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ATTENTION:

MAY MEETING DATES HAVE CHANGED– SOCIAL ON MAY 29 –RiverRidge Taphouse, Clemmons.

ANNUAL AUCTION DATE HAS CHANGED TO JUNE 8 AT JOHN TATUM'S FARM. WITH RSVP AND FOOD SIGN UPS REQUESTED. CALL KATHI VESTAL

The Liberty



“Liberty”

Liberty is a President Marine double cabin motor yacht with the Model name: 37DC. She is a fast trawler design which means she cruises at 10 MPH but can get up to 20 MPH when needed for short periods of time.

She is a Taiwan built cruiser designed as a live aboard for a cruising couple. She can accommodate 2 couples and has berths for 5 with her 2 state rooms and 2 head design. Her overall length is 42’ with a 37’ water line. *Liberty* displaces 28,000 lbs. and is powered by twin Lehman Diesel Engines.

History

Liberty was built in Taiwan from June to September of 1987 and then shipped to Florida. She was commissioned in December of 1987 and named *Raisin Kane*. She cruised to the Caribbean during the winter of 1987 and 1988. In 1988, she cruised to the Chesapeake where she stayed for most of her years with an occasional trip to and from Florida for the winter in the early 1990’s.

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Raisin Kane changed hands in 1997 and she was re-named *Lucky Ducks* and was then confined to the Chesapeake Bay for cruising on weekends and longer summer cruises into VA, MD, and DE. *Lucky Ducks* was based in the Sassafras River in Georgetown MD. In 2007, *Lucky Ducks* was discovered by Don & Sheila Breault sitting in a covered slip in Georgetown, MD with a for sale sign on her. *Lucky Ducks* looked a little like a small project boat that needed some restoration and TLC. After some negotiations and a sea trial, she became the new floating condo for the Breault family. In August of 2007, *Lucky Ducks* was moved to Morehead City, NC and quickly re-named *Liberty*. From the fall of 2007 to 2012, *Liberty* went through many restoration projects and upgrades. She is fully restored and has the look of a well cared for cruiser.



Destinations

Liberty has been cruised along the entire NC coast to include the following ports of call: Southport, Bald Head Island, Wilmington, Wrightsville Beach, Cape Look Out, Beaufort, Ocracoke, Washington, Belhaven, New Bern, and Oriental. *Liberty* has logged over 3,600 NM while based in Morehead City, NC, and she has supported over 350 guest nights and hosted over 75 Power Squadron gatherings.

The Name

The story behind the name was based on the freedom of cruising the sea and the Intercoastal waterway. When docking in a different Port, her crew would be given liberty. Henceforth the freedom and independence of being able to move about freely and having liberty when docking in another port lead to the name of *Liberty*. Her engines have names as well; *Freedom* and *Independence*. Her Zodiac tender is named *Bell*. *Bell* being assigned to *Liberty* is also known as *Liberty Bell*. Perhaps a little New England Colonial History had some play in the name because the décor of *Liberty* reflects Early Americana style.

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the last day of the month.

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

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

WSSPS Membership Meeting

8 JUNE 2013

John Tatum's Farm
1330 Marshall Ridge Rd
Pinnacle, NC 27043

336-416-4479

Directions from Winston Salem, NC: Take 52N toward Pilot Mountain. Take EXIT 129 toward Pinnacle. Turn right onto Perch Rd. (0.9 mile). Turn left onto N Old 52 Rd. and this becomes E 52 Byp. (3.4 miles). Turn right onto NC-268. (6 miles). Turn right onto Rock House Rd. (0.5 miles). Take the 2nd left onto Marshall Ridge Rd. (0.6 mile). 1330 MARSHALL RIDGE RD is on the right. Mileage is approximate. Directions from MapQuest.

