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Pack your bag, cruising season is here!

March 2010

Meeting

April 14

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Yacht House Seafood
Social starts 6:30

Order off menu
Guests encouraged

Event Calendar

14 April	Membership Meeting at Yacht House Seafood Rest.
21 April	Cruise to New Bern & Oriental
1 May	Public Boating Class at Mann Marine, Kernersville **Please volunteer to help**
3 May	Communication Meeting at London Time Lounge
19 May	Membership Meeting at Yacht House Seafood Rest.

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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 soon.

From the Helm

Cdr. Joel Williams, AP

Wash the pollen off your boat, shine your brass bell, check the chain on your anchor and dust off the life jackets. Check the weather, Red sky at night sailors delight—Red sky at morning sailor take warning. Watch the NOAA website, winds 5-10 kts, waves 1-3 ft. Oh boy it is looking good.

Take advantage of every chance you can go boating and spend time with friends. Cherish every minute. Some of our friends and shipmates have passed on to better places. Pull the anchor, untie the dock line, put up the sail, fire up the engines.

On May 1st we are going to be having an all day Safe Boating Course at Mann Marine. We will need some assistance because we are serving breakfast and lunch. Call me at 345-4953 if you can help

Educational Officer

P/C Dawn Gaskill, AP

Our Public Boating Course just ended with 4 students graduating. Thanks to Reid London and his family for running another successful session.

We are promoting our May 1 all-day condensed boating course in local magazines, newspapers, and media outlets. Plus, a big sign will be placed on I-40 at the Linville Rd exit, right by Mann Marine. Help us get the word out by putting up posters around town. Contact Debbie Mayfield if you can help.

We have 2 new Seminar courses, if you are interested in short learning sessions.

1) Partners in Command—An intro to boating for crew members who need basic information and who may not have taken a boating course (your friends??) This provides some essential information required to replace a skipper in case of an emergency.

2) Rules of the Road—Provides an explanation with examples of the 37 Rules of the Road for both the US inland and International rules. Simplifies very complex laws relating to recreational boat operations.

There seems to be much to do and we need YOU! We have all sorts of opportunities coming down the line to get more people involved. Please call or email me if interested.

Executive Officer

Lt./C Debbie Mayfield

I had the privilege to represent the WSSPS at the D27 change of watch. It was a very enjoyable weekend even though it was quite busy. On Friday night we had a dinner cruise from our hotel in Wrightsville Beach down the waterway at sunset. It was a beautiful and warm evening and I met many fellow Power Squadron members from D27. Saturday was filled with meetings and ending in the COW where our squadron and several members received awards for last year. I accepted a life membership award for Sandy Breda, which means she had earned 25 merit marks during her years as a member of our Squadron. We are hoping she will be in attendance at our meeting on Wednesday, April 14 so her award and pin can be presented to her in person. Joel Williams will present the other awards at our April meeting so I will leave those to be announced there. George Ellis also received an award as Editor of the D27 Newsletter. On Sunday, I attended a short workshop on COOP Charting that was very informative. I am hoping that our Squadron will be able to participate and contribute to this program this year. Attending the D27 meeting and having the opportunity to meet so many new Power Squadron members was very motivating and provided me with a much broader knowledge of what is happening at both the District and at National levels of our organization.

I attended the final class of our first Public Boating Course on Tuesday night April 6. As always, Reid London and his family Faye and Tisha did an outstanding job. We had 4 students complete the course and they were all invited to our April meeting. Our next Public Boating Course with be at Mann Marine on Saturday, May 1. It is an all day course with Reid London and Wayne Creekmore as instructors for this class. If you are available to help with anything at the May 1 class, please let Dawn Gaskill or Reid London know. Anyone interested in helping with putting up posters and promoting our classes, please let me know, my number is 924-9296.

