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New Bridge from left to right: Jim Frazier, Supply Officer; Dawn Gaskill, Membership; Becky Creekmore, Member At Large ; Bill Davis, Admin Officer; KB Jennings, Assist Education Officer; Kin Cartrette, Educational Officer; Eddie Shinlever, Executive Officer; Kathi Vestal, Secretary/Treasurer.

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# 2013 Change of Watch





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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**February 20, 2013    Monthly Meeting. River Ridge Taphouse (formerly Big Shotz), Clemmons.  
"Touring the Straits of Juan de Fuca" by Bill Davis and Denny Brigadier**

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**March 5,12,19,26,    ABC Class    Old Town Recreation Center at 4550 Shattalon Drive, Winston-Salem, NC.  
Apr 2                    7-9 pm       Non-member-\$50**

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# 2012 Awards

## 2012 Member of the Year Lt/C Cathy Loveless

Lt/C Cathy Loveless is the 2012 Member of Year for the WSSPS. Cathy has been the Editor for the squadron newsletter, Crossed Anchors, for several years and has done an outstanding job. The newsletter was awarded the Outstanding Publication Award during Cathy's years as editor. In addition, she served as a Member-at-Large on the Bridge for the squadron. Cathy has been in charge of squadron email communications via email to assure all members know what is going on with our squadron. Cathy with her husband Tom Loveless, helped plan and execute the Wine Tour done by the Squadron in September, 2012. Cathy always has a positive attitude and is always willing to lend a helping hand with squadron activities. In 2011, she did an outstanding job with registration and the silent auction for the D27 Fall Conference held in Winston-Salem.

## 2012 Conley Smith Award Lt/C William (Bill) Davis, SN

Conley Smith was a dedicated member of the Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron and exemplifies what an outstanding member should be. P/C Ray Travis, SN began the Conley Smith Award to honor members who demonstrate the characteristics that make an outstanding member in leadership, education, and dedication to the squadron. Lt/C Bill Davis, SN was awarded the Conley Smith Award at the WSSPS COW on February 2, 2013. Bill was a member of the WSSPS previously and moved his membership to the Greensboro Sail and Power Squadron. He moved his membership back to the WSSPS in the Spring of 2011. When he returned he attended not only the regular membership meetings and outings of the WSSPS but also the Bridge meetings. When it was time to nominate new officers, Bill volunteered to serve as the Administrative Officer for 2011. As 2012 started, Bill attended D27 training in Raleigh and was off to a busy year planning meetings and activities for our squadron. He did an outstanding job getting members to commit and participate in our meetings and programs. He was able to get an Operations Training done for the squadron in January. He also agreed to serve an additional year as Administrative Officer of our squadron.

## 2012 DINGHY AWARDS

Triathlon Dinghy Award: Joel Williams

Shortest: Ray Travis

Longest: Reid London

Best Looking: Don Breault

Fastest: Dennis Brigadier

Grand Champion Dinghy Wanna Be: Tom Lovelace



# Please Review and Update Your USPS Personal Information!

Have you changed your address recently? Bought a new phone with a new number? Have new email address? Finally gotten around to getting a MMSI for your DSC radio? Bought a new boat? All of this info is contained in the personal information records at USPS. Some of us have outdated records, so I'd like to request that everyone check their records and update them as necessary.

The process is simple and can easily be done on line:

! Start by going to the USPS website, *usps.org*

! At the top of the page, click on *Site Index*

! On the next page, click on *Information Center*

! Near the bottom of the left hand column on the Information Center page, click on *Manage Your Own Profile*

! You'll need to enter your Certificate Number and PIN here. If you haven't yet created a PIN, you'll be led through the process of creating one. (This part can be annoying. Just be patient, and follow the directions carefully.)

! Your Membership Information page will open. Make the appropriate updates and click on *Update* the bottom of the page. You're done!

! Remember your password so you can come back to the Information center to print rosters, get organization information, email Squadron members, etc.

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above if you have questions.  
Our meetings are always open  
to the public. Please visit with  
us anytime.