WSSPS ANNUAL AUCTION

Social: 6:00p

Meeting/Auction: 7:00p

**Guests are always
welcome.**

**Bring your items-large or small,
old or new-to be
auctioned. Proceeds goes to the
WSSPS.**

**Please RSVP to Kathi Ves-
tal by May 31 PLEASE.**

Items to be auctioned:
2 ANCHORS
3 ELECTRIC METERS

Bring check or cash.
No credit cards accepted

BRING YOUR
CHAIR AND
BEVERAGES.

SIGN UP FOR
FOOD ITEMS TO
BRING- CALL
KATHI 368-5046



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

From the Helm Cdr. Wayne Creekmore, JN

Its been nice spending some time away from winter on a Caribbean cruise (celebrating my Granddaughter's acceptance into the Coast Guard Academy), visiting friends in Florida and Georgia and coming back to winter. Thanks to our Bridge for carrying the load while I was out. I have noticed a drop in attendance at our meetings. Please give me or any of our bridge members a call and discuss this issue . Maybe a rein-statement of our calling committee will help. We are having an exciting event on May 18th YOU DONT WANT TO MISS. Info is being provided in this issue of our CA(Crossed Anchors). Volunteers to help John organize this would be a great way to get active in the Squadron. Don't forget to call Gary Lewis or any of our VEs for getting your boat safety checked.

Education Officer Lt. Kin Cartrette



Congratulations to Jean and Ian Beckstead, Gregory King, Sr., and Gregory King, Jr. on completion of the ABC-3 public boating course taught in March at the Old Town Recreation. All four have be offered a 6 month trial membership in the Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron. Gregory King, Sr. has joined us in the Seamanship class currently under way. A special thanks to Dawn Gaskill and Cindy and K.B Jennings Jr. for helping with this course.

The USPS Seamanship course is currently being taught on Thursdays in April and May from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. at New Hope United Methodist Church at 5125 Shattalon Drive, Winston-Salem NC. Four WSSPS members are currently enrolled in the class. Seamanship is the follow-up course to ABC-3 and covers marlinspike, anchoring, deck seamanship, rafting, customs, slow and fast boat handling, boat care, emergencies on the water, and maintenance.

At this time we are trying to put together a Using GPS seminar. We have an instructor interested in teaching this short course. Those interested in taking the GPS Seminar please send me an email at education@wssps.org or call me at (336) 413-6490. This would be a great course to take before we get too far into the boating season!

We are hoping at scheduling the Junior Navigation 2012 course soon. If you would like to take the JN course, please shoot me an email or give me a call.

Please continue to give us feedback as to the courses that you would like to take or teach. You can take the educational survey online at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/C9PVDFP>. We are always looking for folks to join the education team and teach or help teach courses. One of the best ways to learn is to teach!

See You On The Water!
Kin

Ship's Store

WSSPS logo polo shirts (white)

Mens: Medium-X/Large

Ladies: Medium-Large

\$15 each

WSSPS coffee cups & can "huggies"

\$3 each or 2 for \$5

WSSPS 50th Anniversary burgees

\$25 each

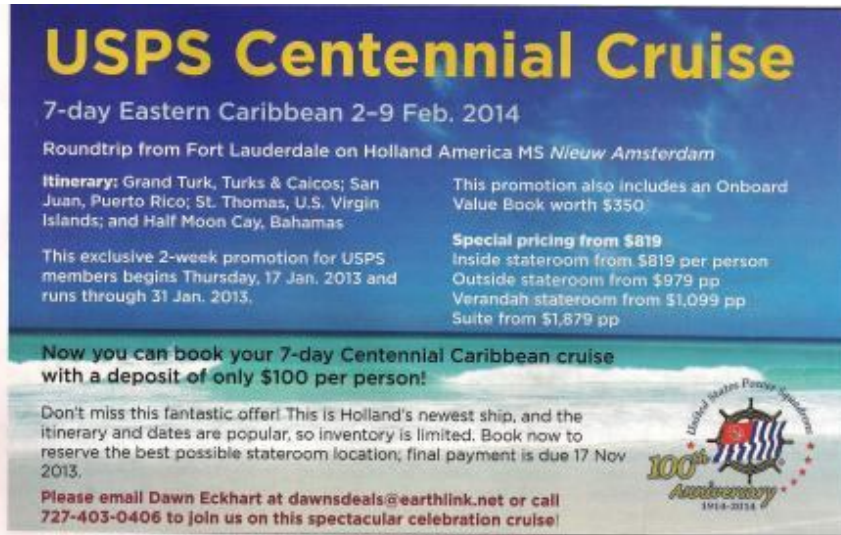
WSSPS Sweatshirt Medium (gray)

