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Good Music and Good Times at Ocracoke

June 2010

Event Calendar

June 16

WSSPS

Summer Social

Yacht House
Restaurant
6:30pm

16 June	Social Party at Yacht House Seafood Restaurant 6:30pm
2-5 July	4th of July Beach Rendezvous at Cape Lookout
10 July	Lake Norman Rendezvous at Jim & Genny Frazier's lake house
2 August	Communication's Briefing at Kris and Michael Cranford's house

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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

Summer Boating is in full swing. The papers are filled with articles of drowning from overturned boats and boating accidents. Please always practice safety and wear your life jackets. Check your weather and make sure all equipment is in working order. Don't wait till you back down the ramp to see if your engine will crank. Be patient; look out for the other guy. You may be practicing safe boating, but he may be not.

We had a wonderful cruise to Ocracoke Island. I hope all of you can take a trip there one day.

The Low Country Boil on June 16 will be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. Instead, we will be holding a Summer Social that Wednesday at the Yacht House Seafood Restaurant. It starts at 6:30 and we'll order off the menu as usual. Also, hold on to your auction items, as we'll use them in the fall at the Commander's Picnic.

We have the Frazier's party at their Lake Norman house to look forward to on Saturday, July 10. Please remember to bring a food dish to share.

Executive Officer

Lt./C Debbie Mayfield

In today's world, lighthouses are not only used as navigation aids for boaters but are also a view into the history of navigation and the history of a developing United States. With the development of electronic navigation systems lighthouses have become less essential to navigation and many have fallen into neglect due to lack of funds for the Coast Guard to maintain.

In 2000, an amendment to the 1966 National Historic Preservation Act was enacted which allowed lighthouses to be declared surplus property by the Coast Guard and allowing them to be purchased for a minimal price to be preserved and maintained as historical buildings by localities, non profit groups, the US Park Service, and individuals. I recall visiting the Chesapeake Bay some 23 years ago on a boat trip and taking pictures of lighthouses that were in terrible disrepair, not painted or maintained and vandalized even though they were still functioning as active aids to navigation. Today, some of those same lighthouses are now in good repair because of the 2000 Amendment to the National Historic Preservation Act and the generosity of volunteers.

One of my current endeavors is to visit and take pictures of lighthouses. In the process of doing this, I am relearning many things about the history of the United States from the time it was an English colony, through our many wars into the present day and how lighthouses have played a part in our history because of their significance to navigation. I am so glad that the National Historic Preservation Act has made it possible for many of these phenomenal buildings to be restored and maintained for future generations to enjoy. It is interesting that many of these structures are saved and maintained by volunteers just like the WSSPS members volunteer to promote boating safety.

Looking at just the current lighthouses in NC, there are a total of 11. They include Currituck Beach Lighthouse, Bodie Island Lighthouse, Cape Hattaras Lighthouse, Ocracoke Lighthouse, Cape Lookout, Prices Creek Lighthouse, Bald Head Island Lighthouse, Oak Island Lighthouse, Roanoke River Lighthouse replica in Plymouth, Roanoke Marshes Lighthouse replica in Manteo, and a Roanoke River Lighthouse in Edenton. Most of us can just name the major coastal lighthouses but are unaware of the ones that dotted the Roanoke River.

Some have already gone though repairs and renovation which include Cape Hattaras Lighthouse and Ocracoke Lighthouse which were done by the US Park Service and Carrituck Beach Lighthouse and Bald Head Island Lighthouse which were done by non-profit groups.

The US Park Service is in the process of doing $497,000 of repair work on Cape Lookout which should be completed sometime this summer. When it reopens, there will be a fee of $8.00 per adult to be able to climb the tower which will be open from 10 AM to 3:30 PM on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays.

In addition, Bodie Island Lighthouse is currently undergoing a major restoration project by the US Park Service that includes removing lead paint and repainting the interior, strengthening the supports for it's 18 flights of stairways, replacing cracked stair treads, and other repairs and safety improvements. This is expected to take a year so it will be next year before it will open to visitors but the visitor's center and gift shop are open. The lighthouse can be viewed with all the scaffolding that is currently in place for the repair work to be done.

