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Low Country Boil

August

WSSPS MEETING

17 August

Jim Schwarz,
(former owner of a Cancun Marina)

Big Shotz Tavern
109 S. Stratford Rd

Guests always welcome
Order off menu, no RSVP
Social: 6:30 pm
Meeting: 7:00 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

17 August	Membership meeting at Big Shotz Tavern
6 Sept.	Executive Committee meeting at the Shuping home 6:30 pm
10 Sept.	Commanders Picnic at the Travis home 5:00pm social, 6:00pm dinner

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From the Helm

Cdr. Debbie Mayfield, S

Our year is half over and boating season is into it hottest months in NC. The D27 Fall meeting is only a month and a half 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. We need every member to plan on volunteering in some capacity for the weekend as well as taking this opportunity to attend the meeting since is in our own back yard. We need individuals to help with registration, the silent auction, taking tickets and acting as hosts/hostesses on both Friday and Saturday. We also need more recipes to go in the recipe booklet giveaway too.

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. If your business has an item that can go in the goodie bags, it is estimated we will need 150-200 items for one to go in each bag. Please let me or Dawn Gaskill know what you have to donate.

We had several visitors and potential new members at our July meeting. Please be sure and introduce yourselves at our meetings to visitors and let them get to know us.

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.

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

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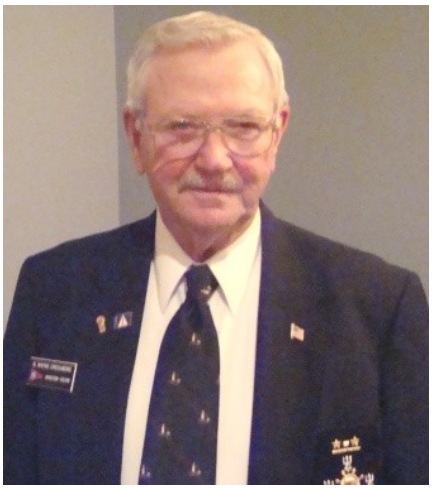

Executive Officer

P/C Wayne Creekmore, JN

As we are now well into the summer boating season and you are going to be cruising our fabulous waterways, please remember as you navigate to make note of any differences you see versus the chart itself so that we can fulfill our public service requirements in COOP charting.

Also, as you fly the WSSPS Burgee make sure that your boat and boating are a credit to WSSPS. An easy way to meet this goal is to call Gary Lewis and arrange a free boat safety inspection. This can be done either in the water or on a trailer, etc. Also, inspections can be done on PWC, kayaks, row boats, canoes, etc.

Education Officer

P/C Dawn Gaskill, AP

EDUCATION FUN

Education can be a fun and bonding time. We have recently completed the Piloting class with 3 successful students passing the test. Congrats to: John Patrick, Gary Lewis and Frank Burgess.

If you have a place to have classes for Weather, Seamanship, Piloting, Instructor Qualification, etc please call 785-0996 and let me know. If you are interested in a course also call me.

We are needing you to sign up to come to the District 27 meeting we are hosting. We plan on an enjoyable time, and want to show the District we support USPS and D/27. We will be having volunteer sign up at the next membership dinner. We then will be calling you for your support.

Administrative Officer

Lt/C Marilyn Shuping

August already! It seemed like just yesterday we were anticipating the summer and all the boating fun that accompanies the warm months. I look forward to the autumn also. To me, there's something in the air that's magical. The air is still warm, the water is warm, but we do not have to deal with the oppressive heat. We DO have to deal with the dreaded "H" word, meaning hurricane. We've been lucky in the past few years (knock wood) and I hope that trend will continue.

I had some very positive feedback about our program in July, delivered by Dr. "Hop" Hopkins on his journey to Antarctica. I don't think we'll be lining up a cruise down there anytime soon but it was interesting to experience his trip, penguins and all.

We have had some discussion at the bridge meetings about our monthly venue, Big Shotz on Stratford Road. The July meeting went reasonably well after I asked them for a second waitress. We were out of there by 8:30pm. They have a great audiovisual set up. We have our own room and it's centrally located. The menu is good also. I have gone through the telephone yellow pages and called several restaurants. Nobody has a room that can accommodate our size crowd. The Piedmont Club has to have an accurate head count and we would be charged whether that number shows up or not. So unless someone has a great suggestion we will be meeting at Big Shotz indefinitely. Let's face it, those waitresses at the Yacht House spoiled us.

The Bridge meeting on September 6th will be here at my address in Bermuda Run. It's a small condo and the parking is very limited. I will get you directions in a few weeks as we get closer.

On September 10th we have our Commanders Picnic at Ray and Bea Travis home in Advance, a "Southern Style Bar BQ". I had a great group of people help me set up and clean up for the Low Country Boil. I'd love to get some other people to help also. Ray was very pleased at the assistance we got. He said it was the easiest the tent had ever gone up. More people = easier set up. I will have more information on the picnic in the coming weeks.

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.

"The Rescue of Felix"

(Part 2)

Now that Felix was motoring between all of the squares and triangles, he did notice there were some lefts and rights he could take but he had no idea where they went so he continued to follow the other boats. Some boats went right and some went left and some continued on the same course in the ICW. Well Felix felt he wanted to venture into the wide open blue water like he saw in that movie "Pirates of The Caribbean".

Eventually he followed a large sport fisher that was going out to sea and Felix continued to stay in this sport fisher's wake or hole being carved out of the water by a 30,000 lb displacement hull. After some time the sport fisher disappeared out of sight as Felix felt that his little boat should go slower due to the size of the waves that were beginning to crash over his bow. With a little over 2 hours of running, the boat engine said, I had enough of this, so it quit. Just like that. So Felix began to try and start the engine, and it turned over but would not start. Eventually he ran the battery dead.

Now Felix is about to go through his first tongue lashing by someone of the opposite sex for taking her so far out and there is no bimini top to protect her from the sun, and no toilet to go potty. All they had was some beer in a small portable cooler that was bounced all around the boat from the many waves and wakes. My guess is Felix was in for it now.

After an hour of drifting and poking at the engine, Felix looked at his girlfriend with that look of despair. That same look no man can hide. It is the look of I really do not know what to do but can't admit it yet. So with a sharp crack of the tongue his girlfriend told him to use that new radio he purchased at West Marine yesterday. You know the one in the box next to the cooler. So Felix took the box and assembled the hand held VHF radio from the packing materials he had flung all over the boat and managed to find the 4 AAA batteries needed for this radio so he could turn it on. Thank goodness they are packing batteries with hand held's these days. His girlfriend told him that Reid said to use channel 16 for distress calling. Here is what everyone heard on the air waves that Friday afternoon on channel 16.

"BREAKER - BREAKER 16. HEY COAST GUARD, WHAT IS YOUR HANDLE?"

No response. So I guess that no one who listens to channel 16 would take that distress call very seriously. So Felix repeats this same call again and again:

"BREAKER – BREAKER 16. HEY COAST GUARD, WHAT IS YOUR HANDLE?"

Finally some young 19 year old child assigned to a Coast Guard base unit at Wrightsville Beach responded. (Now this is where all of our Friday afternoon entertainment took place.) The corresponding conversations were more fun to listen to than watching Don cutting his grass in the snow, or watching Tom try to go slow in the ICW.

The Coast Guard responded by asking the basic safety questions such as how many people aboard and what is the nature of your emergency, and if everyone is wearing a PFD. In addition the Coast Guard wanted to know if there was anyone in danger of not having periodic medication available due to the emergency. Now this was way too many questions for poor Felix to digest in one afternoon. Just too many questions he already knew the answer for. But he had to do the drill for the Coasties.

When all was said and done, the Coasties offered to call someone for Felix to make them aware of his predicament. In addition the Coasties also offered to call a towing service for Felix. Now Felix thought about these offers and he was very quick to answer them as follows. "Well you can not call any of my buddies because they will poke too much fun at me" "And how much will the towing service cost?" "Because I only have 75 Bucks on me."

The conversations went back and forth and then Felix told everyone listening on channel 16 that he just bought this old used boat and was using it for the first time ever. He admitted that he thought that he only had to put gas in it and off he can go anywhere his desires would allow him to go. "After all, he was living the dream."

The laughter from the "Tom Cat II" was so loud that it distracted the "Liberty" to almost run aground. Then when you thought that you heard it all, the next message from Felix was a response to the Coasties about the medication issue. You see Felix left his Viagra pills in his tow vehicle at the boat ramp.

Needless to say this story has a lesson and a happy ending. Well almost a happy ending. Some Good Samaritan from the Cape Fear Sail and Power Squadron came to the rescue of Felix and towed his boat back to the launch ramp. The scoop we got from the Cape Fear people was that Felix would not have to worry about his medications that day as his girl friend called another girlfriend on her cell phone to pick her up at the dock. Then Felix thanked the Cape Fear Power Squadron people for the rescue, and they continued on their journey along the ICW looking for that lost shaker of salt in the Gemini. Felix then tried to start his pick up truck. Well now we remember that he swapped a dead boat battery for a good truck battery that morning. So Felix has two broke down items to deal with.

So here is Felix with a vision of living the dream. Broke down boat at the dock. No girlfriend. A full bottle of Viagra. And no ride home. Poor Felix. I wonder if he would have made out better if he just thought about calling Wayne Creekmore about that Piloting Class he read about in the Crossed Anchors. Maybe he would have bought an extra battery for his first time ever boat ride. Or maybe he could have just call Ray Travis and asked him what kind of boat to buy. I guess we will never know. Sad to say, we may never see Felix again on the waterway and hearing that famous call on channel 16.

"BREAKER – BREAKER 16. HEY COAST GUARD, WHAT IS YOUR HANDLE"

End of story!!

See you on the water!

P/C Don Breault
"Liberty"

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

Room Rates: $109.00 plus tax Reservations: 800-320-0934
(Ask for US Power Squadrons D/27 block– Cutoff date for special rate is 8 Sept. 2011)

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

PLEASE REGISTER EARLY

Fall D27 Meeting Agenda

, –30 September
m Casual – USPS Shirt

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

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

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ston-Salem D/Sec.	Attending Member Registration Voter Registration	Hearn Foyer		0700-0900
ton-Salem	Silent Auction Table	Hearn Foyer		0700-0900
ston-Salem	Spouses Coffee	D/C Suite		0900-1030
D/C	Fall Council/Conference convenes	Hearn A		0900-0930
	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	0930-1030
	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	
	Nominating Committee (closed)	Salem	P/D/C Jamie McCurry, AP	
D/C	Members Awards Luncheon	Hearn B	D/C Mike McCulley, JN	1200-1330
	Luncheon Speaker Introduction		D/Lt/C Bob Howd, JN	1330-1415
	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	
	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---			
NClub Meetings r	N Club Meeting – Rules of the Road II	Hearn A	P/C Larry Colwell, SN	1600-1700
	Members Reception (cash bar) & Dinner	Hearn B	D/Lt Sarah McCurry, S	1800

y – 2 October
m Casual - USPS Shirt

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

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Important events
(details inside)

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6 Sept	Executive Committee Mtg at the Shuping home
10 Sept.	Commander's Picnic at Travis home

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