverse across the sand dunes to the ocean side, you will be in awe of the spectacular blue green crystal clear water that gives this part of the southern outer banks a tropical look. Some times you may have to look twice to make sure you are not in the Caribbean. As you make sure you are covered in sun block because the Sun can be very unforgiving here, you can step into the clear saltwater and be amazed at the 80 degree temperature it is holding for you. Yet it is still refreshing as a mild sea breeze sweeps across the beach while you sink up to your chest holding your favorite beverage in a floating "coozie".

Ahh!! Summertime has arrived and the days are getting lazy. Maybe you will walk across the beach and collect the many sea shells that seem to be as abundant here as the sand is. Or perhaps you will set up a sun tent to shade yourself and nap for an hour. Either way, it is the most efficient method of recharging those internal batteries.

Later on, as the sun begins to get low in the late afternoon sky, and you witness the many diamonds and jewels sparkling in the water, you venture back to your boat and for those that plan to spend the night, well there is a whole lot more to do and see. After the grill begins to fill the boat with an aroma of something very good to eat, you crack open that favorite beverage and continue to enjoy the melting sun as it fades behind the dunes.

As night fall takes over, you begin to become mesmerized by the constant turning of the light on the light house as it does its job as an active aid to navigation as it has for over 150 years. As nighttime completely takes over, you begin to witness the most spectacular view of the many constellations of our southern night sky and see the broad array of the Milky Way. With the absence of artificial light, the celestial display is magnified a thousand times brighter than on the main land. Now after watching those rare shooting stars, you begin to feel sleepy from all of that salt air on the beach that day. Open the hatches and be amazed at the constant flow of sea breezes as it sweeps through your boat.

The next morning as you awaken, you see that night has once again given way to another beautiful summer day. You venture out in the inflatable toward shore to take another long and restful walk along an even more deserted beach to witness the ever bountiful wildlife. You see many fish breaking water surfaces as larger predators feed from below. Then you see the many seagulls and other sea birds having their feast of what may be left on the surface.

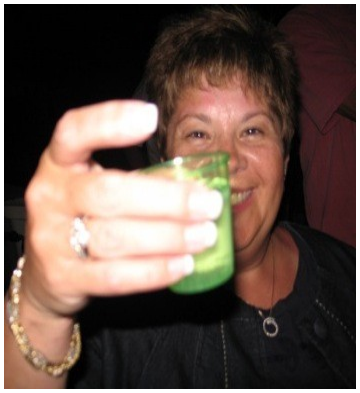
As time goes by and you look at the time of day, you realize that you have to leave this paradise so you can join the reality of the real world. The world that forces you to abandon such a treasure because you have to get back to the docks and make preparations to drive that 5 hour journey back to Winston-Salem. Then you ask as you have asked yourself a hundred times before: Why do we have to leave? I guess the answer to this difficult question can be summed up this way: Take back the memory you just made and remember the wonderful time you had that created an opportunity for you to long for a return trip very soon. That anticipation of returning to such a jewel of a place will keep you yearning for more all year long.

See you on the water,

P/C Don Breault, AP

"Liberty"

Boat Re-Naming at Pelletier Creek



Send us a photo of your new addition to the family (boats, grandchildren, pets, etc)

KB & Cindy's new addition.

53 ft Navigator Yacht
Raised Pilothouse Cruiser

Tom & Cathy's new addition.

36 ft Meridian Cruiser

Classes & Seminars

See pages 6 & 7 for complete list of offerings
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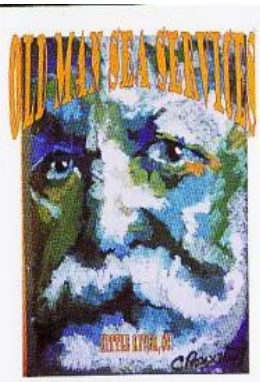

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Calendar of Events for 2010

Date:7/2/2010

Date	Event
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 19 - 26, 2010	Cruise - "Wilmington, 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 "Pig Pick'n"
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	Yacht House Seafood Restaurant - "Our Year in Review"
December 6, 2010	Communication Briefing - "Breault's Boston Bar & Grill"
December 11, 2010	Saturday Night Annual Christmas Party, "TBA"
	2011
January 3, 2011	Communication Briefing- "TBA"
January 15, 2011	D-27 Squadron Training, University Club, Raleigh, NC
January 29, 2011	WSSPS Change of Watch - Pine Brook Country Club
February 7, 2011	Communication Briefing- "TBA"
February 16, 2011	Yacht House Seafood Restaurant - "Cruising The ICW From Florida"
March 16, 2011	Yacht House Seafood Restaurant - "Boat Buying Basics"

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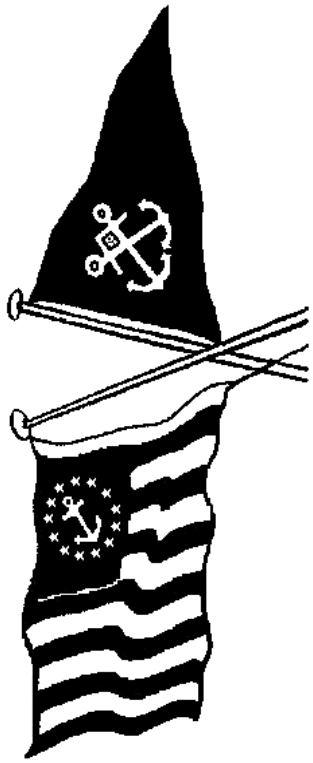

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Important events

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