Two of the lighthouses are replicas of lighthouses which once stood on the Roanoke River both build by communities to reflect the history of lighthouses on the Roanoke River and there communities. Plymouth has the Roanoke River Lighthouse replica which sits on the waterfront in Plymouth and Manteo has a replica of the Roanoke Marshes Lighthouse which is on the waterfront in Manteo.

An original Roanoke River Lighthouse is in the process of being restored by the Edenton Historical Commission and is located on the waterfront in Edenton. Oak Island Lighthouse is currently owned by the town of Caswell Beach and is responsible for the maintenance of the lighthouse and it's grounds. And then there is Price's Creek Lighthouse which is just a shell of the tower for the lighthouse outside of South Port. It was the front light in a set of two lights that were range lights used to navigate the Cape Fear River.

How many of these lighthouses have you seen? How many of them have you climbed?
How many of them were you not aware existed?

No matter whether it is in NC or another state, I applaud the individuals, groups, and communities that have invested time and money into saving out great lighthouses for everyone to enjoy and treasure.

Cape Lookout

Bodie Island

Bald Head

Carrituck

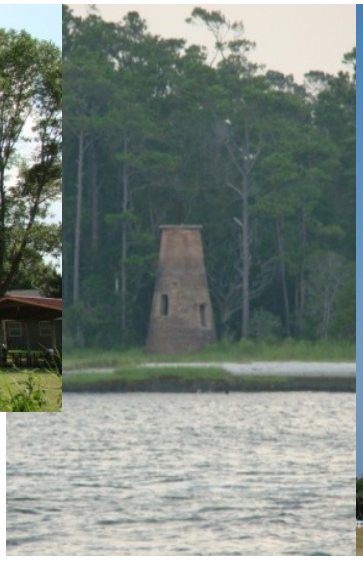
Oak Island

Ocracoke

Roanoke River, Edenton

Roanoke Marsh, Manteo

Roanoke River, Plymouth



Prices Creek

Cape Hatteras

NC Lighthouses

Education Officer

P/C Dawn Gaskill, AP

When you think of Education what first comes to mind? Sitting in a boring class? Studying hard to past a test? Well… how about fun in the sun? Meeting new people and having fun? Sure we have the standard sit in classes, and one always wants to pass the "test". My thought is you can have continuing Education and still have fun.. HERES HOW!

Teach and or 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***

Several more seminars are nearing completion and will be available soon: *Knots for Mariners, Onboard Emergencies*, *Using Digital Charts*, and *Heavy Weather Sailing*. Recently our Past Commander Leon Corbett, SN gave a wonderful 2 hr course on ***Using GPS*** 7 students attended and we enjoyed the class and the camaraderie.

Would you be interested in one of these quick courses? If you think you would like to teach one, and possibly at a marina then...**LETS HAVE SOME FUN BY VOLUNTEERING!**

Now of course 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.

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

"This BIG Boat"

Often we sit on the dock of the bay and admire those "BIG" boats that are returning from a day at sea or maybe a weeklong trip from a far away port in another state. As these big boats come rolling in to the bay in search of a slip for the night, we think about what kind of experience did the crew have over the last week living aboard this big boat. As a child growing up in Massachusetts, I often dreamed about what life would be like living on a big boat for a week. Would it be confined spaces or would I have my own cabin. Would I be able to help with all of the many chores that you have to do on a live aboard type boat? I guess I had to wait almost 50 years to find out.

This big boat turns out to be a floating condo but a bit more expensive. You have to be able to fix and service most components on the boat yourself or hire someone else to do it for you. Everything on this big boat seems to break, corrode, or just plain wear out very fast. You have to be in tuned with every sound, vibration, and feel as the boat putts along the Intercoastal. If something does not feel just right, or something does not sound just right, then you have to investigate. Sometimes you find out that a simple little sound or feel is a $1,000 part and a $500 labor charge. Then you find out that when a boat turns 10 years old (which is not old for a boat) you may be stuck with a major rebuild on a component that you would have guessed it would last at least 20 or more years.