In addition to our Public Boating Class on May 1, we also have a fund raiser. We are participating in Belk Charity Days from 6-10 AM at Belk at Hanes Mall. Please come by and buy a $5.00 ticket and shop till you drop. We have been doing this for a couple of years now and it has helped bring in needed funds. Tickets will be available for members to pick up to sell at the April meeting. They sell for $5.00 each and the WSSPS gets 100 % of the ticket sales. In addition, members willing to help man the table on Saturday, May 1 from 6-10 AM can contact me about volunteering.

We are continuing to collect food and/or cash donations for the Food Bank. Please bring your donations to the meeting. We will be collecting food/donations at all meetings and events through the August meeting and would like to exceed the 1000 lbs we collected for the Food Bank this past Christmas. This will be instead of our drive at Christmas.

Our Squadron will again be doing Vessel Safety Checks for individual's boats. Gary Lewis is our Squadron's chair for this program. Please let Gary know if one of our qualified members can do a safety check on your boat.

I hope everyone is getting underway with a great 2010 Boating Season.

Administrative Officer

P/C Don Breault, AP

"Making Memories"

Remember the first time you set foot in a boat? Remember the first time you got to fish from a boat? Remember how you may have snickered at those stuck on land fishing the same hole every time and you got to go way off shore where the big ones were? Remember the first time you set your feet into water skis? And remember the first time you got to sleep overnight in a boat listening to the waves slap against the hull as she gently rocked you to sleep?

These experiences and many more like them is what the boating experience is all about. Sharing time with family, friends, and loved ones. Developing relationships and establishing camaraderie with other families who very much like you, share the love of boating. Taking a vacation to a distant exotic place is just fine and a lot of fun. When you return, you have a limited memory of that experience between you and your spouse. When you go cruising with other boats and families, you all share in a more meaningful memory. Because you remember the quirky things someone may have done. Something someone may have said, or something that went wrong and you can laugh about it a month later.

How does this passion for boating shape our lives? How does the sport of boating develop our culture of being a waterman? How has boating changed some of your priorities in your life? How has boating allowed you to explore the feeling of freedom and lower your stress?

If you agree or relate to some or all of these things, then you have the gift of making memories. Yes, your boat is a memory maker. A memory that will last a life time, because you shared it with many others. So grab the duffel, a cooler of beverages, muster the family, and make the call to your other shipmates on the lake or on the coast. Tell them all we are going boating this weekend, and we are going to make it simple, we are going to make it fun, and we are going to make it happen so we can remember the best times of our life.

The Winston-Salem Sail & Power Squadron has been doing this now for over fifty years. What a tribute to those men and women who have been dedicated to this boating activity for so long. So it must be true. Making memories on a boat with the fellowship of our members is a lifetime experience. Come to our meeting this month and witness those memories from boaters a long time ago. Re-live those memories you have when you first got into this program. Share the joy and the tears of so many mariners who have blessed us with their contributions in developing those precious memories. Laugh again about those quirky things we did when we didn't know what to do. Shed a tear for those who are no longer with us. Let us all make another memory together during this boating season.

See you on the water
P/C Don Breault, AP
"Liberty"

In Memoriam

Mary Ann Lewis was a bright spot at every WSSPS event she attended, smiling and cheering everyone on in whatever was happening at the time. I first remember Mary Ann as a classmate in our Piloting class. George and I, she and Gary, Linda and Mike Mathys, and Don Lamonds were classmates struggling together to learn charting and the difference made by true, mean, or compass directions, with Fred Eldridge as our learned instructor. Just when I would think things couldn't get any heavier or deeper, Mary Ann would make an encouraging remark and lighten things up. She was our "true".

Mary Ann was sunshine and fresh air, all the time. We knew that when we saw Gary and Mary Ann, Honeybun was close by, in the car, under Mary Ann's coat in her little carrier, or proudly wearing her yellow life preserver when cruising on their sailboat a few years back, up the Great Dismal Swamp to Norfolk and back. We (all the boats) docked at Dowry Creek, and Honeybun jumped ship, not wanting to leave KB and Cindy's boat. (I think George might have bribed her to stay). Then Honeybun took to barking at the dog-eating cat that patrolled the docks. The cat wouldn't even look at Honeybun.

