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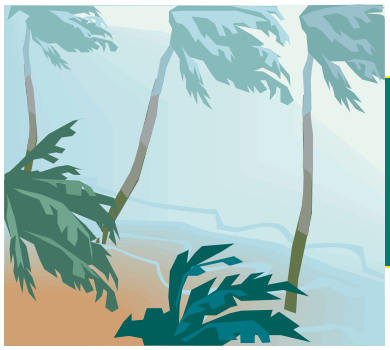
Honeybun sets anchor for Hurricane Earl



August

Event Calendar

15 Sept.	Membership meeting at Yacht House Restaurant 6:30pm
22-26 Sept.	Cruise to Oriental and New Bern, NC
24-25 Sept.	D27 Fall Conference, Hilton Riverfront, New Bern, NC
4 Oct.	Communications Mtg at Michael and Marilyn Shuping's
20 Oct.	Commander's Picnic at Ray and B Travis's

15 Sept.

"Hard Aground Again"

Eddie Jones

Yacht House Restaurant 6:30pm

Please bring food donations For our food bank drive

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

Here we are. Hurricane season, fall cruising, Commander's Picnic/pig pickin'/down east barbeque/auction/social. It is an exciting time to be a Power Squadron member. To make things a little better, we have just about nailed down a Bridge for 2011 and it is going to be a good one. I want to thank Leon and Reid for their hard work on this.

Enjoy the cooler weather and the leaves turning. And plan to come to our Commander's Picnic October 20!.

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,

Executive Officer

Lt./C Debbie Mayfield

HELP! HELP! HELP! Our Squadron committed to do a food drive for the Food Bank and our goal was to try and have 1000 lbs of food and/or the equivalent by our meeting in August but we are way short of our goal. We have had $100.00 cash donated and have approximately 4 bags of canned goods. The Bridge has extended the drive to the Commander's picnic in October. Please bring you food/and or cash donations by that time!

At the Commander's Picnic in October, we are doing a fund raising auction. Please be sure and bring items you are donating to the picnic when you come. In addition, if you haven't committed to do other food items for the picnic, please bring a dessert.

Belk Charity Days, which is one of our Squadron Fund Raisers, will be on Saturday, November 6, 2010 from 6-10 AM. Please be sure and purchase tickets. They are $5.00 each and 100 % of the proceeds go to our Squadron. If you are available to volunteer any that morning, please let me know.

Our year is ¾ over, have you made a contribution in time to our Squadron to earn a merit mark this year? If not, there is always work to be done. An individual can only earn one merit mark a year so you can't catch up later.

We have a great meeting planned for September, be sure and attend!

Education Officer

P/C Dawn Gaskill, AP

Education information you can use now.

Have you read about the Boat Operator Certification, or BOC, program?
There are 4 levels:

Inland Navigator, Coastal Navigator, Advanced Coastal Navigator and Offshore Navigator

Currently if you complete different levels, at least 2 insurance companies are giving discounts, USPS Boat Insurance and Travelers. For customers completing the various levels the following discounts qualify :

Inland: 2.5%
Coastal: 2.5%
Advanced Coastal: 5%
Offshore: 5%

Currently these courses, certifications, are being taught and assessed by only a few members of USPS. If you want to learn more, please come to the District meeting in New Bern. The National Education Officer, V/C Bob Sweet, SN, will be present. Bob was one of the main forces behind this program. If you read the District Newsletter, you will see he has been well versed in the Education of Boaters. *Hope to see you in New Bern.*

Also, we can now offer courses and classes to non-members and administer the test thru USPS. The non-member will be given a certificate number and enrolled in USPS university. If we get the person to join, that will become their USPS number. If someone you know is interested in testing the WSSPS "waters", let us talk!

At the District meeting in New Bern, there are two sessions for Education. You might really be interested in learning more about **The Marine Compass** and **Deviation Table**. If so please plan to attend.

Till later,
Fair sailing, sunny days, and smiles all around!!

Administrative Officer

P/C Don Breault, AP

"The Coastal Fix"

One of the ironies of human existence is that often the measure of a person's life is how they live. It is true that we can measure life by the quality of it in many forms. Family, friends, occupation, fellowship and recreation. Accepting what you have to offer and what it is you have come to expect, are two things that we often get mixed up. An example of this is; offering a helping hand on a marine dock or helping another boater in need for preparation for an approaching hurricane. On the flip side it could be that our expectations of recreation are one that will deliver hours of relaxation under a shade tree sipping a cool beverage.