## February Meeting

### *TOURING THE STRAITS OF JUAN de FUCA* February 20th

**Speakers:  
Bill Davis  
And  
Denny Brigadier**

**River Ridge Taphouse  
Formerly Big Shotz  
Clemmons, NC**

**For menu: Go to <http://riverridgetaphouse.com>**

**Social: 6:00p  
Meeting 7:00p**

**Guests are always  
welcome.**



# From the Helm

## Cdr. Wayne Creekmore, JN

This is the 100th Birthday of USPS. I was a Squadron Commander in the 75th Anniversary and will not be WSSPS Commander for the 100th. For our motto this year it will be 'Ask what you can do for your Squadron and Ask what your Squadron can do for you'. Our goal for the year will be to accomplish our motto with training and practice and have a lot of fun doing it for which this squadron needs no training to accomplish. Thanks for letting me serve as WSSPS Commander during the coming year. Hope everyone will take a course and participate in a large or small way. .

NOTE: I recommend all members subscribe to the Sail Angle newsletter. It applies to Sail and Power boating. Go to USPS.org for the procedure.

Wayne Creekmore

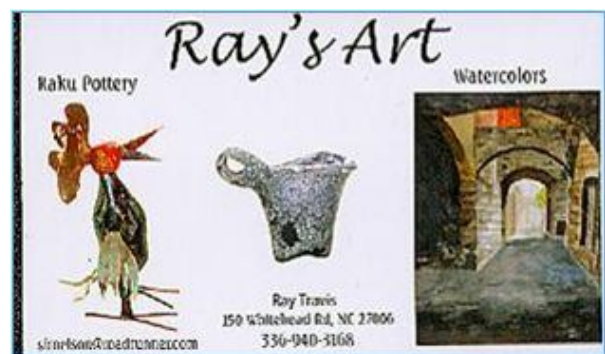
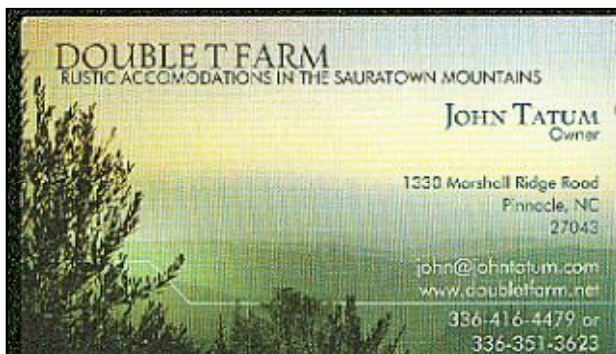
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#### Nautical Check Flip Charts

“Sail and Power Nautical Checks, a small, handy, spiral-bound, waterproof flip chart is an easy fit in pockets or storage drawers and measure 3.5 inches wide by 6.5 inches long. It is 20 pages front and back full of tips for things like Identification, Float Plans and Communications, Anchoring and Arrival, Inspections, Winterizing, Basic Rules of the Road and more. On the inside front cover is a space where squadrons can print their contact information on a stick-on label. You can mark and erase using markers and acrylic erasers or grease pencil.

This flip chart is a great ice breaker to use when you want to give people information about your squadrons and USPS. Use them at boat shows and public events, in ABC3 classes, during VSCs and anywhere else you represent USPS.

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# Education Officer

## Kin Cartrette



Spring is just a couple of months away when avid boaters will once again take to the local and coastal waterways. Safe boating begins with educated boating! To keep boating safe and fun the Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron will begin the educational year by offering a boating safety course in March.

The ABC-3 course will be taught at the Old Town Recreation Center at 4550 Shattalon Drive, Winston-Salem, NC. The time and dates for the course are 7:00 - 9:00 pm on Tuesdays, March 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, and April 2nd. This is a great opportunity for interested family and friends to learn boating safety and learn about the Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron. Anyone interested in taking the course can email me at [scoutingplus@aol.com](mailto:scoutingplus@aol.com) or call me at (336) 414-6490. The cost for the public this year is \$50

We are finalizing plans for Seamanship sometime in April, dates and location TBA soon. Other courses on the horizon are Piloting, Advanced Piloting, Marine Electronics, Marine Engines, and possibly Sail. We are also looking at offering seminars including Knots and GPS,

To know which courses squadron members are needing and interested in taking we need your feedback! We have created a short survey that we would like for each member to complete. The survey can be taken online at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/C9PVDFP>. This survey link will also be emailed to WSSPS members for you to complete.

We are also looking for folks willing to join the education team and teach or help teach courses. Please let us know if you're interested, we'd love to have you!

If you have any question, recommendations, or want to help, please contact me!  
See You On The Water!



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Roundtrip from Fort Lauderdale on Holland America MS *Nieuw Amsterdam*

<p><b>Itinerary:</b> Grand Turk, Turks &amp; Caicos; San Juan, Puerto Rico; St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands; and Half Moon Cay, Bahamas</p> <p>This exclusive 2-week promotion for USPS members begins Thursday, 17 Jan. 2013 and runs through 31 Jan. 2013.</p>	<p>This promotion also includes an Onboard Value Book worth \$350.</p> <p><b>Special pricing from \$819</b> Inside stateroom from \$819 per person Outside stateroom from \$979 pp Verandah stateroom from \$1,099 pp Suite from \$1,879 pp</p>
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# Administrative Officer

Lt/C Bill Davis, SN

I think I must meditate in a quiet room with soft quiet music, perhaps Henry Mancini or Mantovani, low lighting, maybe a scented candle and wait for inspiration about the activities for the Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron's 2013 year. At this point it looks more like a jig saw puzzle than a plan. Linda B and I have pooled our talent for a February program that will likely be different from anything you might have seen so far. We are going to the Northwest for a little boating experience and sightseeing. There are things in that part of the United States and Canada that many of you may not have ever seen before. I know I hadn't. We only run this picture show one time so come on out February 20<sup>th</sup> to River Ridge Tap House, formerly Big Shotz in Clemmons.

It also occurred to me that I have been on some other what one might call unique boating trips that I may spring on the membership. I have one trip to Maine on the rivers there and one in the New England waters. We'll see how the year develops. I suspect there are others that have had some special boating adventures, perhaps in the European canals, or Caribbean. I guess I just need to root them out of the folks that have the pictures and memory of their travels. HELLO, are you receiving this inquiry?

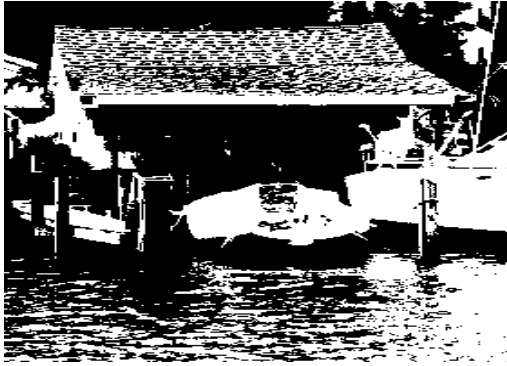
Getting old doesn't mean you have to stop learning and I learn from an assortment of ways. Talking to Linda Brigadier one Saturday morning a while ago she told me Denny was in the other room watching a boating educational show on Channel 46 from 1000 to 1030. I turned on the television and lo and behold sure enough they were talking about boats. Apparently this program comes on every Saturday morning and she said he watches this program religiously. Who knew! I didn't. Amazing what you can learn in casual conversation. I have now programmed the show on my DVR as I seldom get to watch an original show.

Which brings me to my next thought. (You didn't think I was done yet did you?) Talking about learning that is one of the 4 tenets I try to live by, i.e. never stop learning is one. Of course loving your family and friends, contributing to the quality and value of society through work and volunteering, and last, traveling outside your comfort zone to learn about the world. Travel helps eliminate prejudice in our human nature. So much for my philosophizing.

We had Operations Training January 20<sup>th</sup> at my house and it was a good program given by Leon Corbett. I saw OT from a different angle than the same course I took in Greensboro. Thanks Leon. I spent a few minutes on the USPS website going over the wide array of information available there. It is amazing what all you can find there. One could spend hours surfing that site. I did encourage everyone to document their pin number somewhere. In addition to your E or F number which most folks know there are some places on the site that you need your pin number to access. Leon said it came with your renewal card each year so check that when your new card comes in the mail.

As a preview for the February general meeting program think lavender.





# Fish House Chronicles

By P/C Don Breault, AP

## **“An Angry Chesapeake” The Continued Homeward Journey of “Old Man River”**

With just 20 more miles to go, we had to make Smith Point Marina to find protected waters and in order to do this we had to make a course change due west, right into a late afternoon setting sun. With the windshield and isling glass covered in salt spray, and a blinding Sun in our faces, an instrument approach was looking as an option. We had a narrow set of rock jetty's to go between and our depth was quickly approaching 4 feet. The wind was now howling at a constant 25 knots with gusts up to 35. Sea spray was horizontal as the wind swept off the top 2 inch layer of the 6 footers that were beginning to pound against our hull.

The confluence of the Chesapeake, the Potomac River, and the wind affects of the widest part of the bay had all lined up to deal some of the most challenging weather events any flat water mariner could ever expect. Some blue water cruisers may have had experiences like this but with the hydraulics of waves only 3 to 5 seconds apart, it made for even an old New England salt want to become a land lubber or at best a lake boater.

As our depth continued to shrink from 5 to 4 feet and visions of some 3 foot water, we got a glimpse of our precision instrument approach. We missed the approach to the rock jetty by 75 yards to the north. We had to make a turn directly into the storm ravaged sea and we had to endure a few broaching 6 footers against Old Man Rivers Starboard hull. Once pointed into the rolling breakers we angled our next turn so the following seas would not push us into the jetty. We gave it a wide angled approach and dead ahead was the middle of the channel. Throttles were kicked up for more power to enable better helm control, and we found ourselves between the two jetty's, dead center, and within 20 seconds the intense pounding stopped as we have crossed into the “Promise Land” of protected water.

We switched helmsman at this time to give the previous one a break from the intensity of the last 20 or so miles and it was now a clutch speed cruise between the many markers that outlined a very narrow and shallow channel. We saw our docks and approached them with caution as we had come too far and endured so much to have a grounding or mishap this late into this adventure. A textbook docking was made and we were quickly tied up. One small but big problem. The Marina was closed and there was no one around. They did not wait for us. We were down to less than quarter tank on fuel and we all needed shore power for the cold was setting in fast as the sun set over the creek already.

Our luck changed when the Marina Owner drove up and as he got out of his car, he had the look of seeing a ghost ship and a ghost crew walking about on his docks. He quickly said to us, “I thought that you would have given up seeing how heavy the weather had changed, and I assumed you were not coming today.” He ran down the docks to turn on shore power, and his fuel pumps. We quickly fueled up and set the heat on high inside the cabins. The Marina Owner even offered to take us to town to sample one of the local eateries that was still open to the locals only. And what a treat that was, because this crew was famished and longed for some libations to calm ones nerves from the days pounding at sea.

Later on that evening we looked at weather radar and marine forecasts for the lower Chesapeake and we set a departure time of 0630 the next day. All of us fell asleep watching one of the seasonal college bowl football games. The next morning promised to give us new challenges as the previous day's rain fall had all froze on the decks and docks. We carefully departed the docks and found flat water in the creek, and then as we approached the Chesapeake, we saw our round number 2 of an angry winter storm trying to hang on as the weather front was trying to push off shore. Eastern weather forecasters were calling for heavy snowfall in the upper part of Virginia and the mid Atlantic states that day.

Into open water we cruised. The weather did settle down for us and the wind and wave action would not pick up speed until later that afternoon, in which case we had planned to be into Hampton Roads by then. Two footers were the norm and we would run into heavier seas as each major river from Virginia would dump its quarry of water into the Chesapeake. First the Rappahannock, then the York, and finally the James. These river confluences had a little going away message for us as we cruised right on by them. As we approached the open waters of Hampton Roads, a small treat for one of our crew members came as the VHF crackled a security message as Warship #72 was departing the Hampton Roads channel for open sea. That crew member actually spoke to a U.S. Naval Warship that day and he was pleased for the remainder of the trip. So proud of himself, he still speaks of it several weeks later.

The worst of this weather was now behind us as the remainder of the 2<sup>nd</sup> days journey would be in protected waters all the way to Coinjock. We had lady luck on our side with the bridge openings and we were tracking 1 hour ahead of schedule as we arrived in good order at Coinjock. Refueled and plugged in, we were now ready for that long overdue hot shower and the legendary prime rib special that was pre-ordered thanks to our cruise planner.

