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Snowy day at Pelletier Creek

March 2010

Meeting

March 17

Chief Meteorologist

Austin Caviness

Yacht House Seafood

Social starts 6:30

Order off menu, no RSVP

Guests encouraged

Event Calendar

17 March	Membership Meeting at Yacht House Seafood Rest.
19-21 March	D/27 Annual Meeting at Wrightsville Beach
5 April	Communications Meeting at George & Margie Lamb's house (Directions will be mailed out prior to meeting)
14 April	Membership Meeting at Yacht House Seafood Rest.
21 April	Cruise to New Bern & Oriental

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From the Helm

Cdr. Joel Williams, AP

One more month of snow and ice is behind us. Servicing your boat or shopping for a new one, browsing through the West Marine catalog—"Hope Springs Eternal". Our first ABC boating class starts Tuesday night March 9th. May 1st will be our all day class and will be held at Mann Marine off Linville Rd. We had great attendance at our last meeting and Don has lined up great speakers in the coming months. GET READY because HERE WE GO!!!!!!!!!!

Last, many thanks to all those who sent memorials in honor of P/C David Blankenbeckler, SN.

W Bates

After 57 years of life on this earth
The truth has finally dawned about the purpose of birth
It's to save for a boat tug, cruiser or plastic
It really doesn't matter they're all fantastic

Turn the switch and watch the ammeter drop
As the heaters kick in to warm the engine pot
One more key turn and away she goes with no surprises
The alternator spins, the oil pressure rises

Just sit and listen the sounds are fantastic
Its like the whole of creation is connected with elastic
The call of the birds competing for room
The smell and colour of new yellow broom

OK ,OK I know it's not all tea, biscuits and beer
Sometimes your wife has to get off the boat and let you steer
To open the lock, to work the paddle gear, to let you through all tense
But in spite of your sacrifice you know it makes sense

The sunlight hits the water after bouncing off trees
The smell of new growth, the sound of young bees
All of your senses combine to say
If you hadn't bought your boat, you would have missed today

Educational Officer

P/C Dawn Gaskill, AP

This is just the start of the New Year, even if we are into March. We have a good start with 3 tests given in the Marine Electrical Systems and, on March 9th, we start our first Boating Course. P/C Reid London, JN is a great chair and I hope you will come out and give him support with the students.

If you do not yet know, May 1 marks a new law for NC boaters. The NC Wildlife Reserve is planning to conduct a boating safety class in every NC county at least once per month after March 1, 2010. We need to stay on the ball, and try to catch these potential students and bring them into our classes and Squadron.

I hope we can get as many courses taken as possible to further our Squadron mission of education. I need your help. If you are interested, please volunteer to chair, possibly at your home. Students can do self-study and ask for help as needed. Students may be able to meet at a "tutors" home or the tutor can come to yours. So, if you are interested in teaching a specific course, let me know. We will find a way to make it happen!

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 on a recreational vessel.
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

We are getting a good start on our Public Boating Classes. Our first 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. In addition, a second all day Public Boating Class will be taught on Saturday May 1 at Mann Marine. Be sure and share this information with any one you know that might be interested in attending. If you are available to help with any of these classes, please contact Reid London. Anyone interested in helping with putting up posters and promoting our classes, please let me know, my number is 924-9296.

Beginning at our March 17 meeting, we would like for members to bring food to donate to the Food Bank. We will be collecting food at all meetings and events through the August meeting and would like to exceed the 1000 lbs we collected for the Food Bank this last Christmas. As always, if you would prefer to donate cash, that is welcome also. This will be instead of our drive at Christmas.

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.

Also, on May 1, we will again have a table for the **Belk Charity Day** Fund Raising Event. 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 March 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.

National Safe Boating Week is May 22-28, 2010 this year.

Administrative Officer

P/C Don Breault, AP

Is this winter finally over? For an area that hardly sees 6" of snow per year to get nearly 2 feet of the white stuff, it makes me wonder if moving to North Carolina is not quite South enough!! Early in January, Sheila and I were getting home sick because the weather here was just like home this time of year. Three weeks ago, I was driving through central Virginia and it looked like Vermont!! What next, maybe you will see your first Snow Blower Dealer in Winston-Salem very soon.

I am ready for spring time and all of those mild temperate days with slightly cool nights. It is boating season again!! Clean them decks and change that oil and make those minor repairs because we need to get our sea legs back in shape.

Our Carolina Coastal Cruisers are at it again with a trip from Morehead City to New Bern & Oriental, NC in April. It is not too late to sign up for this event. Please e-mail me at: Saltyboats@aol.com. I hear that sights on the Neuse River are spectacular this time of year. In the month of May, this group will be doing the WSSPS annual cruise to Ocracoke Island. This event will begin in Morehead City on May 23 and will finish up on May 30. The last part of the trip will include a hop over to Cape Lookout and will spend 2 nights on the hook.

Here is something for everyone to ponder. Please talk it up about our programs and program plans. We have such a gifted group of members who are willing to spend much of their time teaching and putting together all of these wonderful events and classes. Please try and recruit any new members who may have an interest in boating or boating education. We can do so much more if we have the power of membership. We will always welcome guests or friends at our monthly membership meetings. Encourage anyone who may be a little bit interested in our program. I am sure we can easily draw a few more members if they have an invitation to attend one of our meetings.

Speaking of meetings, take a look at our calendar for those special events. We have rounded up some of the most interesting guest speakers for this year. You all heard the Yadkin River Keeper, and then you will hear our own Austin Caviness about the weather and why did Mother Nature dump on us this year. The Coast Guard will come by to tell us about their new re-defined role in Homeland Security and how we can help. Then for those "Pirate Fans", we have a presentation about the man behind the legend; "Blackbeard" by Margaret Hoffman. For those who remember the writer/comedian on nautical mishaps, we will have Eddie Jones speak to us about his new sailing adventures and cruises along the Carolina Coast. I can not wait for the next membership meeting. So should you. Bring a buddy to share some fun.

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Reader's Page

We invite you to send in things of interest to you. A boat for sale, interesting photo, etc. We will run them as space permits.

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Bodie Island

Joel adrift with no paddle

Honeybun

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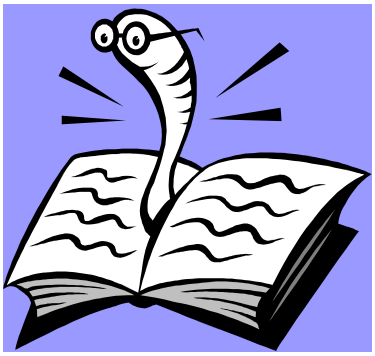

Classes & Seminars

America's Boating Course 3/9--4/6

Intro safe boating course. Provides accreditation for new NC boater regulations.

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.

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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14 April	Membership meeting, Yacht House Rest., 6:30
21-25 April	New Bern & Oriental Cruise

WEAR IT NORTH CAROLINA!

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