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*" Ask what you can do for your Squadron  
and  
Ask what your Squadron can do for you"*

## 2012 WSSPS EDUCATOR of the YEAR Lt. Kin Cartrette P

Our newest Education Officer,

Lt/C William M. Cartrette, P (Kin) is an eager and helpful person. I have been very happy to award Kin the 2012 WSSPS Educator of the Year. He has helped do great things in 2012 and I look forward to what he has planned for 2013.



Please give Kin the support and help with the classes. He is definitely already hitting the new 2013 year a running.

## 2012 Communicator Award Kathy Loveless and Marshall Tyler





Pictures  
provided  
by Eddie  
Shinlever.  
Thanks,  
Eddie.



2013  
WSSPS  
Change  
of Watch



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Our meetings are always open  
to the public. Please visit with  
us anytime.

# WSSPS Monthly Membership Meeting March 20, 2013

*“Sailing in Sweden”*

with

P/Cs Mary Lou and Leon Corbett

**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.**





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## From the Helm Cdr. Wayne Creekmore, JN

Attending a Nationalm USPS Annual Meeting is a phenominal adventure. You will meet and become friends with the most amazing people from all over the US and many other places. Just imagine hundreds of fellow USPS members doing the work of the Power Squaderons and the partying in the various hospitality rooms that you can visit.

You will learn what a very large organization we all belong to and what an immense effort is put forth by folks just like you and me to make the USPS membership something to be very proud of.

You will learn about the many things we are involved in to promote safe boating and becoming more proficient and involve ourselves in maintaining new and improved skills/ techniques.

Please consider attending one or more of these meetings. There will be several in the coming year and the grand finale for 2013 will be at San Antonio Texas ( a great place to visit). I hope we can have a good delegation from WSSPS to show them how to have more fun as well as conducting the serious business of our USPS.

There was a lot of information available at the convention. Some of the discounts and benefits available to Power Squadron members include:

Travel: check out [www.USPSvacation.org](http://www.USPSvacation.org) for discounts on world tours, cruises, Caribbean vacations, Hotels, and rental cars

USSPS Centennial Cruise Feb 2: contact Dawn Eckhart @ (727) 403-0406 or email her at [dawn-straveldeals@gmail.com](mailto:dawn-straveldeals@gmail.com)

Wyndam Hotel Group discounts: mention ID #1000008696 at time of reservation. Call 877-670-7088

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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| March 20, 2013        | Monthly Meeting. River Ridge Taphouse (formerly Big Shotz), Clemmons.<br>"Sailing with Mary Lou and Leon Corbett           |
| 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 4 - May30, 2013 | Seamanship Class   |
| April 17, 2013        | Monthly Meeting. River Ridge Taphouse (formerly Big Shotz), Clemmons.<br>Paul Long, Greensboro, to speak on Co-op Charting |

# Education Officer

## Lt. Kin Cartrette P



We're getting good feedback on the WSSPS Education Survey. From the responses so far, there is a need for Junior Navigation and Seamanship. Other courses with interest are Instructor Development, Engine Maintenance, Marine Electronics, and Weather. There is also significant interest in Advanced Powerboat Handling, Basic Weather Forecasting, and Using GPS seminars. Basic Coastal Navigation, Emergencies on Board, How to Use a Chart, and Knots, Bends, and Hitches also drew interest. We will schedule these courses and seminars as soon as possible with priority given to courses in highest demand. From the survey, Thursdays evenings are strongly preferred for classes followed by Tuesdays. We would love to hear from more WSSPS members on the survey; your input is important in courses offerings and schedule. The survey can be taken online at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/C9PVDFP>.

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 [education@wssps.org](mailto:education@wssps.org) or call me at (336) 413-6490. The cost for the public this year is \$50

Seamanship is scheduled for Thursdays, April 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th and May 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. at New Hope United Methodist Church at 5125 Shattalon Drive, Winston-Salem, NC! Seamanship is the follow-up course to ABC-3 and covers marlinspike, anchoring, deck seamanship, rafting, customs and etiquette, boat care, and maintenance. Everyone interested in taking Seamanship can email me at [education@wssps.org](mailto:education@wssps.org) or call me at (336) 413-6490.

Junior Navigation looks to be next on the horizon along with Instructor Development! Advanced Powerboat Handling, Basic Weather Forecasting, and Using GPS seminars are also in the planning.

We are always looking for folks to join the education team and teach or help teach courses. One of the best ways to learn with deeper understanding is to teach.

See You On The Water!  
Kin

### **"ABC"** class

started March 5, 12, 19, 26, Apr 2 @ New Hope Methodist Church. If you can assist in any way with the class, please call Kin Cartrette @ (336) 413-6490 or email him @ [education@wssps.org](mailto:education@wssps.org)

### **"Seamanship"** class,

April 4, 11, 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30. 7p-9p @New Hope Methodist Church. If interested in attending, please contact Kin Cartrette at [education@wssps.org](mailto:education@wssps.org). or (336) 413-6490

## USPS Centennial Cruise

7-day Eastern Caribbean 2-9 Feb. 2014

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

**Itinerary:** Grand Turk, Turks & Caicos; San Juan, Puerto Rico; St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands; and Half Moon Cay, Bahamas

This exclusive 2-week promotion for USPS members begins Thursday, 17 Jan. 2013 and runs through 31 Jan. 2013.


