CROSSED ANCHORS

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE WINSTON-SALEM SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON May, 2010 Volume XX No 4

Photo courtesy M. Cranford

Cdr. Williams and Cpt. Loveless come home to Peletier Creek

May 2010

Meeting

May 19

BLACKBEARD

BY

Margaret Hoffman

Yacht House Seafood
Social starts 6:30

Order off menu
Guests encouraged

Event Calendar

19 May	Membership Meeting at Yacht House Seafood Rest. Please bring food/donations to support the Winston Salem Food Bank
23-30 May	Cruise to Ocracoke Island
22-28 May	Safe Boating Week
25 May	GPS by Leon Corbett at Old Town Rec Center Sign-up at wsspsedu@yahoo.com
7 June	Communications Mtg. at Cranford's house

Squadron Contacts

Cdr. Joel Williams, AP	jwplmbkville@yahoo.com (336) 345-4953
Lt/C Debbie Mayfield	djmayfield@earthlink.net (336) 924-9296
Lt/C Don Breault, AP	saltyboats@aol.com (336) 712-0661
P/C Dawn Gaskill, AP	dawnatg@aol.com (336) 785-0996
Lt/C Margie Lamb, P	glamb@triad.rr.com (336) 766-7744
Lt/C Kathi Vestal, S	kbvestal@triad.rr.com (336) 368-5046

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

Summer is just about here. We have some great events scheduled. May 19th we have a great speaker for our monthly meeting at the Yacht house, Margaret Hoffman who wrote " Blackbeard, The Man Behind the Legend".

Our first cruise of the year is May 23-30th . We're going to Ocracoke, which is one of my personal favorite places. On June 16th, our "Low Country Boil" will be at Ray and Bea Travis. Remember to save all your excess boating paraphernalia for our auction after the dinner that night.

Cast Off

Twenty years from now you will
Be more disappointed by the things
that you didn't do than by the ones
you did do. So throw off the bowlines.
Sail away from the safe harbor.
Catch the trade winds in your sails.
Explore. Dream. Discover.
-Mark Twain

Executive Officer

Lt./C Debbie Mayfield

At our April meeting, I had the privilege of awarding Sandy Breda her life membership award which means she had earned 25 merit marks during her years as a member of our Squadron. I would like for everyone to reflect on the amount of dedication Sandy Breda has had as a member of our squadron to have earned this distinction. Not only was she a member but she contributed during 25 of those years something extra to earn each of those merit marks. Remember, you can earn a maximum of 1 merit mark per year. I would like to challenge each of you to commit to earning a merit mark each year by either teaching a class, doing Vessel Safety Checks, participating in Coop Charting, helping with a fund raiser, and/or one of many things our Squadron does that an extra set of hands would be appreciated.

Our fund raiser at Belk Charity Days went well, thanks to Kathy Vestal and Faye London for their help in selling tickets as well as all our members who supported us by buying tickets.

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.

The weather is getting warm and boating season is well underway. Congrats to all of our members who have recently purchased boats. I know they are all excited with their new additions and will be busy boating on them this season.

Education Officer

P/C Dawn Gaskill, AP

Education is an ongoing process and you need to stay involved. One way is to take a USPS Seminar. There are several and on May 25th at 06:30 PM at the Old Town Recreation Center we are going to offer "GPS" for boaters. P/C Leon Corbett, SN is going to be teaching this course. The cost is $15.00 for members and $25.00 for non members. Email Leon or call him if interested. You can also email us at WSSPSEDU@Yahoo.com.

P/C Wayne Creekmore, JN is wanting to start a Piloting class also. If we can get 3 or more students we will setup the class. Let us know if you are interested and when would be a good night to have the class. Just email the Yahoo email account or call Wayne or me.

What else can we do to serve you? How about self study? Seamanship, and Cruise Planning are really good for self study and you have plenty of friends you can visit to ask questions.

Engine Maintenance is a good summer course; you can practice on your boat. Fall time is good for Sailing, Weather and anything else the "Mind" desires.

Until we meet again. Fair winds, good boating, and best of wishes.

