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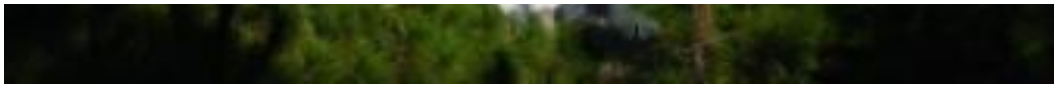
Spring cruising is calling



March, 2011

WSSPS MEETING

16 March

"Boat Buying Basics"

P/C Don Breault, AP

New Location

Big Shotz Tavern
109 S. Stratford Rd

Social: 6:00pm
Dinner: 6:30pm

Please look at the dinner menu at bigshotztavern.com to aid in ordering
Guests always welcome

EVENT CALENDAR

16 March	Membership Meeting at Big Shotz Tavern, S. Stratford Rd location
25-27 Mar.	D/27 Change of Watch Carolina Beach, NC
29 March	Final ABC Class Old Town Rec Center
4 April	Communication Briefing at "Breault's Boston Bar & Grill"
20 April	Membership Meeting at Big Shotz Tavern
29 April	Cruise to Oriental

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From the Helm

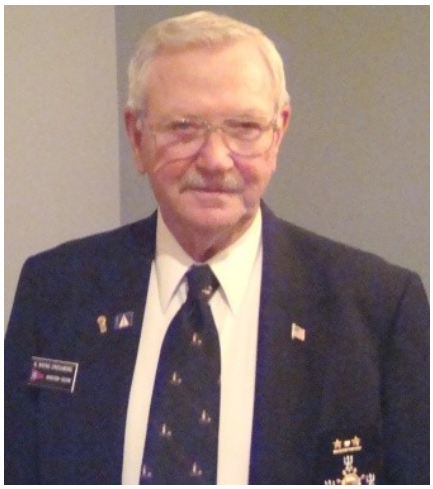
Cdr. Debbie Mayfield, S

With the beautiful and warm days we have had over the past few weeks, I am sure everyone is ready to get the 2011 Boating Season underway. P/C Don Breault, AP has some good cruises planned so put them on your schedule and plan to participate either by water or land. In addition, Don is doing our March meeting program, "Buying a Boat" which is being held at Big Shotz on Stratford Road. We also have some great programs and socials for our other monthly meetings, so be sure and put them on your schedule to attend. Everything is listed on the calendar included with this newsletter.

Executive Office, Lt/C Wayne Creekmore, JN is planning a training class for Vessel Examiners. If you need a book, please contact him, or if you like, the manual is available on line on the USPS site and you can study from there if you would like.

We will again be participating in Belk Charity Days on Saturday, April 16, 2011 from 6 AM to 10 AM. Charity Day tickets will be available to pick up at our March meeting. 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.

If there is anything I can do for you, please don't hesitate to contact me.



Executive Officer

P/C Wayne Creekmore, JN

A Vessel Safety Examiner course is being scheduled to qualify/re-qualify Squadron Vessel Examiners. The course will be taught in two sessions with the first session devoted to sign-up and introducing the program. The second session will be two weeks later and will consist of a course review and the written exam. The exam can also be taken by going on-line to USPS.org and following the links.

To complete the certification, 5 supervised inspections with a certified examiner must be done. Small craft such as canoes, kayaks, and rowboats, etc all qualify to have a VSC performed.

We request that all Squadron members support our club's public service effort by having your boat(s) inspected by a Squadron VE. Please contact Wayne Creekmore at (336) 859-3773 to schedule an inspection.

Squadron VE's who have not met their requirements within 5 years may re-qualify by performing 2 supervised inspections.

If you are interested in becoming a VE, please contact me as soon as Possible, as we plan to start the course up soon.

Education Officer

P/C Dawn Gaskill, AP

I want to give a shout out first to our super duper Marine Electronics(ME) and Engine Maintenance (EM) Instructor P/C Wayne Creekmore, JN. Last year he did a great ME class and he finished up this February with a great EM course. I have sent in the test, and we have 2 more students to take the test. **Thank you Wayne for all you do!!!**

Currently we have a Public Boating Course occurring every Tuesday in March at the Old-town Recreation Center on Shattalon Drive. P/C Reid London, N, is heading and teaching the course. He has 7 or more students and would appreciate having some members join him by 1800 each Tuesday for encouraging the students. Please volunteer a night to this great class.

