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Recent Ports-of-Call:
Oriental, Bald Head Island, & Wilmington

June/July, 2011

WSSPS MEETING

20 July

"Cruising the South Pole"

Big Shotz Tavern
109 S. Stratford Rd

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

EVENT CALENDAR

17 June	D/27 Rendezvous, Oriental, NC
25 June	Low Country Boil & Auction at Ray & B Travis home
2-5 July	Cruise to New Berne, NC
20 July	Meeting at Big Shotz Tavern, Stratford Rd., 6:30 pm
1 Aug.	Executive Committee Meeting at Lamb home, 6:30pm

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Feel free to contact any of the officers above if you have questions.

The Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron
Presents:

"A Low Country Boil"

June 25th, 6:00pm

Bea and Ray Travis' home

156 Whitehead Road, Advance NC

Please RSVP to:mbshuping@tdarx.com &
mail your $15 check/person to: Kathi Vestal
182 Parkview Cir., Pinnacle, NC 27043

We are requesting that squadron members bring either a delicious dessert or a very appetizing appetizer! Feel free to bring any new potential squadron members too. This is a great time for socializing and helping other people understand our mission.

Following the dinner we will have our

"Annual Fundraising Auction"

with famous KB Jennings as our auctioneer.

Please bring any items you have that you can live without but you don't think others can. It doesn't have to be nautical but those items do sell well. Monies raised go into the general squadron till for future projects.

For more information or, if you want to volunteer to help, please call Marilyn Shuping at 336-972-2382. Plus, bring lawn chairs. Thank you!

From the Helm

Cdr. Debbie Mayfield, S

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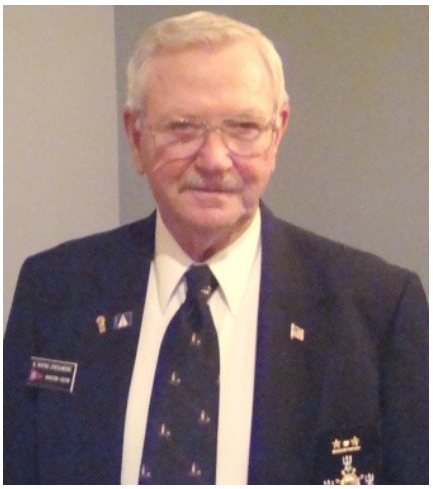
We have many upcoming events and cruises, so be sure to look at our calendar of events in the back pages. We especially welcome you to our summer Low Country Boil and Auction. Please check the details on page 3 and RSVP as soon as possible.

Please remember we are hosting the District 27 Fall meeting at the end of September and have several areas needing member support. We will need every member to help make this meeting a great success.

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



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……..More than Volunteering

Many times we volunteer for something because we feel we should. That is good, but sometimes we need to be GREAT! In the case of USPS Education it takes more..I believe it takes commitment.

I am asking for commitment during the next few months. P/C Wayne Creekmore, JN and I are going to be calling you, not asking any general questions, instead asking for your commitment. We are planning a huge slate of items along with P/C Leon Corbett, SN and Lt Tom Loveless, AP.

This is our plans, and we don't mind if you contact us to give your commitment.

Weather	Instructor Qualification
Seamanship	Vessel Safety
Piloting	GPS Seminar

This is just a beginning slate but we want YOU! Take, teach, tutor be there or we may just have you walking a plank!

Administrative Officer

Lt/C Marilyn Shuping

June already! And this is the month for our "Low Country Boil". It will be held on June 25th at 6:00 at Bea and Ray Travis' house, in Advance. Please let me at mbshuping@tdarx.com or Kathi Vestal at (kbvestal@triad.rr.com) know if you will be attending. The cost is $15 per person, a bargain for an evening of raucous enjoyment. You are also asked to bring either an appetizer or a dessert. When you RSVP, please tell us what you might be bringing. Set up for the party starts at 9:00am that Saturday morning. There will be sausage biscuits and juice for those who help out. Our host, Chef Ray, has made it clear that Chef's don't set up or clean up. Their culinary skills are all they contribute, which is fair. We are lucky to have his talents in our club.