Administrative Officer

P/C Don Breault, AP

Often we speak about and admire manly men with courage. Those who are brave and braver or brave with a dream. There is one courageous animal out there that can qualify for being brave with lots of money and a dream set in their minds of a far away place in the tropical islands sitting on the deck of your own big boat. I am speaking about the live aboard type boat. One that has the equivalent square footage of most peoples living room and bedroom, along with a nice sized outside porch deck.

"Waterfront home for sale; two bedrooms, 2 baths, kitchen, living room, outside deck facing the ocean with spectacular view. Owner anxious to sell. $125,000 or best offer."

This is an ad found in one of the local boats for sale web sites in NC. Sounds tempting and when you make the call you get an old salt with a Harkers Island accent giving you directions to the far side of Beaufort. When you arrive, you can see this so called pristine view of the ocean is blocked by another very large motor yacht that casts a shadow on the smaller 35′ live aboard.

You step aboard and you see that it needs some TLC. Spiders and webs all around. Some stagnant water in the bilge, the smell of old Diesel Fuel and a sort of pungent odor coming from one of the heads. Later on the owner steps aboard and after introductions, you make nice conversation about the partial view of the hull of the 70′ yacht in front of the smaller one you are standing on. Then you comment that the boat for sale has nice lines. Now you ask; "Why is she for sale?" You prepare yourself for the probable answer like; ran out of money, or wife left me and took the house and kids and I need the money, or the stock market crashed and I need to get liquid quick. But no, you get the honest type answer: "The family doesn't like to go cruising anymore and I can't run it alone. So now I just play golf."

Now you go through the steps and questions to see if this is the boat for you and your family. After many discussions, research, and comparisons, you attempt to negotiate the offer to purchase your first BIG boat. You attempt to prove that you are the savvy negotiator and will leave no money on the table when done. You fuel the process of anxiety by that tropical island dream stuck in your head of melting sunsets over the dunes of Cape Lookout. Then the broker and owner come back and tell you that you are stealing this boat for $75,000. And now you agree because you are the man with the bravest courage for negotiating the best. You feel you got the better deal and the seller is saying nothing. The broker helps you find a good marine surveyor that he tells you he is one of the best and so you hire him to inspect the boat and arrange for a sea trial. All goes as planned, and the boat in a few short weeks is yours to care for.

Yes, yours to care for, maintain, put in fuel, clean, personalize, improve on, update, put more fuel in, and replace old and broken parts that are no longer in production. Oh yes, you may have just realized that most parts including the machinery are no longer made because of the ever changing marine aftermarket of parts and supplies. Guess the surveyor forgot to tell you that. Once all is said and done, you now get it home to your own slip on a creek off the ICW. You find that your supposed to be empty slip has a broken down old center consol floating in it with the engine hood missing because it will not start. Then you see that the shore power and fresh water unit are not compatible and the faucet has been broken due to some non marine type guest tying a line around the faucet handle as a temporary spring line for the old broken down center consol in your supposed to be empty slip. After finding the trespasser, and working out an agreement of removing the old broken down center consol and you manage to get your new BIG boat into your slip. Just as you give the gears one last jolt in reverse, you discover you have no forward or reverse control on the port side gear. Hold on here you say. It was just working fine but you later find out that the surveyor forgot to tell you that the cooling system for the oil in the gears was shot two years ago and you just smoked a transmission that will cost almost $10,000.

Are we there yet? Stay tuned for part #2 in the next issue of the Crossed Anchors titled: "This Big Boat"

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

Sandy Breda, SN gets 25 year life achievement award from Lt. Debbie Mayfield

Sandy has worked diligently with great pride and enthusiasm for the USPS, in general, and the WSSPS, in particular, for more than 25 years.

In recent past years, Sandy maintained the Squadron's rosters and directories, as well as joyfully greeting and welcoming new members at meetings. Hers was one of the smiling faces that helped create the WSSPS as a wonderful membership experience.

