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Oriental Marina and Inn

Oriental cruising is calling

April, 2011

WSSPS MEETING

20 April

Birds of Coastal NC

By Ron Morris, Pres.
Forsyth Co. Audubon Society

Big Shotz Tavern
109 S. Stratford Rd

Social: 6:00pm
Dinner: 6:30pm
Guests always welcome

EVENT CALENDAR

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From the Helm

Cdr. Debbie Mayfield, S

We are participating in Belk Charity Days on Saturday, April 16, 2011 from 6 AM to 10 AM. Charity Day tickets are available from the following members: Faye London, Sheila Breault, Cathy Loveless, and Debbie Mayfield. Please be sure and purchase your tickets from one of these members prior to Charity Day. In addition, we will be selling tickets at Belk in Winston-Salem on Friday Night, April 15 from 4-9 PM. Our table will be set up at the entrance on the Stratford Road at Belk. Tickets are good at any Belk so if you will not be in Winston-Salem but near a Belk somewhere else, your tickets can be used there. This is one of our squadron fundraisers. Individuals purchase tickets for a $5.00 donation to our squadron and it gives them admission to Belk during Charity Day plus $5.00 off of their first purchase. The squadron gets to keep the entire $5.00. Individuals may purchase as many tickets as they would like to use during Charity Day. Only one ticket may be used per item. This is a change from last fall.

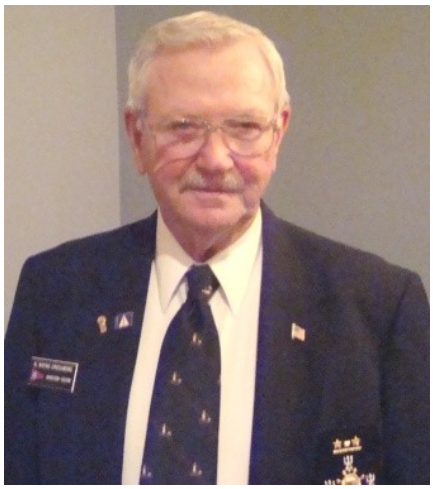
Leon Corbett has agreed to update our Squadron Bylaws so that they will be current. He will use the template provided by National to generate our new By Laws. When he has completed them, they will be presented to the Squadron. In addition, we will be reviewing the structure we use to determine dues for our squadron so that we are in line with the new definition of members by the USPS. D27 voted at the district meeting to change both the district dues structure and amounts to mirror the new format being used by National.

We have many upcoming events and cruises, be sure and look at our schedule and additional articles in this newsletter and plan to attend and/or participate.

Welcome to our new members, Bill Davis, a member transfer from Greensboro, Carol Farroch, and Richard Cartrette, the brother of Ken Cartrette.

Please read the section in this newsletter about the District 27 Fall meeting being hosted by our squadron at the end of September 2011 here in Winston-Salem. We need every member to help make this meeting a great success.

If there is anything I can do for you, please call me.



Executive Officer

P/C Wayne Creekmore, JN

Due to an unexpected problem in VE recertification of two of our VE's, we have been unable to schedule our 2 session training seminar for new Vessel Examiners. Hope to have this resolved very soon. We will notify everyone of the time and place at our next meeting.

All WSSPS members are requested to contact Gary Lewis to schedule a vessel safety check of your boat. The boat does not have to be in the water for the VE. These inspections can be given for canoes, kayaks, PWC, rowboats etc. These inspections will also be used as part of the qualification process for our new Vessel Examiners. Please help us achieve this Squadron goal by scheduling an inspection of your boat. Best of all it's free!

Education Officer

P/C Dawn Gaskill, AP

KUDOS

We have some great instructors in our squadron. P/C Wayne Creekmore, JN has had a very successful class of Engine Maintenance students.
Everyone passed: Congratulations to:
Dennis Brigadier John Patrick
Marshall Tyler Gary Lewis

Now, Wayne is ready to start a Piloting class but he would love to have some instructors to help out. Class is beginning Tuesday April 12th at the Old Town Recreation Center on Shattalon Road. Please give Wayne a call and say you are willing to take a class.

We are trying to start a class on Thursday nights for Weather. Currently we need instructors. Give me a call at 277-7119 and volunteer for either class.

P/C Leon Corbett, SN is wanting to do 2 seminars: GPS and Knot Tying. If interested email me at WSSPSedu@yahoo.com or call the previous phone number.

After all this I also want to have Advanced Piloting, Sail, Cruise planning and of course another Public Boating Course.