This promotion also includes an Onboard Value Book worth \$350.

**Special pricing from \$819**  
Inside stateroom from \$819 per person  
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**Now you can book your 7-day Centennial Caribbean cruise with a deposit of only \$100 per person!**

Don't miss this fantastic offer! This is Holland's newest ship, and the itinerary and dates are popular, so inventory is limited. Book now to reserve the best possible stateroom location; final payment is due 17 Nov 2013.

Please email Dawn Eckhart at [dawnsdeals@earthlink.net](mailto:dawnsdeals@earthlink.net) or call 727-403-0406 to join us on this spectacular celebration cruise!





# Administrative Officer

**Lt/C Bill Davis, SN**

March is like almost boating season but not quite. I saw daffodils pushing up in late February so the promise of warmer weather is here. I did escape winter for a week recently by going on a group tour to the Florida Keys in February. The weather was purrrr-fect. I can understand why all the Yankees and retirees nest there along with all the sea birds. So many boats in so many marinas. We did do a tour of the Everglades that are south of Miami. With a lecture and a walking tour that followed we got up close and personal with alligators, anhinga, cormorants, egrets, blue heron, etc. These creatures had not been hunted for 70 years in this area and they were quite tame and not afraid of humans. Some of birds posed for us on the wood fence next to the walk path. The alligators just laid there 3 feet from our path not paying us any attention. My expectation was a little different from reality. I expected long desolate bridges to get from one piece of land to another. Not so. There are so many coral reefs that make up the "Keys" it was mostly puddle jumps. By the way the difference in a Cay like in the BVI's is that a Cay is a volcanically formed island where a Key is a coral formation. (You never stop learning in the USPS folks.) Key Largo is one of the largest keys but Key West has to be the most unusual which is why most folks put that on the agenda. You are suppose to watch the sunset to the west as a tradition and if you are not too drunk in the morning watch the sunrise to the east. We also took a 2.5 hour boat ride to Dry Tortugas 70 miles west of Key West to Fort Jefferson and I got to do some snorkeling there to see the pretty fish.

Maybe this article should be under education or perhaps my department should get credit for a bonus program. Anyway reading this might make some of you want to put this on your to do list if you haven't already been there.

We explored the Northwest in February and it is over to Europe with Leon Corbett in March. Consider our general meetings a travel log if you will.

By the way Ponce de Leon, no relation to our Leon, called any island he couldn't find fresh water on "dry" and Tortugas means turtles because there were so many on the island. The island was strategic in that it was right there where all the maritime traffic left the Mississippi and rounded the tip of Florida to come up the Atlantic coast. Had enough? Class dismissed.

Stay tuned next month for pictures.

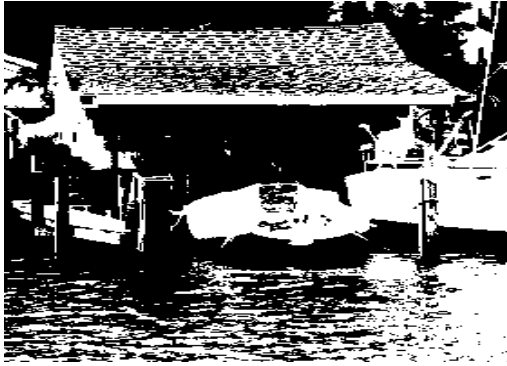
## *Ship's Store*

You can purchase at our next meeting  
or call Jim Frazier at  
(336) 998-6998 to arrange  
something.



**WSSPS 50th Anniversary CD**  
Ask Jim

**WSSPS Burgee**  
\$25 each



# Fish House Chronicles

By P/C Don Breault, AP

## Three Wishes

In the life of a mariner, sometimes those weekend journeys may take him or her to a destination they have never been to before. When they arrive and drop the anchor and then row the inflatable to shore, they may discover something they may have been wishing for. Now I bet you think this story is that old Genie in the bottle story. Kind of like the one with Barbara Eden and Larry Hagman in: "I Dream of Genie". No this is not a Genie in a bottle story at all. It isn't even a lesson in life about making a wish.

You see, every one of us has an imagination. We all have a wish list. We all want or desire for something way beyond our means or lifestyle. Many of us will have frequent moments of day dreaming about something expensive, very large, and something with a price tag beyond our resources. And no! I am not talking about new physical attributes commonly found in a person half our age. Most of us may have forgotten what to do with those attributes anyway. So set that aside and concentrate on something you really can use and enjoy every day.

Look at those exotic pictures in your mind of a peaceful location surrounded by water on all sides. Imagine those places where you have seen pictures in a travel magazine that would make you want to day dream that you are in that scene of blue green water and soft sandy beaches glistening in the early morning sun with the occasional shells of a seashore that can only be found in a colorful magazine photo. Now let us take you back even deeper into this photo of a perfect summer day with the whisper of fair weather clouds dotting a small part of a magnificent blue sky. The sun is high in the sky bleating rays of warmth and golden hue while reflecting off the many ripples caused by a small school of bait fish swimming just 20 yards or so off the shore of your little island. Now imagine that you have just started to slowly sip on that ice cold beverage of some exotic drink your first mate has expertly prepared using magical libations of spirits, crushed ice, and only those natural ingredients found in that tropical rain forest behind the beach where you are now sitting. Imagine this while you savor the many flavors and sensations of a mild tickle as the beverage warms its way to your very soul.

Have I now got your interest in a location most of us have been dreaming of? I would hope so, and now let us discover together the reality of this wish or dream we have built in our mind of relaxation and contentment. You have finished your libation and the effects of the drink have now taken hold of your very sense of reality. You are now slowly swinging in a hammock made from hemp tied between two palm trees being pushed by a warm summer breeze. Your mind has drifted in and out conscience as you slowly drift away into a small slumber of dreams. You begin to imagine that the feelings you now have are real and you do not want them to go away for some time now. A very young George Clooney and Cameron Diaz look alike with skimpy swimsuits come by and ask if they can refill your libations while you continue this in and out slumber of total relaxation.



You accept their offer and you continue to slumber in dreams of wishes. Those are the wishes you may have had in your sub-consciousness for many years now. But the slumber and libations have caused them to surface like they were now a reality. You have found yourself in a position of having to make three wishes you really want. What are these three wishes a mariner would make while in the middle of his or her total relaxation of a place they are content with?

We have been busy in Pelletier Creek over the past years. We have spoken to many mariners and their guests both on land and at sea. We even spoke to those who wished they were at sea while staying on land because they thought the land was safer. They all told us of their three wishes if they could wish for three things. Now some of these mariners had more than three wishes. So we had to ask them to narrow it down to just three. We asked them while sampling libations on the Gemini. We asked them while they sat on the back porch of the Fish House. We even asked them while they were fixing their older but newer boats on the docks. Here is what they told me.

Wish number one: I wish that I could share my boating experience with my distant family from far away. They have never seen my boat and I know they would love to cruise on it with me.

Wish number two: I wish that I could provide a wonderful experience to someone who wants to experience the life of living aboard a boat equipped for long distance cruising and never had to worry about life at home.

Wish number three: I wish that I would have a boat that would never break down and would start every time I tried to start it and when it did break down or have a mechanical problem, I could fix it with a screw driver by just tightening a loose screw on the helm.

You see? These are not very hard wishes to fulfill. These are wishes every boater can make come true for someone. And these are wishes that we all dream of every day. What a wonderful experience it would be to share such a unique and exotic experience. But the one wish for fixing a boat with just a screw driver at the helm may be a bit far fetched. But we will work on that one with more technology and less imagination. But keep on dreaming anyway!!!

See you on the water.

P/C, Don Breault  
“Liberty”



### New WSSPS logo polo shirts (white)

Men's: Medium-X/Large

Lady's: Small-Large

## Ship's Store

You can purchase at our next meeting or call Jim Frazier at (336) 998-6998 to arrange something.

**WSSPS coffee cups &  
can “huggies”**  
\$3 each or 2 for \$5

**License Plate**  
**\$5 each**  
**WSSPS Sweatshirt -**  
**Ladies**  
Med and Large \$10 each







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



DATE	EVENT	March 2013
2013		
March 11, 2013	Executive Committee Meeting "Cathy & Tom Loveless House" (Rescheduled from 3/4)	
March 5,12,19,26, Apr 2	ABC Class Old Town Recreation Center at 4550 Shattalon Drive, Winston-Salem, NC. 7-9 pm	
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May 6, 2013	Executive Committee Meeting. "Bill Davis' House"	
May 8, 2013	Picnic @ John Tatum's. Watch for more info in future "Crossed Anchors"	
May 15, 2013	Membership Monthly Meeting. RiverRidge Taphouse, Clemmons. "TBA"	
June 3, 2013	Executive Committee Meeting. "Margie & George's House"	
June 19, 2013	Membership Monthly Meeting. RiverRidge Taphouse, 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	Membership Monthly Meeting. RiverRidge Taphouse Clemmons. "TBA"	
September 1-8, 2013	2013 Governing Board, San Antonio, Texas	
September 18, 2013	Membership Monthly Meeting. RiverRidge Taphouse Clemmons. "TBA"	
October 7, 2013	Executive Committee Meeting. "George Ellis House"	
October 16, 2013	Membership Monthly Meeting. RiverRidge Taphouse Clemmons. "TBA"	
November 4, 2013	Executive Committee Meeting "Breault's Boston Bar & Grill"	
November 20, 2013	Membership Monthly Meeting. RiverRidge Taphouse Clemmons. "TBA"	
December 2, 2013	Executive Committee Meeting "LTL"	
December 14, 2013	WSSPS Annual Christmas Party "TBA"	
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January 4, 2014	D-27 Winter Training Meeting. NC State Univ. Club, Raleigh, NC	

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