\$10 each

WSSPS license Plate

\$5 each

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



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
Outside stateroom from \$979 pp
Verandah stateroom from \$1,099 pp
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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 or call 727-403-0406 to join us on this spectacular celebration cruise!

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Newest USPS Member Benefit!!

The Member Benefits team is now offering members of USPS discounted VPI Pet Insurance. The benefit is for 5% off the normally quoted rate. Go to <http://www.petinsurance.com/usps> and follow the quick and easy steps to obtain a Free Instant Quote and/or more information! It is only a click away! (NOTE: All member benefits are listed on the national Member Benefit Committee webpage - http://www.usps.org/national/admin_dept/membenefits.htm)



Administrative Officer

Lt/C Bill Davis, SN

Okay, now I can feel the groundswell of enthusiasm for the squadron people with boat to go out there and do surveys, check depths, and align ranges in order to get credits for coop charting. It gives purpose to getting out there on the water. I think if we have a group of people going out, maps can be printed and basic forms can be filled out for the survey of the area they will be in. You are already looking for markers, buoys, etc. so why not get their Lat-Lon while you are at it.

I'm sure you will all be reminded multiple times to bring your excess wears to the auction at John Tatum's May 18th. If you came last year you will remember the feast John prepared on his grill for the squadron. If you missed it you need a big red circle on your calendar for this one. His farm is at the top of a mountain with a great view and plenty of things to look at in and around his house as well. A venerable museum, really. You got to see this place.

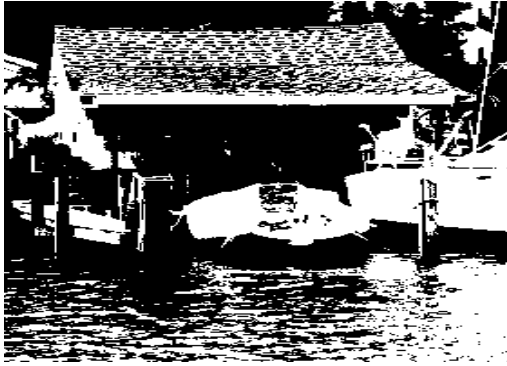
Talking about surveying I remember one time trying to get up close to a marker to take its GPS location using a boat with a 5 foot draft and running aground. Sometimes when they say the marker is on the perimeter of the channel they aren't always exaggerating.

I came across an interesting article with links in the Compass recently that I think will be handy to put in your favorites. It shows the various marlinspike knot methods with good pictures and diagrams. Tag the following somewhere;

<http://www.theensign.org/uspscompass/compassarchive/compassv7n2/compassv7n2.htm>

Just for a heads up we are going to Slane Marine in High Point for our June meeting and to a ball game in July. More on that as time progresses.





Fish House Chronicles

By P/C Don Breault, AP

"Be Prepared At All Times"

I guess everyone knows someone that ran out of fuel at one time or another. Most of the time no one will ever admit to such a silly and unforgivable mistake as running out of fuel. We even know some people who will always take on extra fuel even when they don't need it. We even know of one person who has put fuel in the fresh water storage tank so he will have more fuel capacity. You see when we purchase a boat and start using it, we seem to get concerned about the capacity of the fuel tank. Which means that many boat builders will build a boat with too small of a fuel tank. To avoid the frequent running back and forth to the fuel dock while on a cruise, we all want more fuel capacity so we can avoid the risk of getting too low on fuel during longer distances between ports, or more importantly the risk of being held hostage by a fuel supplier who thinks his and only his fuel is worth more per gallon than the current price of gold is per ounce.

Well my fellow cruisers, here is a real good sea story that will make you think about fuel capacity and dangers of running out of fuel. Or better than that, "Always Be Prepared". Please read on about another Felix adventure on the Neuse River.

It was a late December Saturday afternoon and the weather was seasonal with clear skies and cool temperatures. Felix had just launched his small cuddy cabin cruiser to take a trip to New Bern and return to his boat launch in Oriental at the end of the day. He and his lady friend had a wonderful day on the water and the experience in New Bern was just what they expected. This was going to be another great day in Felix's cruising adventures he would write about in a Power Squadron Newsletter. Felix had planned this to be his last cruise for the season as he had planned to dry dock his boat for the winter and do some off season maintenance and restorations.

On the way back to Oriental, Felix's lady friend noticed that the fuel gauge was reading almost empty. She mentioned that to Felix but Felix replied that this was no problem as he had planned to run his fuel tank almost empty so he could fill it with fresh gas later that month when he thought prices would drop a little. Well the sun began to set behind them and Felix had planned to arrive just in time to pull the boat on to the trailer at dusk. Good timing on his part but somehow he did not plan the fuel capacity mathematics that good.

The engine spit and sputtered and began to lose power real fast. Felix throttled down and when the boat settled down the engine gave a few more thrusts of limited power and a few more spits and a lot of sputters and then stopped. I mean it stopped dead in the middle of the river about ¼ mile from Oriental. Now the look on Felix's face was that of concern but the look on his lady friend was priceless. She came right out and said: "are we out of gas?" Now Felix with that manly man of pride and excuses said: "why no dear, we have a minor mechanical problem." But the real problem was the very fast outgoing tide toward Pamlico Sound and with the setting sun, the temperatures would be dropping faster than an anchor free falling from the bow at the cape!

As Felix's boat began to drift out to sea, he reached for his VHF radio. Woops!! Someone forgot to change the batteries in the little portable hand held. The batteries were dead as a door nail. So the quick thinking Felix reached for his trusty flare gun kit and quickly loaded a meteor flare into the pistol and shot one up into the air. There was a small group of people along the bank of the river and they saw this flare. Then Felix quickly shot another one toward that group. The reaction Felix got was a very loud applause and many cheers as this crowd thought this was someone in a boat shooting fireworks. Felix began to shoot more flares and the applause and cheers got louder. But no one would come to his rescue. Meanwhile, Felix's lady friend went below into the small cuddy cabin to find a blanket to wrap herself in because it was getting very cold out. The sun had already set and dusk was beginning to fade into the night. The look of despair came across Felix's face and he thought that he could just anchor in the middle of the river and he would flag someone down as they got near to him. But I guess you know what Felix found with his ground tackle.

A real nice rod and 6 feet of chain but no anchor. So the two sailors and the small cuddy began to drift further out to sea with Oriental now 1 mile to the north of their position and the current was moving very fast. A shiver began to work its way completely all over Felix's lady friend and she complained constantly about the cold. Felix knowing it was near the end of the season had taken all of the extra clothing and supplies out of the boat anticipating a very long winter storage. No food, no extra clothing, one smelly old wool blanket, and a few ice cold beers in the day cooler was all they had between the two of them. The time of desperation was upon the two shivering sailors. Now the minutes turned to hours as they continued to drift into the wide part of the river where it blended into the Pamlico. They were several miles from oriental.

A few moments later they saw what appeared to be a set of running lights on a small boat heading in the same direction from the north. It was almost a quarter mile to their starboard as it raced almost past them. They heard funny noises coming from this small center consol boat as it appeared to be running wide open. Noises like singing. Singing from a single operator who had a few. Now Felix's lady friend had some quick thinking and she took out of her purse a small LED high intensity flash light that Leon had given her for learning to tie the cleat hitch in a marlin spike class. She pointed this light at the small boat as it was about to become abeam to the little broken down cuddy and the light was erratically illuminating toward the other smaller boat.