Mary Ann and Gary, Gary and Mary Ann, they were a pair, always together, and both living life to the fullest, showing the rest of us how to care for each other, and how to brighten the days for others. I never heard Mary Ann complain. She did not become her illness, but took that on with the grace and light that was Mary Ann. Tisha put it very well the other night at the Communication Briefing, saying she was sorry for Gary's loss and that she would miss Mary Ann. I would add that we are sorry for our loss as a squadron of a great sailor and a fine lady, and we will miss her terribly.

Margie Lamb

D27 Rendezvous Information

This year's D27 Rendezvous will be June 11-13 at the Pecan Grove Marina in Oriental, NC. There's 44 new slips available at $1/ft/night with full power or several off-the-water places. Many fun activities are planned. You must register by using the separate form that came with this newsletter. Please register by May 26 by sending the form in to Lt/C Kevin Lyon (detailed on form). More info on usps/d27.org.

Agenda

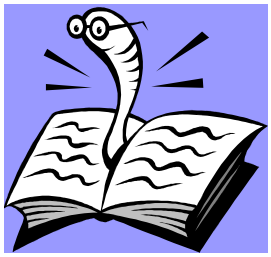
Friday, June 11
1000 Until ?- Boats arrive at Marina; Call on Channel 16, Switch to Channel 72. All slip reservations will be handled as part of Registration. Please do not call marina.
1300-1700-Registration open at Pool Pavilion
1700-Social Hour on the docks, hosted by all boats-drift from boat to boat, sample the food and meet one another
1800-Pig Picking prepared by DEO George Malindzak, with appropriate side dishes, served under the tents

Saturday, June 12
0900- Flag Raising at north shore beside docks
0930-1100- Registration open at Pool Pavilion
1000-1500 Kayak touring meets at Wildlife Docks, Luis Lopez, Leader
1000-1400 Flare Training, at water front lot on the Neuse, follow the signs, times may change
1000- 1400 Fire Extinguisher Training, follow the signs, times may change
1000-1400 On the Water Training for Boat Operator Certification, pre-registration required
1000-1400-Bean Bag Baseball, follow signs
Lunch on your own!
1400-1500-Potato Cannon Shooting; follow signs
1500-Conch Blowing Contest, under the tent
1700- Social Hour on the docks, hosted by all boats-drift from boat to boat, sample the food and meet one another
1800- Shrimp boil prepared and served by the Oriental Rotary Club:
Shrimp or Barbeque Chicken (For those that can not eat shrimp) per ticket
Mixed green Salad with dressings, Corn on the Cob Baked Beans, Rolls
Sweet or Unsweet Tea or lemonade
Desert, Chocolate with Chocolate icing and/or lemon iced yellow cake

Belk's Charity Day Sale

Please buy $5 tickets from Debbie Mayfield and shop Sat., May 1

All ticket sales go 100% to WSSPS



Classes & Seminars

America's Boating Course 5/1

Same boating course taught in one day at Mann Marine. Call Joel at 345-4953 or wssps.org for details.

GPS Course 5/25

Partners in Command TBD

One day boating course for crew members in an emergency situation. Contact dawnatg@aol.com.

Rules of the Road TBD

Simplifies complex boating regulations. Contact dawnatg@aol.com.

Winston-Salem Sail & Power Squadron

Calendar of Events for 2010

Date	Event Date:3/1/2010
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 - "Breaults Boston Bar & Grill"
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"

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Important events

14 April	Membership Meeting, Yacht House Rest., 6:30
21-25 April	New Bern & Oriental Cruise
1 May	ABC Boating Safety Class at Mann Marine 101 Old Linville Rd., Kernersville
3 May	Communication Briefing at London Time Lounge
19 May	Membership Meeting, Yacht House Rest., 6:30

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