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WSSPS Meeting

16 February

Cruising the ICW from Florida

Tom Loveless, AP

Dockside Seafood

2520 Lewisville-Clemmons Rd.
Social: 6:00
Dinner: 6:30

Guests Welcome

Event Calendar

14 Feb.	Valentine's Day – Celebrate!
16 Feb.	Membership Meeting at Dockside Seafood
7 Mar.	Communication Briefing at Mike and Marilyn Shuping's 6:30 pm
16 Mar.	Membership Meeting at Dockside Seafood 6:30pm
25-27 Mar.	D/27 Change of Watch Carolina Beach, NC

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From the Helm

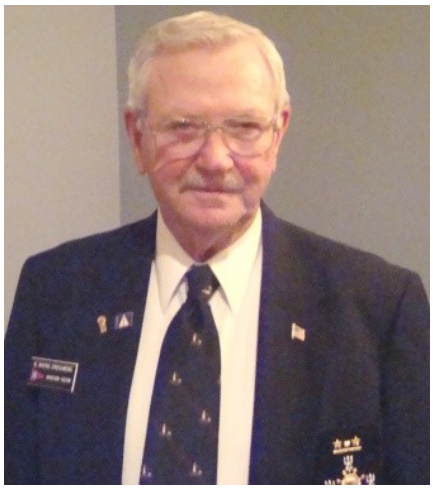
Cdr. Debbie Mayfield

We began out 2011 year with a great Change of Watch. Welcome to all the new officers and thank you for serving on the 2011 bridge. Our new officers are P/C Wayne Creekmore, AP Executive Officer, Lt/C Marilyn Shuping, Admin Officer, Lt/C Margie Lamb, P, Secretary, Lt/C Kathi Vestal, S, Treasurer, P/C Dawn Gaskill, AP, Education Officer ant Lt/C Tom Loveless, Assistant Education Officer. We are going to have a great year. The COW was a great event and I would like to thank Reid London and his committee for a job well done.

At the February 2011 Bridge meeting, our squadron agreed to accept an invitation from D27 USPS to host the Fall Conference meeting for D27 on September 30-October 2, 2011 that will be held in Winston-Salem. P/C Dawn Gaskill AP and Lt/C Kathi Vestal, S agreed to chair this committee. I hope everyone in the squadron will put this on their calendar and plan to help our squadron put on a great meeting. Please give Dawn a call or email and let her know that you would be willing to help.

Our first Public Boating course begins the first Tuesday in March. Please spread the word. Plan to come and greet our students and be sure and plan to help on the last day.

I am looking forward to serving the squadron as Commander this year. I have the privilege of serving a great group of individuals that love boating, having a good time, and helping others learn the joy of boating. Look at our calendar to see all the great things in store for each of you to enjoy. It is packed full of activities for the entire year. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to make 2011 a great year for you in the Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron.



Executive Officer

P/C Wayne Creekmore, JN

A good way to start the new year is to go to a boat show. The Charlotte show will be Feb 17-20 and Raleigh has one on Feb 18-20. Even if you are not looking for a boat, it is a great way to get new ideas and learn about what is new.

I will be making a plan for WSSPS to be more active in coop charting and vessel exams in the coming year. Anyone interested in qualifying to become a VE should contact Gary Lewis who is our current Vessel Examiner Leader. Perhaps we can set-up a 1 or 2 day prep course for the exam.

Education Officer

P/C Dawn Gaskill, AP

I love to learn new things, but like everyone else, my plate is extremely full. We have to pick and choose what to do everyday. I hope we can get more of you to choose to take a course. You can always choose to study on your own, or request to take a course with your friends, All friends! All friends? If a non-member wants to take a course, that is okay, just call and ask how this works!

We have more to offer than just our top 11 courses. We also have a large selection of study guides you can purchase, or see if a group wants to come together and have someone teach it in one day or possible night session.

Currently, I am trying to get a list of piloting students, and weather students. No date yet, but probably looking at April and May for these 2 courses. Soon, we will be having another public boating course, invite someone to go online at WWW.USPS.ORG and register for the class!

Now a list of our current Study Guides, in case you want some Light winter reading to prepare for "SUMMER BOATING".

Basic Plotting Guide
USPS Nautical Glossary
Water Sports
GMDSS and Marine Radio
Marine Amateur Radio
USPS Nautical Glossary
The Boat Owner's Guide to Sailing
Sight Reduction Methods
Boat Insurance
Compass Adjusting

Interested yet? Call me at 785-0996 or email: DAWNATG@AOL.COM
Safety and fun can run hand in hand!

Administrative Officer

Lt/C Marilyn Shuping

Our first boat was a canoe. We traded it for my 1970's Ford Pinto, which burned up on the side of the road a few months later. We still have the canoe. It was a good trade. It's carried us 40 miles through the Okeefenokee Swamp, past 2000 year old Cypress trees on the Black River in SE North Carolina, over the 8 foot falls at the Nantahala River and countless times down the New River. Since then we've acquired a lengthy list of water vehicles; another canoe, two kayaks, a Sunfish, a dinghy and a 16 ft. Apollo sailboat. As of yet, only human (and wind) effort is needed to propel our crafts. We're working on that. When I tell people we don't own a boat, they tell us to say, "We're between boats."

The point is, Mike and I love the water. It always amazes me how, after being out in our kayaks, it only takes a few minutes to feel the calm come over us and the daily stresses fall away. Living near the water in Beaufort emphasized to us how little we knew about boating rules and regulations. So when Faye and Reid invited us to a boat exorcism and we experienced firsthand the high quality of party technology we knew we'd found a great group of people in addition to a resource for boating education. Hence, our joining the Power Squadron

I am pleased to have been inducted as the new Admin Officer for the squadron this past weekend. It will be a busy year for me and I am still learning what the Sail and Power Squadrons function is, so please bear with me. I have some great mentors and helpers.

Our meeting this month, at the Dockside Restaurant in Clemmons, is entitled "Cruising the ICW from Florida" and it will be sure to whet your appetite for the coming boating season. The March Communication Briefing on March 7th will be held at Mike and Marilyn Shuping's house in Pfafftown.

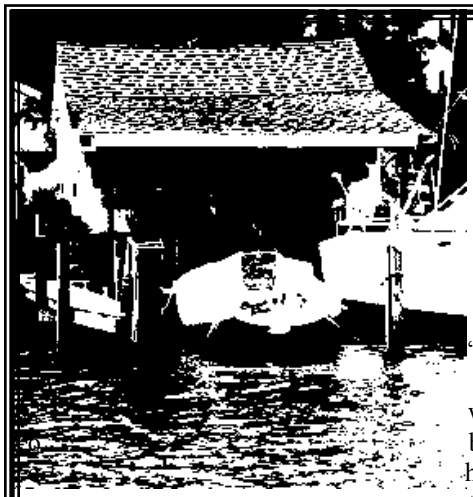
Other dates to put on your calendar include the District 27 Change of Watch the weekend of March 25th to be held in Wilmington. There is a cruise to Oriental the weekend of April 29th, a cruise to Bald Head Island and Wilmington the week of May 14th and a "Low Country Boil & Auction" at Ray and Bea Travis' home on June 18th. Mark those dates in red on your calendar.

I will leave you with one of my favorite poems.

FATE

One ship drives east and another drives west
With the self same winds that blow.
'Tis the set of the sails,
And not the gales,
That tells us the way to go.

Like the winds of the sea are the ways of fate;
As we voyage along through life,
'Tis the set of a soul
That decides its goal,
And not the calm, or the strife.



"The Fish House Chronicles"
by Don Breault, AP

These are moments frozen in time while cruising or pretending to be cruising. "The Fish House Chronicles" is a unique collection of short stories and essays of the infamous Winston Salem Sail and Power Squadrons' experiences. At least we try and sometimes pretend that we are all having a good time cruising with our boats, even when they break-down or go hard aground once in a while. We even have the best slip cruising stories ever told on land. You may be surprised to learn that more goes on at the dock than at sea when cruising the Carolina Coast. So sit back with one of your favorite beverages and read on. I know that you will relate to these experiences we all have had on the water with our boats, and especially when we once attempted to park our boats where the birds are walking

"Why Boats Can Save Our Economy"

Every one who has a boat or would like to buy a boat will in most cases develop a budget for those expenses one would incur during the many years of ownership. Some times things happen for reasons we don't understand and the budget appears to be way off from our expectations. Sometimes those expectations were not realistic from the beginning because it's a "BOAT". As everyone knows, the word BOAT is interpreted as: "**B**reak **O**ut **A**nother **T**housand".

So there you have it. Breaking out another thousand means you may not have many more thousands to break out if you own a boat. Therefore boat people are poor people. If boat people are poor people, then why doesn't the government help them out? After all, the government helps out other poor people. So why not the boat people? It's not their fault that they spent all of their money on a boat. After all, other people spent their money on other stuff and they get government help.

Maybe the boat people can qualify for an economic stimulus. After all, the economy will always benefit from the boat people because they like spending money in those coastal areas that were hardest hit by the bad economy. Now I get it, if boat people can get stimulus money to fix their boats, then the coastal areas will get an economic boost to their local economy. This will cause them to spend more money when they come to places like Raleigh and Charlotte for a long weekend. Then the city people will get a boost from their economy from the coastal people traveling on a holiday to the city. Then the city people will come to the coast to spend their new-found money for their long weekends in Morehead City or Beaufort. This will in turn cause the coastal economy to manifest into a larger one that will eventually save America.

Then the city people can fall in love with the coast and get the idea that they can buy a boat. Then the boat people who started this all can sell them their boats and become boatless. Now boatless people can be the reason why we will stimulate the world economy. They will start searching for new boats. When idle boat building factories get wind of the fact that there are boatless people looking for new boats they will quickly rise to the challenge and begin building new boats for them to buy. With new boats to buy and at competitive pricing, the boatless people will no longer be boatless.

With boatless people back into new boats and the city folks into the old boats, it seems to me that everyone is into boats. Now that means everyone has to keep fixing and maintaining these boats. This means that our economy will thrive in both the coastal areas and in the inland areas because everyone is into boats. This is why Boats will save our economy. So next time you complain about how much it costs to fix this old boat, think about all of those boatless people out there that want to buy this new boat."
See you on the water,
Don Breault
"The Liberty"

Boat News

A new boat has joined WSSPS. Marshall Tyler & Alix Hitchcock are the proud owners of "Silk", a 1987 Shannon 37 Ketch . Marshall had the pleasure of sailing her recently from Tiverton, RI to Sea Harbour Yacht Club in Oriental, NC. (home Port).

Reid, Faye and Tisha London"s "My Girl" undergoing a re-power at Chadwick's Boatworks in Beaufort.

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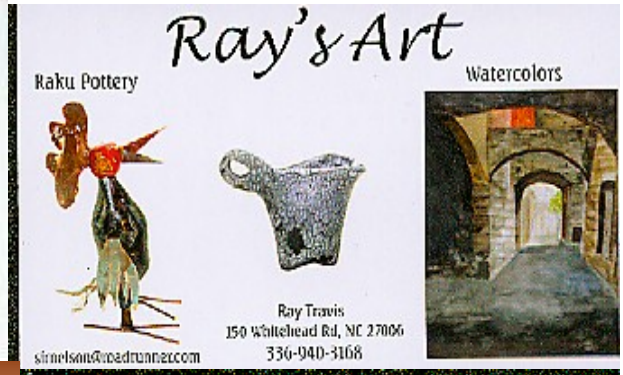

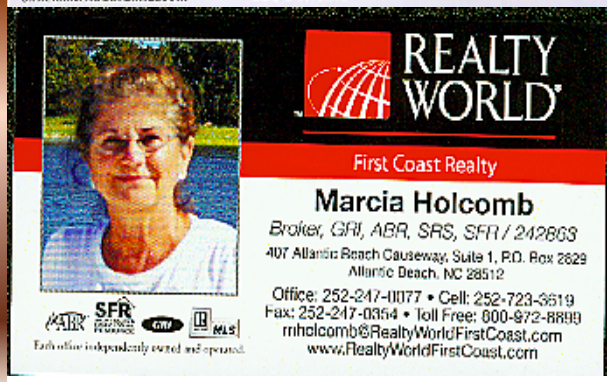

District 27 Annual Meeting/COW

25-27 March, 2011
Courtyard Marriott Carolina Beach
100 Charlotte Avenue
Carolina Beach, NC 28428

Room Rate: $109.00 plus taxes Reservations: 910-458-2030 – Direct #
Ask for "USPS District 27" room block CUTOFF DATE: 9 March 2011

EVENTS;

Friday 25 March: Dinner Cruise and Dance
Step aboard the Royal Winner Princess II to embark on a 2 hour Dinner & Dance Cruise. YOU WILL WALK STRAIGHT ON. The cruise is along the Cape Fear River with dancing after dinner. The menu will be Carolina BBQ & chicken with sides, Coffee, tea and cake for desert, and a cash bar.

Saturday 26 March: Coffee
Spouse's coffee for those who would like to attend. There is no charge for this, but we do need to know attendance numbers.

Saturday 26 March: Lunch
Soup, salad & potato bar, a selection of cookies to have for desert. Coffee, tea provided.

Saturday 26 March: COW Banquet
Choice of Chicken Tuscany or Grilled Salmon, garden salad, warm rolls, Chef's selection of Starch, vegetable and desert. Coffee and tea will be included.

_____DETACH AND SEND_____

_____ _____
Rank, Name, Grade Spouse or 2nd member

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Squadron Name Email Address

On September 25, 2011 the District Conference gave permission to charge a fee for those who are NOT attending any of the ticketed events to help pay for meeting rooms. For those who buy tickets, the fee is included in the ticket price. ***$8.00 X*** ____

Friday - Royal Winner Princess II Cruise $39.00 X ____

Saturday – Spouse's Coffee NO CHARGE Need attendance number ____

Saturday – Lunch $18.00 X ____

Saturday – COW Banquet Chicken Tuscany $39.00 X ____
Grilled Salmon $39.00 X ____
New Member since July 2009 _____ 1st Time District Meeting ___ Total ____

Please make checks payable to: D/27 COW 2011 Mail check and completed form to:
Marlene Halkovitch, 6691 Roberta Rd SW, Ocean Isle Beach, NC 28469. Event registrations must be received by Monday, 14 March, 2011.

Winston-Salem Sail & Power Squadron

Calendar of Events for 2011

Date	Event	Date:01/01/2011
January 3, 2011	Communication Briefing - "LTL"	
January 8, 2011	D-27 Squadron Officer Training, University Club, Raleigh, NC	
January 24, 2010	Cruise Planning Committee Meeting 7 pm. "Breault's Boston Bar & Grill"	
January 31, 2011	USPS Annual Meeting. Lake Buena Vista, FL. 1/31 to 2/5	
February 5, 2011	WSSPS Change of Watch - Pine Brook Country Club	
February 7, 2011	Communication Briefing- "Tom & Cathy Loveless House"	
February 16, 2011	Dockside Seafood Restaurant, Clemmons, NC - "Cruising The ICW From Florida"	
March 7, 2011	Comminication Briefing- :Michael & Marilyn Shuping House"	
March 16, 2011	Dockside Seafood Restaurant, Clemmons, NC - "Boat Buying Basics"	
March 25, 2011	D-27 Change Of Watch. "TBD". 3/25 to 3/27	
April 4, 2011	Communication Briefing- "Breault's Boston Bar & Grill"	
April 20, 2011	Dockside Seafood Restaurant, Clemmons, NC - "TBA"	
April 29, 2011	Cruise to Oriental. 4/29 to 5/1	
May 2, 2011	Communications Briefing "TBA"	
May 14, 2011	Cruise To Bald Head island & Wilmington, NC. 5/14 to 5/22	
May 18, 2011	Dockside Seafood Restaurant, Clemmons, NC - "TBA"	
June 6, 2011	Communications Briefing "TBA"	
June 18, 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	Dockside Seafood Restaurant, Clemmons, NC - "TBA"	
August 1, 2011	Communications Briefing "TBA"	
August 17, 2011	Dockside Seafood Restaurant, Clemmons, 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	
October 3, 2011	Communications Briefing "TBA"	
October 19, 2011	Dockside Seafood Restaurant, Clemmons, 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 "TBA"	
November 16, 2011	Dockside Seafood Restaurant, Clemmons, NC - "Our Year In Review"	
December 5, 2011	Communications Briefing "TBA"	
December 17, 2011	Dockside Seafood Restaurant, Clemmons, NC - "Annual Christmas Party"	

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Important events

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7 March	Communication Meeting at Shuping home
16 March	Membership Meeting at Dockside Seafood
25-27 March	D/27 Change of Watch, Carolina Beach,

WEAR IT NORTH CAROLINA!

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