National Safe Boating Week
May 22-28

4 easy rules to follow:

- Wear a lifejacket
- Know the navigation rules
- Stay sober
- Use a carbon monoxide detector

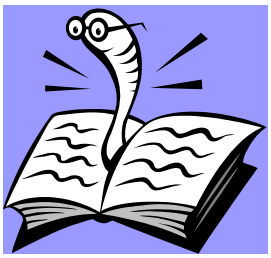
Remember these dates:

June 16, Wednesday, Ray & B Travis house

LOW COUNTRY BOIL & AUCTION

July 10, Saturday, Jim & Genny's house

FRAZIER'S LAKE NORMAN RENDEZVOUS



Classes & Seminars

.

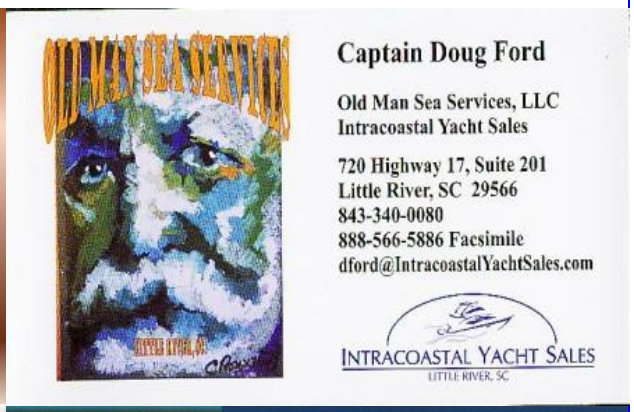
GPS Course - Old Town Rec Center, 6:30pm 5/25
$15 members, $25 non-members. Sign-up at wsspsedu@yahoo.com

Partners in Command TBD
One day boating course for crew members in an emergency situation.

Rules of the Road TBD
Simplifies complex boating regulations.

—Contact dawnatg@aol.com if interested—

Our Sponsors



Winston-Salem Sail & Power Squadron
Calendar of Events for 2010

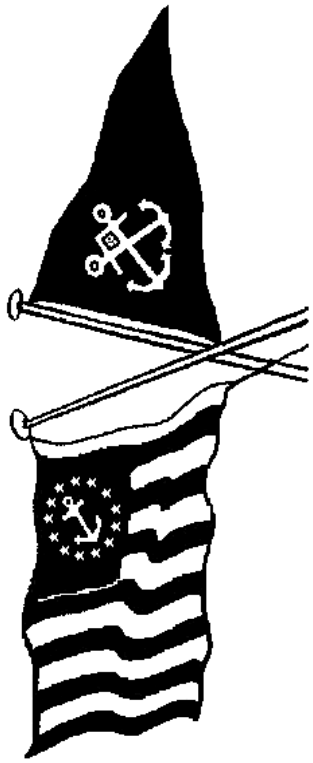
Date	Event	Date:4/5/2010
May 3, 2010	Communication Briefing - "London Times Lounge"	
May 19, 2010	**Yacht House Seafood Restaurant - "Blackbeard, The Man Behind The Legend" by Margaret Hoffman**	
May 23 - 30, 2010	Cruise - "Ocracoke Island"	
June 7, 2010	Communication Briefing - "Mike & Kris Cranford 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"	
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"	

CROSSED ANCHORS

A PUBLICATION OF

WINSTON-SALEM SAIL AND POWER DISTRICT 27

A Unit of the United States Power Squadrons



WINSTON-SALEM SAIL & POWER SQUADRON
204 Hadley Ct., Winston Salem, NC 27106

Important events

19 May	Membership Meeting, Yacht House Rest., 6:30
23-30 May	Ocracoke Island Cruise
25 May	GPS class, 6:30, Old Town Rec. Center, Sign up at wsspsedu@yahoo.com
22-28 May	Safe Boating Week
7 June	Communication Briefing at Cranford's House

BRIDGE

Commander	Cdr Joel Williams, AP
Executive Officer	Lt/C Debbie Mayfield
Educational Officer	Lt/C Dawn Gaskill AP
Administrative Officer	Lt/C Don Breault, AP
Secretary	Lt/C Margie Lamb, P
Treasurer	Lt/C Kathi Vestal, S
Editor/Publisher	Cathy Loveless, S

Please deliver to: