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Commander's Picnic

Rafting-up at Shackleford Banks

September

D/27 CONFERENCE
MARRIOTT DOWNTOWN

Friday, September 30

2-6pm	Registration
2pm	Silent Auction Opens
4:45-5:45	Host Squadron Reception
6:45	Foothills Brewery Followed by dinner (on your own)

Saturday, October 1

7-9 am	Registration
9-10:30	Spouses' Coffee
9-noon	Conference Mtgs
Noon	Lunch (by RSVP) Silent Auction Closes
2:30-5	Conference Mtgs
6:00	Dinner (by RSVP)

Sunday, October 2

9-10:30 am	Co-op charting

Please contact Debbie about any silent auction donations for the D/27 meeting. Plan to either deliver your donations to Debbie prior to Friday OR bring them Friday by noon to the Marriott.

UPCOMING EVENTS

22 Sept	Cape Lookout Cruise and Raft-Up
30 Sept - 2 Oct.	Fall D/27 Conference at Marriott Winston Salem
3 Oct	Executive Committee Meeting at Don & Sheila Breault
19 Oct	Membership Meeting at Buena Vista Grill (old Big Shotz) on Stratford Rd

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From the Helm

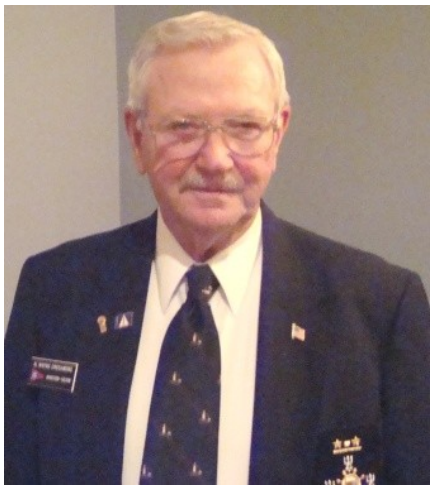
Cdr. Debbie Mayfield, S

The D27 Fall meeting is only a little more than a week away. Mark your calendars for Friday, September 30 and Saturday, October 1, 2011 for the D27 USPS Meeting being held in Winston-Salem and being hosted by our squadron. If you haven't signed up to help on either Friday afternoon or Saturday, please contact Dawn Gaskill and see where she still needs help. When you are not volunteering on Saturday, plan to take in some of the workshops or the District meeting and use this opportunity to see how everything works at the district and the wealth of knowledge there is to be shared. In addition, it is great to meet members from around the state that share our love of boating. We are still asking for Silent Auction items. Items can be donated by you or a business. Please email me with your item description, retail value, minimum bid price, and name of donator so I can start making the bid sheets. While at the meeting be sure and check out the auction items and BID BID BID.

I have just finished completing 2 leadership classes and a multitude of workshops at the National USPS Governing Board that was held in Greensboro. It was great to meet so many USPS members from around the US and learning what National is doing to expand the horizons for members and to assist squadrons on recruiting new members as well as retaining current members. There were many amazing and dedicated volunteers at the meeting that spend many hours supporting and promoting USPS.

One of the new programs that are being offered to the public is On the Water Training. The USPS has received a grant through the USCG for this program for 3 years. As part of this program, USPS has leased a boat and truck to drive around the US to do this On the Water training.

If there is anything I can do for you, please don't hesitate to contact me. My contact information is in this newsletter.



Executive Officer

P/C Wayne Creekmore, JN

Having just returned from sunny Green Bay/WI (partly aboard the SS Badger, the last coal burning passenger liner in the Great Lakes), we are still adjusting to being home. We recommend a visit to Wisconsin and Michigan to anyone who loves water and scenic beauty.

It's time to get back to work for the good old WSSPS and top of my list is to try and invigorate our VE program. We can do this by all members calling Gary Lewis and arranging to have your boat inspected by one of our VEs. If anyone is interested in a class to qualify as a VE, please contact Dawn Gaskill or myself.