Upcoming Class information:

Piloting: Looking to start a class possibly Tuesday, April 5, 20ll
Weather: Looking to start a class on Thursdays, starting April 7, 20ll.

I do have a list from the last meeting which some have specifically requested courses. I will be sending out emails to anyone whom has not had either of these two courses. Hope you will join us. If interested in taking either course or teaching, please email me at WSSPSedu@yahoo.com or call 755-0996.

I am starting a new contest this month: **Nautical Trivia.** The first person to email me with the correct answer gets a prize (Not sure what, but you never know!) Email the answer to: wsspsedu@yahoo.com

A question to get you interested in the Weather course:

"When very cold air moves over warmer coastal water, wisps of visible water vapor may rise from the surface as the water "steams". In extreme cases, this type of fog can rise hundreds of feet above the surface. It's called _____."

Fair Winds….. Spring is coming your way!!!!

Administrative Officer

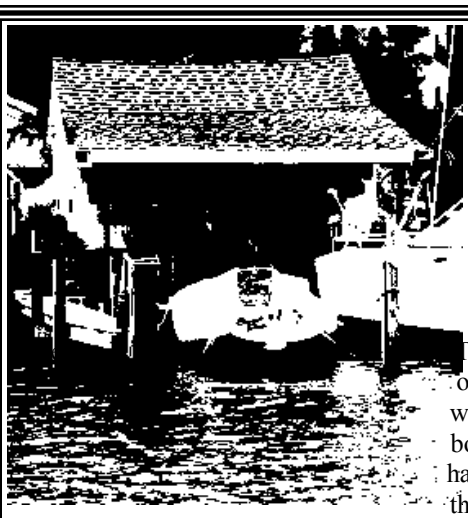
Lt/C Marilyn Shuping

The buttercups in my front yard are blooming, the weather's a bit warmer and, yes, folks, we're on the downslide now to our favorite time of year. "IT'S BOAT TIME!"

We have many upcoming events going on for the Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron. Please note that this month's meeting on March 16th is going to be held at Big Shotz on Stratford Road. Don Breault will talk to us on the Basics of Buying a boat. District 27 is holding their Annual Conference on March 25th. Please see our website for information on the conference. April's Communication Briefing is at the Breault's Boston Bar and Grill in Lewisville on the 4th. Dawn Gaskill has several safety and boating classes lined up for us just in time to be prepared for the season. It's time to start planning for our Low Country Boil, which will be held on June 25th at Bea and Ray Travis' home in Advance. Please note that change of date. We need a setup and clean up committee for this event. Please see me if you can help. We will also have our annual auction at this time. That means it's time to clean out that garage. Anything that's worth anything at all is welcome at the auction. It doesn't have to necessarily pertain to boating.

As you can see it's a busy time. We're all anticipating getting out of the house and onto the water. We can't wait to hear the London's boat "rev up" for the first time. We anxiously await the first trip out of Pelletier Creek. The local lakes are filling back up in anticipation for the summer fun. AHHH, Life is good! And so I leave you with this, my favorite toast.

There are good ships
and there are wood ships.
They are the ships that sail the seas.
But the best ships
are friendships.
AND MAY THEY ALWAYS BE!



"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

"Carolina In My Mind"

When it comes time to plan this year's cruising schedule, many boaters are thinking where to take their new and old boats. What far and distant coastal destination will we want to visit this year. Will we make plans to go to the Caribbean? Will we make plans to travel to the Chesapeake? Will we travel to the New England Coast and beyond?

So many choices and so little time and not enough money to travel to all of these exciting places. As we know, they all represent trips of a life time in a boater's log of destinations. With an economy in not such great shape and a lot of uncertainty looming over the economic horizon, it may be a prudent thing to look at what may be a lower cost vacation and staying closer to home. But owning and cruising in a boat is never the prudent thing to do. But for those of us who are still fortunate to have a job, time is a thing that is even scarcer than hurricane season without a hurricane.

When one thinks of staying close to home, we think of cruising to places such as Bald Head Island, New Bern, Wrightsville Beach, Wilmington, and for trailer boaters, Lake Norman, and High Rock Lake. All of these destinations are great places to visit by land or by sea.