P/C Reid London, N has just completed a great Public Boating Course with 6 students taking the test and passing. We appreciate his hard work… Let him know you do also.

Don't forget… Let Wayne know if you want to take Piloting or teach.

Administrative Officer

Lt/C Marilyn Shuping

April at last! March always sounds cold. But April, it's warm and green. And it's the month of our first cruise. Don Breault's had a great time planning our first outing to Oriental the last weekend in April. He'll tell you more about it at our meeting.

Our change of venue for our monthly meetings went well last month and so we will continue to meet at Big Shotz on Stratford Road in the future. The program on April 20th will be presented by Ron Morris, entitled "Birds of Coastal Carolina." Ron retired in 2006 after 32 years in the zoo profession, the last 24 years as Curator at the NC thought Mike's four years in the Navy made him an expert but he disagrees. We have a great place to learn, though, at Morehead City and many willing fellow squadron members to help us. We are also looking forward to a "Boat Naming Ceremony" sometime in July. An event not to be missed.Zoological Park. He has led eco-safaris to many countries and has traveled extensively in Africa, Australia, Europe, Latin America, the US and the Caribbean. Currently President of Audubon Society of Forsyth County, he co-authors the Winston-Salem Journal column Bird's Eye View. I think you will find his presentation very interesting.

The Low Country Boil is shaping up to be a fine social event. It will be held again at Ray and Bea Travis' home in Advance on June 25th. We will also have our annual auction at the social so bring anything you think someone else may want. I have a healthy list of volunteers for set up and clean up already but we need more hands. Please let me know if you can help. Sometimes just volunteering to bring ice, soft drinks, chairs, etc. is a great help.

On the horizon for our squadron is the District Conference which will be held September 29th to October 2nd right here in Winston-Salem. This is a great time to not only show the rest of the district what a strong club we are, but to showcase Winston-Salem at the same time. We need people to help plan outings, parties, logistics, etc. We're starting a separate page for details and requests for help on page 8. Debbie and Dawn both need volunteers for their committees. Let's commit to making this event one we can be proud of!

Last, Mike and I are gearing up to get our new boat on the water, hopefully in the next two weeks. We've had the motors serviced, gotten all the documentation we need and I think we're ready to try it out. We both have a lot to learn about boating and we're glad we can do that so conveniently through the Power Squadron.

Oriental. (n) *Village on the shores of the Neuse River and Pamlico Sound, home to 875 people, no stoplights and a lot of boats.*

By some counts, 2700 boats are docked in and around Oriental at any one time, which works out to more than three boats per resident. Most of them are sailboats, which, along with the steady breezes nearby makes Oriental the Sailing Capital of NC. Other pleasure craft call Oriental home, as do the distinctive fishing trawlers. And at Mile Marker 182 of the Intracoastal Waterway, Oriental is a welcoming harbor for cruisers whether they are heading north or south on the ICW or making a stop on a circumnavigation. More than a few of Oriental's current residents first came to town by sea...and decided to stay a while.

The S.S. ORIENTAL – by Oriental artist Ashton Whipple

So, how did Oriental get its name? The connection, like much in town, is nautical. Initially, the town was known as Smith's Creek (the name still carries on with body of water under the Hwy 55 bridge). But the name seemed lacking in the mid 1880's, when a post office came to town. The search was on for something well, snappier.

That's where Rebecca Midyette came through. She was the wife of postmaster Lou Midyette and among her possessions was a piece of shipwreck from a Union boat that had gone down near the Outer Banks during the Civil War. It was the ship's nameplate that Rebecca Midyette had saved and that ship was the "Oriental".

Factoids:

♦ Just outside of town, where the Neuse River meets the Pamlico Sound, it is the widest river in America. –

♦ The first motorized school bus in NC rolled down the streets of Oriental in 1917. –

♦ Just a few miles out of town is the original Dawson's Creek which was the inspiration for the WB TV show. The show's creator, screenwriter ("Scream") Kevin Williamson, is a native of Oriental.

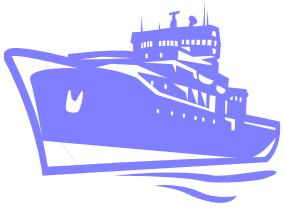
From www.towndown.net

D/27 Fall Conference

The D27 Fall Conference is being hosted by the Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron on Friday September 30, 2011 through Sunday October 2, 2011. Our District 27 consists of 20 squadrons from North and South Carolina. We expect a large turnout. As such, Dawn Gaskill- will be needing club volunteers in the following areas:

- Hosts for the Friday night event
- Hosts for the Saturday "Ladies/Spouses Out" event and drivers
- Hotel hosts to help check-in, give out welcome packages, and sight seeing advice
- Volunteers to help collect "Silent Auction" items from businesses, as well members willing to donate personally.

