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February 2010

Meeting

February 17

Yakin River Keeper,

Dean Naujoks

Yacht House Seafood

Social starts 6:30

Order off menu, no RSVP

Guests encouraged

Event Calendar

17 February	Membership Meeting at Yacht House Seafood Rest.
1 March	Communications Briefing at Tom & Cathy Loveless
9 March - 6 April	Public boating classes at Old Town Rec. 6:30-8:30
17 March	Membership meeting at Yacht House Seafood Rest. **Austin Caviness Featured Speaker**

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From the Helm

Cdr. Joel Williams, AP

A new year, a fairly new bridge and the same old Commander.

It is going to be a great year, but I need your help. I would ask for you , our members to email me to tell me what you would like WSSPS to accomplish this year. More meetings, less meetings, more parties, less parties, or more time and money on our charitable events or spend more time and money on education. Whatever we do, let's have fun doing it. "Boating is fun, let me show you how".

I'd like to also say "Fair Winds" to two of our dear, past Power Squadron commanders, Helen Ellis and Marty Ericson who passed late last year.

Educational Officer

P/C Dawn Gaskill, AP

A new year always marks the planning for our popular boating safety class called "America's Boating Course". Reid London has again graciously offered to lead the teaching effort. This class starts Tuesday, March 9 and is open to the public. The class will run 5 Tuesdays, 6:30 pm-8:30 pm, from March 2 to April 6. It is being taught at Old Town Recreation Center on Shattalon Drive. People can go to wssps.org or to class the first night to sign up.

Four people successfully passed our Marine Electronics course. Congratulations everyone!

Contact me at dawnatg@aol.com if you have questions or ideas about course offerings this year.

Executive Officer

Lt./C Debbie Mayfield

As we look out our windows at all the snow on the ground and think about all the winter weather we have received in Winton-Salem over the last couple of weeks, it is hard to believe we are beginning the 2010 Boating Season. Our next Public Boating Class begins on Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at the Old Town Recreation Center and will be from 6:30 to 8:30 PM and last for 5 weeks. Be sure and share this information with any one you know that might be interested in attending. If you are available on any of the class nights, please stop by the Old Town Recreation Center and meet the students.

The 2010 Change of Watch was a lot of fun as always and a great finish for our 50th Anniversary Celebration. Leon and Mary Lou Corbett along with their committee did a great job with all of the 50th Anniversary Activities this past year.

Looking forward to the 2010 year in the Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron, we already have some plans underway. At the January Communications Meeting it was decided that we would again collect food for the Food Bank but instead of doing it at Christmas, we will do it late spring finishing up in July to do a Christmas in July for the Food Bank. Hopefully we can again exceed the 1000 pounds we did this past Christmas. We will start collecting food in May. National Safe Boating Week is May 22-28, 2010 this year and we will be promoting this as part of our mission.

On May 1, 2010 a new boating regulation goes into effect requiring any person under the age of 26 to have completed a NASBLA approved boating education course before operating any vessel propelled by a motor of 10 HP or greater. These individuals will be required to have on their boat a certification of having completed a class. The Public Boating Course taught by our Squadron is a NASBLA approved boating education course. The NC Wildlife Commission also has an internet site where individuals can study and take a test to get their Boating Safety Certificate. It is http://www.boat-ed.com/nc/nc_internet.htm. The cost is $29.50 once you pass the exam. If you have a chance, go in and review the online class and test your knowledge.

Be sure and review the 2010 Calendar. There are some great cruises planned for 2010 as well as our monthly meetings and events.

Administrative Officer

P/C Don Breault, AP

"Finest Hour"

Looking back at 2009 and the achievements our members have accomplished along with our affiliated organizations have given call to a year of celebration for many people and remembrance to those members who have passed on. I would like to remember those finest hours of fellowship and achievement we as a group have made over the last year.

One of those achievements that I had the distinct honor of attending was to see a young man in our co-sponsored Sea Scout Ship receive his Quartermaster Award on January 10, 2010. Cameron Harris has accomplished a feat that no other Sea Scout has been able to do in close to 40 years in Winston-Salem. This was his finest hour.