Education Officer

P/C Dawn Gaskill, AP

LOOKING AHEAD IN EDUCATION

We are used to having our "Usual Classes". But currently, much more is going on in USPS learning. The "usual" is being revamped, to make it better and less redundant. Anytime you take a class you can help out by writing up suggestions, which the instructor or chair person can submit to be reviewed by the Power Squadron people working on updating materials.

New and exciting seminars that are in the works:

- A new weather seminar—Basic Weather and Forecasting that has replaced the Onboard Weather Forecasting seminar.
- Sail trim and Rig Tuning
- Tides and Currents
- Also, Paddle Smart is being reworked. From information given, this is a very large growing segment of the population. (Canoes, white water rafting, and kayaking are some examples)

If you might be interested or know of some friends that might be interested in some small one night/ day classes, go to http://www.usps.org/e_stuff/seminars.htm for more information.

Seminars and small 1 or 2 day classes available now:

- Instructor Recertification: We have several members that teach and need to be recertified
- Operations Training: Many of our newer members, and officers have not yet had this seminar. At least there will be no test!
- GPS Seminar: How about someone volunteer to get in touch with the fishing club!
- Knot Tying: Fishing club, Scouts, etc. I find it very useful at home also!

For next year, We need to start strong. For these courses above and any other seminar you are interested, please email: Dawnatg@aol.com.

Administrative Officer

Lt/C Marilyn Shuping

As in the past, Ray and Bea Travis opened their home and grounds to the Annual Commander's Picnic held on Sept 10th. While attendance was low, everyone had a great time and enjoyed a wonderful meal of chopped barbecue, slaw, beans and rolls with accompanying beverages. In addition to watermelon and banana pudding, the evening was topped off with a birthday cake supplied by Sheila Breault in honor of Ray's birthday. I would like to thank my set-up crew: Reid, Faye, Tisha London, Bill Davis and Mike Shuping my clean- up crew of Dana Breda, Denny Brigadier, Mike Shuping and of course, Ray and Bea for both setup and cleanup. I'd like to also thank Ray and Reid for barbecuing the meat which was excellent.

We will be researching new venues for the picnics next year. We have several good ideas already, but if you have any you'd like to add we certainly would appreciate your coming forward.

Thank you!

Fish House Chronicles

By P/C 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 story's and essays of the experiences of the infamous coastal cruisers of the Winston-Salem Sail & Power Squadron. 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.

"Why Women Are Always Right"

Most people relate to boating as a guy thing. The reason is, in the numbers. Most boaters are guys. This is good for the guys and not so good for the gals. If it were the other way around, then the gals would embarrass the guys. Just ask Cathy or Sheila or Faye or Linda! They can tell you!!

Now Sheila watches me labor intense hours in the engine room to replace a worn out pump or some silly component like a switch or valve. Or Faye on the other hand watches Reid labor in the direct sun for hours cleaning and scrubbing the winter grime from My Girl on a beautiful summer day. The only reward he gets is a bucket of sweat to throw overboard when he is done.

Now women are smarter than this. They find a way to go shopping at Belk's where the AC is on frigid mode and the Men are outside in 90% humidity working and cleaning and repairing. Here are my conclusions as to why Men are from Mars and Women are from Venus in the boating community.

Women have a wide angle approach to vision. Men think in tunnel vision. Such as get it done and get it done now. Men can only see what is ahead of them and do not have a very good sense of that peripheral vision that may be helpful in spotting multiple targets of priorities. Women however, can see lower levels of light over the horizon and decide what is important and what areas to avoid.

Women have a unique sense of hearing. You know the one that can hear a bottle of beer opening from a nautical mile away when they know the work the men started is not yet finished. A woman can be in a very intense conversation with someone else and exercise very intense listening in the other ear. Example: Men listen to a VHF radio and they tell everyone on the bridge to shut up so they can listen to the silly message that Felix attempts to transmit to the local Coast Guard. Now women can listen and comprehend with one ear on a subject and at the same time listen with the other ear and compute data at the same rate of speed. Men, can not focus on more than one subject and one conversation because of the attention to the details. Oh, so this may be related to that tunnel vision men have. Perhaps men may be just too goal oriented when engaged in a conversation or task. Women on the other hand like to navigate by observation noticing details as they appear to them and deciding what is important or what is not. (They teach this in Army Special Forces so they do not get lost in the woods!!)

Fnally, we need to learn from Women on how to learn new things. Denny got a new stereo receiver for his fly bridge and he took it out of the box and wired it up and started to push buttons with tremendous anxiety hoping it will play like he envisioned it would. Then he breaks it and returns it to West Marine for another. While he expressed his frustration using colorful metaphors, Linda comes to his rescue. She simply picks up the owners manual, reads it, and instructs Denny on what buttons to push. Behold, they have beautiful music on the bridge. Who gets the credit? It depends on what conversation you are in and who is in that conversation. Lesson to be learned for men? Read the instruction book first.

Men did not get the short end of the stick during our 10,000 years of evolution. They just got better at stacking and storing things, fishing, hunting, analytical skills, and growing beards. We men also have a strong need and desire for cruising longer distances off shore where the waves are high and land forms tend to disappear. Why? We always have a woman on board to navigate!!

Registration Form

District 27 Fall Council & Conference Meeting
30 September 2011 – 2 October 2011
Marriott Winston-Salem
425 North Cherry Street
Winston-Salem, NC 27101

Rank, Name, Grade _____

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

Address _____

Friday

Foothills Brewing – Cash Bar

Appetizers ____ x $15 _____

YOU ARE ON YOUR OWN FOR DINNER

Saturday

SPOUSES COFFEE – NO CHARGE Number attending needed _____

FACILITIES FEE ____ x $5 s _____

MEMBERS LUNCH

Chef Sandwich board (choice of 4 sandwiches) ____ x $18 _____

GLUTEN FREE – lettuce wraps ____ x $18 _____

BANQUET & CASH BAR

Herb Crusted Salmon entrée ____ x $34 _____

GLUTEN FREE ____ x $34 _____

Herb Roasted Chicken Breast entrée ____ x $34 _____

GLUTEN FREE ____ x $34 _____

Total $ _____

New member since January 2010 _____ 1st time District Meeting _____

Make checks payable to: Winston-Salem Sail & Power Squadron

Send check and completed form by 22 September 2011 to:
Lt/C Kathi Vestal
182 Parkview Circle
Pinnacle, NC 27043

D/27 Fall Meeting Agenda

–30 September
m Casual – USPS Shirt (Revised 21 August 2011)

ssignment	Event	Location	Event Lead / Speaker	Time
nston-Salem D/Sec.	Attending Member Registration & Voter Registration	Hearn Foyer		1400-1800
nston-Salem	Silent Auction Table	Hearn Foyer		1400-1800
C & Bridge	New Members, 1st Timers, & Squadron Commanders Reception	D/C Suite	D/C Mike McCulley, JN	1600-1645
C & Bridge	P/D/C and Host Squadron Reception	D/C Suite	D/C Mike McCulley, JN	1645-1745
nston-Salem	District Party – appetizers included & a cash bar – ON YOUR OWN FOR DINNER	Foothills Brewing 638 West Fourth St.		1800-1930

ay – 1 October
m – USPS Shirt for Conference, Blue Blazer w/ USPS Shirt or Appropriate Attire for Reception & Dinner