The Silent Auction is being chaired by Cdr Debbie Mayfield. It is our hope that funds from the auction will help cover some of the conference expenses. Debbie is asking that each family group in our Squadron provide at least one item for the auction. These items can be donated by a business or an item the member donates personally. . Please email her with your donation items and/or ideas at djmayfield@earthlink.net. Include a description of the item and/or a photograph, as well as a value for the item. All items should be new unless it is a collector's item.



Winston-Salem Sail & Power Squadron
Calendar of Events for 2011

Date	Event	Date:04/04/2011
April 20, 2011	Big Shots Grill Stratford Rd., Winston-Salem, NC - "Birds Of Coastal NC" by Ron Morris	
April 29, 2011	Cruise to Oriental. 4/29 to 5/1	
May 2, 2011	Communications Briefing George Ellis Home, Clemmons, NC	
May 14, 2011	Cruise To Bald Head island & Wilmington, NC. 5/14 to 5/22	
May 25, 2011	Big Shots Grill, Stratford Rd., Winston-Salem, NC - "Oriental, NC Our Treasure On The Coast"	
June 6, 2011	Communications Briefing "George & Margie Lamb House"	
June 17, 2011	D-27 Rendezvous, River Dunes, Oriental, NC. 6/17 to 6/19	
June 25, 2011	Ray and B Travis Home "Low Country Boil & Auction"	
July 2, 2011	Cruise To New Berne, NC. 7/2 to 7/5	
July 20, 2011	Big Shots Grill, Stratford Rd., Winston-Salem, NC - "Cruising The South Pole"	
August 1, 2011	Communications Briefing "George & Margie Lamb House"	
August 17, 2011	Big Shots Grill, Stratford Rd., Winston-Salem, NC - "TBA"	
September 6, 2011	(Tuesday) Communications Briefing "TBA"	
September 10, 2011	Commanders Picnic Ray & B Travis Home "Southern Style Bar B Q"	
September 12, 2011	USPS Fall Governing Board, Greensboro, NC. 9/12 to 9/17	
September 22, 2011	Cruise & Raft Up. Cape Lookout. 9/22 to 9/25	
September 30, 2011	D-27 Fall Conference. "Winston-Salem, NC" 9/30 to 10/2	
October 3, 2011	Communications Briefing "Breault's Boston Bar & Grill"	
October 19, 2011	Big Shots Grill, Stratford Rd., Winston-Salem, NC - "TBA"	
October 22, 2011	Cruise To Norfolk, VA. 10/22 to 10/30	
November 4, 2011	Cruise To Beaufort, NC. 11/4 to 11/6	
November 7, 2011	Communications Briefing "Tom & Cathy Loveless House"	
November 16, 2011	Big Shots Grill, Stratford Rd. Winston-Salem, NC - "Our Year In Review"	
December 5, 2011	Communications Briefing "TBA"	
December 17, 2011	"TBA" - "Annual Christmas Party"	
	2012	
January 2, 2012	Communications Briefing "TBA"	
January 7, 2012	D-27 Winter Training Meeting. NC State University Club, Raleigh, NC	
January 31, 2012	USPS Annual Meeting. Hyatt Regency, Jacksonville, FL. 1/31 to 2/4	
March 23, 2012	D-27 Spring Conference & COW. "TBD" 3/23 to 3/25	

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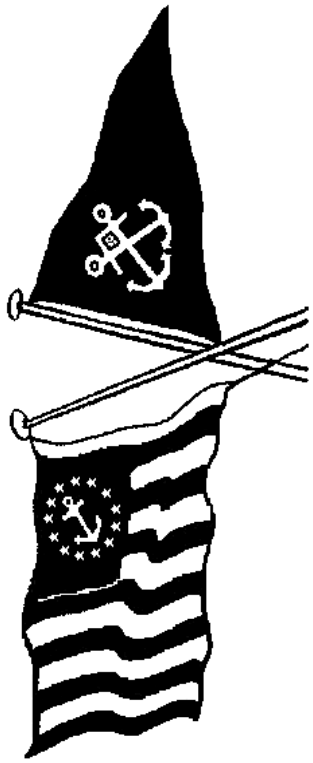

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