Then you find out that the design of the boat has created additional challenges you did not expect. Components are almost impossible to get at and you find yourself in search of a "Minnie Me" to reach those components that are buried deep inside of all that cramped machinery space. Then once you find a way to extract that component that has corroded so much, you attempt to find a replacement. Then you discover that the company that built that item is no longer in business so you are SOL. Now you begin to curse this "BIG" boat. So you are now finding yourself in search for an engineer who can help you design a new part that is no longer in production so it has to be custom built. Custom Built has a ring of many $$$ attached to it. And you hope that this producer who robbed you of another year of living expenses from your 401-k has built you a part that will last at least as long as the original part did.

You make repairs and upgrades and improvements to an older boat thinking you will have a floating classic with traditional lines and exclusive cabin woodwork. You set sail for the cape one weekend and you find that the dingy you bought on the internet for a bargain price is what it is. An air leaking, water leaking, falling apart POS that can not last one season. So there you are, stuck on this Big boat watching the sunset melt away behind the sand dunes.

I guess all is not so bad if the leaky dingy is your only problem for the weekend. So find a bottle of wine, a skinny chicken and some dirty rice. Turn up that Jimmy Buffett, light the grill and dance with your lovely bride on the deck. Make the best out of the best location God has created off of our coast. You can not do it from land. Only a boat!!

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

George Ellis Joins the Elite 25 Year Life Member Club

Congratulations to George Ellis. We're lucky to have members like him who make contributions and lead in many different positions. George has been a Squadron Commander for both Winston Salem and Lake Norman, as well as District Commander D/27. He has also been editor of Lake Norman's Inland Seafarer newsletter and, for a number of years, editor of D/27 Bitts.

For a number of years, George and Helen hosted socials at their homes in Bermuda Village and Lake Norman. Many remember the raft-ups at Lake Norman, cooperative charting weekends, and road and boat trips to D/27 rendezvous.

Many thanks George from all of us for your years of service. We look forward to many more!

Lake Norman Rendezvous

Jim & Genny's lake house
10 July 2010 from 1300 (1pm) - till ?
Bring a heavy snack, beverage, chair & swimsuit
Paper products provided
Call (828) 478-2728, if questions

Directions by land:

Take I-40 West to I-77 South, go approximately 14 miles to exit 36 (Highway 150) and go West for approximately 7 miles
Turn left on Kiser Island Road at Marshall Steam Station
Go about 1.5 miles to Howard Drive
Turn left and go about .1 mile. to 8664 Howard Dr.

Directions by water:

From Lake Norman's main channel marker #14,
Take a heading of 305 degrees
Go past 2 gazebos on left
Look for a taupe house on left, past a big brick house

Classes & Seminars

See pages 6 & 7 for complete list of offerings
Contact Dawn Gaskill at 785-0996 or go to:
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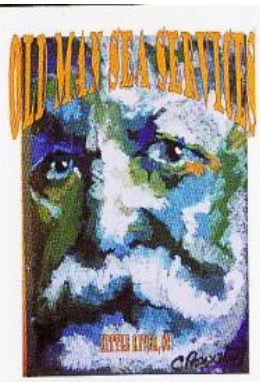

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Calendar of Events for 2010

Date	Event Date:6/7/2010
June 7, 2010	Communication Briefing - "Mike & Kris Cranford House"
June 11 -13, 2010	D-27 Rendezvous. Oriental, NC
June 16, 2010	Summer Social at Yacht House Seafood Restaurant
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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Important events

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2-5 July	4th of July Cape Lookout Rendezvous
10 July	Lake Norman Rendezvous at the Frazier's
2 August	Communication Briefing at the Cranford's

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