ssignment	Event	Location	Event Lead / Speaker	Time
nston-Salem D/Sec.	Attending Member Registration & Voter Registration	Hearn Foyer		0700-0900
nston-Salem	Silent Auction Table	Hearn Foyer		0700-0900
nston-Salem	Spouses Coffee	D/C Suite		0900-1030
D/C	**Fall Council/Conference convenes**	Hearn A		0900-1030
	Invocation		D/Lt Alec Wrenn, N	
	Pledge of Allegiance		Cdr Debbie Mayfield, S	
	Intro. USPS Nat'l Rep & D/27 Guests		P/R/C Bill Reasons, SN	
	Nat'l Representative Town Hall Mtg		R/C Jeff Hamilton, AP	
	Bridge Officer Reports		D/27 Bridge Officers	
	---break---			
	Break-Out Session 1			1045-1145
	Sqd Cdrs and Sqd Exec Officers	Hearn A	D/C Mike McCulley, JN & D/Lt/C Harold O'Briant, JN	
	Education Officers – Rules of the Road I	Hearn C	P/C Dan Bartell, SN	
	Treasurers	Hearn D	D/Lt/C Dave Parsons, AP	
	Improving Websites I	Winston	D/Lt/C Dave Simons, AP	
	Nominating Committee (closed)	Salem	P/D/C Jamie McCurry, AP	
D/C	**Members Awards Luncheon**	Hearn B	D/C Mike McCulley, JN	1200-1415
	Luncheon Speaker Introduction		D/Lt/C Bob Howd, JN	
	North Carolina Lighthouses		Speaker – Bett Padget	
	---break---			
	Break-Out Session 2			1430-1530
	Administration Officers	Hearn A	D/Lt/C Bob Howd, JN	
	Cooperative Charting	Hearn D	P/C Phil Benson, JN	
	Education Officers – ID Certification	Hearn C	D/Lt Tom Penders, SN	
	Improving Websites II	Winston	D/Lt/C Dave Simons, AP	
	Planning Committee (closed)	Salem	P/D/C Jerry Hall, SN	
	---break---			
D/C	**Fall Council/Conference reconvenes**	Hearn A		1535-1545
	Reports of General Committees		Committee Chairperson	
	Reports of Standing Committees		Committee Chairperson	
	Meeting Adjourns		D/C Mike McCulley, JN	1545
	---break---			
N Club	N Club Meeting – Rules of the Road II	Hearn A	P/C Larry Colwell, SN	1600-1700
Meetings Chair	Members Reception (cash bar) & Dinner	Hearn B	D/Lt Sarah McCurry, S	1800

y – 2 October
m Casual - USPS Shirt

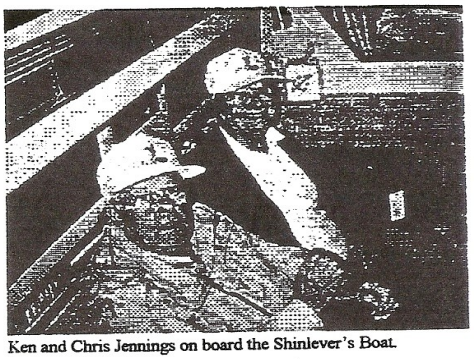
ssignment	Event	Location	Event Lead / Speaker	Time
P. Benson	Cooperative Charting	Salem	P/C Phil Benson, JN	0900-1030

A poem written by the late Albert Gaskill, P commemorating a co-op charting cruise of yore

The Charge of the Boat Brigade

Commemorates the Disastrous Co-op Charting Charge Against The Crabpots at Belhaven 27 May 1995

Grant, Ben, Dawn, Perry and Chris await the fun!



Ken and Chris Jennings on board the Shinlever's Boat.

Half a league, half a league,
Half a league forward
All in the ICW Ditch of Crabpots
Piloted the D/27.

Forward, the co-op Brigade!
"Run for the pots" the chairman said,
Into the ditch of crabpots
Piloted the D/27.

Forward, the co-op Brigade!
Was there a boat dismayed
Not tho' the captains knew
Someone had blundered.

Theirs not to make nay Aye! Aye!
Theirs not to challenge why!
Theirs but to chart and ground
Into the ditch of crabpots
Rode the D/27 Brigade.

Crabpots to starboard of them,
Crabpots to port of them,
Crabpots dead ahead.
Pot markers rose and fell,
Washed at with long rode and floats
Boldly they cruised forth and true,
Into the intertwining lines
Into the markers from hell,
Rode the D/27 Brigade.

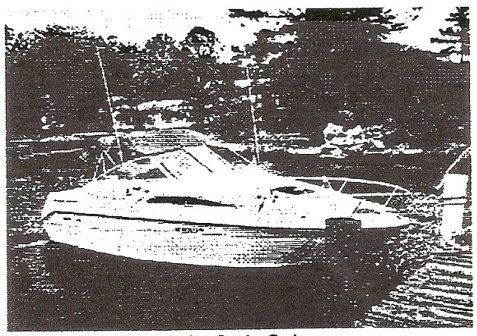
Flash'd all their props bare,
Flashed as they turned to dodge
Tangling the pots there,
Charting a path there while,
All the "old salts" wondered.