Our coastal destinations are very special. They have a soul that speaks to you with a tickle from her surf and a sound of a wave gently slapping against your hull. That soul can speak to you in a way that no one can understand unless they have experienced this special land we call home. A special land we call Carolina. A coastal region so full of history, tradition and culture that is unique to any other East Coast region from Maine to Florida. The traditions in this area of Carolina are so different, with its food, art, and life styles.

There is nothing more soothing than to watch a morning sky on fire from a beach on Bald head Island. When you see the sunshine, you can hear the surf pounding away at the shore delivering another high tide. As the water reclaims the once deserted beach of lightly treaded footsteps, you can feel the whisper of the many sea birds foraging for the many daily meals needed to maintain flight over the glistening seas. As evening rolls in you can almost hear the moonshine rising over the dunes in the east. That great silver moon appearing overhead casts light on a flock of Geese in flight below. Oh yes, you have just experienced another "Carolina In My Mind" day on the beach.

So what if you could just leave this area in your trawler or sailboat and cruise north or south? What would you compare your many destinations too? You would compare them to what has been in your mind all along. Carolina In My Mind!!

See You On The Water
P/C Don Breault
"Liberty"

Club News

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We have a source who can monogram the club burgee on shirts, sweatshirts, etc. for $8.00 each. Bring your apparel to Debbie Mayfield at the next meeting as she is putting together a bulk order. Hanes.com is a good source of t-shirts & sweatshirts that can be embroidered.

Tuesday, March 29 is the last night of the ABC Course. Reid and volunteers celebrate with treats after the exam is over. Please try to come by about 8pm to meet & greet the students.

"***Heads Up***" Our club is hosting the District Fall Conference Sept. 30 - Oct. 2. Please keep that weekend open as we will need many volunteers to help. 125-150 people are expected.

Large 2 bed.,2 1/2 bath Lake Norman waterfront townhome is available for sale. Quiet, west side of lake, with boat slip, pool, and boat ramp. $235,000. Email Tom & Cathy Loveless at tlovelessjr@triad.rr.com, if interested.

50th Anniversary club burgees are still available for $25. Purchase at the next meeting.

Send us your news and we'll print as space is available

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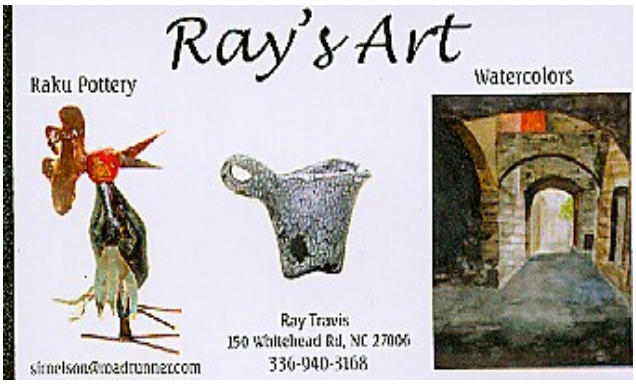

Winston-Salem Sail & Power Squadron

Calendar of Events for 2011

Date	Event	Date:03/07/2011
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	Big Shots Grill, Stratford Rd. Winston-Salem, NC - "Boat Buying Basics" by Don Breault	
March 25, 2011	D-27 Change Of Watch. "Courtyard Marriott, Carolina Beach, NC". 3/25 to 3/27	
March 29, 2011	"ABC" Final Class. Old Town Recreation Center	
April 4, 2011	Communication Briefing- "Breault's Boston Bar & Grill"	
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 18, 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"	

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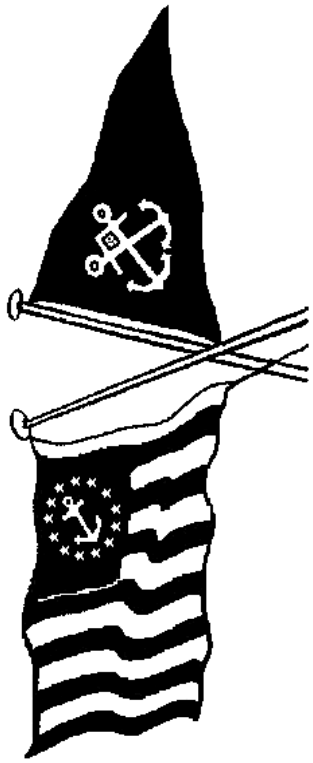

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Important events

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4 April	Communication Briefing "Breault's Boston Bar & Grill"
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WEAR IT NORTH CAROLINA!

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