Day number 3 caused a major departure delay due to heavy fog. The weather front was changing again, and we had to wait for full daylight to show us the ½ mile visibility we had for most of that morning. High end cruising speed was restricted to half speed until visibility improved. Late that morning as we crossed the Albemarle Sound, visibility and speed increased accordingly. The Alligator River had pockets of poor visibility but with limited boating traffic, we had a lower risk of oncoming and flowing traffic. As a matter of fact we never saw boats until the late afternoon. The remainder of our journey was in protected waters until we crossed the Pamlico and Neuse Rivers.

Just like day one, the Pamlico River had all day to steep up its water's into 3's and 4's with a NW wind of 25 knots. Our approach to Goose Creek was a bit challenging when a strong gust blew out the canvas that was already ducked taped together. Foul weather gear was issued and we continued until we got into the ditch again. The same was for the Neuse River but the wind and wave actions were easier to deal with because of the ability to tack back and forth. The mid part of the Neuse River flattened out for our approach to Adams Creek. The remainder of our journey home was uneventful except for the very ugly docking into a new slip the owner of "Old Man River" had only seen from land. Frank Styers had several things to talk about that evening and the next day about the landing of "Old Man River". I am sure everyone in Winston-Salem had already heard about it before the end of that weekend.

With a warm welcome and reception group of about 20 witnesses, Old Man River was tied up to her new home in Pelletier Creek. She now awaits a small refit of canvas and some minor cosmetic work along with a planned re-naming ceremony. As the owners would like to properly bury the name "Old Man River" and ask the mighty God of the Seas; Neptune for proper dispensation and a new name to be welcomed and joined into the realms of the other famous boats of Pelletier Creek. The tired and exhausted crew went aboard "Liberty" for a home cooked meal of pasta, meat balls, and many libations. During the celebration meal they all spoke about the famous winter adventure they all endured. A journey no mariner will ever forget and a journey that bonds friendships forever.

See you on calmer water!

P/C Don Breault, AP  
"Liberty"





## Winston-Salem Sail & Power Squadron Calendar of Events for 2013

DATE		EVENT		February 2013	
2013					
February 20, 2013		Monthly Meeting. River Ridge Taphouse (formerly Big Shotz), Clemmons. "Touring the Straits of Juan de Fuca" with Bill Davis and Dennis Brigadier			
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March 22-23, 2013		D27 C.O.W., Raleigh, NC. 50th Anniversary Celebration			
April 1, 2013		Executive Committee Meeting "Breault"s Boston Bar & Grill"			
April 17, 2013		Monthly Meeting. River Ridge Taphouse (formerly Big Shotz), Clemmons. "TBA"			
May 6, 2013		Executive Committee Meeting. "Bill Davis' House"			
May 15, 2013		Monthly Meeting. River Ridge Taphouse (formerly Big Shotz), Clemmons. "TBA"			
June 3, 2013		Executive Committee Meeting. "Margie & George's House"			
June 19, 2013		Monthly Meeting. River Ridge Taphouse (formerly Big Shotz), Clemmons. "TBA"			
August 5, 2013		Executive Committee Meeting "LTL"			
August 8-11, 2013		D-27 & D-5 Joint Rendezvous, Cape Charles, Va.			
August 21, 2013		Monthly Meeting. River Ridge Taphouse (formerly Big Shotz), Clemmons. "TBA"			
September 1-8, 2013		2013 Governing Board, San Antonio, Texas			
September 18, 2013		Monthly Meeting. River Ridge Taphouse, Clemmons. "TBA"			
October 7, 2013		Executive Committee Meeting. "George Ellis House"			
October 16, 2013		Monthly Meeting. River Ridge Taphouse, Clemmons. "TBA"			
November 4, 2013		Executive Committee Meeting "Breault"s Boston Bar & Grill"			
November 20, 2013		Monthly Meeting. River Ridge Taphouse, Clemmons. "TBA"			
December 2, 2013		Executive Committee Meeting "LTL"			
December 14, 2013		WSSPS Annual Christmas Party "TBA"			
2014					
January 4, 2014		D-27 Winter Training Meeting. NC State Univ. Club, Raleigh, NC			



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