Let me introduce Cameron Harris to those who do not know him. Cameron is an undergraduate student at NC State University in Raleigh. He is the Son of David and Sherry Harris of Lewisville. He has been a member of the Boy Scouts of America for 13 years. He started as a cub scout and earned the Arrow of Light award. As a Boy Scout, Cameron earned his Eagle Scout Badge along with many Eagle Palms. During his tenure as a Sea Scout in Ship 924, Cameron earned his venturing Sea Scout Bronze, Gold, and Silver awards. He is the recipient of the Congressional Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards for Youth. On January 10, 2010, Cameron was awarded the highest rank a Sea Scout can earn, which is the Quartermaster Award. This is equivalent to the Eagle Scout Award in Boy Scouts. One in 1,000 Sea Scouts earn this award. One in 5,000 Sea Scouts earned both the Eagle and Quartermaster awards. Cameron is the highest ranking Scout in Old Hickory Council.

Another event was the achievement of the WSSPS to see their 50th anniversary. Along with that came a distinct celebration of monumental proportions. This was our finest hour. Public boating education was also supported in 2009 with many members participating in making sure the boating public has the knowledge to safely venture into open waters. This was our finest hour in public service.

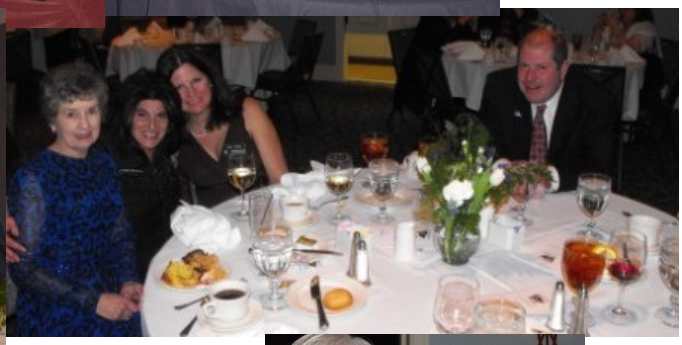
We can all look back and reflect upon the cruises we participated in last year, and the safe return of all boats from the many issues we had with some of these boats. We made mistakes, learned from them, and moved on with added knowledge. Most important, we added more depth into the fellowship activities of this organization. To the many sunsets we watched and to all of the adventures of cruising in the Pamlico Sound to Cape Lookout, these were our finest hours. I am looking forward to 2010 for more of the finest hours we can have. All you have to do is just show up. Check out the 2010 calendar, pick an activity, mark your personal calendar, and just show up.

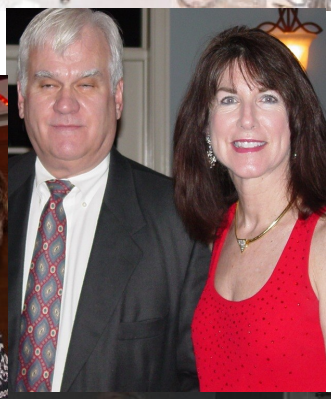
See you on the water,

P/C Don Breault, AP

"Liberty"

Change of Watch Banquet Highlights





Sea Scout Cameron Harris

Receives Quartermaster Award

Cameron Harris

Don Breault presents Cameron with a congratulatory plaque from WSSPS, as friend, Jennifer Hardy looks on.

Sherry and Dave Harris pin the Quartermaster Award on Cameron

Sheila Breault prepared one of her special cakes for the ceremony.

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In Memoriam

Past Commander J. David Blankenbeckler, SN passed away Saturday, January 23 in Winston Salem. David was an avid boater and Life Member of Winston Salem Sail and Power Squadron. He joined in 1965 and continually contributed by promoting boating safety and education, as well as camaraderie among fellow members.

He was our Squadron Commander twice and also served as District Commander, D/27. He had passed all educational courses and taught most, including Celestial Navigation. He attained the highest level of all, Senior Navigator. He received numerous awards from Winston Salem, District 27 and the United States Power Squadron.

He will be missed and lovingly remembered by all his boating friends.

Winston-Salem Sail & Power Squadron

Calendar of Events for 2010

Date	Event Date:1/30/2009
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 - "TBA"
April 21 - 25, 2010	Cruise - New Bern & Oriental, NC
May 3, 2010	Communication Briefing - "London Times Lounge"
May 19, 2010	Yacht House Seafood Restaurant - "TBA"
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 - "TBA"
September 19 - 26, 2010	Cruise - "Wilmington, NC"
September 24 - 25, 2010	D-27 Fall Council Meeting - New Bern, NC
October 4, 2010	Communication Briefing - "TBA"
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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9 March	Public Boating Course begins, Old Town Rec.
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