Whenever I get to go to the coast, it tends to make my step a little bit lighter, my burden a little less burdensome, and the song in my heart a little bit easier to hear. I can not explain why these things happen but it indeed does. It is not just me, but several people who I know personally get these same feelings. Perhaps we have all been given the "Coastal Fix".

I remember one boating season not long ago, it was a gloomy day in making preparations for an approaching storm. I had found myself helping other boaters and other boaters helping me. When the storm came and passed us by with minimal damage, I was thankful for the efforts we all had made in making these preparations. We had discovered that life is not as simple as driving to the coast and just having a good time. But what we discovered was that as complicated as our boating hobby can be, there was always time to plop into a dinghy and motor out to the sound and watch a melting sunset over the water. Upon our return we climbed back aboard the mother ship to enjoy the fellowship of family and friends. What we all got was another "Coastal Fix".

Let me mention another aspect of life that may be in need of an occasional fix. As we get a little older, we realize that being an empty nester is not so simple. You have elderly parents to care for and perhaps some older child is in need of financial help. You soon discover that parenting never ends and now you have the gift and responsibility of grandchildren to add to this. Some times there is a long distance issue in caring for family that may take you away from your "routine". Then if on a very unsettled day you decide to make a road trip to the coast, you will soon feel that life's circumstances may not be as important as your need to get to the coast. And after your coastal rendezvous, your step became a little bit lighter, your life's burdens a little less burdensome, and the song in your heart, a little bit easier to hear. You have just been given another "Coastal Fix".

See you on the water,

P/C Don Breault, AP
"Liberty"

You're Invited

Commander's Picnic & Auction

Wed. October 20, 6pm

Ray & B Travis home

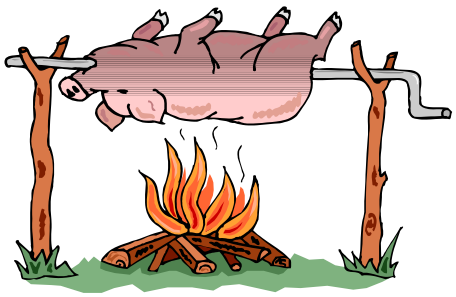
Featuring "Down East Barbeque"

All the fixins' and refreshments

$15 per person

Please bring a dessert, a chair, and an item to **auction**,

RSVP at this week's meeting or mail a check to Kathi Vestal by Oct. 6.



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Y Sail News

6 lucky YMCA after-school program students traveled to Manteo July 30 to race Optimist Pram sailboats that they built under the guidance of many volunteers, including our own Fred Eldridge and George Lamb. The program, started only 3 years ago by Fred Clifford, a retired contractor and sailboat builder, has grown to 13 boats, one of which was proudly sponsored by our club last year.

More boat building is planned this fall reaching out to young people in the Y's after-school program at Latham, Ibraham and Forest Park Schools.

Anyone interested in helping with the actual building or sponsoring a boat, please contact Cathy Loveless. No experience required.

Our Sponsors

Winston-Salem Sail & Power Squadron

Calendar of Events for 2010

Date:9/7/2010

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 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	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, "Yacht House Seafood Restaurant"
	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 7, 2011	Comminication Briefing- :TBA"
March 16, 2011	Yacht House Seafood Restaurant - "Boat Buying Basics"

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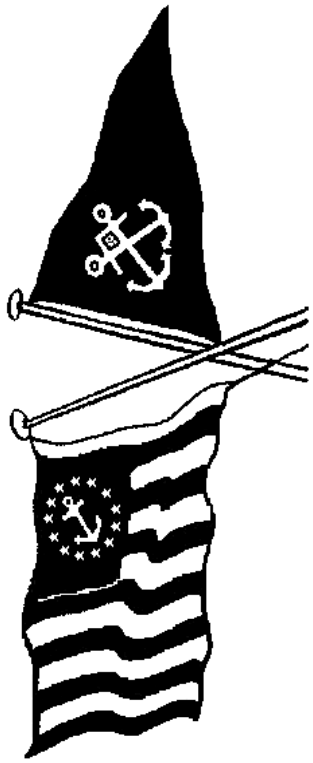

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