Plunged in the rain lashed chop,
Right thro' the pot lines they broke.
Sea Rays, Bayliner, and Pursuit,
Reeled from the rocking boat,
Wetted and battered
Then they charted back, but not
Quite all the D/27 came back.

Storm'd at with wave and rain
While boat and crew went pell mell
They that had charted so well
Come thro' the crabpots of Death
Back from the ditch of hell.
All that was left of them
Left of the brigade of 27.

When can their honor (roll) fade?
O' the co-op points they did make!
All the National had wondered
Honor the efforts they made!
Honor the co-op Brigade!
Noble of D/27.

Albert Gaskill, P
1995



Al and Dawn's boat looking for the Crabpots.

Winston-Salem Sail & Power Squadron

Calendar of Events for 2011

Date	Event Date:09/01/2011
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	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	Executive Committee Meeting Open To All Members 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	Executive Committee Meeting Open To All Members "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	Executive Committee Meeting Open To All Members "George & Margie Lamb House"
August 17, 2011	Big Shots Grill, Stratford Rd., Winston-Salem, NC - "TBA"
September 6, 2011	Tuesday) Executive Committee Meeting Open To All Members "George Ellis Home, Clemmons, N
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	Executive Committee Meeting Open To All Members "Breault's Boston Bar & Grill"
October 19, 2011	**Buena Vista Grille, Stratford Rd. Winston-Salem, NC - "The Dismal Swamp" By John Richardson.**
October 22, 2011	Local Intercoastal Cruise, NC. 10/22 to 10/30
November 4, 2011	Cruise To Beaufort, NC. 11/4 to 11/6
November 5, 2011	Belk Fundraiser, 6 AM to 10 AM
November 7, 2011	Executive Committee Meeting Open To All Members "Tom & Cathy Loveless House"
November 16, 2011	Buena Vista Grille, Stratford Rd. Winston-Salem, NC - "Our Year In Review"
December 5, 2011	Executive Committee Meeting Open To All Members "London House"
December 17, 2011	(Saturday) Hawthorne Inn, 420 High St. Winston-Salem, NC "Annual Christmas Party"
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January 2, 2012	Executive Committee Meeting Open To All Members "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
February 4, 2012	WSSPS Change Of Watch "Pineville CC"
March 23, 2012	D-27 Spring Conference & COW. "TBD" 3/23 to 3/25

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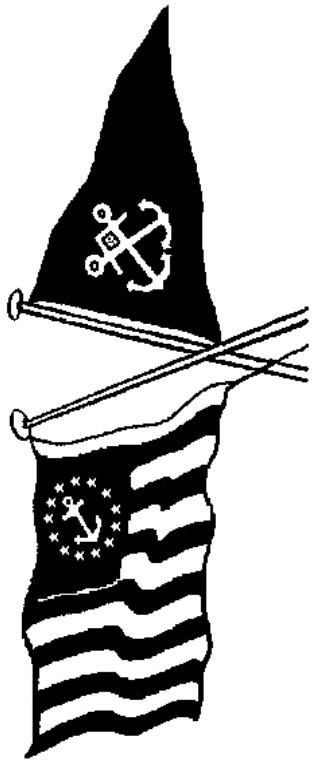

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Oct. 19	Membership Mtg at Buena Vista Grill (Big Shotz)

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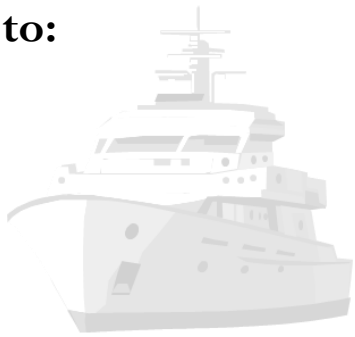
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