It is also the time when we have our annual auction to raise money for the squadron. KB Jennings does an awesome job as auctioneer. Please bring anything of value that you don't need any more. It does not have to be a boat-related item, although those particular pieces sell very well.

I am still working on the program for July, but August promises to be a treat. A good friend of KB and Cindy Jennings, Dr. Hop Hopkins, will present a program on the trip he made, via boat, to Antarctica last year. I have heard this program and it's very interesting.

WSSPS will be the Host Squadron for the Fall D-27 meeting. As is the custom, WSSPS will prepare small welcome gifts for our visitors. Please help by sending a "FAVORITE" recipe for a cook booklet we are preparing. We will make this booklet available for our own members via e-mail requests. Please send your recipe to Becky Creekmore at creek2k@gmail.com

And last, but not least, Mike and I have gotten our boat in the water several times. I can't say those times have been without incident, but that's another story. I have discovered, though, that I am painfully short of the proper "boat" garb. So I will be consulting with the squadron's "dressing for boating success" Ms. Faye London on proper boat attire. We haven't received our new registration sticker for the boat and so on Memorial Day weekend in the Beaufort Inlet we were "pulled" by a blue light. We had everything in order and he was impressed with how orderly I had our gear, i.e. my lines were coiled and out of the way, all our gear was stowed below, our paperwork was all neat and in order in our waterproof notebook, etc. We mentioned that we were power squadron members which seemed to impress him. I'm so glad I've completed my first hurdle in power squadron, by attaining my seamanship status.

Mike and I attended a wedding back in April in Richmond and sat with a Coast Guard Captain. We told him the first time we were going to take the boat out there were gale force winds so we decided against it. His reply was, "The Coast Guard thanks you!"

See you all at the "Boil"!

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.

"Felix Goes Boating"
(part one)

One day while relaxing in his easy chair reading his forwarded copy of "Crossed Anchors", a little middle aged man by the name of Felix began to dream. Could I do those things like those guys and gals in Winston-Salem do every weekend? Yes I can, he said to himself. I can start "Living The Dream".

So Felix goes to a local boat yard that has used boats for sale. A broker comes out of his office with a cool looking tropical shirt, fancy NASCAR type sunglasses and slicked back hair, like my cousin Bernie used to have. This broker asks this unsuspecting man what kind of boat is he looking for? Felix replies: Oh, just something that floats and I can take into the ocean and fish from and sometimes impress my girlfriend. But what he really wants is one of those big off shore boats or motor cruisers with rooms and cabins and toilets and creature comforts. But what he really forgot was; they cost money. So with a limited budget after some looking around, Felix picks out this worn out, beat up, fix me up special Bayliner that was quickly becoming part of the lawn ornament collection this boat yard had in one corner with all of the other derelicts.

Now for some reason Felix quickly criticized the condition of this boat and the lack of care this old Bayliner runabout has never had since it was new. Looking at it was obvious. But he could not resist the price: $1999.00 or best offer. And this also included a trailer with 2 flat tires. After a brief period of negotiation and some form of bartering back and forth, the broker was willing to give up his prized lawn ornament. After a couple of inflated flat tires were made to look somewhat roadworthy, down the road Felix went pulling his new prize and perceived bargain of a life time. He was singing that new tune of "Living the Dream" recently released by that all time famous rock group called the "Slip Cruisers". {The lyrics and words will be spoken in a future issue of "Fish House Chronicles"}

This new- to-boating individual takes this newly acquired prize and begins to fall in love again. Falling in love is a literal sense of the word as he is still visioning "Living the Dream". He goes to West Marine, and sees a very inexpensive hand held VHF radio and also gets the orange type PFD's that were on sale, one each for him, his girlfriend and a third in case he gets very lucky one weekend. Back to his house he goes and puts all of this in his newly acquired boat. He has to now re-inflate the tires on the trailer again as they went flat while he was away. But he is not worried as the boat broker told him if he does not keep them rolling on the road they naturally go flat from not being used. Therefore, this was no worry for Felix because why would this boat broker lie to him anyway?

A quick run over to his girlfriend's house to show her his new prize and after several conversations later about how wonderful their lives will be because they were now about to be "Living the Dream", they were off to the gas station to fill up this new old boat with gas. Fortunately for Felix, the boat fuel tank did not have any leaks he could see but it did smell a

little “gassy” to his girlfriend, but Felix remembered what the broker said: “They all smell like that”. So why would he lie about that as well? So now the final leg of the land journey was to find that boat launching area off of the ICW.

Now the experience Felix was about to go through is a whole new story. Has anyone remembered their first time trying to back a boat trailer down a ramp on a busy Saturday afternoon for the first time before? Well, we can skip all of the details of this part of his experience, but after several pull ups and many crooked jackknifes and yelling at his girlfriend, Felix managed to get the boat trailer in the water. Now while Felix was admiring his 90 degree angle of boat launching, his girlfriend noticed that the boat was quickly filling up with water. She said : “this boat leaks”. At that moment, a good Samaritan walks over and tells Felix that he may have forgotten to install the drain plug. Felix pulls the boat trailer out of the water and I am sure it was a load in a half with the weight of the water. He installs the plug and goes through the process of getting it backed into the water for the 2nd time in his life.

With the boat void of new sea water and it actually floated off the trailer ok, Felix’s girlfriend quickly tied the boat off with such expertise and professionalism, because she had seen a guy named Leon give a class on knots a few months ago at some legal seminar in Wilmington. You know those lawyer types that never know when they get tied up. So now the plan is off to the famous water world as described in a former article of “Fish House Chronicles”. A quick turn of the key by Felix, and nothing, not even a click. Felix remembered he forgot to do one thing the broker told him to do. Charge the battery. So with no battery charger nearby, or jumper cables that can reach 50 feet or more, Felix did the next best thing. He swapped his pick up truck battery for the boat battery. Now that turn of the key resulted in some engine turning and smoking and several misfires. With a little funny smelling spray chemical injected directly down the carb, he managed to get this boat engine running.

With a gentle shove off the dock and all lines in, Felix and his two love’s were motoring down the ICW. Seems like an easy thing to do this boating sport he thought. Just drive it like a car. Look at all the water we have he said. Well we know that he found the shallow spots very quickly so after running aground a few times, his girlfriend said he should just follow the other boats that appear to be in the middle of the channel. So Felix took his place in line behind the other boats. While he was cruising he wondered what all of the cool looking red and green squares and triangles were for. He asked his girlfriend and she remembered that some guy named Reid told her at a seminar in Winston-Salem that they were like road map things to drive the boat between. So Felix drove his boat between the green squares and red triangles.

(Stay tuned for part two, “The Rescue of Felix”)

See You On The Water
P/C Don Breault
“Liberty”

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
- 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.

Many thanks to our three chairmen:
Dawn Gaskill, Kathi Vestal, and Debbie Mayfield!

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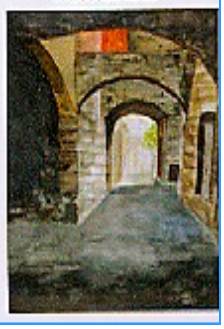

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Calendar of Events for 2011

Date:06/01/2011

Date	Event
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 "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	Executive Committee Meeting Open To All Members "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	Executive Committee Meeting Open To All Members "Tom & Cathy Loveless House"
November 16, 2011	Big Shots Grill, Stratford Rd. Winston-Salem, NC - "Our Year In Review"
December 5, 2011	Executive Committee Meeting Open To All Members "TBA"
December 17, 2011	"TBA" - "Annual Christmas Party"
	2012
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
March 23, 2012	D-27 Spring Conference & COW. "TBD" 3/23 to 3/25

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Important events

25 June	Low Country Boil at Travis's home, 6 pm
2 -5 July	Cruise to New Berne, NC
20 July	Membership Mtg Big Shotz Grill, Stratford Rd. 6:30 pm
1 Aug.	Executive Committee Mtg (open to all members) George & Margie Lamb's house, 6:30 pm

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