Behold, the other boat began to slow down and then to the surprise of the two castaways, the small boat turned toward them. The lady friend continued to shine the light on and off several times and the center console was along side of them in a few minutes. As this boat pulled alongside the two cold and shivering castaways were almost numb but became even more numb when they got a look at the character who was piloting that small center consol. It was a middle aged man with a scraggly old beard that had not been trimmed in a year. He was barefoot in a yellow bib style rain slicker with no shirt on. He was wearing an old raggedy worn out booney hat with more rips, tears, and holes in it than a pair of those new fashioned jeans kids like to wear today. He held a can of Budweiser beer in one hand and had the boat wheel in the other hand. The deck of the boat was scattered with empty beer cans, old fishing tackle, and buckets of live bait. The boat had several rod holders and every one of them had an old beat up fishing rod in it. This old salt of the sea was singing sea chantey's from a CD player duck taped to the consol. When he pulled up, he set his boat in neutral and it drifted to an almost gentle stop as it nudged up against Felix's boat. This old salt asked what was the problem in a slur of miss spoken words that came from a little too many libations.

Now Felix did not know what to make of this character but he was desperate for help as any desperate person could be as the evening was turning into the wee hours of another morning. Felix knew he was out of gas but his silly Man pride would not allow him to tell this old salt of the sea who gave the appearance of another character from a novel in Stephen King's collection of horror stories. Now Felix's lady friend popped her head up from the cabin as she had to use the potty. Just at that moment this old salt of the sea said: "You got a woman out her in the middle of the night in the middle of the ocean where no one can see you or hear you?" At this point Felix became very concerned about safety and was wondering what to make of this character. Is this a possible rescue or something else?

Stay Tuned to the next edition of Crossed Anchors for the conclusion of the Rescue of Felix



P/C Don Breault
"Liberty"



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



DATE	EVENT	May 2013
2013		
April 4,11,25, May 2,9,16,23,30	Seamanship Class. New Hope Methodist Church, Shattalon Drive, Winston-Salem, NC. 7-9 pm \$37-members, \$50 non-members.	
29-May-2013	Membership Monthly Meeting. RiverRidgeTaphouse Clemmons.SOCIAL ONLY.	
3-Jun-2013	Executive Committee Meeting. "Margie & George's House	
8-Jun-13	John Tatum's House-WSSPS Annual Auction—RSVP needed by May 31	
19-Jun-2013	Slane Marine, High Point, NC 6p More info to come.	
18-Jul-2013	Tentative - WS Dash Ballgame. Watch your <u>email</u> for more info. Need commitment of 20 to get \$10 discount tickets.	
5-Aug-2013	Executive Committee Meeting "LTL"	
8-11-Aug, 2013	D-27 & D-5 Joint Rendezvous, Cape Charles, Va.	
21-Aug-13	Membership Monthly Meeting. RiverRidge Taphouse Clemmons. "TBA"	
1-8-Sept, 2013	2013 Governing Board, San Antonio, Texas	
18-Sep-2013	Membership Monthly Meeting. RiverRidge Taphouse Clemmons. "TBA"	
7-Oct-2013	Executive Committee Meeting. "George Ellis House"	
16-Oct-2013	Membership Monthly Meeting. RiverRidge Taphouse Clemmons. "TBA"	
4-Nov-2013	Executive Committee Meeting "Breault's Boston Bar & Grill"	
20-Nov-2013	Membership Monthly Meeting. RiverRidge Taphouse Clemmons. "TBA"	
2-Dec-2013	Executive Committee Meeting "LTL"	
14-Dec-2013	WSSPS Annual Christmas Party "TBA"	
2014		
4-Jan-2014	D-27 Winter Training Meeting. NC State Univ. Club, Raleigh, NC	

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